



NEWS

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This week, in a special issue, the *William and Mary News* pauses to consider how last week's terrorist attacks have influenced the College community.

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United, We Stand

College community finds solace in solidarity

Last Tuesday left the College community with a myriad of mental images: some trying, some terrifying, and many, or most, absolutely indelible. One such scene—from which Kelly Grace, director of the College's Counseling Center, has drawn strength during the last week and a half—is as evocative as anything seen on CNN.

"The image that I'll take away from last week is simply students holding onto each other," Grace recalled. "Waiting for the Tuesday night vigil to begin, groups of students were coming together from every direction, almost all of them with linked arms, or arms around each other, offering tremendous support to one another."

Terrorist attacks on New York City's World Trade Center towers and the Pentagon, just outside Washington, D.C., left no one at William and Mary untouched. Although students, faculty and staff sought comfort in their routines—the College's administration decided to continue holding classes for just that purpose—the tragedy was never far from their thoughts, as unwelcome a guest as the television that appeared in the lobby of Swem Library. Throughout the morning, the events were narrated on sets all over campus, as if with one voice.

The College family likewise joined voices on Tuesday evening, when almost 1,000 stu-

dents and staff members gathered for the first of the week's three services of remembrance. "We gather now in darkness and in sorrow," President Timothy Sullivan told the crowd, illuminated only by candlelight, "in the midst of a great national tragedy we do not yet understand, to affirm—despite our anguish and confusion—to affirm that we are a community that cannot be sundered, that we are a community that cannot be broken."

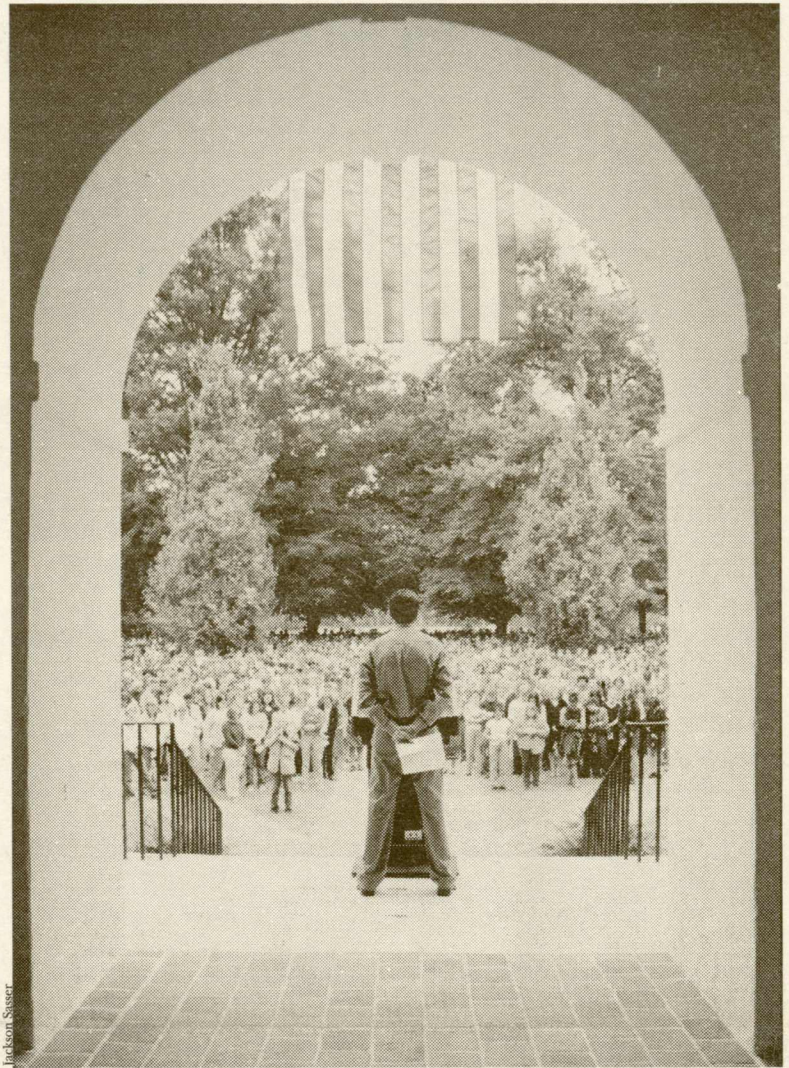
Healing on a "human scale"

President Sullivan affirmed a solidarity that was plain all day, and all across campus. During the morning, when students left their residence halls to try and raise loved ones on cell phones, friends were seldom far behind. Then, in the afternoon, many faculty members scrapped lectures to discuss the day's events.

"We talk about William and Mary being a university on a human scale, and events like this allow that to shine through," said Professor of Economics Clyde Haulman, who spent a Sharpe Program discussion group and a section of macroeconomics talking over the tragedy. "We're of a size and nature that we can come together and work through these things."

And the College continued to come together throughout the week. Immediately after Tuesday evening's vigil, about a third of the crowd adjourned to the Botetourt Complex courtyard, where students were invited to share quotes, prayers or feelings during an hour-long service organized by senior head residents Lauren Garrett and Eileen Kiley. John Mallory, a sophomore resident assistant in Botetourt, closed the program by playing "Amazing Grace" on the bagpipes.

"It was a really special night tonight, even in the midst of something horrible like this," said



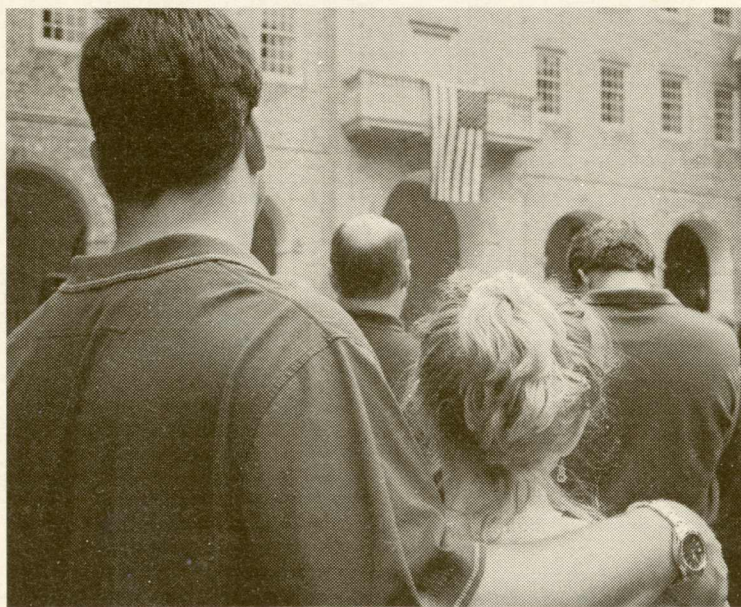
Jack Harris, Residence Life's area director for DuPont and Botetourt, after the service. "I have never been as humbled by my staff as I have been tonight."

Equally moving was an ecumenical prayer service held at midday Wednesday in the Wren Chapel, where students of all faiths offered uniform expressions of sympathy, compassion and the need for restraint while news agencies suggested that Islamic groups could be complicit in the attacks. "Wednesday was a profound moment, for the 50 or 75 people who were there, and especially for the Muslim students," said Tamara Sonn, a professor of religion who studies Islam. "The intensity of the experience was in the recognition of sorrow and the need to keep from turning our sorrow to anger and hatred."

Sonn went on to say that when students learn that Islam does not support terrorism—it also denounces suicide—their perspective

Sophomore Niket Sonpal (above) reads a Hindu text at Friday's noon memorial service. Organized by Campus Ministries United, the service also included readings from the Christian, Jewish and Muslim faiths. Over 1,500 members of the College community supported one another (left) throughout the service, the third held on campus to remember those who died in last Tuesday's terrorist attacks.

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In His Own Words

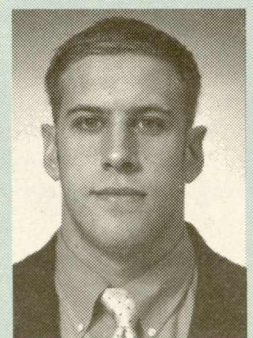
The College community received news of friends and relatives, alumni and students via e-mail messages that trickled into campus last week: some comforting, some discouraging, and each one harrowing in its way. Daron Pope '01, who recently accepted a position with Lehman Brothers in New York, sent this account to friends in the Athletic Department.

At 8:30, I arrived at the building where we are having our training. When other students arrived about 20 minutes later, they mentioned that a small plane had crashed into the side of the World Trade Center. As we looked out the window, we could see debris from the plane and millions of sheets of paper flying in the air. Not realizing the severity of the situation, our teacher called us back into the room, and class commenced. Soon after, we heard the explosion of the 767 into the second tower. It was the worst noise I have ever heard in my life.

My friends and I then ran down the six floors and out into the street. We were met by thousands, possibly tens of thousands, running frantically through the streets. It was, as the media is phrasing it, "like a war zone": there were people running aimlessly, screaming, crying, throwing up. We decided that we had to somehow get out of Manhattan. After watching the buildings burn for about 30 seconds, we

knew there was no possible way that the two towers would remain standing. We sprinted to the Wall Street Pier 11 ferry, where thousands of people stood dumbfounded, watching the two buildings burn. Pushing our way onto a packed ferry, we finally sensed a feeling of short-term security as we pulled away from the dock.

About three to five minutes into the ride, as we were heading up the Hudson River just around the southern tip of Manhattan, the first building collapsed. All we could see from the boat were people standing on the perimeter of the island, trying to get as far away from the building as possible, and then they all disappeared into billowing clouds of smoke. It was awful. ■



Pope

Tragedy brings William and Mary community closer together

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shifts. "What I'm finding is a recognition that in a time of such great crisis, we don't have time to be divided one against the other," said Sonn. A delegation of Muslim students made a similar discovery when they visited Williamsburg's Masjid Abdul Aziz Islamic Center, which was the object of vandalism over the weekend. Less diligently reported than the initial hate crime are the hundreds—hundreds—of calls of support the mosque receives from community members each day.

The students experienced a similar show of solidarity when they gathered for their communal prayers last Friday. They were joined by several non-Muslim students, there solely to show their support.

Testing a Campus's Nerves

As the week wore on, it became increasingly clear that Sept. 11 would be "remembered most of all as a day of personal tragedy," as President Sullivan said at Tuesday's vigil. Several students lost friends or loved ones in the attacks, and gradually word came back to campus of missing alumni. [The *News* will present a follow-up piece in their memory once details become more clear.] By the end of the week, Mary Benedict, a records manager at the Society of the Alumni, answered her phone only reluctantly, afraid to hear what could be more bad news.

While the College community shared in the crisis—according to the Counseling Center, each of us has likely experienced some feeling of loss [see story on Page 3]—William and Mary was not without its heartening stories of danger narrowly avoided. Bobby Dwyer's colleagues in the Athletic Department were quite concerned for his safety on Tuesday, knowing only that he had a meeting with Michael Strayhorn '83—who works with Morgan Stanley Dean Witter on the 69th floor of 2 World Trade Center. But Dwyer, the assistant athletics director for development, met Strayhorn in midtown Manhattan, and what's more, Strayhorn returned home before going to the office, thus avoiding the tragedy as well.

"I made everybody on campus nervous, I think, because I

couldn't make a call," Dwyer said of his five-hour wait to get out of the city, during which his cell phone was inoperable. "After I saw the smoke from the Garden State Parkway—it looked like what you'd expect to see from a volcano—I was glad to hear Michael's voice on Wednesday morning."

While Dwyer was still escaping the New York area, senior John Bond was preparing for the possibility of entering it. Checking his voice mail during his early afternoon lighting design class, Bond got the message he was expecting: his Virginia Army National Guard unit, the 276th Engineering Battalion, Charlie Company, had been activated by Gov. Jim Gilmore. Two hours later, Bond—one of three students activated in the aftermath of the attack—was in West Point, Va., awaiting assignment.

"We were on standby for units in New York or D.C., in case they needed to be relieved," Bond said after being deactivated and returning to campus Thursday evening. When he returned, he found several voice mails and notes attached to his door—expressions of thanks for his service, from friends and strangers alike. "It's really motivational to come home," Bond said, "and see that much support and love."

"We've got to do something"

Only a few members of the College community were prepared to contribute to the recovery efforts through military service, like Bond. But according to Hunter Abell, Student Assembly vice president of liaison affairs, most were certain they needed to contribute in some way. "By the end of Tuesday night's service, I think I had heard 'We've got to do something' at least a dozen times," Abell recalled at this week's Red Cross blood drive at the Student Recreational Center. "Twenty-four hours later, we had a blood drive planned."

The event was scheduled from 2–8 p.m., but only an hour into the drive, the quota of 300 units of blood was fulfilled. Forrest Price, a local Red Cross recruiter who directed the drive, said the overwhelming response of donors since the tragedy—along with blood's 42-day shelf life—led them to ask hundreds of donors to give later in the coming weeks.

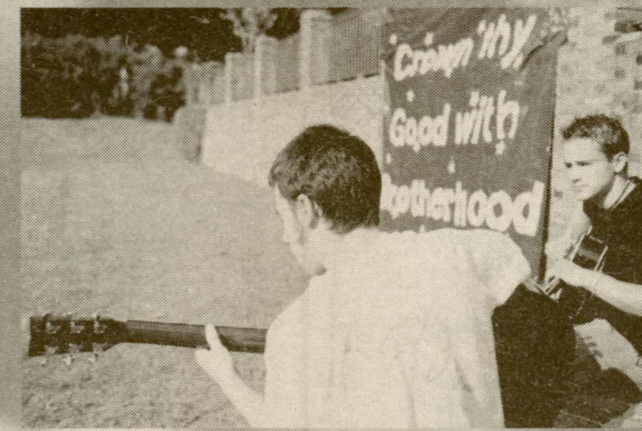
"I got here at 3:00, and they had already stopped taking donations," said Stephanie Davis, a freshman who stuck around and volunteered for a few hours. Abell estimated that more than 200 students contributed time to the effort, and they were joined in the line to donate by College staff and community members, including Tim Wilson, who was impressed with William and Mary's approach to the drive.

"Usually when I give blood, you get on a bus, they take your blood, give you a cookie and you're done," Wilson said while waiting for one of the 30-odd stations to become available. "This is really an interesting experience, though—you've got people dancing, Ben and Jerry's is here, and then this music," he said with a wave toward the two students entertaining the donors on guitar. Wilson, a money manager at Chesapeake Bank, knew 60 people who worked in the World Trade Center—every one of whom survived the attacks. ■

by Jackson Sasser



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Counseling Center Comes Through in Crisis

When John Bond, a senior and member of the Virginia Army National Guard, was activated last Tuesday afternoon, he had to, as he said, "put the emotions on hold and do what you have to do." Kelly Crace, director of the College's Counseling Center, had a similar reaction when his midmorning meeting was interrupted with news of the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Crace immediately began planning for crisis intervention.

Crace and his staff of eleven counselors postponed their non-urgent appointments and set up a satellite crisis center in the University Center, where many students gathered to listen for news of the attacks. There they spoke with dozens of students, offering them help in stemming the day's high tide of emotions—or perhaps just a place to talk. The staff stayed on-site until 10 p.m., then increased the number of counselors on call overnight from one to four.

"Being in the University Center allowed us to talk to students as they learned of the attacks—including some who were directly affected," Crace said. Thus far, the clinical response has been moderate, Crace continued, and this may be due, in part, to the efforts of students. "The response has been extraordinary in terms of students and staff members contacting us and wanting to help, calling and asking, 'How do we provide support to our friends?'"

Vice President for Student Affairs Sam Sadler's regular e-mails to the College community are another important source of support, Crace says. "This week has been representative of our community—we do very well when something shakes all of us, because we're a residential campus and what affects a few of us affects all of us."

"And all of us have experienced a level of loss as the result

of this tragedy," he continues. "Be it a loss of a sense of security or a more direct loss of a friend or loved one. Loss is a very personal thing—there's no one way to do it. That's why we saw a lot of reactions last Tuesday: some people walking around almost in shock while others played frisbee as if nothing had happened—and that's their way of coping."

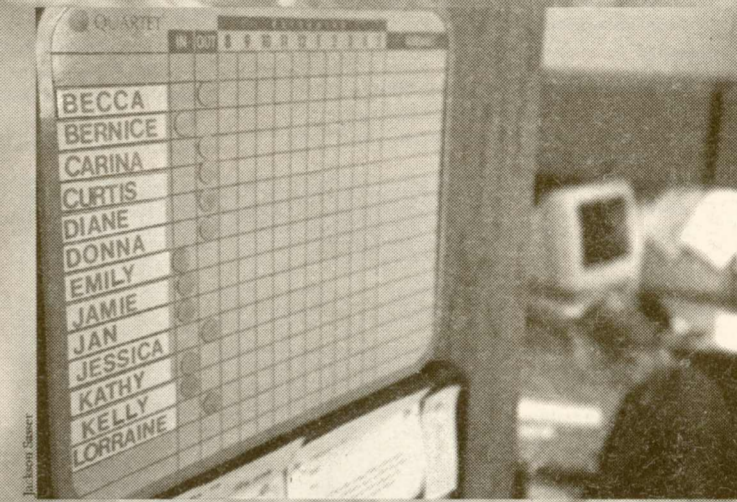
Thus Crace and his colleagues must be highly adaptable, meeting their clients wherever they happen to be experiencing their loss. Here, too, their efforts have been aided by other members of the College community. Crace applauds the efforts of faculty who invited their students to talk about the tragedy in class last week. "The faculty have certainly been therapeutic for the students," he says.

This week Crace is concentrating on keeping his staff rested—they have worked long days since the tragedy—so that they can deal with the next stage of the grieving process. "Last week was the time when everyone was in crisis mode, and everyone was helping one another. We usually get called on two or three weeks

later, when a lot of people want things to return to normal, but some people are still having trouble putting this behind them."

The Counseling Center's psychologists will likely share with those clients what Crace calls "the key point" in successfully dealing with grief and loss. "Our bodies and minds know how to take care of us during grief. If we can listen to ourselves and accept what we hear, we'll get through this in the way we need to. That includes the need for additional support—and that's what we're here for." ■

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Coping After Trauma—What Can Help

Recovering from the severe trauma that occurred on Sept. 11 will take some time. Here are some tips for self-care:

- **Allow room in your schedule for the activities that help you deal with stress.**
Setting aside even brief periods of time for self-care can be a big help in managing a crisis.
- **Your attention span and concentration levels may fluctuate during the next few weeks.**
Be sensitive to this by planning out a study schedule that seems feasible to you.
- **Keep in mind that the grieving/coping process will proceed differently for each of us.**
Remind yourself that it's OK to take the time you need to work through such a severe trauma.
- **Be aware that you may have different coping needs at different times.**
Sometimes you may feel like talking, sometimes like crying, sometimes like focusing on something else entirely.
- **Allow yourself to turn off the news and get some distance from the crisis when you need to.**
It's important to have time for laughter and fun, even during a time of national grieving.
- **Reaching out to others can often be helpful.**
Such support may include volunteering time in the community, participating in blood drives or contributing to a memorial.

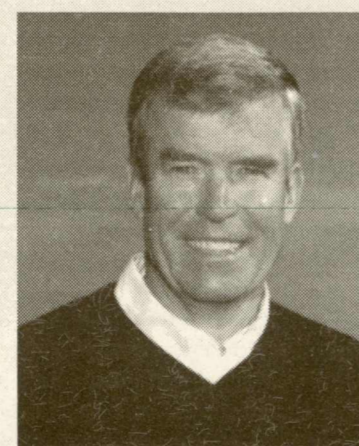
Anyone wishing to speak with a therapist individually may schedule an appointment by coming by the center in Blow Hall, Room 240, or by calling 221-3620. The center offers crisis intervention during regular office hours (8 a.m.–noon and 1–5 p.m., Monday through Friday). For those needing urgent crisis intervention after office hours, the on-call therapist can be reached by calling Campus Police at 221-4596. ■

Symposium to Address Attack

"Attack on America: The Domestic Effects of Foreign War" will be the topic of a symposium held at 4 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 21, in Tidewater Room A of the University Center. Sponsored by the Reves Center for International Studies, the event is free and open to the public.

Four members of the William and Mary faculty will address various issues related to the recent terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Pullen Professor of History Edward Crapol will discuss political tolerance; Haynes Professor of Law Paul Marcus will address civil liberties; Associate Professor of History Kimberley Phillips will discuss race relations and Kenan Professor of Humanities and Professor of Religion Tamara Sonn will discuss interfaith relations.

Dean of International Affairs and Professor of Law Mitchell Reiss will host the event. Call the Reves Center at 221-3424 for more information.



Murray

Murray To Lecture on Wireless Nation

In Colonial Williamsburg, when people say "revolution," they usually mean the American war for independence. But on Sept. 27, at the William and Mary Bookstore, people will gather to hear about another kind of American revolution—the cell phone revolution.

James Murray, a former rector of the College and the director of a venture capital firm specializing in telecommunications and information technology investments, will be talking about his book, *Wireless Nation: The Frenzied Launch of the Cellular Revolution*. Murray's work is the tale of entrepreneurs, corporate barons, American government and the "overnight sensation" that has transformed the way we communicate.

The lecture begins at 6 p.m. and will be followed by a book signing. The general public is invited to attend.

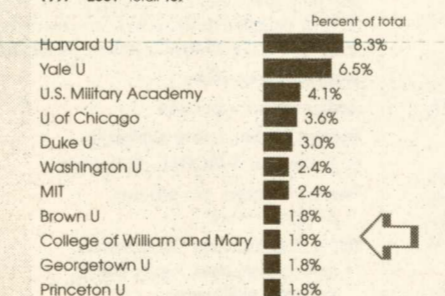
W&M Ranks High in Rhodes Scholars

Of the 169 Rhodes Scholarships awarded between 1997 and 2001, the College of William and Mary received the 8th highest percentage, according to a compilation released this week by the *Chronicle of Higher Education*. (Read the *Chronicle's* article at <http://chronicle.com/free/v48/i03/03a04001.htm>.)

Since 1988, the College of William and Mary has produced five Rhodes Scholars: Eileen Cardillo and Paul Larsen '99, Hans Ackerman '97, Andrew Zawacki '94 and George "J.R." DeShazo '88.

For more information about the College's Rhodes Scholars, visit <http://www.wm.edu/media/html/sections.php?op=viewarticle&artid=9>.

Colleges with the highest percentage of Rhodes scholars 1997–2001. Total: 169



making headlines

Background: The statue of Thomas Jefferson between Washington and McClothlin-Street halls was outfitted with one of the season's last marigolds, presumably in tribute to those who perished in last week's terrorist attacks. Clockwise from top left: Sophomore John Mallory opens Friday's memorial service with "Amazing Grace"; sophomores Mike Deloge and Pete Celona jam in the Sunken Garden, in front of a sign placed by the sophomore class reading, "Crown thy good with brotherhood"; Office Services Specialist Bernice Szabo at work behind the Counseling Center's staff roster, which has shown most counselors "in" during much of the past 10 days; Methodist Campus Minister David Hindman mans the University Center's Listening Post, which did a healthy business in the wake of last week's tragedy; a campus kiosk advertises one of the many prayer services held on campus; a simple note left on the steps of the Sunken Garden, reading, "My thoughts and prayers are with you all"; a long line of William and Mary students and staff and members of the local community wait to donate blood outside the Student Recreational Center on Tuesday; and Associate Professor of Music James Armstrong directs the choir during last Tuesday evening's candlelight vigil.

