

# Sept. 11 marked with remembrance and hoping

By Nick Phillips  
Old Gold and Black Reporter

In one split second, a shattered tower fell, blanketing lower Manhattan in a fog of chaos and terror. Since that moment, America has changed dramatically.

As people across the world paused to remember the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, the feeling deep down was stirred once again in the hearts of many Americans.

Sept. 11 has affected many in some distinct way. Most have returned to quasi-normalcy, but the world is still different. It is with this in mind that

America mourned, prayed and reflected once more on the anniversary.

The day began with the toll of the carillon minutes before 9 a.m., marking the moment the first plane struck Tower 2 of the World Trade Center in New York City. President Hearn made a statement from the steps of Wait Chapel around 10:30 a.m. and then began to read the names of the more than 3,000 victims. Throughout the day students and faculty continued to read the list of names.

A documentary film was shown at 11 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m. in Pugh Auditorium, and faculty members of the religion department answered students' questions afterwards. Large bulletin boards were placed outside Wait Chapel and Benson Center so that students could write reflections and thoughts throughout the day.

"I want to pay respects for those who lost their lives, and I feel that [honoring the dead] is the right thing to do," said freshman Riley Swanson.

The American Red Cross held a blood drive during the afternoon in Benson, and the Volunteer Service Corps manned a table in front of Reynolda Hall encouraging people to volunteer in remembrance of the victims of Sept. 11. Finally, the day culminated in an interfaith worship service and candlelight vigil beginning at 8 p.m. in Wait Chapel.

Speaking to over 1,500 students, faculty and administrators that assembled at the event, Detective James Rae, one of seven speakers, spoke of his experiences on Sept. 11, 2001.

"I cried inside for my brother officers ... on that day in New York,

I lost 37 brother police officers," he said. "They didn't have to answer the call, yet they did without hesitation."

The anniversary of Sept. 11 prompted many people on campus to pause and reflect how

the year, with security measures at an all-time high.

Charles Kimball, a professor and chair of the religion department, is using the Sept. 11 attacks as a teachable moment on the corruptibility of religion.

His new book, *When Religion Becomes Evil*, was published on the anniversary of the terrorist attacks.

"The lesson is that we've always known that religion can inspire someone to do their best, but it can also be used for evil," he said. "Sept. 11 provides a backdrop, a focus to study how all religions, not just Islam, can become corrupted."

Kimball is an internationally known expert on Islam and world religions. He is currently on a one-week tour promoting the book in New York and Washington D.C.

Despite his years of experience in extremist religions and Middle East issues, Kimball still

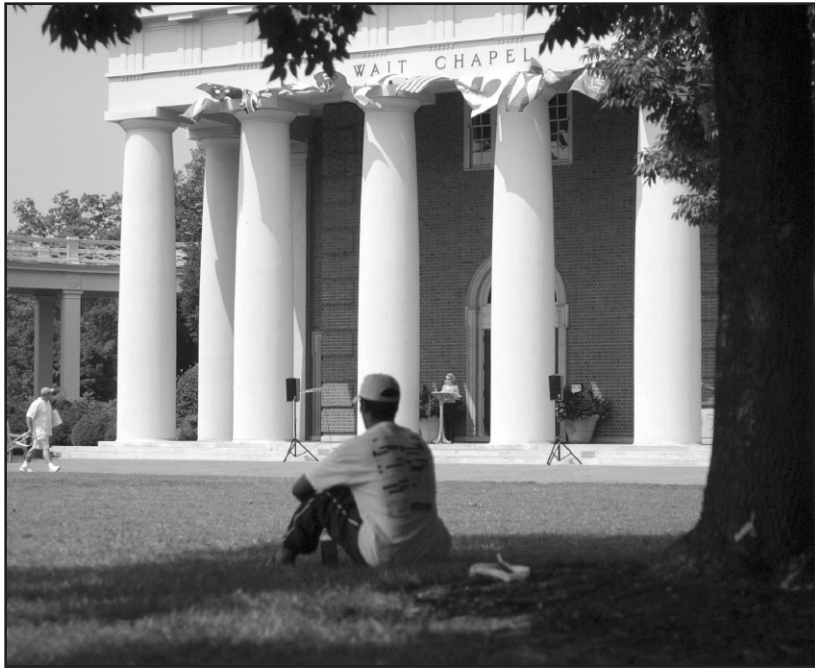
their lives have been impacted and what the future will bring.

"There is nervousness, not that it will happen again, but the memories and the anxiety are there. It should be a day of remembrance," freshman Audra Bauman said. "There is a higher level of protection than a year ago, but another attack is possible. There is only so much our government can do ... but they are watching out for us."

Junior Will Perry echoed these thoughts. "Last year, there was a unified feeling, especially on campus not seen before (Sept. 11)," he said. "But the overall impact is that not much has changed. An attack could come at any time, and the events of Sept. 11 helped to illustrate that no one is invincible, that there is no defense against terrorism."

Freshman Amy Cunneen offered an interesting perspective, as she was born and lived most of her life in Ireland. She flew this Sept. 11, and was a little nervous about doing so. Fortunately, Cunneen felt that it would be one of the safest days of

reacted to the attacks like any other person. "I was no less saddened or shocked, but not as surprised that it happened," he said. "It deepened my personal resolve to help teach what Islam means to the majority of Muslims."



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Throughout the day, students sat around the Quad reflecting on the Sept. 11 anniversary as the names of more than 3,000 victims were read off.



Photo courtesy of John Bruns

More than 1,500 students lined the Quad for the candlelight vigil following the "Remembering and Hoping" service the night of Sept. 11.

But perhaps one of the most emotional perspective is the one held by freshman Emma Doughan. Doughan, a resident of a nearby suburb of New York City, personally lost 30 people to the terrorist attacks.

"My dad worked on the 64th floor of the first tower until July of 2001 ... his bank lost seven people

in the attacks," she said. "Our high school lost three dads in the attacks - one of them got out of the tower alive, called his wife, said he loved her, then went back in to help get people out. They found his body with seven other firemen, and gave him a fireman's funeral."

A more ironic part of Doughan's story is that her sister's birthday

is on Sept. 11, and that evening the family was planning on celebrating in a restaurant in Battery Park, adjacent to the World Trade Center.

"I've just been touched all day [by the ceremonies] and I feel blessed with the ability to be here," said junior Abby Bowman, who helped coordinate the vigil.

## Graduate recalls narrow escape from Trade Center

By David Irvine  
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When Chris Young, '90, performed in a university production of *Man of La Mancha*, he could never have guessed the circumstances under which he would be recalling the songs from that very production more than ten years later.

Young was in the World Trade Center's north tower when it was struck by an airplane the morning of Sept. 11, and was able to escape only minutes before the building collapsed. While trapped in an express elevator, Young found himself singing and humming show tunes learned in the university's theater and music departments.

"I began acting in the theatre department at Wake almost as soon as I arrived on campus," Young said. "By the second show of the season I ended up with a major role and I was hooked from then on."

"Most of my friends were made in the theatre department," he said. "It was a very close-knit group that provided lots of opportunity to explore all aspects of the theater." One member of that group was Brook Davis, '90, who is currently a professor in the theater department.

"He was terrific," Davis said of her classmate. "We were both theater majors while we were here. There was a big group of us who hung out in the theater department. We all called (Young) Mr. Comedy."

Last September, Young was working in New York City as an actor and singer, as well as an administrative assistant for Marsh & McLennan insurance company. "At the time I was opening an independent film. In fact Sept. 10 was the premiere," Young said.

He had to get up early the next morning to attend a meeting with his boss in the Marsh & McLennan offices on the 99th floor of the north tower. "It was actually the first time that I had gone to the Marsh offices at the World Trade Center," he said. "I had worked previously as a temp for another company in the towers so I was familiar with them."

After setting up his boss' PowerPoint presentation, Young began to leave the building via a large express elevator, which descends 1,000 feet in only 60 seconds. He sang "I, Don Quixote," from *Man of La Mancha*, to himself as the elevator neared the lobby. But then, at 8:46 a.m., the hijacked aircraft crashed into the tower, bringing the elevator to a halt and trapping Young inside it. A digital indicator told Young that he had in fact reached the lobby. After ringing the alarm bell he was able to speak with a voice on the outside of the doors, which assured him that help was on the way. As he waited, Young also made contact with others trapped in an adjacent elevator by shouting through the walls.

After waiting for nearly an hour, another voice came over the intercom to notify Young that firefighters were working to free him. He was told not to try to get out himself. Moments later, as the south tower collapsed, a loud rumble shook the elevator and yellow dust rushed into the compartment.

"I was not really sure why the songs popped into my mind as I was descending in the elevator. I was just being silly," he said. "But when I sang and hummed them later it was definitely to occupy my mind and to give me courage. Thoughts of the production were definitely in my mind as well. I went through monologues from that show and several others."

About 20 minutes later the electricity went out. With no power reaching the elevator's motor, the doors opened easily when Young pushed the alarm button. He exited into the lobby, found the nearby elevator empty and quickly rushed out of the building.

"I spent about 100 minutes in the elevator and got out less than two minutes before the building came down," Young said. "I was just beyond the corner of West and Vesey when the north tower started to collapse - a little more than a block away."

Teresa Radomski, a professor of music, gave Young voice lessons and worked with him in several productions during his days as an undergraduate. "He was a very enterprising and well respected student in the theatre department," she said. Radomski noted that she was particularly struck that her former student sang songs from *Man of La Mancha* throughout his ordeal. "He said that he didn't know why those songs were on his mind, but they were. They were some of his favorite songs." Davis shared many of the same sentiments concerning Young's song selections. "It was very touching that that's what he chose to comfort himself," she said.

Young explained that while returning to life as normal has been a difficult task, he has come a long way. "Over the past year I've tried to get back into acting. I spent time with my family in North Carolina immediately afterwards but I came back to New York City in less than a month," he said.

"I was very determined that I would still be able to do what I wanted to do in this life and I felt it was important for me to be back in New York. I feel both great strength and weakness from the events," he said. "I freed myself from an almost impossible situation but I was also thrown into a situation that was beyond my control and could have easily turned out very differently."

"I was obviously very fortunate that day and in many ways I have been fortunate since. The outpouring of love from family and friends has been overwhelming at times."

## BRIEFLY

Campus organizations may have their announcements listed by sending e-mail to [news@ogb.wfu.edu](mailto:news@ogb.wfu.edu), faxing to Ext. 4561 or writing to P.O. Box 7569. The deadline for inclusion in each week's paper is 5 p.m. Monday.

### Graduate scholarships available for Britain

Seniors who are interested in pursuing graduate studies in the United Kingdom through the Rhodes or Marshall scholarships should contact Katy Harriger in the department of political science at Ext. 5450 or [harriger@wfu.edu](mailto:harriger@wfu.edu) as soon as possible.

Candidates must be nominated by the university. There will be an on-campus selection process in September.

### Students wanted for university telethon

The Office of Annual Support is looking for paid student callers for the College Fund Telethon. Training will take place Sept. 15, and calling will begin Sept. 17 and continue through Nov. 14. There are also opportunities to call for the law school fund and the divinity school fund. The College Fund provides

money for student financial aid, faculty support, overseas study, and library and technical resources.

Student callers are paid \$6.75 per hour plus incentive pay based on performance. For more information, contact Emily Cockerham at Ext. 5819 or [cockeres@wfu.edu](mailto:cockeres@wfu.edu).

### Marketing workshop set for Sept. 19

The Office of Career Services will host "The Real World of Sports Marketing" at 11 a.m. Sept. 19 in Benson 410. Speakers include Joe Brown of the Carolina Dynamo, Pete Fish of the Winston-Salem Warthogs and David King of the Greensboro Generals. Interested students should sign up in advance in Reynolda 8.

### International service opportunities available

The anthropology department will be holding an information ses-

sion for students interested in participating in the El Horizonte (The Horizon) Maya/Chiapas service project in Chiapas, Mexico, at 7 p.m. tonight in the lounge of the anthropology department building.

Brochures and applications will be available at a photo display in the lobby of Winston. For more information, contact Liz Story at [stores03@wfu.edu](mailto:stores03@wfu.edu).

### VSC to host Spirit of Service retreat

Volunteer Service Corps is hosting their annual volunteerism and spirituality retreat from Oct. 5 to Oct. 8 at Higher Ground Retreat Center. This is an opportunity for students to discuss connections among service, spirituality and spirit. The retreat is free for students, although space is limited. Students should sign up outside Benson 345 by Sept. 15. For more information, contact Rosita Najmi at Ext. 6537, Andy Rigsby at Ext. 8654 or Sara Duckworth at Ext. 8508.

### Lakota indian to give a series of lectures

Harry Charger of the Cheyenne River Reservation in South Dakota will be giving presentations around campus on various Native American issues. He will present "The Spirituality and Cultural Significance of Lakota Music and Song" at 4 p.m. Sept. 13 in the Ring Theatre, and "Service Learning in Eagle Butte, Cheyenne River Reservation, South Dakota: Cultural Perspectives and reflections" at 7 p.m. Sept. 16 in DeTamble Auditorium in Tribble.

### Friday the 13th bash to be held at Benson

Carolina Skeptics, a non-profit organization devoted to the investigation of paranormal or extraordinary claims, is holding a Friday the 13th bash from 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Sept. 13 in Benson food court. Activities will include smashing

mirrors, walking under ladders and opening umbrellas indoors.

### Training firm to give finance seminar

"Training in the Street," a New York City-based financial training firm, will give a two-day intensive finance training seminar for students Oct. 5 and 6.

This free seminar, which will include a 300-page reference book, is sponsored by Student Union, Career Services, the Caloway School and the Babcock School of Management. For more information, call Ashley Larson at Ext. 3833.

### Psychology dept. to host speaker from VCU

Tom Eissenberg from the department of psychology at Virginia Commonwealth University will give a speech entitled "Evaluating Harm Reduction for Smokers: The Role of Clinical Behavioral Pharmacology Laboratory" at 4 p.m. Sept. 18 in Greene 162. A social will follow in the Faculty Lounge. For more information, please call Ext. 5424

### Fulbright Fellowship proposals due Sept. 30

Applications for Fulbright Fellowship grants for graduate study abroad in the 2003-2004 academic year are due Sept. 30. Proposals may be in any field including the creative and performing arts, and are available for any of 140 countries. For information, contact Mary Friedman at Ext. 5429 or Peter Siavelis at Ext. 5451.

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