Disaster in America
Terrorists Strike World Trade Center, Pentagon

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President
George W. Bush

The Montclarion will resume our regular production schedule on Thursday, September 20, 2001
7:45am
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8:45am
A large plane, possibly a hijacked airliner, crashes into one of the World Trade Center towers, tearing a gaping hole in the building and setting it afire.

9:03am
A second plane, apparently a passenger jet, crashes into the second WTC tower and explodes. Both buildings are burning.

9:17am
The FAA shuts down all New York City area airports.

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The FAA reports that all inbound transatlantic aircraft into the United States are being diverted to Canada.

10:28am
The WTC's north tower collapses from the top down as if it were being peeled apart, releasing a tremendous cloud of debris and smoke.

10:45am
All federal office buildings in Washington are evacuated.

11:18am
American Airlines reports it lost two airplanes, Flight 11 and 77.

1:04pm
Bush speaks out for the second time from Barksdale Air Force Base.

1:27pm
A state of emergency is declared by the city of Washington.

1:44pm
The Pentagon says five war-ships will leave US Naval Station in VA to protect East Coast.

5:20pm
The 47-story Building 7 of the WTC complex collapses.

6:54pm
Bush arrives back at the White House after being at Offutt Air Force Base in Nebraska.

8:30pm
Bush addresses the nation from the White House saying that America will make no distinction between the terrorists and those harboring them.

10:35pm
Two suspected terrorists were caught on Route 3 carrying a truck full of explosives headed towards the George Washington Bridge.

**DETAILS ON THE PLANES THAT CRASHED**

- **American Airlines Flight 11:**
  A Boeing 767 en route from Boston to Los Angeles. The plane was carrying 81 passengers, nine flight attendants and two pilots. It crashed into a tower of New York's World Trade Center about 8:45am EDT.

- **United Airlines Flight 175:**
  A Boeing 767 bound from Boston to Los Angeles. It was carrying 56 passengers, two pilots and seven flight attendants. It crashed into the other tower of the World Trade Center shortly after 9:00am EDT.

- **American Airlines Flight 77:**
  A Boeing 757 en route from Dulles Airport near Washington to Los Angeles. The plane was carrying 58 passengers, four flight attendants and two pilots. It crashed into the Pentagon about 9:40am EDT.

- **United Airlines Flight 93:**
  A Boeing 757 en route from Newark, NJ, to San Francisco. The plane was carrying 38 passengers, two pilots and five flight attendants. It crashed southeast of Pittsburgh around 10:00am EDT.
Students stood around campus in tight-knit circles, talking in low voices and crying. Others walked listlessly to their next destination: head down, feet shuffling forward, processing the information. Students gathered around the television in the Student Center cafeteria watching as smoke billowed around the dilapidated building. Cell phones were passed around without any fear of being stolen; students benevolently sharing their own possessions so that other students could get in touch with loved ones. Others were quietly praying in the SC Quad, searching for the answer to the millions of questions spinning around in their head. Students watched from their residence hall windows in Bohn Hall and the rooftops of Richardson Hall, at 30 minutes away, landmarks being destroyed.

Who would have ever thought that in the year 2001, students would be able to witness something so inconceivable that 20 years later they will be telling their children what used to be the New York City skyline. There was a sudden rude awakening in that classroom. It was like a scene in a movie I wish I’d never seen.

Instead of fast-forwarding through realistic computer graphics of the World Trade Center crashing down, I stood there and watched it happen from a window in Chapin Hall overlooking what used to be the New York City skyline. There was a sudden rude awakening in that classroom. Jaws dropped and tears streamed as we all realized almost unanimously that there was no rewind button that would be able to put the World Trade Center back together again. There wasn’t even a movie. All that could be seen rose up in mushroom clouds from the Manhattan grounds where the North and South towers used to stand, covering the "sky in a gray smog that screamed terror to all who witnessed the reality of what was happening."

My mind went into sudden panic mode. People were running all around me to see the view from high places at MSU; others rushed into classrooms with televisions that broadcast live footage of the two hijacked planes that crashed into the towers, sending a shock across the Hudson and through our campus that many people like myself called home. By now everyone was talking about it. I must have heard "I can't believe this is happening" in 100 different ways as I walked solemnly towards the MSU Child Care Center where I work. Everyone had their own way of dealing with it; some better than others. Mine was one of solitude – wearing a long face and glassy eyes. I felt my heart, racing in sheer terror,

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By Michele Phipany
Chief Copy Editor

JOHN SPARACIO / THE MONTCLARION

by Simona Kogan
Feature Editor

"I thought we were totally untouched. I can't even believe the Twin Towers are gone. Words can't even explain how I feel now," said junior Jessica Columbo. "I can't believe we actually living through this," added senior Jessica Foste. "This is something you read about in the history books."

Other students summed up their disbelief in brief statements. "This has to be one of the most unbelievable and horrible things to happen to the U.S. since Pearl Harbor. My hopes and prayers go out to the people who lost their loved ones," said Sutton's roommate Corey Lucas.

"It's something I don't understand. It's more weird then anything else. I can't even comprehend." "Honestly, I am speechless. I think right now amongst all the confusion on my mind, I'm trying to think of the families and friends. I'm just trying to make sense of everything while at the same time," said SGA President Jeanette Mammaro.

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students were shocked by the situation that they made jokes out of what may be some of the repercussions stemming from the incident. Others were angered by these jokes as they wiped away their own tears. As she heard one student shouting, "We're all going to die!" in a sarcastic, joking manner, senior Lauren Scott grew enraged. "I'm appalled by some of the students on the campus," she retorted. Everyone has their own way of dealing with the circumstances.

For some students, the situation hit on a much deeper level as they knew of friends and family members who had been working in either of the trade centers or were near the area when the whole thing happened.

Concerned senior Kathy McFadden shared her anger and sorrow. "My best friend works at the World Trade Center and I'm a nervous wreck. I tried to call her, but the cell phones are down. I'm very angry and hope the investigation proves to be successful."

Senior Etica Manen knew what she was going through, because she too was overwhelmed by fear that relatives were hurt in the occurrence. "I was flipping out" she cried, "Now I'm keeping my fingers crossed." Manen's uncle worked in the World Trade Center and was buried from under the collapse of the first building, but lost touch with the family after the second collapse. Mane's two aunts work in D.C. her other aunt lives outside D.C., and her uncle lives on Manhattan's Upper East Side where he is an English professor at a local college.

One student was scared because her friend was in the armed forces. Freshmen Kathy Dolinski stated, "My best friend is in the army and I'm really worried that he is going to sent away. In the time of such a terrible attack and such a horrendous tragedy, most of the MSU community can be comforted by the fact that MSU students and staff are coming together to help each other, console each other, and find ways to get through the situation."

Junior Yvonne Krebs felt the only way to help was to pray for the families. "At times like these, the only thing you can find comfort in is prayer. It's important that you pray for the families in this horrendous crisis."

Vice President Chris Fitzpatrick ran around MSU, checking on friends and students, trying to see how he could help, although he was as stunned as everyone else. "I am doing crisis control. The reaction is complete and utter shock. First thing we're gonna do is make sure people in the community are okay and then see what the impact is on a nationwide level." Fitzpatrick, as well as other SGA board members are spending as much time as possible in their office and will be available for counseling in the coming week. On the day of the attack, they left the SGA office open all day and provided free sandwiches for any students interested in coming to talk about their reactions.

Associate Dean James Harris summed it up best. "I'm really impressed by everybody's willingness to pitch in. People are putting up signs and students are sharing phones. Right now, people are processing everything internally and hopefully later on they will be willing to come out and talk about it. We're ready to help."

Overall, students and staff should be impressed by how quickly and easily MSU is coming together to overcome such a horrible, barbaric tragedy. Esmilda Abreu, director of the Women's Center, may have summed it up best.

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Additional reporting by William M. Aleman, News Editor, and Andy Seyka, Assistant Sports Editor

SEE IT FOR YOURSELF: Students gathered cliffside next to Bohn Hall this morning for an unobstructed bird's eye view of the destruction as it unfolded. Many just stared in disbelief. Others engaged in the countless conversations over the incident, trying to come to terms with the chain of events and find the answer to the question on everyone's mind: Why?"
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A Commentary on the Events of a Day We Will Never Forget

THE END OF THE AMERICAN EMPIRE?

By Mike Sanchez

Managing Editor

I woke up to my mom's voice. But unlike other mornings, this morning she barged into my room shouting in a panicked voice something I thought I'd never hear. In one single breath she said that one of the Twin Towers was gone and the other one was in smoke, the Pentagon was bombed and there were more hijacked planes missing.

The normal lives of every American were thrown into the rest of the world's problems, and now America's responsibility that there are more serious issues around the world.

This is abnormal for America, but for countries like Israel, Ireland, and many other countries, this is how they live. And we experienced that for the first time yesterday. We now stood not a notch above everyone else - but right in the midst of the world's problems.

As we both watched the footage, my mom's body shook, mine going cold, my mind blank. My mom's body shaking; mine going cold; my mind blank. I kept asking myself why?

And then, to hear that Americans are dancing in the streets and giving out candy to celebrate the deaths of what may be over 20,000 innocent lives is even more disturbing. How can someone replace the loss of a life?

As I stood there in front of my TV this morning in disbelief, and drove up to campus never having been so mad in my life, I wondered exactly what human nature really is today. Are we that much different from animals?

Do they hate America for back to being ourselves and not fall apart? How do we recover from the blow reminiscent of Pearl Harbor, a day that has still not been forgotten?

We sat an example with the terrorist caught with a truck load of explosives headed for perhaps the George Washington Bridge not far from here on Route 3.

But that depends on our leader, President George W. Bush. Can he make right the wrong of September 11? Certainly not. Nothing can erase the events of these past hours.

What then do I want from our President? I want him to listen. No holds barred, and make it a public event, that those who have been so deeply wounded by these events are allowed the satisfaction of watching justice be carried out. Let us watch the process unfold like we watched the smoke and destruction of America this morning.

Under the rubble of what was just two days ago one of the modern wonders of the world, America's strength must show the same resolve it did 60 years ago and prevail.

As for me, today was a day that feels unreal and the images like those from Hollywood movie. But it is not. It's a nightmare that came true at the expense of thousands of lives.

By James Davison

Editor-in-Chief

It is the purpose of a newspaper of any media outlet to be not just a bank of facts and figures about events, but also a part of the support structure of the community which is its audience. Towards that end, it is my sad task to offer this special edition of The Montclarion to the nation tragedy we find ourselves in.

There is nothing I can say here about the tragedy itself that has not already been said. It is not in this publication itself, then certainly by the many other media organizations covering this disaster and certainly by those who find themselves reading this right now. Words like tragic, unbelievable, and unbridgeable do not come close to conveying the situation.

All words seem shallow and impotent at this point. What can be said are a few words regarding how MSU as an institution has so far handled its responsibility to the 13,000 students that attend this school and numerous faculty and staff that run it.

Under normal conditions, the newspaper is often and rightfully the source of criticism directed towards the university. This is part of what helps MSU take steps forward. But when lives are pointed out that they may be lost, it is then only right that The Montclarion take note of the grief of MSU.

It is with great pride as part of MSU right now that I find few faults with how MSU has conducted itself thus far in reacting to the tragic events that unfolded yesterday.

With grace and compassion support structures were immediately put into place to assist members of the campus community who needed to get in touch with family and loved ones off campus, or who felt too greatly the burden of this situation and simply needed someone to talk to.

With wisdom, President Cole has left the campus open and functional, as much a symbol of our undaunted courage in the face of disaster as it is a practical and prudent decision. The university is a bulwark of family that is not ready to hand.

"The University is a bulwark against ignorance and unreason," President Cole says in her letter found in this same publication, and it is by fighting against ignorance and unreason that we will eventually find ourselves in a world where we need not worry about planes flying into buildings on purpose.

To close down, to shut the doors of MSU, would be to let the terrorists win, because they will then have achieved their goal. They will have deprived us of our ability to learn and better ourselves, and by doing so deprived us of our ability to fight back.

I encourage everyone to push through this, to fight against these recent acts of violence by continuing the tradition of allowing the urge to take this as an excuse to become less in your efforts; use it instead as inspiration to propel you towards unthought of heights.

Finally, a word of thanks must be given to those few dedicated members of The Montclarion who sacrificed their day to produce this special edition. All of the facts and sympathies are with those affected by this tragedy.
Good evening.

Today, our fellow citizens, our friends and neighbors, our way of life, our very freedom were suddenly ended. The pictures of airplanes flying into buildings, fires burning, huge chunks of steel collapsing, filled us with disbelief, terrible sadness and a quiet, unyielding anger. These acts of mass murder were intended to frighten our nation into chaos and retreat. But they have failed. Our country is strong. A great people has been moved to defend a great nation.

Terrorist attacks can shake the foundations of our biggest buildings, but they cannot shake the foundation of America. These acts shatter steel, but they cannot shatter the spirit of America. These acts of mass murder were intended to create fear. But let me be clear: Fear itself weaves chains more durable than those of steel. These acts of terror were intended to cow the world, to cow our nation and to cow our friends and neighbors. They have not. Our financial institutions remain open. Our military is powerful, And our resolve is strong. And the American economy will be open for business tomorrow. Our financial institutions remain strong, and the American economy will be open to all who wish to do business as well.

The search is underway for those who are behind these evil acts. I've directed the full resources of our Intelligence and Law Enforcement communities to find those responsible and bring them to justice. We will make no distinction between the terror of America, with the dating of our rescue workers, with the caring for strangers and neighbors who came to give and help in any way they could.

Immediately following the first attack, I implemented our government's emergency response plans. Our military is powerful, and it's prepared. Our emergency teams are working in New York City and Washington, D.C., to help with local rescue efforts. Our first priority is to get help to those families who have been injured and to take every precaution to protect our citizens at home and around the world from further attacks. The functions of our government continue without interruption. Federal agencies in Washington which had to be evacuated today are reopening for essential personnel today and will be open for business tomorrow. Our financial institutions remain strong, and the American economy will be open for business as well.

I appreciate so very much the members of Congress who have joined me in strongly condemning these attacks. And on behalf of the American people, I thank the many world leaders who have called to offer their condolences and assistance.

America and America's friends and allies join with all those who want peace and security in the world and we stand together to win the war against terrorism. Tonight I ask for your prayers for all those who grieve, for the children whose worlds have been shattered, for all whose sense of safety and security has been threatened. And I pray they will be comforted by a power greater than any of us spoken through the ages in Psalm 23: "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me." This is a day when all Americans from every walk of life unite in our resolve for justice and peace. America has stood down its enemies before, and we will do so this time.

None of us will ever forget this day, yet we go forward with unfaltering purpose. We will defend freedom and all that is good and just in our world. Thank you. Good night and God bless America.

Speech Originally Aired yesterday at 1:04pm EDT

President Bush & the World Respond's To Unprovoked Terror

Both Speeches were transcribed

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PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH

SEPTEMBER 11

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I ask the American people to join me in saying a prayer for the victims and their families. I want to reassure the American people that the full resources of the federal government are working to assist local authorities to save lives and to help the victims of these attacks.

Make no mistake, the United States will hunt down and punish those responsible for these cowardly acts. I've been in regular contact with the vice president, secretary of defense, the national security team and my cabinet. We have taken all appropriate security precautions to protect the American people. Our military at home and around the world is on high alert status and we've taken the necessary security precautions to continue the functions of your government.

We have been in touch with the leaders of Congress and with world leaders to assure them that we will do whatever is necessary to protect America and Americans.

I ask the American people to join me in saying a thanks for all the folks who have been fighting hard to help our fellow citizens and to join me in saying a prayer for the victims and their families.

The resolve of our great nation is being tested. Make no mistake. We will show the world that we will pass this test.

God bless.

Speech Originally Aired yesterday at 8:33pm EDT

The after-math at the Pentagon.

International response

PALESTINIAN

"Joseph Atiyat"

"I send my condolences to the president, the government and the people for this teror incident. We are completely shocked. It's unbelievable."

ISRAEL

Israel Foreign Minister

Shimron Peres

"The entire Jewish people share the sorrow of the United States... it is a human tragedy against a much more serious and in-depth organization against terror in every country and in every way without compromise... we know about countries that are terror centers."

LEBANON

Lebanon Prime Minister

Rafik Al-Hariri

"The tragic actions contra human and religious values."

HAMAS

Leader of Hamas

"No doubt this is a result of injustice the U.S practices against the weak in the world."

ISLAMIC JIHAD

Militant Palestinian Group

"This mass terrorism is the new evil in our world today. It is perpetrated by fanatics who are utterly indifferent to the sanctity of life."

JAPAN

Prime Minister

Junichiro Koizum

"The incident in the United States is extremely cowardly and is beyond what any words can describe."

PHILIPPINES

Spokesman for Philippine President

Macapagal Arroyo

"She condemns what is obviously the worst terrorist attack on a leader of civilized society."

ENGLAND

Prime Minister

Tony Blair

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POLITICAL COMMENTARY

OPEN OFFICE

September 12, 2001

Open Letter to Members of the Montclair State University Community:

Tuesday was a dreadful and terrifying day. Here, at the University, the sun was shining and students were going to classes, when suddenly, a few short miles away, the morning was shattered with explosions and massive death and injury. Cut off by the river, we all watched and listened, helpless to do anything, as one explosion after another brought the World Trade Centers down.

Some people in our community were directly and very painfully affected by this tragedy, and all of us grieve for them and for all the victims of these events. In the aftermath, the question uppermost in our minds is what it is that we should do, as individuals and as a University community, to respond. I would suggest these three ways that we can help.

First, we must do all we can to help and support those who may know or who have been directly touched by this tragedy.

Second, we can do some practical things to help. For example, we can give blood, we can cooperate in regard to the use of communications and transportation systems, or we can provide housing, food, and transportation to community members who have temporarily been cut off from access to their homes. Vice President Pennington and the Student Development and Campus Life staff will be the central information point for those kinds of practical opportunities.

The third thing we can do is far more difficult. We can go about our task of educating ourselves and preparing ourselves to shape a world in which such things do not happen. The tragic acts our country experienced on Tuesday were the product of profound hate and ignorance. When people do not know each other or understand each other, a fertile ground exists for the breeding of hatred.

To see the flames and destruction, to feel the blood and sorrow is the horror beyond comprehension. But to see children dancing joyfully in the streets in the face of their tragedy is some way worse. The children’s joy in the death of those they perceive as their enemies is the very seed that will grow into the next tragedy of destruction. To our obligation, even in the midst of our grief and our anger, is not to follow the pathway of evil but to use our efforts to educate ourselves to really understand the implications and meaning of the events of Tuesday, September 11.

Our commitment, as educators, is to be an example of influence as best we can the actions that our government and military are responsible for.

Finally, on a less important date regarding the day, many people have asked why I did not close the University. The more complicated reason relates to what I have said above. The University was caught against ignorance and unreason, and my feelings suggested that, in the face of such poetry, it was not a day on which our doors should close. The simpler reason for the decision was that there was no danger on the campuses, and I could not see how closing the University would help the situation in any positive way. On the contrary, it seemed to indicate by keeping the University open and running to the fullest extent possible, we would have the ability to attend best to the thousands of students who live on the campus and to the thousands of other commuter students who were already here on campus. In addition, it enabled us to organize some of the urgent needs that arose as a result of the event, for example, the care of children on campus who could not be reached by their parents in New York City, or the needs of students and employees unable to get home, or the psychological needs of students or employees having difficulty coping with the events. Some of our police officers were dispatched to assist New York City at their staging areas, and our ambulance was dispatched to assist at the George Washington Bridge.

Clearly, the events of Tuesday, September 11 will be with us for a long time to come. I would encourage all members of the University to think of ways in which, as an educational community, we can best respond.

Sincerely,
Susan A. Cole, President