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NEWS IN BRIEF

Recent developments related to attacks

- The New York Stock Exchange reopened for the first time since the terrorist attacks, with the Dow Industrials dropping 671 points and putting the index below 9000 for the first time since December 1998, before recovering somewhat. White House says economy is basically sound.

- An hour before NYSE opened, the Federal Reserve cut its key interest rate to try to keep the economy from plunging into a recession. It was the eighth rate cut this year.

- Senior Pakistani officials travel to neighboring Afghanistan and ask the Taliban's supreme leader to hand over Osama bin Laden or risk massive retaliatory assault from the West.

- President George W. Bush pledges "crusade" to "rid the world of evil-doers," brushes off reported bin Laden denial; Vice President Dick Cheney warns that those who harbor terrorists face "the full wrath of the United States"

- Number missing at World Trade Center reaches 4,957; 190 confirmed dead, 115 identified, though not all names made public. Confirmed Pentagon death toll on the ground 6; unaccounted for, 118. Identified victims on two planes that struck World Trade Center: 145. On plane that struck Pentagon: 59. New York Fire Department promotes 168 firefighters to fill void left by nearly 300 firefighters still missing.

- The IMF and the World Bank, both in Washington, cancels Sept. 29-30 annual meetings out of respect for families touched by terror attacks and to let law enforcement officials to focus on issues raised by attacks.

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WEATHER

TODAY
HIGH 93° F
LOW 72° F

TOMORROW
HIGH 93° F
LOW 72° F

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Bush raises threat

President wants Osama bin Laden 'dead or alive'

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush said Monday the United States wants terrorism suspect Osama bin Laden "dead or alive." The Federal Reserve cut key interest rates, but nervous investors sent Dow Jones industrial stocks plunging to their largest point loss ever.

Faced with a faltering economy, Bush met with top domestic policy advisers late Monday to consider legislation to bail out hard-hit U.S. airlines. And aides said he is weighing a new economic stimulus package that might include new tax cuts.

"I've got great faith in the economy. I understand it's tough right now," Bush said. "Transportation business is hurting." He suggested that stock markets, closed since last Tuesday's attacks, had been "correcting prior to this crisis."

Even though the Federal Reserve slashed its benchmark federal funds and discount interest rates by half a percentage point, stocks plummeted as markets opened for the first time since the devastating attack in the heart of New York's financial district.

Airline, insurance and entertainment stocks were hit particularly hard. The Dow Jones industrials suffered their biggest one-day point drop, 684.81, to 8,920.70, dropping below 9,000 for the first time since December 1998.

Bush balanced attending to the weakening economy with preparing the military — and the nation — for possibly prolonged conflict in the battle against international terrorism.

"We will win the war and there will be costs," Bush said during a visit to the Pentagon, badly damaged when hit by one of the hijacked airliners. "The U.S. military is ready to defend freedom at any cost," he said as the Defense Department readied call-up orders for an estimated 35,000 reservists.

The FBI, meanwhile, said it had detained 49 people for questioning in the jetliner attacks that left 5,000 or more dead at the destroyed World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon.

Attorney General John Ashcroft announced that numerous federal agents would fly on commercial airliners to provide safety and urged Congress to act quickly on anti-terrorism legislation.

"We need these tools to fight the terrorism threat which exists in the United States and we must meet that growing threat," Ashcroft said.

At the meeting on the airline industry's problems, Bush directed his staff to develop a comprehensive package to help the carriers, said White House spokeswoman Claire Buchan. She did not elaborate. The airlines are seeking a \$20 billion package.

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Red, White and Blue Out



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Collin Korenek sifts through boxes Monday to find the right size T-shirt during the sale for the Red, White and Blue Out. All proceeds will be contributed to the New York City victims' families. By noon, the expected amount of T-shirts sold was 6,000. T-shirts will be sold all week in front of Kyle Field for the OSU game.

Fall 2001 enrollment up, minorities down

By MELISSA SULLIVAN
THE BATTALION

Overall enrollment at Texas A&M has increased this fall, but the number of students in several minority groups has declined.

After the state-mandated release of 12th day enrollment figures, A&M's enrollment for the Fall

2001 semester is 44,701 students, an increase over last year's record of 44,026.

A&M President Dr. Ray M. Bowen said the increase in student population is due in part to the Blinn TEAM campaign, in which 362 students on the waiting list for admission into A&M enroll part time on both the A&M and Blinn College campuses.

The 12th day figures are considered preliminary until the 20th class day. University officials said usually only minor changes in enrollment figures are seen after the 12th day.

A&M's enrollment experienced a slight increase in the number of African-American freshmen, graduate students and American Indian students. In all other minority groups, the trend pointed to declining enrollment.

Overall, A&M has a total of 3,675 Hispanic students enrolled for the fall, compared to last year's figures of 3,686. African-American enrollment figures total 1,069 this fall compared to 1,071 last year. The Asian-American student population declined to 1,339 from last fall's total of 1,377.

American Indian students were the only minority group to experience an increase in enrollment, up 14 students to 205 this year from 191 in Fall 2000.

"It's a significant jump (of American Indians), and it is steadily increasing, which is a good sign," said Dr. Rodrick Moore, coordinator for student retention in the Department of Multicultural

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TOTAL FALL 2001 ENROLLMENT

A&M 44,701

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53 PERCENT OF INCOMING FRESHMEN RANKED IN THE TOP HALF OF THEIR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING CLASS

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Princeton Review ranks Kyle Field No. 8

By ERIC AMBROSO
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Texas A&M ranked No. 8 in the "students pack the stands" category and 15th in "jock schools" in an unofficial survey of college students conducted by the Princeton Review.

The online survey allowed students to rate their university's professors, academics, residence halls, dining hall food, financial

aid and campus social scene. The Princeton Review annually reports the top 20 colleges in more than 60 categories in The Best 331 Colleges.

The most recent edition of the book, published in August, was based on surveys of 65,000 students at the nation's top 331 colleges. An average of 200 students were surveyed at each campus.

The Princeton Review survey Website, www.review.com, described A&M as a

"huge, tradition-happy main campus." According to the Review, "The best thing about A&M ... is being an Aggie."

"The survey is clearly not scientific, but interesting nonetheless," said Miles Marks, director of the 12th Man Foundation. "Their description of A&M as 'tradition-happy' tells a lot, and I think those traditions cause our students to be more active in support of

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Foundation pledges \$3 million

Groups to help with education of victims' families

(AP) — An education foundation pledged \$3 million Monday to provide college scholarships for the spouses and children of those who perished or were disabled in the terrorist attacks.

The effort is among several intended to look after the education of victims' families.

The Families of Freedom Scholarship Fund was created by the Indianapolis-based Lumina Foundation for Education to aid undergraduate education of financially needy survivors.

"The devastating loss of Sept. 11 will affect thousands of families for years to come," said Lumina Chairman Edward McCabe in a statement. "Education is a vital way to triumph over life's obstacles."

Lumina is giving \$2 million outright and another \$1 million in matching funds to encourage individual donations. The organization also hopes to raise money from corporations and other groups.

A private organization, Lumina sponsors research and projects to encourage education past high school. It was created with sale proceeds when Sallie Mae, a leading private lender of student loans, bought most of loan-servicer USA Group, at that time a nonprofit company.

Last week, the Marine Corps-Law Enforcement Foundation said it would give \$10,000 in scholarship bonds for children whose parents were killed in the terrorist attack on the Pentagon.

Lindsey Roberts, a student at Juniata College in Huntingdon, Pa., is leading a fund-raising drive to one day provide full tuition to the child of a rescue worker killed when the World Trade Center was destroyed.

The school of medicine at Marshall University in Huntington, W. Va., is creating a scholarship in memory of a 1995 graduate, Dr. Paul Ambrose, who died in the plane that crashed into the Pentagon.

UPD, FBI stress caution about charity scams

By TANYA NADING
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In the aftermath of last week's terrorist attacks in Washington, D.C., and New York City, numerous charity organizations were set up to gather funds to help support the rescue workers, victims and families that were affected by the tragedy. However, the validity of some organizations should be questioned before money is donated, officials say.

Bob Wiatt, director of the University Police Department, said students, faculty and staff should "constantly be aware" of all people who may approach them asking for donations, and the proliferation of "scam charities" are no exception.

"Scams have always gone on," Wiatt said. "Never give out money or information to strangers. Constantly be aware. Don't fall for it."

Larry Lightfoot, spokesman for the Better Business Bureau

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