

Sen. Mitchell says use of force may be necessary

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FORT WORTH, Texas (KRT) — The Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in New York and Washington were so horrendous that peaceful negotiations with those who harbor those believed responsible are improbable, former U.S. Sen. George Mitchell said on Tuesday.

"Plainly there are times when the use of force is necessary and appropriate," Mitchell said. "World War II is the best example that comes immediately to mind.

"I believe that to be the case in the current situation unless the Taliban regime complies with the Bush administration's demands."

But Mitchell is esteemed for his work in calming explosive international conflicts to avoid military intervention.

He has worked as a negotiator in the Middle East and the Balkan conflicts. He brokered a deal in May 1998 that brought a measure of peace to strife-torn Northern Ireland and helped write a series of recommendations issued in May

to the governments of Israel and Palestine.

Dramatic technological advances — including the development of nuclear weapons, the potential use of biological and chemical weapons and the ability of relatively small numbers of people to inflict huge damages — have aided terrorists, Mitchell said in a telephone interview Tuesday.

"It's important that we do the best we can to devise policies to minimize these occurrences and to disrupt and destroy the networks

that use these tactics," he said.

But, he said, it's not realistic to think the United States can ferret out and smash every shadowy organization.

"No society in human history has been able to achieve the complete absence of violence," Mitchell said. "I think it's unlikely that we will achieve that in the current circumstances."

Although the federal government clearly takes the lead in international diplomacy, Mitchell said, negotiation and resolution ul-

timately takes place among individuals.

"In the end, it's people that matter the most," Mitchell said. "From my experience in Northern Ireland and the Middle East, I've learned that you can rebuild buildings and you can engage in projects and you can replace burned out cars, but the hardest thing to change is what's in people's hearts and minds."

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Crime Victim and Survival Services is a 15-year service that features a 24-hour response team. The types of crisis intervention this service provides include support, referral evaluations, accompaniment to court hearings during criminal procedures, restitution for financial loss and the return of personal property.

"A lot of the time it's (non-marital) violence," said Nancy Lukasik, a spokeswoman for CVSS.

So far this year, 689 domestic violence cases have been received by CVSS, and the service processed 2,057 restriction orders in 2000. An average of 7.9 requests for restriction orders are made daily, although numbers can reach as high as 15 per day, Lukasik said.

CVSS and the other domestic violence programs operating in Eugene all provide training for volunteers.

Campus groups also have organized several campus events for the next week to increase domestic violence awareness. People can share poetry and songs addressing issues of sexual and dating violence at an

open mic night in The Buzz Coffeehouse on Oct. 11. DJ Ronnie will play music focusing on resistance to violence against women Oct. 12 in the EMU Amphitheater, and the improvisational student group Absolute Improv will perform in "Envisioning a World Without Violence" on Oct. 12.

On campus, students who have experienced domestic violence have many options, Women's Center Office Coordinator Lori Brown said, adding that she hopes students will have greater exposure to support groups throughout the month.

The Women's Center and the Office of Student Life provide advocacy and support, and individuals or couples can make appointments with counselors at the Student Health Center, open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

Joy Lum, a psychologist on staff at the health center, said she encourages students and couples to come and talk with a counselor about past or present domestic violence issues.

She said it is important for students to be aware of domestic violence because "dating violence happens across all spectrums."

— Diane Huber contributed to this article.

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Domestic Violence Awareness Month events

"Speaking Our Way Out of Violence"

When: 8 to 11 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 11

Where: The Buzz Coffeehouse in the EMU

What: Open-mic night for people to share poetry, songs and other expressions addressing issues of sexual and dating violence

"Songs of Resistance and Peace"

When: 1:30 to 3 p.m., Friday, Oct. 12

Where: EMU Amphitheater

What: DJ Ronnie will perform a diverse play list of music that focuses on resistance to violence against women

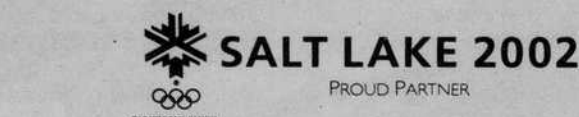
"Envisioning a World Without Violence"

When: 5:30 to 7 p.m., Friday, Oct. 12

Where: Reception in Adell McMillan Art Gallery in the EMU, followed by a performance in the Ben Linder Forum

What: Community arts show followed by the improv comedy group, WYMPROV!

Source: Women's Center

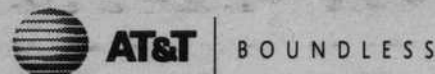


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