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The Blood Drives

By Terrie Fleetwood
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The nation watched in horror as the last remaining tower of the World Trade Center crumbled to the ground.

CNU students wondered what they could possibly do to help the thousands of victims of the New York and Washington attacks.

Staffers at a blood drive held Tuesday at Masonic Lodge were overwhelmed by the amount of people who wanted to help the victims of the attacks. More than 200 students, faculty and members of the community waited until the midnight hour

to donate.

"Even though it took me five hours, I feel that it was worth the wait, to help those who were so badly hurt," said freshman Devin Ralph. "I feel that it was the least that I could do."

Giving blood allowed members of the CNU community to replace their feelings of helplessness with a sense of purpose.

"I don't have power to do anything else so at least I can do this," said CNU student Emma Porion.

The blood drive was planned before Tuesday's attacks, so staffers were not prepared for the response.



An unidentified member of the CNU Community gives blood on Tuesday.

Staff Photo By Jack Watson

"They only had six beds," said freshman Emily Anderson. "I got there 15 minutes after [the blood drive] started and the line was already going out the building."

"It's actually very touching to see many people giving blood,

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but it was also sad because it took this tragedy to get people to donate," she said.

To help, members of Alpha Psi Omega and Alpha Phi Omega fraternities provided supplies from drives they held earlier this year. Local businesses such as Chanello's, Papa John's and Harris Teeter donated food. CNU donated drinks to the cantina and vans to shuttle students to and from the blood drive.

Because donors have to wait eight weeks before they can donate again, the need for blood remains high.

Donors must be at least 17 years old and must weigh at least 110 pounds. People with acute cold symptoms, including sore throats or runny nose should not donate.

Type O blood and type B blood is especially needed because they are considered universal donors.

Type A or AB blood types are needed to donate for platelets for burn victims. Several amounts of blood collected have been shipped to the University of Virginia Medical Center's burn units where victims of the Pentagon attack are being treated.

Students can call the American Red Cross hotline, 1-800-Give-Life, for more information.

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The Prayer Services

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Following the terrorist attacks the CNU community sprung in to action Tuesday night with a prayer service on the great lawn attended by an estimated 200 people, including students, faculty and staff. While watching attacks on the news with her roommates, freshman Erin O'Brien decided to send a mass email to everyone at CNU, inviting them to come to the great lawn at 6:30 PM to pray.

At 6:40, to her surprise, a large group had convened including President Paul Trible, Executive Vice President William Brauer, Provost Robert Doan, and Associate Dean of Students Donna Eddleman. "It went silent the minute I said 'Hello', it was kind of eerie" said O'Brien. The group, who came from all denominations, had an open forum to pray with everyone and lead each other in prayer. "I was touched because people, who didn't even know each other, started to cry and would just go out and hug each other." O'Brien later said.

At 10:00 am the Office of Career and Counseling Services sent out an email making themselves along with campus minis-

tries and student life available to anyone who needed to talk about the tragedy. Later, counselors and administrators were available in the residence halls, Ferguson, Harbor Lights and the student center. "We sent out our crisis prevention team which consists of people here in the OCCS, campus ministries and various professors," Director of Career and Counseling, Anita Tieman.

Inside the residence halls residence assistants were there to talk to anyone who needed the help. "Today, I was supposed to go home but I decided to stay when I found out what happened, I've just tried to be available and checked in on all my residence," said Elizabeth Brown, senior. Lounges in the residence halls were filled with people watching in horror, together. All over campus, where ever there was a TV there was a group of people watching as the news replayed. These gatherings were a support group in and of their own.

Churches across Newport News opened their doors early Tuesday. Hope Community Church opened its doors early for anyone to pray. Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Catholic Church, opened its doors for a prayer service Tuesday at 7:30 PM, many students from CNU attended.

Red Cross Needs Volunteers and Donors For Blood Drives

By Cash Arehart
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In the wake of the tremendous number of casualties caused by the terrorist attacks Tuesday in Washington, New York and the related plane crash in Pennsylvania, the American Red Cross has put out an urgent call for blood donors nationwide. The Red Cross will be holding four major community blood drives this week.

Anyone interested in giving blood should go to one of the four locations listed at right as the Red Cross has cancelled all other blood drives this week to dedicate their entire staff to one Hampton Roads site each day.

Members of the CNU community are especially encouraged to come out on Thursday for the drive at the Hampton Coliseum, as this is the only site which

will be on the peninsula.

Caroline Hester of the Hampton Roads Chapter of the American Red Cross in an interview late Tuesday night with *The Captain's Log* stated that "volunteers will be especially needed at the blood drive locations to help with crowd control, manning the concession tables, etc." Anyone interested in volunteering at any of the blood drive sites should call the Red Cross in advance for assignments, rather than just showing up.

Hester also said that the chapter will be holding a training session for emergency disasters for anyone interested. To volunteer or for more information on the emergency disaster training session or giving blood please call the Hampton Roads Red Cross at 838-7321 or 838-7320.

Hampton Roads Blood Drive Locations

Wednesday, September 12th
12:00pm - 6:00pm
Pembroke Mall, Virginia Beach

Thursday, September 13th
12:00pm - 6:00pm
Hampton Coliseum, Hampton

Friday, September 14th
12:00pm - 6:00pm
Norfolk Scope, Norfolk

Saturday, September 15th
12:00pm - 6:00pm
Chesapeake General Hospital,
Chesapeake

A Message From The SGA President Jonathan Janis

Dear Family,

I am fiercely proud to be a part of this country—the country, even amid the storm of hate and destruction, true heroism is born. This kind of heroism isn't reserved for the obvious choices, the leaders of this nation, but stretches far and wide to countless volunteers who risked their lives in the hopes of saving others. Student volunteers, who coordinated a lifesaving blood drive, faculty volunteers, that helped make sense of such a tragedy, human volunteers who responded to the need for fellowship, joined by faith, acknowledged the loss together.

Our reality has been questioned for tomorrow's are no longer guaranteed. I was calling my parents in Alabama, thousands of miles from the events, just to prove to myself that they were still there.

With so much that I thought I knew being challenged I needed that core, that stability. The greatest lessons learned from this whole ordeal were that we as human beings must acknowledge that need to connect, to validate relationships, to prove that, while physical foundations may crumble, foundations of the spirit hold fast. It took an act of terrorism against humanity to remind us of this.

The intended effects of such a heinous crime are chaos, vulnerability, and fear. Having a large student population from Northern Virginia with many D.C. ties struck especially hard, but as citizens of these United States, a threat to one is a threat to all. At Christopher Newport, the gamut of emotions displayed itself today: confusion, anger, sadness, grief, guilt, frustration, and hate. The last of which is the most dangerous. For when we hate, we grant the assailant strength. Extinguishing thousands of innocent lives is an action of the thief, the murderer, the coward. By hating this thing, we contribute to its own self-worth, by allowing it to haunt our thoughts, taint our memories, and spoil our trust in life. We must not give the responsible parties reason to believe they are anything more than burglars, who prey on the unsuspecting, shaming themselves with their cowardice.

Our former poet laureate, Maya Angelou, said, "nothing can dim the light which shines from within." That light shone so brightly Tuesday night. We as students

Where We Stand What We Have Left

The horrific nature of Tuesday's actions brings pause to us all. The callous disregard to human life is something that cannot be truly understood by the sane mind.

Yet, we are asked to make sense of the ways in which our reality has been changed forever. What are we left with?

Students: It is your duty to continue your education as best can be in the short term, and become educated men and women in the long term. What our country needs from those in college right now, is to for them to remain there.

Above and beyond your education, assistance in the relief efforts is greatly needed.

Faculty and Administration: It will be to you that the campus looks for guidance and leadership. Empathy and a kind word to those scared, confused, or lost will console many.

To All: At this dark hour, it is the duty of member of our CNU community to be sane and rational in their thoughts and in their actions. It is the tendency of some to demonize those who are different who hurt us. The worst thing that one could do at this juncture is to take out ones personal anger, fear and frustration on those who follow the religion of Islam. Those who are suspected of committing this atrocious act do not represent any facet of Islam, but only slaughter in its name.

Extremists throughout history have committed horrendous acts in the name of God, and none have represented the religions for which they stand. No man, woman, or child who reads and lives by the Koran condone or sympathize with these actions.

and faculty and administration literally reached out to one another, acknowledged our humanity and raised our voices in exultation. As the spirit of renewal rises from the rubble, we are faced with many hard facts. Thousands of our own have been taken from us. Our invincibility has been questioned. How do we as a wounded world respond? Do we, lusting for the feel of a stilled pulse, strike out, failing in an act that vindicates our loss, frantically searching to somehow equalize our dead brethren by eliminating theirs? We must reach consen-

A Message From The President of The University

President Paul Tribble's Remarks to CNU

The senseless acts of terrorism that were inflicted upon our nation have touched each of us. It is with a deep sense of sadness that we contemplate the countless lives that have been lost and the pain inflicted upon our fellow citizens.

In a chaotic world, America has long been an island of tranquility. These events remind us that America has been with freedom, peace and prosperity.

These events also remind us that we live in a hard world and America must be strong and vigilant. In truth, much of the world rejects our values and actively opposes our interests. We must never forget that harsh reality.

Fortunately, difficult times like these summon the goodness of the American people. We will hear stories of immense heroism, generosity and goodwill. I am grateful to our students, faculty and staff who have stood in long lines to give blood and who have gathered to share their grief and prayers for our fellow citizens and for this great nation. It is the goodness of our people that will prevail over this evil.

Our greatest strength is one another, for a murderer cannot understand love; a thief is confounded by honor, a coward cannot bear individual strength.

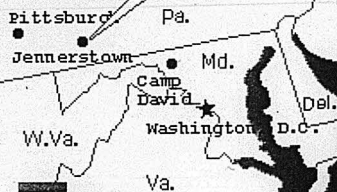
Decisions have power. Decisions have force. Today we must decide to be a community, to reach out, to lift up our hearts, and to believe in the power of this family. Together we are unstoppable, together we make a difference. A coward may have stolen from our ranks, but we shall overcome, for we are strong, we are united, we are Americans.

A day of terror

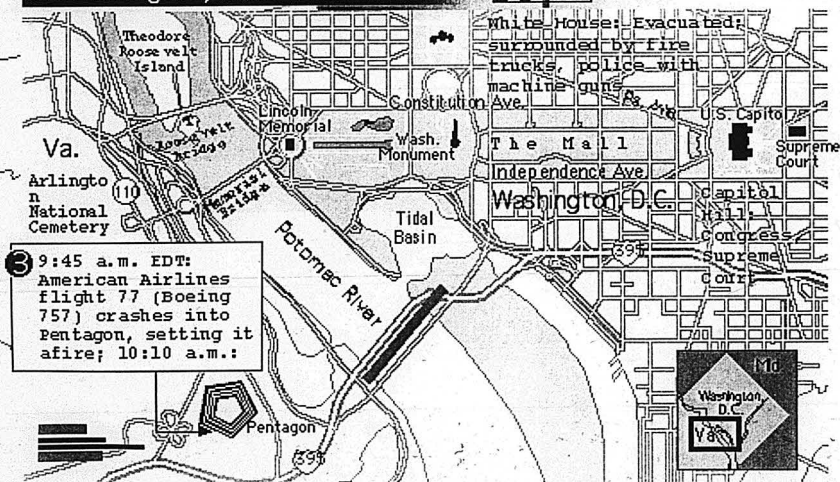
In what were apparently coordinated terrorist attacks, airliners crashed into the World Trade Center in New York City and the Pentagon outside Washington, D.C.

In Pennsylvania

- ④ 10:10 a.m. EDT: United Airlines flight 93 (Boeing 757) from Newark crashes in rural Pa.

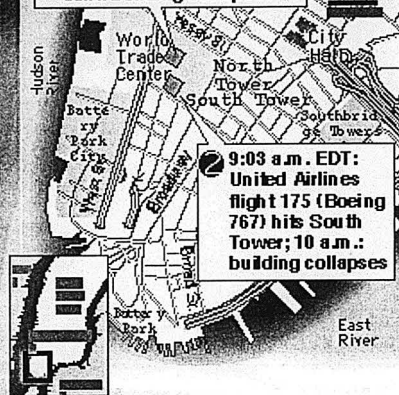


In Washington, D.C.



In New York City

- ① 8:45 a.m. EDT: American Airlines flight 11 (Boeing 767) hits North Tower; 10:29 a.m.: building collapses



- ② 9:03 a.m. EDT: United Airlines flight 175 (Boeing 767) hits South Tower; 10 a.m.: building collapses