

**Football canceled**

Effects of the terrorist attacks are being felt close to home as the Frogs cancel Saturday's game against Marshall. See Sports, page 10.

**Filling the silence**

Students use their own words to describe the emotions brought forth by the attacks on America. See Features, page 5.

Thursday, September 13, 2001

Fort Worth, Texas

**CAMPUS BRIEFS**

**Provost listed in good condition at Harris**

Provost William Koehler was listed in good condition Tuesday at Harris Methodist Hospital-Fort Worth, a hospital official said.

Donna Johnson, executive assistant for academic affairs, said she hoped he would go home Wednesday.

An e-mail sent by Johnson said tests indicated Koehler suffered a disturbance of blood flow to the area of the brain that affects speech.

According to the e-mail, Koehler is fully recovered and his treatment is expected to be managed by medicine, not surgery.

Koehler was taken to the hospital Tuesday after he began convulsing while driving College of Communication dean candidate William Slater to TCU.

**Quilt to be displayed on World AIDS Day**

Panels of the AIDS Memorial Quilt will be displayed on campus Nov. 30 to Dec. 2 with cooperation from the NAMES project of Fort Worth and AIDS Interfaith, said Angie Taylor, director of the alcohol and drug education center.

Deadline to request to bring a specific panel for viewing is Friday.

The quilt is coming to commemorate World AIDS Day, Dec. 1, and is an effort to increase awareness among Fort Worth community members of the impact of AIDS, Taylor said.

Katherine McDorman, director of the honors program, said she is requesting the panel of a her late friend Michael Allen.

Allen was an actor from Fort Worth who performed at Casa Mañana and performed on Broadway in "Happy Fellow".

McDorman said she and another friend designed the panel to look like the "Happy Fellow" program and brought it to the AIDS quilt in Washington D.C. almost ten years ago.

The AIDS quilt project was started in 1985 by Cleve Jones, a San Francisco gay rights activist.

Since the quilt was first displayed in 1987, over 13 million people have visited the quilt at thousands of displays worldwide. There are over 40,000 panels with more than 83,000 names.

Taylor said anyone interested in bringing a specific panel for viewing to TCU should contact her at (817) 257-7100.

**Campus activities resume with reflection on terrorist attacks**

By Piper Huddleston  
STAFF REPORTER

With a day to ponder the severity of Tuesday's terrorist attacks, students seemed depressed and in surreal disbelief as campus activities resumed Wednesday morning, said Meagan Mullin, a sophomore pre-major.

"The first time I saw the plane hit the World Trade Center, I didn't think it was real," she said. "But after the news played the footage over and over, I realized thousands of people just died. I think people are realizing that what happened is something that we will remember forever and

tell our children about."

Faculty, staff and students across TCU had different ways of reacting to Tuesday's attacks.

"Some people in my class were making jokes about what happened and it really upset me," said Lee Taylor Evans, a junior art history major. "I don't think they realized what a huge deal this is for our country."

Ken Stevens, a history professor, said he briefly talked about the events in his classes, but he did not dwell on them. He said the situation is something Americans have to learn to endure, and

it shouldn't stop students from their everyday business.

Other professors incorporated the events into their lectures. Blake Hestir, assistant philosophy professor, and Nadia Lahutsky, religion professor, both said their lesson plans were related to the attacks.

Hestir said his lecture was connected, but he didn't want to put too much emphasis on what happened because his students had different attitudes.

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Molly Beurman, a freshman physical therapy major, places a rose in Frog Fountain after the prayer vigil Tuesday.

**Search continues for survivors, answers**

By Beth J. Harpaz  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — As hospitals began the grim accounting of the dead and injured from the airborne onslaught that toppled the World Trade Center, investigators looked to Florida, Canada and beyond for answers to a single question: Who could have done this?

The financial capital remained closed after the attack on the twin towers and the Pentagon. Federal officials partially lifted a ban on air travel, allowing flights that had been diverted Tuesday to finish their journeys. All other planes remained grounded.

Thousands were feared dead. Wednesday morning, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said there were 41 known deaths so far — clearly, a tiny fraction of the dead — and 1,700 known injuries. He said 259 uniformed officers, including police and firefighters, remained unaccounted for.

The mayor said rescuers were in contact with

one person buried in the rubble. Several police officers were taken from the wreckage, alive.

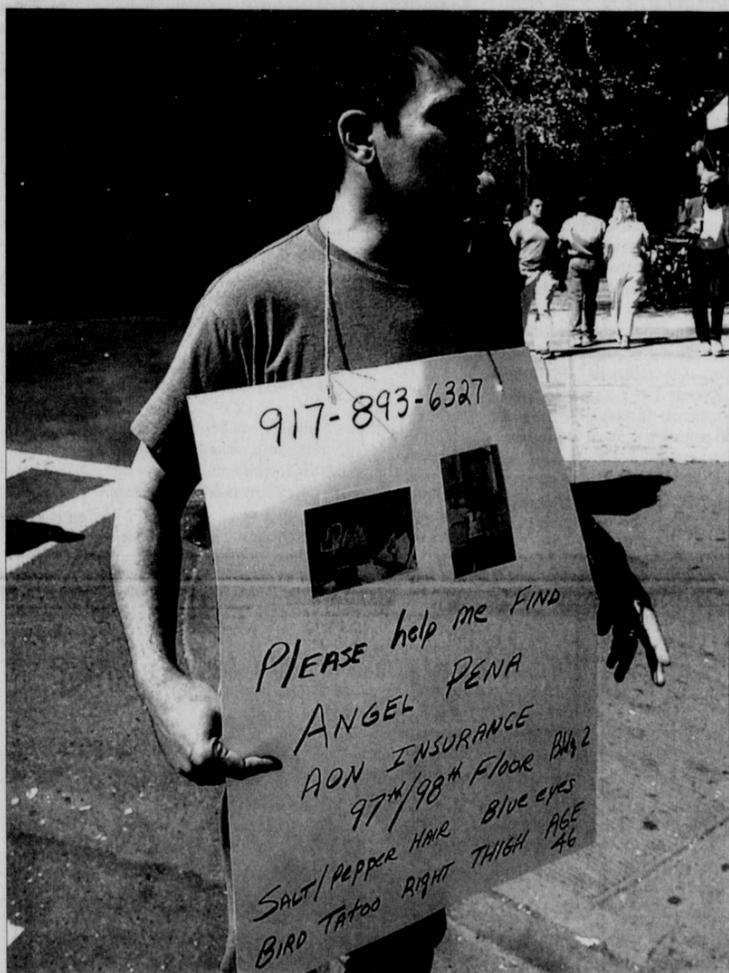
Authorities gave reporters their first close-up look at the site, and this is what they saw: Only about seven stories of the north tower remained, its girders bent outward. The south tower was a two-story-high heap of rubble.

President Bush declared the attacks "acts of war." He said he would ask Congress for money for recovery and to protect the nation.

The focus of the investigation was on Islamic terrorist Osama bin Laden, who denied involvement, though he "thanked Almighty Allah and bowed before him when he heard this news" of the attacks, according to a Palestinian journalist.

FBI agents searched a room at the Westin Hotel in Boston's Back Bay; they said the room was vacant, but they found information linking it a name on the manifest of one of the hijacked flights. They would not identify the man.

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Alex Pena walks along 6th Ave. in New York City with a poster of pictures and a description of his brother Angel Pena, 46, who worked on the 97th and 98th floor of World Trade Tower 2.

**FBI looking for Arlington man with ties to Osama bin Laden**

DALLAS — An FBI official said Wednesday agents are looking for a former Arlington cleric whom they have labeled an intermediary for suspected terrorist leader Osama bin Laden.

The man, Moataz al-Hallak, was a leader of the Islamic Society of Arlington who has been questioned before about ties to bin Laden.

"We are looking for Moataz, and we would like to talk to him because he may have some information that might be of assistance to us," said Danny Defenbaugh, special agent in charge of the FBI's Dallas office.

Defenbaugh declined to give further details. Prosecutors said last year that al-Hallak helped purchase a jet for bin Laden. Al-Hallak's lawyer said he only gave bin Laden spiritual advice about the purchase.

Al-Hallak was questioned last year before a New York federal grand jury investigating bin Laden's activities.

In a 1999 court filing, prosecutors charged that al-Hallak provided cover for the business activities of Wadiah El-Hage, a top bin Laden lieutenant and former Arlington resident sentenced to life in prison for his role in a ring that bombed U.S. embassies in Africa in 1998.

Al-Hallak's lawyer, Stan Cohen, dismissed prosecutors' claims and dared them to indict the former mosque leader. He said al-Hallak shunned violence and did not know bin Laden.

He has not been charged with any crime. Al-Hallak was the Arlington mosque's imam, or spiritual leader, and lived in a house owned by the mosque. He was ousted early last year after accusations of violence, including charges that people in his entourage applied headlocks to other members of the mosque.

Police were called to a break up a melee last year after supporters of al-Hallak protested outside the mosque during a Friday afternoon prayer service.

**STATE BRIEFS**

**Military jets force student pilot to land**

DENTON (AP) — Two military jets forced a student pilot and instructor to land in North Texas on Wednesday.

The Denton County Sheriff's office confirmed the landing just before noon at Shady Shores Airport near Denton.

Two F-16 fighter jets were dispatched to the area after the small Cessna aircraft was spotted in violation of the Federal Aviation Administration's order grounding all air traffic.

Witnesses said one fighter stood guard at high altitude while the second slowly circled the Cessna and escorted it to the landing strip.

Officials said the flight instructor aboard the small plane mistakenly believed the nation's flight ban had been lifted. He was apparently unaware that the FAA had extended its order halting all flights.

Authorities did not expect the instructor to face disciplinary action for the flight. However, the incident is subject to FAA review. The agency could decide to take further action.

**Fort Worth, TCU prepare to handle future violence**

By James Zwilling  
STAFF REPORTER

Fort Worth and TCU are prepared to handle any threats or violent incidents that may develop as a result of recent terrorist attacks, officials from the city of Fort Worth and TCU Police said Wednesday.

Gregg Dawson, emergency management coordinator for the city of Fort Worth, said the city is one of

more than 300 U.S. cities that has participated in the government's Weapons of Mass Destruction training program since 1998. The program allocated Fort Worth nearly \$1.2 million in federal funds to train police and city officials to deal with crisis situations like Tuesday's terrorist attacks on the United States, Dawson said.

J.C. Williams, assistant chief of

TCU Police, said TCU has not had any reported disruptive incidents related to the terrorists attacks and does not anticipate any.

"(TCU Police) are on a higher alert, but we do not anticipate any problems," Williams said.

The alert includes increased communication with the Fort Worth Police Department as well as other city agen-

cies keeping TCU Police aware of any threats they may receive, Williams said.

Under the alert, TCU Police will monitor and evaluate any threats that may pose risks to the TCU community, Williams said.

Williams said TCU Police believe TCU is one of the safer places for people to be in Fort Worth.

"We have a great student body who are very supportive of each other," he said. "So far, we have seen nothing but an outpouring of sympathy and concern for fellow students."

John Schuster, a clinical psychologist at the TCU Counseling Center, said there are two types of threats that could result from Tuesday's attacks.

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**Gas prices spike, then sharply drop after attack**

By John-Mark Day  
STAFF REPORTER

Heather Lippincott said it was not long after Tuesday's attacks that she started to hear rumors about the effect on her wallet.

Lippincott, a senior marketing major, said she went to the gas station Tuesday night after hearing from her roommate's mother that prices were on the rise.

"(She) said that in Oklahoma prices were going up to \$5 a gallon," Lippincott said.

Speculation that Tuesday's attacks are linked to the Middle East have fueled concerns that supplies of gasoline will be cut off, causing prices to rise.

Nationwide, gas prices spiked briefly Tuesday but began to fall again on Wednesday.

The Associated Press reported Wednesday that the R and L Texaco in Oklahoma City had raised prices briefly to \$5 a gallon Tuesday but began offering refunds soon after. Authorities in Oklahoma were investigating instances of price-gouging, which is illegal, the report cited.

Lippincott said she waited at the Racetrac gas station 30 minutes before she could fill up. She was finally able to get to a pump, only to have it run out of gas.

"It was crazy," she said. "People were all over the place."

"I only got up to \$5.85 and it stopped. (The worker) said the pump was out of gas," she said. "People were yelling, demanding their money back."

TCU economics professor Stephen Quinn said there is no reason for gas stations to raise prices.

"Not much will change unless something happens to disrupt the oil supply," Quinn said. "There's no real basis for that."

If there would be any long-term change in the cost of gas, it would not happen so soon after the attack, Quinn said.

"It's not going to happen within a week or two," he said.

Wednesday afternoon, the Texaco at 3070 S. University advertised unleaded gasoline at



Despite recent fears, gas prices across the Metroplex are not rising.

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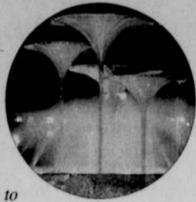
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■ **The Radio-TV-Film Department** will present the 1947 film "Gentlemen's Agreement" at 7 p.m. today in Moudy Building South, room 164. The film series will present the 1939 film "Gone with the Wind" at 7 p.m. Sept. 20 in Moudy Building South, room 164. For more information call (817) 257-7630.

■ **Olivia Coggin Eudaly, deputy director of the Tarrant Area Food Bank**, will be speaking to the nutritional sciences department's Food Issues in Society classes at 3 p.m. Sept. 19 in the Bass Building, room 107. The lecture is open to all students, faculty and staff.

■ **Public Relations Student Society of America** will meet at 5:30 p.m. Sept. 20 in Moudy Building South room 271. For more information send an e-mail to (tcuprssa@hotmail.com).

■ **Alpha Epsilon Delta**, the PreHealth professions honor society will be selling raffle tickets for more than \$1,800 prizes from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 17 to Sept. 21 and Sept. 24 to Sept. 28. Raffle tickets will cost \$2 for one ticket, \$5 for 3 tickets and \$10 for 10 tickets. For more information call (817) 257-3949.

■ **The 19th annual Fall Art in the Metroplex Exhibition**, featuring local artists in a juried show runs through Sept. 28 in the Moudy Building. For more information call (817) 257-7643.

■ **Student Development Services and SGA** present the University Retreat and TCU LEAPS. Students, faculty and staff interested in participating may return registration cards to Student Development Services in room 220 in the Student Center or register online at (www.tculeads.tcu.edu). The last official day to register for the retreat or TCU LEAPS is Sept. 21 if you want to register for both the retreat and TCU LEAPS or just the community service day. The University Retreat will be at 6:30 p.m. until 9 p.m. Sept. 28 in the Student Center. TCU LEAPS will be at 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Sat. 29 starting at the Rickel Building. For more information call Student Development Services at (817) 257-7855.

■ **Students are needed** to help with background research for the stay-in-school initiative. The task force will be assembled by mid September. For more information contact Sam Deitz, dean of the School of Education, at (817) 257-7663.

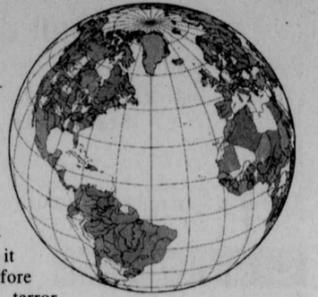
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# WORLD DIGEST



## WTO negotiators postpone decision on China membership

GENEVA — Negotiators decided Wednesday to postpone a decision on whether to admit China to the World Trade Organization because of the terrorist attacks on New York and Washington.

"This kind of thing compared with that kind of thing — we have to reschedule," said chief Chinese negotiator Long Yongtu.

Informal meetings will take place Thursday and Friday before a formal gathering Monday, WTO spokesman Keith Rockwell said.

Diplomats have a self-imposed deadline of Thursday for completing work on the terms of China's membership, but the attacks have left them unsure whether U.S. negotiators will be able to get the guidance they need from Washington.

Earlier Wednesday, the WTO announced that it was postponing meetings planned for later in the day and Friday to study U.S. policies on international trade. The meetings were unrelated to the China talks but had been scheduled for almost a year.

Tuesday's first meeting on China's membership was cut short as U.S. officials rushed away to phone home or watch television images of the devastation. Still, negotiators insisted they could solve remaining disagreements.

"We found differences, but nothing of this is high drama," said chief EU negotiator Karl Falkenberg.

Clearance by WTO members would open the way for formal approval of China at a November meeting of WTO trade ministers in Doha, Qatar. China could then become a full member early next year.

If China's membership goes through next week, the WTO also hopes to clear Taiwan for membership.

China's approval depends partly on settlement of a disagreement between the United States and the European Union.

American International Group, which has operated in China since 1994, wants assurances that it can continue to expand its operation there without having to find Chinese partners, unlike new companies joining the life insurance market which under the membership agreement must be 50 percent Chinese-owned.

European insurance companies, which operate as joint ventures with Chinese partners, insist that AIG must play by the same rules as they do. The European Union says it already has a guarantee from Beijing that all companies, including AIG, will have to respect the 50 percent rule in all future ventures.

## Estonia sees more deaths related to homemade alcohol

TALLINN, Estonia — The death toll from a

batch of homemade grain alcohol reached 40 in Estonia on Tuesday, and health officials raised the number of injured to 64 with more deaths expected. Another 80 people remained hospitalized and the death toll was expected to rise.

Most of the victims drank the poisonous brew, presumably tainted by methanol, last weekend in Parnu, a Baltic Sea resort town 75 miles south of the capital, Tallinn.

Police believe the victims bought the "salaviin" — which means "secret vodka" in Estonian — because it was cheaper than commercial spirits sold in licensed stores. The home brew costs only about \$2 a pint.

The average monthly pay in this former Soviet republic, which regained independence a decade ago, is about \$300.

The first victims arrived at hospitals on Sunday, but it wasn't until Monday that health officials realized dozens of people were poisoned.

Police raided several illegal distilleries and six people were detained for questioning, but no one was charged with any crime.

About a third of all alcohol sold in Estonia comes from such distilleries, according to Interior Minister Tarmo Loodus.

The poisoning of the homemade brew probably occurred inadvertently in the distilling process, police said. Illegal distillers sometimes add methyl alcohol in small quantities to make their brews more potent.

Samples were being tested to pin down the lethal ingredient.

Methyl alcohol, also called wood alcohol or methanol, is used in antifreeze, formaldehyde and industrial solvents. It is blamed for hundreds of deaths worldwide each year.

## Israel raids three communities, killing seven Palestinians

JERUSALEM — Intensifying its hunt for Palestinian militants, Israel raided a West Bank town and two nearby villages on Wednesday, killing seven Palestinians, including three suspected Islamic militants and an 11-year-old girl.

Senior Palestinian officials accused Israel of exploiting the world's horror over the wave of terror in the United States to step up its strikes against Palestinian targets. Spokeswoman Hanan Ashrawi said Israel is "using this tremendous tragedy as a cover for an escalation against the Palestinians."

Israeli Defense Ministry spokesman Yarden Vatikay called the allegation absurd, saying Israel went after Palestinian militants because the Palestinian Authority was not trying to prevent terror attacks.

Vatikay added that he believed the world's attitude toward the Mideast conflict was changing.

ing. "Now the world will not be as patient as it was before to the terror conducted and supported by the Palestinian Authority," he said.

In Washington, Secretary of State Colin Powell said he had talked by phone with Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, urging them to hold a high-level meeting to stop a nearly yearlong conflict and start on peacemaking.

After nightfall, an Israeli woman was killed in a Palestinian shooting ambush in the West Bank, the military said.

Starting after midnight, Israeli tanks moved into the West Bank town of Jenin and then entered Tamoun and Arrabeh, two nearby villages. Seven Palestinians were killed and at least 20 wounded in the raids. Two were members of the radical Islamic Jihad, killed when Israeli tanks shelled the house they were hiding in. The 11-year-old sister of a third militant also died, Palestinian security officials said.

The Islamic Jihad has claimed responsibility for many bomb attacks in Israel that have killed dozens and wounded hundreds.

In Tamoun, the Israelis destroyed a house that belonged to a suspected militant killed in an Israel raid in July.

In a separate incident, three Palestinian security officials were killed when their convoy of unmarked cars came under Israeli helicopter attack near Tamoun, witnesses said.

In Jenin, Israeli tanks and bulldozers destroyed a two-story police headquarters building. A gunman from the militant Hamas was killed by a tank shell during the incursion.

The Israeli army said the building was a "terror center." It confirmed the incursions into Tamoun and Arrabeh.

In Gaza, a Palestinian was killed when soldiers opened fire on a taxi. The military said the vehicle ignored orders to stop.

Israel, meanwhile, started easing restrictions adopted after the attacks in the United States, gradually opening its airspace, said Pini Schiff, Ports Authority spokesman.

He said planes would be cleared for landing from 22 airports in the first stage, including London; Paris; Vienna, Austria; Cairo, Egypt, and Amman, Jordan.

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Our views

## REMAIN UNITED

Citizens must not wrongly assign blame

The effects of Tuesday's attacks on the United States have been felt by the entire nation. We are shocked, angry and scared. The sense of security so intrinsic to America has been stolen, and we all wonder if we will ever feel safe within our borders again.

The natural desire of Americans is to identify those who are responsible for these attacks and punish them. This message has been confirmed by President George W. Bush, Secretary of State Colin Powell and other national leaders. For most, violent retribution is the only way to regain peace of mind.

Speculation began the moment news of the attacks was made known as to who was responsible.

The reality, however frustrating it may be, is that the American public has no proof yet as to the identities of the people behind these acts. All we have is conjecture and speculation based on the bits of information, opinions and rumors. Even though the FBI has compiled a list of hijackers, no one nation or one group has emerged as the culprit.

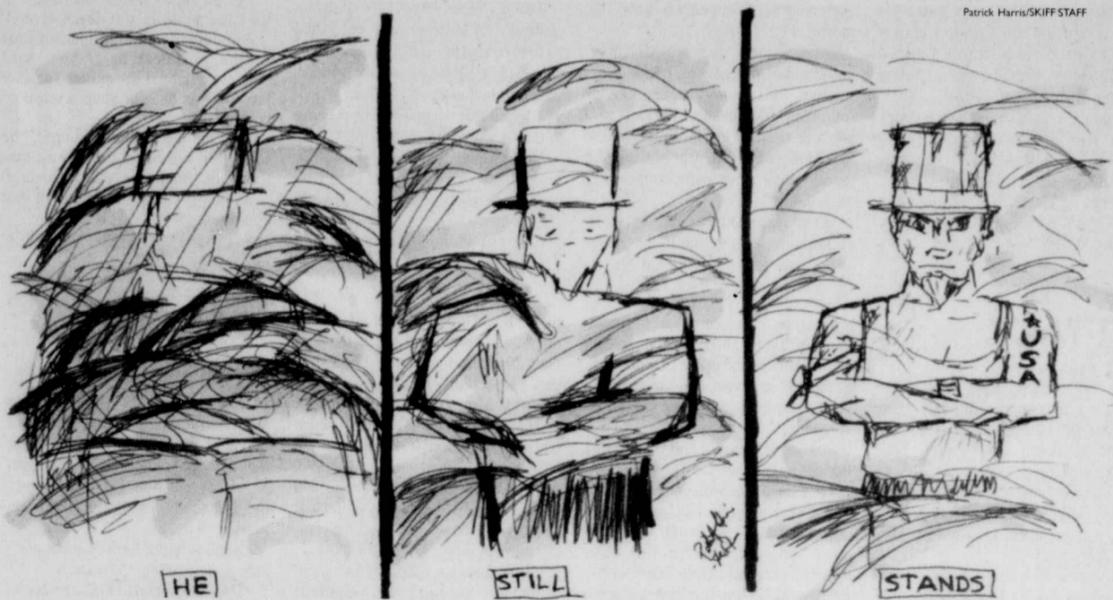
In an effort to focus the infuriation these attacks have brought the American people, the public has started to point fingers at certain religious and ethnic groups.

However, we can not jump to conclusions and blame people based on race, ethnicity or religion. Questions are still unanswered and will remain so for several weeks.

During World War II, Japanese-Americans were labeled as the enemy and sent to internment camps — prisoners in their own country. Let us learn from our history. Do not persecute Americans with physical appearances and last names of foreign descent.

Two mosques or masjids were vandalized in North Texas Wednesday — bullets shattered the windows of one mosque, believed to be a form of retaliation. One Fort Worth imam reported threatening messages were left on the mosque's answering machine.

We must not turn against each other at this time of tragedy. Rather, we must remain united as the search continues for the real villains of this crime.



## Watching a nightmare unfold

Washington intern experiences tragedy first-hand at ground zero

In light of the many events Tuesday, I am compelled to write home about the tragedies now facing our nation. The emotions currently sweeping the United States are from an era we as students have only learned from history books.

Commentary  
Brian Casebolt

Tuesday morning, I traveled to work on the D.C. Metro Subway. The day was cool and crisp. The day was like any other.

I entered my office after a casual walk across Pennsylvania Avenue. The White House easily visible. I was at work earlier than usual and ready for the typical day.

From that moment, the day turned for the worst.

I grabbed a cup of coffee and was checking my e-mail when a co-worker shouted from another office, "Turn on the television, a plane just hit the World Trade Center."

We watched in awe. A gaping hole was screaming with fire from the top of the north tower of the World Trade Center. Calls began flooding the office, and we continued to watch in wonder of what had occurred.

A co-worker sat in panic; as she remained glued to the news coverage, her grimace was indelibly sketched in my mind.

Abruptly she asked, "Is that tower one or tower two? My dad and brother-in-law are in tower two."

None of us had the answer, and as we scrambled to contact our information services to learn which tower it was, she received a call from her father.

Tower one had been hit, and her father was safe.

Her father explained they were vacating the building, but the traffic of workers down the stairs and elevators was unbearable, so her father would wait until the mass exodus thinned.

She got off the phone comforted, happy to have spoken with her father. We continued to watch MSNBC and local coverage. She was smiling and telling us about the conversation with her father; a massive weight of doubt had been lifted from her shoulders.

She went up to the television screen and was telling us what her father was seeing.

Pointing at the middle of the south tower, she said, "His view of the explosion is probably right there, that is where he works."

BOOM! At the very spot she was pointing, an explosion tore through the second tower. She pulled her hand away from the television and to her chest as if the explosion came out of the screen and burned her finger.

She surveyed the room in shock and ran back to her office in absolute disbelief. We were all dumb struck.

This was ridiculous. We are under attack. We helplessly watched, as did everyone else. What was to come in the next minutes and hours?

People were still entering the office, with naive looks on their faces. Many still commuting to work did not know about the horror story developing in New York City.

Then it hit us at 9:45 a.m.

We were on high alert due to the unfolding thriller on television, and now a plane had crashed into the Pentagon, the heart of our military forces.

We, as a country, had been knocked down and demoralized by the wretched display in New York City, and now they were attacking our ability to fight, in the U.S. capital. What cowards, how dare they do this to us.

Once again, what was going on? Infinitely growing questions and no answers to calm us. Who was doing this? Why were they doing it?

Why? I was watching a movie, a very horrible movie. No, this was real. What was I thinking? The fire on television, the falling buildings, the blood, none of this was fake.

Real people were dead and dying. The nervousness hit my stomach with wrenching pains. It felt as though I had been holding my breath for hours.

I called my mom and was bombarded by e-mails and instant messages inquiring of my safety.

I got a call from my internship program. They told me to evacuate the city immediately.

But how could I? The subway system was locked down and the streets looked like parking lots. I could not get anywhere.

The situation nauseated me. It was straight out of a movie. People scurried to the bank and were withdrawing large amounts of cash. Others ran into convenience stores and purchased as many nonperishable items that they could carry.

No one knew how long we would be stuck in the District of Columbia. This ghastly movie needed to end. Reality was too much to handle.

I had to stay busy. I got in touch with everyone in D.C. I knew; I e-mailed and called as many people back home in Fort Worth as possible.

I was alive and well, yet this city was going into hysterics. The country was hysterical.

This was not a crime against Washington and New York City.

This was an attack against America. This was an attack against freedom. This was an attack on the foundation of rights that each citizen of the United States gravitates to.

The last few weeks have taken me away from the town where I grew up and the school I attend. Although homesick at times, I was so excited to be in Washington.

Now a new perspective is added. This city and this country sometimes forgets how incredible a people we are. Although we have been badly bruised, we will heal.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### TCU's mission is ready for action after tragedy

I am, like everyone else, horrified by the events of Tuesday. It is unspeakable, unthinkable, unimaginable.

My son works on Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, and I am relieved to say he made it home to his family safely. But it was not so for many like myself, who feared for the safety of someone held dear. For all of them, we grieve.

TCU has a mission calling for ethical leaders in a global community. I hope that the entire TCU student body thinks about cross-cultural understanding at this particular and compelling moment in U.S. history.

Nations do not blow up buildings. Races do not blow up buildings. Religions do not blow up buildings. Fanatics blow up buildings. And they stand in contrast to people all over the world who go to work and love their families and delight in the rising sun on a new day.

We must look at all humanity on this spinning globe as neighbors and encourage tolerance. Fanaticism will be fought with knowledge, not missiles.

On campus, we must embrace our international student population as a resource for understanding. I hope we will include them in our journey from pain to healing. They are surely harboring fears of their own as they observe our horror.

This is the moment for TCU to put into action its value of inclusiveness and understanding, and show sensitivity to all TCU students whatever their citizenship.

— Susan Layne, coordinator for the TCU London Centret

## Cold war mentality makes no sense

Nation has a choice to use old solutions or create a new world

We have passed over into death's dream kingdom. No longer innocent. No longer real.

Our struggle for power, that is our attempt to hold power, has been diverted, blown up. Nothing is left, except the feelings of death, the taste of death that lingers on our tongues and burns our eyes.

Could it be that we have made a mistake? Have we misjudged where we stand in the world? What has happened to our grip? What has happened to our lives?

Power is the force that moves lives. Power is a web. Power, like a spider web, cannot be wiped out with one bug or one missile, one bomb or one threat.

Our notions of power must change. The modern paradigm is one of cause and effect. They have a missile, we have a missile. They bomb us, we bomb them back.

A cold war mentality of power no longer makes sense. We must move beyond the belief that we are strong because we have the most bombs or missiles or tanks.

These things do not, and have not, protected us against terror. What protects us against terror is a pervasive solidarity with other people, an ongoing dialogue of who we are and what our responsibility is to each other.

Death is still on our tongues. The debris and dust on people in the streets of New York make them look like walking body outlines.

It's as if we are made of chalk, easily blown away by the breath of terror. We must agree that power is no longer built in bomb warehouses, but in the minds of men.

Pure terror is in the mind. Enough so that it causes men of "resolve" to plow missiles made of our own bodies into our own buildings.

On Tuesday the World Trade Center was reduced to rubble in such a breath.

I am 20 years old and afraid of the world I live in.

I fear the terrorists that resign themselves to mindless acts of horror. I'm scared that our response will be just as horrible.

I'm scared that the mangling claws of war will once again scuttle across the globe and take with them the lives of the future, will once again burn the eyes of children and then be silent. Will once again explode on the television screens and make our lives like an audience in a never ending play of death.

Commentary



Matt Colglazier

## Brutal retaliation for attacks is morally justified

The events of this past week should serve to make America aware that the global landscape has been irrevocably altered.

Undoubtedly, many officials will find themselves longing for a return to the stability afforded by the often incorrectly remembered "good old days" of the Cold War.

Modern warfare is vastly different from the realities of the four decades spanning the Cold War.

Wars in the 21st century will not resemble those of our parents and grandparents. In fact, defining war in this new environment raises questions. How does our nation, with its military power, wage war against an individual or group with no borders to defend, no uniformed military to strike against, no civilian populace to protect; a group lacking all the defining characteristics of a nation-state yet determined to act like one.

Does a group that has taken up the tools of statecraft become a legitimate target for the same consequences which befall those true nation-states that have utilized armed aggression?

It is hard to imagine that there can be any civilized response to such savage attacks against civilians.

Perhaps the only responsible action is to wage the most uncivilized and brutal attack possible against those who would commit such atrocities. Such an attack

would be designed to ensure that those who would execute such strikes in the future, or grant quarter and support to those who would, understand the consequences of conducting campaigns of terror will be so grossly out of proportion, so gruesome, so shocking that no one could again contemplate such an exploit.

If through this retaliation the lives of those who may have been killed in subsequent terrorist acts can be spared, is such brutality not morally justified and in fact the obligation of a government sworn to defend the freedom and security of its citizens?

Would a more measured and reasoned response satisfy the need to answer this challenge, or would such a limited strike against each new group as it emerged and acted simply begin a Darwinian cycle of natural selection whereby future terrorists very quickly become either highly proficient and difficult to deter or just as quickly become detected and incarcerated?

Questions such as these will likely occupy the minds of public officials and fill public forums for quite some time, and reaching the answers will require some pointed introspection regarding just how far we as Americans are willing to go in order to ensure our safety and secure the freedoms we have become so accustomed to.

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# Canceled classes gave students time to reflect, console one another

By **Jacque Petersell**  
STAFF REPORTER

Classes resumed Wednesday for students at TCU, but Chancellor Michael Ferrari said canceling classes after the attacks in New York City and Washington was the best thing for the students, faculty and staff.

"I don't go back and reflect on what I did," Ferrari said. "I just did it."

Ferrari said after talking with the deans, representatives from Campus Life and R. Gerald Turner, president of Southern Methodist University, he decided it was best to cancel classes

so students could have time to talk with others and to heal.

"Students wanted to have time with each other to reflect on what this day meant," Ferrari said.

Other schools, such as SMU, Baylor and the University of Texas at Arlington, did not cancel classes following the attacks. Ferrari said when he decided to cancel classes, he looked at past experiences and student input, not at what other universities were doing.

"Frankly, what other schools do is irrelevant to what we did in this situa-

tion," Ferrari said.

Turner was out of the office at SMU and unavailable for a comment.

Steven Woodworth, an assistant professor of history, said he would have to reschedule a test for one of his classes, but he was sure his students wouldn't be too upset about it. Woodworth said that whatever Ferrari chose to do, he would go along with.

Ken Morgan, a geology professor, said all labs were canceled until next week because some labs were missed Tuesday.

Christina Sordini, a junior studio art

major, said she agreed with the reasons why Ferrari canceled class, but she had her own reasons for reflecting.

"It just shows respect and honor to the killed and to the survivors," she said.

Jerome Loughridge, chief of staff to the president at Baylor, said classes remained in session Tuesday for students to help keep a sense of community.

"We are a residential campus," he said. "It is our belief for the vast majority of Baylor is (the student's) community. Classes are a part of that community."

Loughridge said to supplement time

spent in class, the university offered time for prayer services and counseling later in the day.

Stacy Stansell, a graduate student at Baylor, said televisions were on in most of her classes so she was able to stay updated on the events, but she wished she didn't have class so she could console her friends.

"It was difficult to concentrate because of the horrible incidents that had happened that day," she said. "We just wanted to console each other."

Not all students who had to go to class wished to be in other places. Daniela Abete, a sophomore business

major at SMU, said it was better for her to be in class than spending the day in front of the television.

"It was good because we were able to go to class and talk about (the attacks) with our professors," she said.

Ferrari said that since he decided to cancel classes, he has received 60 to 70 e-mails from students that said they appreciated the chance to meet with friends to reflect rather than going to class.

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## ATTACK

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Law enforcement officials were said to be looking at possible bin Laden supporters in Florida. They were aided by an intercept of communications between his Florida supporters, and harrowing cell phone calls from victims aboard the jetliners before they crashed.

A Venice, Fla., man who was interviewed by the FBI said agents told him that two men who stayed in his home while training at a local flight school were the hijackers. Charlie Voss said the agents identified the men as Mohamed Atta and someone known as Marwan.

The FBI in Miami issued a national bulletin for law enforcement agencies to look out for two cars. Records with the Florida Division of Motor Vehicles show that one of the vehicles the FBI was pursuing — a 1989 red Pontiac — was registered to Atta.

Federal officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, also said they were investigating whether one group of hijackers crossed the Canadian border at a checkpoint and eventually went to Boston's airport, where the two airliners that brought down the Trade Center took off.

Tuesday's assault on American government and finance led the president to place the military on its highest state of alert.

Smoke still drifted from the ravaged Pentagon, and authorities said they did not expect to find more survivors.

The government went back to work Wednesday, its political leaders, diplomats and soldiers leaving no doubt the terrorist assault will be answered. "We will go after them," Secretary of State Colin Powell vowed.

The Navy said the aircraft carrier USS George Washington was in position Wednesday off the coast of New York. The United Nations was evacuated at a time Wednesday morning after receiving a threat.

Americans remained on alert. Baseball's major leagues canceled all games scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday. And Les Dor, a Federal Aviation Administration spokesman, said passengers could expect tough security measures at reopened airports, suggesting that they arrive two hours early for flights.

At Boston's Logan Airport, aviation director Tom Kinton said the FAA is requiring all U.S. airports to comply

with some emergency safety measures, including: banning the sale or use of knives, including plastic ones, at the airport; evacuating and sweeping all terminals with K-9 teams; increasing security personnel; increasing ID checks; and discontinuing curbside check-in.

On Tuesday, as workers poured into Wall Street, a hijacked jet tore through one of the 110-story twin towers. Another followed, striking the other tower in a fireball 18 minutes later. By 10:30 a.m., both towers had collapsed in horrifying clouds of gray smoke.

A third jet struck the Pentagon at 9:40 a.m. A fourth hijacked airliner plummeted to earth about 80 miles southeast of Pittsburgh. There was speculation that the hijackers intended to take the plane elsewhere but were thwarted by passengers.

In a phone call from the air, passenger Thomas Burnett told his wife, Deena, "I know we're all going to die — there's three of us who are going to do something about it." Then, Burnett told his wife, "I love you, honey" and the call ended, the family's priest, the Rev. Frank Colacicco, told the San Francisco Chronicle.

The final death toll may not be known for weeks. The four planes alone had 266 people aboard. Authorities said between 100 and 800 people were believed dead at the Pentagon.

In New York, firefighter Rudy Weindler spent nearly 12 hours trying to find survivors and only found four — a pregnant woman sitting on a curb and three others in the rubble of a building in the trade center complex.

"I lost count of all the dead people I saw," Weindler said. "It is absolutely worse than you could ever imagine."

U.S. officials said the attacks were carried out with military precision. Like Burnett, a few people on the hijacked planes managed to make cell phone calls, in which they said terrorists armed with knives were taking over the jets.

The planes were each on cross-continental routes, and thus carrying a heavy load of flammable fuel. They struck the buildings high up and on the corners, stymieing firefighters' ability to contain the blaze and blocking escape for some tenants.

"There are so many other buildings that are partially destroyed and near collapse," said Weindler, the firefighter. "There are a lot of fires still burning."

Three top fire department officials were among those who died. One of

them, Ray Downey, chief of special operations command, led a team of New York firefighters to Oklahoma City in 1995 after the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building.

The 1,350-foot-tall towers, which withstood a terrorist bombing in a basement parking garage in 1993, were reduced to a pile of stone and steel. A hazy, brownish-gray cloud was all that could be seen where the gleaming rectangular towers used to loom.

On Wednesday morning, the smell of natural gas and the sound of portable generators hung over the site. A coarse, sawdust-like powder — pulverized concrete, insulation and paper — made it hard to breathe without a mask. It covered the streets with a gray blanket, inches thick.

Tons of paper documents lay everywhere. Expense accounts, jotted memos and ledger sheets covered the ground.

About a dozen foot-high robots with rubber treads were being readied for use in search and rescue efforts. Cranes 120 feet tall and bulldozers had been brought in to clear the streets. Rescue workers were armed with pickaxes and shovels.

"I must have come across body parts by the thousands," said Angelo Otchy, a mortgage broker who came in with a National Guard unit from Dover, N.J., to help dig through the debris.

City paramedic Louis Garcia said: "There's two feet of soot everywhere, and a lot of the vehicles are running over bodies because they are all over the place. There were people running up to us who were totally burned — no hair, no eyebrows."

Parag Papki went to five hospitals on Tuesday looking for his brother, Ganesh Ladkat, who worked on the 104th floor of the trade center. He was sent to a center set up to account for the missing.

"They asked me what was he wearing, any body marks, stuff like that," Papki said after filling out a form. "Since afternoon, I am searching."

Normally 50,000 people work in the twin towers, but the first attack came when many workers were not yet in their offices. Officials estimated that 10,000 to 20,000 people were in the buildings when the first plane crashed. Many fled, rushing down dozens of flights of stairs before the second jet hit and the towers collapsed.

Much of lower Manhattan, a center of world finance that includes Wall Street and the stock exchanges, was

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\$1.42 a gallon. The Citgo at 2945 West Berry advertised unleaded gasoline at \$1.38 a gallon. Late last week, the average price nationwide was \$1.56 per gallon of gas, according to the Lundberg Survey of 8,000 stations.

Quinn said the rumors about price increases would not last long.

"People respond to the unknown in a very fearful, panicky way," he said. "But it's not like people are stocking up for next year. By this weekend, things will be back to normal."

Quinn said the most likely cause for an increase in prices is consumers who panic and rush to the gas stations.

"Unless you think something else is going to happen in the next couple of weeks, it makes no sense," he said. "But people are going to do it because everyone else is doing it."

Quinn said in the long run, consumers, and gas prices, would eventually settle down.

"Maybe (people) just need to be told, 'You'll have gas,'" he said.

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cordoned off. Every aspect of daily life in the city was disrupted, from phone service to subways.

An election primary that had been scheduled for Tuesday, to determine the Democratic and Republican candidates for mayor, was indefinitely postponed.

The Empire State Building — along with schools and many offices — was closed Wednesday as a city filled with world-famous landmarks came to grips with its vulnerability. All they had to do was look at the gap at the lower end of Manhattan, once filled by two massive towers.

A London-based Arab journalist said followers of bin Laden warned three weeks ago that they would carry out a "huge and unprecedented attack" on U.S. interests.

The Boston Herald, quoting a source it did not identify, reported that authorities had seized a car at Logan Airport that contained Arabic-language flight training manuals. The source said five Arab men had been identified as suspects, including a trained pilot.

## Officials skeptical about tier rankings

TCU ranked below Baylor, SMU in Tier II

By **Sarah McClellan**  
SKIFF REPORTER

School officials expressed skepticism about the validity of the U.S. News and World Report college rankings released last week that placed TCU in Tier II among the top 128 universities in the nation.

Baylor University and Southern Methodist University are also in Tier II. They scored higher than TCU in almost all categories.

"In my opinion we're a better institution than both of those schools," Ray Brown, dean of admissions, said. "It always shocks me that they outrank us. This year SMU had trouble selling its class while we had trouble keeping ours down."

Chancellor Michael Ferrari also expresses doubt about the accuracy of the rankings.

"I have serious reservations about the annual rankings by U.S. News and other publications," Ferrari said.

Ferrari said one of his concerns is the subjectivity of the rankings.

"It's hard to judge the fairness or objectivity of these rankings," Ferrari said. "The raters are heavily biased by perceptions of the quality of graduate programs and/or name recognition."

The criteria used by U.S. News and World Report includes academic reputation score, freshman retention rate, predicted and actual graduation rate, the number of classes with less than 20 students, classes with 50 or more students, student-to-faculty ratio, percent of faculty who are full time, SAT and ACT scores, freshmen in the top 10 percent of their high school class, acceptance rate, and average alumni giving rate.

Brown said the criteria should include a measure of student satisfaction, and the reputation

score should be omitted.

The reputation score is compiled from a survey of university chancellors or presidents, provosts and deans of admissions, he said. They rate other schools in the survey.

Brown said the rankings shouldn't be judged by outside sources.

"(The rankings) measure subjectivity and not objectivity," Brown said.

TCU's reputation score is 2.8, out of a possible 5.0, this year. The reputation score is worth 25 percent of the ranking.

Princeton University, Harvard University and Yale University, are ranked as the top three universities in the nation respectively with reputation scores of 4.9.

Ferrari said he also thinks the criteria should be changed to reflect the effect the school has on a student instead of how high a student's GPA and SAT scores are when they enter the school and financial resources of the school.

"I would prefer output measures rather than input measures, i.e., how much do students actually learn, what do graduates contribute to their professions and society, etc. rather than resources per student," Ferrari said.

Brown said the rankings can be easily manipulated by school officials who may not report numbers correctly.

However, he said it doesn't matter much since people don't base their college choices primarily on the rankings.

"Most people can figure out that's not a very smart way to pick applications," Brown said. "If you let rankings rule you, you're not being very thoughtful."

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## Filling the silence



I watched the news yesterday more than I have watched in my life most likely, and as I went to sleep last night thinking of other people who died and their families, it makes me want to cry. I couldn't even imagine being those people in the planes watching, going towards one of the buildings of the World Trade Center, knowing you are going to die soon. Many of my friends had relatives or friends in New York City and my heart goes out to them and everyone else. An uncle of one of my friends had an appointment in the World Trade Center Tuesday morning and the last I heard, he was still unaccounted for. How nerve-wracking can that be? Last night at the candle vigil, I cried just thinking about how something like this could happen to the most powerful nation and all the innocent people who died. We also have to remember many people who die everyday in the Middle East due to attacks. Some say it isn't our business and some say this was a wake-up call. Who knows what it was, maybe this was God's way of bringing a nation to its knees. I don't think I've ever seen so many people pray or so many Bible verses posted. In one way it's great that we are praying together as a nation and in another it's sad that something as tragic as this had to happen for our nation to get back on track.

— Shawna Dunkel, junior advertising/public relations major



Members of University Christian Church and the community gathered in the sanctuary Wednesday night for a service of prayer for the nation.

David Dinal/SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Articles in the TCU Daily Skiff cannot begin to express what we feel about the tragedy in New York City and Washington. It is important, however, to share our experiences as we try to cope with the recent events. As a religion student, I feel the need to remind my peers of the beautiful, unique mix of race, nationality and faiths that is America. No war or act of terror is capable of destroying the American spirit of acceptance. However, we Americans are very capable of destroying the freedom and cultural diversity we claim to love. Sadly, many of us are in a rush to place blame and have jumped to the conclusion that these crimes were committed under the order of Osama Bin Laden. Consequently, many Americans are feeling negative emotions toward Muslims, people from the Middle East and foreigners in general. These emotions have already been expressed in the form of violence. In committing acts of hatred on each other, we have attacked America. We have begun to question the freedoms Americans have fought and will continue to fight for, and it is sickening. The best thing we can do to support our country and our government is to embrace and live the values terrorist have attacked. If we want to show the world our strength, we must stand tall as a diverse, freedom-seeking country and not let ourselves become a racist, revenge-seeking people.

— Mandi McReynolds, junior religion major

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When I first heard of the attacks, my thoughts were “My God, I thank you that this life is not all there is to look forward to.” I thought of hope in Christ that lasts even in the midst of terrible trouble and tragedy. These were my first thoughts. Then I began to understand the horror that the airplane passengers must have felt before crashing into the World Trade Center. For a few minutes, I was in limbo, unsure of what to do and where to go next after classes were canceled. I could see the sorrow and shock in people's faces. I then sought out my closest friends, having called my wife at work. It wasn't until after the noon prayer meeting that I began to relax and experience peace. Being able to gather together and pray with other TCU students was very encouraging and heartening. My fear is that the United States will retaliate in anger, harming the innocent people. I feel justice must be served, but with wisdom, not with force. I praise TCU and its efforts to encourage open dialogue between people of different races and religion. In the near future, I think we need more open dialogue about our honest feelings in response to the attacks. We must not hide our feelings, but should allow ourselves to mourn. We should not blame international students or treat them unfairly. I pray that conversations about differing faiths will continue and will be open without violence or anger. Truth will be found by those who seek it. I believe we will never see peace in our world through man's efforts. I trust only in God to bring peace to those who know Him. Until that time, we must love one another and strive toward peace. All should know that inner peace comes from forgiveness, not revenge. All who trust in God will not be ashamed. I take comfort and peace in that.

— Thomas Spann, senior economics major



I feel totally overwhelmed by the whole attack. It scares me that some people could be so terrible and destroy so many people's lives. I am encouraged, however, at how the Americans are coming together to help the victims. I went to give blood today and found that there were so many people that there was an eight hour wait. God is using this tragedy in a way that I never imagined He would.

— Crystal Lippincott, sophomore elementary education major



I keep reminding myself that across the nation, peace and love still prevail. That in the larger context, no act of terrorism can be so great as to destroy the great love of this nation. A professor said to me that she felt it was odd that there should be such a beautiful day after a day of tragedy. But I felt it was only right that life should continue and the sun should rise as beautiful as ever. This may seem to be an extreme optimism. I still watch the news and worry. But the world I see is just as nice as that a week ago. It is only when I look at the television that my heart sinks.

— Adam Thompson, freshman sociology major

Even a day after this horrible event I am in shock. I can't even begin to imagine the pain, anguish, fear and panic the people involved are feeling. Questions of who and why someone would do this continue to play through my mind. I realize that yesterday will be a day engraved in my mind forever. It is the day we began to lose control of the freedom we once had. I can only hope the leaders of this great nation can pull together like so many Americans have done and lead the country to better times. I pray to God every moment I get the chance to be with the world as we wait for answers.

— Natalie Cabla, freshman business finance major

Although this phrase has become rather cliché in just the last 24 hours, I do not think that anyone has words to describe what the nation is feeling. Some that come to mind are grief, anger, anxiety, confusion and fear. I am incredibly touched that we have been able to come together as a country in this tragedy in relief efforts and behind the words and sentiments of our president. My generation has never had anything to unify behind; no great war and no cause that we have been able to agree on. This is our cause; this is our generation's wake-up call. If things do not change, we have a world like this to look forward to on a daily basis. Patriotism is what will keep the light of this country shining. This light is not only important to all those spirits that have been dimmed in this country, but those all over the world. We have an entire alliance behind us, ready to back up whatever decisions we make and watching to see how the nation reacts. If the light goes out here, so will freedom as well as many of the things that we have come to take for granted here in America. We must prevail. We must not fear of whoever was behind these attacks will have truly succeeded. Their mission of physical destruction may have been accomplished, but we cannot allow for the morale of this country to be destroyed by these individuals as well. Panic is not an option. We must stay strong. Our fate is in our hands. We will triumph.

— Jessi Buerkle, sophomore kinesiology major



A handwritten sign encouraged students to endure during the American tragedy.

# Federal investigation focuses on several terrorist groups

By Karen Gullo  
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WASHINGTON — Federal authorities investigating Tuesday's devastating attacks are focusing on multiple separate terrorist groups, some tied to Osama bin Laden, law enforcement officials said Wednesday.

Members of one organization may have entered the United States through Canada, authorities said.

The FBI has identified most of the hijackers who commandeered and crashed four airliners, and suspected accomplices, officials said. At least five people were detained; others were interviewed in the hunt for accomplices. No one has been arrested.

A number of the suspected hijackers were trained as pilots in the United States. Their names were not immediately disclosed by authorities.

Intelligence officials are pursuing "numerous credible leads," Attorney General John Ashcroft said.

"The Department of Justice has undertaken perhaps the most massive and intensive investigation ever conducted in this country," he said.

FBI agents obtained information from Internet providers, conducted searches, and questioned people in Florida and Massachusetts. Early evidence, including communications among bin Laden supporters, indicated the attacks were tied to the wealthy Arab and accused terrorist.

Ashcroft said authorities were conducting interviews and reviewing airline manifests, rental car records and pay phone records. He said between three and six hijackers, armed with knives and box cutters, seized control of the four commercial jets. Two hit New York's World Trade Center, a

third smashed into the Pentagon and a fourth crashed in Pennsylvania.

For some of the suspected accomplices, "we have information as to involvement with individual terrorist groups," FBI Director Robert Mueller said. He declined to say which groups or whether they were connected to bin Laden.

Officials said authorities were gathering evidence that the terrorist cells may have had prior involvement in earlier plots against the United States. That includes the USS Cole bombing in Yemen and the foiled attack on U.S. soil during the millennium celebrations.

"This could have been the result of several terrorist kingpins working together. We're investigating that possibility," one law enforcement official speaking on condition of anonymity told The Associated Press.

Mueller said agents have followed leads that the hijackers or their associates had been in Florida, Boston and Providence, R.I. He said authorities are "attempting to recreate the travels" of the suspected attackers.

Some 4,000 special agents and 3,000 support personnel are assisting in the investigation, and 400 FBI laboratory specialists are at the crime scenes in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania.

Evidence has been collected at the Pentagon and Pennsylvania site, but investigators have not yet been able to start work at the World Trade Center, where the search for survivors continued.

The officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said they were investigating whether one group of hijackers crossed the Canadian border

at a checkpoint and made their way to Boston, where an American Airlines flight was hijacked and flown into the World Trade Center.

The officials confirmed a car believed to belong to the hijackers was confiscated in Boston and contained an Arabic language flight manual.

Abu Dhabi Television in the United Arab Emirates reported that two men with Saudi Arabian passports and international drivers licenses issued in the United Arab Emirates were linked to the Mitsubishi sedan found at the Boston airport.

Law enforcement officials said that the FBI on Wednesday afternoon searched two hotel rooms in the Boston area believed to have been used by the hijackers. The officials found information linked to a name on the manifest of one of the hijacked flights. They declined to identify the man.

A Venice, Fla., man said FBI agents told him that two men who stayed in his home while training at a local flight school were the hijackers. Charlie Voss said the agents identified the men as Mohamed Atta and one known as Marwan.

The FBI in Miami issued a national bulletin for law enforcement agencies to look out for two cars. Records with the Florida Division of Motor Vehicles show that one of the vehicles the FBI was pursuing — a 1989 red Pontiac — was registered to Atta.

The FBI has already received more than 700 tips from a special Web site seeking information on the attacks.

Agents served search warrants on major Internet service providers in order to get information about an e-mail address that may be connected to the attacks.

# Flight 93 recorder sought

Passengers, crew may have struggled with hijackers before crash

By Martha Raffaele  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SHANKSVILLE, Pa. — Just before United Airlines Flight 93 crashed, a passenger telephoned his wife, told her the plane had been hijacked and said he and some others were going to "do something about it."

Authorities have not said whether passengers struggled with the hijackers and whether that sent the airliner carrying 45 people into a western Pennsylvania field instead of a high-profile target. Elsewhere, hijacked planes hit New York's World Trade Center and the Pentagon on Tuesday.

As investigators pieced together the events leading to the crashes, loved ones and others speculated Wednesday that the passengers or crew on Flight 93 might have thwarted the hijackers.

"It sure wasn't going to go down in rural Pennsylvania. This wasn't the target; the target was Washington, D.C.," said Rep. John Murtha, D-Pa. "Somebody made a heroic effort to keep the plane from hitting a populated area."

"I would conclude there was a struggle and a heroic individual decided 'I'm going to die anyway, I might as well bring the plane down here.'"

At least one phone call made from the doomed plane suggested that might be what happened.

Thomas Burnett told his wife, Deena, that "a group of us are going to do something," she said.

Burnett learned of the World Trade Center attacks during the four phone calls he made to his wife, and calmly told her that he and other passengers would try to take

action against the hijackers.

"He thought he was going to be home. He was going to solve this problem," Deena Burnett told reporters at her home in San Ramon, Calif., Wednesday.

The plane crashed about 80 miles southeast of Pittsburgh after first flying near Cleveland and then turning around. The plane was said to be flying erratically and losing altitude.

The FBI would not comment on speculation about a struggle on board.

U.S. officials have said on condition of anonymity that the Secret Service feared the hijackers may have been headed for Camp David, the presidential retreat in Maryland about 85 miles from the crash site.

But Murtha, an intelligence officer in Vietnam, played down those reports. "I just don't think it's that significant" a target, he said.

In Washington, Attorney John Ashcroft said each of the planes was seized by three to six hijackers armed with knives and box cutters. Some were trained as pilots in the United States, Ashcroft said.

Analysts said recovery of Flight 93's cockpit voice recorder could be key in determining what happened. FBI assistant agent in charge Roland Corvington said that more than 200 investigators were on the scene and that the search might continue for three to five weeks.

Corvington said it would be difficult to identify any human remains.

The plane left Newark, N.J., for San Francisco at 8:01 a.m. EDT Tuesday. As it approached Cleveland, radar showed the plane banked left and headed back to-

ward Pennsylvania. Cleveland Mayor Michael White said air traffic controllers said they could hear screaming on a plane they were in communication with.

Dennis Fritz, the control tower chief at the John Murtha Johnstown-Cambria County Airport, about 20 miles from the crash site, said his tower got a call from Cleveland controllers warning that the plane was headed toward Johnstown and flying erratically.

The Cleveland tower said the plane had done some unusual maneuvers, including a 180-degree turn away from Cleveland, and was flying at a low altitude. Johnstown controllers also could not see the plane from their tower, leading them to believe the plane was already very low.

"We had no call signal and we had no tail number. We had no way of making contact with the plane," Fritz said.

From Johnstown, the plane veered south, Fritz said. A witness on the ground called the Westmoreland County 911 center to report a large aircraft flying low and banking from side to side.

A passenger who called 911 from his cell phone told dispatchers he was inside a locked bathroom on the plane. Dispatcher Glenn Cramer said the man repeatedly said, "We're being hijacked!"

"He heard some sort of explosion and saw white smoke coming from the plane and we lost contact with him," Cramer said. The man never identified himself.

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# Dawn brings new discoveries

By Larry McShane  
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NEW YORK — As the smoldering ashes of the World Trade Center slowly yielded unimaginable carnage, investigators fanned out across the country Wednesday to track the conspirators who orchestrated an unprecedented day of terror from the air.

The Bush administration disclosed that the White House and Air Force One may originally have been among the targets of Tuesday's devastation.

The investigation swept from a Boston hotel to Florida and points beyond — all in an attempt to determine just who was behind the attacks in which two hijacked airliners blasted into the 110-story towers, a third dove into the Pentagon and a fourth crashed in western Pennsylvania.

President Bush condemned the onslaught as "acts of war" and NATO gave the United States its backing for a military response if the attacks were directed from abroad.

Where the 1,350-foot trade center towers once stood, the concrete canyons of lower Manhattan were still a dust-covered ruin of girders and boulders of broken concrete.

Late in the day, the few stories of the south tower that had remained standing — the only recognizable

vestiges of the steel-and-glass colossus — began to collapse, further complicating rescue efforts. Another nearby building was threatening to come down.

A Brooks Brothers clothing store became a morgue, where workers brought any body parts they could find.

The workers' grim task was interrupted by brief epiphanies of life, when a fortunate victim was pulled alive from the wreckage of the steel-and-glass buildings. Four victims, three of them police officers, had been pulled from the wreckage.

Progress was slow. Cranes and heavy machinery were used, but only gingerly, for fear of dislodging wreckage and harming any survivors. Searchers with picks and axes worked slowly, too — sometimes when they opened pockets in the debris, fires flared.

Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said the best estimate is a "a few thousand" victims would be left in each building. There were 55 confirmed fatalities — a number that was sure to grow. Another 1,700 injuries were reported.

The four hijacked planes carried 266 people, none of whom survived. Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said an estimate that as many as 800 people were killed at the Pentagon may be far too high.

Authorities had "specific credi-

ble information" that both Air Force One and the White House were targets, and that "the plane that hit the Pentagon may have been headed for the White House," said Sean McCormack, spokesman for President Bush's National Security Council.

There also was speculation that, in the case of the plane that crashed in Pennsylvania, the hijackers intended to jet elsewhere but were thwarted by the male passengers.

Officials confirmed a car believed to belong to the hijackers was confiscated in Boston, where two of the hijacked planes took off, and that it contained an Arabic-language flight manual. Investigators also raided two Boston area hotels believed to be used by the hijackers.

Attorney General John Ashcroft said authorities had reviewed "numerous credible leads," and were checking whether four separate cells of terrorists were involved. One set of hijackers is believed to have crossed from Canada and have ties to Osama bin Laden, the Saudi exile who authorities say is the suspected mastermind behind the attacks.

Bin Laden has been given asylum in Afghanistan, where international aid workers fled from the capital city of Kabul on Wednesday as residents worried about a possible U.S. military strike.

# Mosques targeted for vandalism

By Susan Parrott  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

IRVING — Vandalism at two Dallas area mosques on Wednesday had some Muslims fearful they were targets of retaliation following terrorist attacks on the East Coast.

At least six bullets shattered windows of the Islamic Center of Irving early Wednesday, causing about \$3,000 in damage to the large pane windows fronting the shopping center location, officials said.

A window at the Islamic Center of Carrollton also was broken by a slingshot-type device early Wednesday, police said.

Windows at the Irving mosque were found shattered when workers arrived around 6 a.m. CDT Wednesday. Nobody was at the mosque when the shooting occurred and no injuries were reported.

Police and the FBI were investigating the incidents. It was not immediately clear if they were related to Tuesday's attacks.

Danny Defenbaugh, the FBI's special agent-in-charge in Dallas, was critical of the vandalism.

"Quite frankly, I should not have to be wasting my time in doing vandalism-type cases with the national initiative with so many deaths and tragedies we've had over the last day," he said.

But Irving mosque member Jason-Yaseen Black said many Muslims "are afraid for our families." Center president Mohamoud Egal said the mosque will continue holding services five times a day at the location, which is not marked with signs. About 1,000 people attend services at the center, he said.

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"Then, there are just plain nuts out there who like to see people evacuated from buildings."

Carol Thompson, department chair and associate professor of sociology and criminal justice, said threats could be the result of Amer-

icans' tendencies to seek simple solutions and jump to conclusions.

"(Americans) want to exact revenge," Thompson said. "But it may not become clear for a very long time who is actually responsible."

Thompson said the effects of this terrorism and its consequential violence will be felt for a long time.

"Something fundamental in the world will take place (as a result of

this violence) and it will have a profound impact on (Americans) as a country," she said.

Thompson said that impact may be the feeling that although the United States is still standing strong as a nation, it has certainly been wounded.

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## U.S. airports increase security, prepare to reopen for business

By MATT CURRY  
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

GRAPEVINE — Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport officials were preparing to allow air flights to resume Wednesday, conducting intensive sweeps of the terminals and outlining heightened security measures passengers will encounter.

Jim Crites, the airport's executive vice president of operations and security, said the airport and the airlines were "going through their processes," but still would need clearance from the Federal Aviation Administration before flights could resume.

The FAA grounded all air traffic Tuesday after two jetliners crashed into the World Trade Center, bringing down the twin 110-story towers. A plane also slammed into the Pentagon. A fourth jetliner crashed in Pennsylvania.

Two of the jetliners belonged to Fort Worth-based American Airlines. FAA spokeswoman Diane Spital-

iere said agency officials still were deciding when to allow planes to take off.

Meanwhile, officials at the state's largest airports, including Bush Intercontinental and Hobby in Houston and DFW, were combing their terminals for security breaches.

At DFW, canine units and security teams sifting through trash bins and closets had turned up nothing out of the ordinary. All personnel were being reissued security-clearance badges.

Crites and Kevin Cox, another DFW executive vice president, outlined a number of changes passengers should expect at the airport:

- Uniformed officers and dogs will be patrolling the terminals
- Ticketless travel, curbside baggage check-in and one-hour parking will be prohibited
- Only passengers with tickets will be allowed at the gates

The officials said people should arrive at least two hours before their

scheduled departure time; should reduce their carry-on items and be prepared to show photo identification; and expect to undergo extensive questioning.

Displaying a tiny pocketknife, Crites warned that even the smallest knife, razor or cutting instrument in a carry-on bag would be seized.

"Patience is the order of the day, but safety is priority one," Cox said.

When asked how passengers might respond to the security measures, which will stay in place indefinitely, Cox said: "I think the traveling public is a fairly well-educated public and I believe they'll understand the situation that we're in."

Ernie DeSoto of the Houston Aviation Department agreed.

"It appears that we have seen a change in the way air travelers are going to be traveling and doing things from now on," he said. "This may be the way we do business from now on, and I think the public is OK with that."

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## Convicted murderer discovered missing

By Michael Graczyk  
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

BEAUMONT — A convicted capital murderer serving a life prison term escaped Wednesday from a state prison near Beaumont and then was believed to have stolen a pickup truck that contained a rifle and 500 rounds of ammunition.

Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokesman Larry Fitzgerald said the fugitive, Harold Laird, 26, assigned to administrative segregation because of his behavior history, should be considered armed and dangerous. There were no immediate reports of injuries or hostages.

"He's had a history of weapons and being combative and two counts of assaulting an officer," Fitzgerald said. "That type of behavior gets you into (administrative segregation)."

Administrative segregation means he is locked up 23 hours a day.

Laird, convicted of killing a man in Harris County in a 1992 beating and shooting that left two people dead, was

discovered missing shortly before 6:30 a.m., a few hours after he was served breakfast. Officers checking on him instead found a dummy he had tried to fashion in his cell.

Authorities said he escaped through a light fixture, got into a pipe chase behind the walls, made it to the roof, then to another building, jumped to the ground and fled directly under a picket tower, vaulting a fence.

"He defeated the razor wire somehow," Fitzgerald said.

Tracking dogs picked up his scent on the west side of the prison, about four miles southeast of Beaumont. A private homeowner in the area reported his truck stolen. Inside the truck, a light blue GMC pickup, Texas license AIM 088, was the .22-caliber rifle and the ammunition, Fitzgerald said.

"We believe he's fled in the truck," he said.

"We have alerted local law enforcement and issued all of the appropriate bulletins in search of the escapee, who has a history of eluding authorities,"

prison spokesman Larry Todd said.

Laird was 17 when he was sentenced to life in prison — and no parole prospects for 35 years — for killing a Channelview man, Douglas Redd, 59, who had helped him and his mother when they were homeless. Redd and a female companion were shot and killed.

Testimony at his trial showed Laird, then 16, led several other youths Jan. 14, 1992 to the home of Redd and a woman, Sharon Smith, 47, planning to rob them. Redd had befriended Laird and Laird had lived at his home.

Redd was beaten with a baseball bat and prosecutors said Laird decided to kill him and Smith to avoid being identified. Their bodies were found at the home a day later. Both had been shot and cash, guns, videotapes and Redd's car was stolen.

Laird and his companions were arrested four days later in State College, Pa., when their car was discovered parked illegally.

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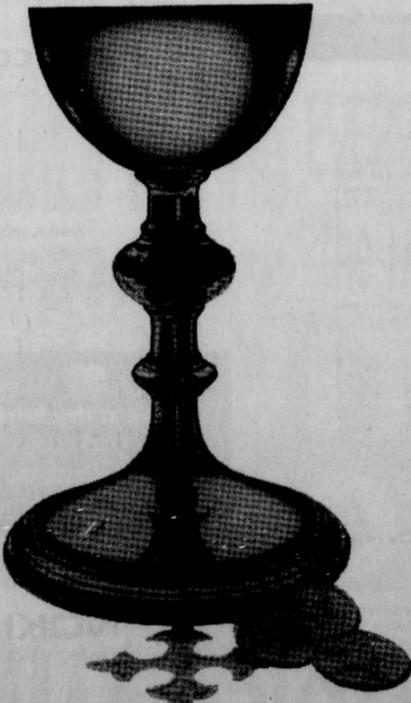
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## Horoscopes

**♈ Aries (March 21-April 19)** - Something you thought was going all wrong could turn out in your favor, so don't evaluate your performance yet. Wait till you have a chance to talk it over with somebody who's a little more objective than you are. Make it somebody you trust and who loves you.

**♉ Taurus (April 20-May 20)** - Take on extra work if it means extra money. You have plenty of ways you can spend it. Studying helps you stretch your dollars even further. Discuss your options with your family. The work you take on doesn't have to be pick-and-shovel stuff. It might be extra paperwork.

**♊ Gemini (May 21-June 21)** - Your fiscal conservatism will pay off. Be frugal with your money just a little longer. Invest in educational materials for yourself and for the ones you love.

**♋ Cancer (June 22-July 22)** - You're confident, and with good reason. You're kind and considerate. You're also pretty good at doing business. Got anything to sell? Let people know. Tomorrow will be good for making money.

**♌ Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** - The winning idea may have come to you in a dream. It's a way to find the money you need to advance toward your objective. Work out the details before sharing this idea with your partner. This will make you look even smarter.

**♍ Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** - Get everybody organized. There's a lot of work to be done and a lot of money to be made. You'll win if everybody's working at maximum efficiency, and so will they. Besides, it's more fun to play with teammates who know what they're doing, and fewer toes get stepped on.

**♎ Libra (Sept. 23-Oct 22)** - Another few hours of behaving yourself, and you should be able to break free. Schedule an outing with friends in order to let off a little steam. Leave room in your schedule for romance, too.

**♏ Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** - Make sure your boss, or some other influential older person, knows what you've been studying. Every little bit helps as you advance toward your objective. And you ARE advancing. Slowly, perhaps, but steadily.

**♐ Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** - Besides more money, you need more time. A Friday off would be great. But if you haven't already earned the time, it's unlikely you'll get it. Collecting old debts works better now than any other kind of deal.

**♑ Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** - Heed an expert's advice when it's time to pay the bills - someone who's an excellent shopper. You're good, of course, but you have a soft side. This other person's ruthless when it comes to saving money. You can learn a lot from a person like that.

**♒ Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** - Better pack a lunch again. Schedule your date for later or for tomorrow. Your mind should be working quite well, but there's a lot to be done. Don't avoid the icky jobs. That way you'll feel even better at tomorrow's evaluation.

**♓ Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** - Put the finishing touches on your latest scheme. There's nothing you can't accomplish with the right person at your side. If you're pretty sure who that person is, start there. Reaffirm your relationship.

## Purple Poll

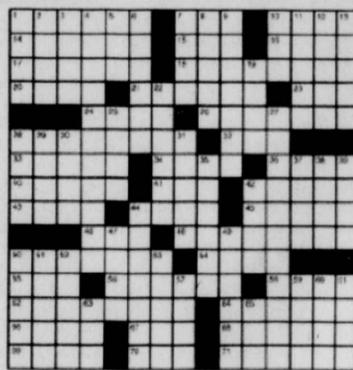
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A: Yes 93 No 7

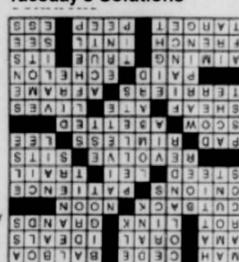
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## Crossword



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### Tuesday's Solutions



## Best of Lex

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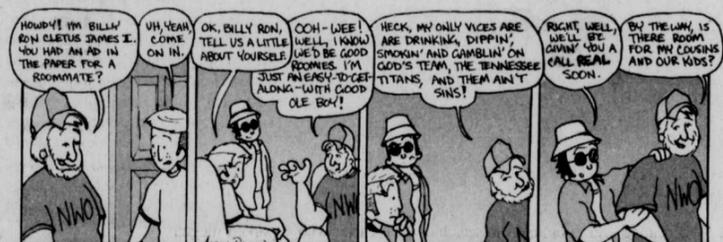
## K Chronicles

Keith Knight



## Best of Rudy

Aaron Brown



## Quote of the Day

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“There is just as much horse sense as ever, but it seems like the horses have it all.”

**THE MONEY-WHIPPED Steer-JOB THREE-JACK GIVE-UP ARTIST**

Dan Jenkins is a TCU Alum who writes for Golf Digest. Come to the Dan Jenkins Book Signing Saturday, September 15, 2001 at the TCU Bookstore.

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## Sporting events canceled this weekend

By Brandon Ortiz  
SPORTS EDITOR

All TCU intercollegiate sporting events, including the football team's Saturday game against Marshall, have been postponed through this weekend.

Athletics Director Eric Hyman said it would not be appropriate for athletic teams to compete after the terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington.

"In our perspective, it was in light of the tragic events that transpired," Hyman said. "We have a lot of heavy hearts right now. It's a struggle. Athletics is just a very small thing on the radar screen."

Hyman said the football game against Marshall will not be rescheduled this season because of scheduling conflicts, but will be made up another year.

"In light of the situation, we fully understand and support the decision not to play this weekend," head football coach Gary Patterson said in a released statement. "Obviously there are other things in life more significant than a football game. Our sympathy, condolence and prayers go out to all the families who were touched by this tragedy."

The athletics department will try to reschedule other sports, including volleyball, men's and women's golf and men's and women's soccer.

"We will make every attempt to reschedule all of our other events,"

Hyman said.

The men's golf team will not compete in the Inverness Intercollegiate in Toledo, Ohio, Monday. Head men's golf coach Bill Montigel canceled team practices until Monday.

The athletics department will make a donation to the American Red Cross to help disaster victims. Hyman did not know how much the donation will be or when it will be made.

Promotional events surrounding Saturday's football game will also be postponed, said Brian Estridge, director of sports marketing and broadcasting.

An event for Hispanic Heritage month and an event for honoring "heroes" will be rescheduled, possibly Sept. 22, for the football team's game against Northwestern State (La.), Estridge said.

"It's nothing we can't work through," Estridge said.

Hyman said even though sporting and promotional events will have to be rescheduled, the problems incurred in making these change are worth it.

"A lot of people lost their lives, a lot of tragedy is going on, there are some problems, but these problems pale in comparison to what is taking place in this country," Hyman said. "We will work through our problems."

"I think lives are a lot more important."

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Sophomore guard Nucleus Smith prepares to move around freshman guard Corey Santee during a voluntary work out Wednesday. All TCU intercollegiate sporting events for this weekend are canceled.

Caleb Williams/SKIFF STAFF

## Counseling available to athletes

Most teams will rely on their own staffs

By Kelly Morris  
SKIFF STAFF

Debbie Rhea, TCU assistant professor of kinesiology and sports psychologist, is used to helping athletes clear their heads to improve their performances on the field or court.

But Rhea has a tougher task than usual.

She said the terrorist attack that occurred Tuesday is a much more serious personal situation for the athletes to deal with compared to the competitive ones they are used to facing.

"The emotions they are feeling are outside what they would usually feel with their sports," Rhea said. "I usually hone in on their physical skills to create the best performance they can have, but in this situation, I can't have a quick fix."

"I'll just give them the tools to focus the best they can, but I can't guarantee they are going to compete at their best level."

Senior golfer Jennifer Patterson, along with the rest of the women's golf team, was supposed to board an American Airlines flight to Albuquerque, N.M. at 4 p.m. Tuesday to play in the team's first tournament of the season. The flight was canceled, and the team did not go.

Patterson, who is from Pittsburgh a city near the site of one crash Tuesday, said she was worried about her parents' safety.

"They actually called me and were more on top of what happened than I was," he said. "It was a strange feeling, though, because if I had to go see my parents for some reason, I didn't have any access to them. You just don't know how much you rely on airplanes."

Rhea said her phone number is provided to most of the coaches of the various TCU sports teams.

"Teams usually have consultants already in place to deal with a situation, or they handle it within their own coaching staffs," she said. "Most of the coaches and the advisors in the athletic department know where we are, and individual coaches search us out if they have used us before."

Head volleyball coach Sandy Trout said the team is not affected enough to the point of needing outside consultation.

"We're not consulting anyone at this time, but we're definitely affected by (the terrorist attack) personally," Trout said. "However, if we did consult someone, it would be to talk about the first six losses (we've had this season) and not about what happened Tuesday."

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## Major League Baseball cancels through Thursday

By Ronald Blum  
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Major League Baseball called off two more days of games, extending its break through Thursday following terrorist attacks in New York and Washington. Other sports were considering more cancellations.

By wiping out three straight days, baseball hadn't postponed so many games since 1918, when the season was cut short nearly a month by World War I. It also raised the question of whether the regular season could be completed as scheduled in 2 1/2 weeks.

"I think many people would hope we'd start Friday," baseball commissioner Bud Selig said. "But I haven't made that judgment yet. I'm not close to making it."

Many college football games were called off, including No. 1 Miami, and the NFL was still deciding whether to play Sunday. Saturday's middleweight championship fight between Bernard Hopkins and Felix Trinidad Jr. was postponed, promoter Don King said.

Baseball's break came at the worst time: Teams were still in pennant races and Barry Bonds needed

eight more home runs to break Mark McGwire's record of 70.

"Major League Baseball remains very sensitive to the aftereffects of the terrible tragedy that has struck our nation," Selig said.

The minor leagues postponed playoff games Wednesday for the second straight day and the New York-Penn League canceled the remainder of its championship series, declaring Brooklyn and Williamsport co-champions.

The NFL, criticized for playing after President Kennedy's assassination in 1963, wasn't sure whether to play this weekend's schedule.

"We'll gather information and speak to several parties within the next 24 to 48 hours," league spokesman Joe Browne said.

Tim Coughlin, the son of Jacksonville Jaguars coach Tom Coughlin, was in the World Trade Center when the first plane crashed into it, but escaped uninjured.

College football commissioners considered postponing the weekend's entire schedule. The postponement of 14 had been announced: three on Thursday night and 11 on Saturday, including No. 13 Washington at No. 1 Miami.

"The games themselves are insignificant in the face of what has happened (Tuesday)," NCAA president Cedric Dempsey said.

Commissioners of the NCAA's Division I-A conferences, including the Atlantic Coast, Big East, Big Ten, Big 12, Pac-10 and Southeastern, held a conference call to discuss their options.

There were 116 Division I games scheduled for Thursday through Saturday. The Big East called off all six football games involving its teams and the ACC postponed all sports through Thursday, while the Pac-10 did the same through the weekend. The Thursday games called off

were Texas Tech at Texas-El Paso, tentatively pushed back to Saturday; Ohio at North Carolina State, rescheduled for Nov. 24; and Penn State at Virginia, not immediately rescheduled.

Saturday's Washington-Miami game might be played Nov. 24. Other games wiped out that day include Arizona State-UCLA at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif. (might be played Dec. 1); Georgia Tech at Florida State; San Diego State at Ohio State (rescheduled for Oct. 20); Yale at Towson; and Brown at San Diego (canceled).

Also: — The PGA Tour canceled Thursday's starts of the World Golf Championship and two other tournaments. Commissioner Tim Finchem said the World Golf Championship in St. Louis will begin Friday with 36 holes.

The Tampa Bay Classic will open with 18 holes each on Friday and Saturday and a 36-hole conclusion. The same schedule has been applied to the Buy.com Tour event in Oregon. The Senior Tour will remain on schedule, with a 54-hole event starting Friday in North Carolina.

— Olympic officials said security for the Salt Lake City Winter Olympics will re-evaluated. A \$200 million plan to protect athletes and spectators is no longer sufficient, said Mitt Romney, president of the Salt Lake Organizing Committee.

IOC president Jacques Rogge said Wednesday the games will go on as planned from Feb. 8-24.

"These dramatic events will not awaken us to security issues. But, for legitimate reasons, we will reassess and re-evaluate everything," Rogge said.

— NASCAR canceled Friday's qualifying round for the New Hampshire 300 but made no decision concerning the race itself. The Indy Racing League will hold the NASCAR trucks race on Saturday and the Chevy 500 on Sunday, both as scheduled, at Texas Motor Speedway in Fort Worth but canceled qualifying.

— Major League Soccer postponed all four of Wednesday night's games. In Columbus, Ohio, the U.S. Women's Cup doubleheader involving the United States against Japan and Germany vs. China was canceled.

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— Bud Selig  
Major League Baseball commissioner

## C-USA roundup

Football

C-USA games

All games

	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.	Hm.	Rd.	Neutral	Strk.
Cincinnati	1	0	1.000	1	1	.500	0-1	1-0	0-0	W1
East Carolina	1	0	1.000	1	1	.500	0-1	1-0	0-0	W1
Louisville	0	0	.000	3	0	1.000	2-0	1-0	0-0	W3
Southern Miss	0	0	.000	1	0	1.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	W1
TCU	0	0	.000	2	1	.667	0-0	2-1	0-0	W2
Memphis	0	0	.000	1	1	.500	1-0	0-1	0-0	W1
UAB	0	0	.000	1	1	.500	1-0	0-1	0-0	L1
Houston	0	0	.000	0	1	.000	0-1	0-0	0-0	L1
Army	0	1	.000	0	1	.000	0-1	0-0	0-0	L1
Tulane	0	1	.000	0	3	.000	0-1	0-2	0-0	L3

Last week's results

TCU . . . . . 38  
SMU . . . . . 10

Western Carolina . . . . . 7  
Louisville . . . . . 31

UAB . . . . . 7  
Florida State . . . . . 29

Memphis . . . . . 43  
Chattanooga . . . . . 10

East Carolina . . . . . 51  
Tulane . . . . . 24

Cincinnati . . . . . 24  
Army . . . . . 21

Saturday's tentative games

Buffalo at Army, noon.  
Louisville at Illinois, 11:10 p.m.  
UAB at Pittsburgh, canceled  
Southern Miss at Alabama, 4:45 p.m.

Louisiana-Monroe at Cincinnati, 6 p.m.

East Carolina at Syracuse, canceled.

Houston at Georgia, noon

Last week's players of the week

Special teams — East Carolina kick returner Marvin Townes, set a school record for highest average per kickoff return with 44.0 yards on four returns in the Pirates' 51-24 win over Tulane. He had a total of 176 yards on his four returns of 56, 20, 38 and 62 yards.

Offensive — Cincinnati quarterback Gino Guidugli, completed 31 of 41 passes for 311 yards and three touchdowns in the Bearcats' 24-21 win at Army. Guidugli, who came off of the bench in the second quarter, brought Cincinnati back from behind 3 times in the fourth quarter, including the game winning touchdown pass to Tye Keith in the final 1:16 of the game.

Defensive — TCU safety Charlie Owens, returned a fumble 36 yards for a touchdown and got an interception in TCU's 38-10 win over rival SMU. Owens' touchdown was the first defensive touchdown scored by the Horned Frogs since 1999.

## Aburto gains life experiences through globetrotting

Horned Frog sophomore travels to Beijing to play in World Championship

By Jordan Blum  
STAFF REPORTER

Paty Aburto began her international journey when she received an e-mail from Mexico in May.

Aburto, a sophomore women's tennis player, said the e-mail invited her to a tennis tournament in Mexico to compete for a spot



File Photo  
Sophomore Paty Aburto recently competed at the World University Games in China. Aburto advanced to the second round of the tournament before falling.

won, and I ended up in China."

Aburto said the World University Games are modeled after the Olympic Games, but only university students compete.

Not only did Aburto earn a trip to China, she also earned the No. 1 seed for the Mexican team, winning the 16-woman tournament in Vera Cruz, Mexico.

Aburto eventually lost to Maria Goloviznina of Russia in the second round of the singles tournament in Beijing. She also reached the second round of the mixed doubles competition before losing to a Chinese team.

But Aburto said the results can illustrate the magnitude of the experience.

"We went out the last few days to the Great Wall (of China) and all kinds of other historical places," Aburto said.

She also experienced some interesting encounters with Chinese food as well.

"We went out to eat Chinese food, and it's totally different from the American-Chinese food I'm used to," she said. "The first time I was eating something, it tasted like normal meat. Then someone said, 'Hey, the dog was good,' and I was like 'No way!'"

Unfortunately, Aburto's traveling experiences went almost as badly as her dining ones.

"I was nervous about going in the first

place because I'm so afraid of flying," Aburto said. "When we made it to Los Angeles someone told me to relax and eat something, and told me I wasn't going to be able to fly with all that stuff I had in my mind. So I calmed down and slept most of the way to China."

Aburto received another scare when the time came to return home.

"I renewed my passport and I sent it to the Mexican coach with my other papers, but my old passport still had my American visa in it," Aburto said. "So when I was in China, I was looking through my passport but I couldn't find my visa."

"So I called my mom and she found it in my desk before throwing it away and sent it to (TCU women's tennis) coach Roland (Ingram), and he eventually sent it to me in China," she said.

Despite all her troubles and the risks she took by missing classes, Aburto said that she does not regret anything and is looking forward to the semester and the tennis season.

"Sometimes, I can't even believe I was there," Aburto said. "It was incredible being there. I had a lot of fun and I met a lot of people from all over the world. I had no idea I would ever have that kind of opportunity."

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— Paty Aburto  
sophomore women's tennis player

**Football canceled**

Effects of the terrorist attacks are being felt close to home as the Frogs cancel Saturday's game against Marshall. See Sports, page 10.

**Filling the silence**

Students use their own words to describe the emotions brought forth by the attacks on America. See Features, page 5.

Thursday, September 13, 2001

Fort Worth, Texas

**CAMPUS BRIEFS**

**Provost listed in good condition at Harris**

Provost William Koehler was listed in good condition Tuesday at Harris Methodist Hospital-Fort Worth, a hospital official said.

Donna Johnson, executive assistant for academic affairs, said she hoped he would go home Wednesday.

An e-mail sent by Johnson said tests indicated Koehler suffered a disturbance of blood flow to the area of the brain that affects speech.

According to the e-mail, Koehler is fully recovered and his treatment is expected to be managed by medicine, not surgery.

Koehler was taken to the hospital Tuesday after he began convulsing while driving College of Communication dean candidate William Slater to TCU.

**Quilt to be displayed on World AIDS Day**

Panels of the AIDS Memorial Quilt will be displayed on campus Nov. 30 to Dec. 2 with cooperation from the NAMES project of Fort Worth and AIDS Interfaith, said Angie Taylor, director of the alcohol and drug education center.

Deadline to request to bring a specific panel for viewing is Friday.

The quilt is coming to commemorate World AIDS Day, Dec. 1, and is an effort to increase awareness among Fort Worth community members of the impact of AIDS, Taylor said.

Katherine McDorman, director of the honors program, said she is requesting the panel of a her late friend Michael Allen.

Allen was an actor from Fort Worth who performed at Casa Mañana and performed on Broadway in "Happy Fellow".

McDorman said she and another friend designed the panel to look like the "Happy Fellow" program and brought it to the AIDS quilt in Washington D.C. almost ten years ago.

The AIDS quilt project was started in 1985 by Cleve Jones, a San Francisco gay rights activist.

Since the quilt was first displayed in 1987, over 13 million people have visited the quilt at thousands of displays worldwide. There are over 40,000 panels with more than 83,000 names.

Taylor said anyone interested in bringing a specific panel for viewing to TCU should contact her at (817) 257-7100.

**Campus activities resume with reflection on terrorist attacks**

By Piper Huddleston  
STAFF REPORTER

With a day to ponder the severity of Tuesday's terrorist attacks, students seemed depressed and in surreal disbelief as campus activities resumed Wednesday morning, said Meagan Mullin, a sophomore pre-major.

"The first time I saw the plane hit the World Trade Center, I didn't think it was real," she said. "But after the news played the footage over and over, I realized thousands of people just died. I think people are realizing that what happened is something that we will remember forever and

tell our children about."

Faculty, staff and students across TCU had different ways of reacting to Tuesday's attacks.

"Some people in my class were making jokes about what happened and it really upset me," said Lee Taylor Evans, a junior art history major. "I don't think they realized what a huge deal this is for our country."

Ken Stevens, a history professor, said he briefly talked about the events in his classes, but he did not dwell on them. He said the situation is something Americans have to learn to endure, and

it shouldn't stop students from their everyday business.

Other professors incorporated the events into their lectures. Blake Hestir, assistant philosophy professor, and Nadia Lahutsky, religion professor, both said their lesson plans were related to the attacks.

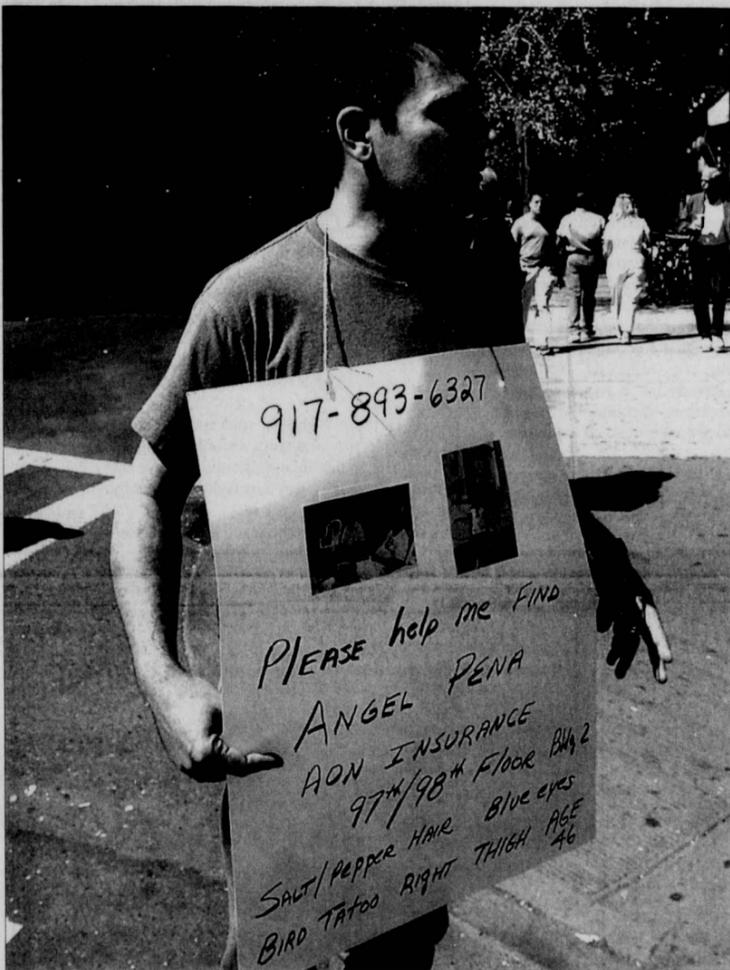
Hestir said his lecture was connected, but he didn't want to put too much emphasis on what happened because his students had different attitudes.

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Molly Beuerman, a freshman physical therapy major, places a rose in Frog Fountain after the prayer vigil Tuesday.

**Search continues for survivors, answers**



Alex Pena walks along 6th Ave. in New York City with a poster of pictures and a description of his brother Angel Pena, 46, who worked on the 97th and 98th floor of World Trade Tower 2.

By Beth J. Harpaz  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — As hospitals began the grim accounting of the dead and injured from the airborne onslaught that toppled the World Trade Center, investigators looked to Florida, Canada and beyond for answers to a single question: Who could have done this?

The financial capital remained closed after the attack on the twin towers and the Pentagon. Federal officials partially lifted a ban on air travel, allowing flights that had been diverted Tuesday to finish their journeys. All other planes remained grounded.

Thousands were feared dead. Wednesday morning, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said there were 41 known deaths so far — clearly, a tiny fraction of the dead — and 1,700 known injuries. He said 259 uniformed officers, including police and firefighters, remained unaccounted for.

The mayor said rescuers were in contact with

one person buried in the rubble. Several police officers were taken from the wreckage, alive.

Authorities gave reporters their first close-up look at the site, and this is what they saw: Only about seven stories of the north tower remained, its girders bent outward. The south tower was a two-story-high heap of rubble.

President Bush declared the attacks "acts of war." He said he would ask Congress for money for recovery and to protect the nation.

The focus of the investigation was on Islamic terrorist Osama bin Laden, who denied involvement, though he "thanked Almighty Allah and bowed before him when he heard this news" of the attacks, according to a Palestinian journalist.

FBI agents searched a room at the Westin Hotel in Boston's Back Bay; they said the room was vacant, but they found information linking it a name on the manifest of one of the hijacked flights. They would not identify the man.

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**FBI looking for Arlington man with ties to Osama bin Laden**

DALLAS — An FBI official said Wednesday agents are looking for a former Arlington cleric whom they have labeled an intermediary for suspected terrorist leader Osama bin Laden.

The man, Moataz al-Hallak, was a leader of the Islamic Society of Arlington who has been questioned before about ties to bin Laden.

"We are looking for Moataz, and we would like to talk to him because he may have some information that might be of assistance to us," said Danny Defenbaugh, special agent in charge of the FBI's Dallas office.

Defenbaugh declined to give further details. Prosecutors said last year that al-Hallak helped purchase a jet for bin Laden. Al-Hallak's lawyer said he only gave bin Laden spiritual advice about the purchase.

Al-Hallak was questioned last year before a New York federal grand jury investigating bin Laden's activities.

In a 1999 court filing, prosecutors charged that al-Hallak provided cover for the business activities of Wadiah El-Hage, a top bin Laden lieutenant and former Arlington resident sentenced to life in prison for his role in a ring that bombed U.S. embassies in Africa in 1998.

Al-Hallak's lawyer, Stan Cohen, dismissed prosecutors' claims and dared them to indict the former mosque leader. He said al-Hallak shunned violence and did not know bin Laden.

He has not been charged with any crime.

Al-Hallak was the Arlington mosque's imam, or spiritual leader, and lived in a house owned by the mosque. He was ousted early last year after accusations of violence, including charges that people in his entourage applied headlocks to other members of the mosque.

Police were called to a break up a melee last year after supporters of al-Hallak protested outside the mosque during a Friday afternoon prayer service.

**STATE BRIEFS**

**Military jets force student pilot to land**

DENTON (AP) — Two military jets forced a student pilot and instructor to land in North Texas on Wednesday.

The Denton County Sheriff's office confirmed the landing just before noon at Shady Shores Airport near Denton.

Two F-16 fighter jets were dispatched to the area after the small Cessna aircraft was spotted in violation of the Federal Aviation Administration's order grounding all air traffic.

Witnesses said one fighter stood guard at high altitude while the second slowly circled the Cessna and escorted it to the landing strip.

Officials said the flight instructor aboard the small plane mistakenly believed the nation's flight ban had been lifted. He was apparently unaware that the FAA had extended its order halting all flights.

Authorities did not expect the instructor to face disciplinary action for the flight. However, the incident is subject to FAA review. The agency could decide to take further action.

**Fort Worth, TCU prepare to handle future violence**

By James Zwilling  
STAFF REPORTER

Fort Worth and TCU are prepared to handle any threats or violent incidents that may develop as a result of recent terrorist attacks, officials from the city of Fort Worth and TCU Police said Wednesday.

Gregg Dawson, emergency management coordinator for the city of Fort Worth, said the city is one of

more than 300 U.S. cities that has participated in the government's Weapons of Mass Destruction training program since 1998. The program allocated Fort Worth nearly \$1.2 million in federal funds to train police and city officials to deal with crisis situations like Tuesday's terrorist attacks on the United States, Dawson said.

J.C. Williams, assistant chief of

TCU Police, said TCU has not had any reported disruptive incidents related to the terrorists attacks and does not anticipate any.

"(TCU Police) are on a higher alert, but we do not anticipate any problems," Williams said.

The alert includes increased communication with the Fort Worth Police Department as well as other city agen-

cies keeping TCU Police aware of any threats they may receive, Williams said.

Under the alert, TCU Police will monitor and evaluate any threats that may pose risks to the TCU community, Williams said.

Williams said TCU Police believe TCU is one of the safer places for people to be in Fort Worth.

"We have a great student body who are very supportive of each other," he said. "So far, we have seen nothing but an outpouring of sympathy and concern for fellow students."

John Schuster, a clinical psychologist at the TCU Counseling Center, said there are two types of threats that could result from Tuesday's attacks.

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**Gas prices spike, then sharply drop after attack**

By John-Mark Day  
STAFF REPORTER

Heather Lippincott said it was not long after Tuesday's attacks that she started to hear rumors about the effect on her wallet.

Lippincott, a senior marketing major, said she went to the gas station Tuesday night after hearing from her roommate's mother that prices were on the rise.

"(She) said that in Oklahoma prices were going up to \$5 a gallon," Lippincott said.

Speculation that Tuesday's attacks are linked to the Middle East have fueled concerns that supplies of gasoline will be cut off, causing prices to rise.

Nationwide, gas prices spiked briefly Tuesday but began to fall again on Wednesday.

The Associated Press reported Wednesday that the R and L Texaco in Oklahoma City had raised prices briefly to \$5 a gallon Tuesday but began offering refunds soon after. Authorities in Oklahoma were investigating instances of price-gouging, which is illegal, the report cited.

Lippincott said she waited at the Racetrac gas station 30 minutes before she could fill up. She was finally able to get to a pump, only to have it run out of gas.

"It was crazy," she said. "People were all over the place."

"I only got up to \$5.85 and it stopped. (The worker) said the pump was out of gas," she said. "People were yelling, demanding their money back."

TCU economics professor Stephen Quinn said there is no reason for gas stations to raise prices.

"Not much will change unless something happens to disrupt the oil supply," Quinn said. "There's no real basis for that."

If there would be any long-term change in the cost of gas, it would not happen so soon after the attack, Quinn said.

"It's not going to happen within a week or two," he said.

Wednesday afternoon, the Texaco at 3070 S. University advertised unleaded gasoline at



Despite recent fears, gas prices across the Metroplex are not rising.

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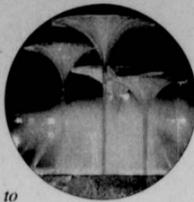
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■ **The Radio-TV-Film Department** will present the 1947 film "Gentlemen's Agreement" at 7 p.m. today in Moudy Building South, room 164. The film series will present the 1939 film "Gone with the Wind" at 7 p.m. Sept. 20 in Moudy Building South, room 164. For more information call (817) 257-7630.

■ **Olivia Coggin Eudaly, deputy director of the Tarrant Area Food Bank**, will be speaking to the nutritional sciences department's Food Issues in Society classes at 3 p.m. Sept. 19 in the Bass Building, room 107. The lecture is open to all students, faculty and staff.

■ **Public Relations Student Society of America** will meet at 5:30 p.m. Sept. 20 in Moudy Building South room 271. For more information send an e-mail to (tcuprssa@hotmail.com).

■ **Alpha Epsilon Delta**, the PreHealth professions honor society will be selling raffle tickets for more than \$1,800 prizes from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 17 to Sept. 21 and Sept. 24 to Sept. 28. Raffle tickets will cost \$2 for one ticket, \$5 for 3 tickets and \$10 for 10 tickets. For more information call (817) 257-3949.

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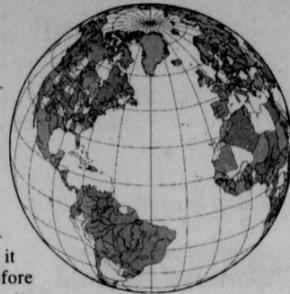
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# WORLD DIGEST



## WTO negotiators postpone decision on China membership

GENEVA — Negotiators decided Wednesday to postpone a decision on whether to admit China to the World Trade Organization because of the terrorist attacks on New York and Washington.

"This kind of thing compared with that kind of thing — we have to reschedule," said chief Chinese negotiator Long Yongtu.

Informal meetings will take place Thursday and Friday before a formal gathering Monday, WTO spokesman Keith Rockwell said.

Diplomats have a self-imposed deadline of Thursday for completing work on the terms of China's membership, but the attacks have left them unsure whether U.S. negotiators will be able to get the guidance they need from Washington.

Earlier Wednesday, the WTO announced that it was postponing meetings planned for later in the day and Friday to study U.S. policies on international trade. The meetings were unrelated to the China talks but had been scheduled for almost a year.

Tuesday's first meeting on China's membership was cut short as U.S. officials rushed away to phone home or watch television images of the devastation. Still, negotiators insisted they could solve remaining disagreements.

"We found differences, but nothing of this is high drama," said chief EU negotiator Karl Falkenberg.

Clearance by WTO members would open the way for formal approval of China at a November meeting of WTO trade ministers in Doha, Qatar. China could then become a full member early next year.

If China's membership goes through next week, the WTO also hopes to clear Taiwan for membership.

China's approval depends partly on settlement of a disagreement between the United States and the European Union.

American International Group, which has operated in China since 1994, wants assurances that it can continue to expand its operation there without having to find Chinese partners, unlike new companies joining the life insurance market which under the membership agreement must be 50 percent Chinese-owned.

European insurance companies, which operate as joint ventures with Chinese partners, insist that AIG must play by the same rules as they do. The European Union says it already has a guarantee from Beijing that all companies, including AIG, will have to respect the 50 percent rule in all future ventures.

## Estonia sees more deaths related to homemade alcohol

TALLINN, Estonia — The death toll from a

batch of homemade grain alcohol reached 40 in Estonia on Tuesday, and health officials raised the number of injured to 64 with more deaths expected. Another 80 people remained hospitalized and the death toll was expected to rise.

Most of the victims drank the poisonous brew, presumably tainted by methanol, last weekend in Parnu, a Baltic Sea resort town 75 miles south of the capital, Tallinn.

Police believe the victims bought the "salaviin" — which means "secret vodka" in Estonian — because it was cheaper than commercial spirits sold in licensed stores. The home brew costs only about \$2 a pint.

The average monthly pay in this former Soviet republic, which regained independence a decade ago, is about \$300.

The first victims arrived at hospitals on Sunday, but it wasn't until Monday that health officials realized dozens of people were poisoned.

Police raided several illegal distilleries and six people were detained for questioning, but no one was charged with any crime.

About a third of all alcohol sold in Estonia comes from such distilleries, according to Interior Minister Tarmo Loodus.

The poisoning of the homemade brew probably occurred inadvertently in the distilling process, police said. Illegal distillers sometimes add methyl alcohol in small quantities to make their brews more potent.

Samples were being tested to pin down the lethal ingredient.

Methyl alcohol, also called wood alcohol or methanol, is used in antifreeze, formaldehyde and industrial solvents. It is blamed for hundreds of deaths worldwide each year.

## Israel raids three communities, killing seven Palestinians

JERUSALEM — Intensifying its hunt for Palestinian militants, Israel raided a West Bank town and two nearby villages on Wednesday, killing seven Palestinians, including three suspected Islamic militants and an 11-year-old girl.

Senior Palestinian officials accused Israel of exploiting the world's horror over the wave of terror in the United States to step up its strikes against Palestinian targets. Spokeswoman Hanan Ashrawi said Israel is "using this tremendous tragedy as a cover for an escalation against the Palestinians."

Israeli Defense Ministry spokesman Yarden Vatikay called the allegation absurd, saying Israel went after Palestinian militants because the Palestinian Authority was not trying to prevent terror attacks.

Vatikay added that he believed the world's attitude toward the Mideast conflict was changing.

ing. "Now the world will not be as patient as it was before to the terror conducted and supported by the Palestinian Authority," he said.

In Washington, Secretary of State Colin Powell said he had talked by phone with Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, urging them to hold a high-level meeting to stop a nearly yearlong conflict and start on peacemaking.

After nightfall, an Israeli woman was killed in a Palestinian shooting ambush in the West Bank, the military said.

Starting after midnight, Israeli tanks moved into the West Bank town of Jenin and then entered Tamoun and Arrabeh, two nearby villages. Seven Palestinians were killed and at least 20 wounded in the raids. Two were members of the radical Islamic Jihad, killed when Israeli tanks shelled the house they were hiding in. The 11-year-old sister of a third militant also died, Palestinian security officials said.

The Islamic Jihad has claimed responsibility for many bomb attacks in Israel that have killed dozens and wounded hundreds.

In Tamoun, the Israelis destroyed a house that belonged to a suspected militant killed in an Israel raid in July.

In a separate incident, three Palestinian security officials were killed when their convoy of unmarked cars came under Israeli helicopter attack near Tamoun, witnesses said.

In Jenin, Israeli tanks and bulldozers destroyed a two-story police headquarters building. A gunman from the militant Hamas was killed by a tank shell during the incursion.

The Israeli army said the building was a "terror center." It confirmed the incursions into Tamoun and Arrabeh.

In Gaza, a Palestinian was killed when soldiers opened fire on a taxi. The military said the vehicle ignored orders to stop.

Israel, meanwhile, started easing restrictions adopted after the attacks in the United States, gradually opening its airspace, said Pini Schiff, Ports Authority spokesman.

He said planes would be cleared for landing from 22 airports in the first stage, including London; Paris; Vienna, Austria; Cairo, Egypt, and Amman, Jordan.

— From The Associated Press

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## Our views

### REMAIN UNITED

Citizens must not wrongly assign blame

The effects of Tuesday's attacks on the United States have been felt by the entire nation. We are shocked, angry and scared. The sense of security so intrinsic to America has been stolen, and we all wonder if we will ever feel safe within our borders again.

The natural desire of Americans is to identify those who are responsible for these attacks and punish them. This message has been confirmed by President George W. Bush, Secretary of State Colin Powell and other national leaders. For most, violent retribution is the only way to regain peace of mind.

Speculation began the moment news of the attacks was made known as to who was responsible.

The reality, however frustrating it may be, is that the American public has no proof yet as to the identities of the people behind these acts. All we have is conjecture and speculation based on the bits of information, opinions and rumors. Even though the FBI has compiled a list of hijackers, no one nation or one group has emerged as the culprit.

In an effort to focus the infuriation these attacks have brought the American people, the public has started to point fingers at certain religious and ethnic groups.

However, we can not jump to conclusions and blame people based on race, ethnicity or religion. Questions are still unanswered and will remain so for several weeks.

During World War II, Japanese-Americans were labeled as the enemy and sent to internment camps — prisoners in their own country. Let us learn from our history. Do not persecute Americans with physical appearances and last names of foreign descent.

Two mosques or masjids were vandalized in North Texas Wednesday — bullets shattered the windows of one mosque, believed to be a form of retaliation. One Fort Worth imam reported threatening messages were left on the mosque's answering machine.

We must not turn against each other at this time of tragedy. Rather, we must remain united as the search continues for the real villains of this crime.



Patrick Harris/SKIFF STAFF

## Watching a nightmare unfold

Washington intern experiences tragedy first-hand at ground zero

In light of the many events Tuesday, I am compelled to write home about the tragedies now facing our nation. The emotions currently sweeping the United States are from an era we as students have only learned from history books.

Commentary  
Brian Casebolt

Tuesday morning, I traveled to work on the D.C. Metro Subway. The day was cool and crisp. The day was like any other.

I entered my office after a casual walk across Pennsylvania Avenue. The White House easily visible. I was at work earlier than usual and ready for the typical day.

From that moment, the day turned for the worst.

I grabbed a cup of coffee and was checking my e-mail when a co-worker shouted from another office, "Turn on the television, a plane just hit the World Trade Center."

We watched in awe. A gaping hole was screaming with fire from the top of the north tower of the World Trade Center. Calls began flooding the office, and we continued to watch in wonder of what had occurred.

A co-worker sat in panic; as she remained glued to the news coverage, her grimace was indelibly sketched in my mind.

Abruptly she asked, "Is that tower one or tower two? My dad and brother-in-law are in tower two."

None of us had the answer, and as we scrambled to contact our information services to learn which tower it was, she received a call from her father.

Tower one had been hit, and her father was safe.

Her father explained they were vacating the building, but the traffic of workers down the stairs and elevators was unbearable, so her father would wait until the mass exodus thinned.

She got off the phone comforted, happy to have spoken with her father. We continued to watch MSNBC and local coverage. She was smiling and telling us about the conversation with her father; a massive weight of doubt had been lifted from her shoulders.

She went up to the television screen and was telling us what her father was seeing.

Pointing at the middle of the south tower, she said, "His view of the explosion is probably right there, that is where he works."

BOOM! At the very spot she was pointing, an explosion tore through the second tower. She pulled her hand away from the television and to her chest as if the explosion came out of the screen and burned her finger.

She surveyed the room in shock and ran back to her office in absolute disbelief. We were all dumb struck.

This was ridiculous. We are under attack. We helplessly watched, as did everyone else. What was to come in the next minutes and hours?

People were still entering the office, with naive looks on their faces. Many still commuting to work did not know about the horror story developing in New York City.

Then it hit us at 9:45 a.m.

We were on high alert due to the unfolding thriller on television, and now a plane had crashed into the Pentagon, the heart of our military forces.

We, as a country, had been knocked down and demoralized by the wretched display in New York City, and now they were attacking our ability to fight, in the U.S. capital. What cowards, how dare they do this to us.

Once again, what was going on? Infinitely growing questions and no answers to calm us. Who was doing this? Why were they doing it?

Why? I was watching a movie, a very horrible movie. No, this was real. What was I thinking? The fire on television, the falling buildings, the blood, none of this was fake.

Real people were dead and dying. The nervousness hit my stomach with wrenching pains. It felt as though I had been holding my breath for hours.

I called my mom and was bombarded by e-mails and instant messages inquiring of my safety.

I got a call from my internship program. They told me to evacuate the city immediately.

But how could I? The subway system was locked down and the streets looked like parking lots. I could not get anywhere.

The situation nauseated me. It was straight out of a movie. People scurried to the bank and were withdrawing large amounts of cash. Others ran into convenience stores and purchased as many nonperishable items that they could carry.

No one knew how long we would be stuck in the District of Columbia. This ghastly movie needed to end. Reality was too much to handle.

I had to stay busy. I got in touch with everyone in D.C. I knew; I e-mailed and called as many people back home in Fort Worth as possible.

I was alive and well, yet this city was going into hysterics. The country was hysterical.

This was not a crime against Washington and New York City.

This was attack against America. This was an attack against freedom. This was an attack on the foundation of rights that each citizen of the United States gravitates to.

The last few weeks have taken me away from the town where I grew up and the school I attend. Although homesick at times, I was so excited to be in Washington.

Now a new perspective is added. This city and this country sometimes forgets how incredible a people we are. Although we have been badly bruised, we will heal.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### TCU's mission is ready for action after tragedy

I am, like everyone else, horrified by the events of Tuesday. It is unspeakable, unthinkable, unimaginable.

My son works on Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, and I am relieved to say he made it home to his family safely. But it was not so for many like myself, who feared for the safety of someone held dear. For all of them, we grieve.

TCU has a mission calling for ethical leaders in a global community. I hope that the entire TCU student body thinks about cross-cultural understanding at this particular and compelling moment in U.S. history.

Nations do not blow up buildings. Races do not blow up buildings. Religions do not blow up buildings. Fanatics blow up buildings. And they stand in contrast to people all over the world who go to work and love their families and delight in the rising sun on a new day.

We must look at all humanity on this spinning globe as neighbors and encourage tolerance. Fanaticism will be fought with knowledge, not missiles.

On campus, we must embrace our international student population as a resource for understanding. I hope we will include them in our journey from pain to healing. They are surely harboring fears of their own as they observe our horror.

This is the moment for TCU to put into action its value of inclusiveness and understanding, and show sensitivity to all TCU students whatever their citizenship.

— Susan Layne, coordinator for the TCU London Centret

## Cold war mentality makes no sense

Nation has a choice to use old solutions or create a new world

We have passed over into death's dream kingdom. No longer innocent. No longer real.

Our struggle for power, that is our attempt to hold power, has been diverted, blown up. Nothing is left, except the feelings of death, the taste of death that lingers on our tongues and burns our eyes.

Could it be that we have made a mistake? Have we misjudged where we stand in the world? What has happened to our grip? What has happened to our lives?

Power is the force that moves lives. Power is a web. Power, like a spider web, cannot be wiped out with one bug or one missile, one bomb or one threat.

Our notions of power must change. The modern paradigm is one of cause and effect. They have a missile, we have a missile. They bomb us, we bomb them back.

A cold war mentality of power no longer makes sense. We must move beyond the belief that we are strong because we have the most bombs or missiles or tanks.

These things do not, and have not, protected us against terror. What protects us against terror is a pervasive solidarity with other people, an ongoing dialogue of who we are and what our responsibility is to each other.

Death is still on our tongues. The debris and dust on people in the streets of New York make them look like walking body outlines.

It's as if we are made of chalk, easily blown away by the breath of terror. We must agree that power is no longer built in bomb warehouses, but in the minds of men.

Pure terror is in the mind. Enough so that it causes men of "resolve" to plow missiles made of our own bodies into our own buildings.

On Tuesday the World Trade Center was reduced to rubble in such a breath.

I am 20 years old and afraid of the world I live in.

I fear the terrorists that resign themselves to mindless acts of horror. I'm scared that our response will be just as horrible.

I'm scared that the mangling claws of war will once again scuttle across the globe and take with them the lives of the future, will once again burn the eyes of children and then be silent. Will once again explode on the television screens and make our lives like an audience in a never ending play of death.

All this I fear.

It feels like there is no help for these fears. Fear, like power, rises in flares. It cannot be destroyed. It covers everything like napalm and burns. It burns everything.

I no longer want to live in a world that burns in the night, a world where armies march over lands and when they leave there is nothing left.

My hope is that the world does not end in a whimper, or that we choose to end it in a bang.

My hope is that the strands of power are pulled from their spindles and wrapped around the hearts of people that care for the world. The people like those who chose to run back into burning buildings and save what they can of the world they grew up to think was beautiful.

We have a choice in the next few days and weeks. Will we decide to solve new problems with old solutions? Or, will we work to dig out a new world from the rubble of our hearts, minds and bodies?

My hope is that the fear of the past few days can be harnessed into an overwhelming call for peace, a picture of beauty, courage and strength in the face of tragedy.

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## Brutal retaliation for attacks is morally justified

The events of this past week should serve to make America aware that the global landscape has been irrevocably altered.

Commentary  
Benjamin Meier

Undoubtedly, many officials will find themselves longing for a return to the stability afforded by the often incorrectly remembered "good old days" of the Cold War.

Modern warfare is vastly different from the realities of the four decades spanning the Cold War.

Wars in the 21st century will not resemble those of our parents and grandparents. In fact, defining war in this new environment raises questions. How does our nation, with its military power, wage war against an individual or group with no borders to defend, no uniformed military to strike against, no civilian populace to protect; a group lacking all the defining characteristics of a nation-state yet determined to act like one.

Does a group that has taken up the tools of statecraft become a legitimate target for the same consequences which befall those true nation-states that have utilized armed aggression?

It is hard to imagine that there can be any civilized response to such savage attacks against civilians.

Perhaps the only responsible action is to wage the most uncivilized and brutal attack possible against those who would commit such atrocities. Such an attack

would be designed to ensure that those who would execute such strikes in the future, or grant quarter and support to those who would, understand the consequences of conducting campaigns of terror will be so grossly out of proportion, so gruesome, so shocking that no one could again contemplate such an exploit.

If through this retaliation the lives of those who may have been killed in subsequent terrorist acts can be spared, is such brutality not morally justified and in fact the obligation of a government sworn to defend the freedom and security of its citizens?

Would a more measured and reasoned response satisfy the need to answer this challenge, or would such a limited strike against each new group as it emerged and acted simply begin a Darwinian cycle of natural selection whereby future terrorists very quickly become either highly proficient and difficult to deter or just as quickly become detected and incarcerated?

Questions such as these will likely occupy the minds of public officials and fill public forums for quite some time, and reaching the answers will require some pointed introspection regarding just how far we as Americans are willing to go in order to ensure our safety and secure the freedoms we have become so accustomed to.

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# Canceled classes gave students time to reflect, console one another

By **Jacque Petersell**  
STAFF REPORTER

Classes resumed Wednesday for students at TCU, but Chancellor Michael Ferrari said canceling classes after the attacks in New York City and Washington was the best thing for the students, faculty and staff.

"I don't go back and reflect on what I did," Ferrari said. "I just did it."

Ferrari said after talking with the deans, representatives from Campus Life and R. Gerald Turner, president of Southern Methodist University, he decided it was best to cancel classes

so students could have time to talk with others and to heal.

"Students wanted to have time with each other to reflect on what this day meant," Ferrari said.

Other schools, such as SMU, Baylor and the University of Texas at Arlington, did not cancel classes following the attacks. Ferrari said when he decided to cancel classes, he looked at past experiences and student input, not at what other universities were doing.

"Frankly, what other schools do is irrelevant to what we did in this situa-

tion," Ferrari said.

Turner was out of the office at SMU and unavailable for a comment.

Steven Woodworth, an assistant professor of history, said he would have to reschedule a test for one of his classes, but he was sure his students wouldn't be too upset about it. Woodworth said that whatever Ferrari chose to do, he would go along with it.

Ken Morgan, a geology professor, said all labs were canceled until next week because some labs were missed Tuesday.

Christina Sordini, a junior studio art

major, said she agreed with the reasons why Ferrari canceled class, but she had her own reasons for reflecting.

"It just shows respect and honor to the killed and to the survivors," she said.

Jerome Loughridge, chief of staff to the president at Baylor, said classes remained in session Tuesday for students to help keep a sense of community.

"We are a residential campus," he said. "It is our belief for the vast majority of Baylor is (the student's) community. Classes are a part of that community."

Loughridge said to supplement time

spent in class, the university offered time for prayer services and counseling later in the day.

Stacy Stansell, a graduate student at Baylor, said televisions were on in most of her classes so she was able to stay updated on the events, but she wished she didn't have class so she could console her friends.

"It was difficult to concentrate because of the horrible incidents that had happened that day," she said. "We just wanted to console each other."

Not all students who had to go to class wished to be in other places. Daniela Abete, a sophomore business

major at SMU, said it was better for her to be in class than spending the day in front of the television.

"It was good because we were able to go to class and talk about (the attacks) with our professors," she said.

Ferrari said that since he decided to cancel classes, he has received 60 to 70 e-mails from students that said they appreciated the chance to meet with friends to reflect rather than going to class.

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## ATTACK

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Law enforcement officials were said to be looking at possible bin Laden supporters in Florida. They were aided by an intercept of communications between his Florida supporters, and harrowing cell phone calls from victims aboard the jetliners before they crashed.

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Federal officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, also said they were investigating whether one group of hijackers crossed the Canadian border at a checkpoint and eventually went to Boston's airport, where the two airliners that brought down the Trade Center took off.

Tuesday's assault on American government and finance led the president to place the military on its highest alert.

Smoke still drifted from the ravaged Pentagon, and authorities said they did not expect to find more survivors.

The government went back to work Wednesday, its political leaders, diplomats and soldiers leaving no doubt the terrorist assault will be answered. "We will go after them," Secretary of State Colin Powell vowed.

The Navy said the aircraft carrier USS George Washington was in position Wednesday off the coast of New York. The United Nations was evacuated for a time Wednesday morning after receiving a threat.

Americans remained on alert. Baseball's major leagues canceled all games scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday. And Les Dorr, a Federal Aviation Administration spokesman, said passengers could expect tough security measures at reopened airports, suggesting that they arrive two hours early for flights.

At Boston's Logan Airport, aviation director Tom Kinton said the FAA is requiring all U.S. airports to comply

with some emergency safety measures, including: banning the sale or use of knives, including plastic ones, at the airport; evacuating and sweeping all terminals with K-9 teams; increasing security personnel; increasing ID checks; and discontinuing curbside check-in.

On Tuesday, as workers poured into Wall Street, a hijacked jet tore through one of the 110-story twin towers. Another followed, striking the other tower in a fireball 18 minutes later. By 10:30 a.m., both towers had collapsed in horrifying clouds of gray smoke.

A third jet struck the Pentagon at 9:40 a.m. A fourth hijacked airliner plummeted to earth about 80 miles southeast of Pittsburgh. There was speculation that the hijackers intended to take the plane elsewhere but were thwarted by passengers.

In a phone call from the air, passenger Thomas Burnett told his wife, Deena, "I know we're all going to die — there's three of us who are going to do something about it." Then, Burnett told his wife, "I love you, honey" and the call ended, the family's priest, the Rev. Frank Colacicco, told the San Francisco Chronicle.

The final death toll may not be known for weeks. The four planes alone had 266 people aboard. Authorities said between 100 and 800 people were believed dead at the Pentagon.

In New York, firefighter Rudy Weindler spent nearly 12 hours trying to find survivors and only found four — a pregnant woman sitting on a curb and three others in the rubble of a building in the trade center complex.

"I lost count of all the dead people I saw," Weindler said. "It is absolutely worse than you could ever imagine."

U.S. officials said the attacks were carried out with military precision. Like Burnett, a few people on the hijacked planes managed to make cell phone calls, in which they said terrorists armed with knives were taking over the jets.

The planes were each on cross-continental routes, and thus carrying a heavy load of flammable fuel. They struck the buildings high up and on the corners, stymieing firefighters' ability to contain the blaze and blocking escape for some tenants.

"There are so many other buildings that are partially destroyed and near collapse," said Weindler, the firefighter. "There are a lot of fires still burning."

Three top fire department officials were among those who died. One of

them, Ray Downey, chief of special operations command, led a team of New York firefighters to Oklahoma City in 1995 after the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building.

The 1,350-foot-tall towers, which withstood a terrorist bombing in a basement parking garage in 1993, were reduced to a pile of stone and steel. A hazy, brownish-gray cloud was all that could be seen where the gleaming rectangular towers used to loom.

On Wednesday morning, the smell of natural gas and the sound of portable generators hung over the site. A coarse, sawdust-like powder — pulverized concrete, insulation and paper — made it hard to breathe without a mask. It covered the streets with a gray blanket, inches thick.

Tons of paper documents lay everywhere. Expense accounts, jotted memos and ledger sheets covered the ground.

About a dozen foot-high robots with rubber treads were being readied for use in search and rescue efforts. Cranes 120 feet tall and bulldozers had been brought in to clear the streets. Rescue workers were armed with pickaxes and shovels.

"I must have come across body parts by the thousands," said Angelo Otchy, a mortgage broker who came in with a National Guard unit from Dover, N.J., to help dig through the debris.

City paramedic Louis Garcia said: "There's two feet of soot everywhere, and a lot of the vehicles are running over bodies because they are all over the place. There were people running up to us who were totally burned — no hair, no eyebrows."

Parag Papki went to five hospitals on Tuesday looking for his brother, Ganesh Laddkat, who worked on the 104th floor of the trade center. He was sent to a center set up to account for the missing.

"They asked me what was he wearing, any body marks, stuff like that," Papki said after filling out a form. "Since afternoon, I am searching."

Normally 50,000 people work in the twin towers, but the first attack came when many workers were not yet in their offices. Officials estimated that 10,000 to 20,000 people were in the buildings when the first plane crashed. Many fled, rushing down dozens of flights of stairs before the second jet hit and the towers collapsed.

Much of lower Manhattan, a center of world finance that includes Wall Street and the stock exchanges, was

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\$1.42 a gallon. The Citgo at 2945 West Berry advertised unleaded gasoline at \$1.38 a gallon. Late last week, the average price nationwide was \$1.56 per gallon of gas, according to the Lundberg Survey of 8,000 stations.

Quinn said the rumors about price increases would not last long.

"People respond to the unknown in a very fearful, panicky way," he said. "But it's not like people are stocking up for next year. By this weekend, things will be back to normal."

Quinn said the most likely cause for an increase in prices is consumers who panic and rush to the gas stations.

"Unless you think something else is going to happen in the next couple of weeks, it makes no sense," he said. "But people are going to do it because everyone else is doing it."

Quinn said in the long run, consumers, and gas prices, would eventually settle down.

"Maybe (people) just need to be told, 'You'll have gas,'" he said.

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cordoned off. Every aspect of daily life in the city was disrupted, from phone service to subways.

An election primary that had been scheduled for Tuesday, to determine the Democratic and Republican candidates for mayor, was indefinitely postponed.

The Empire State Building — along with schools and many offices — was closed Wednesday as a city filled with world-famous landmarks came to grips with its vulnerability. All they had to do was look at the gap at the lower end of Manhattan, once filled by two massive towers.

A London-based Arab journalist said followers of bin Laden warned three weeks ago that they would carry out a "huge and unprecedented attack" on U.S. interests.

The Boston Herald, quoting a source it did not identify, reported that authorities had seized a car at Logan Airport that contained Arabic-language flight training manuals. The source said five Arab men had been identified as suspects, including a trained pilot.

## Officials skeptical about tier rankings

TCU ranked below Baylor, SMU in Tier II

By **Sarah McClellan**

SKIFF REPORTER

School officials expressed skepticism about the validity of the U.S. News and World Report college rankings released last week that placed TCU in Tier II among the top 128 universities in the nation.

Baylor University and Southern Methodist University are also in Tier II. They scored higher than TCU in almost all categories.

"In my opinion we're a better institution than both of those schools," Ray Brown, dean of admissions, said. "It always shocks me that they outrank us. This year SMU had trouble selling its class while we had trouble keeping ours down."

Chancellor Michael Ferrari also expresses doubt about the accuracy of the rankings.

"I have serious reservations about the annual rankings by U.S. News and other publications," Ferrari said.

Ferrari said one of his concerns is the subjectivity of the rankings.

"It's hard to judge the fairness or objectivity of these rankings," Ferrari said. "The raters are heavily biased by perceptions of the quality of graduate programs and/or name recognition."

The criteria used by U.S. News and World Report includes academic reputation score, freshman retention rate, predicted and actual graduation rate, the number of classes with less than 20 students, classes with 50 or more students, student-to-faculty ratio, percent of faculty who are full time, SAT and ACT scores, freshmen in the top 10 percent of their high school class, acceptance rate, and average alumni giving rate.

Brown said the criteria should include a measure of student satisfaction, and the reputation

score should be omitted.

The reputation score is compiled from a survey of university chancellors or presidents, provosts and deans of admissions, he said. They rate other schools in the survey.

Brown said the rankings shouldn't be judged by outside sources.

"(The rankings) measure subjectivity and not objectivity," Brown said.

TCU's reputation score is 2.8, out of a possible 5.0, this year. The reputation score is worth 25 percent of the ranking.

Princeton University, Harvard University and Yale University, are ranked as the top three universities in the nation respectively with reputation scores of 4.9.

Ferrari said he also thinks the criteria should be changed to reflect the effect the school has on a student instead of how high a student's GPA and SAT scores are when they enter the school and financial resources of the school.

"I would prefer output measures rather than input measures, i.e., how much do students actually learn, what do graduates contribute to their professions and society, etc. rather than resources per student," Ferrari said.

Brown said the rankings can be easily manipulated by school officials who may not report numbers correctly.

However, he said it doesn't matter much since people don't base their college choices primarily on the rankings.

"Most people can figure out that's not a very smart way to pick applications," Brown said. "If you let rankings rule you, you're not being very thoughtful."

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## Filling the silence



I watched the news yesterday more than I have watched in my life most likely, and as I went to sleep last night thinking of other people who died and their families, it makes me want to cry. I couldn't even imagine being those people in the planes

watching, going towards one of the buildings of the World Trade Center, knowing you are going to die soon. Many of my friends had relatives or friends in New York City and my heart goes out to them and everyone else. An uncle of one of my friends had an appointment in the World Trade Center Tuesday morning and the last I heard, he was still unaccounted for. How nerve-wracking can that be? Last night at the candle vigil, I cried just thinking about how something like this could happen to the most powerful nation and all the innocent people who died. We also have to remember many people who die everyday in the Middle East due to attacks. Some say it isn't our business and some say this was a wake-up call. Who knows what it was, maybe this was God's way of bringing a nation to its knees. I don't think I've ever seen so many people pray or so many Bible verses posted. In one way it's great that we are praying together as a nation and in another it's sad that something as tragic as this had to happen for our nation to get back on track.

— Shawna Dunkel, junior advertising/public relations major



Members of University Christian Church and the community gathered in the sanctuary Wednesday night for a service of prayer for the nation.

David Dinnel/SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Articles in the TCU Daily Skiff cannot begin to express what we feel about the tragedy in New York City and Washington. It is important, however, to share our experiences as we try to cope with the recent events. As a religion student, I feel the need to remind my peers of the beautiful, unique mix of race, nationality and faiths that is America. No war or act of terror is capable of destroying the American spirit of acceptance. However, we Americans are very capable of destroying the freedom and cultural diversity we claim to love. Sadly, many of us are in a rush to place blame and have jumped to the conclusion that these crimes were committed under the order of Osama Bin Laden. Consequently, many Americans are feeling negative emotions toward Muslims, people from the Middle East and foreigners in general. These emotions have already been expressed in the form of violence. In committing acts of hatred on each other, we have attacked America. We have begun to question the freedoms Americans have fought and will continue to fight for, and it is sickening. The best thing we can do to support our country and our government is to embrace and live the values terrorist have attacked. If we want to show the world our strength, we must stand tall as a diverse, freedom-seeking country and not let ourselves become a racist, revenge-seeking people.

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When I first heard of the attacks, my thoughts were "My God, I thank you that this life is not all there is to look forward to." I thought of hope in Christ that lasts even in the midst of terrible trouble and tragedy. These were my first thoughts. Then I began to understand the horror that the airplane passengers must have felt before crashing into the World Trade Center. For a few minutes, I was in limbo, unsure of what to do and where to go next

after classes were canceled. I could see the sorrow and shock in people's faces. I then sought out my closest friends, having called my wife at work. It wasn't until after the noon prayer meeting that I began to relax and experience peace. Being able to gather together and pray with other TCU students was very encouraging and heartening. My fear is that the United States will retaliate in anger, harming the innocent people. I feel justice must be served, but with wisdom, not with force. I praise TCU and its efforts to encourage open dialogue between people of different races and religion. In the near future, I think we need more open dialogue about our honest feelings in response to the attacks. We must not hide our feelings, but should allow ourselves to mourn. We should not blame international students or treat them unfairly. I pray that conversations about differing faiths will continue and will be open without violence or anger. Truth will be found by those who seek it. I believe we will never see peace in our world through man's efforts. I trust only in God to bring peace to those who know Him. Until that time, we must love one another and strive toward peace. All should know that inner peace comes from forgiveness, not revenge. All who trust in God will not be ashamed. I take comfort and peace in that.

— Thomas Spann, senior economics major



I feel totally overwhelmed by the whole attack. It scares me that some people could be so terrible and destroy so many people's lives. I am encouraged, however, at how the Americans are coming together to help the victims. I went to give blood today and found that there were so many people that there was an eight hour wait. God is using this tragedy in a way that I never imagined He would.

— Crystal Lippincott, sophomore elementary education major



I keep reminding myself that across the nation, peace and love still prevail. That in the larger context, no act of terrorism can be so great as to destroy the great love of this nation. A professor said to me that she felt it was odd that there should be such a beautiful day after a day of tragedy. But I felt it was only right that life should continue and the sun should rise as beautiful as ever. This may seem to be an extreme optimism. I still watch the news and worry. But the world I see is just as nice as that a week ago. It is only when I look at the television that my heart sinks.

— Adam Thompson, freshman sociology major

Even a day after this horrible event I am in shock. I can't even begin to imagine the pain, anguish, fear and panic the people involved are feeling. Questions of who and why someone would do this continue to play through my mind. I realize that yesterday will be a day engraved in my mind forever. It is the day we began to lose control of the freedom we once had. I can only hope the leaders of this great nation can pull together like so many Americans have done and lead the country to better times. I pray to God every moment I get the chance to be with the world as we wait for answers.

— Natalie Cabla, freshman business finance major

Although this phrase has become rather cliché in just the last 24 hours, I do not think that anyone has words to describe what the nation is feeling. Some that come to mind are grief, anger, anxiety, confusion and fear. I am incredibly touched that we have been able to come together as a country in this tragedy in relief efforts and behind the words and sentiments of our president. My generation has never had anything to unify behind; no great war and no cause that we have been able to agree on. This is our cause; this is our generation's wake-up call. If things do not change, we have a world like this to look forward to on a daily basis. Patriotism is what will keep the light of this country shining. This light is not only important to all those spirits that have been dimmed in this country, but those all over the world. We have an entire alliance behind us, ready to back up whatever decisions we make and watching to see how the nation reacts. If the light goes out here, so will freedom as well as many of the things that we have come to take for granted here in America. We must prevail. We must not fear or whoever was behind these attacks will have truly succeeded. Their mission of physical destruction may have been accomplished, but we cannot allow for the morale of this country to be destroyed by these individuals as well. Panic is not an option. We must stay strong. Our fate is in our hands. We will triumph.

— Jessi Buerkle, sophomore kinesiology major



A handwritten sign encouraged students to endure during the American tragedy.

# Federal investigation focuses on several terrorist groups

By Karen Gullo  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Federal authorities investigating Tuesday's devastating attacks are focusing on multiple separate terrorist groups, some tied to Osama bin Laden, law enforcement officials said Wednesday.

Members of one organization may have entered the United States through Canada, authorities said.

The FBI has identified most of the hijackers who commandeered and crashed four airliners, and suspected accomplices, officials said. At least five people were detained; others were interviewed in the hunt for accomplices. No one has been arrested.

A number of the suspected hijackers were trained as pilots in the United States. Their names were not immediately disclosed by authorities.

Intelligence officials are pursuing "numerous credible leads," Attorney General John Ashcroft said.

"The Department of Justice has undertaken perhaps the most massive and intensive investigation ever conducted in this country," he said.

FBI agents obtained information from Internet providers, conducted searches, and questioned people in Florida and Massachusetts. Early evidence, including communications among bin Laden supporters, indicated the attacks were tied to the wealthy Arab and accused terrorist.

Ashcroft said authorities were conducting interviews and reviewing airline manifests, rental car records and pay phone records. He said between three and six hijackers, armed with knives and box cutters, seized control of the four commercial jets. Two hit New York's World Trade Center, a

third smashed into the Pentagon and a fourth crashed in Pennsylvania.

For some of the suspected accomplices, "we have information as to involvement with individual terrorist groups," FBI Director Robert Mueller said. He declined to say which groups or whether they were connected to bin Laden.

Officials said authorities were gathering evidence that the terrorist cells may have had prior involvement in earlier plots against the United States. That includes the USS Cole bombing in Yemen and the foiled attack on U.S. soil during the millennium celebrations.

"This could have been the result of several terrorist kingpins working together. We're investigating that possibility," one law enforcement official speaking on condition of anonymity told The Associated Press.

Mueller said agents have followed leads that the hijackers or their associates had been in Florida, Boston and Providence, R.I. He said authorities are "attempting to recreate the travels" of the suspected attackers.

Some 4,000 special agents and 3,000 support personnel are assisting in the investigation, and 400 FBI laboratory specialists are at the crime scenes in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania.

Evidence has been collected at the Pentagon and Pennsylvania site, but investigators have not yet been able to start work at the World Trade Center, where the search for survivors continued.

The officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said they were investigating whether one group of hijackers crossed the Canadian border

at a checkpoint and made their way to Boston, where an American Airlines flight was hijacked and flown into the World Trade Center.

The officials confirmed a car believed to belong to the hijackers was confiscated in Boston and contained an Arabic language flight manual.

Abu Dhabi Television in the United Arab Emirates reported that two men with Saudi Arabian passports and international drivers licenses issued in the United Arab Emirates were linked to the Mitsubishi sedan found at the Boston airport.

Law enforcement officials said that the FBI on Wednesday afternoon searched two hotel rooms in the Boston area believed to have been used by the hijackers. The officials found information linked to a name on the manifest of one of the hijacked flights. They declined to identify the man.

A Venice, Fla., man said FBI agents told him that two men who stayed in his home while training at a local flight school were the hijackers. Charlie Voss said the agents identified the men as Mohamed Atta and one known as Marwan.

The FBI in Miami issued a national bulletin for law enforcement agencies to look out for two cars. Records with the Florida Division of Motor Vehicles show that one of the vehicles the FBI was pursuing — a 1989 red Pontiac — was registered to Atta.

The FBI has already received more than 700 tips from a special Web site seeking information on the attacks.

Agents served search warrants on major Internet service providers in order to get information about an e-mail address that may be connected to the attacks.

# Flight 93 recorder sought

Passengers, crew may have struggled with hijackers before crash

By Martha Raffaele  
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SHANKSVILLE, Pa. — Just before United Airlines Flight 93 crashed, a passenger telephoned his wife, told her the plane had been hijacked and said he and some others were going to "do something about it."

Authorities have not said whether passengers struggled with the hijackers and whether that sent the airliner carrying 45 people into a western Pennsylvania field instead of a high-profile target. Elsewhere, hijacked planes hit New York's World Trade Center and the Pentagon on Tuesday.

As investigators pieced together the events leading to the crashes, loved ones and others speculated Wednesday that the passengers or crew on Flight 93 might have thwarted the hijackers.

"It sure wasn't going to go down in rural Pennsylvania. This wasn't the target; the target was Washington, D.C.," said Rep. John Murtha, D-Pa. "Somebody made a heroic effort to keep the plane from hitting a populated area."

"I would conclude there was a struggle and a heroic individual decided 'I'm going to die anyway, I might as well bring the plane down here.'"

At least one phone call made from the doomed plane suggested that might be what happened.

Thomas Burnett told his wife, Deena, that "a group of us are going to do something," she said.

Burnett learned of the World Trade Center attacks during the four phone calls he made to his wife, and calmly told her that he and other passengers would try to take

action against the hijackers.

"He thought he was going to be home. He was going to solve this problem," Deena Burnett told reporters at her home in San Ramon, Calif., Wednesday.

The plane crashed about 80 miles southeast of Pittsburgh after first flying near Cleveland and then turning around. The plane was said to be flying erratically and losing altitude.

The FBI would not comment on speculation about a struggle on board.

U.S. officials have said on condition of anonymity that the Secret Service feared the hijackers may have been headed for Camp David, the presidential retreat in Maryland about 85 miles from the crash site.

But Murtha, an intelligence officer in Vietnam, played down those reports. "I just don't think it's that significant" a target, he said.

In Washington, Attorney John Ashcroft said each of the planes was seized by three to six hijackers armed with knives and box cutters. Some were trained as pilots in the United States, Ashcroft said.

Analysts said recovery of Flight 93's cockpit voice recorder could be key in determining what happened. FBI assistant agent in charge Roland Corvington said that more than 200 investigators were on the scene and that the search might continue for three to five weeks.

Corvington said it would be difficult to identify any human remains.

The plane left Newark, N.J., for San Francisco at 8:01 a.m. EDT Tuesday. As it approached Cleveland, radar showed the plane banked left and headed back to-

ward Pennsylvania. Cleveland Mayor Michael White said air traffic controllers said they could hear screaming on a plane they were in communication with.

Dennis Fritz, the control tower chief at the John Murtha Johnstown-Cambria County Airport, about 20 miles from the crash site, said his tower got a call from Cleveland controllers warning that the plane was headed toward Johnstown and flying erratically.

The Cleveland tower said the plane had done some unusual maneuvers, including a 180-degree turn away from Cleveland, and was flying at a low altitude. Johnstown controllers also could not see the plane from their tower, leading them to believe the plane was already very low.

"We had no call signal and we had no tail number. We had no way of making contact with the plane," Fritz said.

From Johnstown, the plane veered south, Fritz said. A witness on the ground called the Westmoreland County 911 center to report a large aircraft flying low and banking from side to side.

A passenger who called 911 from his cell phone told dispatchers he was inside a locked bathroom on the plane. Dispatcher Glenn Cramer said the man repeatedly said, "We're being hijacked!"

"He heard some sort of explosion and saw white smoke coming from the plane and we lost contact with him," Cramer said. The man never identified himself.

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# Dawn brings new discoveries

By Larry McShane  
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NEW YORK — As the smoldering ashes of the World Trade Center slowly yielded unimaginable carnage, investigators fanned out across the country Wednesday to track the conspirators who orchestrated an unprecedented day of terror from the air.

The Bush administration disclosed that the White House and Air Force One may originally have been among the targets of Tuesday's devastation.

The investigation swept from a Boston hotel to Florida and points beyond — all in an attempt to determine just who was behind the attacks in which two hijacked airliners blasted into the 110-story towers, a third dove into the Pentagon and a fourth crashed in western Pennsylvania.

President Bush condemned the onslaught as "acts of war" and NATO gave the United States its backing for a military response if the attacks were directed from abroad.

Where the 1,350-foot trade center towers once stood, the concrete canyons of lower Manhattan were still a dust-covered ruin of girders and boulders of broken concrete.

Late in the day, the few stories of the south tower that had remained standing — the only recognizable

vestiges of the steel-and-glass colossus — began to collapse, further complicating rescue efforts. Another nearby building was threatening to come down.

A Brooks Brothers clothing store became a morgue, where workers brought any body parts they could find.

The workers' grim task was interrupted by brief epiphanies of life, when a fortunate victim was pulled alive from the wreckage of the steel-and-glass buildings. Four victims, three of them police officers, had been pulled from the wreckage.

Progress was slow. Cranes and heavy machinery were used, but only gingerly, for fear of dislodging wreckage and harming any survivors. Searchers with picks and axes worked slowly, too — sometimes when they opened pockets in the debris, fires flared.

Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said the best estimate is a "few thousand" victims would be left in each building. There were 55 confirmed fatalities — a number that was sure to grow. Another 1,700 injuries were reported.

The four hijacked planes carried 266 people, none of whom survived. Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said an estimate that as many as 800 people were killed at the Pentagon may be far too high.

Authorities had "specific credi-

ble information" that both Air Force One and the White House were targets, and that "the plane that hit the Pentagon may have been headed for the White House," said Sean McCormack, spokesman for President Bush's National Security Council.

There also was speculation that, in the case of the plane that crashed in Pennsylvania, the hijackers intended to jet elsewhere but were thwarted by the male passengers.

Officials confirmed a car believed to belong to the hijackers was confiscated in Boston, where two of the hijacked planes took off, and that it contained an Arabic-language flight manual. Investigators also raided two Boston area hotels believed to be used by the hijackers.

Attorney General John Ashcroft said authorities had reviewed "numerous credible leads," and were checking whether four separate cells of terrorists were involved. One set of hijackers is believed to have crossed from Canada and have ties to Osama bin Laden, the Saudi exile who authorities say is the suspected mastermind behind the attacks.

Bin Laden has been given asylum in Afghanistan, where international aid workers fled from the capital city of Kabul on Wednesday as residents worried about a possible U.S. military strike.

# Mosques targeted for vandalism

By Susan Parrott  
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IRVING — Vandalism at two Dallas area mosques on Wednesday had some Muslims fearful they were targets of retaliation following terrorist attacks on the East Coast.

At least six bullets shattered windows of the Islamic Center of Irving early Wednesday, causing about \$3,000 in damage to the large pane windows fronting the shopping center location, officials said.

A window at the Islamic Center of Carrollton also was broken by a slingshot-type device early Wednesday, police said.

Windows at the Irving mosque were found shattered when workers arrived around 6 a.m. CDT Wednesday. Nobody was at the mosque when the shooting occurred and no injuries were reported.

Police and the FBI were investigating the incidents. It was not immediately clear if they were related to Tuesday's attacks.

Danny Defenbaugh, the FBI's special agent-in-charge in Dallas, was critical of the vandalism.

"Quite frankly, I should not have to be wasting my time in doing vandalism-type cases with the national initiative with so many deaths and tragedies we've had over the last day," he said.

But Irving mosque member Jason-Yaseen Black said many Muslims "are afraid for our families." Center president Mohammed Egal said the mosque will continue holding services five times a day at the location, which is not marked with signs. About 1,000 people attend services at the center, he said.

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"Then, there are just plain nuts out there who like to see people evacuated from buildings."

Carol Thompson, department chair and associate professor of sociology and criminal justice, said threats could be the result of Amer-

icans' tendencies to seek simple solutions and jump to conclusions.

"(Americans) want to exact revenge," Thompson said. "But it may not become clear for a very long time who is actually responsible."

Thompson said the effects of this terrorism and its consequential violence will be felt for a long time.

"Something fundamental in the world will take place (as a result of

this violence) and it will have a profound impact on (Americans) as a country," she said.

Thompson said that impact may be the feeling that although the United States is still standing strong as a nation, it has certainly been wounded.

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## U.S. airports increase security, prepare to reopen for business

By **MATT CURRY**  
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

GRAPEVINE — Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport officials were preparing to allow air flights to resume Wednesday, conducting intensive sweeps of the terminals and outlining heightened security measures passengers will encounter.

Jim Crites, the airport's executive vice president of operations and security, said the airport and the airlines were "going through their processes," but still would need clearance from the Federal Aviation Administration before flights could resume.

The FAA grounded all air traffic Tuesday after two jetliners crashed into the World Trade Center, bringing down the twin 110-story towers. A plane also slammed into the Pentagon. A fourth jetliner crashed in Pennsylvania.

Two of the jetliners belonged to Fort Worth-based American Airlines. FAA spokeswoman Diane Spital-

iere said agency officials still were deciding when to allow planes to take off.

Meanwhile, officials at the state's largest airports, including Bush Intercontinental and Hobby in Houston and DFW, were combing their terminals for security breaches.

At DFW, canine units and security teams sifting through trash bins and closets had turned up nothing out of the ordinary. All personnel were being reissued security-clearance badges.

Crites and Kevin Cox, another DFW executive vice president, outlined a number of changes passengers should expect at the airport:

- Uniformed officers and dogs will be patrolling the terminals

- Ticketless travel, curbside baggage check-in and one-hour parking will be prohibited

- Only passengers with tickets will be allowed at the gates

The officials said people should arrive at least two hours before their

scheduled departure time; should reduce their carry-on items and be prepared to show photo identification; and expect to undergo extensive questioning.

Displaying a tiny pocketknife, Crites warned that even the smallest knife, razor or cutting instrument in a carry-on bag would be seized.

"Patience is the order of the day, but safety is priority one," Cox said.

When asked how passengers might respond to the security measures, which will stay in place indefinitely, Cox said: "I think the traveling public is a fairly well-educated public and I believe they'll understand the situation that we're in."

Ernie DeSoto of the Houston Aviation Department agreed.

"It appears that we have seen a change in the way air travelers are going to be traveling and doing things from now on," he said. "This may be the way we do business from now on, and I think the public is OK with that."

## Convicted murderer discovered missing

By **Michael Graczyk**  
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

BEAUMONT — A convicted capital murderer serving a life prison term escaped Wednesday from a state prison near Beaumont and then was believed to have stolen a pickup truck that contained a rifle and 500 rounds of ammunition.

Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokesman Larry Fitzgerald said the fugitive, Harold Laird, 26, assigned to administrative segregation because of his behavior history, should be considered armed and dangerous. There were no immediate reports of injuries or hostages.

"He's had a history of weapons and being combative and two counts of assaulting an officer," Fitzgerald said. "That type of behavior gets you into (administrative segregation)."

Administrative segregation means he is locked up 23 hours a day.

Laird, convicted of killing a man in Harris County in a 1992 beating and shooting that left two people dead, was

discovered missing shortly before 6:30 a.m., a few hours after he was served breakfast. Officers checking on him instead found a dummy he had tried to fashion in his cell.

Authorities said he escaped through a light fixture, got into a pipe chase behind the walls, made it to the roof, then to another building, jumped to the ground and fled directly under a picket tower, vaulting a fence.

"He defeated the razor wire somehow," Fitzgerald said.

Tracking dogs picked up his scent on the west side of the prison, about four miles southeast of Beaumont. A private homeowner in the area reported his truck stolen. Inside the truck, a light blue GMC pickup, Texas license AIM 088, was the .22-caliber rifle and the ammunition, Fitzgerald said.

"We believe he's fled in the truck," he said.

"We have alerted local law enforcement and issued all of the appropriate bulletins in search of the escapee, who has a history of eluding authorities,"

prison spokesman Larry Todd said.

Laird was 17 when he was sentenced to life in prison — and no parole prospects for 35 years — for killing a Channelview man, Douglas Redd, 59, who had helped him and his mother when they were homeless. Redd and a female companion were shot and killed.

Testimony at his trial showed Laird, then 16, led several other youths Jan. 14, 1992 to the home of Redd and a woman, Sharon Smith, 47, planning to rob them. Redd had befriended Laird and Laird had lived at his home.

Redd was beaten with a baseball bat and prosecutors said Laird decided to kill him and Smith to avoid being identified. Their bodies were found at the home a day later. Both had been shot and cash, guns, videotapes and Redd's car was stolen.

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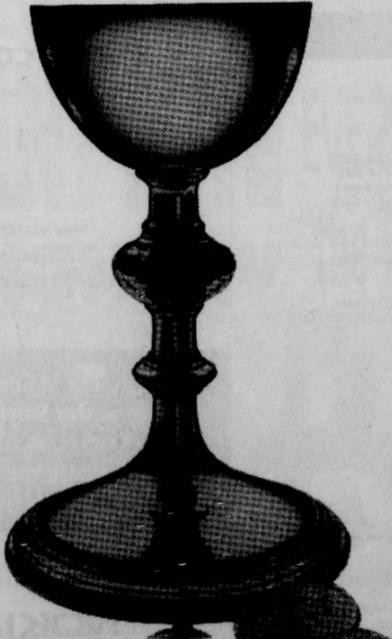
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## Horoscopes

**♈ Aries (March 21-April 19)** - Something you thought was going all wrong could turn out in your favor, so don't evaluate your performance yet. Wait till you have a chance to talk it over with somebody who's a little more objective than you are. Make it somebody you trust and who loves you.

**♉ Taurus (April 20-May 20)** - Take on extra work if it means extra money. You have plenty of ways you can spend it. Studying helps you stretch your dollars even further. Discuss your options with your family. The work you take on doesn't have to be pick-and-shovel stuff. It might be extra paperwork.

**♊ Gemini (May 21-June 21)** - Your fiscal conservatism will pay off. Be frugal with your money just a little longer. Invest in educational materials for yourself and for the ones you love.

**♋ Cancer (June 22-July 22)** - You're confident, and with good reason. You're kind and considerate. You're also pretty good at doing business. Got anything to sell? Let people know. Tomorrow will be good for making money.

**♌ Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** - The winning idea may have come to you in a dream. It's a way to find the money you need to advance toward your objective. Work out the details before sharing this idea with your partner. This will make you look even smarter.

**♍ Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** - Get everybody organized. There's a lot of work to be done and a lot of money to be made. You'll win if everybody's working at maximum efficiency, and so will they. Besides, it's more fun to play with teammates who know what they're doing, and fewer toes get stepped on.

**♎ Libra (Sept. 23-Oct 22)** - Another few hours of behaving yourself, and you should be able to break free. Schedule an outing with friends in order to let off a little steam. Leave room in your schedule for romance, too.

**♏ Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** - Make sure your boss, or some other influential older person, knows what you've been studying. Every little bit helps as you advance toward your objective. And you ARE advancing. Slowly, perhaps, but steadily.

**♐ Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** - Besides more money, you need more time. A Friday off would be great. But if you haven't already earned the time, it's unlikely you'll get it. Collecting old debts works better now than any other kind of deal.

**♑ Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** - Heed an expert's advice when it's time to pay the bills - someone who's an excellent shopper. You're good, of course, but you have a soft side. This other person's ruthless when it comes to saving money. You can learn a lot from a person like that.

**♒ Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** - Better pack a lunch again. Schedule your date for later or for tomorrow. Your mind should be working quite well, but there's a lot to be done. Don't avoid the icky jobs. That way you'll feel even better at tomorrow's evaluation.

**♓ Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** - Put the finishing touches on your latest scheme. There's nothing you can't accomplish with the right person at your side. If you're pretty sure who that person is, start there. Reaffirm your relationship.

**Purple Poll** **Q:** Do you think classes should have been canceled Tuesday?



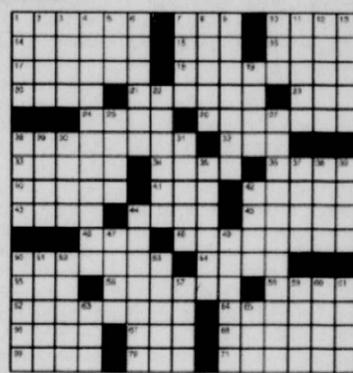
**A:** Yes 93 No 7

Data collected from an informal poll conducted in TCU's Main Cafeteria. This poll is not a scientific sampling and should not be regarded as representative of campus public opinion.

## Crossword

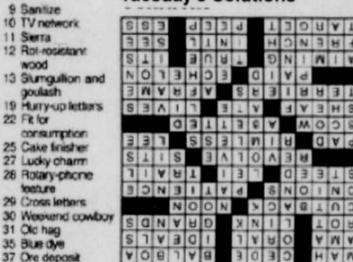
ACROSS

- 1 Gullet
- 7 Bub
- 10 For pity's sake!
- 14 On an annual basis
- 15 Lubricate
- 16 Waist looper
- 17 ... into Caesar...
- 18 Part of a phone number
- 20 Firm
- 21 Virgil's hero
- 23 Original
- 24 Orange coat?
- 26 Trappers
- 28 Inclined to moralize too much
- 32 Health resort
- 33 Hardon
- 34 Runny cheese
- 36 Radar image
- 40 Precision
- 41 Actor Chaney
- 42 Dwelling
- 43 In ... of
- 44 Take care of
- 45 Edge along
- 46 Japanese drama
- 48 ...rester
- 50 View from Mount
- 54 Felias
- 55 Building wing
- 56 Repugnance
- 58 Colloquialism
- 62 Cowboy
- 64 Chance
- 66 Teen heartthrob
- 67 Ostrich cousin
- 68 Relax
- 69 Group working together
- 70 Wrestler's canvas
- 71 Goes in



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### Tuesday's Solutions



DOWN

- 1 Phoenician port
- 2 Play afternoon to
- 3 Telephoned
- 4 Buy drinks for the group
- 5 Pub drink
- 6 Ruthless ruler
- 7 Lament
- 8 Buenos
- 9 Sanitize
- 10 TV network
- 11 Sierra
- 12 Rot-resistant wood
- 13 Slumgullion and goulash
- 19 Hurry-up letters
- 22 Fit for consumption
- 25 Cake finisher
- 27 Lucky charm
- 28 Rotary-telephone feature
- 29 Cross letters
- 30 Western cowboy
- 31 On his
- 35 Blue dye
- 37 Ore deposit
- 38 Inactive
- 39 Ball-shaped hammerhead
- 42 Soft-covered
- 44 Mathematical proposition
- 47 Employee protection agcy.
- 49 Make a bubbling sound
- 50 Minus figure
- 51 Slip away from
- 52 Major aluminum producer
- 53 Lure of the kitchen
- 57 Fiesounding defeat
- 59 Abe's Irish lass
- 60 Affirm positivity
- 61 Hamilton bible producer
- 63 J-N connection
- 65 Silver or Cly

### Best of Lex

Phil Flickinger



### K Chronicles

Keith Knight



### Best of Rudy

Aaron Brown



### Quote of the Day

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 "There is just as much horse sense as ever, but it seems like the horses have it all."

**THE MONEY-WHIPPED Steer-JOB THREE-Jack GIVE-UP ARTIST**

Dan Jenkins is a TCU Alum who writes for Golf Digest. Come to the Dan Jenkins Book Signing Saturday, September 15, 2001 at the TCU Bookstore.

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## Sporting events canceled this weekend

By Brandon Ortiz  
SPORTS EDITOR

All TCU intercollegiate sporting events, including the football team's Saturday game against Marshall, have been postponed through this weekend.

Athletics Director Eric Hyman said it would not be appropriate for athletic teams to compete after the terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington.

"In our perspective, it was in light of the tragic events that transpired," Hyman said. "We have a lot of heavy hearts right now. It's a struggle. Athletics is just a very small thing on the radar screen."

Hyman said the football game against Marshall will not be rescheduled this season because of scheduling conflicts, but will be made up another year.

"In light of the situation, we fully understand and support the decision not to play this weekend," head football coach Gary Patterson said in a released statement. "Obviously there are other things in life more significant than a football game. Our sympathy, condolence and prayers go out to all the families who were touched by this tragedy."

The athletics department will try to reschedule other sports, including volleyball, men's and women's golf and men's and women's soccer.

"We will make every attempt to reschedule all of our other events,"

Hyman said.

The men's golf team will not compete in the Inverness Intercollegiate in Toledo, Ohio, Monday. Head men's golf coach Bill Montigel canceled team practices until Monday.

The athletics department will make a donation to the American Red Cross to help disaster victims. Hyman did not know how much the donation will be or when it will be made.

Promotional events surrounding Saturday's football game will also be postponed, said Brian Estridge, director of sports marketing and broadcasting.

An event for Hispanic Heritage month and an event for honoring "heroes" will be rescheduled, possibly Sept. 22, for the football team's game against Northwestern State (La.), Estridge said.

"It's nothing we can't work through," Estridge said.

Hyman said even though sporting and promotional events will have to be rescheduled, the problems incurred in making these change are worth it.

"A lot of people lost their lives, a lot of tragedy is going on, there are some problems, but these problems pale in comparison to what is taking place in this country," Hyman said. "We will work through our problems. I think lives are a lot more important."

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Sophomore guard Nucleus Smith prepares to move around freshman guard Corey Santee during a voluntary work out Wednesday. All TCU intercollegiate sporting events for this weekend are canceled.

Caleb Williams/SKIFF STAFF

## Counseling available to athletes

Most teams will rely on their own staffs

By Kelly Morris  
SKIFF STAFF

Debbie Rhea, TCU assistant professor of kinesiology and sports psychologist, is used to helping athletes clear their heads to improve their performances on the field or court.

But Rhea has a tougher task than usual.

She said the terrorist attack that occurred Tuesday is a much more serious personal situation for the athletes to deal with compared to the competitive ones they are used to facing.

"The emotions they are feeling are outside what they would usually feel with their sports," Rhea said. "I usually hone in on their physical skills to create the best performance they can have, but in this situation, I can't have a quick fix."

"I'll just give them the tools to focus the best they can, but I can't guarantee they are going to compete at their best level."

Senior golfer Jennifer Patterson, along with the rest of the women's golf team, was supposed to board an American Airlines flight to Albuquerque, N.M. at 4 p.m. Tuesday to play in the team's first tournament of the season. The flight was canceled, and the team did not go.

Patterson, who is from Pittsburgh a city near the site of one crash Tuesday, said she was worried about her parents' safety.

"They actually called me and were more on top of what happened than I was," he said. "It was a strange feeling, though, because if I had to go see my parents for some reason, I didn't have any access to them. You just don't know how much you rely on airplanes."

Rhea said her phone number is provided to most of the coaches of the various TCU sports teams.

"Teams usually have consultants already in place to deal with a situation, or they handle it within their own coaching staffs," she said. "Most of the coaches and the advisors in the athletic department know where we are, and individual coaches search us out if they have used us before."

Head volleyball coach Sandy Trout said the team is not affected enough to the point of needing outside consultation.

"We're not consulting anyone at this time, but we're definitely affected by (the terrorist attack) personally," Trout said. "However, if we did consult someone, it would be to talk about the first six losses (we've had this season) and not about what happened Tuesday."

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## Major League Baseball cancels through Thursday

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Major League Baseball called off two more days of games, extending its break through Thursday following terrorist attacks in New York and Washington. Other sports were considering more cancellations.

By wiping out three straight days, baseball hadn't postponed so many games since 1918, when the season was cut short nearly a month by World War I. It also raised the question of whether the regular season could be completed as scheduled in 2 1/2 weeks.

"I think many people would hope we'd start Friday," baseball commissioner Bud Selig said. "But I haven't made that judgment yet. I'm not close to making it."

Many college football games were called off, including No. 1 Miami, and the NFL was still deciding whether to play Sunday. Saturday's middleweight championship fight between Bernard Hopkins and Felix Trinidad Jr. was postponed, promoter Don King said.

Baseball's break came at the worst time: Teams were still in pennant races and Barry Bonds needed

eight more home runs to break Mark McGwire's record of 70.

"Major League Baseball remains very sensitive to the aftereffects of the terrible tragedy that has struck our nation," Selig said.

The minor leagues postponed playoff games Wednesday for the second straight day and the New York-Penn League canceled the remainder of its championship series, declaring Brooklyn and Williamsport co-champions.

The NFL criticized for playing after President Kennedy's assassination in 1963, wasn't sure whether to play this weekend's schedule.

"We'll gather information and speak to several parties within the next 24 to 48 hours," league spokesman Joe Browne said.

Tim Coughlin, the son of Jacksonville Jaguars coach Tom Coughlin, was in the World Trade Center when the first plane crashed into it, but escaped uninjured.

College football commissioners considered postponing the weekend's entire schedule. The postponement of 14 had been announced: three on Thursday night and 11 on Saturday, including No. 13 Washington at No. 1 Miami.

"The games themselves are insignificant in the face of what has happened (Tuesday)," NCAA president Cedric Dempsey said. Commissioners of the

NCAA's Division I-A conferences, including the Atlantic Coast, Big East, Big Ten, Big 12, Pac-10 and Southeastern, held a conference call to discuss their options.

There were 116 Division I games scheduled for Thursday through Saturday. The Big East called off all six football games involving its teams and the ACC postponed all sports through Thursday, while the Pac-10 did the same through the weekend. The Thursday games called off

were Texas Tech at Texas-El Paso, tentatively pushed back to Saturday; Ohio at North Carolina State, rescheduled for Nov. 24; and Penn State at Virginia, not immediately rescheduled.

Saturday's Washington-Miami game might be played Nov. 24. Other games wiped out that day include Arizona State-UCLA at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif. (might be played Dec. 1); Georgia Tech at Florida State; San Diego State at Ohio State (rescheduled for Oct. 20); Yale at Towson; and Brown at San Diego (canceled).

Also: — The PGA Tour canceled Thursday's starts of the World Golf Championship and two other tournaments. Commissioner Tim Finchem said the World Golf Championship in St. Louis will begin Friday with 36 holes.

The Tampa Bay Classic will open with 18 holes each on Friday and Saturday and a 36-hole conclusion. The same schedule has been applied to the Buy.com Tour event in Oregon. The Senior Tour will remain on schedule, with a 54-hole event starting Friday in North Carolina.

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— Bud Selig  
Major League Baseball commissioner

## C-USA roundup

Football

C-USA games

All games

	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.	Hm.	Rd.	Neutral	Strk.
Cincinnati	1	0	1.000	1	1	.500	0-1	1-0	0-0	W1
East Carolina	1	0	1.000	1	1	.500	0-1	1-0	0-0	W1
Louisville	0	0	.000	3	0	1.000	2-0	1-0	0-0	W3
Southern Miss	0	0	.000	1	0	1.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	W1
TCU	0	0	.000	2	1	.667	0-0	2-1	0-0	W2
Memphis	0	0	.000	1	1	.500	1-0	0-1	0-0	W1
UAB	0	0	.000	1	1	.500	1-0	0-1	0-0	L1
Houston	0	0	.000	0	1	.000	0-1	0-0	0-0	L1
Army	0	1	.000	0	1	.000	0-1	0-0	0-0	L1
Tulane	0	1	.000	0	3	.000	0-1	0-2	0-0	L3

Last week's results

TCU ..... 38  
SMU ..... 10

Western Carolina ..... 7  
Louisville ..... 31

UAB ..... 7  
Florida State ..... 29

Memphis ..... 43  
Chattanooga ..... 10

East Carolina ..... 51  
Tulane ..... 24

Cincinnati ..... 24  
Army ..... 21

Saturday's tentative games

Buffalo at Army, noon.  
Louisville at Illinois, 11:10 p.m.  
UAB at Pittsburgh, canceled  
Southern Miss at Alabama, 4:45 p.m.

Louisiana-Monroe at Cincinnati, 6 p.m.

East Carolina at Syracuse, canceled.  
Houston at Georgia, noon

Last week's players of the week

**Special teams** — East Carolina kick returner Marvin Townes; set a school record for highest average per kickoff return with 44.0 yards on four returns in the Pirates' 51-24 win over Tulane. He had a total of 176 yards on his four returns of 56, 20, 38 and 62 yards.

**Offensive** — Cincinnati quarterback Gino Guidugli; completed 31 of 41 passes for 311 yards and three touchdowns in the Bearcats' 24-21 win at Army. Guidugli, who came off of the bench in the second quarter, brought Cincinnati back from behind 3 times in the fourth quarter, including the game winning touchdown pass to Tye Keith in the final 1:16 of the game.

**Defensive** — TCU safety Charlie Owens; returned a fumble 36 yards for a touchdown and got an interception in TCU's 38-10 win over rival SMU. Owens' touchdown was the first defensive touchdown scored by the Horned Frogs since 1999.

## Aburto gains life experiences through globetrotting

Horned Frog sophomore travels to Beijing to play in World Championship



By Jordan Blum  
STAFF REPORTER

Paty Aburto began her international journey when she received an e-mail from Mexico in May.

Aburto, a sophomore women's tennis player, said the e-mail invited her to a tennis tournament in Mexico to compete for a spot

won, and I ended up in China."

Aburto said the World University Games are modeled after the Olympic Games, but only university students compete.

Not only did Aburto earn a trip to China, she also earned the No. 1 seed for the Mexican team, winning the 16-woman tournament in Vera Cruz, Mexico.

Aburto eventually lost to Maria Goloviznina of Russia in the second round of the singles tournament in Beijing. She also reached the second round of the mixed doubles competition before losing to a Chinese team.

But Aburto said the results can illustrate the magnitude of the experience.

"We went out the last few days to the Great Wall (of China) and all kinds of other historical places," Aburto said.

She also experienced some interesting encounters with Chinese food as well.

"We went out to eat Chinese food, and it's totally different from the American-Chinese food I'm used to," she said. "The first time I was eating something, it tasted like normal meat. Then someone said, 'Hey, the dog was good,' and I was like 'No way!'"

Unfortunately, Aburto's traveling experiences went almost as badly as her dining ones.

"I was nervous about going in the first

place because I'm so afraid of flying," Aburto said. "When we made it to Los Angeles someone told me to relax and eat something, and told me I wasn't going to be able to fly with all that stuff I had in my mind. So I calmed down and slept most of the way to China."

Aburto received another scare when the time came to return home.

"I renewed my passport and I sent it to the Mexican coach with my other papers, but my old passport still had my American visa in it," Aburto said. "So when I was in China, I was looking through my passport but I couldn't find my visa."

"So I called my mom and she found it in my desk before throwing it away and sent it to (TCU women's tennis) coach Roland (Ingram), and he eventually sent it to me in China," she said.

Despite all her troubles and the risks she took by missing classes, Aburto said that she does not regret anything and is looking forward to the semester and the tennis season.

"Sometimes, I can't even believe I was there," Aburto said. "It was incredible being there. I had a lot of fun and I met a lot of people from all over the world. I had no idea I would ever have that kind of opportunity."

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File Photo

Sophomore Paty Aburto recently competed at the World University Games in China. Aburto advanced to the second round of the tournament before falling.