

## Remember but move on

Since the terrible tragedy of Sept. 11, Americans have let terror run their lives. I understand that all of us, American born and citizens alike, have been deeply affected by this atrocious act of evil, but we are doing what the terrorists want. We are letting them win by not moving on and doing the everyday mundane things that not long ago we took for granted.

I understand that we all need to grieve for the lives lost: the people we knew and did not, and yet still grieve for because they were just like us. I am not asking for people to forget because I could not even do that. I am asking for us to continue working, playing, doing the things we love and yet remaining vigilant to the possibilities of what is possible of happening because it did.

We have learned a great many things from this calamity. We have learned we are not as unsusceptible as we would like to believe. We have learned that we are closer than we imagined. Unfortunately, there are some things I wish the American

people could unlearn. There is a great hatred that has been stirred by our pain. Some Americans are using people that are or believed to be Muslims as a target for their anger. That is unacceptable.



Say It Loud  
&  
Proud!

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We are all Americans. We should be living under love, compassion and understanding, not the fear and resentment that a group of people have given us to live under.

I refuse to be subdued by a group of people who felt it necessary to get its point across by killing thousands of innocent people. Everyone who has died since Sept. 11 is "a casualty of war," as President George W. Bush put it. That includes the people who have died from anthrax. The terrorists had and still have a personal vendetta against the United States and we are only feeding the frenzy by not continuing with our everyday lives.

It saddens me to see even media sources turning tail and run-

ning. Drew Barrymore was to perform on the "Late Show" and came to New York only for those mere moments and hopped a plane immediately following the taping. Movies that had any type of terrorism plots have been held to be re-released at a later time or scrapped all together.

We are not standing tall; we are not uniting. I am seeing a country of people that I was so proud of, forgetting who they are. I am so sorry that we are letting them take our pride, our determination, and most importantly our freedoms. We are waving flags and saying "God Bless America," but still we are afraid. I expect it, yes, but I expect us to rise above it and move on, not because we have to, but because we need to. To survive, to love, and not live in terror, we need to live life day to day, and in doing so we can remember and know the people who died are still with us and only then can we find true peace of mind.

We need to send a strong, determined and clear message to the terrorists. "You did not break us! We are moving on. We remember, but only because when we get you, you'll be afraid because you pissed off the wrong country."

## TERROR TRACKING

11/2/01:

**LOS ANGELES**--Officials received "credible evidence" that terrorists may be targeting four California bridges, including the Golden Gate Bridge.

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**--More than 170 postal workers in Missouri began preventive antibiotics after anthrax spores were found in Kansas City.

**PORTLAND**--The federal government is testing Portland's main post office for anthrax contamination.

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**--The House passed aviation security legislation Thursday after it rejected a Senate version that would have turned airport screening operations over to federal employees.

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**--Consumers' spending dropped by the largest amount in almost 15 years. Economic fallout as a result of the attacks may push the country into recession.

**NEW YORK**--A California college student was charged with perjury in the first indictment from the probe of September 11, terrorist attacks.

11/1/01

**ANKARA, TURKEY**--Turkey will deploy special forces troops to Afghanistan, the government said Thursday, becoming the first Muslim nation to join in the U.S.-led attacks against the Taliban and Osama bin Laden.

**ROMULUS, MICH.**--Fighter jets escorted a Northwest Airlines jetliner with 78 people aboard to Detroit Metropolitan Airport on Thursday because a note was found mentioning a bomb.

**JABAL SARAJ, AFGHANISTAN**--Opposing fighters in Afghanistan are excited at today's level of United States bombing runs. American B-52's pounded the front line north of Kabul, blasting a Taliban field headquarters in wave after wave of strikes.

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**--As United States troops help rebels fighting the Taliban in northern Afghanistan, other teams of American special forces are trying to recruit other anti-Taliban groups to join the campaign.

**LOS ANGELES**--The F.B.I. told law enforcement agencies in California, Washington, Oregon, Arizona, Nevada, Utah, Montana and Idaho to be on alert. Six terrorism incidents had been planned to occur between now and Nov. 7.

10/31/01

**NEW YORK**--A hospital worker with a mysterious case of inhalation anthrax died early Wednesday, the nation's fourth fatality in a month of bioterrorism.

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**--Immigration crackdown targets 46 terrorist groups.

## Letters to the Editor..

### Constitution real loser of war Apalled by ad

Most people probably don't know this, but we've already lost the war on terrorism. The ultimate goal of those individuals behind the heinous attacks on America was to destroy America and all that we stood for. They have succeeded.

In direct violation of the Posse Comitatus Act, federalized National Guard troops now inhabit airports across the nation. As if the sight of a grocery clerk brandishing an assault rifle would deter someone who is willing to fly an airliner into a skyscraper for the greater glory of Islam.

The new cabinet post of Homeland Security in another time, in a Soviet Union that no longer exists, was called "Internal Security." Under another regime it was known and feared as the Gestapo. All three have in common that, under the auspices of keeping the citizens of their respective nations safe, they sought out and "detained" undesirables and enemies of the state.

As a result of the Anti-Terrorism Bill, law enforcement now has unprecedented power to tap phones, read e-mail and search premises without the presence of the occupant. So long Fourth Amendment, it was nice while you were here.

The panic created on Sept. 11 caused the contemptibly timid American populace to clamor for the government to do "something."

Had they stopped to think (a practice that has long been out of style in this country) they would have realized that there was nothing to be done. When you live in a country that has open borders, eventually some nutcase is going to get in and wreak a little havoc. That's the risk you take for having the freedom of open borders.

However, the politicians, ever mindful of opinion polls, decided to give the people what they wanted, vengeance. All that they needed to do was identify a likely country, preferably one that wouldn't put up too much of a fight (dead soldiers make politicians very unpopular) but was different enough from us that we wouldn't feel bad about killing a bunch of them. Afghanistan was perfect, as we had been its ally during its war with the Soviet Union. Their harboring of Osama bin Laden would sound treacherous enough that no one would protest bombing them. And so the war was on.

Our vast armada went forth to do battle in defense of democracy, freedom and liberty. But it was too late, as these few terrorists have accomplished what Hitler's Germany, Hirohito's Japan, the Soviet Union, and even the Democrats and The Republicans could not: They've turned America into a police state.

Edward Dunnigan

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to the ad featured in the Oct. 31, 2001, issue of *The Print*. On page 14, you show an ad for *The Print* itself, featuring a naked woman scantily covered with issues of *The Print* and the headline, "You know you want it." I am appalled that a publication serving an institution of higher learning would ever think this is appropriate. It is disrespectful to readers of both genders.

This type of advertisement uses the objectification of women to sell a product. It is demeaning to all female students and all female staff members. *The Clackamas Print* states it "aims to report the news in an honest, professional manner," but then uses a very unprofessional manner to advertise itself. Hopefully, the newspaper staff will agree that this type of advertisement is not appropriate for a college newspaper and learn from this incident.

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