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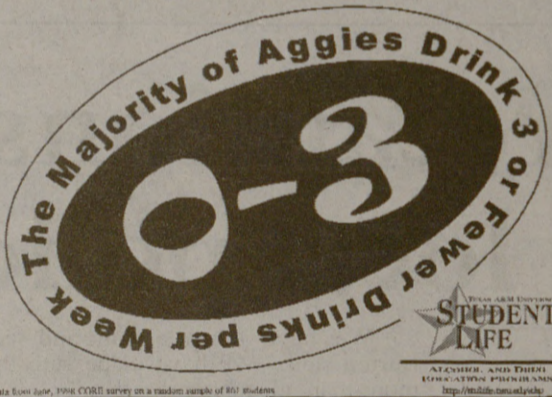
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### MUSLIMS

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Khandoker Mahmudur Rahman, president of MSA, said Muslim students share in the outrage and disbelief of fellow Americans.

"I have friends and relatives in New York, and I've been calling to see if they're okay," Rahman said. "We're on the same side, we're victims too."

Islamic extremists who commit acts of terrorism in the name of their religion are misguided, Haque said, and are not representative of the Muslim faithful.

"You shouldn't judge a religion by the misdeeds of its followers," Haque said. "If they (terrorists) did it in the name of Islam, that's garbage, because that has nothing to do with Islam."

### SPORTS

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Major League Soccer postponed all four of Wednesday night's games.

In Columbus, Ohio, the U.S. Women's Cup double-header at Crew Stadium involving the United States against Japan and Germany vs. China was canceled.

In hockey, the Toronto Maple Leafs postponed their trip to Newfoundland after Canadian airports grounded all outgoing flights. The Leafs were to travel to Newfoundland for training camp but decided to work out Wednesday in Toronto.

# New York digs out of 'devastating' carnage

NEW YORK (AP) — Rescuers dug for bodies in the World Trade Center's smoking rubble as a shaken nation struggled Wednesday to recover from an airborne attack that shut down the financial capital, badly damaged the Pentagon and left hundreds, perhaps, thousands, dead.

"It is unimaginable, devastating, unspeakable carnage," said Scott O'Grady, a firefighter. "To say it looks like a war zone and to tell you about bodies lying in the street and blood and steel beams blocking roads would not begin to describe what it's like. It's horrible."

New York was the hardest hit target in Tuesday's coordinated assault on American government and finance, which grounded the nation's commercial aircraft and led President Bush to place the military on its highest state of alert.

Just as the work day began, a hijacked jet tore through one of the 110-story twin towers. Another followed, striking the other tower in a fireball 18 minutes later.

A third jet struck the Pentagon at 9:40 a.m. A fourth hijacked airliner plummeted to earth about 80 miles southeast of Pittsburgh.

The twin towers collapsed by 10:30 a.m. in horrifying clouds of gray smoke.

The final death toll may not be known for weeks. The four planes had 266 people aboard. Authorities said between 100 and 800 people were believed dead at the Pentagon. Thousands of people worked at the trade center, and it was unknown how many were killed.

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 quickly began focusing on fugitive terrorist Osama bin Laden as the architect of the devastation, which experts said was carried out with military precision.

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 ensuing blaze and blocking escape for some tenants.

Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said hospitals had treated 1,100 injured by Tuesday night. But apparently most of the victims remained buried, and ground zero

was inaccessible for hours after the disaster due to the fire, smoke and wreckage and searing heat.

Fire Commissioner Thomas Von Essen estimated that more than 300 firefighters were missing. "Many of them were gone," he said.

Three top fire department officials were among those who died. One of them, James Downey, chief of special operations command, led a team of New York City firefighters to the rubble of the Alfred Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City in 1995 after a bombing.

Dozens of police officers were also feared missing.

The mayor said police received cell phone calls from people trapped in the debris.

"There are people that are still alive," he said. "We're trying to recover as many people as possible and trying to clean up the horrible mess made by this."

Cranes 120 feet tall and bulldozers were brought in to clear the streets. Rescue workers were armed with picks 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 to help clear the debris in Dover, N.J., to help with the recovery.

## Rescuers look out for each other

NEW YORK (AP) — Even as they scrambled to flee World Trade Center offices, workers paused to count heads, making sure their desksmates were there. Construction workers cobbled together stretchers from materials at their Manhattan worksite. On the House floor, members of Congress hugged and sang "God Bless America."

Amid the chaos, humanity emerged from Tuesday's terrorist attacks. Passengers on doomed planes reached loved ones by cell phone, saying a few words final words before the connections broke. In New York, a priest could not find the words to comfort relatives of one of the many dead firefighters.

"I don't know what to say to them," said the Rev. Murray Gerald, who was called to St. Vincent's Hospital in Manhattan.

At the Hilton Hotel at Boston's Logan Airport, where clergymen rushed to be with relatives of passengers on two airliners that crashed into the World Trade Center, the Rev. David Keene said much the same. "Mostly we listen and hug," he added.

People at the scenes of devastation and beyond reached out to each other and tried to make sense of it all.

Jason Beerman rushed toward the twin towers complex as soon as he heard news of the attacks. But how could he find his older brother, Kenton, in the mayhem?

Somehow, he did. As 24-year-old Kenton emerged into daylight from a gloom of a stairwell, one of the first people he saw was Jason's.

"I don't know how he found me," Kenton said. "He just hugged me and said 'I'm so glad you're alive.' My brother is awesome."

Beerman described the scene on the floor, where workers stopped to take care of colleagues before heading for the stairs far below. On the way down the stairs, he fled comforted each other and many used cell phones to call home. A woman reached her husband passed word. A man had hit the building.

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