

# THE GAMECOCK

## Rescuers find no survivors



Alex Pena walks along 6th Avenue holding a poster with pictures and a description of his brother Angel Pena, 46, who worked at the World Trade Center. PHOTO BY PETER TOBIA/KRT CAMPUS

**More than 4,700 remain missing in World Trade Center rubble**

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**NEW YORK** — The gruesome search through the graveyard of the World Trade Center yielded no survivors as the death toll mounted Thursday, and hopes dimmed for more than 4,700 missing souls. President Bush promised to visit New York to "hug and cry" with its shaken citizens.

Two days after the trade center was hit and destroyed by two hijacked passenger planes, swirling dust kept visibility limited and sanitation trucks waged a losing fight against the residue of the blast. Hundreds of family members searched for any sign of their loved ones.

Tens of thousands of residents still could not return to their homes in a closed-off lower Manhattan. Nerves were frayed by bomb scares and false alarms, both in New York and in Washington.

Even a small semblance of normalcy was yanked away: Airline flights at the New York area's three busy airports began for the first time since Tuesday but were abruptly halted. Police said a man was arrested at Kennedy airport after trying to slip past security with a false pilot's identification.

The city also brought in 30,000 body bags for pieces of human remains.

"Even scary movies do not happen like this," said Enver Kesti, 42, a pizza chef who returned to clean up a gourmet shop that once sat in the towers' shadows.

Bush declared Friday, the day of his New York visit, a "national day of prayer and remembrance."

He asked Americans to spend their lunch breaks taking part in services at their chosen places of worship, White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said.

The president praised New Yorkers for showing "the compassion of America and the bravery of America."

New York was not alone in counting its missing and dead. The Pentagon said 126 people in the building were killed in Tuesday's plane attack. Seventy bod-

ies had been recovered.

Add the 4,763 missing reported by Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, plus the 266 passengers and crew members who died aboard the planes that hit the trade center, the Pentagon and a field southeast of Pittsburgh, and the total dead in Tuesday's carnage could be more than 5,000.

That would be higher than the death toll from Pearl Harbor and the Titanic combined. A total of 2,390 Americans died at Pearl Harbor nearly 60 years ago, and the sinking of the Titanic claimed 1,500 lives.

Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz told reporters at the Pentagon that the U.S. response to the attacks that wrought these horrors would "unfold over time."

"One thing that is clear is you don't do it with just a single military strike, no matter how dramatic," Wolfowitz said.

In Congress, a bipartisan coalition worked on approving two measures: an emergency anti-terrorism package that could cost \$20 billion, and support for the use of force by Bush against those responsible.

Up to 50 people were involved in the attack, the Justice Depart-

HOW TO FIND, GIVE HELP

### Grief counseling

**THE USC COUNSELING AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT CENTER** is offering grief counseling at 900 Assembly St. Walk-ins are welcome, or you can call 777-5223 to set up an appointment. Although no specific counseling groups have been set up, the center intends to create one soon.

### Blood bank information

Call 540-1214 if you're interested in giving blood. Call 251-6000 for general information and appointments.

### Contact numbers for missing people

**AMERICAN AIRLINES:**

(800) 245-0999

**UNITED AIRLINES:**

(800) 932-8555

**THE PENTAGON:**

To check on the status of loved ones who worked at the Pentagon, please use the following numbers:

**ARMY:** 1-800-984-8523

**AIR FORCE:** 1-800-253-9276

**NAVY AND MARINES:** 1-877-663-8772

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## University cancels Parent's Weekend

*Events called off because of attack and cancellation of football game*

BY MARY HARTNEY  
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Parent's Weekend, originally scheduled to start today, was canceled Thursday because of Tuesday's attack on the nation and the cancellation of Saturday's football game.

The weekend's activities were planned by the Office of Student and Parent Programs. Its director, Rick Gant, along with Russell House Director Carmela Carr and Student Life Director Jerry Brewer, decided Thursday to cancel all the events associated with the weekend. Carr estimated Thursday that she, Gant and Brewer had about 600 families to call and inform of the change in plans.

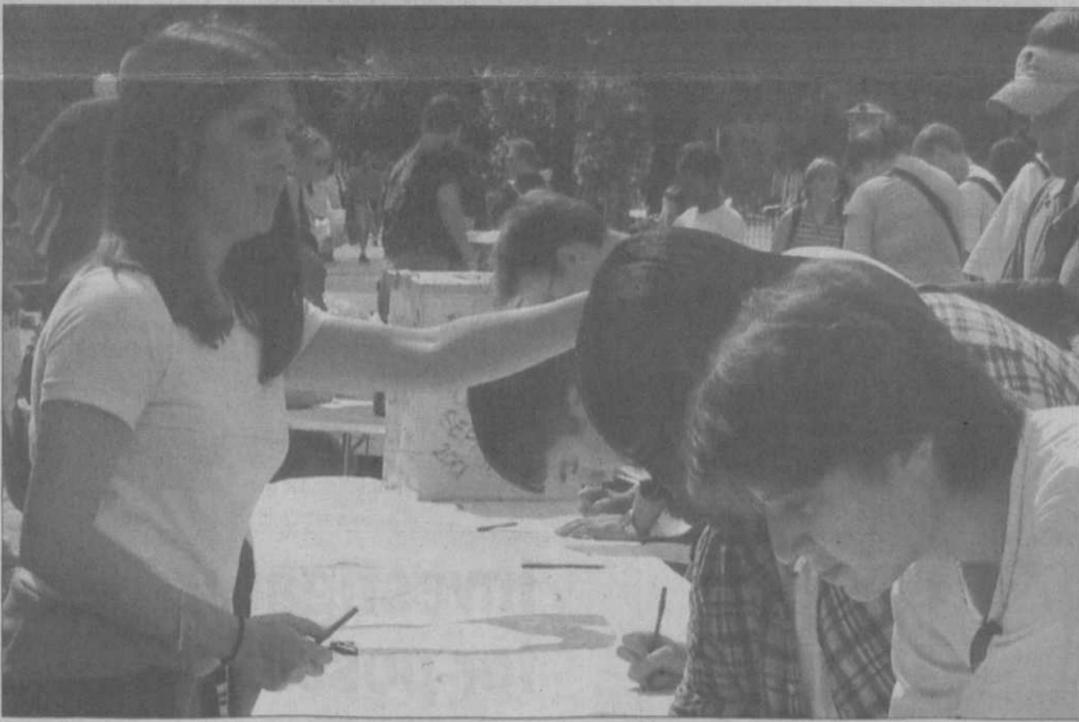
They have also posted a message on USC's home page notifying parents and students of the change and will try to e-mail as many families as possible.

Carr said phones are their "main mode of notification," and they were mainly leaving messages with parents and students. Participants can call 1-800-878-6752 to find out more information as well.

They decided to cancel the activities as soon as they learned Thursday morning the football game against Bowling Green University would be canceled. Carr

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## STUDENTS SHOW SUPPORT



Students sign a banner, created by members of Student Government, in support of the victims of Tuesday's terrorist attacks in New York, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania. PHOTO BY ANGELA DUSENBURY

## University reaches out

BY MEGHAN MCNAIR  
THE GAMECOCK

Student senators recommended Wednesday that USC erase class records for Tuesday and collect donations to aid victims after Tuesday's attack on the country.

Corey Ford, student government president, recommended to USC President John Palms, Provost Jerry Odom and Associate Provost Don Greiner that all class attendance records for Tuesday, the day of the terrorist attacks, be wiped out.

SG is collecting donations at various campus locations for a

relief fund. It might also sell ribbons to make money for the fund.

Senators have made a banner that will be displayed on Greene Street through Monday and then sent to the relief fund. Students are encouraged to stop by and sign the banner to show their support for the victims.

SG Vice President Nithya Bala said she hopes kindness will win against terrorists. Ford said he hopes strangers will help strangers, enemies will become friends and Americans will help other Americans in this time of need.

"If you do one thing -- donate money, donate blood -- then you have helped," Ford said. He said USC and other colleges and universities need to show a strong front by continuing with events and normal living. Ford said students and other Americans should "never give an indication to bow down."

Senators emphasized using the Carolinian Creed to deal with the aftermath of Tuesday's attacks and especially to discourage bigotry.

Some who attended the Wednesday meeting read encouraging passages, including Psalm 23. Multicultural Affairs

Director Brandon Ray read "Funeral Blues" by W.H. Auden, and Ford read John F. Kennedy's speech from the day Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated.

Senators are encouraging students to donate blood. The Senate contacted the Red Cross to request a blood drive at the USC campus, but there were not enough volunteers to staff such a drive because many other Columbia residents have been giving blood at the Red Cross. To schedule an appointment to donate blood, call (800) GIVE-LIFE.

## Tragedy comes home to USC

*Father of USC student barely escapes attack on Pentagon*

BY ADAM BEAM  
THE GAMECOCK

Col. Tom Stott woke up Tuesday morning trying to decide whether he should go to work at his Pentagon office -- little did he know his office wouldn't be there.

Stott, father of USC graduate student Nick Stott, decided to take the day off and "do some things around the house," a choice his son attributed to divine intervention.

"I was at work when I found out what happened," Nick Stott said. "I saw that the Pentagon got hit, so I called him because it was actually his office that got hit. It took me about an hour to get through the phone lines, and when I finally got a hold of him he said, 'I wasn't there, but my office is completely decimated.'"

Nick is one of many USC students who were in some way affected by the attacks on the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

Sarah Ritch, sister of third-year student Emma Ritch, was on a flight to New York out of the

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### USC'S PAST

**SEPTEMBER 18, 1968:** History professor Thomas Terrill began teaching "The Negro in American History," the first African-American history and culture course at the University.

### WEATHER



**Today**  
Sunny,  
86/63



**Tomorrow**  
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Williams-Brice Stadium will be empty on Saturday ♦ **PAGE 9**

### CANCELED EVENTS

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