Students hope for good news

By ALLY JAY

Tuesday's tragedies left Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students with many questions about missing family members and friends. For some, the questions were answered within hours, while for others, definite answers will most likely take a long time.

For freshman swimmer Georgia Healey, the hours it took to hear from her family in Manhattan still seem surreal.

"When it happened I was at swim practice. I got out of the pool, and the radio was on with eyewitness accounts. It was strange, I couldn't believe it," said Healey. "I got dressed and went up to the coach's office, where I saw the picture — buildings gone and huge smoke— and I realized what had happened. Immediately I tried calling home, but I couldn't get through. Then I started crying because I knew my parents had big meetings near the World Trade Center."

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"She explained to me what happened and what to do," said Healey. "My mother said, "We are looking at those terrorist organizations who have the kind of capability that would have been necessary to conduct the kind of attack that we saw,"" Healey said.

Students, faculty suggest ways to proceed

Students and faculty make give their opinion on how the country should move forward after the worst terrorist attack on American soil.

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Bush promises victory

WASHINGTON Fighting back tears, President Bush vowed Thursday that America would "lead the world to victory" over terrorism. He termed the first war of the 21st century, Secretary of State Colin Powell identified Osama bin Laden as the prime suspect in Tuesday's attacks in New York and Washington.

"There is a quiet anger in America," Bush said, adding he would travel Friday to New York, site of the World Trade Center twin towers obliterated in fearsome attacks earlier in the week.

Bush spoke as officials said 47,766 people were unaccounted for in New York, where terrorists on Tuesday flew hijacked jetliners full of fuel into both towers, in an attack that left some downtown buildings gone and huge smoke. Bush said it looked "surreal." Manhattan still seemed surreal.

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BEYOND CAMPUS

Indiana University Muslim student attacked

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Tuesday's terrorist attacks prompted Notre Dame Navy and Air Force ROTC commanders to temporarily suspend students from wearing their uniforms. The Army ROTC's uniform policy, however, remained unchanged.

According to Col. Mark Gehri, Notre Dame Air Force ROTC commander, the decision to halt wearing military uniforms was made at the Montgomery, Alabama, headquarters Tuesday.

"It was just a prudent measure, even though there was no local terrorist threat," he said.

Gehri emphasized that the decision was made as a precautionary action to ensure the safety of the students and not in deference to terrorists.

Similarly, Notre Dame Navy ROTC's decision on uniforms followed a precedent set by the Navy as a whole, though each individual unit could decide whether or not to observe it.

"We pretty much followed suit with the rest of the military," said Capt. Jim Shelton, commanding officer of NAVROT.

"The actual decision was part of a reaction to the initial attack that occurred." Air Force staff assumed its regular uniform policy Thursday afternoon, and the Navy expects to follow suit soon.

"I was very anxious to get mine back on," Gehri said. "(Friday) you can expect the Air Force back in uniform. It's time to represent ourselves to the citizens."

"We're going to be getting back into uniforms very soon," Navy Capt. Shelton echoed. "(If things go the way they're currently going, the (Air) National Guard) will show up in regular uniform."

Shelton, however, downplayed the effect the absence of uniforms has had on the unit. Navy ROTC students do not wear their uniform to every class and there is not a scheduled event that requires uniforms until next week.

"Thursdays students are typically in uniform but they obviously didn't wear them (yesterday)," Shelton said. "It really wasn't a huge change."

Similarly, Gehri said that the temporary uniform policy change attracted little attention.

"I think everyone is so absorbed in processing the shock and disbelief of (Tuesday's tragedy) that it wouldn't be surprised if the issues of the actions by the campus community, however in times of national strife like this, support goes up."

Panelists pointed out that unlike most of the world, the United States has been, until now, relatively free of terrorism.

"This is not the first time there has been a major act of terrorism," Williams said. "The remarkable fact is that for so long the United States has been an invulnerable target."

"Since the end of the Cold War," she added, "the United States has in some ways felt itself to be invincible, the great superpower that did not feel itself to be vulnerable.

"Although some people might desire revenge, Williams said that retaliation is not a long-term solution to terrorism. Instead, Williams encouraged Americans to ask themselves, "What did we do wrong?"

"But to address the difficult part: how one deals with the sources of terrorism," he said.

In part, Americans must recognize that most of the world is not as well off as the U.S. A long-term response to Tuesday's violence would therefore involve dealing with the causes of eminence in the world:

"Let us admit, if we can bring ourselves to do so, that we live in a world of excessive inequalities," said Williams, citing the AIDS epidemic in Africa, the crisis in Indonesia and the hatred in the Middle East as examples. Furthermore, he added, the income of the poorest 20 percent of the world is 1/60 of that of the wealthiest 1 percent.

"Such a world feeds terrorism. People have nothing to lose," Williams said.

Panelist Shirley Williams, a member of the Western world, brought her European perspective to the discussion.

"In the Western world we have to forage a common response," said Williams. She added that she and her fellow Europeans feel sympathy for Americans.

"Americans typically think, according to Lindley, it is 1/60 of the world's economy, the United States makes up a quarter of the world's economy, according to Mosley, and New York City accounts for 6 percent of the American economy.

"We could turn Afghanistan into a parking lot tomorrow. And then what happens after that?" he said. "We have to put the problems the international community had with Libya, the country that was protecting the individuals who were believed to be responsible for the bombing of PanAm Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland. But, he added, because leaders involved in the crash investigation followed the rules of law, the suspects were eventually brought to trial.

"We will conduct attacks. We will kill a lot of people. Further. Lindley said, it is impossible to rid the world of terrorism.

"We can just hope to slow it down," Lindley added. "Our greatest weapon is surprise."

"Some a terrorist attacks are not moral, they are not engaged in," Williams pointed out, "We in the Western world are so well off as the U.S. Americans typically think, according to Lindley. He explained that while such attacks are not moral, they are not engaged in.

"War only seems rare to us because we fight our wars on other people's soils," Lindley said, adding that the "luxury" position the U.S. holds in the world is what makes Tuesday's violence such a shock to Americans.

"There's a lot of hysteria right now," Lindley said. "There's no reason for the hysteria. In the end, we will all be fine."

"Although the final death toll will be large, it is a tiny part of the population killed.

Panelist George Lopez, a government professor at the Kroc and Kellogg institutes, said that the U.S. should respond to the attacks with "unprecedented" policy decisions.

"There's a lot of people who believe that our greatest weapon is surprise, which is "unnatural," Lindley said. "It's time to represent ourselves to the citizens.

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Panelists address terrorism
NEW YORK

The gruesome search through the graveyard of the World Trade Center yielded no survivors as the death toll mounted Thursday, and hopes dimmed for more than 4,700 missing souls. President Bush promised to visit New York to "hug and cry" with its shaken citizens.

Two days after the trade center was hit and destroyed by two hijacked passenger planes, swirling dust kept visibility limited and sanitation trucks waged a losing fight against the residue of the blast. Hundreds of family members searched for any sign of their loved ones.

Hundreds of family members still could not return to their homes in a closed-off lower Manhattan. Norms were frayed by bomb scares and false alarms, both in New York and in Washington.

Even a small semblance of normalcy was yanked away. Airline flights at the New York area's three busy airports began for the first time since Tuesday but were abruptly halted. Police said a man was arrested at Kennedy airport after trying to slip past security with a fake pilot's identification.

The city also brought in 30,000 body bags for pieces of human remains. "Even scary movies do not happen like this," said Enver Kesiti, 42, a pizza chef who returned to clean up a gourmet shop that once sat in the towers' shadows.

Bush declared Friday, the day of his New York visit, a "national day of prayer and remembrance." He asked Americans to spend their lunch breaks taking part in services at their chosen places of worship. White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said.

The president praised New Yorkers for showing "the compassion of America and the bravery of America." New York was not alone in counting its missing and dead. The Pentagon said 126 people in the building were killed in Tuesday's plane attack. Seventy bodies had been recovered.

Add the 4,763 missing reported by Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, plus the 266 passengers and crew members who died aboard the planes that hit the trade center, the Pentagon and a field southeast of Pittsburgh, and the total dead in Tuesday's carnage could be more than 5,000.

That would be higher than the death toll from Pearl Harbor and the Titanic combined. A total of 2,339 Americans died at Pearl Harbor nearly 60 years ago, and the sinking of the Titanic claimed 1,500 lives.

Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz told reporters at the Pentagon that the U.S. response to the attacks that brought these horrors would "unfold over time."

"One thing that is clear is you don't do it with just a single military strike, no matter how dramatic," Wolfowitz said.

In Congress, a bipartisan coalition worked on approving two measures: an emergency anti-terrorism package that could cost $20 billion, and support for the use of force by Bush against those responsible.

Up to 50 people were involved in the attack, the Justice Department said, with at least four hijackers trained at U.S. flight schools. Saudi fugitive Osama bin Laden remained a top suspect.

Attorney General John Ashcroft said authorities had "thousands and thousands" of leads. He said they had determined that 18 hijackers were on the planes: groups of five on each plane and groups of four on the others.

In New York, the difficulties of extracting bodies from the rubble meant that while 184 deaths had been confirmed, city officials prepared to watch the total soar. The missing included nearly 400 city firefighters and police officers. Another 2,300 people were injured.

The lone bit of bright news was the recovery of two fire fighters who slipped into an underground pocket beneath the rubble while searching for survivors on Thursday. The two radioed for help and were rescued by fellow firefighters several hours after they fell.

At One Liberty Plaza, an office building near the trade center site, volunteers were evacuated when the top 10 stories of the complex appeared unstable. Workers fled, sprinting down the street.

At a grief center set up for families with missing relatives, Jeanine Nardone arrived to look for her brother. She had hung his photo in a Brooklyn subway station, hoping someone would recognize Mario Nardone — a 32-year-old Staten Islander, 6-foot-1, 180 pounds, bald with blue eyes, who worked on the 33rd floor of Two World Trade Center.

"He's a strong person," Nardone said. "He would not give up on us. And I'm not going to give up on him."

Many family members stopped by the armory-turned-counseling center established by the city. Looking south from there, the seemingly endless plume of acrid, white smoke from the wreckage still corkscrewed above the Manhattan skyline.

At Bellevue Hospital, a blue wall erected around a construction site was covered with pictures and descriptions of the missing, and prayers for safe returns.

Associated Press

Friday, September 14, 2001

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Homes after dark

The Observer * NATIONAL NEWS
AIDS drugs to be exported: An international medical relief group said Thursday it planned to use Brazil's anti-AIDS program and AIDS drugs — including locally made copies of patented medicines — in other developing countries. Dr. Bernard Pecoul, director of a medical access campaign run by Médecins Sans Frontieres, signed an agreement with Brazil's Health minister Jose Serra during a visit this week to Brasilia, the capital.

Peru issues Fujimori arrest warrant: A judge issued an international arrest warrant Thursday for disgraced ex-President Alberto Fujimori over his alleged role in two death-squad massacres in the early 1990s, a court spokeswoman said Thursday.

Second man receives heart: A man was implanted with a self-contained artificial heart Thursday, becoming only the second patient in the world to receive the experimental device. Tom Christerson, 70, was resting comfortably at Jewish Hospital, spokeswoman Barbara Mackevic said. The first implant was done at the same hospital in early July.

3 found shot to death: A man, his estranged wife and another man were found shot to death at a rural home in Wisconsin, and authorities were investigating the deaths as a possible murder-suicide. One man was found outside the home, and his wife and the other man were inside. A shotgun was found near the man outside. Deputies went to the scene after the woman's teen-age daughter called 911 for help, authorities said Thursday. The shootings happened about 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. No names were released.

Officials question sheriff's pay: Some Lake County officials said they were surprised to learn that Sheriff John Buncich is paid a set salary. Although he is paid a salary, County Councilman Thomas O'Donnell raised the issue during a council meeting Wednesday. Buncich said he divided the $1,962 in overtime pay in half and donated it to the Lake County Fraternal Order of Police lodge and the Lake County Police Association AFL-CIO Local 72. "I have the canceled checks and these people should look somewhere else for a news story," Buncich said.

Due to the ongoing tragedy in New York City, U.S. financial markets are closed. They will reopen on Monday, Sept. 17.

Arab Americans attacked, threatened

Associated Press

FREMONT, Calif. — Tension and fear still plagued ethnic and religious minorities Thursday, even though they are protected to all the groups that have been targeted or under suspicion. Afghan-Americans also "don't have anything to do with this situation," said Zaher Hafidh, who said he bought bread in an Afghan market in Fremont, a city about 35 miles southeast of San Francisco. "They don't have to be blamed for an action done by some terrorists."

The prime suspect in the terror plot is Saudi-born terror mastermind Osama bin Laden, who was given asylum by Afghanistan's Taliban rulers. Federal authorities have also identified more than a dozen hijackers of Middle Eastern descent in Tuesday's attacks.

The president said Thursday that "we must be mindful ... we treat Arab-Americans and Muslims with the respect they deserve.

"We should not hold one who is a Muslim responsible for an act of terror," Bush said in Washington. But Homayoun Khoshn said, "We are not connected."

"We have already thrown rocks and a bottle at his store," his wife begged him to stay home from work, saying, "Please don't go, maybe something could happen to you, Khoshn said.

But he went, and hung a patriotic banner from his shop window.

"I have to live my life," he said.

At Southern New Hampshire University, a professor and adviser to the Muslim Student Association warned members of the group to stay close to the campus in Manchester, N.H. "Most people are telling me that they are scared," said Mahboubul Hassan, who also is president of the Islamic Society of Greater Manchester. Around the country, Arab-Americans, Muslims and other groups — including Sikhs, who wear turbans and grow beards as a sign of their faith, continued to report harassment and violence.

Police in Bridgeview, Ill., turned back 300 marchers — some waving American flags and shouting "USA! USA!" — as they tried to march Wednesday night on a mosque in the Chicago suburb.

"I'm proud to be Arab and I hate Arabs and I always have," said 19-year-old Colin Zarembo, who marched.

Germany

Suspect of attacks sought in Germany

Associated Press

HAMBURG said Thursday that three hijackers aboard the planes in the U.S. terror attacks once lived in Hamburg and were part of an organization formed this year to destroy American targets.

German authorities, acting on tips from the FBI, also said that they had detained at least one man in connection with Tuesday's attacks and were searching for another.

In France, special anti-terrorism prosecutors tried to find links with militant Islamic networks in their country, while police re-opened the case of a theft of uniforms and badges belonging to two American Airlines pilots in April.

Two of the men identified by Hamburg police as having perished in the attacks were Mohamed Atta and Marwan Alshehhi, both from the United Arab Emirates. Both had earlier been named as former students of a Florida flight school and are suspected of having flown two of the hijacked jets.

The German authorities indicated that they'd made no immediate links to Osama bin Laden, the Saudi millionaire who was identified Thursday by U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell as a prime suspect in the attacks. However, chief federal prosecutor Kay Nehm said that they did have links to other terror cells abroad.

Meanwhile, Attorney General John Ashcroft said the FBI has determined that a total of 18 hijackers were on the four hijacked planes. There were five on each of two planes and four each on the other two. U.S. officials said all have been identified, but they have not released any identities.

The president of Hamburg Technical University, where the two men studied until last year, said he had been informed that Atta was aboard American Airlines Flight 11, which crashed into World Trade Center Tower One. Alshehhi was on American Airlines Flight 175, which crashed into the other tower 20 minutes later, he said.

German investigators believe the two men, and a third suspect who also died, belonged to a terrorist group formed "with the aim of carrying out serious crimes together with other Islamic fundamentalist groups abroad, to attack the United States in a spectacular way through the destruction of symbolic buildings," Nehm told reporters in Karlsruhe.

In the United Arab Emirates authorities called in people familiar with a Emirates man named Marwan Alshebhi for questioning; officials said Thursday.
News Briefs

Taxi company offers free rides to blood donors:
Beginning today, Shamrock Cab Company will give students free rides to the South Bend Medical Foundation, 520 N. Lafayette Blvd., to donate blood. Cabs will be available at the top of each hour from 1 to 4 p.m. today through next week in Main Quad, depending on demand, said owner Bill O'Brien.

Concert to raise funds for families:
The Irish Law Society has planned a concert for Saturday, Sept. 22, at 7 p.m. at the Alumni/ Senior Club to benefit victims of Tuesday's terrorist attacks. Musical guests include Kennedy's Kitchen and the Notre Dame Pipe Band. A recommended donation of $10 will be taken at the door. Money raised through the event will benefit the FDNY & NYPD Fallen Officers Fund.

Shirt promotes unity, raises funds

By ELIZABETH LEE

For the 12th straight year, Notre Dame students, alumni, faculty, staff and football fans nationwide will don what has come to be known simply as "The Shirt."

A proud display of school spirit at football games, The Shirt aims to unite Irish fans while also raising funds for worthy causes.

The tradition of The Shirt began in 1989, when graduate student Zheng-de Wang was injured in a car crash on Notre Dame Avenue. Wang's parents made the journey from Tianjin, China to be with their son but soon found his medical expenses overwhelming.

Sister Jean Lenz, sensing the family's hardship, made and sold T-shirts to students in order to raise money for his medical bills. Students took to the idea quickly and raised more than $100,000 for the Wang family.

The idea of a shirt that both helped students and unified the community was so popular that it became a tradition to sell a shirt every football season.

Stemming from Lenz's initiative, half the proceeds from The Shirt's sales go into an account set up to assist students faced with unexpected costs associated with accidents or tragedies. The other half of the money goes to Student Activities to help fund student groups and clubs on campus.

About 40,000 shirts are sold each year, raising an average of $250,000 per year.

The design for each year's shirt comes from a contest open to all students. This year's design was created by senior Michael de la Rosa, with the help of the Shirt committee president, junior Scott Palko. The University must also approve the final design.

This year's shirt is navy blue and features an interlocking ND framed by the lyric "What The Odds Be Great or Small." Inside the ND is an Irish ball carrier striding toward an excerpt from George Gipp's famous plea to Knute Rockne: "When the team is up against it. When things are wrong and the breaks are against the boys. Tell them to go in there with all they've got and win just one..."

This year, in addition to the usual extra larges, 1,000 medium shirts were offered. Next year, the committee plans to make more shirts in different sizes.

"We found that the smaller size was definitely a demand the students had, and with the success of the (medium shirt) this year, I am certain that no longer will I, be the only available size," said Palko.

Palko, a management and theology major from Ontario, Canada, is very excited about The Shirt this year and hopes to eventually have the entire stadium sporting The Shirt to make the stands one solid color.

"After the Nebraska game last year, I realized that something needed to be done to restore the legend and lore to Notre Dame Stadium, and I am hoping that The Shirt 2001 will help to accomplish this goal," he said.

This year's shirt sells for $15 and is available at the Hesburgh Notre Dame Bookstore, Irish Express, the information desk at LaFortune Student Center, the Varsity Shop in the Joyce Center and the Athletic Department at www.fansonly.com.

Contact Elizabeth Lee at lee.120@nd.edu.

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Families of Pentagon workers wait

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Va. — Sonya Bush, cradling a framed picture of her stepmother, says the hardest thing is not knowing whether to talk about her in past or present tense.

Pentagon budget analyst Brenda Kegler, 49, has been missing since Tuesday, when a hijacked plane plowed into the military complex. Kegler, of Capitol Heights, Md., worked at the Pentagon for 30 years.

“Seven of the backbones of the family,” said Bush. Bush was among more than 100 families who came to a Sheraton Hotel in Crystal City — about two miles from the Pentagon — seeking information about their lost loved ones. The Department of Defense set up an outpost at the hotel to help families get answers. Volunteers tried to provide solace: holding a hand, gently rubbing a back or just listening.

“They want to know where their loved one is, and unfortunately, at this time, we can’t answer that,” said Marine Corps Maj. Ben Owens, a Defense Department spokesman.

“IT’s going to take a while,” Owens said. “We don’t expect it to happen any time soon. We want to be able to answer the question almost as badly as they want the answer.”

The Pentagon announced a preliminary death toll from Tuesday’s attack of 190 people. Hours later, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said in an interview on ABC News that the final toll could go as high as 250.

Floyd Rasmussen, a management analyst at the Pentagon, was at the Crystal City Sheraton. He had a picture of his missing wife, Rhonda Ridge Rasmussen, pinned to his shirt. She began her job as a budget analyst in April.

“I’ll spend the rest of my life celebrating her,” said Rasmussen, the Woodbridge, Va., couple planned to move to California in October. They would have been married 27 years on Nov. 23.

Rasmussen said the airplane crashed into the building pretty much where his wife’s office was located. Her body hadn’t been recovered, he said.

About 70 bodies had been removed from the buckled section of the Pentagon as search-and-rescue workers toiled with little hope of finding more survivors.

Rescuers said they had received a signal from the flight recorder of the commercial jetliner that crashed into the Pentagon, but they won’t be able to retrieve the black box until they can get into the area of the building that collapsed. The black box may provide investigators with information about the flight’s last moments.

Crews begin removing debris from that area by Thursday night, said Arlington County, Va., Fire Capt. Scott McKay. Rescue workers spent most of the day erecting wooden columns to stabilize the area to the left of where the plane crashed.

The process of going through the rubble piece by piece and looking for remains is arduous, said Arlington, Va., Fire Chief Edward P. Plaughert. “We’re going to be there many, many days,” he said.

The Army estimated it had lost 74 people, including sailors, marines and civilians. The Marine Corps and the Air Force believe they lost no personnel at the Pentagon.

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Airline landings halt in New York

Associated Press

The nation’s skies remained practically empty on Thursday as only a smattering of jetliners took off and several major airports remained out of service for most of the day. The few nervous passengers who did travel faced strict new security measures following the terrorist attacks in Washington and New York.

There was tension and confusion as the aviation industry inched back into service for the first time in two days.

The New York area’s three major airports — Kennedy, LaGuardia and Newark, N.J. — were opened and then abruptly shut down as FBI officials detained several people for questioning in the attacks. Police said a man carrying a false pilot’s identification was arrested at Kennedy after trying to get past security.

Earlier, Orlando International Airport and a terminal at LaGuardia were briefly evacuated over suspicious objects, unfounded bomb scares. And after briefly resuming limited service, Northwest Airlines canceled all flights Thursday evening after receiving information a spokeswoman said indicated it was “not prudent to operate.” No other details were released.

Elsewhere, no planes had left Chicago’s O’Hare International Airport by evening and authorities said Washington’s Reagan National Airport, near many of the capital’s landmarks, would remain closed indefinitely.

FAA Administrator Jane Garvey told reporters that Boston’s Logan airport would not be reopened until new stricter safety measures are in place. The airport is under investigation for possible security breaches before the attacks.

Despite all the confusion, travelers for the first time since Tuesday had the option of flying to the United States — even if the service was limited to a handful of flights.

At Sky Harbor International Airport in Phoenix, Sam Hemphill was among a dozen people lined up at a TWA ticket counter. He said he was uneasy about flying but wanted to get home to Jacksonville, Fla.

“Whatever happens, happens,” Hemphill said. “You have to keep going. If you stop living life, they’ve won.”

Like Adamson of Vancouver, Wash., was among the passengers on the first commercial flight to leave Portland, Ore., since Tuesday—a Delta jet headed for Kansas City, Mo.

“I feel nervous,” she said. Portland is an important food court cheered as the jet took off.

The airlines were grounded Tuesday after jets hijacked in Boston, Newark and Washington’s Dulles airport were crashed into the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and Pennsylvania field.

Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta cleared the way for commercial flights to resume Thursday, saying airline travelers for the first time since Tuesday had the option of flying.

Under thetightest airport security since the Persian Gulf War in 1991, there will be no more curbside check-ins or visits to terminal gates to meet passengers.

Knife sin and other cutting tools are prohibited. Mall and cargo are temporarily banned from passenger flights.

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Powell said Asked later whether he was pointing to bin Laden, he said, "yes."

The president and Powell both said the United States had been in diplomatic contact with Pakistan, and wanted to give the government there an opportunity to cooperate. Pakistan has close ties with the Taliban government of Afghanistan.

One senior administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said some of the military options under consideration by Bush would go beyond the low-risk unmanned cruise missile strikes that have been deployed in past anti-terrorist operations. Among them: bombings from manned aircraft and the deployment of special troops on the ground.

At a midday briefing, Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz said the administration would mount a "broad and sustained campaign" in retaliation for the attacks. "It's not just simply a matter of capturing people and holding them accountable, but removing the sanctuaries, removing the support systems, ending states who sponsor terrorism," he said.

Asked later to amplify on that statement, White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said, "It's a new kind of war ... This government will adjust and this government will call other governments to join us."

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booths set up nearby to collect donations for families of New York City police officers and firefighters killed in the World Trade Center rescue effort. "Donations aren't required but they are encouraged," Flores said.

Although student government may organize a blood drive for the "not so distant future," student body president Brooke Cannon said, "Everyone is just wearing it off our shoulders three days after the attacks."

"This is going to be an extremely powerful and beautiful ceremony that should bring together the student body, South Bend community and staff and faculty," said Cannon. "Everyone should make an effort to attend. It's something they won't forget."

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'Georgia, there are people we know who are going to be dead. Be prepared for that. We just have to pray for them and help them the most we can.'"

Since talking to her mother, Healey has learned that a friend's father is still missing. Other students were also affected.

On hearing the news Tuesday morning, freshman Greg Boul, from Long Island, began to worry about his brother, who works on the trading floor at the Stock Exchange. "It's not just learned that his brother was fine, but later learned a friend died in the WTC."

"A guy I've known for six years died. He was one of the hardest-hit areas. I was very scared because what they were going to hit was within eight of the floors where the hit occurred. On the news they said those people were counted as dead, instead of missing. He was my high school basketball coach's best friend. He came to all our games, and I'd coach his kids at camp," recalled Bosl.

Junior Mike Donahue from Rockaway Beach in Queens, like Healey, recalled Tuesday as surreal.

"My mom called me at 8:50 a.m. and told me to turn on the TV. I didn't understand the full severity of what was happening when I went off to class. When I returned after my 9:30 and saw the buildings fall I tried calling my house, but there was no answer. I called my aunt's cell phone and she was there and knew my mom was OK."

Donahue was still worried about his sister, who works in Midtown Manhattan, two miles away from the WTC. "She was working in Midtown, and she saw the sec-

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Responding nobly in a time of crisis

Gary Caruso

Capitol Comments

Last Saturday while Notre Dame alumni and fans watched the opening kickoff of the Nebraska game, I was completing a day of softball on Andrews Air Force Base. During the early tournament games, I watched Air Force One practice taking off and landing. Later several fighter jets practiced their take offs and flying maneuvers. Finally an older Air Force One jet took off for California where it was to become a permanent exhibit at the Reagan Presidential Library.

None of us dared to imagine that two days later, on the following Tuesday, these planes would be involved in preserving the integrity of our government. Shortly after Tuesday morning’s terrorist outrages, I walked across the river at the Pentagon, an eerie silence hung over the nation’s capital. Many walked without speaking at all, while some spoke on their cellular phones as they passed by on the sidewalk. Most who did conduct a conversation only spoke in subdued tones.

It was nothing like the atmosphere of the Persian Gulf War a decade ago. It reminded me more of the long somber walk across campus from the Notre Dame stadium after a visiting team had upset the Irish.

Washington commuters evacuated the city at mid-day. It was a surreal scene in front of my residence on 15th Street. The one-way street ironically looked like a New York City avenue with cars quickly zipping by and the sidewalks uncharacteristically crowded with solemn, numb pedestrians quietly walking away from the White House.

Occasionally, police cars leading tiny motorcades screamed as they carried cabinet and congressional members to secure locations in bunkers throughout the city. Overhead the sky was quiet except for the quick bursts of jet fighters patrolling above.

As a Clinton White House press hold­er still residing six blocks from the White House, I remembered when a small plane crash-landed on the south lawn several years ago. With the Secret Service’s capability to down an approaching aircraft, I knew it was more likely for a jet to crash on me than on the White House. After I heard of the hijacked jet that had crashed near Pittsburgh, I knew that the White House was a target on that sunny Tuesday morning.

Undoubtedly the callous actions by those terrorists shocked our nation like nothing before in our history. Those heinous acts are the 21st century’s slap of reality to our current college students’ generation, more shocking than the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. It is the equivalent of Pearl Harbor’s call to arms, the 9/11 equivalent of sense­less killings in Vietnam that forced my generation to prematurely set aside our youth. Tuesday’s anniversary just may or may not have created our next great generation.

The greatness of our nation is unparalleled throughout the world. We Americans are resolved to iden­tify those responsible for this atrocity and bring them to justice, we walk a thin line between revenge and justice. Almost immediately after Tuesday’s incidents, hundreds of late e-mail messages and acts of vandalism were perpetrated against Muslim organiza­tions in the United States by Americans seeking revenge. Many callers on both radio and television talk shows have advocated war against all Arabs. It is reminiscent of the World War II internment of inno­cent Japanese Americans following the Pearl Harbor attack.

Blind patriotism can cause some to act in a manner that is just as low and cowardly as those acts perpetrated by terrorists. Americans have set the world standard for freedom and democracy by openly living our values. Now is not the time to abandon our example by reacting like wild west cowboys. Diversity is the thread that binds our democracy.

Ironically, initial indications point to extremist Muslim fundamentalists whose prior terrorist activities have been based on love of their religion. They believe that the United States defiled their holy land during the Persian Gulf War of the early 1990s. As a result, they have identified us as the "Great Satan."

How do we combat such fervor? Many will propose that our govern­ment be permitted to monitor and intercept internet communications in the name of national security and intelligence. Some will advocate lifting the ban on assassinations abroad by our country’s agents and military. Others will propose a form of domestic profiling based on heritage and personal appearance. These are some of the changes that will face our society as we attempt to sort out our response to Tuesday’s terrorist assaults.

The coming months will test our ability to balance our freedoms with our ability to fight terrorists with their own terrorism. Our declaration of war on terrorists will give this country the temporary excuse to abandon certain civil liberties. The issue will be whether or not we act like a great satan in the name of free­dom.

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Poll Question

U.S. News and World Report recently released its annual college rankings. Did these rankings play a role in your college decision? Please e-mail observer.viewpoint.1@nd.edu by Friday to report your answer.

Quote of the Day

"Charisma knows only inner determination and inner restraint... The charismatic leader gains and maintains authority solely by proving his strength in life."

Max Weber
German philosopher
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

What action should America take?

Economic measures are viable alternative to perpetuating the cycle of warfare

First off, we would like to express our deepest sympathy and prayers for all those killed, injured, emotionally harmed and struggling with the inhumanity that occurred earlier this week.

Retaliation is the word on every American mind over the past days. Sanctions, declarations of war and most prominently military action are just a few of the options the American people have been bombarded with since the tragedies in Washington D.C. and New York. This call to action is more than expected when thousands of American civilians are brutally murdered. In the minds of the majority, nothing would be more satisfying than an all out military action; completely wiping out whichever terrorist or government committed these atrocities.

It is imperative for the future security of America to hunt down those responsible and punish them. We must not passively turn and give the other cheek to those who believe in dialogue military retaliation is not a viable option. Instead, an all out military action would continue and thus have the vicious cycle of terrorism. Economic action can go a lot further in winning this type of war than military action.

The Article Five nations are responsible, the United States and its comrades should negotiate with countries like Afghanistan. We should offer those countries grain, money, educational materials and other supplies that they need in return for good terrorist decisions in their countries. In other words, offer them such overwhelming economic benefits in the new global business of bringing terrorists to justice.

If the Article Five nations decide to send aircraft carriers to the Indian Ocean and launch a series of air attacks, we might take out terrorists like Bin Laden. However, inevitably we will also manage to wipe out towns full of innocent people, an act of terrorism.

In attempting to wipe out terrorists the United States is only feeding a fire; the more you try to eradicate them, the more you will end up fighting. Retaliation and killing innocent people is exactly what terrorist like bin Laden want the Article Five nations to do. It will make martyrs out of the innocent people killed. In the eyes of the martyrs' family and friends, the United States will even more resemble the "head of a snake" that many believe it already is. Retaliation, bombing and wiping people out will only cause numbers more terrorist acts and more followers in their brutal ideologies.

Economic and political negotiating is a course of action that should be considered. The Article Five nations need to open up a dialog with so-called "terrorist nations." Article Five nations, led by the United States, should offer them significant materials and money to help out on their economies and increase their standard of living. In return for these handouts, as in the Marshall Plan, those designated terrorist nations would have to agree to not fund terrorism.

If we can negotiate with these countries by offering them money and other economic goods, the Article Five nations will become allies with such countries as Afghanistan in the war against terrorism.

America can accomplish more utilizing this "economic warfare" than using our enormous military power to fight terrorism. The United States contains cities such as New York, Los Angeles and Chicago that each have a higher gross domestic product than Russia. Clearly we can offer numerous economic opportunities to third world countries. This course of action might be expensive, timely and difficult, but it is more than worth suffering through another September 11, 2001.

Christopher C. Coeles
Edward T. Pressecki
Sept. 13, 2001

Decisive military action must be taken

A new line has been drawn in the sand since Tuesday's tragedies and it is not between the U.S. and foreign terrorists. It is between the people who believe in action and those who believe in dialogue.

I believe that our country's military needs to take action. The administration has been making knee-jerk reaction and an ignorant response to what has happened. Tell that to the dead Secret Service officers murdered in the World Trade Center. Tell that to the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines who have lost so many lives to terrorist attacks (Have we forgotten Beirut, or the U.S.S. Cole?). Tell that to the children out there without mothers and fathers.

Our current government will have to make difficult decisions in the coming weeks. They will get their hands dirty, and there is a good chance of added bloodshed.

But let's face it, the courts have not been a deterrent. Talking has not been a deterrent. The old saying "actions speak louder than words" rings true in our country's current action. The world will listen to what we say, but not necessarily what we do.

So continue to talk, as I hope you all will do. Speak loudly in support of our government or protest the actions they take in the future. I welcome and cherish all responses to this letter.

As the tears of Our Lady wash away the pain

Jeff Sepeta
Sept. 13, 2001

The tears of Our Lady wash away pain

In this silence is screamed the horror, In this silence the terror reigns. The flight of evil has pierced sharply, And now such sorrow consumes the day.

But one sound defeats this silence, One sound so bright in this darkened blaze. From the Sacred Heart are we bound tighter, From the Sacred Heart are we bound tighter. So continue to talk, as I hope you all will do. Speak loudly in support of our government or protest the actions they take in the future. I welcome and cherish all responses to this letter.

As the tears of Our Lady wash away the pain.

A family gathers to sing of faith united, A family cherished with her blessed name. The bells of this mourning, the bells of this mourning, The toll of her tears hums a trickling peace.

We wade together in this water of promise, And we walk beyond the hopeless strain. Tomorrow will come with the dark silence conquered, While the melody of her tears will pardon through strength.

One struggle, one family, one nation, one race — one echo of one people, One God of All Grace.

Leonard J. DeLorenzo II
Zahs Hall
Sept. 12, 2001
Students, faculty offer views on attack

God has not abandoned us

I may not be a terrorist expert or a former government position holder, but I do know something about human nature and about humanity as it relates to tragedy and death.

Firsthand experience has unwillingly shown us our natural feelings following an event of this level of atrocity: confusion, sorrow and pure, unadulterated anger. And who is to blame us, we're all human, aren't we?

This brings us then to how a civilized man must look at himself and determine which feeling he is to uphold and rely on to carry him through the days to come. All my heart and my mind I give to the human of emotions tell me anger is not that feeling.

I've lived this tragedy just as you have and have felt the same emotions that have come and gone in your mind. Cries of revenge and retaliation seem to be the common response on campus to the tragic events, but how does killing justify more killing? Are we to say that God and take the lives of those which we know for not certain have taken our neighbors? Will we not celebrate and parade through the streets once "justice" has been served? How does that make us different from them? Why won't the people of those foreign countries have the right to call us, the people of the United States, terrorists? Who wins? Who becomes the enemy?

Everywhere they are asking

were you watching, were you watching
when the airplanes met the giant,
struck the giant in the groin?

But the planes were full of people
and the streets were filled with people
when they toppled to the ground.

But the buildings were full of people
and the planes were full of people
and the towers were full of people
and there were people on the roof.

Everywhere they are asking
are you watching, are you watching
is the giant's vision clouded?

Is the giant's vision clouded?

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when they toppled to the ground.

Many friends of mine from near and far have brought up the insanity of the situation and how those who celebrate it call it "God's will." Isn't it to say that God has created this evil? Isn't God the Almighty in Himself considered to be the root of all good? Why then has this happened?

The simplest of all responses lies in the definition of evil. It is not something in itself but rather the lack of something, the lack of good.

God has not abandoned us. He has not turned away. We have failed as a nation to be the corner-stone of freedom. We have failed as a people to be human.

Unleash not the military, but the good Samaritan. Build not a missile defense, but a cure for hunger, a cure for disease, a cure for poverty. Show them not how America reigns superior, but how we as humans are human and share the same future, share the same dreams.

We do this not in the name of America, but in the name of life, in the name of love, in the name of children, in the names of our children who will one day inherit the one and only home where they can call home—Earth.

Ricky Austin
freshman
Sept. 12, 2001

Student union encourages solidarity, prayer

On this day of national mourning, we would like to offer our thoughts and prayers to all those touched by Tuesday's tragedy. Words cannot express our deep sorrow.

It is especially important in times such as these that we unite as one in prayer as we do so powerfully at the campus Mass. Let us remember that spirit of compassion and hope in the coming days as we strive to embrace the Christian call to forgiveness.

In memory of the victims of this tragedy and in solidarity with their loved ones, the University will come together for a candlelight vigil on Sunday evening. All are invited to meet at the Grotto at 7:45 p.m. for a procession to the Library Reflecting Pool.

Donations will be accepted to benefit the families of New York City firefighters and police officers who lost their lives in the relief effort.

May God bless our community, our country and our world.

Brooke Norton
student body president
Brian Moscona
student body vice president
Jonathan Jorissen
Chief of staff
Sept. 13, 2001

Father Robert Dowd
The Helen Kellogg Institute for International Studies
Sept. 13, 2001

Mike Smith
Sept. 12, 2001

While our hearts continue to go out to all of those who mourn the loss of loved ones, it is important that we at this University begin to ask ourselves what lessons we might learn from the terrorist attacks that took place on Sept. 11 in New York and Washington, how we might minimize the likelihood of something so devastating from happening again and how we might best build peace in our world.

The lessons we learn and how we respond as a nation to these destructive acts is of greatest importance and will affect the likelihood such attacks will be attempted again.

Although it is important to find and prosecute those responsible for participating in the murder of so many, it is also very important to realize that the tough talk of recent days may play well to Americans, who are understandably angry, does nothing to prevent further attacks and in fact there is reason to believe that threats and tough talk simply may make such attacks more likely rather than less likely. Remember, we are often dealing with people who apparently do not value their own lives, let alone the lives of others. To issue threats and to engage in tough talk is in effect to lay down the gauntlet.

While it is important to do all we can to bolster our security and intelligence capabilities in order to expose terrorist plots before they can be carried out, it is of equal, if not greater importance to begin to do what we can to make such plots less likely from materializing in the first place. In other words, we must address the conditions that make terrorism more likely.

While there will always be some "sick" people with a cause who have little regard for life, including their own, and there is no completely fail-safe way to prevent such people from attacking others, we should ask ourselves how we might make it less likely for such sick people to gain disciples, sponsors and protectors.

There are no easy answers but for anyone who has spent any time in developing countries, it is easy to see how poverty and, thanks to greater access to media in the developing world, a growing awareness of relative deprivation among people in poor countries, breeds hate and is making it increasingly easy for "sick" people to recruit disciples willing to murder millions of people and end their own lives in the process.

After World War II, the United States recognized that unless the winners of that war did something to repair the damage that they had done, the world would remain a place of violence and aggression.

The Marshall Plan served to decrease animosity, to squelch the desire for revenge and to promote peace in Europe, a region where war had raged off and on for several hundred years.

While the United States and Western Europe have grown increasingly prosperous during the last decades of the 20th century, many of the least developed countries in the world have become increasingly impoverished. Any "war" on terrorism must also be a "war" on poverty. We cannot expect peace to prevail in a world where the gap between the rich and poor countries continues to grow as it has recently.

Although anger is a natural response to the terrible events of Sept. 11, at a University like our own, especially at a Catholic University like our own, we must do our best to resist letting the anger keep us from asking ourselves what lessons we might learn and how we might respond in a way that promotes true peace. While there is only so much we can do, let us dedicate ourselves to working for a more secure world by identifying and addressing the conditions that make terrorism more likely.

While complete security is an illusion, it is possible that the world gradually become more secure if we attack the root causes rather than just the symptoms of terrorism. May God help us to do so.

Father Robert Dowd
The Helen Kellogg Institute for International Studies
Sept. 13, 2001

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Attacking the root of the problem

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Msicsoft, Nintendo and Sony vie for video games

By GORDON STRICKLAND
Assistant Scene Editor

We have definitely come a long way since Willy Higinbotham, hero to all children and enemy to all parents hoping to spend quality time with their children, created the first video game ever in 1958. We were amazing with such amazed graphics as those of Pong when the Atari gaming system was released, one of the first of its kind. We were introduced to ColecoVision in 1976 and ever since then the war between gaming systems for time in front of the television has been waged in the living rooms of every small child and game lover all over the world.

The next generation of video gaming is upon us and the battle rages on. After a period of stagnation, the game market is tingling in anticipation of the upcoming race for supremacy in the heats and minds of worldwide gamers.

People were blown away by PlayStation 2, with units on back order for months after its release at the end of 2000. We were introduced to Gamecube by software giant Microsoft. Both companies have vowed to have amongst themselves. Learning for release date position.

Features

- DVD
- Processor Speed
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- Internet ready out of box

Comparison between PS2, X Box, and Gamecube:

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Though Nintendo boasts that its new system is very easy for programmers and undoubtedly the X Box can claim the same, being created by the patriarch of programmers himself, PS2 has already received complaints from gaming companies for being a harder platform for which to write games (advantage Gamecube and X Box).

Still, the titles will undoubtedly come for the PS2 as it enjoys the luxury of being the current king of the hill. It was released a full year before its competitors. The question remains still, regardless of who came first, who will have the last laugh?

One huge advantage that might establish PS2 as the ultimate gaming machine is that, on top of improved game-play and graphics, you can still use your original PlayStation controllers and games with the new system.

Taking into account that its predecessor is still the platform with the most titles ever compared to the number of titles for PlayStation in upwards of 700 this added feature definitely earns major brownie points for PS2 in the hearts of gaming fans the world over.

Nintendo has changed controllers and game cartridges for every system it has ever created, making the changes of systems somewhat inconvenient if you’re looking to hold on to just one. X Box, Microsoft’s first venture into video game consoles, is in this respect at a decided disadvantage because gamers, though assured games will undoubtedly be of high quality because of the Microsoft name, have yet to sample actual game-play and get time logged on at the joystick.

Nintendo has already cornered the market on handheld games with Gameboy and the recently released Gameboy Advance, it boasts hundreds of titles. In the market for home consoles, the battle will undoubtedly be won by the gaming system with the best range and quality of titles.

PS2 comes equipped with a 300-megahertz processor, DVD reading capability and the added bonus of being able to play original PlayStation games. X Box, has by far the most innovative added features of the three, a large internal hard drive and a 733-megahertz processor in order to make saving games easier than the current standard, which involves memory cards.

It also comes with a DVD player and an Ethernet connection for connecting to the internet and online gaming communities. Gamecube, switching over from Gamecubes versatility and gives someone the other two systems the leg up. X Box, with its hard drive for saving games, pushes its value over the top and to the spot of highest value, saving you money on numerous peripherals.

Regardless of if you are a Sony fan, rooting for Microsoft’s effort, or a solid Nintendo supporter, the fact of the matter is that gamers everywhere will have the delight of being able to try all three. So there you have it, the three gaming giants have slugged it out in the ring, the facts are before you, what remains to be seen is the public’s reaction. Let the games begin.

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Microsoft hopes to win over gamers worldwide with the release of the X Box, its first effort in the game console field.
30 years of rotting your brain — a video game system retrospective.

By C. Spencer Beggs

In 1972, the earliest whistleblowers of the technological revolution began to reach the home entertainment market when Magnavox released the first home video game system known as the Odyssey. Interestingly enough, the Odyssey was not even considered by the industry of the time. The Odyssey came programmed with 12 games, however consumers generally found only two of them to be satisfactory entertainment.

Following directly on the heels of the Odyssey was what most people imagine as the first home entertainment system, Atari Pong. Pong had long been an arcade standard, but Atari Pong brought the game into homes. Both the Odyssey and Atari Pong were low tech by today's standards. The Odyssey did not have enough power to display full screen graphics so users applied overlays, sheets of plastic with pictures on them, to TV screens to simulate the full screen effect.

In May of 1977, the first modern video game system was released, the Atari 2600. The Atari 2600, or Atari Video Computer System as it is known, was the first system to use interchangeable read-only-memory (ROM) cartridges to contain games. Each 2600 cartridge could only hold four kilobytes of information. Today's standard DVD ROM can hold 4.7 gigabytes of information — over 1 million times (disregarding compression and emerging formats that can extend the amount even further) the information of the 2600 cartridges.

The next leap in technology came with the release of the ColecoVision and the Atari 5200 SuperSystem in 1982. Neither gained the market share their parent companies desired because personal computers had recently entered the market diverting resources from game to software production. Milton Bradley also entered the market in 1982 with the GCE Vectrex game system. The system never had a strong showing in the home entertainment sector.

Atari tried to rekindle its former glory with the Atari 7800 in 1984, but the system met the same fate as the Atari 5200 and the Vectrex. Video game historians (yes, they exist) consider the period from 1981 to 1984 to be the "Dark Ages" of the industry. Of course, the light was about to shine through the clouds with new technology from Japan.

The hot toy for Christmas of 1983 was the home entertainment system Nintendo Entertainment System (NES). The NES set the standard for video games. It boasted a palette of 52 colors, 16 of which could be displayed at any given time, and an 8-bit processing unit. The term "bit" refers to both the graphic and work capabilities of a processor. In video game systems, in most cases, a higher bit rating means better performance.

In December 1985, the world's first 16-bit game system entered the scene. Sega's Genesis was released, the Sega Saturn in 1995. A CD-based system that was too little, too late against the new king of the hill, the Sony PlayStation.

The Sony PlayStation, the herald of the new 32-bit gaming standard, debuted in 1994. The Sega Saturn was released in 1995 and the Nintendo 64 (N64) in 1996. Other competitors have withdrawn their console bids from the market, folded entirely or merged with stronger companies.

Both Sony and Sega are planning future systems; however, they may encounter competitions for unexplored sources. Microsoft is slated to release the next-generation console X-Box late this year against Nintendo's release of the GameCube. There is almost no way to predict which console will win the market in the end.

The history of video games is rife with corporate strategies and public relations strategies. Only time will tell.

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The NHL canceled Sunday’s preseason games Thursday. Saturday’s games were canceled Wednesday. The league has been meeting with the teams since Monday and is expected to re-open talks with the players at 11 a.m. Friday.

The Chicago Blackhawks announced on Thursday that their Saturday game at Nashville has been rescheduled for Sept. 23 at 5 p.m. and their Sunday game against Dallas has been rescheduled for Sept. 24.

The NHL offices in Manhattan were open for a brief time Thursday. They were closed at 1 p.m. ET and will remain so for the rest of the week. The league will operate out of its office in Toronto.

The New York Rangers called off plans to hold their training camp at Madison Square Garden on Wednesday. The team was scheduled to train at its home arena for the first time in its 76-year history.

Practice was postponed until Thursday, but will be held, without fans in attendance, at the team’s training facility in Yonkers. The team’s "Ace" Bailey, the Los Angeles Kings’ director of pro scouting, who was the first round selection for the Avalanche, was never asked to play hockey.

John Robinson, who coached four seasons for the Avalanche, knew Bailey. Robinson said, "It just left a horrible feeling in the pit of my stomach." Only the Rangers canceled practice, but other teams struggled to go on.

"It’s not an easy thing to try to motivate yourself for practice," Minnesota goalie Manny Fernandez said.

Devils' head coach Jack Pandolfo and Bavis were teammates at Boston University.

The Toronto Maple Leafs decided not to go anywhere. Instead of having camp in St. John’s, Newfoundland, the Leafs scrapped those plans and remained in Toronto. On Wednesday, the Maple Leafs held the first scrimmage of the season.

"Even if we could find the rink, that’s no John’s. So, unfortunately, we won’t be able to go," general manager and owner Roy Gainey said.

Montreal and Toronto are supposed to play each other Sunday night in Buffalo.

The Buffalo Sabres hoped to open their camp Wednesday in St. Catharines, Ontario, but changed their minds because of Canadian customs concerns.

The Sabres practiced in Buffalo on Wednesday and will try again to shift operations into Canada on Thursday.

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LPGA
LPGA cancels 3-day Safeway Classic

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore.
The LPGA canceled the Safeway Classic at Portland’s Columbia-Edgewater Country Club because of the East Coast terror attacks, officials announced Thursday.

Earlier in the week, the LPGA had decided to cut the tournament from 54 to 36 holes.

“We delayed making this final decision until we had thoroughly evaluated this issue from all sides,” LPGA commissioner Ty M. Votaw said. “In the end, we have to follow our hearts and minds, and we believe not playing this weekend is the right decision for the LPGA.”

Unlike many other sports, the majority of the players for the Safeway Classic were already in Portland or on route by Tuesday morning. So, the question did not involve getting players to the site.

“We also were urged by the governmental officials in the area to continue to hold the event as a sign that life is slowly returning to some semblance of normality.

“However, in the end, we have to follow our hearts and minds, and we believe not playing this weekend is the right decision for the LPGA.”

Players were going to wear black clothing or black ribbons to honor and recognize the victims and survivors of the terror attacks.

Instead, a prayer service will be held Friday morning for the players, caddies, tournament organizers, volunteers and LPGA fans at the 18th green at Columbia Edgewater C.C.

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The Belles couldn’t recover and Hope went home victorious. "We were prepared for [Hope’s] defense, but we couldn’t get the ball in the net unfortunately," Muth said. Despite the loss, the team was proud of its efforts and most players left the field satisfied with play.

"This season our team just really came together a lot," Muth said. "Our team looks 100 percent better [than last season]. You can see the difference on the field. Everybody is working together. We have good synergy.

Two factors that could have had a major impact on the Belles, the weather and Hope’s aggressive play, may have a positive effect on the Belles in the long run. By the time the game started, it was raining hard at the Saint Mary’s soccer field and most spectators were wrapped up in blankets, sweatshirts and hiding under umbrellas. But the Belles took the weather and made the best of it.

"I don’t think the rain affected us too much," Johnston said. "I wouldn’t say that was the cause of anything. Conditions were great. It was a fun day to play.

The rain could have played a part, but our team is really good at adjusting," Muth added. "The ball was skipping down the field, that was really the only problem. Overall I think we adjusted really well to it.

Hope’s aggressive play was another factor. Two Hope players were cautioned during Thursday’s game, one for side tackling, the other for inappropriate language. The large number of freshmen on Saint Mary’s team had their first real taste of physical play.

"We’ve got to keep staying positive and hopefully we’ll get a break."

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GOLF

Despite American concerns, Ryder Cup still on

Associated Press

LONDON

The Ryder Cup is still on — at least for now. Tuesday’s terrorist attacks on New York and Washington have put the biennial golf event in serious doubt, with several of the American players expressing fears about flying to Britain for the Sept. 29-30 match at The Belfry.

"It's not so much the matches that concern me, it's the traveling," British Open champion David Duval said. "Will I be prepared to fly? I honestly don't know. I don't have the answers, I don't think any of us do right now."

Event organizers and officials from both teams spent much of Thursday discussing the security surrounding the event and issued statements saying it might be several days before a final decision is made.

Most of the Europeans, many of whom are stranded in the United States, want the match to go ahead, but U.S. stars have expressed reservations.

Jim Ayrey, chief executive officer of the PGA of America, said their security was the highest priority.

"We continue to have discussions with U.S. captain Curtis Strange and have communicated to a number of players that the safety of the team and their families is of utmost importance," Ayrey said in a statement.

"It is our desire for the Ryder Cup matches to go forward. Having said that, the magnitude of the matches requires many logistics which are impacted by the events of this week.

"We are reassessing every logistic connected with the matches — a process which will take a number of days and which will require input from our government. When our assessment is complete we will make further announcements as appropriate."

The European Ryder Cup Board also issued a statement saying it would increase security for the match to allay the fears of the Americans.

Mark Calcavecchia, who initially said he didn’t want to travel, hasn’t yet made up his mind.

"If you would have asked me yesterday, I'd probably say that it wouldn’t be played," he said. "Ask me again next Monday or Tuesday and you might get a different answer."

"It's a timing thing. Time heals all wounds, and maybe next week it won't seem so bad. Maybe it will. If they play, I'll be there. If they don't, I'll support that as well,"

Colin Montgomerie, expected to be one of Europe's key players, wants it to go ahead.

"If the Ryder Cup is canceled or postponed, you are allowing these terrorists to win," the Scot said. 

"We have to respect whatever the Americans decide. They are our closest allies and we should bear in mind that this was not just an attack on America, it was attack on the free world."

NASCAR

Winston Cup, truck races cancelled

Associated Press

LONDON, N.J.

NASCAR called off Sunday's Winston Cup race in New Hampshire because of the terrorist attacks, only the second non-winter postponement in the circuit's 53-year history.

The decision on the New Hampshire 300 followed a move by the NFL to scrap games Sunday and Monday night. The race was rescheduled for Nov. 23, the day after Thanksgiving.

"This is a time for families to come together," NASCAR president Mike Helton said Thursday. "We felt that postponing this weekend's race was simply the right thing to do."

NASCAR also called off its truck race at Texas Motor Speedway on Saturday, rescheduling it for Oct. 5. The Indy Racing League, whose season-ending race was scheduled for the Texas track on Sunday, postponed the event until Oct. 6.

Two other weekend races at the New Hampshire International Speedway, in the Featherlite Modified Series and Busch North Series, also were postponed. It was unclear whether they would be rescheduled.

"We hated to cancel, but at the same time you have to think of the people, all the problems they have in New York," said Bob Bahre, whose family owns the New Hampshire track.

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Owners postpone Week 2 games

Associated Press

NEW YORK

The NFL's decision to cancel Sunday's games was a simple one.

"It was right to take a week to reflect and to help or support," commissioner Roger Goodell said Thursday after calling off Week 2. "We felt it was right to take a week to reflect and to help or support.""We felt it was right to take a week to reflect and to help or support."Goodell's decision was in part due to the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington. There was a feeling that it would be inappropriate to have a day filled with football games.

The NFL season was scheduled to begin last Sunday. But the games were postponed and all games have been canceled for the week.

"It would have been horrible if we had gone ahead," said Marlo Brown of the Giants. "That's why we had to do this." The Giants, along with the rest of the league, made the decision to cancel the games.

"It really came down to the players and the coaches," said one team spokesman. "We knew we had to make our decision in the best interest of our fans.""We knew we had to make our decision in the best interest of our fans."Owners agreed.

"The overriding concern is that it's inappropriate," said Robert Kraft of the New England Patriots. "The NFL has a very serious responsibility to the country."

The conference has been meetings with the owners and the league to figure out what to do next.

"We just feel very strongly about the NFL's decision to make," Kramer said. "We have recommended to the NCAA that it is not appropriate to have a day filled with football games."

ACC commissioner John Swofford said, "I'm sure every conference would be for life to be normal and therefore play the games that were made up. But life isn't normal. These are extremely extenuating circumstances."

The NCAA executive committee, which will donate $5 million to disaster relief funds, had recommended that schools discontinue all non-scholastic activities and all travel until they can be coordinated with the White House to the NCAA. "We have an incredibly popular sport. It's kind of like a church on Sundays for America to watch the NFL. The church on this Sunday should not be about cheering for one team over another. It should be about supporting all the victims and their families and friends."

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Owners vote to cancel games through Sunday

• Teams to play games at end of regular season

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Major league baseball postponed all games through Sunday and will resume play the following day.

Since Tuesday's attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon, baseball has wiped out six days of play. The latest decision raised the total of postponed games in 1918, the most since World War II forced the cancellation of almost the entire final month of the 1918 season.

Commissioner Bud Selig said all players will wear American flags on their uniforms for the remainder of the season, and the Stars and Stripes will be given to fans at all games Monday.

Baseball will make up all the games by extending the regular season, which had been scheduled to end Sept. 30. The games will be rescheduled for the week of Oct. 1.

"I believe in the sanctity of the 162-game schedule," Selig said.

The decision to the possibility of the World Series, long known as the October Classic, produced the first Mr. November. It originally had been scheduled to end Oct. 26.

"I believe that extra week will not be harmful," said Selig, who made his decision after examining which teams were in contention for the playoffs. "I worry about weather in October. Fortunately, we have a lot of farm weather, a lot of West Coast teams."

Selig made his announcement more than four hours after the NFL said it would not play the weekend. He said that wasn't a factor in his decision.

Initial response appeared to be positive. "It's a good thing, in light of the events that have happened," Cleveland Indians assistant general manager Mark Shapiro said.

By rescheduling the games, baseball ensured Cal Ripken and Tony Gwynn would finish their Hall of Fame careers at home instead of on the road. Ripken and the Baltimore Orioles were to end the season at Yankee Stadium, while Gwynn and the San Diego Padres were to finish in San Francisco.

Within 30 minutes of Selig's announcement, the New York Yankees planned to travel to Tampa, Fla., spend three days at their spring training camp, then play the Devil Rays on Monday in St. Petersburg.

Two teams already had started traveling to the cities where they were to have played Friday. The Pittsburgh Pirates left their ballpark in buses at 11:15 a.m. EDT Thursday to travel to Chicago, where they were to play the Cubs.

The Philadelphia Phillies worked out at Turner Field in Atlanta last at 1:30 p.m. in four buses headed for Cincinnati, where they were to play the Reds. After hearing the news, the Phillies decided to continue on, spend the night in the Cincinnati area, then head to Philadelphia.

With air traffic grounded, many teams on the road at the time of the attacks chartered buses to get home: the Chicago White Sox from New York, the Minnesota Twins from Detroit, the St. Louis Cardinals from Milwaukee, the Cleveland Indians from Kansas City, the New York Mets from Pittsburgh and the Toronto Blue Jays from Baltimore.

The Indians arrived at 11 a.m. Thursday after a 14-hour trip and the Mets arrived at 2:30 a.m. after a 7-hour trip. The Blue Jays got back to the Skydome at 8:30 a.m. following a 7-hour trip on the road.

The Boston Red Sox, in St. Petersburg, to play the Devil Rays, went by bus to central Florida and boarded an Amtrak train headed north, at first unsure whether they would get off in Baltimore to play the Orioles or keep going to Boston.

"I'm forced the cancellation of almost the entire weekend on Thursday," Giants manager Joe Torre said.

"I don't think it eliminates anything," Phillies manager Jim Fregosi said.

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McGwire said the call came shortly after he woke up in his home in Branson, Mo.

"We've been through so much, and people are worried about our decision," McGwire said. "This is the worst thing that can ever happen to the country and people are worried about our decision-making on playing sporting events."

"It's a good thing, in light of the events that have happened."

Bud Selig

baseball commissioner

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Mark McGwire criticized major league baseball Thursday for taking so long to postpone games the rest of the weekend.

"McGwire launched into an impromptu state of the game speech minutes before the decision to take the rest of the week off was made public, and after the St. Louis Cardinals worked out at an empty Busch Stadium.

"It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out sporting events are absolutely meaningless compared with what's going on in Washington and New York," McGwire said.

"And why are people taking so long to make a decision, I have no idea."

In the wake of the terrorist attacks that jolted the World Trade Center and damaged the Pentagon, President Bush said Americans should resume their lives.

Baseball, McGwire said, shouldn't even be on the list.

"For people think it's OK to play sports this weekend is absolutely asinine," McGwire said.

"This is the worst thing that can happen to the country and people are worried about making decisions on playing sporting events."

"I have no idea where their minds are, but I guarantee you if they knew somebody or had a family member in Washington or New York, they wouldn't even think about it."

McGwire said the call commiss-ioner Bud Selig made on Thursday was an "easy decision."

"I feel ashamed we're even talking about it," McGwire said.

"For athletes to presidents of universities, general managers, owners of teams, to even think about taking a field, they should be ashamed. It's absolutely asinine.

McGwire also ripped educators for keeping school in session the day of the attacks.

"I was really upset when I came home to see if my son was going to school that day, that his private school was in session," McGwire said.

"What are people thinking about?"

"You send everybody home and you let everybody watch the TV and take in what's happening."

The Cardinals are taking the day off Friday, the national day of mourning, and have been scheduled for Saturday morning.

"The way you keep your timing is keeping repeating as much as you can," La Russa said. "The boys don't let contact to workouts, for whatever it's worth."

"It hasn't been easy, for the manager or the players."

"It's hard to concentrate on anything," pitcher Dustin Hermanson said. "I know you can't be 100 percent, but it's hard to crack a smile, especially when you think about all of this."

"I think it's a tough thing to think of the families of the victims."

"Sports is entertainment, and when you go to school that day, that day is just a day to be entertained, I'm all for getting our game of."

"But until that time, I think we're better off holding back."

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In wake of terrorist attacks, sports quickly become insignificant

Rarely does Robert Mueller, director of the FBI, the man in charge of investigating all the country’s federal crimes including Tuesday’s terrorist attacks, get on national television. Same goes for Scott McKay of Arlington County, Virginia Fire and Rescue, the man charged with the rescue effort at the Pentagon.

These guys, like all the men and women suddenly thrust onto the world stage in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, do their jobs catching criminals and rescuing children each day and return home to their families. No microphones, no reporters buzzing around every word they like. Barry Bonds rarely goes a day without being on national TV. He hits home runs, saves no lives. But Barry Bonds is not a hero. Who are the heroes? The heroes are the men and women of America, the nameless and faceless people that pull away the guns of the World Trade Center, looking for both the living and the dead. The heroes are the federal agents, staying up all night, following every lead, every tip, every hunch, trying to find out who did this. The heroes are the New York City firemen and police officers that ran up the crumbling twin towers, rescuing terrified civilians, only to have the buildings come down on them, burying their hopes and dreams, but saving the hopes and dreams of others.

The sports world seems so trivial right now. Your favorite team’s record doesn’t seem to matter when you’re frantically dialing family and friends in Manhattan, looking for any sign that they’re OK.

Every other week, we focus on sports and statistics. Who’s injured? Who’s winning? Who’s the favorite in the third race? Now we focus on the true heroes, and the things that should be most important to us. Is my brother still alive under all that rubble? How can I ever thank the Lord that I was late to work that day? Will my family ever feel the same?

If there is any, however, small, silver lining to this most horrible of tragedies, it was that America has stopped and appreciated what’s most important to them. Families have stopped, and given each other that extra hug that wouldn’t have happened last week. The TV that normally doesn’t budge off ESPN is stuck on CNN. Sports are a game. And only games. Sports do not decide life and death, or save the world and dreams, but saving the hopes and dreams of others.

The core of us is our caring, caring for our families and friends but also that complete stranger, stuck underneath tons of rubble. The core of us is our feelings that we are part of something bigger, an idea, a way of life. The core of us is that feeling, when you love other people so much, the thought that they could be suddenly taken from you makes you numb and humble before God.

I think we all remembered this week, and I hope we won’t soon forget it. The names of the author and are not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Jeff Baltruzak at Baltruzak.2@nd.edu.

Saint Mary’s-Hope soccer game still keeps respectful tone

Tuesday morning I woke up to the news that two of America’s most influential cities had been attacked by terrorists. By 10 o’clock Tuesday morning both World Trade Center towers had crum­bled under their own weight. By Tuesday afternoon I knew that four hijacked planes full of American citizens had been the cause of the destruction. Wednesday morn­ning rescue workers were trying to sal­vage what lives they could from the wreckage.

Wednesday afternoon Saint Mary’s decided that its soccer team would play a game on Thursday. That seems quite a decision to make in the wake of a national tragedy. You could ask how anyone could play sports in the wake of such desolation. The Big East has cancelled all of its events for the weekend and even Major League Baseball stopped playing. The question of how anyone could move on like that looms large in the minds of many.

There is an answer. Because you have to. There were a lot of questions floating around on Wednesday night after the news that Saint Mary’s would play came. The men and women on both teams played with the weight of our fears. We will go on with our lives and live well in the future so many have worked so hard to secure. Canceling Division I events and profes­sional events is a matter of security and a matter of respect. The media circus that surrounds Notre Dame football games and playoff races in baseball could take away from the solemn feelings still covering the country.

But Division III soccer doesn’t take away from the solemn sense of the country. It doesn’t attract the media and it truly offers, in its own way, a promise to go on.

The terrorists responsible for the explo­sions on Tuesday were looking to scare the American people. And we are scared, but we won’t let that fear define us. This country will go on, and this country is already going on. Destruction may have caused us to pause but it will never cause us to stop. We will live and we will live in the way we always have, with pas­sion, in freedom, and with eternal grate­fulness for all that we have.

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Weekend games called off

**MLB, NFL, Division I football cancel games in wake of terrorist attacks**

Associated Press

Major League Baseball, the National Football League and Division I football conference commissioners cancelled all competition originally scheduled for this weekend.

The decision to cancel games comes in the wake of Tuesday’s terrorist attacks.

Major League Baseball has cancelled all games through Sunday. Commissioner Bud Selig said games will definitely be played Monday.

"The more I thought about it, I couldn’t rationalize starting before Monday," Selig said.

The cancelled games will be played in October.

NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue said the league reached a decision after a conference call between all owners. However, the deciding factor appeared to be the overwhelming sentiment of players to postpone the games.

"It really came down to the loss of life and the ability of players to absorb what we’ve all been through," Tagliabue said. "We felt it was right to take a week to reflect and to help our friends, families and people in the community who need our support."

Owners also remembered the backlash when the NFL decided to play following President Kennedy’s assassination in 1963, a decision then-commissioner Pete Rozelle called the worst of his career.

The NFL has not yet decided how it will make up Week 2 games.

Division I football commissioners reversed their decision yesterday, unanimously deciding to postpone all of Saturday’s games after originally choosing to leave the decision up to the individual conferences.

The reversal came after the NFL and MLB announced their decision.

"The SEC joins all the other major sporting entities in the nation in postponing all athletic events," the SEC said in a statement. "The conference continues to believe this country must begin the healing process focusing on the horrendous events of the past week and will evaluate all future schedules at an appropriate time."

The Big East and Pac-10 already decided Wednesday to postpone all weekend games.

**ND football cancels practice for second time in 3 days**

By ANDREW SOUKUP

Notre Dame’s football team cancelled practice Thursday afternoon for the second time in three days.

No immediate reason was given for the cancellation, but Notre Dame head coach Bob Davie hinted Wednesday that the Irish might not be practicing Thursday.

“We’ve pushed our players to the limit,” he said. "At some point, you have to let your players get their wind."

Wednesday afternoon, Notre Dame and Purdue postponed their game originally scheduled for Saturday, just one day after conference commissioners decided to postpone all Division I football games.

After Wednesday’s announcement, Davie suggested he might give his players Thursday off to mentally prepare themselves for Michigan State, Notre Dame’s next opponent.

“We started Sunday morning fully planning on playing this weekend,” said Davie. “With all the different things going on this week — game on, game off — there’s much bigger things going on now than what we have going on here. We just need to take a deep breath and pull away from this.

Davie said it was difficult for the Irish to focus Wednesday afternoon while no Notre Dame players have been immediately affected by Tuesday’s terrorist attacks, both players and coaches agreed that there was a different atmosphere in practice Wednesday.

"I think it's a real good decision not to play," co-captain Anthony Fasano said. "A lot of players on this team and all the other teams have family that are in that area. Our thoughts right now need to be with the families back there and to come together as a nation."

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**SMC Soccer**

Belles resume soccer action, lose 2-1

By KATIE McVOY

Associate Sports Editor

The Belles 2-1 loss Thursday showed just how young the Saint Mary's soccer team is.

The Belles were ready to play, but for most it was their first home collegiate athletic event and it came under circumstances that could ground any team.

Playing for the first time since Tuesday’s devastation and playing in the cold, South Bend rain the team had a lot to deal with in its home opener against the Flying Dutch of Hope College.

Following a moment of reflection and prayer for those affected by the terrorist attacks, it was a difficult game to play.

Despite the loss, both team members and coaching staff were happy with the overall performance of the team, although disappointed in the game’s outcome.

“I think it went well. We played well,” said freshman midfielder Katie Taylor. “It’s too bad we didn’t win.”

“T’m very happy,” said Saint Mary’s head coach Bobby Johnston. “I’m more upset and sad for the team because we have been working hard and it would be nice to sneak a win in instead of losing these two games."

Two weekends ago Saint Mary’s dropped a game in over-time at the hands of the Kenyon College Lords.

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