



Mourning

### Campus memorial service, closings

There will be a campus memorial service at noon in the amphitheater behind Memorial Hall. President Lee Todd will speak and there will be a moment of silence and music. Classes will continue as scheduled.

"Dealing with the Terrorists Attacks in the Classroom: Teaching in the CNN Era," a session for faculty and teaching assistants. It will offer advice and resources on ways instructors can help students work through the aftermath of Tuesday's attacks. The session will begin at 10:30 a.m. in Room 230 of the Student Center.

All UK sporting events scheduled for this weekend have been postponed. This includes Men and Women's soccer games, volleyball matches on Friday and Saturday and the football game at Indiana on Saturday.

UK Media Relations said a decision on when the Southeastern Conference would decide to resume sporting events is pending and would be made at a more appropriate time.

The College of Communication and Information Studies Recognition Dinner has been postponed. This was a special dinner scheduled for today at the King Alumni House. For more information, call the College of Communication and Information Studies at 257-3874.

The Cawood Leford Memorial Service, scheduled for Thursday at Rupp Arena, was postponed. It has not been rescheduled at this time.

There will be no NFL games this weekend. It is undecided whether the 15 games will be made up later in the season. Check [www.espn.com](http://www.espn.com) for details.

The Carmelita Tropicana performance tonight at the Worsham Theater has been canceled.

The International Student Night activities scheduled for tonight have been postponed. The event will be held Sept. 28 from 7 p.m. until 10:30 p.m.

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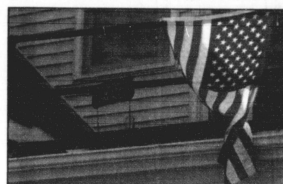
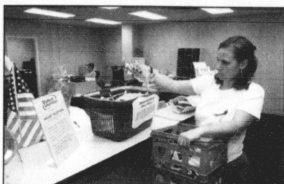
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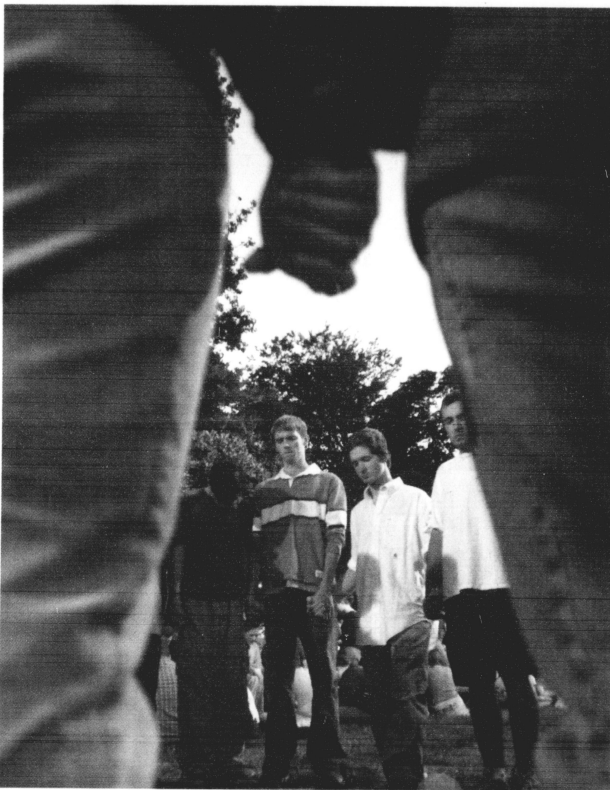
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Abby Voelker, history senior, who works in the SG office in the Student Center, replenishes the supply of ribbons Thursday honoring victims of Tuesday's attack.

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## A world forever changed



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### United we stand

Students from across campus come together at the Free Speech Area on Tuesday to pray for terrorists crashed two airliners into the World Trade Center. New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani estimates more than 5,000 people are dead.

Campus joins together to remember the victims of Tuesday's terrorist attacks, while trying to figure out what comes next

By Ashley York  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Eyes across campus are glued to TVs. Some are watching because they can't get enough of the extended coverage. Others are concerned about friends and family members in the areas attacked.

As CNN reported that more firefighters were found in the rubble, Kelli Reams, a social work sophomore, continued watching "America under Attack."

She's watching history in the making: the replays of the airliners crashing into the World Trade Center; rescue teams' efforts to remove tons of rubble from the streets; the sympathies of political officials who are trying to make sense of the most appalling terrorist attack against the United States, illustrating to the world that there is no answer. All they can do is continue to watch the replays.

"I've never seen anything covered 24 hours a day," Reams said.

History in the making is on the minds of professors and students alike. "Everyone is paying attention; everyone is concerned," she said as people continually watch CNN on TVs in the Student Center.

A group of people just stopped by to hear the latest update that 6,000 tons of debris had been removed. That was good news, until the mention that the American Express building might collapse next.

Reams said that despite the last couple of day's events, she's still going to class. Though students and teachers are returning to daily classroom life, current

events dominate most thoughts. Students admitted this distracts them from class work.

The distraction shows on Angela Karnes's face. The dietetics sophomore caught a glimpse of the TV in the Student Center to catch the latest update, but quickly passed by to study for an exam.

"Now it seems like none of this is important," John Williams, an undeclared junior, is also having a hard time focusing on school. He too was in the Student Center watching the news.

While most students on campus are dismayed with the entire situation Williams, a first class private in the National Guard, said he and other military personnel are "on alert."

"I might have to go," he said. "A lot of my friends are having to go places."

Williams said many of his friends are on rapid deployment, meaning they are the first to go. Mike Tabben, a marketing and ISC senior, just sat down when CNN reported that at least 18 hijackers were involved in the attack.

And he still can't believe it. While he sits and wonders how in the world 20,000 deaths are anticipated by New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, he said America must progress.

"Even though this is going to change America, the best thing for us to do is live normal," he said.

That's just what Joe Sulliff Sanders, an English instructor, is doing. "The terrorists wanted our lives to be disrupted," he said. "I'm trying to keep things the same as they were before."



NICK TOMCEK | PHOTO EDITOR

### Freedom's hope

Several student organizations gathered Tuesday at Farmhouse fraternity to mourn the loss of victims.



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### As the news breaks

From left: Kim Brown, education junior, and Josh Puckett, psychology sophomore, watch CNN coverage in the Student Center Tuesday.



DWAYNE CHAMBERS | PHOTO EDITOR

### Flying high

A statue at Thoroughbred Park donned an American flag Thursday as a salute to America in this time of mourning.



**From on high...**  
A satellite view of the district that once housed the World Trade Center shows the destruction that left thousands dead. New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani ordered 6,000 body bags from the federal government on Wednesday.

**ACTION**

# Retaliation could take weeks, months, years

**The aftereffects continue: President asks Pakistan to close its borders; Capitol evacuated after bomb threat; airports close again**

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Bush called the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington “the first war of the 21st century” on Thursday and his administration labeled fugitive Osama bin Laden a prime suspect.

The United States promised to wage all-out retaliation against those responsible and any regime that protects them. Action could take weeks or months rather than days, a senior administration official indicated.

As part of the effort, the United States urged Pakistan to close its border with neighboring Afghanistan, where bin Laden operates, and to cut off funding for terrorist groups.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the United States also asked Pakistan for permission to fly over its territory in the event of military action.

Close-in Washington Reagan National Airport remained closed, indefinitely. And authorities closed all three New York area airports just hours after allowing them to reopen.

Vice President Dick Cheney was working in the security of Camp David as a precaution, administration officials said. The Secret Service widened the protective buffer around the White House and Air Force jets patrolled the skies over major U.S. cities.

The White House canceled its tours today, and the Lincoln Memorial and Jefferson Memorial also were closed after being briefly reopened.

In another sign of security concerns, the Capitol was evacuated in the middle of a Senate vote Thursday evening because of a bomb threat. Members were allowed to return when bomb-sniffing dogs did not find explosives.

Tears welling in his eyes, Bush spoke earlier of a need to win the battle against terrorism.

“I’m a loving guy. And I am also someone, however, who’s got a job to do and I intend to do it. And this is a terrible moment,” Bush said, talking to reporters in the Oval Office.

Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz said the administration’s retaliation would be “sustained and broad and effective” and that the United States “will use all our resources.”

“It’s not just simply a matter of capturing people and holding them accountable, but removing the sanctuaries, removing the support systems, ending states who sponsor terrorism,” Wolfowitz said.

Senior administration officials said that Bush is planning a far-reaching anti-terrorist campaign that will likely last several years and target not only those who attacked Tuesday and their sponsors, but all terrorist activities.

Bush is determined not to bow to pressure for a quick strike that might undermine his efforts to build a major global campaign, an official said.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, meanwhile, was considering asking for presidential authority to call to active duty members of the National Guard and Reserve, a defense official said.



I’m a loving guy. And I am also someone, however, who’s got a job to do and I intend to do it. And this is a terrible moment. I weep and mourn with America. I wish I could comfort every single family whose lives have been affected. My resolve is steady and strong about winning this war that has been declared on America.”

— President George W. Bush, speaking from the Oval Office

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# Response clouded with questions

**Wendell Ford: 'To defend this country is not Democratic or Republican, it's American'**

By Scott Sloan  
NEWS EDITOR

UK's top experts say the road to retaliation is more difficult than most believe.

"People are in the mood for revenge now, but people need to think about how and why," said Rick Waterman, a political science and Martin School of Public Policy professor.

Most say the feeling for revenge stems from the acts' nationwide impact. At this time, 14 people with Kentucky ties are still missing following Tuesday's events.

Former Sen. Wendell Ford, D-Ky., said any plan for retaliation would most likely be supported unanimously.

"To defend this country is not Democratic or Republican," he said. "It's American."

Waterman said Bush should not act hastily but should also not follow the example of Jimmy Carter, who was president when hostages were taken by Iran in the 1970s. Most Americans viewed Carter as "ineffective and weak" when he chose to first pursue a diplomatic solution.

A decision to send in the military generally results in a

surge of support for the president, said Mark Peffley, a political science and Martin School professor.

The support is much needed for Bush, Waterman said.

"His standing in the polls is not good for a president in this time of his administration," he said. "I think it would be very hard for him to resist. This is his opportunity to become President Bush because to a lot of people, he's still George W."

But the lack of clear suspects makes any retaliation difficult.

"It doesn't make sense to get involved in a war unless you're clear about what you hope to accomplish and unless you're sure it's the only way to accomplish it," said Stuart Kaufman, an associate professor of political science. "At the moment, neither of those two things have been established."

Kaufman said the United States must also seek diplomatic support from the rest of the world before initiating any military action.

"This isn't something we could do as the cowboy or the sheriff," he said. "Because all that would happen is the terrorist would find some other hole



President Bush made calls Thursday from the White House. He said the fight against terrorism is now the focus of his administration.

to hide in and we'd have to dig them out of that one."

The beginning of a prolonged war could also significantly change citizens' freedoms.

Citizens could see constraints on their First Amendment freedoms of speech and assembly and their implied right to privacy, said Richard Fording, an assistant professor of political science.

"Normally to warrant some kind of investigation, you need

to have some kind of evidence, and that just gets relaxed during times like this," he said.

Regardless of whether the United States' leadership opts for a military response, America has changed, Waterman said.

"We've been living in a fantasy. It's time for us to deal with what the world has been dealing with; terrorism can happen anywhere, any time," he said. "September 11 will become known as a date that was a before and after."

**MONEY**

# Proposed tuition increase to affect all students

By Andrea Uhde  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Tuition fees for resident students at UK and Lexington Community College may increase anywhere from 3 to 7 percent during the next two school years. The Board of Trustees will vote on the proposal next Tuesday.

The suggested rates would affect all resident undergraduates, graduates, MBA students, LCC students and students in the colleges of Law, Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy and Professional/Doctoral.

Under the proposal, rates for undergraduates would increase 6.4 percent to \$1,740 for the 2002-2003 school year and 5.5 percent to \$1,836 for the 2003-2004 year. Graduate costs will rise 6.7 percent to \$1,926 for the 2002-2003 school year and 5.6 percent to \$2,034 for the 2003-2004 year.

Provost Mike Nietzel said that tuition needs to counter the rising cost of education. "I think if people understand the demands upon the University with respect to increasing costs and comparing this increase to the increase[s] of other universities, they'll see this as a reasonable decision," he said.

UK trustee Jack Guthrie said he will approve the tuition

proposal. "As a trustee, I personally am interested in seeing the students have the best facilities we can offer them."

"Under the circumstances, I think it is reasonable. There are other universities looking at a 10 percent or more increase in tuition," he said. "If the University of Kentucky is going to attract outstanding faculty and improve its facilities, unfortunately there is only one way to do it."

UK receives money from the state, grants, fundraising and tuition.

Heather Douthitt, an ISC senior, said she wonders where all the money goes.

"Every time the price goes up, I get a little mad," she said. But if the money is used for something purposeful, such as increasing parking or building more dorms, Douthitt said she is OK with it.

"I would like to see it go to something I can see," she said. Michael Lively, a computer science senior, still sees UK as a bargain.

"I don't want to pay \$105 more," he said, "but that's not terribly expensive compared to other land grant institutions."

Managing Editor Tracy Kershaw contributed to this report

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## Attack left executives stranded

FRANKFORT — It was supposed to be a grand debut. Humana Inc. announcing an Internet-based health insurance plan to the financial press in lower Manhattan. Then an airliner crashed into the World Trade Center overhead. In the pandemonium that followed, two dozen executives and employees of the Louisville-based insurance company, including Chairman David Jones and President and CEO Mike McCallister, found themselves having to escape from New York. They eventually limped home by bus. Two buses, actually. A Manhattan tour bus driver was persuaded to take the group to Harrisburg, Pa., where Humana staffers in Louisville had lined up a Trailways bus to get the party the rest of the way home Wednesday.

Dick Brown, the company's director of media relations, said happening upon the small tour bus was the group's luckiest break. The Humana contingent was walking toward midtown Manhattan at the time, some pulling luggage.

"I think it has reaffirmed my faith," Brown said Thursday. "In praying through this whole ordeal for safety for our group, there were roads open to us that may not have been open to other people, such as having that bus there, on a street we just happened to take."

False alarm ...

## Ohio River search only turns up duffel bag

COVINGTON — Authorities concluded after searching about 25 miles of the Ohio River and a tributary that there was no basis for reports that six armed men dressed in camouflage had stopped boats.

After the all-day search Wednesday of the Ohio River and the Licking River, which flows into the Ohio from northern Kentucky, emergency and water rescue personnel found nothing to verify the report, said Ed Burk of the Kenton County Emergency Management Agency.

Investigators concluded the report was a rumor passed among boaters via marine radio channels, Burk said Thursday.

"It's basically a non-issue, a false report," Burk said from his Covington office, across from Cincinnati.

Cincinnati radio dispatchers first heard the report from a boater at about 1 a.m. Wednesday, Burk said. Investigators have been unable to locate that boater.

Personnel from Ohio and three northern Kentucky counties worked with the FBI in the search and investigation, he said.

All the search turned up was a black duffel bag found Wednesday afternoon on the Taylor-Southgate Bridge, which spans the Ohio River between Cincinnati and Newport, Ky. The bag was empty, police said.

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## IN OUR OPINION

# Open forum, healing outlet

*As our campus begins dealing with its grief, we request your views of Tuesday's tragedy*

Throughout American history, the local newspaper has served as the bedrock of the community. The newspaper keeps its readers in touch with national news. It relates those stories in a way that connects the local community with the rest of the nation and, indeed, the world. More importantly, the paper provides its community with a forum for dealing with the news.

Now, as the initial shock wears off and facts get sorted out, our campus, our community and our nation begin the Herculean task of dealing with Tuesday's tragedy.

Hopefully, most of us were spared the heartache of knowing someone directly involved in this attack. Sadly, some of us have yet to hear from loved ones. Others have already begun the grieving process.

Whatever the situation, our whole campus has been taken aback by the gravity of it. As we face certain retaliation or possible war against the forces responsible, the united effort of students on this campus has been inspiring: faculty taking class time to talk with students, campus organizations rallying for donations, lines of people giving blood.

As a paper, we offer our pages to help our campus come to grips with Tuesday's events. The Dialogue page is for just that: conversation. Experts say that discussion is an important part of the healing process, and we are prepared to aid in that process.

Don't hesitate to send us your fears, your concerns, your anger, your disbelief or any of the other countless emotions we have all been feeling over the past several days.

It is our responsibility as the paper that represents UK to facilitate exactly this sort of expression. The best way to speak for the students, faculty and staff of this University is to let you speak for yourselves.

# As our country looks to retaliation, we must also examine other threats

Josh Sullivan  
KERNEL COLUMNIST

I don't think I need to reiterate the magnitude of the tragedies that occurred Tuesday morning. We all understand the historical significance of the terrorist attacks in New York, Washington, D.C. and Pennsylvania. President Bush claimed that there was "a quiet rage" building in America. I disagree. I believe it's a rather audible and monumental rage, and the only reason it hasn't quite reached its apex is that there are still bodies to be uncovered and survivors to save.

Soon we'll have a death toll, and there will be no more fires to put out or family members to account for and the focus will shift from rescue to retribution. The government has already set these wheels in motion and there is no doubt in my mind that the United States is finally determined to take a stand against terrorism, and it's past time. Three years ago, American embassies in Tanzania and Kenya were bombed, resulting in the deaths of more than 200 people. Osama bin Laden has been indicted in both of these cases, but the United States never actually sought the man. Now that the degree of terrorism has multiplied exponentially, we are finally ready to act, regardless of who may be protecting the perpetrators. Sen. John McCain has said, "God will give them mercy, we will not."

I must admit, one aspect of the political mindset that has taken shape since Tuesday worries me. Many of our elected officials have been interviewed and vowed to hold "those responsible" accountable, and many peers I've spoken with have displayed a sense of anger and need for revenge directed solely at Osama bin Laden.

There's a fundamental problem inherent here. Our focus can't be limited to whoever is directly responsible for the attacks or the countries that "harbor them," as President Bush warned. This has to result in a broad-based, continuous campaign against every terrorist cell in existence. If bin Laden does turn out to be the mastermind behind the attacks, and we root him out and bring him to justice, there will be countless other cells and leaders ready to take the reins of terrorism and fill his shoes. Bin Laden is famous. I'm not so sure he's unique.

Also, I believe our leaders and citizens must look beyond the immediate duty of fighting terrorism on a global scale and think about what we can do to combat the conditions throughout the world that are producing the kinds of people that see terrorism and violence as a way of life. In order to achieve this, we may have to reevaluate our priorities when it comes to foreign policy.

The majority of Americans enjoy relative comfort and freedom, but we all know millions of people around the globe couldn't even begin to comprehend what that's like. In Afghanistan, if women are seen with any inch of their body, other than their eyes exposed, they are stoned and beaten — often to death.

In many countries, after their first menstrual cycle, females are forced to endure circumcision in the most painful of manners so that they can never enjoy the act of sex, thus discouraging infidelity. Military coups have resulted in the establishment of oppressive, dictatorial governments in countries like Pakistan and Afghanistan.

By my way of thinking, which has been influenced by the ideals and "creed" of America (leader of

the free world, world police, etc.), we have an obligation to try to change these situations. I understand that we can't go fight a war in every country with a ruling class we do not agree with, but diplomacy and foreign policy can have a definite effect.

I don't think I'm wrong in believing that since 1776 our foreign policy has been shaped around goals which ensure our status as the richest and most powerful country on Earth, with little concern for the effect they may have on citizens of other countries. Perhaps when we fought tyranny in the Persian Gulf, we should have wondered about the numerous rich Kuwaiti elitists who basically owned slaves, or thought about the Iraqi rebels we encouraged to fight Saddam Hussein and then abandoned.

I'm not saying there's another culture in the history of civilization that hasn't done the same: quite the contrary. But I truly believe America is different, and even if we haven't always lived up to the ideas we project, we have the ability.

This attack illustrates for everyone the substantial and growing chasm between America and most of the world. Everyone is, I'm sure, absolutely appalled by the surreal images we've seen of Palestinian citizens, including children, celebrating our country's tragedy. But honestly, how do you expect these people to react when all their lives they've been bombarded by propaganda portraying America as "The Great Satan"? Perhaps we should take a more active role in reversing the deadly situation between Israel and Palestine instead of boycotting a U.N. conference on racism for petty reasons. Maybe, even though it's economically beneficial, we shouldn't support in Saudi Arabia the type of government we profess to despise.

Even though it's hard to put a positive spin on Tuesday's events, this may be, as President Bush stated, "an opportunity for America." An opportunity to decimate terrorism worldwide and hopefully an opportunity to develop a new outlook on our position in the world.

This is a chance for George W. Bush to etch his name in the history books. This is one of the few situations I can imagine in which the interest groups and corporate backers behind the scenes of the Bush administration are removed from the equation. He has already proven to me that no matter what he is, he is basically a good man who is concerned with the welfare of Americans. I watched him blink back tears today just before hurrying out of a press conference following a meeting with George Pataki and Rudolph Giuliani. Maybe he's also concerned enough for foreign citizens that he can lead us in improving life in the family of Earth, not just America.

A pretty smart girl I know made one of the most appropriate analogies I've ever heard, and I wish I'd made it myself. She compared the situation on Earth to a game of Monopoly. There is no more property to rule through terror and establish a global sense of community after we're done. That's the only way we can ensure the embers of terrorism are smothered along with the fire.

We have to ruthlessly eliminate those who seek to rule through terror and establish a global sense of community after we're done. That's the only way we can ensure the embers of terrorism are smothered along with the fire.

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# Expressions

## While attack was unjustifiable, response needs to be 'mature and thoughtful'

The Muslim Students Association at UK strongly and unequivocally condemns any and all terrorist actions against innocent civilians in America and elsewhere. The coordinated and concerted attacks in New York, Washington, D.C. and Pennsylvania are a tragedy for the entire nation. We extend our most heartfelt condolences to the victims of the nightmarish terror of Sept. 11 and to their families.

Certainly there is no justification for these acts from either an Islamic perspective or, in truth, from the perspective of any other moral and freedom-loving people. Islam prohibits, even in declared wars, the killing of civilians, non-combatants, women and children.

At this moment of confusion, uncertainty and highly-charged emotions, we earnestly appeal to everyone, especially the media, not to rush to judgment against Islam and Muslims in general. Let the response of our nation be mature and thoughtful. This is a moment of prayer and unity, not of hasty reaction.

We pray to God to give strength to all of those who have suffered during this catastrophe.

Respectfully submitted,

UK MUSLIM STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

## SEC schools should suspend weekend play

Out of respect and concern for those that have lost their lives or risked their lives to save people in New York City and at the Pentagon, and out of respect to the family and friends of victims and the nation as a whole, the University should postpone the football game on Saturday. Even though the SEC has said all games will be played, this does not mean the individual teams must play. Other conferences are scheduled to play, but their schools refuse to. Even though President Bush says not to let this affect our everyday, normal lives, how important is a college football game? To the SEC, it is all about money from ticket sales and TV. This is one of the worst events in our nation's history and the history of humanity, and we want to play football. Why not concentrate on sending positive thoughts and prayers to those that need it most instead of concentrating on what play to make next? Instead of going to a game, donate blood.

JASON WITHERSON  
UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA SENIOR

## 'Sketchy' U.S. policy can't condone attack

As I was walking to my office in Patterson today, I saw a most peculiar thing. It was a plain white paper filter, unobtrusively placed near the ground next to a water fountain. I read the words on the filter, briefly processed them and kept walking. Then I realized what they really said: "THOUSANDS OF DEAD AMERICANS CAN'T BE WRONG. U.S. MEDDLING IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS MUST BE STOPPED. We need to stop giving people reasons to think America is the Great Satan. Brought to you by the College Libertarians. Support Freedom."

"Thousands of dead Americans can't be wrong?" I kept reading that statement. It made me ill.

I know that people have varying opinions on the United States' foreign policy. It is often sketchy, at best. But to so disrespectfully, so tactlessly treat the victims of these terrorists' attacks as a mere catch phrase? A piece of cliched pop culture? It is needless to say. Libertarianism means absolute and unrestricted liberty, especially liberty of thought and action. I guess they are invoking that definition, but does liberty mean there can be no compassion?

There are many people on this campus who know people who worked there, who had family there, who haven't heard from those people — people who are waiting with fading hope. Who are the College Libertarians to declare that these people deserved to die because of botched foreign affairs? Who are they to drive a point home in so nasty a manner?

Believe me the point has been driven home. It gets hammered into me every time I confront my friend whose dearest cousin worked in the South Tower on the 78th floor, who was 3 months pregnant, and has not been found.

AVALON SANDAVOL  
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## United States should unite in reaction

Reading the posts on the Internet from the *New York Post* to *Los Angeles Times*, you see the words "acts of war." Using those words to explain the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon truly lacks validity. The word "war" is defined as an armed conflict between nations. Tuesday morning's attacks were cowardly acts by individuals, not a government.

You can think, why would someone want to commit such a catastrophic act toward other people? This event wasn't geared toward individual people; it was geared toward a government, a nation of power and a nation whose power extends to the whole world as the world's police. The United States helps keep peace through military, monetary and political assistance throughout the world. The individuals or group that was hoping to blemish or break down our national pride will always fail.

This afternoon, walking across the UK campus, I walked by many people of the Middle Eastern descent. My first thought was, what do these students think of this event? Then seeing a friend who calls the Middle East home made me come to a great realization. He said he couldn't believe this happened and he is afraid for the safety of some of his friends living in the New York City area. Many people will look down upon Middle Eastern people who are residents in the United States. This shouldn't be done.

The United States is a country with a level of diversity that accepts people from many places with many backgrounds. That needs to stay true in times of trouble; once we lose our stride toward being a complete country, we start to lose our freedom. For the United States to take away freedom would be a victory for terrorist groups everywhere. That is a victory that hopefully will never come about.

We do not need to look far to see the strength of our country. Our country, represented by an eagle, is strong. This symbol will show that, like an eagle, we can make it through any storm. The storm has come. It is questioning our freedom; it is costing lives, but the storm will end, and we will still be here. We will all remember Sept. 11, 2001 as not only the day terror struck, but also the day that we came together and began to strike back.

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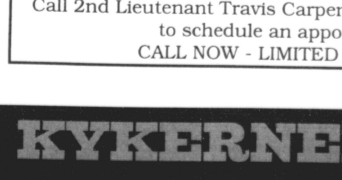
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## UK-IU cancellation is unfounded

**Why they should play:** Football really is just a game, but playing Saturday would help sports community heal

There was a time in my life when I was convinced I wanted to be a lawyer. I don't know if it was the result of too many John Grisham and Scott Turow novels or that the American dream of a respectable job, nice car, nice house and nice family had impregnated itself in my impressionable adolescent mind.



**Will Messer**  
SPORTSDAILY EDITOR

Then thankfully, college came, which was accompanied by increased knowledge and ideas, people and experiences, internships and interests and the Kernel.

Material success no longer drives me. Instead I want to see the world become a better place, which begs the question: How can I change the world through sports writing?

The answer? I can't. I'll be the first to tell you sports don't matter. That, at worst, they distract society from what's important in life, and at best, provide society a relief from the stress of these things.

That relief alone, however, is reason enough for UK and Indiana to play football this weekend.

IU President Myles Brand's decision to cancel Saturday's game is unjustifiable.

Nothing can trivialize or diminish the impact and significance of Tuesday's events. Nothing will make us forget. Nothing will completely dissipate the suffering or pain.

The pain will be with us forever, until one day we grow so accustomed to it we no longer realize it's there, which will prompt a feeling of guilt so strong that the pain resurfaces more severely than before.

Now, the pain is fresh and biting. For many, it still seems surreal, but as the days pass and things return to

normal — or what will now be normal in the United States — Tuesday becomes more concrete and the pain manifests itself within.

The resilient citizens of the United States bounced back and returned to work with pain and remorse in tow.

The stock exchange will reopen on Monday and commercial airliners are already refilling the still-blue skies.

Yet, some Americans have been prevented from resuming their lives, which brings me back to Brand's decision.

I assume Brand either made his decision because he wants to express his respect and remorse for Tuesday's events or because he is concerned with the safety of those involved.

Neither of these reasons is justifiable. I won't preach to you that the victims of Tuesday's attacks would want the game to be played or that refusing to play the game is what those responsible for these attacks want.

Instead, I say there is no pertinent grieving period.

If UK doesn't play this weekend, then why play next weekend? This won't be behind us then, either.

Tuesday proved that terrorism is real. The threat of attack this weekend is equally real, and it will remain real throughout the season. But should the season simply be canceled?

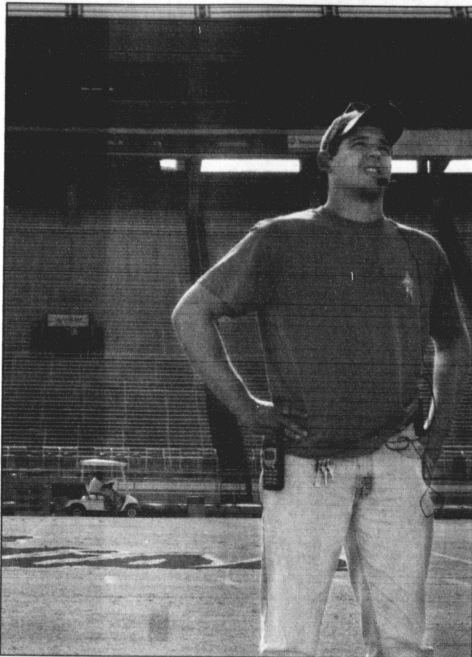
If America truly is the resourceful country we believe it to be, then we must give it the opportunity to recover in full.

Sports will not directly facilitate this recovery, nor will they trivialize it.

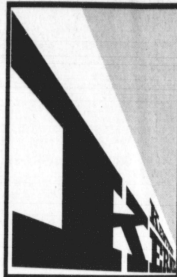
They will, however, give fans, players, coaches, trainers and the whole sports world a piece of normalcy to grasp.

Playing Saturday's game would provide something that allows them to put Tuesday's events in context and, perhaps more importantly, something that proves their country is reborn.

True, sports won't change the world, but for some it can provide a foundation to rebuild a different one.



Shannon Holmes, a communications consultant from Memphis, Tenn., tests the referee's microphone at Vaught-Hemingway Stadium in Oxford, Miss., as preparations continue Thursday for Saturday's Mississippi-Vanderbilt game. The Southeastern Conference decided Wednesday that its games would be played despite Tuesday's terrorist attacks.



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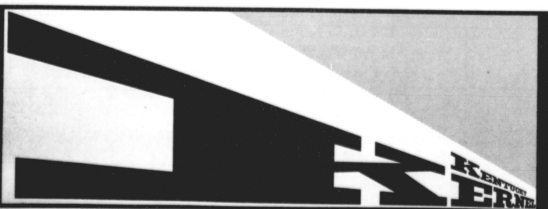
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