from 9-11 to covid-19
university life in a time of crisis
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Now, a new generation's college experience will be defined by a new crisis: Covid-19.

Now that I am a university professor at SUNY New Paltz, I recognize a similar uncertainty shaping undergraduate life for so many of my own students.

What will my students remember in 20 years about the crisis of Covid-19?

How will this new crisis redefine America, politically, socially, or culturally?

What role will media play in telling our collective stories?

Rather than let these moments wash over us, without reflection, I encouraged my students to make their own zines to capture their thoughts and feelings in this historic moment. I hope those zines will capture their thoughts and experiences for future generations to come.

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This zine is a true story.

It recounts the lived experiences of three university students who witnessed the terrorist attack on 9-11 in Washington, D.C.

The Woodstock Generation

Hudson Valley residents share their stories.
Anything I've ever seen (or have seen since). I've never seen tanks on the streets of Washington, DC. Unlike seeing tanks on the streets of Washington, DC. Unlike

I remember the day heading out to lay down to donate blood and

Whatever was going to happen next, we were trapped.

city, and where we were. It was a sinking feeling:

the streets jammed with cars moving away from the

And I looked down at the roads below, and you could see the

Blackhawk helicopters were blocking the sky. I also

That was when I really started to feel fear:

the distance. Then

Friends and we just watched the Pentagon burning in

Remember going to the roof of our building with our

House, which was a block away from us. I then

There were a few hours where they lost one

midnight. I don't think of it particularly clear.

that day? Is there one specific image or scene in your

I. What are some specific memories you have about
My college experience was defined by the crisis of 9/11.

It has been almost 20 years since Erin Devine, Pia (Varma) Rayner, and I were students and roommates at George Washington University in D.C.

On the day of the attack, we were at 2223 H Street, in the heart of D.C.

This zine, a collection of our memories from the crisis of 9/11, is the first account I have written of that day. Erin, Pia, and I have now moved to different states (and even different countries!), started families, started new careers, and started new lives.

Yet, that day is something that we will always share. Jess

Our dorm was here.
Just the another way? It was jump or burn.

Just the immediate threat of death, oval, it inn mean you internationally or does the body just tell you to escape the

They were thousands another minute of the war. It

The wind, the shots, the my little jumped, people. The people were jumping. I still allows me at

People. The people were jumping. It still allows me at.

Parallel to the building. Then you realized they were

Visuals were done delivered. The little does move

Could not figure out what the little block does were as the

spontaneous or the irreversible. Are the jumpers. At first you

The most haunting moment for me, that I still think

happening. Can.

Any time had the words to attempt to explain what was

To bring another author about the sentience in front of the

The time. I remember having to types for friends from

Significantly in years that in didn't fully understood or

Seemed like the end of a relatively peaceful era and then

thought it would be locally due to continue working out

The time between the two towers before this when I

A comfort. Why.

or Peter Jennings), voice all day and how he was kind of

Was gone. It was all a blur. I just remembered the tone

Watching TV. At first, they didn't really understand what

We were basically in bed under our covers all day.

Newspapers, Internet? Does anything stand out?

2. How do you remember using media that day? (TV,

It-

my memories.

I just have
4. Do you wish you saved anything from 9/11, or did you more to document it? If so, what would you like to have now?

I still have newspaper clippings from that day in my memory box, but I didn't do anything to document it. I knew it was important, but it was just happening to me. I wasn't reflecting on it in any broader sense. I was so young, I was 18.

I wish I had a journal from that time period, not necessarily just that day but I would love to go back and try to understand how I was processing everything. For now, I just have my memories and now those of my college roommates as well.
From "terrorism." Just our perpetual and predictable. Why were we relaxed to project
impact have also been the Patriot Act and how some of
the war in Iraq. But some of the most significant
the most obvious is our Middle East policy of course and
issues etc. CNN.

The patriotic duty to continue to ride the subway and go to
and with God and in some cases considered their
People sought comfort in relationships with each other

United

Suspicious of others but in other ways, the country
changed and in some cases some people were more
self-reliant and things that had seemed so far
were like an awakening. Things that had seemed so far
such a significant act of terror on American soil - and it
The country changed in that it there had never been

Serious wartime leaders. PAT.

George W. Bush and Cillen were suddenly taken very
changed the country and/or your own life. 2

What are some ways that you think 9/11 changed