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Effects of East Coast terror reach Midland



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Freshmen Katie Schroeder, Alison Birens, Jill Helt, Candace Brimmerman and junior Dani Taylor are among the many students who gathered around "The Cross at the Center" on Sept. 11 during the candle vigil. People from the community, students, faculty and staff were allowed to express their feelings and say prayers at a podium at the fountain regarding the terrorist attacks.

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8:45 a.m. (all times are EDT): A hijacked passenger jet, American Airlines Flight 11 out of Boston, Massachusetts, crashes into the north tower of the World Trade Center, tearing a hole in the building and setting it afire.

9:03 a.m.: A second hijacked airliner, United Airlines Flight 175 from Boston, crashes into the south tower of the World Trade Center and explodes. Both buildings are burning.

9:30 a.m.: President Bush, speaking in Sarasota, Florida, says the country has suffered an "apparent terrorist attack."

9:40 a.m.: The FAA halts all flight operations at U.S. airports, the first time in U.S. history that air traffic nationwide has been halted.

9:43 a.m.: American Airlines Flight 77 crashes into the Pentagon, sending up a huge plume of smoke. Evacuation begins immediately.

10:05 a.m.: The south tower of the World Trade Center collapses, plummeting into the streets below. A massive cloud of dust and debris forms and slowly drifts away from the building.

10:10 a.m.: A portion of the Pentagon collapses.

10:10 a.m.: United Airlines Flight 93, also hijacked, crashes in Somerset County, Pennsylvania, southeast of Pittsburgh.

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

1:04 p.m.: Bush, speaking from Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana, says that all appropriate security measures are being taken, including putting the U.S. military on high alert worldwide. He asks for prayers for those killed or wounded in the attacks and says, "Make no mistake, the United States will hunt down and punish those responsible for these cowardly acts."

1:48 p.m.: Bush leaves Barksdale Air Force Base aboard Air Force One and flies to Offutt Air Force base in Nebraska.

4 p.m.: CNN National Security Correspondent David Enns reports that U.S. officials say there are "good indications" that Saudi militant Osama bin Laden, suspected of coordinating the bombings of two U.S. embassies in 1998, is involved in the attacks, based on "new and specific" information developed since the attacks.

4:10 p.m.: Building 7 of the World Trade Center complex is reported on fire.

4:30 p.m.: The president leaves Offutt Air Force Base in Nebraska aboard Air Force One to return to Washington.

5:20 p.m.: The 47-story Building 7 of the World Trade Center complex collapses. The evacuated building is damaged when the twin towers across the street collapse earlier in the day. Other nearby buildings in the area remain a blaze.

8:30 p.m.: Bush addresses the nation, saying "thousands of lives were suddenly ended by evil" and asks for prayers for the families and friends of Tuesday's victims. "These acts shattered steel, but they cannot dent the steel of American resolve," he says. The president says the U.S. government will make no distinction between the terrorists who committed the acts and those who harbor them. He adds that government offices in Washington are reopening for essential personnel Tuesday night and for all workers Wednesday.

Family ties connect students, faculty to events

By Emily Kampschneider
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"I was surprised," junior Mike Primus said about when he first heard of the terrorist attacks. "I thought, 'Wow, what's going on?'"

Primus, of Washington D.C., said he was in his dorm room and first heard of the attack when he turned the radio on. He said he first thought it was an accident. Then Primus talked to his roommate who said it was terrorists.

When he heard that the Pentagon was damaged, he said he was concerned because his aunt worked near the building and his father, a retired military major, had a lot of friends who worked there.

Patricia Trautrimas, assistant professor of English and chairperson of language, said she first heard of the attack from her daughter,

Michelle. Trautrimas said Michelle called around 8:30 a.m. while she was getting ready for a 9 a.m. class.

After she heard of the situation, Trautrimas said she first thought about her son, Mark, because he works in New York City.

These are just a few stories from Midland Lutheran College students, faculty and staff of where they were when they first heard about the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11.

Even though the disaster occurred more than 3,000 miles from Fremont, it has affected the Midland community.

In the afternoon after the attack, about 20 people attended a prayer service and about 100 people attended a candlelight vigil later that night at 10 p.m.

Dr. Jennifer Braaten, Midland president, was stranded in Nashville, Tenn.

Sophomore Tommy Nelson, of Washington D.C., reported to *The Fremont Tribune* that he was concerned about his family and home. He said four cousins and an uncle worked in the Pentagon.

Nelson said he later learned his uncle did not go to work that day and his cousins were not hurt.

Other people's plans and life circumstances have changed because of the attacks.

Senior Emerson Bastrom had to change flights for his trip to study abroad to Sept. 18. People with money invested in the stock market, students registered to travel to Europe during interterm and those planning to fly to different destinations will also be affected by the attacks.

Primus said he tried to call home Tuesday morning, but was unsuccessful. He said he was able

to call his brother in Georgia and later heard all his family and friends were OK.

Trautrimas said Michelle had left a message on Mark's cell phone and he returned the call about three hours later.

"My first thought was he's not likely to be there, so I wasn't terribly concerned," she said.

Trautrimas said Mark is a freelancer who designs and crafts metal sculptures and objects in different places throughout the city. She also said Mark had left the city in the morning right after the crash and returned the next day.

As far as the situation affecting them, neither Primus nor Trautrimas said they were too shook up.

"Being in D.C. you get used to things, but when it hits home like this, you really got to watch your back," Primus said.



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