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Researchers search for skin cancer cure

♦ Wiest and team synthesize cancer-curing enzyme

By HELENA PAYNE
Assistant News Editor

A team of researchers headed by Notre Dame professor Olaf Wiest are trying to synthesize an artificial enzyme that could repair sun-damaged DNA that causes some skin cancers.

"This is basic research that is all about trying to understand how this works and maybe — and this is a big maybe — making this more useful down the road," Wiest said.

Wiest and his team of researchers have been attempting to build a molecule to mimic the enzyme that repairs damage.

The enzyme Wiest is attempting to synthesize is found in many different organisms in all three biological kingdoms. But although *E. coli* and the South American possum have the enzyme, humans do not.

"It's pretty clear at this point that humans don't have it," said Wiest. "If humans don't have a 'maybe' we can make something to replace it."

The research to synthesize the enzyme is based at the University's Walther Cancer

Research Center, but Wiest works with people within and outside of the U.S.

"We're just one of the labs that are working on the chemical aspect of this, but there are people from all over the place," said Wiest.

Other countries with teams conducting similar research include Vietnam, Germany and France.

So far, Wiest's group has come out with a molecule that could work with the skin, which he said is a very simple system. Thus, he said he hopes to use the smaller system that his group has created to build a larger system.

"Our understanding on how the thing actually works is probably correct," Wiest said. "You work your way up until you come up with a biological system as close as possible."

Wiest directs the group, which currently includes four post doctorates of research, eight graduate students and two undergraduate students.

Dr. Rudy Navari, director of the Walther Cancer Research Center said that the skin research should promote awareness among people in the U.S. about the dangers of skin cancer.

Navari, an oncologist for 20 years has seen several cancer cases and said many societal activities, such as tanning, has allowed

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[From left to right] Pierre Tran, a third-year graduate student, Marco Jonas, a post-doctoral researcher, Patrick Laine, a second-year graduate associate and Olaf Wiest, Notre Dame chemistry professor will try to synthesize an artificial enzyme that could repair sun-damaged DNA that causes skin cancer.

Discussion follows U.S. attacks



ELIZABETH GAYDOS/The Observer

Saint Mary's professors gather to discuss media coverage and the religious and political ramifications of last week's terrorist attacks.

By MARY CAMPE
News Writer

Three Saint Mary's professors discussed the political ramifications, the religious connotations and the media coverage of the Sept. 11 attacks on New York and Washington in a panel on Tuesday.

Communications professor Linda Berdayes focused on the media and how it portrays the events. She gave an overview of her reaction to what happened and her opinion of the media's coverage.

"I found myself repelled and obsessed with the media," Berdayes said.

Berdayes explained how the media has selected and influenced the public's image of what happened. She also expressed her concern for the responsibilities that the media has and whether it has fulfilled those throughout the coverage of last week's events.

Political science professor Marc Belanger spoke on behalf of a political standpoint. He explained how the U.S. should view the attacks and the attackers. Belanger tried to

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College celebrates Hispanic heritage

By LETY VERDUZCO
News Writer

Hispanic heritage month, sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs, LONI and the student diversity board, began Monday at Saint Mary's.

The month, designed to call attention to Hispanic heritage through a series of cultural events, has a series of events scheduled through Oct. 15.

"The purpose of Hispanic Heritage month is to educate everyone of every nationality about all of the different cultures of Latin America," said La Fuerza president Regina Diaz.

Students and faculty enjoyed poetry reading, singing, music and food while mingling with each other during yesterday's event opener. A full schedule had already been made for the month, including brown bag discussions led by Saint Mary's faculty members Mark Belanger and Richard Yanez.

This month students will be able to take meringue lessons and experience food from many different Hispanic cultures. Emmy Award-winning journalist Sandra Guzman will also be speaking Sept. 26 to students and faculty about her experiences and the Latino role in America. There will be two movies shown during the month, "Crazy/Beautiful" and "Girlfight."

"Hispanic Heritage month is important because it makes people aware of the cultural diversities that exist among all Hispanics," said La Fuerza secretary Rocio Estrada.

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INSIDE COLUMN

We have won

What is our human nature? Is it to inherently destroy the people around us, flagrantly disregarding any individual but ourselves? Or is it a spirit of compassion, to reach out to our fellow man and ask three of the most striking words in the English language, "Can I help?"

Last week's horrific events brought examples of both sides of our humanity. It is difficult for many of us to imagine the absolute hatred in the minds and hearts of those responsible for the devastation of the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. To commit to a cause so evil and malevolent is beyond our wildest dreams, or, more appropriately, nightmares.

However, what has risen from this atrocity is far greater than the hardened hearts that harbored the iniquity we have recently witnessed. The United States, so long considered dormant in matters of nationalism, has become visibly united. We are once again America- the free, the brave and the proud. A nation shaken, but not shattered, we have not only asked if we can help, but stepped up and asked how we can help.

We gave a part of our vitality to the many blood banks across the nation. We sent our dollars for relief efforts in New York and Washington, D.C. We looked to our firemen and policemen, the tireless heroes working to save those who would otherwise be strangers. We bowed our heads in prayer, lighting candles and asking our God to console those who are mourning. We at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's filled the Grotto with light and prayers. We proudly raised American flags in front of our homes- a quiet, powerful reminder of the solidarity of our nation.

These actions are not merely a demonstration of human nature- they are an expression of the American spirit. We have banded together with the strength of patriotism and brotherhood that cannot be found in any other country. On Tuesday morning our own problems became insignificant. Why? Because something horrible happened to our own- and we took it personally. We do not merely empathize with those directly affected by this violent incident- we become them. We are the rescuers, the donors and humanitarians and we refuse to let adversity stand in our way.

A part of our nation has fallen, but we will emerge from the rubble victorious. Regardless of any military action we may see in the near future, we have won. We have a human nature brimming with compassion and goodwill that has emerged unscathed, despite a horrific attempt to destroy it. Our nature is what makes us free. It is what makes us American.



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THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

Wednesday
♦ **Workshop:** "Do labor unions reduce business investments?" Room 203 O'Shaughnessy Hall, 3 - 4:15 p.m.

Thursday
♦ **Lecture:** "The political geography of the Columbine crisis" Alejandro Reyes, Kellogg Institute, C-103 Hesburgh Center, 4:15 p.m.

Friday
♦ **Booksigning:** "Heart Stoppers and Hail Marys" Ted Mandell, 86 Notre Dame professor of film and video production, Hammes bookstore, 2-4 p.m.

Saturday
♦ **Scholars Series:** "From page to stage" by Actors of the London stage, auditorium of the Hesburgh Center for international studies, 10 a.m.

BEYOND CAMPUS

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Middle Eastern U Conn. students leave campus

STORRS, Conn.

Two University of Connecticut students of Middle Eastern descent have decided to leave UConn and return to their home countries after encountering harassment in the aftermath of last Tuesday's terrorist attacks.

The students, Rashed Alvaabi, a fifth-semester mechanical engineering major, and Ibraheem Almansouri, a student who just arrived at UConn to study English, decided to return to their native country, the United Arab Emirates, mainly because of pressure from their families.

The families of both men feared for their safety after hearing reports of violence against Muslims across the United States.



"My family has called me every day [since the terrorist attacks]," Almansouri said. "Every day."

Since Tuesday's attack on New York City and Washington, D.C., Almansouri said he noticed a drastic change in the way people treated him.

"I can't stay in the U.S. because

of the people in class; all of the people just look at me," he said. "I can't go anywhere I stayed at my home for four days."

Alvaabi said aside from the pressure from his family, a major factor in his decision to leave the country was a physics class he attended last Thursday in which students used derogatory language about people of Islamic descent.

Alvaabi said his professor asked the class what they thought about Islamic people, and approximately five people responded: "We hate the Islamic people."

Alvaabi said the professor told these students that they should not have said that and the discussion of Islamic people did not continue.

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San Jose alum flew UA flight 93

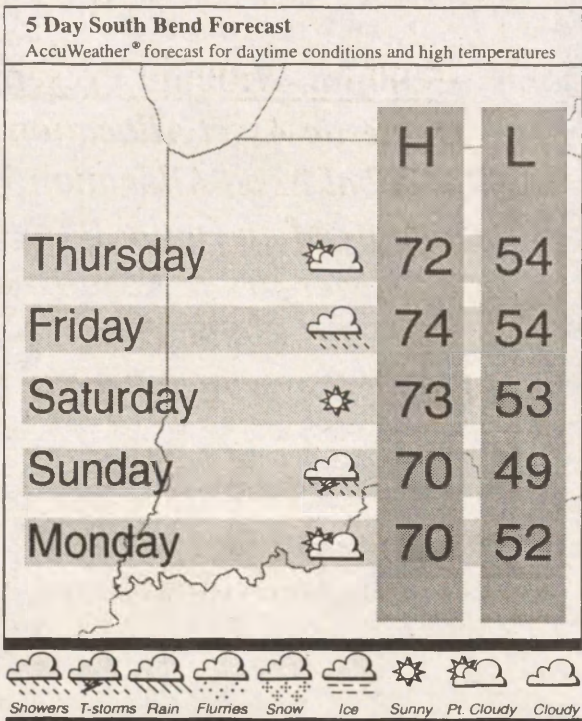
Carol Heiderich said is the most memorable about her brother, Jason Dahl, was "how much he's loved by people and how he loved people." In his mother's living room, flowers from loved ones surround his picture. "He was a wonderful son. He looked out for everybody," said Mildred Dahl, his mother. Capt. Jason Dahl, an alumnus of San Jose State University, was the pilot of United Airlines Flight 93 that crashed in rural Pennsylvania last Tuesday. Those close to him say they believe he was the reason why the terrorists' plans of crashing into a more populated area did not succeed. "There were no angels there, he did it all," said Tom Leonard, Dahl's aviation professor at SJSU. "Anything that could've been done, he did ... he did an admirable thing." "He had a difficult decision," said Dahl's brother-in-law, Bill Heiderich. "He would've said 'you will not get my plane.'"

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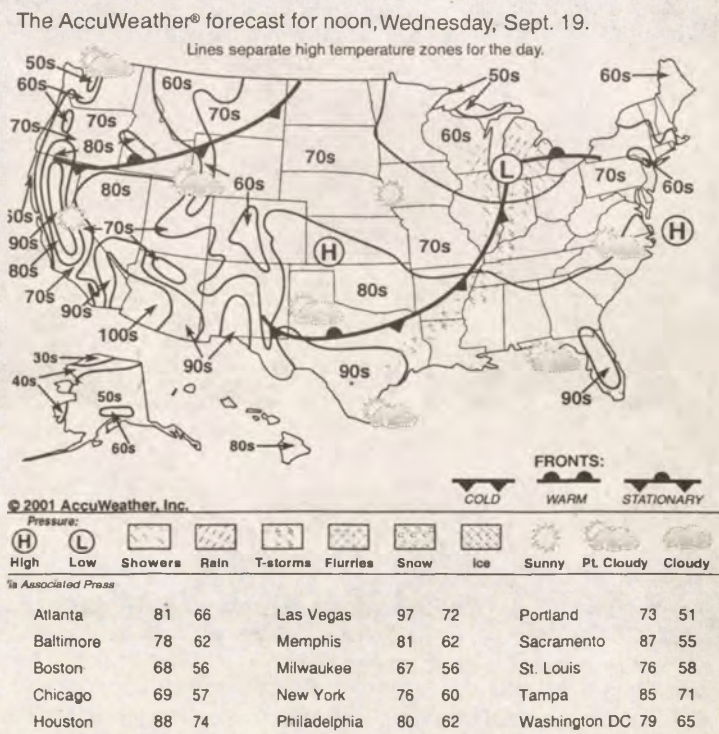
Bush's approval rating soars

One of the points of contention during the November 2000 presidential elections was whether George W. Bush had the experience necessary to deal effectively with foreign relations. The terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, coming just nine months into his presidency, have given him a trial-by-fire chance to answer that question. A poll of 1,032 people taken Sept. 14 and 15 by the Gallup Organization shows that Bush's job approval rating has risen by 35 percent since the attacks. The Gallup Web site said the jump from 51-percent approval to 86 percent in a week's time was "faster than any comparable 'rally' event in Gallup polling history." But while almost nine out of 10 Americans may approve of Bush's actions during the aftermath of the attack, Dr. James M. SoRelle, chairman of the history department, said he believed it was too soon to form a judgement. "He's done kind of a public-relations handling appearing presidential, taking charge which he has to do," SoRelle said.

LOCAL WEATHER



NATIONAL WEATHER



Town hall meeting incorporates student concerns

By ERIN LaRUFFA
Associate News Editor

Drawing a group of 17 students, the office of the student body president held its first town hall meeting Tuesday night to discuss freshman orientation and football ticket distribution.

The office of the president will be holding similar meetings throughout the year to seek input from students.

"We know we were elected to represent the student body, and it's hard to know what each individual is thinking," said student body president Brooke Norton. "We really wanted to have feedback from students."

One student in the audience, Susan Palladino, suggested incorporating a service activity into freshman orientation.

"It's a non-threatening way for students to get together," she said. As an example, Palladino said a brother and sister dorm could do a three-hour service project during orientation weekend.

Student government is currently looking into incorporating service into freshman orientation, according to Norton.

Junior Andrew Deberry suggested freshmen might prefer events that involved actually talking to other freshmen, instead of quickly meeting multiple people.

Other members of the audience expressed concern that many activities involve an entire male dorm and an entire female dorm doing something together. Male dorms should also plan events with other male dorms, and female dorms with other female dorms, according to senior Tyler Jackson. He explained that the way orientation is currently set up, students only meet students of the same gender who live in their dorm.

"I don't think you get the friendships you could get," Jackson said.

Sophomore Kevin Wolf said the problems with freshman orientation could stem from each dorm planning its own events independently.

"It depends so much on what your dorm ori-

entation commissioner and your rector decide on," he said, added that freshmen in different dorms are "on unequal ground" as a result.

Students at the town hall meeting also discussed possible changes to football ticket distribution.

"This is the fourth year in a row that something different has been done," said student body vice president Brian Moscona. He added that so far, feedback about this year's distribution system has been positive.

Many students have expressed an interest in general admission seating, said Norton, but she added that the University's risk management attorneys say that everyone must have an assigned seat.

While assigned seating is not debatable, the payment plans for the tickets could change. The audience unanimously endorsed the idea of paying for tickets on their student accounts.

Students also said it was a hassle for them to organize their friends to get a lottery number on one day, and then to purchase the tickets on another day.

Fitzmaurice suggested changing the system so that those students who wanted to sit together did not have to get consecutive lottery numbers. Instead, each student in a group could get an individual number, and the person in the group with the highest lottery number could purchase the tickets for the rest of the group.

That system might be better, according to Wolf, especially considering that most students care primarily about sitting with their friends.

Furthermore, it was particularly difficult to purchase tickets on a day when class was in session, according to Palladino.

"I think it was a lot of juggling. For freshmen, it must have been mind boggling," she said. "It's ridiculous to have to skip a class or show up late because you're picking up football tickets."

She suggested having students pick up their tickets on a Saturday, although Norton said the ticket office prefers each class to have its own separate pick up day.

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In their first town hall meeting Tuesday night, the office of the student body president drew 17 students. Student body president, Brooke Norton and vice-president Brian Moscona [above] plan to hold similar meetings throughout the year.

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Smith wins off-campus senate seat

By MOLLY HERBE
News Writer

Senior Turtle Creek resident Matthew Smith will be the new off-campus senator for the 2001-2002 school year, pulling in 56 percent of the vote over Tammy Lin in Tuesday's election.

Smith campaigned on several issues such as making the off-campus environment more safe and the organization of University-funded

off-campus events. Also, Smith expressed desire for more off-campus accessibility to information about events on campus.

According to his platform, one solution may be an off-campus list serve to pass on such information. Smith would like to work towards a proposal to help eradicate any transportation problems between the main student apartment complexes and campus, and vice versa. He suggested the establishment of a shuttle to run from campus to the apart-

ment complexes throughout the day.

"I am excited that I will be able to witness the machinery of Notre Dame working. I hope I am able to contribute something positive," said Smith.

Despite the availability of online voting via email, only 103 students voted in Monday's election. Seventy-two students voted in the primary elections that were held last week.

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Terrorism

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explain to the audience the different views and opinions of terrorism.

"One person's terrorist is another person's freedom fighter," Belanger said.

Belanger said the U.S. must be patient with its decision on retaliating against these attacks. He believes the United States must understand their enemy and how the enemy views the United States.

"We (United States) are not very patient with our decisions," he said referring to the decision to go to war. "Politics is a world where short, quick solutions and answers will not solve anything. Any political, violent actions are going to put us in a worse situation."

John Incandela of the Religious Studies Department closed the discussion. He shared different quotes and resources to identify different religious and political views of the attacks.

"I am overwhelmed with the religious dimensions of this act," Incandela said. "This is an asymmetrical war not against a known country or soldiers in identifiable uniforms."

He went on to say that the United States must first review the act before so quickly reacting to it.

Students, faculty and members of the community all attended providing questions and discussions following the comments given by the panel. Many attendants voiced concerns of what

they should do and what other ways America can handle this situation, as well as comments regarding the media.

"I think this [panel] was a good start for us to work out our own reactions and questions," said sophomore Kristen Carrigan.

Justice Education chair Jan Pilarski helped organize this panel to help members of the Saint Mary's community deal with their questions and emotional stresses dealing with the attacks. She hopes that this panel and discussion helped people come together and better deal with their emotions surrounding the event.

"This is only the first step for people to broaden what they know and feel about what happened," said Pilarski.

The Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership, the

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Cancer

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the sun to cause a great deal of damage to the skin.

"The rate of increase in skin cancer is higher than any other rate we've seen," said Navari. "This kind of work will raise a level of awareness that there are risks out there."

In the center, there are various cancer research projects that scientists are conducting simultaneously, but Navari coordinates the projects and looks for areas of funding.

Since Wiest's project is one of many at the Center, Navari said that scientists are conducting a lot more research on campus than one would believe.

"If people think about the science that is going on at Notre Dame, they wouldn't necessarily think that Notre Dame is working on cancer research, but in fact we are. Five years ago, we weren't," said Navari.

Wiest came to Notre Dame in 1995 and has been researching ways to combat skin cancer since that time.

His project is still in its early stages, but Wiest said the progress is promising.

"Of course, people ask, 'When are you going to be on the market with the drug?'" Wiest said. "It's absolutely impossible to say when that is going on [the market]."

In the next stage of the project, Wiest and others will make a real piece of DNA with the sun damage to arrive closer to something that can be used in the human body.

"This is what science is all about," said Wiest. "You answer one question, you get two more."

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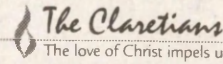
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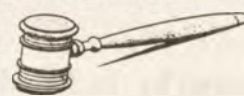
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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Afgan refugees land in Australia:

After three weeks at sea, about 100 Afghan asylum seekers left an Australian navy ship Wednesday and were taken to a camp on the tiny Pacific island state of Nauru. The Afghan refugees were among those saved from a sinking Indonesian ferry by a Norwegian freighter in late August.

Annual U.N. meeting postponed:

The U.N. General Assembly will postpone its annual gathering of world leaders scheduled to begin next week because of last week's terrorist attacks, the assembly president said Tuesday. The delay will mark the first time in the 56-year history of the United Nations that the General Assembly postponed the high-level round of speech-making.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

First wave of guardsmen activated:

The Pentagon began activating thousands of National Guard and Reserve troops across the nation, as military commanders briefed President Bush on plans for the mobilization he called "a strong symbol of this nation's resolve." Mr. Bush authorized last Friday as many as 50,000 guardsmen and reservists. The Pentagon has said it will initially need up to 35,500 of those troops: 13,000 for the Air Force, 10,000 for the Army, 7,500 for the Marine Corps, 3,000 for the Navy and 2,000 for the Coast Guard.

Rift over Rio Grande water rights:

Mexico has warned that it will fail to meet a Sept. 30 deadline to release millions of gallons of water it is required by treaty to provide to farmers in South Texas for irrigation. Also, Mexico will need to hold back even more water because of the prolonged drought.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Gun battle erupts in Indianapolis:

Three young men were being held Tuesday after an eight-hour gun battle left a police officer and one of the suspected gunmen dead, authorities said. Two bystanders and a police officer also were wounded, with one of the bystanders listed in critical condition. The confrontation began on the city's northeast side Monday evening, when officers tried to pull over a car carrying four men. The driver would not stop, so police began a pursuit and gunfire erupted.



FBI agents gather clues in an apartment rented by Saeed Alghamdi, one of the suspected hijackers of the airliners that hit the World Trade Center's south tower.

75 detained in terrorism case

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The FBI has detained 75 people for questioning and on immigration charges and has arrested at least four material witnesses in the terrorist investigation, Attorney General John Ashcroft said Tuesday. He declared the government will "use every legal means at our disposal" to prevent further terrorist attacks.

"We are looking at the possibility that there may have been more than four planes targeted for hijacking," said Ashcroft. The FBI has not been able to

confirm that, he said.

Ashcroft announced the creation of new rules allowing suspected illegal aliens to be detained for 48 hours, double the old period. He also announced creation of an anti-terrorism task force with people in major cities.

The attorney general said the task force would wage "a concerted national assault" against terrorists.

The government was looking for more than 190 people who investigators believe may have information about the attack, he said.

The FBI investigation of

last week's terrorist attacks has led to the arrest of four people as material witnesses. Aided by a federal grand jury, the agency is seeking more people who may have information about the plot, law enforcement officials said Tuesday.

One of the four material witnesses is Albader Alhamzi, 34, a Saudi national and Saudi-trained doctor who was doing a medical residency in radiology at University of Texas Health Science Center, said one of the government officials, speaking on condition of anonymity. He was being

held in New York.

Authorities also detained a man in San Diego, Calif., who was linked through financial transactions to two of the 19 hijackers, officials said. They declined to say whether he was arrested as a material witness.

As U.S. law enforcement officials pull in more people for questioning, a grand jury in White Plains, a suburb north of New York, will review evidence and issue subpoenas in the attack on the World Trade Center, according to a law enforcement source who spoke on condition of anonymity.

PAKISTAN

Govt. closes Afghan border

Associated Press

ISLAMABAD

Pakistani officials returned tonight from Afghanistan after being rebuffed by the Taliban government on an American demand that it immediately surrender Osama bin Laden to head off a military showdown with the United States.

Taliban officials are expected issue their final decision on the American demand later this week.

The announcement of the Pakistani delegation's return to

Islamabad was eclipsed by other reports of chaos on the 1,500-mile-long border with Afghanistan as hundreds of thousands of Afghan fled the cities in anticipation of American-led military strikes, prompting the Pakistani government to close its borders against refugees.

The Pakistani government faced ominous new resistance at home to its pledge of "full cooperation" with the United States. An influential conservative Muslim cleric in Pakistan today issued a decree to his numerous followers obliging

them to rise to Afghanistan's defense if it was attacked.

In talks on Monday in the Afghan city of Kandahar, the hard-line Islamic clerics who lead the Taliban had demanded "convincing evidence" that Mr. bin Laden was responsible for the attacks last week in New York and Washington, officials in Pakistan said.

In addition, the Taliban said they wanted the Organization of the Islamic Conference, a group of more than 50 Muslim countries, to make a formal demand for bin Laden's handover.

Market Watch September 18

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Up:	1,229	
Same:	175	
Down:	1,922	
Composite Volume:	N/A	
AMEX:	837.52	-15.36
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INTEL CORP (INTC)	-0.51	-0.12	23.47
EXODUS COMM INC (EXDS)	+5.45	+0.03	0.58

U2 student ticket sales begin Thursday

By MAUREEN SMITHE
Associate News Editor

Despite a delay in ticket sales triggered by last week's terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, D.C., U2 will still perform on the Notre Dame campus Oct. 10 at 7:30 p.m.

Student ticket sales, originally scheduled for last Thursday, will resume Thursday at the Joyce Center.

Joe Sassano, Joyce Center events manager, said that students should start arriving at 3 p.m. to receive a ticket enabling them to draw for a position in line. Those with a ticket can then draw a lottery number. Concert tickets will then go on sale to lottery ticket holders at 6 p.m.

"The word 'lottery' is not the right word. No one loses in getting these tickets," Sassano said. "We have not limited the number of tickets that we will allow students to buy."

The two-ticket lottery system, which allows all students who arrive on time to obtain the first ticket needed to receive the ticket holding them a place in line, has gone unchanged since the original plan.

"People shouldn't camp out now to establish themselves as

the first in line. There is no reason for students to show up before three or four o'clock [on Thursday]," Sassano said.

Although students can buy tickets for both the general admission standing floor and the assigned seats, Sassano said the stage will accommodate the Joyce Center's 360 degree design.

"You can sit all around the stage and still have a great seat," he said.

Ticket prices for the show will be \$46 for general admission floor seats and \$86 for assigned seats within the Joyce Center. Tickets sold during the student pre-sale and on the first day of the public sale will sell for cash only.

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Joe Sassano
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UNITED NATIONS

U.N. demands bin Laden

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS
The U.N. Security Council said Tuesday it had one message for Afghanistan's Taliban rulers: hand over suspected terrorist Osama bin Laden and close all terrorist training camps "immediately and unconditionally."

The 15-nation council, whose permanent members are the United States, Russia, China, Britain and France, issued a statement after a briefing on the political, military and humanitarian situation in Afghanistan, "including the dire consequences of Taliban rule for the Afghan people."

"There is one and only one message the Security Council has for the Taliban: Implement United Nations Security Council resolutions ... immediately and unconditionally," said the statement, read by France's U.N. ambas-

sador Jean-David Levitte, the current council president.

The council referred to a resolution it adopted last December demanding that the Taliban turn over bin Laden to the United States or a third country for trial in the deadly bombings of two U.S. embassies in Africa in August 1998.

That resolution also demanded that the Taliban stop providing sanctuary and training for international terrorists, take measures to ensure that its territory is not used to prepare terrorist acts and move swiftly to close all terrorist training camps.

Pakistan sent a high-level delegation on Monday to tell the Taliban to either hand over bin Laden or face a punishing assault from the United States, which has named the Saudi-born millionaire as the prime suspect in last week's terrorist attacks in New York

and Washington.

The Taliban's supreme leader, Mullah Mohammed Omar, turned the decision over to a council of Islamic clerics which was gathering in the Afghan capital of Kabul and was expected to discuss the ultimatum Wednesday.

The Security Council froze Taliban assets and imposed an international flight ban on Afghanistan's Ariana airlines in November 1999 to pressure the hard-line Islamic militia to turn over bin Laden. It added an arms embargo on the Taliban in January.

Earlier Tuesday, Afghanistan's U.N. Ambassador Ravan Farhadi, who represents the ousted government of Burhanuddin Rabbani, offered 15,000 fighters for any operation against bin Laden or the Taliban.

The United States has not asked for assistance from the anti-Taliban forces, which control about 5 percent of the country in the north.

"We have 15,000 people ready to fight. They are trained to fight the Taliban," Farhadi told a news conference.

Farhadi also claimed that Pakistan's military intelligence knew where bin Laden was hiding since it had trained and worked with the Taliban.

"There is one and only one message the Security Council has for the Taliban: Implement United Nations Security Council resolutions ... immediately and unconditionally."

Jean-David Levitte
Security Council president

Bush tells airlines to expect financial relief

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Congress and the Bush administration told the nation's airlines Tuesday they can expect quick, multibillion-dollar relief to help them recover from last week's terrorist attacks.

Federal help is needed, said Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle because of the "extraordinary vulnerability that we see economically right now with all the airlines, some more than others."

Airline executives met separately during the day with Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta, White House officials and congressional leaders. The meetings were for the industry to make a case for federal aid to help the airlines deal with mounting losses caused by the interruption of flights last week and the prospects for significantly reduced business in coming months.

The House floated a \$15 billion relief plan last Friday to include \$2.5 billion in immediate grants and \$12.5 billion in loans and credits. The industry has asked for \$24 billion.

Michael Wascom, spokesman for the Air Transport Association, said Monday the industry requested \$11.2 billion in loans and grants, \$7.8 billion in tax

relief such as suspension of the jet fuel tax and excise tax and \$5 billion in direct cash aid.

Leo Mullin, chairman of Delta Air Lines, said financial consequences of the Sept. 11 attacks could approach the \$24 billion figure through next summer. "There is no question that this industry has suffered enormous financial damage via this terrible situation," Mullin said.

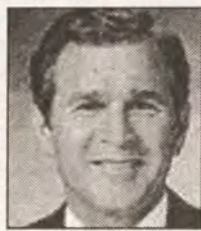
Major carriers already have announced more than 26,000 layoffs, and the industry has warned that figure could grow to 100,000 in coming weeks. Airlines such as American, Continental, Delta, Northwest and United have scaled back their schedules by 20 percent.

Boeing is planning to lay off 20 to 30 percent of its commercially airframe work force — roughly 31,000 people — as a result of the terrorists attacks, a congressional source said Tuesday on condition of anonymity. The aircraft maker will make an announcement Wednesday, the source said.

Neither the administration nor congressional leaders were ready to suggest a final dollar amount, or a timetable for action, although Rep. Roy Blunt, R-Mo., said the House might move forward with legislation this week.

Mineta said the administration hoped to come up with its own package by early next week. There's recognition, he said, that the airline industry has "got to be made whole."

House Democratic leader Dick Gephardt of Missouri stressed that the airline relief package would be separate from the \$40 billion in emergency spending Congress passed last week to help victims of the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon and track down the perpetrators.



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U.S. contacts Sudan and Cuba for help

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

In its quest for a diverse anti-terror coalition, the Bush administration said Tuesday it has made overtures to Sudan and Cuba. They're the third and fourth nations on the State Department terrorism list seen as potential sources of information in last week's attacks.

Secretary of State Colin Powell called Sudanese Foreign Minister Osman Ismail Mustafa and asked for his cooperation after taking note of Sudan's offer to play a constructive role combating terrorism.

High-level contacts with Sudan have been extremely rare, and State Department spokesman Richard Boucher called the conversation a good beginning.

Boucher also said a U.S. official visited Cuba's diplomatic mission in Washington and asked for whatever information Cuba might have about the terrorist attack. Cuba strongly condemned the Sept. 11 disaster.

U.S. officials said a diverse anti-terrorism coalition would be more viable politically than one limited largely to Western democracies. Powell has been reaching out to Arab and Muslim countries in recent days.

Meanwhile, officials reacted skeptically to conditions that Afghanistan's ruling Taliban movement was said to be demanding in exchange for extraditing Osama bin Laden, the prime suspect in the attacks.

The conditions include international recognition of Taliban rule and the lifting of U.N. sanctions.

An administration official said the U.S. stance is based on two U.N. Security Council resolutions approved over the past two years in response to the Taliban's role in sheltering bin Laden.

The resolutions demand that bin Laden be expelled to a country where he can be brought to justice. U.S. officials hold out little hope that the Taliban will comply with that.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld also raised doubts Tuesday about whether the sur-

render of bin Laden by the Taliban would enable that group to evade hostile actions by the U.S. military.

"Clearly you begin on a journey with one step, and he would be one step," Rumsfeld said on CBS' "The Early Show." But he said even if bin Laden were not protected by the Taliban, the radical organization he heads, al-Qaida, "would continue doing what it's been doing. So clearly the problem is much bigger than bin Laden."

As for Pakistan, Boucher said there was no promise of U.S. assistance for that country in exchange for its pledge to back American efforts to hunt down those responsible for last week's attacks.

"It was entered into without any demands, without any conditions, without any quid pro quos," he said.

Sen. Sam Brownback, R-Kan., said the United States should lift trade sanctions on Pakistan and back World Bank loans for economic development in Pakistan "so the population can see a positive reason to engage with the United States."

Sanctions against Pakistan were imposed in response to its nuclear weapons program and to the October 1999 military coup that installed Gen. Pervez Musharraf as president.

Powell received a warm expression of support and sympathy Tuesday from South Korean Foreign Minister Han Seung-soo. President Bush had an evening meeting and dinner scheduled with French President Jacques Chirac, who was expected to reaffirm his forceful opposition to international terror.

The United States lists Cuba, Sudan, Syria, Libya, Iran, Iraq and North Korea as supporters or sponsors of terrorism. The United States has contacted Cuba, Sudan and Syria as part of its search for information on the attacks.

There has been no contact with Iran, but the State Department said Saturday it was heartened by Tehran's response to the attacks and sees a possible role for Iran in the present situation.

Israel celebrates Jewish new year

Associated Press

JERUSALEM

Israel marked the Jewish New Year on Tuesday, looking back on a year of fighting with the Palestinians amid new hopes that a truce might finally be taking hold.

Many Israelis took advantage of the two-day holiday that ends at sundown Wednesday to relax with relatives at home. Jews traditionally celebrate the New Year with lavish dinners and eat apples dipped in honey, symbols of a sweet year.

Electrician Aviad Konforty spent the holiday with his family in Tel Aviv. He said that despite Israel's current troubles, he was optimistic because "there is nothing else to do but think positively."

Hotels in Israel's forested

northern region were full as many people canceled trips to abroad because of the terrorist attacks in the United States and the tension at home, Israel radio reported.

For the majority in Israel that does not observe religious laws forbidding listening to the radio and watching television on holy days, Tuesday's word of an emerging truce was welcome.

"I took my pager to the synagogue," Foreign Ministry official Gideon Meir said. "It didn't beep even once — that's very rare."

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat announced Wednesday that he ordered his forces to prevent attacks on Israelis.

Israel responded by withdrawing tanks from Palestinian territory and promising not to carry out military strikes.

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AFGHANISTAN

Taliban threatens 'holy war' against America

Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — The hard-line Taliban said God would protect it if the world tried to "set fire" to Afghanistan for sheltering terrorist suspect Osama bin Laden, and in comments broadcast Tuesday also called on all Muslims to wage holy war on America if it attacks.

Hundreds of Islamic clerics were gathering in the Afghan capital to discuss conditions for extraditing bin Laden to a country other than the United States, a Pakistan government official said. The clerics are expected to meet Wednesday, said Hamdullah Noman, the mayor of Kabul and host of the gathering.

The conditions, including international recognition of the Taliban government and the lifting of U.N. sanctions, were discussed Monday in Kandahar, headquarters of the Islamic militia that rules most of Afghanistan, the Pakistani official said on condition of anonymity.

It seemed unlikely the United States would agree to have bin Laden extradited to another country. A delegation sent by Pakistan to try to convince the Taliban to hand over bin Laden went home Tuesday without reaching an agreement, and Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf scheduled a

televised address to his people on Wednesday evening.

Before leaving Kabul, the Pakistani delegation met with eight detained aid workers being tried on charges of illegally preaching Christianity, the official said. Pakistan asked the Taliban to release the aid workers — two Americans, four Germans and two Australians — and the rulers promised to consider the request, he said.

The Taliban, who say bin Laden was wrongly implicated in the Sept. 11 terror attacks on the United States, urged the people of Afghanistan to prepare for a jihad, or holy war, against America, the official Bakhtar News Agency reported Tuesday.

"If America attacks our homes, it is necessary for all Muslims, especially for Afghans, to wage a holy war."

Mullah Mohammed Hasan Akhund
deputy Taliban leader

"If America attacks our homes, it is necessary for all Muslims, especially for Afghans, to wage a holy war," Mullah Mohammed Hasan Akhund, the deputy Taliban leader, said Monday, according to state-run Radio Shariat. "God is on our side, and if the world's people try to set fire to Afghanistan, God will protect us and help us."

Since taking control of most of Afghanistan in 1996, the Taliban have declared holy wars against the northern-based anti-Taliban alliance, Russia and Iran, but never the

United States.

The Taliban government is only officially recognized by three countries: Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

The Taliban's foreign minister, Wakil Ahmed Muttawakil, condemned the violence within hours of the attacks in New York and Washington but said it would have been impossible for bin Laden to carry out the assaults. Bin Laden lacks the facilities for such an elaborate operation, he said.

Since then, the Taliban's leader, Mullah Mohammed Omar, who has declared himself head of all Muslims, has defended bin Laden and accused the United States of pointing the finger in his direction because its investigators have been unable to come up with a real suspect.

Many Pakistanis living along the 1,500-mile border with Afghanistan promised to join the jihad against America, and possibly their own government, if there are retaliatory strikes.

"America is putting a gun on Pakistan's shoulder to fire at Afghanistan. The Pakistani people cannot accept this," said Haji Abdul Razzaq, a mechanic in the western city of Peshawar, near the Afghan border.

On Tuesday, some 3,000 people in the Pakistani city of Karachi demonstrated near a mosque that runs a religious school many Taliban leaders attended, warning of more attacks. Many carried posters of bin Laden portrayed as a hero.

"Until now, only one World Trade Center has been destroyed," demonstrators

shouted in unison in English. "But we will destroy all of America. We will die for Taliban. We will die for Islam. We will die for Osama."

Afghani demonstrators

Bin Laden and his alleged network of Islamic militants are the prime suspects in last week's airborne assaults on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

The United States believes bin Laden has played a role in a number of devastating attacks, including the 1998 bombings of two U.S. embassies in East Africa in which 231 people were killed.

Bin Laden, who was stripped of Saudi citizenship and has been living in Afghanistan since 1996, is accused by Washington of running a global terrorist network from his bases inside the war-ravaged Central Asian nation.

The Taliban, the hard-line Islamic militia that rules according to a strict interpretation of the Quran, have been placed under economic sanctions twice by the United Nations to press earlier U.S. demand to hand over bin Laden for trial.

The Taliban have consistently refused, calling bin Laden a "guest" and saying that to hand him over to non-Muslims would betray a tenet of Islam.

Jordan's King Abdullah recalled on Tuesday that U.S. intelligence services last year helped foil a bin Laden-planned attack on Jordan hotels during Millennium celebrations.

He said on "Larry King Live" program that as the weeks go on, the world will learn that "some of the things that he was up to were quite horrific indeed." CNN released excerpts of the interview prior to broadcast Tuesday evening.

The U.S. Embassy in Islamabad said Tuesday that the U.S. government has authorized its nonessential embassy staff members and their families to evacuate Pakistan amid fears of possible violence and terrorist strikes against Americans. Several multinational companies also have evacuated their international staff.

However, the U.S. Embassy and its consulates in Pakistan, an Islamic nation of 140 million people, were to continue their normal operations.

Meanwhile, thousands of Afghans were fleeing the country amid fears of retaliatory strikes on Afghanistan because of bin Laden's presence.

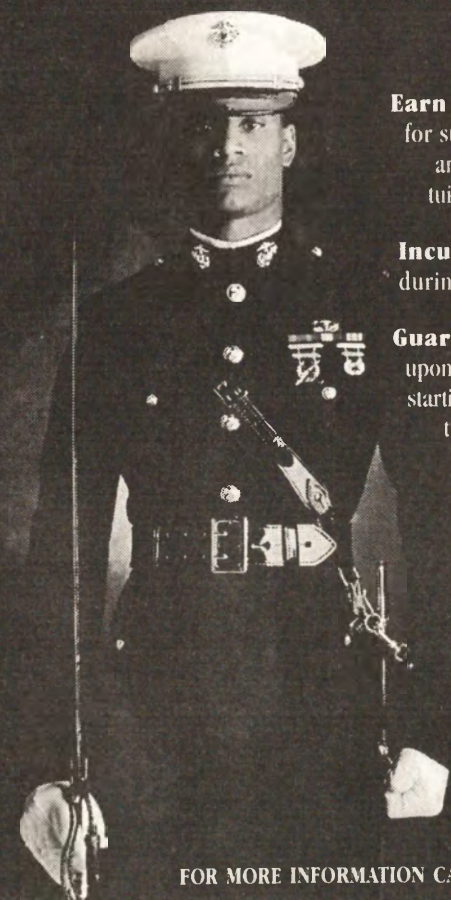
"We are worried that hundreds of thousands of Afghans have left the cities and are headed for Pakistan," Riaz Mohammed Khan, a spokesman for Pakistan's Foreign Office, said Tuesday.

Thousands more have been gathering on islands along a river that marks much of Afghanistan's border with Tajikistan, Russian border officials said Tuesday.

At the United Nations, a representative of the former Afghan government of Burhanuddin Rabbani, which was ousted by the Taliban, said that 15,000 fighters loyal to Rabbani were prepared to assist the United States in any operation against the Taliban.

But the representative, A.G. Ravan Farhadi, said in New York that the United States had not asked for any help from his group based in northern Afghanistan.

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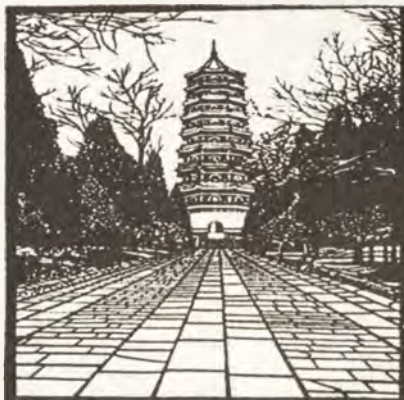
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Asian investors wait for more news of U.S. market

Associated Press

HONG KONG

Share prices in Asia were mixed early Wednesday, as investors watched for developments in Afghanistan. Taiwan's key index plunged, however, as markets that were closed earlier in the week by a typhoon reopened.

The Weighted Price Index of the Taiwan Stock Exchange tumbled 2.76 percent, or 104.28 points, to 3,670.34 — its lowest level in eight years. Electronics shares, which account for almost 60 percent of the market, were down 3.1 percent.

The government estimated that total damage from Typhoon Nari, which caused at least 55 deaths and closed down Taiwan's capital Taipei on Monday and Tuesday, could be as high as 12 billion Taiwan dollars [\$348 million] — another blow to the ailing economy.

Elsewhere, there were signs that markets were following Wall Street's lead and settling down after a week of volatile trading following the Sept. 11 terror attacks in the United States. Overnight, the Dow Jones industrial average fell 17.30 points, or less than 0.2 percent, to 8,903.40 on Tuesday.

"People are just waiting for news to come out," said Michael Liang, an analyst at Vickers Ballas in Hong Kong.

Asian markets were watching for developments in the

U.S. effort to draw together a diverse anti-terrorism coalition and for Afghanistan's reaction to Washington's demands for extradition of Osama bin Laden, the prime suspect in the attacks.

Cheered by the lower-than-expected decline in New York, shares in Tokyo advanced early Wednesday. Sentiment was also helped by an overnight interest-rate cut by Japan's central bank, part of a global effort led by the Federal Reserve to calm jittery investors.

Lower interest rates tend to boost stock trading because the cost of borrowing becomes cheaper. The benchmark 225-issue Nikkei Stock Average soared 329.99 points, or 3.41 percent, to 10,009.87 by

midday.

On Tuesday, the average closed up 175.47 points, or 1.85 percent. Hong Kong's Hang Seng index of blue chips surged 124.57 points, or 1.34 percent, to 9,432.47.

Given the uncertainty over U.S. retaliation for the terror attacks, investors were buying telecoms stocks and shying away from more vulnerable trading, property and airline shares, said Liang of Vickers Ballas. "It's not a Hong Kong thing, it's a global thing," Liang said. "Many people now view a mobile phone as a necessity, not a luxury."

In Seoul, the Korea Composite Stock Price Index edged down 0.2 percent. Investors shrugged off the round of rate cuts and instead focused on reports of an announcement by the Taliban that Afghanistan should prepare for a holy war, traders said.

European stocks finished lower Tuesday but a late rally sparked by a modest rise in U.S. shares cut the losses. A strong performance across Asia lost momentum, and some markets there fell into the red following last week's terrorist attacks in the United States.

Oil and gold both retreated, and the dollar was mostly lower against other major currencies. Stocks declined on all major European markets despite of interest rate cuts by central banks around the world, including a quarter percentage point cut by the Bank of England at midday.

The European Central Bank followed with a similar cut, and the Bank of Japan dropped a key rate earlier Tuesday. Leading British, French and German stock exchanges all rebounded slightly from earlier lows once Wall Street showed signs of stabilizing after Monday's plunge in U.S. shares.

The FTSE 100 index of British blue chips closed down 1.02 percent, or 50.20, at 4,848.70. The index had been down as

much as 2.59 percent below Monday's close. The CAC 40 index of leading French shares sank as low as 2.06 percent beneath Monday's close before rising to finish the day down 1.13 percent at 3,970.18.

The Xetra DAX index on Germany's Deutsche Boerse fell 0.94 percent to 4,194.85 in Frankfurt, after trading down as much as 2.66 percent earlier in the day. On Wall Street, market indicators were up in early afternoon trading before fading in late dealings. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 17.30 to 8,903.40, according to preliminary calculations. The Nasdaq composite index fell 24.29 to 1,555.26 and the Standard & Poor's 500 index declined 6.01 to 1,032.76. The Dow dropped 7.1 percent Monday in its biggest point loss, while the Nasdaq tumbled 6.8 percent.

Tokyo stocks rose sharply Wednesday morning after investors cheered the previous day's lower-than-expected fall on Wall Street. The dollar was weaker against the yen.

The benchmark 225-issue Nikkei Stock Average rose 329.99 points, or 3.41 percent, to 10,009.87 at the end of morning trading. On Tuesday, the average closed up 175.47 points, or 1.85 percent.

The dollar bought 117.77 yen in late morning trading, down 0.05 yen from late Tuesday in Tokyo but above its late New York level of 117.23 yen.

On the stock market, the Nikkei rebounded sharply after investors in Tokyo were relieved that Wall Street's drops were lower than anticipated.

Also supporting the Tokyo market was Tuesday's rate cut by Japan's central bank, which joined a global effort led by the U.S. Federal Reserve Board to try to calm jittery investors following last week's terror attacks.

The Bank of Japan lowered its largely symbolic official discount rate — the rate the central bank charges on loans to commercial banks — to 0.10 percent from 0.25 percent.

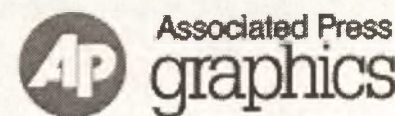
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ABC bans WTC plane crash video

Associated Press

NEW YORK

The arresting video images of airplanes slamming into the World Trade Center won't be shown again on ABC News without the network news chief's special permission.

ABC News President David Westin ordered the ban Tuesday amid concerns expressed by viewers that their repetition is proving disturbing.

"There is a sense that repeated use of these images is inappropriate," said ABC News spokeswoman Su-Lin Cheng Nichols. "People will remember these images forever whether we put them on or not. It's no longer a public service to continue to air them."

Competing networks say

they're airing the images less than they did last week simply because the story is moving on.

ABC anchorman Peter Jennings said on the air Friday that many viewers had called or e-mailed to say they were troubled by the repeated use of the footage.

"We are mindful of that," Jennings said then, "and we have done our best ... to be really judicious with our

use of images that seriously trouble a great many people."

Even last Thursday, CBS News President Andrew Heyward told The Associated Press that his network was being careful in using the images, generally

restricting them to stories where they are relevant, such as a discussion about the structural reasons for the buildings' col-

lapse.

"Our policy has been what it's always been when there is sensitive video," CBS News spokes-

"We have done our best to be really judicious with our use of images that seriously trouble a great many people."

Peter Jennings
ABC anchorman

NBC News spokeswoman Barbara Levin said the footage is airing less. "We will only use it when it is appropriate and germane to the story," she said.

Some cable news networks were criticized in the days following the attacks when the images were used as part of on-air promotions of their coverage. That use has generally subsided.

A CNN spokeswoman also said the network is being judicious in use of the video, but has no blanket ban.

Ashcroft warns of new internet worm

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

A new virus-like attack struck large companies Tuesday, and its rapid spread threatened to slow down the Internet. Attorney General John Ashcroft warned the computer outbreak could become worse than the "Code Red" worm earlier this summer.

The malicious software program, known as W32-Nimda, is complex and designed to spread to people who open infected e-mail or visit an infected Web site. The program generated more traffic on the Web, slowing down many users.

Security experts said it had already infected tens of thousands of computers, including those at several large companies. Experts monitored the outbreak and tried to figure out how it worked as it created pockets of Internet congestion and forced some companies offline.

"There is so much traffic [caused by the worm] that it ... makes you think the Internet is down," explained

Alan Paller, director of research at the SANS Institute, a computer security think tank.

The Internet as a whole is functioning normally with no widespread slowdowns, according to Internet monitoring firm Keynote Systems.

Ashcroft said there is "no evidence at this time" linking the worm with last week's terrorist attacks in New York and Washington.

The worm can spread in many different ways. It can infect Web sites running Microsoft's Internet Information Services software, like the recent "Code Red" worm did. Once a Web site is infected, any Web user accessing it can get the worm.

Once one computer on a company network is infected, it can also travel across the network to attack others. Together, this can cause an entire corporate network to be infected if even a single worker visits an infected Web site.

Finally, it can send itself through an e-mail attachment. The sender address is faked, and may be a well-known address.

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Bush reaches out to world leaders for support

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

President Bush, reaching out to build a global alliance against terrorism, won a strong commitment Tuesday from French President Jacques Chirac, who called the hijacking attacks on the United States a "tragedy which does not have a parallel."



Bush

"We bring you the total solidarity of France and the French people," Chirac told Bush in an Oval Office meeting.

The meeting came as the Bush administration stepped up its efforts to reach out to leaders around the world, even making overtures to Cuba and Sudan, with which the United States has had tense relations. The administration also began preparing a multibillion-dollar financial aid package for battered U.S. airlines.

Attorney General John Ashcroft, meanwhile, announced that the FBI had detained 75 people for questioning. At least four material witnesses have been arrested in the largest criminal investigation in the nation's history. A material witness is someone who may have information about a crime.

Ashcroft also announced new rules to allow the Justice

Department's to detain people on immigration violations for 48 hours, double the current limit, and the creation of an anti-terrorism task force with representatives in major cities.

Bush, speaking before he and Chirac had a working dinner, said his goal was "to rally the world toward a campaign to find terrorists." He cited an "outpouring of support" from world leaders, including those in the Arab world.

"We will take the governments for their word and will work with them to disrupt the finances, the travel, the communications" of terrorists, he said.

For his part, Chirac stopped short of using Bush's "war" terminology.

"I don't know whether we should use the word 'war,' but what I can say is now we are faced with a conflict of a completely new nature," Chirac said.

Chirac was the first world leader Bush has met with since last Tuesday's attacks that demolished the World Trade Center in New York, severely damaged the Pentagon and left more than 5,000 people dead and missing. British Prime Minister Tony Blair is coming to Washington Thursday.

France has sometimes had strained relations with the United States on military issues, including how to deal with Iraq. But Chirac told Bush: "We are completely determined to fight by your side this new type of evil, of absolute evil, which is terrorism."

Bush marked the grim one-week milestone by leading White House employees — and the nation — in a moment of silence. He also thanked leaders of charitable organizations at a later Rose Garden ceremony and praised Americans for rushing to give aid and comfort.

"Out of our tears and sadness, we saw the best of America," Bush said. "We saw a great country rise up to help."

Bush also called U.N.

Secretary-General Kofi Annan, Brazilian President Fernando Henrique Cardoso and Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said Bush was employing a carrot-and-stick approach. "In different nations, the carrot may be bigger," Fleischer said. "In other nations, the stick may be bigger."

Secretary of State Colin Powell called Sudanese Foreign Minister Osman Ismail Mustafa and took note of Sudan's offer of cooperation in combatting terrorism, State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said.

It was the highest-level communication between the two countries in years, and Boucher

called the conversation a good beginning.

Boucher also said a U.S. official visited Cuba's diplomatic mission in Washington and asked for whatever information Cuba may have about the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Cuba has strongly condemned the Sept. 11 disaster.

The United States also has said it is willing to explore the possibility of Iran's joining a broad

international coalition to fight terrorism. Iran, Sudan and Cuba are on the State Department's list of nations that support or sponsor terrorism. The United States also has reached

out to Syria, another nation on the list. The other three, which have not been consulted, are Libya, Iraq and North Korea.

The administration continued to focus on suspected fugitive terrorist Osama bin Laden as its prime suspect. Hundreds of Islamic clerics gathered in the Afghan capital of Kabul to discuss possible conditions for extraditing bin Laden to a country other than the United States.

American officials are skeptical that the ruling Taliban will hand over bin Laden. And Defense Secretary Donald H.

Rumsfeld suggested that bin Laden's surrender would probably not be enough to stop military action to root out terrorism.

"Our adversaries are not one or two terrorist leaders. ... It's a broad network of individuals and organizations that are determined to terrorize," Rumsfeld told a Pentagon briefing.

He said these networks have activities in 50 to 60 countries. "We'll have to deal with the networks. One of the ways to do that is to drain the swamp they live in, and that means dealing not only with the terrorists, but those who harbor terrorists," Rumsfeld said.

Meanwhile, Transportation Secretary Norman Y. Mineta said the administration was preparing a package of relief for hard-hit U.S. airlines and hoped it would be ready early next week.

"They've got to be made whole," Mineta said after a White House meeting with leaders of major airlines. He said the attacks on Washington and New York are costing the industry \$250 million to \$300 million a day.

"We are in very urgent need of a financial infusion very quickly," said Leo Mullin of Delta Air Lines, standing next to Mineta. He said estimates of airlines' needs ranged as high as \$24 billion.

Members of both parties are eager to act on the airline legislation and could move even before the administration presents its package.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Choose peace

"What would Jesus do?" It's a question that has become commonplace in America. It's one that a student raised in my class last week and I've been struggling with ever since the attacks on Sept. 11, especially as I hear politicians speak of justice and retaliation as if they were the same thing.

I am an ordained minister and a graduate student in theology. I have lived in the Middle East and experienced firsthand the fear that terrorists can cause, fear that persists long after retaliatory strikes have been carried out. I am also a new father who wants to protect his five-month old daughter and build a world of peace in which she can grow up without fear.

I am one of the 8 percent of Americans cited in a TV poll who oppose retaliation against those responsible for Tuesday's tragedy, even as we grieve with the victims. We are not un-American or naïve, nor do we seek to make America weak. We are patriotic and realistic citizens who seek justice without violence and advocate a realistic alternative which actually requires great strength and courage. I ask you now to listen to our voices as you consider the actions our country should take in response to this week's tragedies.

What would Jesus do? I realize that this may seem like an irrelevant question in the face of the political and practical realities that must be considered in choosing how to respond to violence. Yet I believe that a non-violent response has legitimacy. This year we even saw the trial of those responsible for the Lockerbie bombing. It took a long time and may have been anticlimactic compared to the actions of the guilty parties, but it was accomplished without violence, using international law.

Perhaps a non-violent response could convince terrorists that we are not the arrogant, power-hungry monsters that they claim. Perhaps they might even change their ways and give up violence. Even if I'm being too optimistic, consider the example we set for our children. We try to teach our children that violence and vigilant responses are wrong. We claim that our nation is founded upon the principles of justice and fair trials. Let us remain true to these principles, even in this horrible tragedy, and search for justice not a continuation of violence.

The Bible repeatedly tells the story of how God's people failed when they tried to accomplish things by themselves, instead of relying on God. But when they did rely on God's power, amazing things happened. Are we about to make that same mistake? Will our reliance on our own military power prevent God from working wonders in our time?

What would Jesus do? Jesus taught his followers to forsake the revenge of an "eye for an eye" and instead to love our enemies and to turn the other cheek. Many people have called this a Christian country. If we are a Christian country, should we not take his instructions very seriously?

I'll be honest. I don't know exactly what Jesus would do in this situation. Each of us must ponder this alone. Even so, this week we have seen Americans of all backgrounds come together in clinics across the country and wait patiently for hours to donate blood for the victims of Tuesday's attack. I would rather that our children and future generations remember that image from this week, not the violent retaliation against our enemies.

I know that there are many complex issues involved in choosing America's response to this tragedy. I understand that many people are angry. That is completely legitimate and I share their anger and grieve with all of the victims, their families and the nation. Yet I pray that whatever we do, we do it because it is the right and necessary thing to do, not because we are angry or afraid or because our pride was hurt.

Our leaders and we ourselves must follow our consciences, but I ask each of you to listen to this question as well. Please ask yourself, "What would Jesus do?"

Reverend Jonathan David Lawrence
graduate student
Sept. 17, 2001

Defend our way of life

The few of you who might recognize my name may remember me for five years of lighthearted columns in these pages. But sometimes, my friends, life isn't so damn funny.

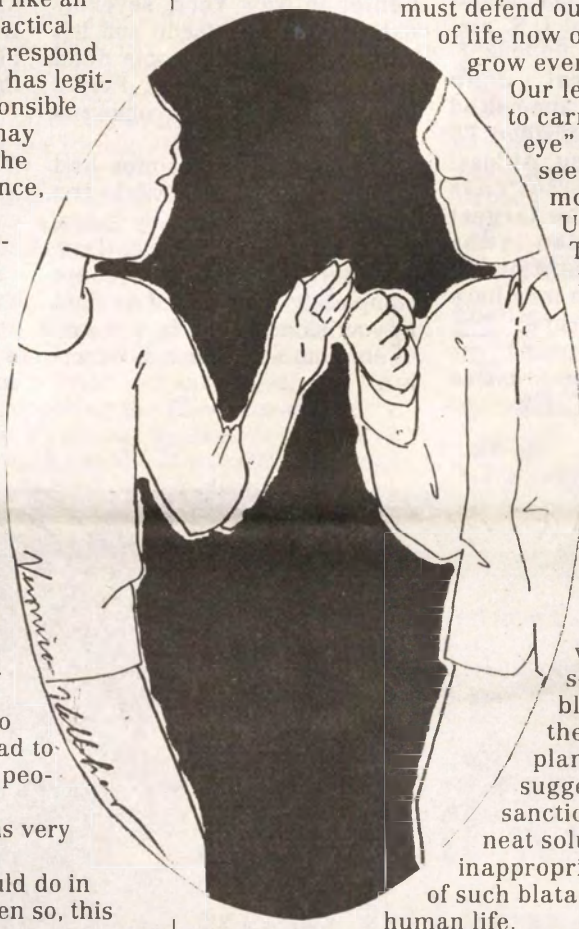
I am very disturbed by recent letters in The Observer which suggest that the United States must embrace a "non-violent" response to the attacks of Sept. 11 if we want to do "the right thing" or "the truly Catholic thing." The only way to stop further atrocities is to state in no uncertain terms that America will not passively accept such attacks on our homeland. I wonder if those of you calling for a military stand-down would feel the same way if, God forbid, you looked out your dorm window one morning and saw a hijacked airliner bearing down on the Golden Dome or LeMans Tower. We must defend ourselves and our way of life now or our enemies will grow ever bolder.

Our leaders are not roaring to carry out "an eye for an eye" vengeance. They are seeking to provide common sense self defense.

Unfortunately last Tuesday wasn't a nightmare, or a bad movie. The United States was viciously attacked on its own soil. These bombings were carried out for no other reason than to kill as many innocent people — civilians, mind you, not military personnel — as possible. If there existed a realistic way to defend ourselves without further bloodshed, I would be the first to support a plan of that nature. Such suggestions as economic sanctions sound like nice, neat solutions but are terribly inappropriate efforts in the face of such blatant disregard for human life.

War is never pretty nor welcome. Our brave servicemen and women don't relish the idea of deployment, but at times it is unavoidable. I shudder to think of what the world would be like today if the Allies attempted to stop Hitler with boycotts and strongly worded resolutions. Our generation has now received the call to take up the proud example set by our grandparents. The nation must act prudently but decisively. We will pray for peace even as we rise to defend our freedom.

The members of the Notre Dame/Saint Mary's ROTC community, seniors and recent graduates in particular, are in my thoughts and prayers. God bless America, the rescue workers, our armed forces and President George W. Bush.

Mary Beth Ellis
Saint Mary's College class of '99
Sept. 17, 2001

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Should the United States use military action to respond to the terrorist attacks?
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"All wars are popular for the first 30 days."

Arthur Schlesinger, Jr.
historian

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Wonderful people make service worthwhile

Anyone that might walk into my room would think I am suffering from an identity crisis. My shelves are lined with carefully placed Puerto Rican memorabilia, departure gifts upon the completion of two years of post-graduate service.

When people ask me where I am from my first impulse is to say Puerto Rico, although I begrudgingly admit that I am indeed from Massachusetts.

Sometimes I ask myself how exactly this new identity emerged. I suppose that the answer would include a combination of an open heart and mind with two years of living in the Peninsula de Cantera, a humble neighborhood of San Juan, and working in community development.

I worked with a youth leadership development program, tutored school dropouts studying for the GED and taught conversational English to children. By the end of my service commitment it was difficult to go anywhere without seeing someone I knew or without being greeted by the excited shouts and hugs of children.

Leaving was the hardest thing that I have ever had to do in my life. I remember vividly my last morning in Puerto Rico when I had to say goodbye. I was talking

to Waleska, a member of the youth leadership group. We had our backs turned to each other because we knew that if we looked each other in the face we would break down. We were both fighting back the tears and laughing at ourselves, not quite ready to accept the reality of life without the other's physical presence. I thought about all the times that Waleska had come to me for advice, and I humbly offered it. I remembered how I had helped her prepare for the prom and written her college recommendation. I watched her graduate from high school with high honors and had come to love her as a sister.

We both realized it was my time to go. During my last few weeks my imminent departure led me to appreciate the relationships I had formed in Puerto Rico. I realized for the first time the meaning of my presence for the teenagers with whom I worked. They expressed their affection and love in such beautiful, direct ways that I was left overwhelmed with emotion.

Now when I think of Waleska and so many others, I immediately smile and laugh. Of course I miss them terribly, but for me their memory evokes an intense awareness of the abundance of life's blessings. My response therefore is not sadness, but sincere and profound gratitude.

During my two years I was passionate

about my work in community development. This allowed my life to assume a depth and sense of purpose that I before had never experienced. I was fortunate to meet, among my fellow volunteers, co-workers and the residents of the Peninsula de Cantera, wonderful people to cry and laugh with. In spite of the physical distance that separates us, I will carry them with me in my heart and mind. Through these relationships I was able to establish a strong sense of community that became the core of my experience.

I am not trying to offer an idyllic portrayal of post-graduate service, but rather a realistic one. Being a volunteer wasn't always easy. There were many frustrations and obstacles along the way but very little that is worthwhile comes without challenges. I learned to welcome life's adversity and transform it into a source of meaning. And most importantly, I learned to laugh at myself. It is amazing how your perspectives can be modified with a change in outlook and optimism.

At this moment I am not able to fully discern the life significance of my post-graduate experience in Puerto Rico. It is something that will slowly unravel with time. If I might leave you with one suggestion: Within whatever you choose to do after Notre Dame/Saint Mary's, do allow yourself to be open to whatever life might have in store for you, both the joys and

the struggles, otherwise you may miss a lot.

When I lived in Puerto Rico I made a conscious choice to take risks, to create community whenever I could and to embrace life. The rewards have been immeasurable. Those that were once strangers to me are now my beloved friends, and a place that once seemed foreign has become my community. For two difficult and incredible years Puerto Rico was my home, and in a sense it always will be.

"For a More Just and Humane World," the Center for Social Concerns' column, appears every other Wednesday. Rebecca Hammel, class of '99, recently completed two years of post-graduate service with the Puerto Rico Center for Social Concerns. She is currently beginning her first year of law school and eventually hopes to enter the field of international human rights with a focus on Latin America.

All are invited to explore service opportunities at the Post-graduate Service Fair on Sept. 26 from 6-9 p.m. at Stepan Center.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

Rebecca Hammel

For a More Just and Humane World



Finding words proves difficult in tragedy

It has been one week — one week since lives changed irrevocably for many people; one week since the unprecedented attack upon United States citizens in their homeland, in their places of business; one week since the reality of a peaceful United States existence became not so real anymore.

And in light of recent events, what else should one discuss? What else could one discuss? While life does go on, it is difficult at this time to rant about the ills of smoking, the difficulties of cell phone usage, or the lack of humanity in the meat-packing industry. The light and fire of these arguments is damped out so to speak. Lines are drawn, priorities are decided.

On Thursday the New York Times columnist Thomas Friedman, wrote the column "World War III" in which he states: "They [the terrorists] only had to destroy. We, by contrast, have to fight in a way that is effective without destroying the very open society we are trying to protect. We have to fight hard and land safely. We have to fight the terrorists as if there were no rules, and preserve our open society as if there were no terrorists. It won't be easy. It will require our best strategists, our most creative diplomats and our bravest soldiers."

This is not a time for my words. This is a time without words, a time that reminds me of a line from Dylan Thomas's poem, "Do Not Go Gentle Into That Good Night."

"Rage, rage against the dying of the light."

My thoughts are with you, but my words are silenced.

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Anna Barbour

Get a Life

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Terrorists must reap what they have sown

The United States does not negotiate with terrorists.

Clearly the tragic events of Sept. 11 demand a response from the United States. There has been much debate over just what that response should be. Sad to say, I feel the only viable response is military action.

Other responses that have been presented are simply impossible for us to use. Some on this campus say we should reexamine our foreign policy to find out how it has provoked terrorism. The terrorist organization Islamic Jihad agrees with them. "What happened in the United States today is a consequence of American policies in this region," said Islamic Jihad official Nafez Azzam.

We absolutely cannot modify our foreign policy in the face of terrorism. To do so would send the message that terrorist acts will accomplish terrorist goals. If we give in even the smallest bit after this attack, we invite the terrorists to blow up another building next week so that we'll give a little bit more.

I'll be the first to admit that the United States is not a saint among nations. We've done some things we shouldn't have done. But no civilized person could claim that this justifies the barbaric attack we suffered Sept. 11. Still, some say we should try to reason with our enemies, find some common ground.

In my opinion, you don't reason with someone who killed 5,000 of your countrymen, you bring them to justice. If these enemies of ours had come to us like civilized people and attempted to open a dialogue with us we would have been able to come to some agreement. It probably wouldn't have been a likely outcome, but the point is now moot.

They instead viciously attacked us like wild animals. Our hands are tied as far as our response goes. Negotiation is out of the question. Economic pressure has proven time and again to be ineffective. Military force is the only viable response available to us.

I'm no warmonger. A war is horrible for everyone involved. But sometimes the cause of peace can only be advanced by war.

This is not about revenge; it's about bringing criminals to justice and preventing further crimes.

Some say that military action will only breed more hatred for the United States. I say that's fine, as long as they learn to fear us. We must show the world that terrorism will bring nothing but death or imprisonment to terrorists. I'm not saying we should indiscriminately bomb Afghanistan, but we must go in and get bin Laden or whoever the culprit is. Innocent people will probably die, but our enemies in this war have already shown a callous disregard for our innocent people, and unless we act, we might as well start counting down until the next heinous attack. It is the terrorists themselves and the governments that harbor them that have placed their citizens' lives in danger. They have made their choice. Now they must reap what they have sown.

Only when the violence has stopped will we be free to negotiate with those who oppose us.

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Listening to the Irish squirrels

A recent conversation between Roger Squirrel and Joe Squirrel on North Quad:

Roger: What's up Joe. How are your nuts?

Joe: Eh, they've been better. I lost track of a couple of them, forgot what tree I buried them under.



Jeff Baltruzak

Scene Writer

Roger: I hear that. I mean, why even bother preparing for snow? We could just eat out of the dumpster at North Dining Hall all winter.

Joe: Ha! But then we'd have to eat dining hall food, and all the chipmunks eat that.

Roger: Seriously. Thank God for Burger King.

Joe: What's up with chipmunks anyway? They're like wannabe squirrels. They don't even eat garbage.

Joe: You should have seen this gray squirrel I chased up a tree. Man, she had the bushiest tail. One fine-tailed squirrel.

Roger: Dude, all those gray squirrels just dress up like that on Thursday nights. The rest of the week, they all wear sweats.

Joe: Tell me about it man. And how come all the gray squirrels have to live in their own

trees? And we can only go in their trees during the day? Man, that isn't fair.

Roger: Yeah, I don't even know what to say to a gray squirrel. I was going to ask one to the Squirrel Your Roommate dance, but I just couldn't say anything.

Joe: It's like you can't even ask them to come and eat a rotten apple core out of the garbage. They automatically assume that you want to chase them up a tree.

Roger: And then if you do chase them up a tree, it's usually because you've eaten too many acorns, weren't thinking straight and things get weird.

Joe: Yeah, you don't want to eat too many acorns and then talk to gray squirrels. They think you're dumb then and then things get weird.

Roger: The gray squirrels think I'm weird anyway.

Joe: That's because you bury all your nuts around Stepan Center.

Roger: I guess.

Joe: Here comes Buddy Squirrel. He never buries any nuts. He lives over by the College of Business.

Buddy: Dude, I'm going out tonight to eat some massive acorns at the Nut Club. Who's coming with me?

Joe: We have to bury nuts.

Buddy: OK, brody, but its going to be an acorn party!

Roger: He's better than Alex Squirrel, the one that lives by O'Shag. He says he has to bury all these nuts and acts like he buries nuts all the time, but never buries any.

Joe: Seriously. Archie Squirrel buries the most nuts out of anybody over by Bond Hall.

Roger: Archie Squirrel's a myth. Have you ever seen him anywhere except by Bond Hall?

Joe: No, I haven't. He never leaves there. Poor squirrel.

Roger: Yep, poor squirrel.

Joe: Check it out — some kid left half a Grab 'N' Go sandwich over there. It's ours!

Roger: Thank God for Grab 'N' Go.

Joe: We'd never eat it if it wasn't for Grab 'N' Go. I think the same goes for humans.

Roger: Seriously.

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Squirrels

Scene looks at the

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Once again, U.S. News & World Report has rated Notre Dame in the top 20 schools in the country. ESPN ranks Notre Dame as No. 23 in college football. But did you know that Notre Dame has some of the best rated squirrels in the country? It's true.

Jon Gottshall has a rather interesting pastime; he rates campus squirrels and posts them on his website, www.gottshall.com/squirrels. Gottshall has been rating squirrels on his website since 1995. He got the idea as he traveled to various college campuses while doing research for his master's degree (not on squirrels, by the way) from California State University at Fullerton.

Gottshall rates campuses on a one-to-five squirrel system. Ratings are based on field reports from students and alumni of the universities.

Gottshall believes that the abundance and nature of squirrels on a campus indicates the quality of its host institution. The website rates campuses based on a

variety of traits in its squirrels including: cuteness, charm and friendliness. Notre Dame received a four-squirrel rating thanks to former student Eric Mason's observation that Notre Dame squirrels "have it better in South Bend than humans."

The website notes that Notre Dame has the added advantage of being in prime fox squirrel county. Fox squirrels are orange in color and have larger bushier tails than their gray, city-dwelling counterparts. Gottshall has yet to rate Saint Mary's.

Squirrels are rodents. But unlike most other rodents, squirrels are diurnal. While many campus squirrels may seem tame, they are not. In fact, squirrels don't like to be handled much, so petting one may be out of the question.

According to Gottshall, squirrels usually allow themselves to be handled only when you are feeding them. Some squirrels are known to bite if you "violate their personal squirrel space." According to Gottshall, squirrels rarely carry rabies so it's not too much of a problem if you are bitten. Squirrels may,

on the other hand, carry various parasites or viruses that are harmful.

If you do choose to feed the squirrels, Gottshall recommends giving them filberts, or hazelnuts as they are commonly known. Squirrels like hazelnuts that are still in the shell; however, they can sometimes be expensive and hard to find. A cheaper and more available alternative to filberts is roasted peanuts. Gottshall points out that you should only feed squirrels roasted peanuts because raw



Squirrels are naturally suspicious. She may allow you to pet



The native Notre Dame fox squirrel sits in the grass. Notre Dame's squirrels scored four out of five squirrels on Gottshall's website.

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Some websites keep

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s take on cyberspace

the bizarre world of squirrel-related websites.

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suspicious creatures. Most squirrels will not let you handle them. However, if you feed a squirrel a nut he or she will follow you around his or her tail.

peanuts have an enzyme that can destroy their digestive tracks and may make them extremely sick or even kill them.

Further information of the proper care and feeding of squirrels can be found at

www.squirrel-rehab.org. The site details how to rehabilitate an injured baby squirrel, find a wildlife rehabilitator in your area and even treat metabolic bone disease in convalescent squirrels.

Most injured squirrels are

babies that have fallen from their nests, or dreys as they are called. In most cases if the mother is going to return for the children after the drey falls, she will do so immediately. If a baby squirrel is found by a human, it is almost

certain that the mother will not be coming back. Dehydrated baby squirrels can be helped by being fed liquids. The site recommends Esbilac or Pedialyte to feed to a found injured squirrel. Other liquids including cow's milk may cause serious medical problems.

The site does not recommend that individuals care for injured animals themselves because it is illegal to process wildlife without proper authority to do so. The site also lists ways to contact experts in wildlife rehabilitation and veterinarians as well.

Of course not all sites are pro-squirrel.

At www.scarysquirrel.org web surfers can read anti-squirrel propaganda. The site has reams of bizarre diatribes railing against the "nut devils." The highlight of the site is the Notice to Vacate game in which you must defend a

house from raiding squirrels (The Observer staff high score came in at 361,200 points).

Much of the site is written from the perspective of prairie dogs that want to effect a mass genocide against squirrels and destroy their infamous leader Tufty the Safety squirrel.

The site also has regular campus updates about nefarious squirrel activity. The last update for Saint Mary's was on July 1, 2000. A student, known only as "Debbie," reported a dangerous squirrel that apparently stares down his victims with beady eyes.

In fact, the typing the word "squirrel" into any basic search engine brings up hundreds of squirrel-related websites. The content ranges from pictures of squirrels in people's back yards to bizarre fiction and squirrel-based video games.

So, next time you hear somebody tell you that they go to one of the top schools in the country, ask them what their squirrel rating is.

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sites believe that squirrels are nut demons from above. www.scarysquirrel.org keeps a log of threatening squirrel sightings.

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Gottshall ranks the squirrels on the University of California at Berkeley very highly. This squirrel rates as almost perfect.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Nomo fans 11, Martinez shines in Boston win

Associated Press

BOSTON

The pitcher was from Japan. The hitter was from the Dominican Republic. Together, they gave the Boston Red Sox a rare victory and their fans an opportunity to escape the United States' week of terror.

Hideo Nomo struck out 11, and Manny Ramirez hit his 40th homer Tuesday night as Boston beat the Tampa Bay Devil Rays 7-2.

It was just the second Red Sox win in 15 games over three weeks that saw them fall out of contention and then reminded them just how little that mattered.

"It's tough to watch that every day on TV, the tragedy," said Trot Nixon, whose wife gave birth to their first child the afternoon of the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

"It's good to have the American public turn the channel and watch the Red Sox play the Devil Rays," he said. "This country, this game, will rise above all this and come out on top."

Wearing his pants high to show the team's red, white and blue socks, Nixon went 3-for-4 with a walk and an RBI. He scored Boston's first run on Ramirez's third-inning single, then scored again when Ramirez homered in a five-run sixth inning that made it 7-2.

"Everyone's emotions were a little bit different from before," Nomo (12-8) said through an interpreter after allowing just two unearned runs on five hits and a walk for his first win in nine starts.

Tanyon Sturtze (8-12) was charged with seven runs on nine hits, four walks and two hit batsmen as Tampa Bay lost its fifth consecutive game.

"I think all of us had a chance

for three hours to escape," said Sturtze, whose childhood friend lost his wife on one of the planes. "I think it was great for the fans also, not to be home watching TV to see what's going on."

Fans waved U.S. flags in the stands and great sheets of fabric were unfurled in the outfield by military color guards; the flags behind home plate and above center field hung at half-staff.

Other flags were dangled from the roof deck boxes and waved with gusto by a fan who jumped onto the roof of the Red Sox dugout before the seventh inning. Edgy policemen eyed him for signs of more serious mischief, but he eventually hopped back into the stands and returned to his seat to the cheers of the crowd.

Increased security was in evidence before the game as well, with security guards checking bags as fans and reporters entered the stadium, and dogs sniffed the press box and clubhouses for bombs before the game.

Leading a pregame ceremony from the public address booth, stadium announcer Ed Brickley's voice cracked as he discussed last week's attack.

The teams lined the baselines as a priest led the crowd in a pregame prayer, asking God to "Bless our recreation that will refresh our tired spirits."

"You can't help but feel goosebumps when you're standing out there. It sends chills up and down your spine," Boston manager Joe Kerrigan said. "I don't think it will ever be like before the tragedy."

Todd Angilly, who works as a chef in the Fenway media dining room, sang both "God Bless America" and the "Star-Spangled Banner." Other patriotic songs, from "Anchors Aweigh" to "This Land is Your Land" were played between

innings.

A Boston firefighter and police officer each threw out a ceremonial first pitch.

And, for one night at least, the crowd of 30,979 — ending a team-record 65-game sellout streak — set aside its intense, but suddenly trivial, rivalry with the New York Yankees. At least one fan even dared to hold an "I Love NY" sign.

Blue Jays 8, Orioles 5

Alex Gonzalez managed to keep his focus — at least when he was at the plate.

Gonzalez hit two homers, including a tiebreaking, three-run shot in the eighth inning, and the Toronto Blue Jays restarted their season with a victory over the Baltimore Orioles on Tuesday night.

"They were enjoyable moments. I had a few smiles, but as I was going back on the field I caught myself thinking about what was going on in the world," Gonzalez said. "It was a constant battle to focus, but hopefully, as the games go on, it will start getting better."

The Orioles lost their ninth in a row, and have dropped 15 of 16.

Homer Bush singled and third baseman Cal Ripken's error allowed Josh Phelps to reach base before Gonzalez hit a 3-2 pitch off Jorge Julio (1-1) to give Toronto an 8-5 lead.

Gonzalez, who went 3-for-4 with four RBI, hit his 15th and career-high 16th homers in his second multihomer game this season and the fourth of his career.

"It was nice to see the fans and the players be able to go out for a few hours and take their minds off things," Gonzalez said.

His homer in the first gave Toronto a 1-0 lead.

"It was a real spooky first inning," Toronto manager Buck Martinez said. "I don't think anybody felt like they had a right to

holler on the bench, but then Alex hit the home run and guys started to get into it."

Dan Plesac (4-4), who got two outs in the eighth, was the winner, while Billy Koch pitched the ninth for his 32nd save in 37 opportunities.

Ripken it at 5 in the eighth with his 13th home run off Paul Quantrill. Ripken, who will retire at the end of the season, left the dugout and tipped his helmet while receiving a standing ovation.

"When they tied it up everybody realized it was back to normal, and we were in a dog fight," Martinez said.

Security was tightened at SkyDome because of last week's terrorist attacks in New York and Washington. Police were at each gate, bags were checked, and even Toronto players had their cars searched.

"It's a whole new world, and it's unfortunate that we have people in this world that make things this way," Quantrill said.

Baltimore's Brady Anderson was touched by the pre-game ceremonies that included the singing of God Bless America.

"It feels good to know that another country feels for America," Anderson said.

Brad Fullmer, Felipe Lopez and Raul Mondesi also homered for Toronto.

Gonzalez gave Toronto a 1-0 lead in the first and Fullmer and Lopez hit consecutive homers in the second.

Jeff Conine's RBI single in the sixth brought the Orioles within 3-2 and Toronto starter Kelvim Escobar walked Larry Bigbie with the bases loaded to force in the tying run.

Escobar then left the game with tightness in his right forearm. It's second time this season he has been forced to leave a game because of numbness in his arm.

"It's not painful. It feels weak,"

Escobar said. "I can't get a grip on the ball."

Mondesi led off the bottom half of the inning with his 25th homer.

Pinch-hitter Tony Fernandez added an RBI single to give Toronto a 5-3 lead. Fernandez set a club record with his 12th pinch hit of the season.

Jerry Hairston narrowed the lead to 5-4 with a homer off Pedro Borbon in the seventh

Indians 11, Royals 2

Squatting behind the plate, Eddie Taubensee felt like an American hero.

"I was like a little kid," said Taubensee, who wore a Cleveland firefighter's helmet during pregame ceremonies on Tuesday night. "That was real neat."

Was it ever.

On a night baseball came back to Jacobs Field, Taubensee's gesture honoring both Cleveland's and New York's firefighters served as a reminder of a week no one will ever forget.

Travis Fryman hit a grand slam, Kenny Lofton homered twice and the Cleveland Indians returned from a weeklong layoff following the terrorist attacks to rout the Kansas City Royals.

Just before the emotional pregame ceremonies, a Cleveland fireman asked Taubensee if the Indians catcher would wear his protective headgear onto the field for the ceremonial first pitch.

"I said, 'Sure, I'd be honored,'" Taubensee said. "Those guys are the real heroes, not ballplayers. Our lives aren't in danger where we work."

There were other reminders of last week's tragedies.

Mike Sweeney sang "God Bless America" in Kansas City's clubhouse before the game just like Cleveland fans did during the seventh-inning stretch, replacing "Take Me Out to the Ball Game."

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NFL

League to keep full 16 game schedule

Associated Press

NEW YORK

The NFL will play a full 16-game schedule this season, making up last week's missed games in the first week of January.

And while it may still reduce the number of playoff teams from 12 to eight, commissioner Paul Tagliabue said Tuesday that full play-offs are still a possibility.

Tagliabue said the league's competition committee had voted unanimously to keep the 16-game format, switching the games called off last weekend to the weekend of Jan. 5-7, when wild-card games had been scheduled.

But he said the committee is still looking at ways to keep the normal complement of 12 playoff teams rather than eight.

That would mean three division winners and three wild-card teams in each conference would make the playoffs rather than the three winners and just one wild card.

"This would be the best of both worlds. If they can keep the 16-game schedule and the six wild cards, then everybody's happy. It's just back to business," said coach Mike Sherman of Green Bay, one of many teams whose playoff chances would be hurt badly if the NFL cut back on wild cards.

"I'll be curious to see what follows after this," added Andy Reid of Philadelphia, another team that might be affected. "I'd hate to disrupt the playoffs in that situation. ... I'm sure they'll come up with an answer for it. They understand the importance of the playoffs."

When the teams return, they are likely to have the regular officials back.

NFL sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the executive committee of the NFL Referees Association was voting by e-mail on a proposal by the league that would end the lockout that lasted through the final game of preseason and the first game of the regular season. If it is approved by noon EDT Wednesday, the regular officials will be back for Sunday's games.

As for the play-offs, Tagliabue said:

"We continue to work on keeping six division winners, six wild cards and our entire postseason format intact. Several options have been presented to us in recent days that would help us accomplish that. If we cannot resolve our entire postseason lineup in a satisfactory fashion, we then will go to a system of six division winners and two wild-card teams for this one season only."

One option would be to move the Super Bowl, to be played in New Orleans, from Jan. 27 to Feb. 3. There is only a one-week break this year after the championship games.

One way to do that would be to switch the Super Bowl and the National Auto Dealers Convention, scheduled for the next week. The Pro Bowl, scheduled for Feb. 4, would either be moved back a week or played as scheduled without players from Super Bowl teams.

Another option would be to schedule most of the potential playoff teams for Saturday, Jan. 5, then play the wild-card games on Wednesday Jan. 9. The next round would be played Jan. 13-14 with the championship games as scheduled on Jan. 20 — most likely with four exhausted teams.

A third would be to play the title games on Super Bowl Sunday, Jan. 27, as a double-header at the Superdome. The Super Bowl would be played the next week at another site with New Orleans promised another game in the future.

The 16-game season appeared to be a certainty soon after Tagliabue announced last Thursday that last week's games were off because of the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington.

One reason is financial. If the league had played 15 games, 15 teams would have played seven home games instead of eight, missing out on one lucrative gate. And the league would owe the networks \$40 million-\$60 million for the wild-card games that would not be played if the alternate scenarios don't work out.

Another was practical. San Diego was scheduled off last week. So the Chargers would have ended the season having played 16 games while the others would have played 15.

And a third seemed to be that most players and coaches wanted a full schedule.

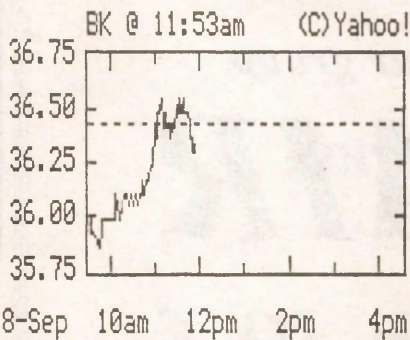
But the players and coaches also wanted a full playoff schedule. If options can't be worked out, however, they won't get that.

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON
Nine blocks east of the White House, 13 rows above the ice, a fan held up a banner that read: "I will not fear!"
Flags were welcome, bags were not, and security concerns overshadowed Jaromir Jagr's debut as the Washington Capitals played the Philadelphia Flyers in an exhibition game Tuesday night.

It was the first professional sports event in the nation's capital since last week's terrorist attacks in New York and just a few miles away at the Pentagon.

"It's a different feel," Chris

Ward, of Millersville, Md., said just before he entered the MCI Center. "Coming up out of the Metro station, you see K-9 units and bomb-sniffing dogs. You're not used to seeing that around here."

"You're used to seeing police, but only the ones busting the guys scalping tickets."

The 20,000-seat arena was only one-third full during the first period, despite the first appearance by Jagr and the team's offer of free admission to police, firefighters and military personnel and their families.

"Coming up out of the Metro station, you see K-9 units and bomb sniffing dogs. You're not used to seeing that around here."

Chris Ward
hockey fan

"I feel safer here than anywhere else," said Kim Lanham of Leesburg, Va., after her pocketbook was searched at the turnstile.

Placards on the entrance doors noted the "unusual circumstances" of the evening. Anyone who brought a backpack, suitcase and other large

bag had to use the claim-check service. The FBI and Secret Service said metal detectors weren't necessary.

"We're in Washington, D.C., and since we built this building, we've had a completely open line of communication between law enforcement, the FBI, the Secret Service," MCI Center spokesman Matt Williams said. "So that works to our advantage. We're prepared for these kind of things already. We've just increased that."

Just inside the entrance, Capitals owners Ted Leonsis and Raul Fernandez stepped onto the concourse to greet fans and pose for pictures, as they often do. Fernandez welcomed the fact that "people are getting back to their normal lives."

Fans were given cardboard American flags, although many were already dressed in red, white and blue. Collections boxes were stuffed with relief fund contributions.

There was a moment of silence before the faceoff. As the colors were presented for the anthem, a fan broke the quiet by yelling, "Yeah, America!"

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Mariners lose third baseman to ribcage injury

Associated Press

SEATTLE

The playoff-bound Seattle Mariners will be without regular third baseman David Bell for at least a week because of a strained left rib cage.

Mark McLemore was in the lineup in place of Bell when the Mariners returned to play Tuesday night against Anaheim at Safeco Field.

"We think it's going to be a week-to-10 days," manager Lou Piniella said before the game. "Hopefully, it's not longer than that."

Bell, who has started 117 games at third for Seattle this season, was injured swinging at a pitch in a workout Friday.

The Mariners, whose magic number to clinch the AL West was two going into Tuesday night, are in no hurry to rush Bell back into the lineup.

"You've got to be careful with those things. A strain can become a pull and a pull is usually a month," Piniella said. "We're going to shut him down as much as we can and have him get his treatments so he can get well."

In addition to McLemore, the Mariners can use Charles Gipson, rookie Ramon Vazquez and Ed Sprague at third, Piniella said.

Bell is hitting .260 with 15 home runs and 64 RBIs in 132 games.

He said his injury was insignificant compared to last week's terror attacks in New York and Washington, D.C.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Mississippi State dedicates performance to America

Associated Press

STARKVILLE, Miss. Josh Morgan will take the field for Mississippi State on Thursday night with an extra sense of responsibility.

"We're going to be playing for a lot of people, not just Mississippi State," the junior safety said. "We're going to try to put on a good show, and a good showing of ... Americans, period."

Major college football will make a star-spangled return when No. 17 Mississippi State and No. 18 South Carolina meet in the first Division I-A game since last week's terrorist attacks.

Fans will be given small American flags as they enter Scott Field and the players will wear a flag decal on their helmets.

"Football is an American game," Mississippi State defensive back Corey Banks said.

The game will be nationally televised by ESPN.

"Everybody's going to be tuning in that cares nothing about football or about Mississippi State or South Carolina or any of this," Morgan said. "They just kind of want to see what's going on. And that's a good thing."

South Carolina safety Jonathan Martin said the game is a chance for players to send a message to those responsible for the tragedy.

"I think a lot of guys maybe just want to play hard and show some emotion because we want to show that we're not going to let these terrorists attacks

destroy us," he said. "We're just going to keep going on and keep on living life the way we know how to live it."

Morgan admitted concentrating on football won't be easy.

"As far as the football game, it's going to be very important that we kind of try to put all of this to the back," he said. "But it's going to be very hard."

Mississippi State sports information director Mike Nemeth said the school has ordered 30,000 American flags.

"The pregame is going to be a little different, a little more patriotic," he said.

There will be a moment of silence and the national anthem will be performed with both teams on the field, Nemeth said. Usually the teams charge on to the field after the anthem.

"God Bless America" will also be performed before the game and a statement of support and sympathy for the victims will be read over the public address system.

Security will also be beefed up. The parking lots closest to the stadium will be closed. No backpacks will be allowed in the stadium and purses will be subject to search.

That could curtail the signature cowbells at Scott Field that are banned by the university, but routinely sneaked into the stadium by fans.

Nemeth said the university will not try to tone down the fans' enthusiasm.

"I think there's going to be some natural tempering anyway, at least at the outset," he said. "It's still a sporting event and we want to carry on that atmosphere."

Nebraska - Rice contest on high security alert

Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. Nebraska quarterback Eric Crouch tried to put college football in proper perspective.

The fourth-ranked Cornhuskers will return to play against Rice on Thursday night, the first night of NCAA Division I-A football since the terrorist attacks.

"I know that it will be very good for people to come to a game and think about Nebraska football for three hours while we're playing," Crouch said Tuesday.

"I'm sure after the game everybody might be glued to the TV again. I'm not sure how long this is going to last."

No. 18 South Carolina visits No. 17 Mississippi State in the only other game Thursday night. No Division I-A team has played since last Tuesday's attacks, giving players, coaches and fans a sports-free weekend to absorb what happened.

"It's been hard preparing with everything that's been going on. No doubt it's going to be emotional," Huskers offensive lineman Dave Volk said. "You've got to come out

and do your job. That's pretty much what everybody's got to start doing."

Nebraska (3-0) didn't even practice Friday or Saturday, the day they were originally supposed to play the Owls.

"It was strange. No football to watch. No game to play. It was different," Volk said. "I think it was the right thing to do in retrospect. Just let everybody get things figured out and settle down."

The American sports world resumed Monday night with six National League baseball games played in front of some surprisingly large crowds. Fans donned red, white and blue and waved flags as they returned to the ballpark.

Although Thursday's game is expected to be Nebraska's 243rd consecutive sell-out, the atmosphere will be decidedly different than a football Saturday in Lincoln.

It's Nebraska's first home game on a weeknight and tighter security is planned because of the attacks. Fans could be searched as they enter Memorial Stadium, which has been closed to the public since the attacks.

"I know it will be very good for people to come to a game and think about Nebraska football."

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

Yankees return to play, win 11-3

Associated Press

CHICAGO

After eight days of unimaginable horror in the city where they live and play, the New York Yankees found some solace by doing what they do best.

"I think everybody was ready to move on," Yankees manager Joe Torre said after New York returned to the baseball field Tuesday night and routed the Chicago White Sox 11-3 in a game filled with displays of patriotism and solidarity.

"Baseball is what we do, it's our form of entertainment. It's our form of relief," Torre said, admitting he was choked up during a pregame ceremony.

"I told the players we're not here to save civilization, we're here to do our part and maybe we can subtract from the grief."

Their city reeling from terrorist attacks, the Yankees played like the champions they are, winning easily behind the strong pitching of Orlando Hernandez and three seventh-inning homers, including a grand slam from Jorge Posada.

"It's tough to smile, but a good couple of games will put some smiles on peoples' faces," Posada said. "It was very emotional the whole game."

All through the night, the United States and New York were saluted, from the small flags handed out to fans, to signs like "Chicago Luvs N.Y.," "God bless America" and "Baseball

Has Players, America Has Heroes," to a continuous flow of music over the public address system.

As firefighters and policemen lined up along the foul lines applauding them, Torre and White Sox manager Jerry Manuel were presented candles by officers during the pregame ceremony.

"Seeing the firemen and policemen, they are people we take for granted all the time," Torre said. "It was very emotional. I had to come in and try to throw some water on my face."

While the national anthem was being sung, New York native and Yankees first base coach Lee Mazzilli saluted the flag.

Then it was time for baseball, for the Yankees their first game since Sept. 9 and first since the attacks two days later changed the world.

Their three-game series at Yankee Stadium with the White Sox — who were staying in midtown Manhattan during the attacks — was postponed.

The Yankees — who visited an armory where grief-stricken family members were trying to locate missing loved ones — were cheered by the Comiskey Park crowd when introduced.

And when they took the field, they didn't show any rust.

"We went out there and it felt kind of weird in the beginning. But it felt really good to go out there and start playing," Bernie Williams said.

"Baseball is what we do, it's our form of entertainment. It's our form of relief."

Joe Torre
Yankees manager

NHL

Kings mourn scouts killed in NYC attack

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles Kings mourned the loss of scouts Ace Bailey and Mark Bavis on Tuesday night before their exhibition opener against Anaheim.

A moment of silence was observed for Bailey and Bavis, passengers on American Airlines Flight 175, and the other victims of the terrorist attacks.

The Kings will wear black armbands throughout the season to honor Bailey, the team's scouting director, and Bavis, an amateur scout.

"That makes it hit a little closer to home," defenseman Mathieu Schneider said.

"The whole country's been hit hard and seems to be rallying, but I don't believe that we can get back to the way we were for a long time — the safety we felt and the comfort we felt about being Americans

and living here. I have to question whether that will ever be the same. The images we've seen for the last week will always be in our minds."

The Kings donated \$150,000 from the net proceeds of the game to the relief fund for the families of the New York City police and firefighters killed during their rescue efforts. The team also raised money for the fund Monday with a charity golf tournament.

Everyone entering the arena had their possessions checked and were scanned by handheld metal detectors.

"I never dreamed it would come to something like that, but you won't hear me complaining about it, that's for sure," Anaheim's Marty McInnis said. "You definitely feel safer. It's something that I think is going to have to be done for a while until everything settles down and things get as back to normal as can be."

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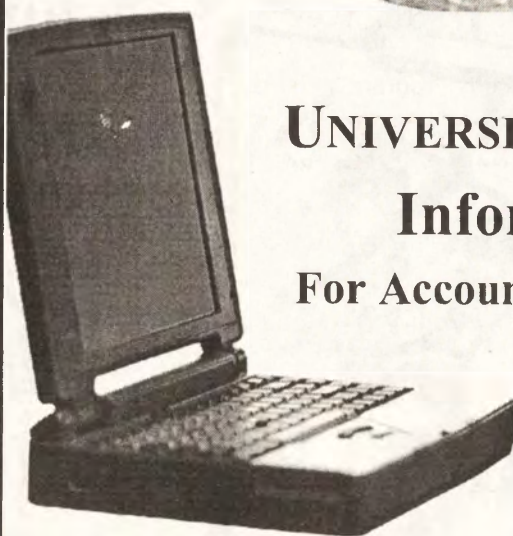
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NATIONAL LEAGUE

Mets salute rescue workers with 7-5 victory over Pirates

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH

After tipping their caps to New York's brave rescue workers, the New York Mets felt a more fitting tribute would be to wear their hats.

Mike Piazza hit a two-run homer in the eighth inning and the Mets, wearing caps in honor of New York's firefighters, police and emergency medical workers, beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 7-5 Tuesday night.

The Mets came back for their 10th victory in 11 road games. At 73-73, the defending NL champions reached the .500 mark for the first time since the opening week of the season and moved within six games of NL East leader Atlanta, which lost 4-3 in Philadelphia.

The Mets wore the special hats Monday night for pregame ceremonies, then got permission from Major League Baseball to wear them for a game. A Mets season ticket holder, Edmond D. Farrell of Mineola, N.Y., wrote general manager Steve Phillips, suggesting the caps as a worthy tribute.

"It's still tough to go out and focus when your hearts and minds are somewhere else, but we've got a job to do," said Joe McEwing, who homered and drove in two runs. "Hopefully, we put some smiles on a lot of New Yorkers' faces."

New York trailed 2-0 and 3-1 after giving away two runs on errors and another on a pair of wild pitches by Kevin Appier, but came back to win its 19th in 24 games by hitting four home runs.

Todd Zeile added a solo shot in the three-run eighth as Omar Olivares (6-8) allowed homers to two of his first three batters. Matt Lawton homered in the ninth off Rich Loiselle.

Maybe the Mets were responding to the welcomed news they will play their three-game weekend series against Atlanta as scheduled in Shea Stadium, the home ballpark they haven't seen since the day before Labor Day.

Since then, they have won eight of nine during an extended road trip that has included two trips to Pittsburgh, one in which they didn't play a game, and a bus ride back home to tragedy-stricken New York, again without playing.

For the first time in their two games back from baseball's week-long layoff resulting from the terrorist attacks, the Mets reacted with considerable emotion, jumping off their dugout bench in celebration of Piazza's drive.

"There's been a lot of down emotion, but it's OK to let it out and turn it around," manager Bobby Valentine said.

Piazza said, "I'm really glad to see the emotion high, that's the way we've been for the last 25 or so games. We've been really fired up, it's been kind of a daily thing to see who is going to get the big hit today."

Before Tuesday, the Pirates hadn't allowed a homer in a season-high six consecutive games.

"It hurts bad to lose a game like that, so I guess we're back," Pirates manager Lloyd McClendon said.

McClendon said he liked the Piazza vs. Olivares matchup in the eighth, even though Olivares hadn't pitched in 10 days. Piazza seemed fooled for an instant by Olivares' breaking ball away, then hit it deep into the left-field seats for his 32nd homer.

Jerrold Riggan (3-2) got the victory with 1 1/3 relief innings despite giving up Brian Giles' 34th homer in the eighth.

Rick White got the final two outs in that inning, and Armando Benitez pitched the ninth for his 40th save in 42 attempts. He is one save away from matching his club record of 41 set last season.

The Pirates lost their 90th game of the season, the third time in four years they have done so.

The Mets overcame a sloppy start in which the Pirates get only one hit, Jason Kendall's leadoff single, in a two-run first. Throwing errors by second baseman Edgardo Alfonzo and first baseman Zeile led to the runs.

McEwing's seventh homer cut it to 2-1 in the third, but Rob Mackowiak, who drove in two runs, hit his third homer in the fourth.

The Pirates added another run in the fifth, again after a Kendall leadoff single, on the two Kevin Appier wild pitches.



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"It was so great," Hathaway said. "It's my best score so far this season."

Despite their solid finish, the Medalist golf course proved to be a challenge for the Belles. Compared to the relatively open Olivet golf course, the Medalist course had a lot of undulation on the green and several longer holes, Hathaway said.

"It's a very challenging course," Pekarek said. "You have to place the ball very well or you can get yourself into a lot of trouble."

Supporting Hathaway in her second place finish and shooting low scores for the Belles were freshman Stefanie Simmerman, sophomore Liz Hanlon, senior

Megan Keleher and senior Molly Lee. Simmerman shot 89, for a 7th place finish, followed by Hanlon who totalled 91 strokes to tie for ninth place with Hope's Emily Colenbrander, Marianne Brown and Albion's Anna Watkins.

The Belles will tee off again on Saturday at Adrian College at the Lenawee Country Club for the third and final MIAA tournament before the conference championship. Although the Flying Dutch bested the Belles on Tuesday, the Belles still have their sights set on the MIAA title at the end of the season.

"Everyone is feeling very confident about being able to take the championship," Hathaway said.

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NELLIE WILLIAMS/The Observer

Sophomore Liz Hanlon drives the ball in a recent practice. The Belles took third in the MIAA at Tuesday's Medalist Invitational, with a team score of 363.

NCAA FOOTBALL

Terrorist attacks prompt big changes at stadiums

Associated Press

The rah-rah partiers who fill college football's enormous stadiums are in for big changes.

Coolers and picnic baskets, even coats and blankets, will be searched or banned altogether, turning quick trips through turnstiles into long waits at security checkpoints for crowds as large as the more than 100,000 expected at Michigan.

"We're trying to make people understand that things are going to be a little different," Mississippi State associate athletic director Duncan McKenzie said.

Fans attending the Bulldogs' game when major college football resumes Thursday will be the first to notice the difference. Everyone else will find out later in the week.

Items such as video cameras, cans or glass bottles, coolers, umbrellas, noisemakers and purses will hold fans up at some games.

In Ann Arbor, Mich., planes won't be allowed to fly over the Wolverines' stadium Saturday.

There will be differences on the field, too, including teams wearing U.S. flags on helmets.

All of last week's Division I-A football games were postponed or canceled because of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Major league baseball resumed Monday night and the NFL returns Sunday, both under much tighter security.

"You watched the emotion that major league baseball brought back to the country a little bit," said Ohio State coach Jim Tressel, whose Buckeyes play UCLA at the Rose Bowl on Saturday. "We have the good fortune at Ohio State to bring some more emotion and to serve as an energy source for our country."

"What venue would you rather have it be in than before 90,000 or 100,000 and on national TV? I think it's going to be an exciting thing and a way we can do some good by the way we play."

Football stadiums dwarf arenas used in the NHL (where the biggest in the United States is Chicago's 20,500-seat United Center) and the NBA (the Spurs play before up to a league-high 34,215 at the Alamodome).

Unlike in the NFL, there won't be a standard set of security measures at college games.

"With 976 different institutions," NCAA spokesman Wally Renfro said, "it is difficult to make policies that are applicable to the broad membership."

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Wally Renfro
NCAA spokesman

At Michigan Stadium — with a capacity of 107,501, the largest site of a game Saturday — the Wolverines will have U.S. flags stitched on their uniforms when they face Western Michigan. American flags will replace Big Ten banners along the stadium's rim.

"Our fans should expect some possible delays, especially if they continue to come in at the last minute," said Bill Bess, Michigan's director of public safety. "We would like fans to get in the stadium sooner than they have in the past."

The Federal Aviation Administration on Tuesday granted Michigan's request to bar flights within a 1-mile radius of the stadium and up to an altitude of 3,000 feet. That also covers blimps.

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three.

"We started off a little tense, not playing to the top of our game, and then we realized that this is a team we should absolutely dominate," Goralski said. "I think we came out and really played like a team the last two games."

Notre Dame was able to put together scoring streaks in games two and three that they couldn't in the night's first game. With sophomore Christa Moen serving, Notre Dame scored five consecutive points late in game two and four in a row early in game three.

The team came together without one of their senior leaders on the court.

Kristy Kreher, the preseason Big East Player of the Year, totaled one kill to three hitting errors on five attempts in game one and didn't see the court in the final two games.

"She just didn't play very well the first game," Brown said. "That's not characteristic

of her and certainly not what we expect."

In Kreher's place, 6-foot-4 sophomore Katie Neff played the final two games at

opposite. Neff, who played well at Valparaiso as a freshman last season, added three kills on nine attempts with no errors.

"Katie Neff came in games two and three and played very

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well," Brown said.

Also seeing significant playing time were freshmen Leah Nedderman and Kelly Corbett. Outside hitter Nedderman played in the final two games, spiking for her first career kill in game three. Corbett, a middle blocker, added her first career kill in the same game.

"I think that especially

before we get into Big East I want them to feel comfortable on the court," Brown said. "The more we can get them on the court, the more comfortable they're going to feel."

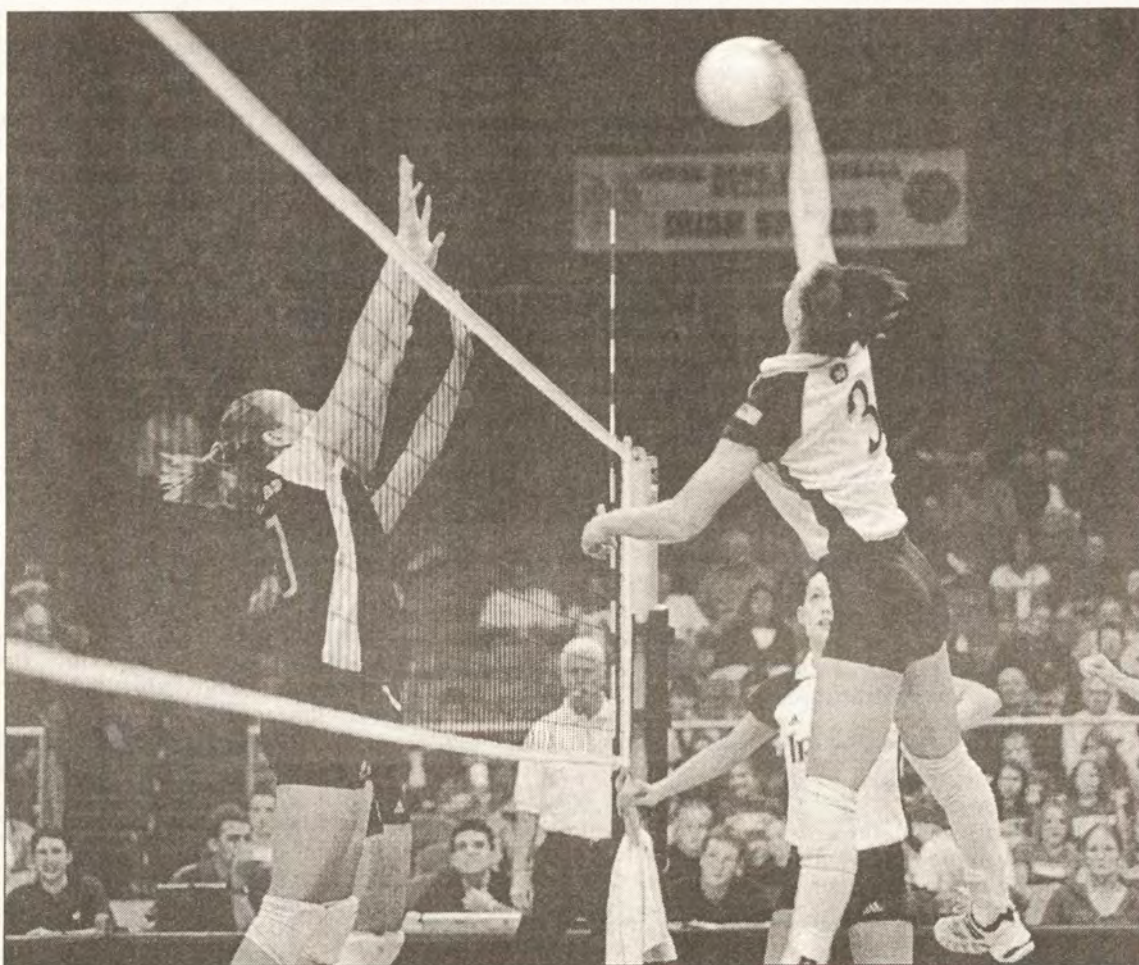
Brown thought her team played well in all aspects, but especially on defense.

Notre Dame totaled 53 digs to Valparaiso's 38 and also fin-

ished with seven blocks.

"It's a combination of good serving, good blocking and good defense," Brown said. "I thought our defense was good tonight. We really scrambled a lot, that was good."

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Irish senior middle blocker Malinda Goralski hits against Valparaiso Tuesday. Goralski had a very strong effort, putting down 15 kills in 21 swings to lead Notre Dame to a 3-0 victory.



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SMC SOCCER

Belles hope for fast start against Hornets

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

Victory has been elusive for the Belles this season. Although they have scored first in both MIAA games they have played this season, they have been unable to come home with a victory.

But the Belles have left their mark on the MIAA and they plan to do that again today as they take on the Hornets of Kalamazoo.

"We've already made great strides in the conference," senior captain Katy Robinson said. "And so many people weren't expecting us to come out as strong. We're going out today to prove ourselves in the conference."

The Hornets finished last season in second place with only two MIAA losses all season and won their first MIAA match of the season last week.

"[Kalamazoo] is a very good team," junior captain Lynn Taylor said. "They're very physical. They're very skilled."

Despite the challenge the Hornets present, returning players are looking forward to the rematch.

"This is going to be a very good game [and] I'm very excited to play them again," Taylor said.

Led by sophomore defender Jessica Geiger, who was named MIAA defensive player of the week last week, the

Hornets' defense promises to be formidable competition for the Belles. But the biggest challenge will come from Kalamazoo's speed.

"They have a lot of very fast girls and that happens to be the place where we struggle the most," Taylor said.

Following Saturday's loss to Calvin, the Belles were looking to improve on speed, or find a new game strategy that would allow them to overcome opponents' speed.

Saturday's second half proved that they could do that. Reverting to a less aggressive defense and focusing on blocking the passing lanes, the Belles managed to hold the Knights of Calvin to only one goal in the second half. They hope to do the same today.

"We've really run a high pressure defense for the last couple of games and now we're more or less working a low pressure defense that will work more as a zone," Robinson said.

In addition to dealing with Kalamazoo's speed, Saint Mary's will be looking out for the team's physical play. During the Belles' first MIAA match up against Hope, many members of the young team got their first taste of serious college play. Today, however, they will enter the game with more experience.

"I think that [Hope] being the first collegiate match, [the freshmen] were surprised at how physical college soc-

cer was," Taylor said. "I think that they're getting used to the style of play and we're stepping it up physically and mentally."

In addition to additional experience, the Belles are counting on team chemistry to pull them through the game.

"I think that we have such a young team and that we have a lot of high expectations already as a team and we have great team strength and unity," Robinson said. "Coming out as a team can win a game on any given day."

If Saint Mary's is going to win, they're going to have to win without senior Adrian Kirby, who was injured during Saturday's game and will not be able to play today.

In the Belles' last two games, they have scored first. Robinson credits that first score partly to the fact that other MIAA teams aren't expecting a quick start from the Belles. The Belles are looking to come out strong again today.

"I think [scoring first] is a result of the other team not expecting us to come out as strong as we have," Robinson said. "Our goal and our strategy is high pressure the first 10 minutes, the last 10 minutes. That's our strategy. That's how we play."

The game gets under way today at 4 p.m. at the Saint Mary's soccer fields.

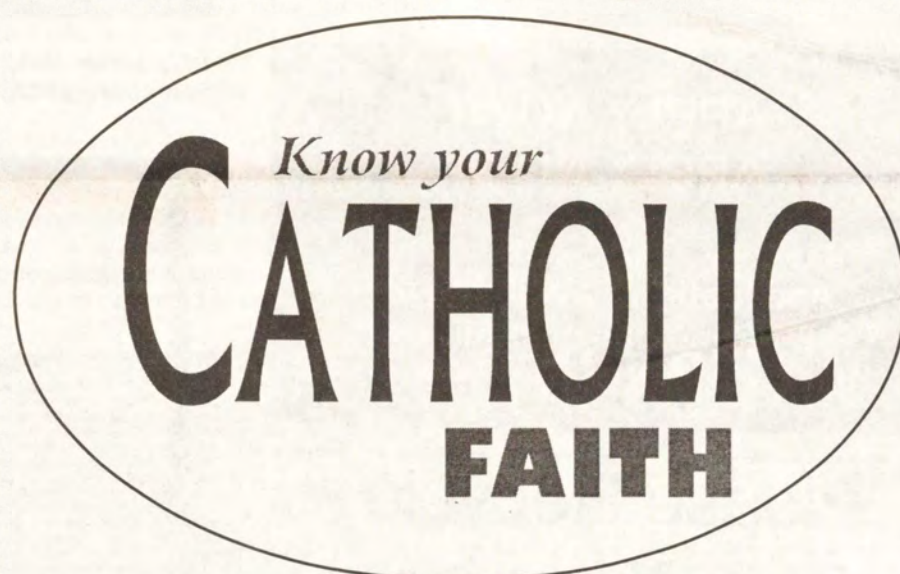
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Freshman midfielder Jennifer Concannon brings the ball forward in a recent match. The 0-2 Belles take on Kalamazoo today.

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MEN'S SOCCER

Irish return to field following hiatus



DUFFY-MARIE ARNOULT/The Observer

Sophomore midfielder Chad Riley dribbles past a defender in a recent match. The Irish take on Cleveland State tonight at Alumni Field.

By BRYAN KRONK
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame men's soccer team hopes to shake off the cobwebs and return to its winning ways tonight as it takes on regional rival Cleveland State tonight at 7 p.m. at Alumni Field.

The Irish are coming off a 10-day hiatus from competition, as the two games the Irish were originally scheduled to play Friday and Sunday were called off due to the events of Sept. 11.

"Our time off [between games] shouldn't really affect us," Irish midfielder Filippo Chillemi said. "We've been training hard the entire time so we would be ready to play."

The Irish are also hoping to rebound from two losses against ranked opponents at the Furman Invitational in South Carolina on Sept. 7. The Irish almost pulled an

upset against No. 5 Furman, but the Paladins squeaked out with a 3-2 overtime victory.

That loss was followed two days later with a 4-0 defeat against No.16-ranked Clemson.

Since that time, the Irish have followed a regular practice schedule, participating in an intersquad 90-

minute simulated game in place of the two games that were called off.

"I thought after the Furman game that we were

almost there," head coach Bobby Clark said, "but Clemson took us to school. They're a good team, and we've got to recognize when a team is putting pressure on us like Clemson did. These teams put us to the test, and we didn't pass the test. I think we can do better."

"Our time off [between games] shouldn't really affect us."

Filippo Chillemi
midfielder

The key to an Irish victory, according to Chillemi, is to maintain focus, something that the Irish did not do in its loss to Clemson.

"I think in the first game [against Furman] we played very well, but we just got a little unlucky," Chillemi said. "In the Clemson game we just weren't focused, and I think that's what we need to work on heading into our next game is to come out and be more focused."

While some may dismiss the importance of this game, as the Irish have beaten the Vikings in both previous matchups, Clark isn't taking anything for granted.

"This is a key game," Clark said. "Our boys are just excited to be playing."

Chillemi echoed Clark's sentiments, added, "They [Cleveland State] are a good team, but we're confident that we can come out and play a good game."

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Batteast named to freshman All-America team

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame freshman forward Jacqueline Batteast has been named a first-team freshman All-American by the Women's Basketball News Service, it was announced this week. The five-player squad was released in conjunction with the WBNS preseason Top 25 poll and other All-America teams.

It's the second preseason honor for Batteast, who also has been tabbed as one of the top 21 "New Players of Impact" in 2001-02, according to Women's College Hoops.com.

Batteast ranked as one of the top players ever to come out of the South Bend area. As a senior at Washington High School, she averaged career bests of 26.0 points and 16.0 rebounds per game, along with 4.4 blocks, 3.2 assists and 2.6 steals. The 6-1 forward earned first-team Parade All-America honors and also was named to the Naismith, Nike and Street & Smith's All-America teams. In addition, she was an honorable mention All-America selection by the WBCA and a finalist for Naismith and Indiana Miss Basketball awards. A three-time first-team all-state pick, Batteast was also named one of the top 25 players in the nation by USA Today and she played in three different All-Star events - the Indiana-Kentucky, Indiana North-South and South Bend Tribune all-star contests.

Riehle Field to be dedicated Friday

Special to The Observer

The Riehle Playing Field, newly named after Notre Dame National Monogram Club executive director and athletic department chaplain Father James Riehle, will be dedicated at approximately 1:45 p.m. Friday.

The dedication will take place on the intramural field, located directly east of Stepan Center, immediately following the Notre Dame Football Kickoff Luncheon in the Joyce Center. Original announcement of the field naming came back in April.

Among those involved with the

dedication program will be current Monogram Club president Jim Carroll, University director of athletics Kevin White and other University and athletics department officials.

A 1949 Notre Dame graduate, Riehle is in his 26th year as athletic department chaplain. He has been the Monogram Club's executive director since 1978. He previously served the University as dean of students (1967-73), chairman of the board of the University Club (1971-77), and director of energy conservation (1973-93). He was rector of Pangborn Hall through 1985.

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Yanks, Bonds, Ripken back

Associated Press

Derek Jeter thinks baseball might be just what Americans need to take their minds off the horror.

"It gives the fans a way to forget what's happened for a few hours," he said.

Being back on the field helped Jeter and the rest of the New York Yankees, too.

The star shortstop singled, scored and turned a double play in the first inning Tuesday night in the Yankees' first game since the terrorist attacks exactly one week earlier.

A day after baseball returned from a six-day break with a patriotic flourish, major leaguers tried to put the focus back on the field. The crowd of around 20,000 at Comiskey Park — par for the White Sox — cheered when the players



Jeter

with "New York" across their uniforms lined up.

Boston's Fenway Park was close to capacity, as always, and it was the same at Cleveland's Jacobs Field, where almost 35,000 fans showed up.

San Francisco's Barry Bonds picked up his chase to break Mark McGwire's home run record and more than a dozen teams resumed pennant races. The Seattle Mariners had a chance to clinch the AL West.

Every team was in action following six games Monday night, and there were reminders everywhere of the tragedies in New York and Washington.

Perhaps the most compelling image came at PNC Park in Pittsburgh, where the Mets took the field wearing caps honoring New York's fire, police and emergency personnel. On Monday night, the Mets wore them for pregame ceremonies — on Tuesday night, they got permission from major league baseball to wear them the whole game.

Mets general manager Steve Phillips said a fan wrote him a letter suggesting the Mets

wear the caps.

"He said it would be a fitting tribute," Phillips said.

Ripken, one of the sport's best ambassadors, said he'd do his best to entertain fans.

"Certainly, I'm not so gung-ho inside about baseball," the Baltimore star said before a game at Toronto.

"When I think of baseball in the context of what's going on it does seem very insignificant," he said. "I haven't gotten really motivated to play at this point, but we all should take great pride that we can be a small distraction, a small opportunity to smile and get away from what's going on."

Boston catcher Scott Hatteberg hoped the games would provide some relief.

"This is going to be helpful for a lot of people. Everybody needs a break. I know I need a break," he said before the Red Sox played Tampa Bay.

"Baseball, as goofy as it sounds, is going to be part of the healing process. By doing this, I think we're helping out."

Fans seemed to have no complaints about the increased security.

Irish to wear American flags on uniforms

Special to The Observer

The Notre Dame football, volleyball and men's and women's soccer teams will wear American flags on their uniforms to remember the victims of last week's terrorist attacks in New York, Pennsylvania and Washington D.C., as well as to honor and encourage those involved in the rescue efforts at these sites.

The football team will wear an American flag decal next to the NCAA logo on the back of its helmets for the remainder of the season. Last week, the American Football Coaches Association asked all head coaches for an American flag be placed on helmets "in remembrance of the victims and in honor of those who have worked so valiantly to save lives in the days following the events of Sept. 11."

Starting with tonight's match against Valparaiso, the volleyball team will have a flag embroidered on its left sleeve. Both the men's and women's soccer teams will wear an embroidered flag on the front left chest of their uniforms for games this week at Alumni Field.

"We felt by wearing American flags on our uniforms, this was a way that we could honor the victims of last week's tragedies around the country, as well as those still working at the scenes of these horrific events. We want everyone to know they are constantly in our thoughts and prayers," Notre Dame director of athletics Kevin White said.

"This was a way that we could honor the victims of last week's tragedies."

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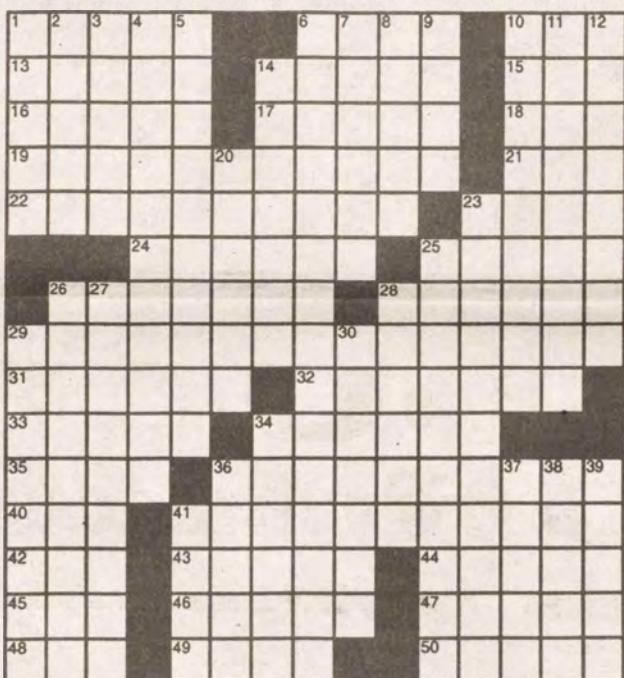
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- ACROSS**
- Professional org. with the magazine Playback
 - Collectible caps
 - Part of many a discount store's name
 - It may be blank
 - Prefix in some alloy names
 - Cain raiser
 - Kingdom south of Samoa
 - 1994 Peace Prize winner
 - Boulogne-sur-
 - Working cooperatively
 - Sammy Kaye's "Big Girl Now"
 - Downtown display
 - Blue-green
 - Hints
 - Host of 1950's TV's "Twenty-One"
 - Rubylike gems
 - Earn and earn and earn
 - Maya Lin or I. M. Pei
 - In the best shape
 - What ".00" may mean
 - Modern Greek name for Greece
 - Calculator job
 - Star quality
 - O.K.
 - Dress
 - Principle involving the temperature and density of gases
 - Cow, maybe
 - "Cock-Horse" (nursery rhyme)
 - Michael of R.E.M.
 - "Alibi" (1989 film)
 - Cover
 - Not merely ready
 - Yearbook sect.
 - Glitz
 - Directors Ferrara and Gance



Puzzle by Randolph Ross

DOWN

- Actor MacKenzie
- Many a sculpture
- Poem part
- Sabatini or Vilas
- Tooth quality
- Beautifully clear
- Rounds
- Shows satisfaction
- Lay
- Like early hominid posture
- Some prayers
- "Auf Wiederseh'n Sweetheart" singer, 1952
- "Rock" (Muppet show)
- N.Y.P.D. description
- Trying
- It's north of Norway
- Preferable for new swimmers
- Huns, e.g.
- Formula
- Fast ones
- 1920's Duesenbergs
- National Park (Mount Desert Island's locale)
- _____ of beans
- Music's Mary J.
- Place for a pin
- Still-life subjects
- What a climber may clutch

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: James Spader, David Bryan, Garth Brooks, Miguel Ferrer, Gay Talese, Chris Rock, Tina Majorino, Ashton Kutcher

Happy Birthday: You are up for plenty of change this year in the romance department. It is a "make it or break it" year that should leave you feeling content. Your ability to communicate will help you solve any problems that have plagued your personal life, making this a great year to get back on track. Your numbers: 10, 16, 22, 26, 31, 38

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Your confidence is back, and you're ready to face the world. Get out with friends, meet new people, and take care of your own needs. Competitive activities will be stimulating. ○○○○○

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You're better off getting out of the line of fire at home. Family members are angry, and you'll bear the brunt of it if you stick around. Make sure you get your chores done first. ○○

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You will enjoy traveling and visiting friends or relatives. Family outings will be educational. You will not accomplish much if you try to work at home or at the office. ○○○○

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You're in the mood to make money, but don't attempt a risk-taking venture that is liable to leave you the short end of the stick. Children will cost too much if you aren't able to say no. ○○○

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Try to stay at home with your mate today. You need to spend some time together if you want this relationship to stabilize. Insecurities

Birthday Baby: You'll turn heads and be the focus of attention throughout your life. You have what it takes to set trends and lead any group you become involved in. You are a person of action with a strong sense of justice.

have caused a lack of trust. ○○
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Remember that secret affairs lead to devastating circumstances. Listen to a good friend who is truly looking out for your best interests. Gossip will cause problems for you at work. ○○○

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You can make major improvements if you set your mind to it. Someone you live with appears to be confused. Try to help without making waves. ○○○○

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your personal and professional responsibilities will clash if you have taken on too much. You need to do a little self-re-evaluation and make a concerted effort to change if necessary. ○○

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Contact with cultural or educational institutions will be rewarding and informative. Seminars, lectures or travel will not be a waste of time. ○○○○

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You will need to make some time available for your parents or grandparents. They may need your help with financial or legal matters. Your time and patience will be rewarded. ○○○

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You may be jealous if your mate has been flirtatious. Try to keep your cool. You may want to reconsider your personal intentions. ○○

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't let colleagues hold you back. Do your work promptly. Don't wait around for help. You can gain additional insight if you pick up some literature that deals with your chosen field. Keep up with the times, and you'll be the one to advance. ○○○

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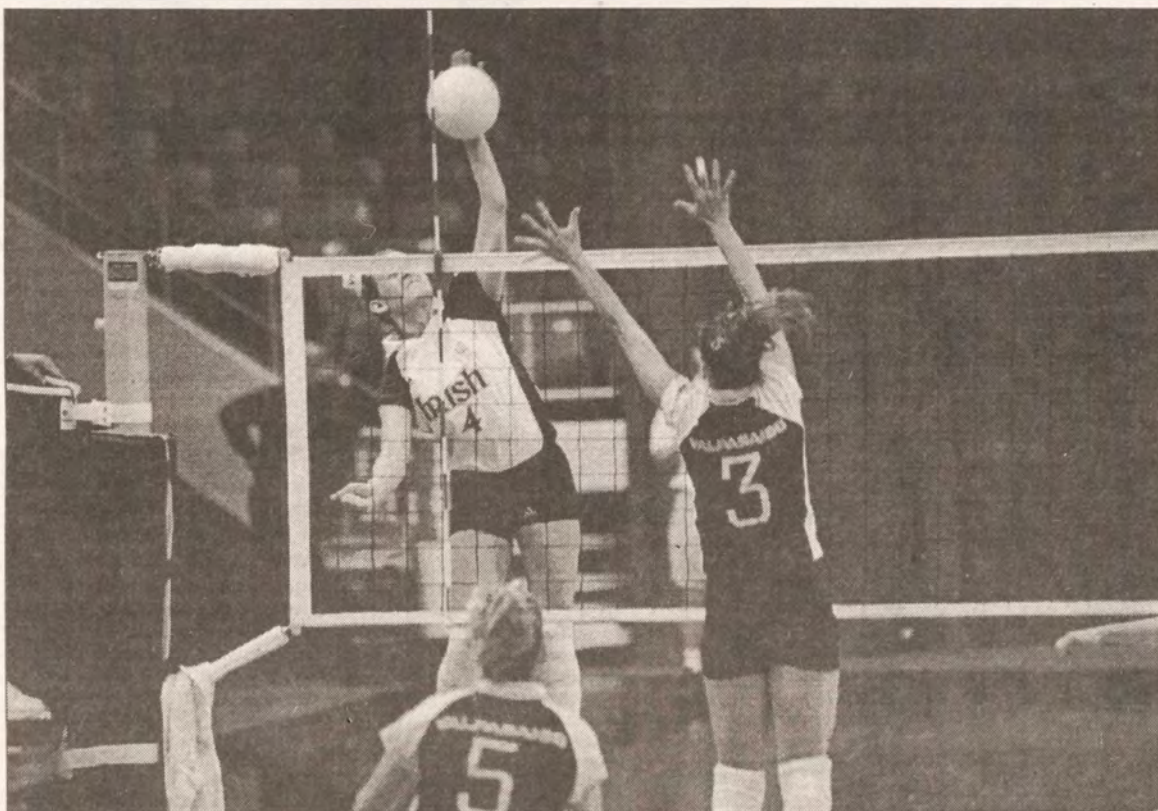
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ND VOLLEYBALL

Reaching their goals



Senior opposite Kristy Kreher curves the ball around the stick in Tuesday's 3-0 Irish win against Valparaiso. No. 23 Notre Dame ran its record to 4-3 and snapped a three match losing streak.

TIM KACMAR/The Observer

◆ Irish stop three-match losing streak, top Valpo in three games

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Sports Editor

After losing three three-game matches 10 days ago at the U.S. Bank/Arby's Invitational in Lincoln, Neb., the No. 23-ranked Notre Dame women's volleyball team sat down and set some goals.

Head coach Debbie Brown stressed scoring while serving, hitting for a high percentage and accumulating blocks as the team's main goals.

Tuesday night in the Joyce Center the Irish (4-3) saw their game plan work to perfection as they dispatched the Crusaders of Valparaiso in three games (30-22, 30-12, 30-17).

"I think this team did a good job of staying focused and playing at a level that we

should be playing," Brown said.

Senior Malinda Goralski, the Big East Co-Player of the Week earlier this season, carried the Irish to victory in the first game. Goralski totaled eight kills in 11 attempts in game one, while adding three blocks as the Irish took a back-and-forth game. Goralski finished with 15 kills in 21 swings for a .714 percentage in the match.

"That's a really good match for her," Brown said of Goralski. "Seventy-one percent is unbelievable. I have to give a lot of credit to our passers because if we don't pass well, we can't get her the ball."

Brown's goal was to score at least 18 points per game while serving. In game one, the Irish scored only 12 in this manner, scoring more on defense and giving the Crusaders multiple opportunities to close the gap. In games two and three, Notre Dame solved that problem, scoring 20 points while serving in game two and 18 in game

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SMC GOLF

Putters sink to third at Medalist Invitational

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

The Belles continued on their road to success on Tuesday, finishing in third place in the MIAA at the Medalist Invitational at Albion College. But, following on the heels of a first place finish last week, Saint Mary's wants to be No. 1 again.

"Everyone is really excited and now really looking forward to what we can do at our tournament this weekend to take back our first place ranking at the conference championship to show [the MIAA] what we've been working on," senior captain Mary-Claire Hathaway said.

"I think we played average," head coach Theresa Pekarek said. "We could have played a lot better. [The team] needs to learn to handle this kind of course. That will come with experience."

Saint Mary's shot a team total of

363, only 11 strokes behind tournament winner Hope. Under the leadership of tournament winner Lacy Wicksall, the Flying Dutch shot a team low 352. Tri-State University, who is looking into joining the MIAA, also played in the tournament and took home a second place finish, totaling 361. Tri-State's finish will not ultimately affect MIAA rankings.

Last week's first place finish came on an on day for the Belles. Every player was focused. But Tuesday's match wasn't quite as solid.

"I think that everyone was on in our last tournament," Hathaway said. "There were some girls who were off their game this week."

Hathaway led the way for the Belles, shooting 83 for the day and finishing in second place in the tournament. Tuesday marked the first day Hathaway led the team and 83 is her personal low for the season.

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head coach

FOOTBALL

Irish ready for block party

◆ Notre Dame looks to take advantage of poor MSU special teams

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

There is only one word to describe Michigan State's punt protection in its 35-21 opening victory against Central Michigan: horrible.

James King tied an NCAA record with four blocked punts in a single game. On all four blocks, he used the same move to get to the punter.

"That's just unheard of," Irish linebacker Courtney Watson said. "I am sure our punt block team is just foaming at the mouth. The guy beat them on the same move every

single time. I don't see why we can't do the same thing."

After blocking five punts in 2000, Shane Walton blocked a punt against Nebraska to set up Notre Dame's only touchdown. Walton is looking to get another block Saturday.

"Any time a team gets four punts blocked you are going to try to exploit that weakness," Walton said. But he also said he expected Michigan State to be better prepared this week.

"I know they had to be practicing that because special teams is one of our focuses," Spartan coach Bobby Williams promised to prepare his punt protection better after its poor performance in the opener.

"The punt team was a big minus and unfortunately, the blocked punts overshadowed the team's overall performance," Williams said after the Central Michigan game.

"The mistakes made in our punt protection are correctable."

After analyzing the film Irish head coach Bob Davie thinks the four blocks might have

been the result of great plays by King than bad play by the Spartans. Nevertheless, he still plans to attack the Spartan punter.

"We're still going to go after those punts," he said. "There's no doubt about that. We'll probably go after the very first one."

And no matter how much Michigan State prepares for the Irish special teams assault, Walton still thinks Notre Dame will be better prepared.

"I don't think any team in the country invests as much in special teams as we do," he said. "We go out there every-day and practice it."

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linebacker

Watson

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- ◆ Football vs. Michigan State, Saturday, 1:30 p.m.

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