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"Boast not thy self of tomorrow, for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth." —Proverbs 27:1

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Life After Tuesday: Campus Mourns Tragedy, Loss

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Monday we were an apathetic campus, studying for exams and quizzes, deeply concerned about the prices in the Pub and the add/drop deadline for biology class. Tuesday we were glued to CNN, frantically dialing friends

and family in New York and only concerned with the who, what, why, where, when and how flying at us from the national news media. Whether in class or in the UC Plaza, there was only one conversation to be had last week: the terror that struck the heart of the nation.

Hundreds in the Gameroom last Tuesday gaped in disbelief as the World Trade Center towers

crashed to the ground, the shock never seeming to fade with each new gruesome angle. Over a thousand people lined the walls of the UC Ballroom at Tuesday's teach-in. Students draped flags over their balconies, in their cars and even across their backs. All testimony that the horror ripping through America firmly held UMBC in its grasp.

"Three days ago I had no

thoughts of patriotism ... but the next morning I woke up and instantly became an American. This government was my government, my country was attacked, my people were slaughtered," said senior Gage Ulman to a crowded plaza at the candlelight vigil Thursday night.

The campus was crowded Tuesday afternoon with distressed students, cell phones in hand, attempting to connect with family and friends. With many cellular networks clogged, students packed computer labs and lined up to use payphones in desperate efforts to reach loved ones.

"I was frustrated by the fact that it took me over an hour and a half to get in touch with my family in New York City just to see if they were OK," recalled Scott Liss.

Even after most people confirmed their friends and family were safe, many students found it difficult to concentrate in class, too preoccupied with the horrors of the suicide plane crashes to think of much else. Many professors cut lectures short or dismissed class altogether, even before the university's official announcement at 1 p.m. canceled the afternoon's classes.

"I'm speechless. This is so huge, it hasn't sunk in yet. It is hard to focus on anything, everything has been taken up by this. I can't even figure out where my classes are anymore," said senior Vicki McGowan.

The university collaborated with student leaders to organize events aimed at providing support to the campus community. Among the demonstrations were a teach-in, a candlelight vigil, a speak-out and a memorial service.

"I am very impressed with the level of awareness of all the students on campus. I believe the candlelight service last night was the height of UMBC's development," said President Freeman Hrabowski Friday night. "The students at this school have done a superb job of organizing events to deal with this tragedy."

The various programs were well attended by students, faculty and staff. Many spoke of a need to reach out to each other. "We should keep speaking to one another and make an effort to go up to someone we don't know and say hello and ask what they think about what has happened,"

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Crying in the Candlelight: Hundreds of students gathered in the UC Plaza Thursday night to mourn those that died in New York, Washington D.C., and Pennsylvania.

BSU to Rehold Elections, Draft New Constitution

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The Black Student Union will elect a chair and a vice chair next Wednesday, Sept. 26. The electees will be charged with running the BSU and drafting a new constitution. Any student claiming membership can vote. Representatives of the Office of Student Life and the Office of Student Affairs will be present at the meeting next week, but only to "facilitate the process."

"The SGA wants this to be handled as a student matter. We

don't want to set the precedent of the administration stepping in to handle our problems," said Kevin Sherwood, co-chair of the SGA's Special Committee on Black Student Union Elections.

After the constitution is revised, the BSU will formally elect a new executive board.

The SGA officially placed the BSU on probation and froze the organization's funding Aug. 28, pending the election of a new executive board. According to Sherwood, the probationary status of the organization will be lifted Oct. 1, the first SGA

Senate Meeting after the elections Sept. 26.

The Student Government Association had ordered the BSU to hold elections Oct. 3. The new executive board would have rewritten the constitution.

"To do the elections and then do the constitution doesn't set the organization up for success," said Patty Perillo, the director of Student Life, after the final agreement was arranged Monday afternoon.

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America the Beautiful: UMBC Alum, Martin Taffe of Catonsville, shows his patriotism on Frederick Rd. See Page 14 for this week's Focus on September 11, 2001.

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