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Cornellians React to India Terror

Students share their fears and hopes in the aftermath of violence

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This Thanksgiving weekend people all over the world were transfixed by the violence taking place in Mumbai, India, as terrorists went on a 59-hour siege of the city. The attacks, which according to The Times of India, killed 183 people and wounded another 239 at 10 locations, lasted from Wednesday to Saturday. Most of the killings occurred at the Taj Mahal Palace and Tower Hotel. The Taj Hotel is owned by the Tata group, the chair of which is Ratan Tata '62, who gave a \$50 million endowment to Cornell in October.

The attacks have affected the lives of several Cornellians, including those from India and Pakistan and those planning to study abroad in the area.

Senthil Lingamoorthy grad, the logistics head of the Cornell India Association, is from Mumbai. He said, "I'm not there now so I can't judge how exactly it feels ... but things don't really look good."

Acknowledging other terrorist acts that have taken place in the country in the past few years, he said, "None were as serious as this ... the uproar will last much longer."

Lingamoorthy heard about the attacks on Wednesday and called his family even though it was 3 a.m. in India. They were fine since they live in the northern part of Mumbai and the attacks were in the south. However, what was most "frightening" to Lingamoorthy though is that he said, "I used to hang out at Café Leopold," the site of one of the attacks on Wednesday.

Akhil Kuduvali grad, said he was also "scared and worried" when he heard of the

attacks. His father travels to Mumbai for business twice a month and he was not sure if his father was there at the time.

He called his father to check on him, and although his father was indeed in Mumbai, he was unharmed. Kuduvali also made sure his other relatives in the city were all right.

Although none of Kuduvali's family was harmed, the attacks could have far reaching effects on the family. He said his parents had been contemplating a move to Mumbai for his father's work, but they will most likely reconsider the idea.

The attacks could also change Kuduvali's graduation plans. Although one of his top choices for after graduation is doing research at the Tata Institute for Fundamental Research, the institute's close proximity to the attacks might cause



Kuduvali to reconsider.

This might mean not returning to India, since he said there are few other institutes of the same quality in the country.

The chair of the Council of Management of the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research is Tata.

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U.S. News Ranks University 15th Best School in World

By CARA SPRUNK
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Last week, U.S. News and World Report released another list ranking colleges and universities. This time, it ranked schools all over the world, placing Cornell 15th.

The rankings considered the following

criterion: academic peer review, employer review, student to faculty ratio, proportion of international faculty, proportion of international students and citations per faculty.

The information was adopted from a company called Times Higher Education,

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Students, Administrators And City Officials Meet, Discuss Local Tensions

By ELIZABETH KREVSKY
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In an effort to address the tense student-police relations in Collegetown regarding the City of Ithaca Noise Ordinance, Ithaca Mayor Carolyn Peterson assembled a group to discuss the issue. In attendance were Ed Vallely, the new Ithaca Police Chief, Nancy Schuler (D-4th Ward), Mary Tomlan '71 (D-3rd Ward), Svante Myrick '09 (D-4th Ward) and Student Assembly President Ryan Lavin '09.

According to Peterson, she called the meeting after Lavin '09 came to a Common Council meeting to address the problems with the noise ordinance and deteriorating student-police relations.

According to the City of Ithaca Noise Ordinance, a noise violation can be issued when a party or social event produces disruptive noise that carries at least 25 feet.

Lavin said that this year in particular, the noise ordinance has resulted in "an increased feeling of enforcement," leaving students in Collegetown feeling "vulnerable and defenseless."

Myrick explained that this year, police have issued tickets to each

individual who lives in a residence that has violated the noise ordinance, anyone holding an open container, anyone engaging in disorderly conduct and so on.

According to Lavin, the city prosecutor recommended this strict enforcement in order to deter future disruptions and prevent students from getting out of citations in court by claiming that they do not live in a residence, or that they were just holding water instead of alcohol.

As a result of this more aggressive enforcement of the noise ordinance, complaints among permanent Collegetown residents have decreased, but complaints among students have spiked.

The goal of this meeting, Lavin said, was to seek a way in which "we can satisfy all members of the community."

Rather than trying to change the law, which would take a long time, Lavin hopes instead that the IPD will change their enforcement, and thereby improve relationships between police officers and students.

"We want to be pre-emptive," he said, and come up with a solution that is "mutually beneficial" where

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Quilting



ALEX SILVER/ SUN STAFF

Jon Tai '11 observes the Quilt AIDS memorial in the Straight. The NAMES Project Foundation came to Cornell yesterday and will remain until Thursday.



NEWS: Save the Trees

The Cornell Plantations is looking for information regarding a tree that was chopped down.

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Ariela Rutkin-Becker '09 discusses the recent addition of the word 'meh' to the dictionary.

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Will Cordeiro grad has mixed feelings about new Schwartz Center Play *Love's Labors Lost*.

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