Refractons on Academic Year
Include September 11 Attacks
And Major Administrative Changes

BY JASON HOLLANDER

Because of the terrorist attacks of September 11, the 2001-02 academic year will end in the memory of Colombians like few others in recent history. Within an hour of the strikes, Columbia convened a crisis management group to assess the situation and prepare a plan of response. The implementation of that plan continues even now, more than eight months later.

Almost immediately, Columbia began sending supplies to assist rescue workers at Ground Zero in Lower Manhattan; doctors and students from the College of Physicians and Surgeons went downtown to offer emergency assistance; office space was lent to some non-profit groups displaced by the destruction; and funds were raised for recovery equipment and memorial scholarships for victims.

The University suffered the devastating loss of more than 40 alumni in the attacks. An interfaith memorial service was held for them on campus in November in the Roone Arledge Auditorium of Alfred Lerner Hall.

Throughout the year, dozens of conferences, seminars, forums and lectures were sponsored by schools within the University in response to the attacks. Some of the world's best scholars were asked to shed light on the social and political factors that led to the attacks and what will need to be done to prevent them in the future. Students found their courses of study inevitably affected, realizing they were living through an historic time soon to fill space in textbooks for future generations.

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Provost Cole to End 13-Year Tenure, Recruitment of Brighest Scholars to Campus Highlights His Legacy

BY SUZANNE TRIMEL

Jonathan Cole, a social scientist who has been provost of Columbia since 1989, has announced his intention to step down from the post to return to research and teaching. He will continue as the University's chief academic officer, he has been devoted to improving the quality of the University's faculty, students, scholarship and programs in its 15 schools.

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