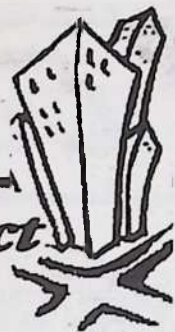


Logger Views



BFHS and Community Reflect on September 11, 2001

Before judging someone or making an accusation, I try to put myself in their shoes. I try to recreate the scene or situation in my mind. There are many things that humans do that I do not agree with, but I try to understand where they are coming from or why they would do such a thing. With Timothy McVeigh and the Oklahoma City bombing, I saw that he had no feelings towards his actions at all, like he detached himself from it. What Timothy did was cold and heartless, but we never did see him show any emotion towards his actions because he had strong will power, he did not want anyone to see his real emotions. The Oklahoma City bombing and the terrorist attack that happened on September 11, 2001 have a lot in common.

Terrorist attacks on America, what a dreadful and terrible thought. When McVeigh bombed Oklahoma it was the most tragic thing to happen to America in our history. Now a group of people not from our nation have planned and executed attacks on the U.S. beyond anything anyone thought possible. Most people I know would feel guilty hurting anyone in the slightest way, even if it were by accident. Then there are people who can commit murder and never think twice about it. We label these types of people as psychos and send them to death row.

Well, now there is another group of people who not only will take hundreds of innocent lives, but also their own. Once they are dead there is nothing that anyone can do to punish them here on earth. They complete horrible, unthinkable acts and then take themselves from the world, leaving behind only the world to grieve over lost loved ones.

I am upset by the most recent terrorist attacks and I can only hope that America can get the other people that are behind the attack that helped to plan it. I pray for the rest of the nation and hope that this tragic times will only bring us closer together and never apart.

Sarah Matthews: Class of 2004

Why is life such a mystery? Why is it so hard? Everyday another person dies, yet to most of the world it goes unnoticed. But when someone kills more than one person, the whole world knows. Why is that? And why did it happen on 9-11?

When the terrorists decided to crash into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, they decided to kill thousands of people. I have been dreading that something like this would happen, but I hoped that it would wait until after I died. But, it didn't. It happened now.

I don't know why those men or women chose to do what they did, all that I can say is that I hope whoever is responsible for it is caught and punished. I hope that the people who lost their loved ones on that day will be comforted by God, and by knowing that in the death of their loved ones, our nation came together, and unified it's self in order to show that we are one nation under God, and that we won't give up. We will fight, and win to make our world a better place.

Vicky Lawrence, Class of 2005

On September 11, 2001 at 6:30 AM I was awakened by the news on TV. I heard that two planes had crashed into the World Trade Center. My first reaction was "This is terrible and shocking" If Bin Laden is one of the men responsible for the terrorism on that day, I hope and trust our government will do everything in their power to bring him and many others to justice.

As a Christian, I know that God will bring whoever is responsible for this terrible "Act Of War" to justice and they will not go unpunished. As for all things, God sees everything all of us do and we will be held accountable. God is merciful and loving. He paid the price for our mistakes and our sins. He did this so people could live forever.

David Bowles, Towns Person

At this moment, the majority of the people in America scream in unison from the depths of their beings, "Cry havoc, and let loose the dogs of war." Rightfully and justifiably angry and wounded it is the only real voice that this society can use and still be able to look at itself in the mirror, without crying "coward". Lurking in the shadows, however, is the possibility that we will turn this righteous rage into some kind of pale shadow of what it should be.

I hear so-called expert commentators on television promoting all sorts of dogmatic stupidity revolving around the "healing of America". America doesn't need to be healed at this time, America needs to gird herself for war and stand with that gaping bleeding wound for all the world to see, and in the pure white hot flame of rage, anger, retribution and righteousness, pursue the road of war with a vigor and zeal reminiscent of Genghis Khan and Attila the Hun.

Let us hope that we are not so bound up in our sensibilities that we can no longer practice the art of war. War is indeed a terrible thing, as it is meant to be. In it very nature lies the reality of how it must be pursued. Yes, war is a terrible thing: it must be waged with ferocity, tenacity and finality.

When war is done, then will there be time for weeping, when the enemy has been utterly destroyed, will there be time for healing, when all the world knows without a shadow of doubt, that the price for hurting us is to great for anyone to pay, then will there be time for peace.

UNITED WE STAND
UNITED WE FALL

by Isaac Stephenson,
Class of 2003

A lot of people don't know what to think,
Because it all happened in a blink.
It took place in history,
Just watch the news and you will see.
The act of terrorism that took place,
Put a frown on everyone's face.
All the people injured and dead,
Without one word even said.
Children, parents it didn't matter,
just more families growing sadder.
No I love you, or goodbye,
No more looking in their eyes.
So in this tragic event,
So much time together spent.
In these hard times hope for the best,
And let the law do the rest.