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Aggies reflect on terrorist attacks

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New York City has become an icon of our country's unity and the date Sept. 11 will never again be spoken without the remembrance of the day our country faced one of its greatest tragedies.

On the one-year anniversary of the attacks of Sept. 11, students at A&M join Americans across the nation in mourning the loss of fellow citizens and remembering the tragic events of a day that will live in history.

"This is the event that has defined our generation," said freshman journalism major Analisa Gisin. "[Americans] don't feel as different because we all went through it; we all shared the same feelings that day."

Though America received a devastating loss last year, citizens have emerged with a renewed sense of patriotism and the government with a dedicated mission to defeat terrorism.

"We must remember a central lesson of the tragedy," President George W. Bush said in a radio address on Saturday, Sept. 7. "Our homeland is vulnerable to attack, and we must do everything in our power to protect it."

Cultural geographer and associate professor in the Department of Geography, Jonathan Smith, said the World Trade Center was targeted as a symbolic attack on American identity.

Smith said it is common in human history for groups in conflict to seek to destroy symbolic landscape, such as the Twin Towers and the Pentagon.

"It's a way of attacking a culture," Smith said. "[Terrorists] have imposed a permanent psychological effect that won't go away."

Students at A&M experienced shock in the morning one year ago when they received news of the tragedy.

"I never thought [terrorists] would attack civilians," senior renewable natural resources Kurt Roedel said. "It wasn't an attack on America; it was an attack on humanity."

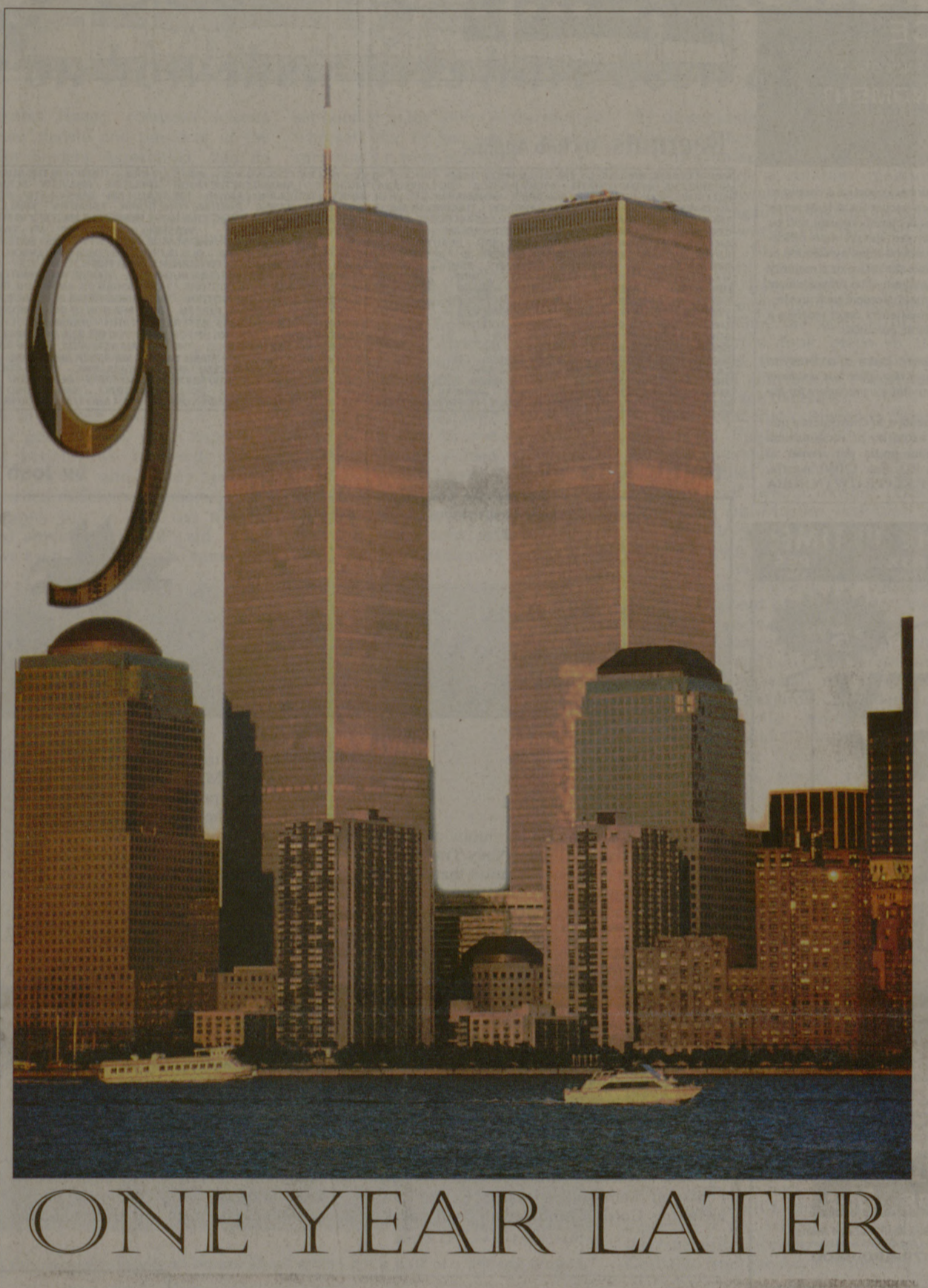
MSC Council President Barry Hammond remembers seeing students comforting each other in the Flagroom.

"[The attack] shattered the feeling of comfort for each American," Hammond said, "but it also brought a sense of togetherness."

Junior computer engineering major Idan Anis has been studying at A&M since he came to the United States from his home in Israel two years ago. Anis said he had no doubt when he heard news of the first crash that it was a terrorist action, because terrorism is a more familiar occurrence in Israel.

American friends of Anis came to him with questions about what was going on. Anis said he was surprised by many students' lack of knowledge about other nations and societies.

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Campus activities honor Sept. 11

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With the first anniversary of the World Trade Center attacks upon us, students, faculty and staff at Texas A&M will commemorate the anniversary with day-long activities of remembrance.

At 8:45 a.m., Sept. 11, 2001, a hijacked passenger jet, American Airlines Flight 11 out of Boston, Mass. crashed into the north tower of the World Trade Center, setting off a chain of events that left U.S. citizens in a state of shock and terror.

At 9:03 a.m., a second hijacked airliner, United Airlines Flight 175 from Boston, crashed into the south tower of the World Trade Center.

Following a national moment of silence, Albritton Tower will begin the bell tolling from 7:47 to 8:05 a.m. to commemorate the beginning of the attacks.

"Texas A&M is an institution that is known for its patriotism, which was evident with the red, white and blue out at the first football game after the attacks," said Lane Stephenson, deputy director of University Relations. "It's appropriate to have a series of meaningful events for Sept. 11. The day will be packed and filled with them from one end of the campus to another."

At 8:45 a.m. the International Order of Fire Chiefs will conduct a ceremony at the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum.

There will be a performance by the Singing Cadets, the "5-5-5" Bell Call and "Last Call" on the radio for those who died.

Written messages from former President George Bush and State Senator Steve Ogden will be read; and remarks will be given by State Representative Fred Brown and Kemble Bennet, the director of the Texas Engineering Extension Service. Morning activities at the Bush Museum

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Ags killed in WTC remembered in exhibit

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Jimmy Nevill Storey, Class of 1965, was on the 99th floor of the North Tower of the World Trade Center when American Airlines Flight 11 struck at 8:45 a.m. on the morning of Sept. 11, 2001.



STOREY

Lee Alan Adler, Class of 1984, was on the 103rd floor of the North Tower when the same doomed flight hit.

Lt. Col. Jerry Don Dickerson, Class of 1992,

was stationed at the Pentagon in Washington D.C. At 9:43 a.m., American Airlines Flight 77 smashed into the building.

All three Aggies will be honored in a ceremony featuring incoming Corps Commandant Lt. Gen. John Van Alstyne and a special exhibit at the Sanders Corps Center today at 10:30 a.m.

Storey, from Katy, Texas, was a senior vice president in the Houston office of Marsh Inc., a risk and insurance firm that is an operating unit of Marsh & McLennan Cos. He is a graduate of the

Lowry Mays College of Business and a member of the Corps of Cadets. He often traveled to New York City for business and was attending a meeting when the jetliners struck the towers.

"He was kind of thrown from boy to man real fast, but he handled it well," Storey's mother, Iva Dell DeStefano, told the *Bryan-College Station Eagle*. "He was a very devoted son [and] a very, very good father to his children. It'll leave a big hole in his family."



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Area schools help remember fallen pilot with quilt

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With hopes of supporting their country, 100 fourth and fifth graders from the Bryan-College Station area submitted drawings for a quilt honoring the memory of a pilot lost in the Sept. 11 attacks of 2001.

Two members of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS) chapter for Texas A&M University will travel to the United States Naval Academy on Sept. 13 to present the quilt to the family of Capt. Charles "Chic" Burlingame III, a former naval officer and one of the pilots from the hijacked airplanes.

"I feel honored and privileged that I am able to represent our chapter on behalf of a proj-

ect that has so much significance to our country," said Eddie Dutton, president of the Texas A&M NSCS chapter and junior geography major. "Just the thought of being part of this makes me feel that in some small way I have done something for my country and possibly help a grieving family."

The service project, called "Helping is Healing," was created by the headquarters of NSCS office in Washington D.C., the Points of Light Foundation and the U.S. Government to honor those who were killed in the attacks.

The Texas A&M chapter was assigned Burlingame, a decorated former U.S. Naval officer and pilot of American Airlines Flight 77, the flight that crashed



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Jeremy Wasser of the Congregation Beth Shalom sings for an audience at the 9/11 Memorial Service held at Peace Lutheran Church. The service had seven churches from the Brazos Valley participate including Jewish, Christian and Muslim.

into the Pentagon during the Sept. 11 attacks.

Burlingame was a Top Gun Pilot for the U.S. Navy, flying the F-4 Phantom for eight years. He was killed one day before his 52nd birthday.

"We had a meeting with the NSCS and were told that each chapter would be assigned a victim of the Sept. 11 attacks," said

Jeremy Jones, director of service for the NSCS chapter and a junior political science and English major. "I offered to take charge of the project and the idea of a quilt was suggested and we ran with it."

The project was allotted one month of time for completion.

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Nationwide terror alert raised to higher level

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration raised the nationwide terror alert to its second highest level, closed nine U.S. embassies overseas and heightened security at federal buildings and landmarks in America as new intelligence warned of car bombings, suicide attacks and other strikes linked to the Sept. 11 anniversary.

Americans were urged Tuesday to be alert but unbowed — go to work, to school and on trips — despite specific threats against U.S. interests abroad and less credible concerns that terrorists might attack America again.

"The threats that we have heard recently remind us of the pattern of threats we heard prior to September the 11th," President Bush said on the eve of the anniversary. "We have no specific threat to America, but we're taking everything seriously."

Security precautions in the nation's capital rivaled measures taken immediately after last year's attacks. For example, Vice President Dick Cheney canceled a Tuesday night speech and was taken to a secret location to protect the presidential line of succession in case of an attack.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld ordered that live anti-aircraft missiles be stationed near launchers that had been deployed around Washington for a training exercise.

Across the country, access was restricted to public places and events. Colorado Gov. Bill Owens, announcing security measures at the state capitol, told residents, "You should probably bring your driver's license" to the building.

Local police were on edge. They urged residents to report any

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