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Nation remembers Sept. 11 attacks a year later

Ceremonies held at Academic Plaza and George Bush Presidential Library to honor the victims

By Jessi Watkins
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At 5:30 p.m. on Sept. 11, as Albritton Tower played patriotic music, students gathered in the Academic Plaza for a special flag ceremony by the Corps of Cadets.

The ceremony began with a performance of the national anthem from the Singing Cadets.

Student Body President Zac

Coventry called Wednesday "a day to remember the lives lost and the heroes that emerged on Sept. 11, 2001."

Coventry spoke about the events of last year and how the campus pulled together for Red, White and Blue Out.

"I have every confidence that we shall continue to stand together as Aggies, as Americans and as human beings," Coventry said.

MSC President, Barry

Hammond, said Wednesday that the sense of family he witnessed with the 1999 Aggie Bonfire Collapse surfaced again on Sept. 11.

"At a significant time in history like this I am so proud to attend Texas A&M, because we exemplify everything that has allowed us to survive this last year," Hammond said.

Molina Warty, president of the International Student Association, reminded listeners

that the tragedy of Sept. 11 was not only felt by U.S citizens

"As a world we are interconnected, hence what you feel I feel, and so does the rest of the world," Warty said.

Warty said it was touching that A&M came together to share the grief of the nation and protect the international students from unnecessary obscenities.

After the Corps performed a traditional flag-lowering ceremony, speakers and students

marched from the Academic Plaza down West Main around Albritton Tower and onto Simpson Field. Students chatted as they marched and the atmosphere was neither solemn nor heavy. Instead, students seemed to enjoy one another's company on a day when they were reminded that life is uncertain.

Ashley Marshall, a freshman business major, attended the flag ceremony and the Unity March on Wednesday evening.

"As a freshman, just being here, it makes me realize how much we are a family and just feeling that bond," Marshall said.

Marshall said she was not worried about another terrorist attack on the anniversary of last year's attacks.

"Some people were, but I wasn't. I felt that our country was safe for now," Marshall said.

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Bush mourns year of sorrow, vows victory

NEW YORK (AP) — With words of comfort and resolve, President Bush joined the nation Wednesday in remembering "a year of sorrow, of empty places" since the terrorist attacks that killed thousands and drew America into war. He vowed victory over "history's latest gang of fanatics."

In a nationally televised address, Bush said, "We will not relent until justice is done and our nation is secured. What our enemies have begun, we will finish."

The Statue of Liberty and a forever-altered skyline were at his back as the president spoke from Ellis Island, the first stop for millions of immigrants and a symbol of American tolerance and independence. "Now and in the future, Americans will live as free people, not in fear, and never at the mercy of any foreign plot or power," Bush said.

"This nation has defeated tyrants, liberated death camps and raised this lamp of liberty to every captive land," Bush said. "We have no intention of ignoring or appeasing history's latest gang of fanatics trying to murder their way to power. They are discovering, as others before them, the resolve of a great democracy."

The emotional return to New York was his final stop in a day-long tour of the three sites carried by terrorism — a rebuilt and now unblemished Pentagon, a field of golden grass in Pennsylvania and the dusty, even-story-deep hole where the Trade Center towers once soared.

"In the ruins of two towers, under a flag unfurled at the Pentagon, at the funerals of the lost, we have made a sacred promise, to ourselves and to

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Bryan Fire Department paramedic Cory Matthewes observes a moment of silence Wednesday morning in front of the George Bush Presidential Library where a ceremony was held to honor Sept. 11 (top). Retired veteran Bill Farnsworth from College Station holds an American flag before the start of the September 11 Honor America Memorial Ride at the Russ Welch Harley

Davidson store in College Station (above left). Sophomore entomology major Stephen Bahr and freshman architecture major Marcus Gibbons draw stars and write messages on a car that belongs to the Texas A&M Sports Car Club. Students paid a dollar to write on the car and all proceeds raised will go to the September 11 fund (above right).

Aggies design monument for Sept. 11, WWII

By Sarah Walch
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A monument designed by Texas A&M students and dedicated to the memory of the Sept. 11 attacks on America and the World War II bombings of a small town in Italy stands in Castiglione Fiorentino, a rural town in the Italian countryside.

An exhibit showcasing a smaller model of the 12-foot monument "Memory" will be on display in the Langford Architecture Center atrium today. "Memory" was designed by senior environmental design majors Whitney Skinner, Lisa Anel and Virginia Sternat during their semester in Italy during this spring.

The statue was dedicated June 2 in Castiglione Fiorentino, the site of the College of Architecture's study abroad program at the Santa Chiara Study Center.

The mayor of Castiglione Fiorentino, Paolo Brandi, approached Paolo Barucchieri, visiting professor of architecture and director of the Santa Chiara Study Center, with the idea for the project in February.

Initially, the students worked on the abstract aspect of the project individually, then divided into three different groups and submitted the designs for a competition in mid-April, Skinner said. After winning the competition, Skinner, Anel and Sternat stayed in Italy until the statue's dedication in June, two weeks after the semester concluded.

The three were on hand for a reception at the exhibit on Wednesday afternoon.

"Castiglione Fiorentino was

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Northside volleyball court to be replaced

By Lauren Bauml
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Growing student worries of lost unity among Northside residents may be eased by the replacement of a Keathley Beach volleyball court later this fall.

Construction of a yellow lot located at the corner of Old Main Dr. and Wellborn Rd. has left many Northside residents frustrated at both the loss of a common area and the destruction of a sand volleyball court. Residence Life officials, however, said the volleyball court would be replaced once the lot is finished.

"It's all about unity, and as the administration takes away our volleyball courts and grass to play on, we lose the chance to hold events together as a dorm," said Ram Lopez, a junior rangeland ecology major.

The lot, still under construction, is scheduled to be complete by the end of September.

"Adding an additional yellow lot to Northside leaves us students with no benefits, and then to top it off, they take our volleyball courts," said Jedd Raney, a sophomore biochemical engineering and genetics major. "We need additional student parking, not additional faculty lots."

The construction of the yellow lot serves as a precursor to a new combination residence hall and Residence Life and Student Services Building soon to be located on Northside.confusing Once the new dorm is constructed, the lot will be turned into a red lot for student access.

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Search for A&M provost, VP begins

By Lauren Smith
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A 16-member committee of deans, faculty, administrators and students will have its first meeting today to discuss a plan of action for the nationwide search for the University's next provost and executive vice president.

The committee is headed by Herbert Richardson, director of the Texas

Transportation Institute and professor of engineering.

"The committee is looking for someone who possesses strong leadership skills and understands on an academic level how a large university like Texas A&M operates," said Dr. Fuller Bazer, executive dean of agriculture and life sciences and member of the provost search committee.

The next executive vice president and provost should have good interpersonal skills and the ability to interact with both

the Board of Regents and the Legislature, Bazer said.

The provost deals with more than the role of chief academic officer of the University.

"The provost and executive vice president must be a very gifted person who will be able to reflect upon and lead all aspects of the University's activities, not just academic affairs. It will take a very talented person to do this successfully," said Dr. John P. Fackler Jr.,

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Hubbard speaks about humanity

By Jeremy Osborne
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Sept. 11 is one of the defining moments of humanity, along with dropping of the atomic bomb and landing on the moon, said Dr. Barbara Marx Hubbard Wednesday night in a speech on the future of human development.

"Sept. 11 demonstrated the vulnerability of ourselves from each other," Hubbard said. "No matter how much force we use, we can't protect ourselves."

She said humanity is at an evolutionary crossroads because society has enough power to destroy the future of the human species, but at the same time has developed

an unprecedented power to create and transform.

Her speech, "A New Education for the Future of Humanity: 9/11, a Wake-up Call for the Next Step in Human Development" detailed her plan to further conscious evolution. Hubbard is president of the Foundation for Conscious Evolution in Santa Barbara, Calif.

"Dr. Hubbard is probably the first woman in the country to establish her expertise in futurist creative thinking," said Mary Broussard, chair of the Future of Higher Education Committee. "We wanted to bring someone to campus to look at all of



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Dr. Barbara Marx Hubbard spoke Wednesday night regarding the events of Sept. 11 and the future of humanity.

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