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Attack Aftermath

Please convey my appreciation to your entire staff for an outstanding issue (Winter 2001-02). Beautiful pieces of writing and complex emotions are captured in its pages. I am awestruck by the photography, particularly that of Preston Keres, Jim Watson, and Kathy Cacicedo. Many memorable photos of the attacks' aftermath have appeared in many places over the past weeks, but none have been more effective in relaying news and moments with this degree of grace and simplicity. They are art and journalism at their finest.

Nothing that I have received from SU in recent years has made me feel as connected to my alma mater as does this issue of the magazine. The connections to Pan Am 103 are wrenching once again, but it is more than that. The personal stories, the reporting on how SU responded for those on campus, the photography, and the views of faculty and staff combine to relay an excellent magazine. Thank you.

Janet Kern Mendelsohn '71
Brookline, Massachusetts

Your tribute to the alumni, family, and friends pertaining to the September 11 attacks represents a high mark in journalism regardless of the mode of communication. My deepest appreciation to your entire staff.

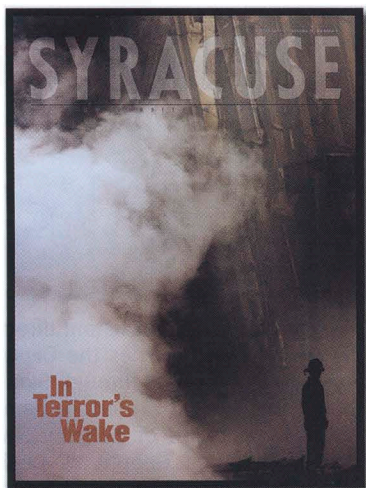
Although the nature of these tragic events should command our attention, I have never been more proud of my Syracuse heritage.

T. Donald Rucker G'52
Adamstown, Maryland

Congratulations to the staff for your amazing work in publishing the World Trade Center tribute as the Winter issue. You must have worked 24-hour days to create this excellent piece in such a short turnaround time. It arrived today at the

three-month anniversary of the attacks. The pictures by the two Navy photographers are outstanding. I'll especially treasure Mr. Keres's photo of the rescue dog.

Eloise Schumann Greene '73, G'96
Spencer, New York



Thank you for the Winter issue. I enjoyed all the articles relating to the September 11 tragedy and was deeply saddened to hear about the number of SU alumni affected by this event. I was speaking with one of my colleagues, who is also a Syracuse alumnus, about how this issue had the best written articles I

have read since the event. I look forward to future issues.

Jeannine McConnell '85
Freeport, New York

Good job on the Winter issue! Very good stories that were well-developed with outstanding art.

Bradley Wilson G'97
Manhattan, Kansas

The Winter issue is simply magnificent.

Pat Cavanaugh G'78
Princeton, Massachusetts

I have noted with sorrow and agony the September 11 incident. I was extremely sorry that 30 alumni were victims of the terrorist acts. Please convey my heartfelt sympathy and courage to their family members to bear these losses. Day by day terrorist acts are increasing. All citizens of the world with civic sense should deplore this growing tendency.

Sumanlal Mody G'59
Gujarat, India

The magazine was a fitting tribute to the sad events of last fall.

Al Farrell '85
Cicero, New York

The tone of most of the Winter issue was exemplary, and the human interest stories served to bring home the enormity of the terrorist attacks. However, I somehow knew that your magazine would feel compelled to insert one or two pieces that twisted the attack into a blame-America-first scenario.

When nearly 3,000 American citizens and foreign nationals are murdered on our soil in one day, it is not appropriate for Horace Campbell ("Healing and Humanity") to dredge up America's very arguable responsibility in the apartheid regime of South Africa. The implication by Campbell is that one man's terrorist is another man's freedom fighter. Linking U.S. support of bin Laden to the simultaneous branding of Mandela as a terrorist is particularly disgusting.

Luckily for Campbell, he does not live in the defeated Afghanistan of the Taliban. There, unlike in America, he would not have a forum to voice his opinion.

Paul Solenick '73
Montvale, New Jersey

While the story about the evacuation of the students from the High School for Leadership and Public Service (HSLAPS) is deeply touching, there is more information regarding this special school.

Many alumni in New York City could be full-time mentors to HSLAPS students through SUMMA (the Syracuse University Mentor-Mentee Alliance, which is part of the Friends of HSLAPS, an SU alumni group in New York City).

In the wake of September 11, many of us want to help others, but do not know where or how. Syracuse alumni can help by supporting SUMMA.

Nira Firestone '96
New York, New York

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