

Opinion

Hatred: Why people love it

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Commentary

"The pagans and the abortionists and the feminists and the gays and the lesbians....the ACLU, People For The American Way, everyone who has tried to secularize America, I point my finger at them and say, 'You helped this happen.'"

— Jerry Falwell, televangelist

Ladies and gentlemen, meet the King of Nastiness.

Falwell issued this statement only a few days after the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Now, just like most Americans, I believe in freedom of speech. However, when it comes to this guy, somebody needs to just shut him up.

Falwell's statement was fueled by the most powerful and evil force this planet has ever seen: human hatred. The hatred people have expressed for each other in modern history has caused some of the most appalling acts of violence ever.

Hatred was the cause of the Crusades, hatred was what fueled Hitler and the Nazis, hatred created nuclear, biological, and chemical weapons, and hatred was the motivation behind Falwell's statement and the horrifying acts of terrorism that occurred on Sept. 11, 2001.

I know this sounds like a double standard, but I hate hatred. People think we're all going to die because of some kind of nuclear holocaust triggered by our enemies. National governments also fear this. This is why governments spend billions of dollars

defending themselves.

• They say it's for their own safety. Bull.

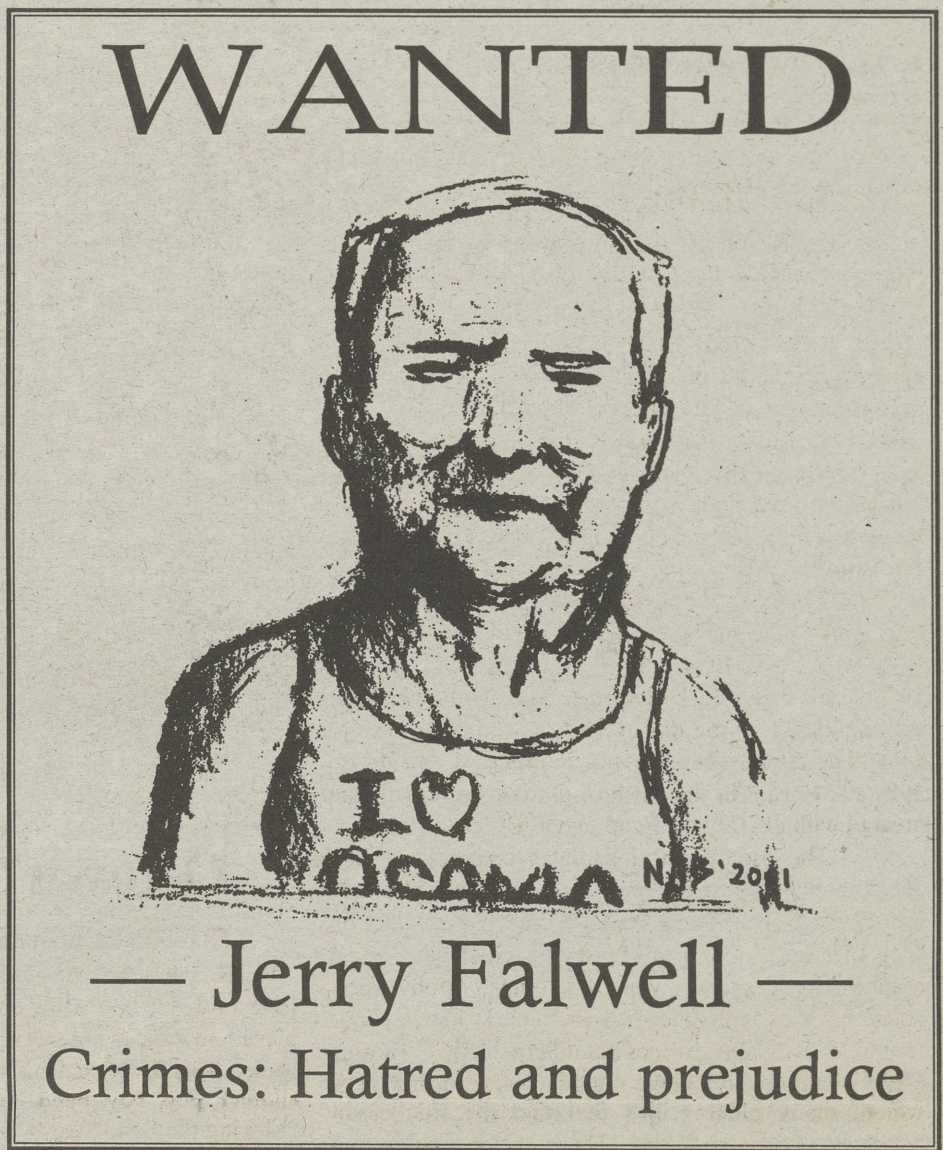
Safety is a load of crap that governments use to hide the real reasons behind their "defense systems". The real reason we have these weapons is so we can take out our enemies faster than they can take out us.

Why? Because people don't like the beliefs or looks or abilities that others have or don't have, so they choose to hate them for that reason. That's why we have our international enemies that we want to kill and who want to kill us.

Hatred also exists through blatant meanness people exhibit every day. There are many people who have enough dignity and compassion to treat people with respect. However, there are also many people who just choose to think about only themselves and not give a damn about everyone else.

These people tend to have no regard for others in any situation, and — even though they don't play nice — seem to have the most money and the most power. I know there are many exceptions to the rule, but that's how people come to power in companies and governments.

The human race uses hatred as an excuse to inflict harm on others. We all have our supposed reasons why we do evil things to one another, but every evil act is fueled by hatred for another person or group of people. That's why we feel we need it so much. That's



why people love hatred. That's why it needs to go away.

I try to be a peaceful person, so when I envision a perfect world, I see every person looking past the differences and working together to create a better planet.

I know, I sound like a hippie, but wouldn't things just be much easier if hatred was eliminated and we

could work things out peacefully?

I guess I can only dream, but I know where we can start: Accept the differences of your peers and others.

I know making the world unite under peace isn't an overnight thing, but everything has to start small. Maybe then we can make bastards like Jerry Falwell and Osama Bin Laden stop complaining.

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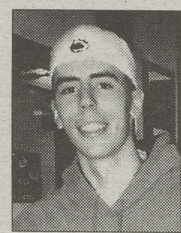
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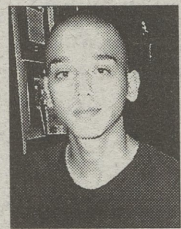
Staff Writer Jennifer Rufo asked Penn State Delco students:
How does the bombing of the World Trade Center affect you?

"I'm definitely more patriotic now. As horrible as it all was, it's really bringing us together as a country."



— DON OTT

"When the terrorist attack took place, it seems like a wave of fear rushed through America. I also felt this. I feel like the money we have put into natural defense has gone to good use, also squandered."

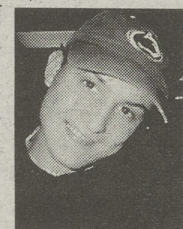


Our military, thankfully, is acting effectively, and thankfully now our own personnel

are being better regulated."

— MICHAEL V. O'BRIEN

"Not knowing whether or not I may be called up for the National Guard."



— JONATHAN CARTER

"It doesn't seem real. The loss of life, the complete havoc, the mental mind-set of the country is unreal."



— PRADEEP KULKARNI

"I was in a state of shock. Initially I heard on the radio and I was oblivious to the

enormity of what had happened. It's an unbelievable thing, almost incomprehensible, and I am in fear of the future for the first time in my life.



There is much comfort, however, in the joining of Americans of all types that has taken place."

— MARY GALLAGHER

"It's very emotional, very sad, a definite invasion of the American spirit and freedom."



— GWEN MILEY