Firemen are sent to the site of the World Trade Center in New York Sept. 12, 2001. This year marks five years since the attacks.

Two USC students attended a summit in Washington, D.C. this weekend to talk to other leaders and develop a blueprint for U.S.-Islamic relations in a post-Sept. 11 society.

Bearing the name “9-11 Plus 5: A Hope Not Hate Summit,” the three-day conference brought together 600 students and young adults from across the globe to remember the attacks and discuss how to improve relations among Islamic countries and America.

According to a news release, recent polls reveal that 90 percent of residents in predominantly Muslim countries view the United States as their country’s primary threat. USC students Solvin Mathew and Osama Nashat attended the conference after applying and being invited to attend. Both students were looking forward to the opportunities for discussion that were presented this weekend.

“We will be discussing how we can change and make a better future in the 21st century,” said Mathew, a fourth-year international studies student from India. “The solution is with the people if people change.”

Both students came to USC on the PLUS scholarship, given by the U.S. Embassy to students overseas.

“I am mainly here in the U.S. to get involved,” said Nashat, a fourth-year political science student from Egypt. “There is a clash between our people and the U.S. The only way to overcome our problems with the U.S. is by dialogue.”

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attacks led to safety fix

Joel Quaram

The five years since Sept. 11 have been marked with heightened security measures on campus and off. University spokesperson Betsy Simmons said the changes have been visible to students, and others have not.

“Ido not think that our law enforcement and safety officials are disorganized” as “news of the campus as ‘very dry’,” Simmons said.

The administration is taking steps to improve the campus’ threat awareness.

Some of the changes have been marked with specific numbers.

Additionally, ID checks are enforced and some passengers are randomly selected for additional inspections.

The implementation of federal measures has proven to be an extensive undertaking.

Gerald Chapman, federal security director for the TSA for Columbia Metropolitan Airport, speaks about Sept. 11.

“Schools have been aware of things that were prohibited from airplanes that today may be allowed,” Chapman said.

“New technology has facilitated increasingly effective searches, enabling security officials to identify what carry-on items pose a threat to passengers,” Chapman said.

He added that the TSA will take them to all three locations of the north pools that mark the former Towers of the World in lower Manhattan; attend a service of prayer and reflection.

Like at ground zero, Bush made a slow visit. He followed the Rev. James H. Cooper, the president of the Episcopal church, across the street from the site.

Bush’s pew in the church was filled with family members of those lost, president of the university’s experience of the attack. In mourning who lost two sons in the attack, a firefighter — greeter — helped the president and first lady sit to the opportunity. On Laura Bush’s side was Bob Beckwith, an identified firefighter who had Bush a bullhorn on the president’s first ground zero visit. Further down was Howard, the mother of victim George Howard, a New York Port Authority police officer. Bush keeps Howard’s badge in their family.

An assigned message from the Rev. James H. Cooper said: “The message to people who visit St. Paul’s is simple: Go back to your communities and rekindle a place of love stood next door to Ground Zero. Try to make the world a better place.”

Outside the church, dozens protested shouted “arrest Bush” as the president made a visit. They lifted that said, “Troops home.”

“Terrorism is a misunderstanding,” Nustad said, “We need to reach out to Americans and tell them Islam is not terrorism. In turn, many people in the United States regard the practice of Islam as a war on Islam.”

“I need the students to take us to the Foundation for Informed Democracy’s Web site; this summit has its five-year anniversary of the attacks. Jane Vigiano, who was New York Gov. George Michael Bloomberg, and Rudy Giuliani, who was vice president. On Laura Bush’s side was Bob Beckwith, a New York firefighter who had Bush a bullhorn on the president’s first ground zero visit. Further down was Howard, the mother of victim George Howard, a New York Port Authority police officer. Bush keeps Howard’s badge in their family. The president’s five-year anniversary of the attacks. Jane Vigiano, who was New York Gov. George Michael Bloomberg, and Rudy Giuliani, who was vice president. On Laura Bush’s side was Bob Beckwith, a New York firefighter who had Bush a bullhorn on the president’s first ground zero visit. Further down was Howard, the mother of victim George Howard, a New York Port Authority police officer. Bush keeps Howard’s badge in their family.

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America is not allowed to forget, that there is so much pain and suffering that remains from media.

In response to recent political rhetoric, political skills, I choose to use my mouth because all week I have endured constant doubt that I might not remember what did this five years ago on this date.

The idea that we "will never forget," is impossible because I never stop hearing about it. The sitcom itself, TV documentaries, TV movies, books, newspaper articles, Nicholas Cage movies and just about any speech given by the president has some reference to the events that people are so worried we might forget.

Additionally, since when do historical events get a slogan? Who thought of this? And yes, it is a snow job. Is that justifiable? I realize the idea implies that we will keep fighting for the things that did this, but are there really Americans that believe Osama bin Laden is helping us forget about this?

So, in response to a slogan perhaps it should have more "pain" or "horror" or "hitch" or something with a little punch, not something that alludes to the idea that we’ll be forgotten in the dust of time.

I'm not sure how many times I'll be going to class, and probably in my class they will ask me, "How do you know about those planes that were flying those planes were to go right ahead." It has always been a mystery that these planes flying those planes were to go to New York, that's just how it works.

You don't have to forget to move on.
Mother-to-be practices on-set

Gyllenhaal prepares for parenthood while filming indie drama 'Sherrybaby'

Sherry Swanson, played by Maggie Gyllenhaal, talks to her daughter Alexis, played by Ryan Simpkins, after having spent three years in jail in "Sherrybaby."

LOS ANGELES — Maggie Gyllenhaal, who broke out with the kinky 2002 film "Secretary," continues to rack up indie cred with "Sherrybaby," in which she plays a single mother trying to reclaim her life after serving time in prison.

At 22, Sherry Swanson (Gyllenhaal) has just finished three years of jail time for robbery to feed her heroin addiction. Now she has a vision of landing a decent job and reconnecting with her daughter Alexis (Ryan Simpkins), who's been living with Sherry's brother Bobby (Brad Henke) and his wife, Lynn (Bridget Barkan). Unfortunately, Sherry discovers that finding employment, staying clean and mastering motherhood are much harder and more complex than life behind bars.

"(The film) takes somebody who is so easy to judge, so easy to write off and I think it asks you, 'Can you be compassionate enough to really understand her and try to love her?'" said Gyllenhaal. "That's really a kind of honorable thing for a film to do.

Even though Gyllenhaal's life is on quite a different path, she still found a way to identify with her character. "I think (the similarities) are mostly — because our circumstances are so different — have to do with grey-area, kind of emotional things," Gyllenhaal said. "It's much harder to articulate. It's hard to say, 'Well, in this scene, this feels like me.' Almost nothing actually feels like me, but sometimes the way she'll deal with things, the way that she'll try to function, try to survive (is familiar)."

Some of the most telling scenes in the film, however, revolve around Sherry taking off her clothes for a shower and practicing on-set. "(Brad Henke) and his wife, (Bridget Barkan), who is best for her daughter Sherry must set aside her maternal ideals and accept who is best for her daughter at this time."

"I think (being a good mother) is different for everybody," Gyllenhaal said. "It isn't just going through pregnancy and giving birth. That doesn't make you a mother. I think the movie is about her becoming a mother, just a little, just a sprout, a little possibility of that, I think that as long as they've had a mother to help her is major. I don't think it means she's perfect and got it all sorted out.

Gyllenhaal doesn't quite have motherhood sorted out yet either, but she's expecting a baby with her fiancée, actor Peter Sarsgaard, this fall. It's been a busy year for the actress. Already, she's appeared in "The Great New Wonderful," "World Trade Center," "Frost the Man" and as a voice in the animated "Monsters House." She has another film, "Strangers Than Fiction," co-starring Will Ferrell and Emma Thompson, due this fall.

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WASHINGTON — With more glaciers than any state in the Continental U.S., Washington state has emerged as a bellwether for global warming.

The signs are not encouraging.

A national environmental group recently reported that North Cascades and Mount Rainier are among the dozen national parks most susceptible to climate change.

At Mount Rainier, which has more glacier ice than the rest of the Cascades combined and is among the best studied sites in the nation, the area covered by glaciers has shrunk by 80 percent, and the pace is accelerating. The South Cascades Glacier, one of the most studied in the nation, has lost roughly half its mass since 1928.

In the Olympic Mountains, glaciers have lost about one-third of their mass.

"They are the canary in the coal mine," Ed Josberger, the head of the U.S. Geological Survey's ice and climate project in Tacoma, said of the glaciers in Washington state. "They are changing fast, and that is not good.

The state's official climatologist, Philip Mote, agreed. "Everywhere is now retreating, and the smaller glaciers are disappearing," said Mote, a research scientist at the University of Washington, who's guarded in attributing the changes to global warming but concede that the evidence is mounting.

Glaciers are affected by two climatic conditions snowfall, which adds to their mass during the winter, and warm temperatures, which cause melting in the summer. The amount of snow falling in the Northwest is declining, while temperatures are rising.

During the 20th century, Mote said, temperatures in the region rose about 1.5 degrees Fahrenheit. In western Washington state, Mote said, the increase was even greater, roughly 2 degrees.

Despite some heavy snowfalls in the late 1990s, "... in the winter of 1998-99, Mount Baker recorded a record snowfall of 1,100 inches — the overall trend is negative," Mote said.

The decline in snowfall in the Northwest has been the largest in the West, and it is clearly related to temperature," Mote said.

"What's the evidence from the Washington state aren't the only ones retreating. From the Arctic in Peru and from Greenland and Europe to Asia, there are reports that glaciers are shrinking.

There are exceptions. Glaciers on California's Mount Shasta, in the southern end of the Cascade range, have been growing, Mote said. Recent studies indicate that glaciers also might be growing in the Himalayas and other Asian mountain ranges.

No one is quite sure what causes these anomalies.

"The signature of human influence is pretty clear on the continental scale and the regional scale," Mote said. But when it comes to smaller geographic areas, Mote said, the picture is unclear.

"Other scientists are convinced that global warming has caused glaciers to retreat in the Northwest and elsewhere."

"This is what the models predicted," said Joe Reidell, the park geologist for the North Cascades National Park. "They are melting fast. There can be pauses of five or six years, but they are still shrinking rapidly."

Scientists are still trying to determine what changes the Northwest may experience from global warming. But Reidell said it was clear that stream flows would be reduced as the glaciers shrink, affecting the region's extensive system of hydroelectric dams and salmon and other fish. Reidell said summer flows in one drainage in the North Cascades had dropped by 23 percent; if the glaciers disappear they'll fall by 60 percent.

Facts on glaciers in Washington state:

● The 25 major glaciers on Mount Rainier collectively hold the largest collection of permanent ice on a single U.S. mountain outside Alaska. They cover about 34 square miles at about 1 cube mile.

● The North Cascades National Park has 318 glaciers, or about 40 percent of the land covered by glaciers in the United States outside Alaska. The park and nearby areas have about 42 square miles of ice.

● Long ago, mile-thick glaciers flowing down from the Olympic Mountains gouged out Puget Sound, isolating the Olympic Peninsula from the mainland. The Olympics have about 18 square miles of ice.

Washington state's glaciers melting; scientists concerned by potential effects

Les Blumbergh

Chief Scientist

Ohio's glaciers shrinking; scientists concerned by potential effects

● The Ohio Department of Natural Resources' study of state glaciers showed that 25 of the state's 33 glaciers have undergone a significant recession since the 1920s.

● Ohio's largest glacier, the Ohio Glacier, has shrunk by about 70 percent since the 1800s.

● Glaciers in the state's Appalachian Mountains have also undergone significant recession.

● Scientists say that climate change is the likely cause of the recession.

● The recession of Ohio's glaciers has had significant ecological and economic impacts, including changes in water availability and loss of recreational opportunities.

● Ohio's glaciers are declining at a faster rate than many other glaciers in the United States due to climate change.

● Scientists predict that Ohio's glaciers will continue to shrink as global temperatures continue to rise.

● The recession of Ohio's glaciers highlights the need for action to address climate change and protect the state's natural resources.
Today

Singer/Songwriter Night: Aaron Crane, Quark Lepton, Dylan Gilbert, Devon Wolfe, Biskets, Phil Pucci "Aloha, Dear Andrea": New Brookland Tavern, 122 State St. 6 p.m. $4. All ages.

EURO MOTORCYCLE CLUB: Art Bar, 1211 Park St. 8 p.m.

COLUMBIA AFTER DARK: FELLOWSHIP AND WORSHIP FOR SINGLE ADULTS: Jammin Java, 1530 Main St. 7 p.m. doors. Free.

Inside The Box • By Marlowe Leverette

ARIES Make certain you know what you’re getting before you put your money down. Be fast, but don’t be foolish. Read the small print.

TAURUS Others don’t always agree with you. Be gentle with them, when they argue. You don’t have to shout, you’re right and, of course, they’ll realize that pretty soon.

GEMINI You’re busy cleaning up old messes, so don’t complain. Instead, ask if you’re doing it right. You’ll make an awesome impression.

CANCER You’re naturally frugal, and there’s no reason to be self-conscious about it. Hang out with friends who share your values and you’ll learn to save even more.

LEO You’re getting to the point where you can ask for more and get it. Don’t just be confident, actually prove you can do what you say you can.

VIRGO You’re naturally a perfectionist, so you don’t really mind putting in the extra effort. Make sure everything’s right.

LIBRA You have enough to get an upgrade you’ve been thinking about. Don’t overdo, however, and splurge on a whole new wardrobe. Exercise restraint.

SCORPIO Let somebody else represent you, but make sure they know what you want them to do. Don’t ask anything else. SAGITTARIUS Capsule is advised, double-check the requirements. Others expect you to do the extra homework. This requires extra study.

CAPRICORN Shift your schedule to give yourself extra time to play with your family. It won’t hurt the people with whom you’re doing business to wait for a while.

AQUARIUS You like to have a solid foundation to base your opinions upon. That’s why you do the extra homework. Don’t take unnecessary risks.

PISCES You’re seeing more clearly now. Avoid distractions and you can solve a puzzle.

A Word for the Wise

sagacious (soj-uh-sis) adj. - Haughtiness, disdainful or contemptuous, full of or characterized by scorn, haughty

Ex: “The sagacious nature of my anthropology professor during our meeting was probably justified, I was sitting in the front row and wearing a T-shirt that said ‘Darwin Sucks’.”

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A Word from the Wise

Glaciers • Continued from 4

another 20 percent.

“Some reservoirs get 20, 30 and even 40 percent of their water during the summer from glaciers,” he said.

Reidel said no one knew for sure whether Washington state’s mountain glaciers would disappear eventually.

“Without a doubt, global warming is real,” he said. “We need to get past that debate. People are paying attention to what is happening to the glaciers in Washington state. They could change even more rapidly if we reach a certain threshold.”
The Daily Gamecock  ● Monday, September 11, 2006


USC lost its battle of the west coast in a game against Georgia. USC finished 6-3 and thus qualified for the SEC Championship game against Arkansas. The Gamecock coach, New Athletics Director Mike McGee, bid to five SEC teams, as Florida State assistant Brad Scott for the 1994 season. There were some who believed that the Gamecocks were better than SEC teams.

But it was the last game of the 1992 season that would forever define Taneyhill's tenure with the USC football program. The Trojans were coming off a 21-22 loss to the Volunteers in the opening game of the season.

The Trojans were 4-2 at the time, but they didn't help out the Gamecocks. Georgia played a fundamentally sound game, never looked back. They led by as many as 80 points and rolled out the game with a 10-21 win.

In the third game of the season, the Gamecocks found the rhythm they had been seeking all night, and jumped out to an early 4-2 lead, Carolina's biggest lead of the night. From there, it was a back-and-forth night in which the Gamecocks refused to go away. Late in the game, South Carolina closed the gap on the lead the small lead the Women of Troy had and eventually both teams were deadlocked at 22. Southern California called their only timeout of the night and went on an 8-1 run that left the Gamecocks winless for the day and left them as spectators for the Championship game Sunday.

The Gamecocks looked tired and confused at several points throughout the night, and Haley, who has 1 NCAA Women's Volleyball Championships as a head coach [2 with Southern California to 2 with Southern California], Southern California ranked No. 10 in the nation, didn't have the start it was hoping for as it gave USC several opportunities to come back. South Carolina trailed the Trojans 21-24 in the first set, but Southern California then went on a 6-1 run to close out the opening game 30-22.

"That was a pretty good team we lost to," said Chip Holley, head coach of South Carolina.

In the second game, the Gamecocks spotted the Trojans on early 7-0 lead, and the Hillsiders from the west coast running the ball effectively and stopping the opposition on defense.

As Boyd said after the game, the team "has the talent, we just need the chemistry. We need the players of talent that some think exist on Georgia, Florida, California, and Tennessee. Those teams know how to win big games, and they know how to win championships.

Before the season Spurrier said he didn't think he had the type of team to compete for an SEC championship. But he said that they should never give up on the possibility of winning a championship.
Katie Kirkland
UGA running back Thomas Brown paced the Bulldogs.

Saturday’s mistakes weren’t even blamed himself.
“...the team’s mental errors and...”

The six-time SEC champion was all new for Spurrier.

And I’m blaming myself, too.
“...I’m blaming myself...”

While he didn’t specify after the game, Spurrier said Sunday that one of those changes could be at quarterback, which says something after his No. 1 quarterback was 16 of 22 against the Georgia defense. The offensive guru said that he could open up the quarterback position this week, with next week’s starter being the man who performed the best in practice.

“I can’t watch what we’re doing right now,” Spurrier said. “I’m not going to watch. I’ve got to make some changes around here,” Spurrier said after the game. “We really do. We’ve got to get up to show some urgency and attitude as he lost his voice late in the game.

I’m just mad that we...”

It wasn’t Georgia’s...amazing play in the Bulldogs’ 18-0 win over the Gamecocks, but the lack of USC’s...demon play that made the Steve Spurrier of old roar his ugly head Saturday night.

“...we won a stunning 0-3 inside the redzone, including three chances to score from the one-yard line in the third quarter.

The ability to finish...determined team as stagnant Gamecocks fail to capitalize on opportunities, contributes to own demise

One of those mistakes came early in the ball game, as a snap from center Chris White sailed over the head of quarterback Blake Mitchell for a 25-yard loss. Not only did the play and the chance of continuing the drive also helped kick yard away from a field goal attempt.

Last week’s MVP Ryan Succop attempted the 31-yard field goal which hit the upright and ultimately started USC’s full.

The show gun snap, Blake wasn’t ready. Our center dropped he was going to go on the foot and Blake didn’t know it,” Spurrier said.

“...up. The quarterback didn’t know we were snapping the ball.”

Carolina’s best chance to score came on that third quarter drive when back-to-back Cory Boyd runs from the 1 failed to yield points. That’s when a quarterback keeper by Mitchell on fourth down was fumbled into the waiting arms of the Georgia defense, keeping the Gamecocks out of the redzone once again.

“...it felt like we just...”

Carolina brought crowd, determined team as stagnant Gamecocks fail to capitalize on opportunities, contributes to own demise

One word was popular in the USC locker room following what can only be described as a pitiful loss to Georgia Saturday. Stupid.

“That’s how coach Steve Spurrier described her Gamecock’s play. That’s the word Blake Mitchell used. In a game where USC was 0 for 3 in red zone conversions, stupid just seemed the best way to sum it up.

“...just felt like we just kept shooting ourselves in the foot,” Boyd, a junior running back said.

Boyd, may that be the understatement of the century. Whether it’s a dropped lateral by Snellville Newton, an early snap by Chris White before his quarterback is ready, a fumble after a 25-yard run by Mitchell, or simple inexperience inside the opponents’ 10-yard-line, cutting their foot off would be a better way to describe what the Gamecocks did.

Boyd was as abundant as barks from the Georgia section of Williams-Brice Stadium. Both Mitchell and true freshman Chris Smelley marched the team inside the free-yard-line, only to come up empty each time.

In the third-quarter the Gamecocks couldn’t punch the ball in the endzone from the one-yard-line, despite three chances to do so. “...we’ve got to make some changes around here,” Spurrier said after the game. “We really do. And we will. I’m blaming myself, you. But it’s up to me as the offensive coach to make the changes.”

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While Gamecock fans may have felt like they had seen this sort of thing many times before, the experience was all new for Spurrier. The six-time SEC champ coach was demoted by his team’s mental errors and even blamed himself.

Saturday’s mistakes weren’t limited to offense. It makes it really hard to win when a true freshman quarterback can scramble for a first-down on third and long against