Police charge cabbie with sex crime

By JASON McFARLEY
News Editor

Saint Mary’s Security arrested a taxi driver accused of sexually assaulting one of five students he was driving to campus on Saturday. A Saint Mary’s student alleged the City Cab Co. driver fondled her as she sat in the front passenger seat of the taxi about 2:40 a.m. Saturday, according to Chlebek, the College’s security director, said Sunday. "It happened as they were driving on campus up the Avenue," Chlebek said.

After exiting the cab, the woman flagged down a security officer and reported the alleged assault to him, Chlebek said. The officer stopped the driver before he left campus and arrested him on charges of sexual battery after the victim and the four other students positively identified him and attested to the alleged molestation, according to Chlebek.

The suspect was taken to the St. Joseph County Jail, where he remained Sunday night, Chlebek said. Asked about the company’s seating procedure for passengers, City Cab officials deferred comment about the alleged incident to the firm’s owner. He was unavailable for comment until today.

Chlebek said Saint Mary’s Security didn’t contact the company about the alleged crime. He said the victim reported the incident to the company about the alleged crime. The suspect was arraigned today in St. Joseph County Superior Court.

In a crime alert e-mailed to students Saturday afternoon, Linda Timm, vice president for student affairs, said the alleged assault appeared to be an isolated incident. "You are still encouraged to use public transportation when you are off campus," Timm said in the page-long e-mail. "It is suggested that in all situations you utilize the back seat when traveling by cab. This should be operating procedures of the cab companies."

In a decision made Sunday, Pakistan gave the United States full support in fighting terrorists and called for Afghanistan to turn over Osama bin Laden.

Over 1,000 students and South Bend community members lit candles and joined a procession from the Grotto to the reflecting pool at the library.

The procession was the work of several campus organizations, including student government, Campus Ministry and the Student Activities Office. Donations

♦ Students and community pray for victims in vigil

By ERIN LaRUFFA
Associate News Editor

With candles in hand, members of the Notre Dame and South Bend communities gathered at the Grotto on Sunday night to pray for the victims of last Tuesday’s terrorist attacks.

"As we consider the events of the past six days, they are in many ways impossible to grasp," said Father Mark Poorman, vice president of Student Affairs, who presided over the first part of the ceremony.

It was possible to experience shock and helplessness while watching the events unfold, Poorman added, but coming together to pray allowed people to confront their sorrow.

"Tonight as we stand side by side in this holy place, we are not alone. We are not afraid," said Poorman.

He called upon the gathering to pray for those who died in the terrorist attacks and for their families, as well as for the country itself. A student read from the Gospel of Matthew, and the folk choir sang.

Poorman then asked those gathered at the Grotto to form a processional and to proceed in "unbroken silence" to the library reflecting pool. Once the crowd gathered around the pool, the Glee Club began to sing, and Father Richard Warner led the group in prayer.

"We pray for members of our Notre Dame community that have died and for their families," Warner said. He also asked the procession to pray for the other victims of the terrorist attacks, including the police and fire-fighter that died trying to rescue others.

In addition, Warner prayed for the president and Congress, and asked that the country’s response respect human rights.

"Lord, may we and all the people of the Book, Christians, Jews and Muslims — come to understand that we are all sons and daughters of God despite our important religious differences," he said.

Warner then led the procession in praying the Hail Mary and Our Father, and then in singing Notre Dame’s Alma Mater.

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Hoping by candlelight

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INSIDE COLUMN

Where’s my bike?

Thursday began like any other day for me. I was running late, class, hang out, and then go to work over in Debartolo. Nothing significant ever really happens, and days like Thursday blur together like they sometimes have the habit of doing. Of course, this was not the case last Thursday.

I rode my bike to work, locked it to a black bike U and then checked the lock to make sure it was secure. Of course, when I got out of work at 10 p.m., one thing was very different from a normal Thursday: My bike was gone, the lock was smashed apart, laying on the ground, and I was left with a distinct feeling of disting and violation.

Now it’s easy to brush this off as “Well, stupid,” maybe you should have had a better lock than the time I locked my bike U. Well, maybe you’re right. I should have dropped the extra five bucks for the U-lock. What I fail to understand is what being a biker being to see my bike, get out some blunt object, smash the lock and take it away. That’s my bike. I didn’t hang a sign on it that said “You know what? I don’t really care if this gets stolen. Please, take whatever you’d like.” I look and my bike outside of my place of work trusting that if somebody saw that it was locked, they would at least understand that my bike meant something to me, and that I valued it tremendously.

My older brother gave me that bike, a brothe that I spent the first 18 years of my life fighting with, sometimes with fists. Last year, he gave me that bike, and I’d like to think that it was his way of saying “Look, for all that we fought about when we were younger, and in a way, I felt like it brought us closer together.”

I’ll take it for granted that the person who took my bike didn’t know what that bike meant to me. But I’ll also take it for granted that they couldn’t have cared less about what that bike meant. The only thing they saw on my bike was a big fat dollar sign that would let them sell my bike for $50 or have it for them selves. I’ve never had that sort of respect from humanity. The same sort of decency that I was brought up with, that other people pay for their property. Some people lack that decency, and it questions my faith in human nature, which is why I believe that there is good in all people, just some choose to tuck that portion of their self away so that they can bash things apart and steal bikes.

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Bridgewater State College

New scholarships for homosexuals

Looking to provide financial assistance to openly gay students whose families refuse to provide for their education, Bridgewater State announced it will begin offering scholarships to such individuals in coming semesters. Bridgewater, located about 40 minutes south of Boston, founded the Frank-Tremblay Safe College Scholarship for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered students who have been ostracized by their families after revealing their sexual orientation. The school is among the five colleges in the nation to offer such scholarships. “The money will make a difference, especially based on past experience, could cause flooding. actually had struck a mere 30 to 40 feet beneath the room.

Buher and Crane executive Duane Embree told reporters that everyone tried to get out of the room but the halls were filled with smoke. The students, some still obviously shaken by this week’s catastrophic events, began to tell their individual accounts.

John Vasquel said there was a one-foot drop in the hallway, where the floor had begun to cave in under pressure from the burning wreckage below. He located a metal stairwell and pushed on the door.

“There was something blocking the way, so I pushed harder,” he said. “When the door gave way I could see that the stairs were gone.”

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SMC grad missing in WTC attack

By JILL MAXBAUER
News Writer

Suzanne Kondratenko, a Saint Mary’s alumna from the class of 1996, was in the World Trade Center Towers on Tuesday morning and has yet to be located.

Kondratenko was working as a consultant for Keane and was in the city on business. At the time of the terrorist attacks, she was working on a project for the Aon Corporation. Kondratenko has been reported missing and her parents are in New York to look for her.

This news has saddened the College and devastated the Humanistic Studies Department. Professor Gail Mandell remembers her vividly. "She was a brilliant student," Mandell said. "She was the type of student that professors never forget. She brought such vitality to the classroom."

Kondratenko was the second of three daughters to attend Saint Mary’s. Her older sister Patricia graduated with the class of 1992 and her younger sister Caroline is currently a sophomore who is enrolled in Saint Mary’s Rome Program for the Fall semester. Kondratenko was also an alumna of the Rome Program.

Kondratenko graduated Summa Cum Laude as a Humanistic Studies Major.

"It would be so sad to see someone with that much ability and who was so gifted needlessly destroyed," Mandell said.

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SMC/ND plan vaccination drive

By SHEILA EGTS
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Prompted by the death of Holy Cross College student Jenny Nemeth to bacterial meningitis this past March, Saint Mary's and Notre Dame will Meningitis and Hepatitis B vaccination drives.

The Health and Wellness Services Department at Saint Mary’s will administer the vaccinations from 1:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Welsh Parlor of Haggar College Center.

Notre Dame will provide Meningitis and Hepatitis B vaccinations today from 1-7 p.m. at St. Paul Center.

The shots are part of the Meningitis and Hepatitis B Immunization Outreach Program, an effort to educate and protect students against these potentially fatal diseases.

Meningitis is a bacterial infection with symptoms that resemble the flu, such as fever, severe headache, nausea, lethargy and vomiting. Symptoms can escalate and result in death within a matter of hours. The most effective way to prevent infection is receiving the vaccination which provides protection against four out of the five strains of the disease.

The vaccinations are sponsored by VACCESHealth to ensure that the vaccinations will be on hand for all students.

"We want to make these vaccinations a top priority in [students’] minds."

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Associated Press

Clutching patriotic flags and prayer books, Americans filled churches Sunday, struggling to comprehend the terror of the week before.

"God Bless America" mixed with gospel music, images of the destruction in New York and Washington flashed on some sanctuary walls. Ushers in one church distributed tissues to weeping parishioners.

Many ministers said attendance rivaled that at Christmas. "America will never be the same," said the Rev. Cecil Williams of San Francisco's Glide Memorial Methodist Church. "Never."

About 250 members of the historic Parish of Trinity Church Wall Street, in the shadow of the World Trade Center, moved services to a Roman Catholic shrine a block from where the twin towers once stood. Trinity is now filled with ash and shards of glass. Children were filing into the parish preschool when the first plane struck Tuesday. Stunned rescue workers staggered into the church moments after the crash.

"Human words are inadequate, and so we come together to turn to the word of God," said the Rev. Samuel Johnson Howard, vicar of Trinity, an Episcopal parish dating back 300 years.

New York Cardinal Edward Egan celebrated Mass for hundreds in the majestic St. Patrick's Cathedral in Manhattan, urging parishioners to commune with God to ease the grief of the past six days:

The crowd stood and applauded when Egan thanked rescuers and lauded Gov. George Pataki and Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, who attended the service. The two political leaders hugged and applauded when Egan thanked rescuers and read a letter from Pope John Paul II, saying he hopes Americans will take solace in their faith and reject hatred and violence.

One of McCarrick's relatives is missing in the World Trade Center wreckage.

"Having three kids, it makes me really angry, but I don't want to perpetuate the violence to where we're going to escalate it and threaten more families," Cobb said.

The Rev. St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in New Orleans blamed the "attacks of the terrorists." The head of Lebanon's Maronite Church, Cardinal Nasrallah M. Sfeir, in a special Mass condemned the "heinous crime" against the United States.

Throughout last week, including Friday's national day of prayer, Americans and prayed that victims' families would find comfort in prayer, the pope offered "my heartfelt sympathy, and the prayers of the people of the Vatican, to the whole American nation." The pontiff warned Americans to "not allow hate to triumph over love." Americans wanted to turn to the word of God, "so we come together," the Rev. Charles Kullmann of the Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, said.

"God's love and our hatred cannot coexist in our hearts. Jesus came to save all sinners, even terrorists," said the Rev. Deborah Walsh, a flight attendant on hijacked United Airlines Flight 93, which crashed in rural Pennsylvania, was a member of the choir at the Roman Catholic church. Choir members pinned pictures of Walsh to their clothing.

The hymn after communion was "America the Beautiful."

"It has been a bitter week for all of us," said the Rev. Paul Brooks, of First Baptist Church of Baytown, a suburb of Kansas City, Mo. Many pondered the war ahead.

"As the father of four sons, I don't want to sacrifice their lives for this injustice. And yet there must be a right for this wrong," said Brad Sampson, who gathered with tearful Mormons in Logan, Utah.

"The things that we're asking for the Muslims around the world, and the things that we're asking for ourselves, are really the same," said Susan Welsh, a flight attendant from where the twin towers struck Tuesday. Stunned rescue workers staggered into the church moments after the crash.

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Tropical storm kills 13: Tropical storm Nari slammed into northern Taiwan on Monday, triggering mudslides and flash flooding that killed 13 people. At least five people were missing and 18 were injured as sheets of rain flooded homes and drenched unstable mountain slopes around the capital, Taipei, emergency officials said. Forecasters said the downpour was the heaviest in 10 years.

Massood funeral draws thousands: Thousands of people gathered Sunday in Kabul, a small village in Afghanistan's mighty Hindu Kush mountain range, to bury opposition leader Ahmed Shah Massood, who died from wounds in a suicide attack against him. Supporters of Massood shouted slogans against the ruling Taliban militia and also condemned Tuesday's terrorist attacks in New York and Washington.

National News Briefs
Pataki calls special session: Gov. George Pataki will call the state Legislature into special session today to bolster the state's anti-terrorism laws. Pataki said Sunday night he wants lawmakers to pass six new measures to combat terrorist activities on New York soil. They include a bill to make the intentional murder of another person in the commission of a terrorist act a capital crime. "New York state has witnessed firsthand the horrible effects of terrorism and we will not tolerate it," Pataki said in a statement issued through his office.

Gunman kills Indian immigrant: A man was charged Sunday with murder and other charges after he allegedly fired at two gas stations and a home in Mesa, Ariz., killing an Indian immigrant inside one gas station. No one was injured at the second station, where a clerk of Lebanese descent was working, or the home, where a family of Afghan descent lived.

Indiana News Briefs
Shootout results in 2 deaths: A Seymour man turned his gun on himself after shooting another man and exchanging gunfire with police, a Hope, Ind., coroner said. Andrew Horstman, 29, died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head, the Indiana State Police said in a news release Sunday. Bartholomew County Coroner Larry Fisher made the determination Sunday following autopsies on Horstman and his alleged victim, Robert Tyler, 28, of Cincinnati. Deputy Marshal Tony McClain found Tyler wounded on the ground about midnight Friday.

City promotes 168 firefighters

New York promoted 168 firefighters on Sunday and no one laughed or beamed with pride. There was only heartache.

These were the replacements for a Fire Department command structure that was eviscerated in a few moments on Tuesday morning, when the World Trade Center toppled. Their promotions were a necessity, not a joy.

"No one really wants to be here. No one really wanted to be promoted," said Jerry Horton, who became a captain during the ceremony. With nearly 300 firefighters still lost beneath the jumbled remains of the twin towers, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani compared the promotions to battlefield commissions awarded during wartime.

"We are shaken but we are not defeated," said Fire Commissioner Thomas Von Essen. "We stare adversity in the eye and we move on." Von Essen delivered his remarks in a strong, unwavering voice, but his face twisted in pain the moment he finished. He collapsed into a chair on the stage and hung his head as Giuliani stepped to the podium.

Giuliani hailed the firefighters as heroes, then helped swear the promoted into their new positions.

Some of the men were not there. Some of them were still under the wreckage of the Trade Center — their promotions a gesture of faith that they and some of their brethren will survive.

The men awaited their honors in a plaza adjacent to the department's Brooklyn headquarters, sitting stoically under the same azure skies that delivered death to their colleagues five days ago.

No one cried.

The promotions reached all the way to the top. Chief of Operations Daniel A. Nigro was named Chief of Department, the highest uniformed position in the organization. He replaces Peter Ganci, the former department chief, who died in Tuesday's attacks and was buried Saturday.

After the ceremony the firefighters chatted quietly with their families. One man tossed his son's hair. Another lifted his daughter to his shoulders. A few posed for snapshots, their faces pale and their smiles thin-lipped.

This thought was never far from anyone's mind: Less than two miles away, hundreds of their comrades remained entombed beneath a mountain of twisted steel and crumbled concrete. So far only 18 of the 300 fire department personnel thought to have been lost in the disaster are confirmed dead.

Due to the ongoing tragedy in New York City, U.S. financial markets have been closed since Tuesday, Sept. 11. They will reopen today.
Professors display cosmic ray detector

By EMILY HOWARD

Notre Dame physics professor Randy Ruchti and his colleague Barry Baumbaugh recently attended the formal opening of an exhibit at the Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum featuring the cosmic ray particle detector they constructed.

The cosmic ray particle detector, commonly known as the "black box," contains a fiber optic plate and elements. When a particle moves through the one foot long and four inch wide box, it reflects off the plate and creates a light.

"We have been building detectors to study the elementary particles, and we want the cosmic rays that run directly through the box to be available to the general public," said Ruchti, who has worked alongside Baumbaugh on the project since 1982.

Ruchti and Baumbaugh's hopes the boxes will be carried into space for further observations.

"It will be nice for people from Notre Dame to get to see the detector," said Ruchti.

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Associated Press

CHYENNE — Eight track and cross-country runners from the University of Wyoming were killed early Sunday when their sports-utility vehicle collided head-on with a pickup truck that had apparently swerved into their lane. Wyoming Highway Patrol Sgt. Pete Townsend said the SUV carrying the athletes collided with a one-ton pickup truck at 1:30 a.m. Sunday about 17 miles south of Laramie. All seven passengers of the SUV were ejected, and they and the driver died at the scene.

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Timm’s crime alert urged students to report to College Security officials all crimes and suspicious people and activi­ ties.

“I ask that you simply use caution and as always, travel with friends,” Timm said.

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Pakistan
Officials demand bin Laden

Associated Press
ISLAMABAD
Senior Pakistani officials arrived in neighboring Afghanistan on Monday to deliver a warning: either deliver terror suspect Osama bin Laden or risk a massive retaliatory assault from the West.

Pakistan’s decision to give “full support” to the United States drew widespread protest Sunday from hard-line Islamists. Demonstrators burned U.S. flags, shouted their support of bin Laden, and warned the government they would take up arms for Afghanistan’s ruling Taliban militia.

“If Afghanistan is attacked, we will take part in the fight against America,” shouted militant Muslim leader Abdul Ahad to an estimated 1,000 demonstrators in northwest Pakistan near the Afghan bor­ der. Protesters also shouted anti-American slogans in the federal capital, Islamabad.

Most of Pakistan’s 140 mil­ lion people are devout but relatively moderate Muslims, but there are several strong militant Islamic groups oper­ ating in the country and tens of thousands of religious schools that turn out young boys dedicated to jihad —holy war. Most of these militant groups are well armed.

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Germany watches Islamic groups

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BERLIN

German authorities will keep a closer eye on Islamic groups in the wake of the terror attacks on the United States last week, Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder said Sunday.

Officials believe three of the suspected hijackers lived quietly in Germany for years, and Schroeder also announced a review of the nation's secret services.

"We have to look for weak spots and then tackle them," the German leader said in an interview on ZDF television. "We have to seek to change laws that prevent it from outlawing groups that declare themselves religious organizations. We did not elaborate.

"This privilege must fall," Schroeder said.

Meanwhile, the former capital Bonn became the latest link in Germany's widening investigation into the traces of three suspected Islamic extremists U.S. officials believe were among the hijackers.

One of the men lived for a time in Bonn, a university city of about 300,000, police officials said on condition of anonymity, and investigators are looking into whether he had contacts with students.

Police did not name the man who lived in Bonn, but German media said he was Marwan Al-Shehhi, who U.S. investigators identified as one of the hijackers aboard the second plane that hit the World Trade Center.

The mass-circulation newspaper Bild am Sonntag said Al-Shehhi arrived in Bonn in 1996 and rented a room from a family there before moving to Hamburg.

German authorities suspect Al-Shehhi and two other men listed as hijackers, Mohammed Atta and Ziad Jarrah, were part of a group formed in Hamburg this year whose goal was to destroy high-profile U.S. targets. Atta, 33, and Al-Shehhi, 23, studied at the city's Technical University and left Germany last year to take flight lessons in Florida, U.S. investigators say. U.S. officials believe they were cousins from the United Arab Emirates.

German Interior Minister Otto Schily told Bild am Sonntag there were intelligence failures on both sides of the Atlantic.

"U.S. authorities did not realize that the pilot training of the attackers was in preparation for terrorist crimes," the paper quoted Schily as saying.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

New York has not been beaten

I write because I just hung up the phone with my father on Long Island and I like the student body and Notre Dame community to know what’s going on in New York City.

My father traveled into the heart of the disaster area today for personal reasons. There he witnessed what he described as the most inspiring sight of his life, besides the most gruesome. The gruesomeness part is obvious but the inspiration to be derived from this situation might seem more elusive.

My father is not an overly sentimental man and family tragedy is depressing both of us right now, as well as a lot of other people, but his voice contained the notes of something different tonight than I’ve heard in some time. He told of lines of firemen and rescue workers, walking in a gauntlet through mountains of rubble, using sound devices to search for buried survivors.

On the ground, iron workers and construction workers labored to remove debris, while trucks and cranes rolled through the streets. Suddenly the workers would begin to silence each other and orange flags would be raised, for the sound detectors had heard something, within a minute, every truck and crane stopped moving and thousands of men stared in absolute silence at the mountains of rubble, watching for some sign of a life saved. When the signal was given for false alarm, everything would start up again, and everybody would continue with their work, not conversing or becoming overwhelmed as they handed body parts down to medical examiners.

Each man there quietly did his part. Firemen stood by while their deceased brothers were brought to the mortuary truck, where these men in fire biet suits and boots, dripping in sweat, with masks and tanks hanging off, would form an honor guard, salute the fallen and lift him into the truck. Then there was no crying, no choking up but an immediate return to duty. Other firemen lay stretched out around the corner resting, while volunteers brought up food and water and anything else they could possibly need. When their turn would come, they would just stand up and march — the cops and the firemen were marching through New York City in columns of two into the heart of the disaster. There were no questions and no comments, only the cry of the weary.

What my father was one of men and women dedicating all of their resources to taking care of these rescue workers. He spoke of men on the front lines in burning and collapsing buildings. Many of these men had helped build the World Trade Center and now it tore it apart, piece by piece, searching for survivors. Firemen, whole fire companies, arrived from Michigan, Ohio, Chicago, Florida and further.

The word that my father used to describe these men was indomitable. There was something absolutely indomitable in the eyes and body language of these men, as they walked through Manhattan, waiting their turn to head into the nightmare that still rages.

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End terrorism by eradicating injustice

The terrorist attacks of Sept. 11 were understandable. Unfortunately, the latest reactions of this government, the media and most Americans will only serve to aggravate the tragedy by increasing the number of people who will die.

Now is the time to challenge and expose the current social system to find out why thousands of innocent people died. Instead, the media tells us to put our unquestioning faith in the same government that has failed us. If we give the state more power, it will proceed to kill several thousand primarily innocent people, curtail our freedom, divert resources from important needs and increase global injustice and by doing so recruit another generation of terrorists.

I find it stunning that so many people claim they are not thinking about the victims of the attacks, but yet they will attack anyone who is willing to look everywhere to find the root causes of terrorism. I think their primary error is that they believe that terrorists are separate and that terrorist attacks are not capable of being stopped if we stop their cause. I think it is more accurate to argue that terrorists have demonstrated their ability to reason through their ability to plan effective attacks.

Nobody is born a terrorist. Rather, I believe that people who experience conditions of extreme oppression are capable of being so deeply polarized against someone or something that they will act to stop someone. I believe that those who are willing to act as terrorists are products of their environment. Instead, I think it is more accurate to argue that terrorists have demonstrated their ability to reason through their ability to plan effective attacks.

Aaron Kreider
Think, Question, Resist

Letters to the Editor

Seek justice rationally and nobly

On Tuesday, while driving to school for the Mass of mourning, I heard the former mayor of New York City calling for the swift and immediate destruction of cities in countries with terrorist connections. Thursday, I overheard a person in the computer lab telling someone that “we can’t trust any of those guys” and that we should go in and “just bomb Afghanistan and any other place involved.”

As I listened to the hate monger in the computer lab that day, I bit my tongue. “This person’s words reflected a racist, reactionary and ill-informed stance that, unfortunately, the media and others often perpetuate. First of all, who are "those guys" and does that mean just the terrorists? Muslims or all people of Arabic descent? Evidently, the person in the computer lab knew exactly who had perpetrated the terrorist acts.

The fact is, no one yet knows the full scope of this situation and any decision regarding it must be made with the facts—not an emotional reaction to a perceived enemy. Bombing Afghanistan, whether they harbor Osama bin Laden or not, does absolutely nothing good. Afghanistan is a horrifically poor nation with an illiteracy rate of almost 90 percent. Furthermore, women have virtually no rights and risk death for such things as not dressing properly. What good does it do to bomb a country where 90 percent of the people can’t even read a newspaper report of what happened in the United States?

I agree that our country must find the people responsible for this tragedy and bring them to justice. We do not, however, need to answer senseless murders with more inhumanity. Our nation’s tragedy has brought out the best in many people, but unfortunately it has brought out the least desirable human instincts in others—hatred, vengeance and rage. These words describe those who hijacked planes and attacked the World Trade Center buildings and Pentagon. Americans should not respond to these hateful acts in the same fashion. We must mourn our dead, praise our heroes and seek justice in rational and noble fashion.

Mike Mansour
Senior, Off-Campus

Sept. 14, 2001
French living, American life and universal tragedy

Like everyone else, the only word I can find to describe the past six days is "surprise." Perfect strangers tap my shoulder on the Metro and tell me they are praying for my country. Waiters in cafes ask if I've heard from my family and friends back home. Professors begin class by trying to express in crudely translated English (something French professors never do) their country's sympathy for and solidarity with our suffering.

When I call home, all anyone talks about are the bombings and the latest news. But thousands of miles away, I can't escape it either. I walk to school and every news kiosk I pass is plastered with the same horrific pictures of the World Trade Center's last few minutes. I go sight-seeing, trying to be a tourist, and all I see are flags at half-mast. I go to Mass and every church has notices on the doors about prayer services for the victims and perpetual adoration to pray for peace. I visit museums, only to be patted down and have my bag searched before I can enter.

Headlines scream, "Apocalypse" and "The New War." And my French vocabulary is now enriched with words like "terrorist," "bombing" and "plane crash."

Being far away at a time like this is difficult. I want to define myself as an American, to proclaim proudly that if you mess with my country, we'll make you regret it, make no mistake. But at the same time, I feel unsafe in my own skin. I try not to speak in English on the streets and I avoid touristy places where Americans are known to gather. I am trying to be more American and more French at the same time.

Though Europe was not the direct victim of last week's attacks, the world has changed here too. Police with machine guns patrol every subway stop and trash bins are sealed over to prevent bombings. Everyone rushes home a little more quickly, hugs their purse a little tighter and watches where they go and what they say.

Europeans are feeling the same loss of innocence and security as Americans. The French are very much on edge, especially with the latest news that the American embassy in Paris might have been a target for another thwarted round of bombings. I listen to conversations on the street and bits of radio broadcasts, and as in America, it's all anyone talks about.

The whole world is scared and wondering what will happen next. But for me, that seems the only light in this sickening darkness is the real connection I have witnessed in this country in the last week has amazed me.

Initially, the group was called Actors from the London Stage (AFTLS) to proclaim proudly that if you mess with my country, we'll make you regret it, make no mistake. But at the same time, I feel unsafe in my own skin. I try not to speak in English on the streets and I avoid touristy places where Americans are known to gather. I am trying to be more American and more French at the same time.

The mortal words of The Bard will return to Washington Hall this week as the Actors from the London Stage (AFTLS) presents "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

The AFTLS began performing in 1975 when the Royal Shakespeare Company was touring the U.S. Professor Homer Swander, a center for Theatre, Education and Research (ACTER), moved to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The group again relocated, this time without ACTER, in 2000, to Notre Dame as part of the University's Shakespeare Initiative.

Because the AFTLS travels by van to each of their residencies, the shows are set in a minimalist fashion with virtually no set pieces except chairs provided by the university that they are visiting. The cast uses sparse costumes and props to visually distinguish the characters that they play on stage. But Shakespeare's plays can have up to 30 roles, so the AFTLS must use their theatrical abilities to create a sense of complete composition.

Any person who has seen the AFTLS perform will recognize the versatility that these actors have.
professor, Dr. Shakespeare

London Stage return to Notre Dame to teach The Bard.

The AFTLS, which is currently performing a nine-week tour, is divided into one-week residencies at various American universities. Each residency consists of three performances of a full-length Shakespeare play, two performances of a "one-hander" (a one-person show created by a member of the cast and up to 30 class teach-in sessions). Next semester, the group will return for a ninth residency to present "Macbeth" from Feb. 20-23.

"A Midsummer Night's Dream" will be presented by veteran English Shakespeare Company alumni Sean Gilder, West Yorkshire Playhouse's Alexandra Lilley, Suzanne Packer, Paul Panting and Matthew Radford. Radford has visited Notre Dame before when the AFTLS presented "Twelfth Night" in 1999. "A Midsummer Night's Dream" will begin this Thursday and runs until Saturday. All performances are in Washington Hall and begin at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $16 for general admission, $14 for senior citizens and $12 for all students. Tickets are available at the LaFortune Student Center Ticket Office or by calling (219) 631-8128.

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MONTAUK, Italy (AP) — Juan Montoya won Sunday's Italian Grand Prix on a day of racing at a track that is usually among the most boring in the sport.

The Colombian won for the first time in Formula One in a race preceded by an aborted practice session.

The race was subdued not only because of the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington but because of Saturday's CART race in Germany in which star driver Alex Zanardi lost both his legs.

"I'm glad this weekend is over," world championship driver Michael Schumacher said.

Montoya displayed a black band on his white-and-blue overalls at the victory ceremony.

Fans quietly applauded, with few flags waving and few home-stands playing — a restrained response suggested by Ferrari president Luca Di Montezemolo. One man waved a U.S. flag.

Montoya, a former CART champion in his first Formula One session, won in a Williams-BMW — 5.1 seconds ahead of Ferrari's Rubens Barrichello.

Ralf Schumacher, in a second BMW, was third. Michael Schumacher, his fourth title already assured, was fourth.

"It was a great day for me, my father and the team," he said in a CART race.

Before the start, drivers and team principals observed a moment of silence. Drivers of 11 teams lined up at the finish line area and stood before the standing crowd.

"I'm sorry for the shock that was caused," Jordan and Jaguar — who had black mounting signs on their cars. The race began after a dispute among drivers about passing rules and whether the team could put their cars on the pole.

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LONDON
The Ryder Cup was post­poned for one year on Sunday because of terrorist attacks in the United States.

The European Ryder Cup board said the event, scheduled for Sept. 28-30 at The Belfry in England, will be played in September 2002 at the same location.

The PGA of America informed the European board that the scope of Tuesday's strikes in New York and Washington was "no overwhelming that it would be impossible for the United States Ryder Cup team and officials to attend the matches this month."

"We have been placed in a position beyond our control and therefore the matches, out of necessity, have been postponed," European Ryder Cup Board spokesman Mitchell Platts said.

Tiger Woods had already pulled out of this week's Trophy Lancome in Paris, citing safety and the appropriateness of playing at such a time.

"I feel strongly that this is a time to pause, reflect and remember the victims of Tuesday's horrific attack," he said on his Web site.

European Ryder Cup captain Sam Torrance said the decision was one of "common sense."

"What happened in America last week has put the Ryder Cup and everything else into perspective," he said. "I am desperately heartbroken for all the people involved in this terrible tragedy."

"All I can feel at the moment is an immense sadness. There will be time enough to talk further about the 34th Ryder Cup matches taking place next year."

U.S. captain Curtis Strange called the postponement "very appropriate in light of the situation."

"The tragedy in America caused us all to reflect and evaluate our own lives and relationships with family and friends," he said. "Our hearts and prayers go out to all those affected by last Tuesday's disaster."

The Ryder Cup, which began in 1927 and is played every other year, was interrupted for six years during World War II. It has become one of the biggest events in golf, and this year's matches were the most anticipated.

Two years ago, the United States pulled off the greatest comebacks in history with a 45-foot putt by Justin Leonard and a celebration that offended Europe.

Jim Awtrey, PGA of America chief executive officer, said the organization appreciated the respect shown by the Ryder Cup board.

"Given the enormity of the tragedy in America, we informed European officials of our desire to postpone the matches until next year," Awtrey said.

"We understand this is a hardship for them to reschedule the matches next year ... but it was important to us that the matches be played and not canceled," he added.

"We will work with our counterparts in Europe over the next year to ensure that the 34th Ryder Cup matches are played in the spirit in which they were meant."

The invitation for the U.S. team and officials had not been withdrawn but extended, Platts said, and the process of rescheduling the matches for 2002 would begin as soon as possible.

It has been agreed the matches will take place with the same captains, Terrace for the European team and Curtis Strange for the United States, and the same 10 qualified players and two wild cards already nominated.

Woods had stressed his concern about making the trip to Paris.

"I have always felt that I must be fully committed to each and every golf competition I enter, but due to this week's events, I am not," he said. "I also fear that the security risks of traveling overseas at the present time are too great."

The PGA Tour will resume this week after calling off a tournament, PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem said his organization supports the Ryder Cup postponement.

"It became apparent over the last several days that the challenges posed by international travel and time away from families for innumerable fans and sponsors of the Ryder Cup matches made it impossible to hold to the original schedule," he said.

European Ryder Cup rookie Pierre Fulke of Sweden said most of his teammates wanted to play but fully understood the reasons for the postponement.

"Under the circumstances it's the only decision that could have been made," he said. "Everybody's gut feeling after Tuesday was that the Ryder Cup would be in danger and you have to understand the American players who did not want to travel, and it's the only decision."
Ballplayers will return to the field tonight

Associated Press

Less than a week after the events that changed America and the world, baseball told teams they've got a job to do. Play, and make the games seem as if they matter again. When major league ball returns Monday, the standings and statistics will be exactly as they were.

Barry Bonds is still chasing Mark McGwire's home-run record and more than a dozen teams are still in pennant chases. But will anyone watch, will anyone care?

"They asked me a few days ago when I thought we should play again," Minnesota first baseman Doug Mientkiewicz said. "I said spring training."

Instead, with U.S. flags on players' caps and uniforms, fans wearing the stars and stripes, and "God Bless America" set to replace "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" during the national anthem, the games will go on. As they should.

"It is important for America to get back to the things," said President Bush, the former co-owner of the Texas Rangers. "The Chicago Symphony Orchestra will keep performing."

The New York City Opera will continue singing. Hollywood actors will go on making movies.

So the ballplayers will return, too, as will athletes in all pro and college sports in coming days.

And the crowds at Dodger Stadium, Veterans Stadium and Coors Field will chee­se, a l­thoug­h maybe not as loudly as before.

No lack of respect there. Ball games aren't meant any less, only now other things mean a whole lot more.

The national pastime has tried to help heal the nation's pain.

During World War II, President Roosevelt urged the sport to keep going, saying it would boost the country's morale and mend part of its torn fabric.

In 1989, an earthquake interrupted the World Series between the Oakland Athletics and San Francisco Giants. Arizona third baseman Matt Williams was playing for the Giants during that crisis.

"The initial concern for everybody was first of all trying to find people alive on the highway, fires downtown and stuff like that, making sure everybody was safe. That was priority No. 1, and it has to be," he said.

St. Louis manager Tony La Russa was guiding the Athletics to a champa­nionship that Oc­to­ber. During the delay, he tried to keep his team focused.

"That team was peaking. I worried about it," he said. "The only thing we did was just give them an opportunity to work."

At Veterans Stadium, Atlanta will play Philadelphia in a key NL East series. Braves pitcher Greg Maddux expects he'll be ready Monday night.

"It's weird. I can't really explain it. You go out there, they hand you a brand new ball and everything changes," he said. "That's one of the beauties of the game. Once the game starts, you're able to forget about everything else."

Greg Maddux
Braves pitcher

During an intrasquad game this weekend at Jacobs Field, the Cleveland star took a called third strike from John Rocker.

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During an intrasquad game this weekend at Jacobs Field, the Cleveland star took a called third strike from John Rocker.

Fryman argued, and then threw his batting helmet from the dugout at the plate umpire — who happened to be ground­keeper Brandon Koehne.

Later, Fryman apologized. For others, it will be incredibly difficult.

New York Yankees' left field­er Chuck Knoblauch watched the World Trade Center towers crumble from his apartment window.

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During an intrasquad game
Giants meet real heroes in New York

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About 35 New York Giants spent more than 90 minutes Saturday shaking hands and thanking rescue workers searching for survivors in the rubble at the World Trade Center.

"It was an unbelievable effort," said fullback Greg Cornelia. "One guy told me he had been working for 20 hours straight and that he lost his brother. It was worse than anything on TV." The players were ferried from Jersey City to Manhattan in shifts by New York City Police boats starting around 1 p.m.

The players had brought supplies for the rescue workers to a staging area in Jersey City, when they decided to see if they could go to the financial district and lend moral support.

"The guys didn't know if it was the right thing to do," said Pat Hanlon, the team's vice president of communications. "But they saw that what they did carries weight. At the end of the day, they felt like they'd done something."

The players were allowed to go almost right up to the rubble of the twin towers, Hanlon said.

"Everybody all week long who has seen the destruction first-hand has said it's surreal," Hanlon said. "It is. To anybody who has been in the financial district, it's incomprehensible what it looks like now." Hanlon said rescue workers seemed to enjoy the visit from the defending NFC champions, who lost 31-20 in their season opener on Monday night in Denver.

The next morning hijackers rammed two jetliners into the World Trade Center, bringing down both towers.

Media who cover the team were not allowed to accompany the players to the site, so Hanlon recounted a lighthearted conversation wide receiver Joe Jurevicius and quarterback Kerry Collins had with a firefighter.

"You cost me money in my fantasy league," the firefighter said. "You catch any one of those passes Collins threw to you Monday night, I win."

"Not his fault," Collins said. "I should have thrown it farther out there."

"You're right!" the firefighter said good-naturedly. "You should have!"

What was inescapable for the Giants was the enormity of the task being performed.

"It's an immense logistical nightmare," guard Glenn Parker said. "It's amazing how well they are handling it."

We met a lot of heroes today, true heroes," Hanlon said.

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play right away."
Braun is also older than most members of the class of 2003 at 22. He entered Notre Dame late due to the length of time Germans spend in school prior to college.

"The age difference has to do with the school system in Germany," Braun said. "We have 13 grades instead of 12, and afterwards everyone has to give a year of military or civil service. So that usually puts you at 19, 20 or even 21 before you can start college."

Speed, skill and smarts
Often considered one of the best forwards at this level, Braun is the central leader of the Notre Dame offense. Hindered by a hamstring injury last season Braun only played 13 games but still managed to be the team's second highest scorer.

As a freshman, Braun was named Big East Rookie of the Year, becoming the first men's player at Notre Dame to earn one of the league's player of the year awards.

"Erich has an exceptional goal scorer," head coach Clark said. "He has a tremendous ability to get the ball in the net. He really has a great feel for the game."
Braun is known for his aggressive style of play and his desire to make something happen on offense.

"As soon as we go on offense, I want to touch the ball," Braun said. "I just want to get the ball and open up spaces and lay routes for the other guys to create goals."
Braun's effectiveness on the field comes from his experience and sharp skills.

"Erich has knowledge beyond what most players of his level have," Martin said. "He uses his vision to play the ball forward and he sees things most players don't. He plays a much more sophisticated style of game than most forwards at this level."

Greg Martin
sophomore captain

Making changes
Their first year at Notre Dame was the first time either Braun or Forstner had been in the United States for any significant length of time.

Needless to say, they encountered a few more difficulties than the average freshman in adjusting to college life.

They had to handle the cultural changes of an international student coupled with the grueling schedule of student-athletes.

"Coming in as a freshman, it was something difficult to get used to the society differences and language barriers," Braun said. "That first month or two was kind of difficult, but I think I have managed the change fairly well." Another aspect of change that the two encountered was the differing attitudes of Americans and Europeans towards their sport.

In Germany it is the soccer matches that attract the capacity crowds, while in the United States the soccer team is lucky to have 1,000 fans in attendance.

"Back at home, soccer was the sport," Forstner said. "It was soccer and nothing else for us for a long time. It's kind of hard to get used to soccer not being the major sport like football or basketball."

With all the changes they have already met, Braun and Forstner still involved in an ongoing change — the change of Notre Dame's soccer program into one of the nation's elite.

Under first-year head coach Clark, the team is already seeing some successes and some failures. What's important, however, is the environment at the level of play and the excitement of the players.

"We had a tough season last year as a team," Braun said. "I didn't play as well, the team didn't play as well, and a lot of things went wrong. But we are very excited about this year. Even though we just come off of two losses, the team stood strong mentally and we are ready to go for this year."
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like we’re just starting now,”
“We needed to get refocused and put things in perspective,”
said Weaver.
Because the Irish have an extra week to prepare for Michigan State, Davie has been able to move slower in prac­tice. He began making game preparations Saturday, and intends on simplifying the offense.

Davie is more concerned with Michigan State than the sched­ule, however. Davie has never beaten Michigan State since taking over as head coach. “We got off to such a poor start, we forgot what we were doing and playing the way we’re capable,” he said.
Instead of playing three of their first four games on the road, the Irish are now playing four or their next five games in Notre Dame Stadium — a change that Davie says makes Notre Dame’s tough schedule that much easier.

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Notes:
♦ Davie said Kurt Vollers will
start at guard and Brennan Curtin will start at tackle
against Michigan State.
Sean Milligan, who made his first start against Nebraska but was largely ineffective, has been hampered by an injury and will not be starting. “We feel this gives us our best chance to get our best five linemen on the field,” Davie said.
♦ By push­ing the Purdue game to Dec. 1, Davie said the Irish may have hurt their recruiting efforts.
Notre Dame scheduled their annual football banquet for Dec. 1, an event that takes place during one of the few available recruiting weekends available for prospective football players to take official vis­its. In the past, the Irish have always used the football ban­quet as a prime opportunity to showcase Notre Dame football. Davie said the Irish would reschedule the banquet for a Dec. 8, but because the event is close to finals, most current Notre Dame players would have to spend time studying rather than helping with recruiting efforts.

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Belles return to play, split weekend games

By MATT MOONEY
Sports Writer

Out of action since Sept. 8, because of cancellations stemming from the terrorist attack, the Saint Mary's volleyball team returned to the court for a double-header on Saturday.

The Belles brought home a victory and a loss, defeating Olivet in game one, before falling to St. Francis in game two.

Following Tuesday's tragedy, the Belles did not play for seven days, doing nothing but practicing.

"It almost felt like the pre-season again," head coach Julie Schroeder-Biek said about the seven-day layoff. "All we did was practice, practice, practice. With all that happened in New York, it was a psychologically difficult week. We were shocked."

With nothing but practice for seven days, the Belles had to refocus their energy on the task at hand.

"It's tough to get restarted, especially after what happened on Tuesday," senior captain Angela Meyers said. "We just have to keep going and I think we'll still be prepared."

Saint Mary's defeated Olivet in three, 30-17, 30-23, 30-23. The win marked the second Saint Mary's victory this season and raised the Belles record to 2-6 overall and 1-1 in the conference.

In game two, the Belles did not fare as well. St. Francis defeated Saint Mary's in three, 30-23, 30-23, 30-19. Even after Saturday's double-header, the Belles are still recovering from the time off.

"Through the week we kept both of them down in practice," Schroeder-Biek said. "Jolie did really well on Saturday and wasn't favoring her ankle at all."

Without her, the team stood to lose significant experience at the position. The only other middle blockers on the roster are freshmen.

"We were working on two freshmen, but it would've really slipped our lineup around," Schroeder-Biek said. "The players get used to playing by one another. Having Jolie back definitely helps."

Even with LeBeau's return, Monday night will still present the Belles with a tough challenge. Last year, Calvin finished second in the MIAA, only one game behind conference champion Hope. Nevertheless, Saint Mary's hopes to avenge last year's first round loss in the conference tournament.

"I'm really looking forward to playing Calvin," Schroeder-Biek said. "They are a very strong team, but a win would really be a boost to our confidence."

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Knights speed to victory over Belles, 3-1

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

Speed was the missing ingredient in Saint Mary's recipe for victory in Saturday's loss to Calvin. Despite scoring a goal early in the first half the Belles lagged behind a quick Calvin team, dropping the game 3-1.

"[Calvin] had a lot of speed and it was tough for us to catch up on that aspect," senior Jessica Klink said. "That's been the story all season," said head coach Bobby Johnston. "It's killing us."

Early on in Saturday's game, it looked like the Belles may have been on the road to victory. After dropping a close game to Hope on Thursday, Saint Mary's tried to jump out to an early lead Saturday.

Junior Victoria Necreto found freshman Shannon Artnak open less than five minutes into the first half. Atrnak managed to sneak the ball past Calvin goalie Kristen Jamieson to take an early Saint Mary's lead.

"The fact that we scored first showed how bad we want a win," Klink said. After that first goal, however, Calvin got serious and got back into the game.

They completely picked it up," Klink said. "They were getting very aggravated ... They came back with all they had."

The Knights' speed allowed them to outrun Saint Mary's defenders and opened up the goal for them. Calvin had 21 shots on goal, in comparison to Saint Mary's 13.

"They had a lot of speed and it was tough for us to catch up," Johnston said. "They scored two goals because of sheer speed," Johnston said.

Belles goalie Maureen MacDonald managed to make 12 saves, but the ball got by her three times — enough to give the Knights a victory.

Fifteen minutes after the Saint Mary's scored, Calvin's Larissa Onderlind found a hole in the Saint Mary's defense and scored off of an assist from Julie Smith, tying up the game at one.

"Once a girl got through, we didn't have any people to catch her," Klink said. A goal from Tricia Dyk put the Knights up 2-1 at halftime — a lead they would not relinquish.

Although Dyk scored another goal in the second-half to wrap up the 3-1 Calvin victory, a change in strategy allowed the Belles to deal with the Knights' speed more effectively.

"In the second half we rearranged our system a little," Johnston said. "We were able to negate their speed."

The Belles moved to a low-pressure defense and focused on cutting the passing lanes and controlling the ball. "We played to our strengths," Johnston said.

Despite the victory, everything was not perfect for the Knights. Head coach Mark Recker was cautioned by Saturday's referee for inappropriate language.

After the Belles received a penalty kick, Recker, who was upset with calls throughout the game, yelled at the referee, leading to the caution.

Although his team still does not have a win on its record, Johnston is still proud of the team's efforts.

"I'm very happy with the way we're playing," Johnston said. "The most frustrating thing is even though we're playing good soccer, we don't have the results on paper."

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* Germans Braun and Forstner lead Irish on and off the field

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

Leadership can come from very unexpected places. For the Irish, it came from across the sea.

Juniors Erich Braun and Andreas Forstner, both from Germany, lead the Irish both on and off the field.

Braun provides the offensive catalyst for a team that relies very heavily on its defensive strength.

"Erich is big-time in holding the ball," sophomore co-captain Greg Martin said. "It's probably one of the biggest things he does for us because it gives the offense, as well as the rest of the team, time to settle around him."

While Braun leads the Irish on offense, Forstner takes control on defense. Along with Martin and Griffin Howard, Forstner helps form the core the Irish defense.

"Andy is a great defender," fifth-year senior Martin said. "He is very vocal on the field for us and he always comes to play."

Wisdom comes with age

Braun and Forstner have much more in common than just nationality. They live together and each play important roles on offense and defense.

Even more, both possess something more important than any skill: age and experience. Forstner will turn 24 in February and gained much experience playing against top competition in Germany.

"I think the age factor has helped us a lot," Forstner said. "It makes it much easier on us to come in as a freshman at 20 or 21, having already played against such talented competition in Germany. Our experience on the field before we came here allowed us to come in and it, we got a chance to reestablish ourselves."

Break helps Irish

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Associate Sports Editor

Last week, Bob Davie noticed a lack of focus on the part of the Irish football team. He worried if his squad would be ready to play Purdue despite the emotional distractions caused by Tuesday's terrorist attacks.

"I felt a different atmosphere out on the practice field. So he dealt with it."

When he found out the Notre Dame-Purdue game was cancelled, Davie cancelled Thursday's practice and organized a meeting to talk about the direction in which the football team was heading. He held a short walk-through Friday afternoon that only lasted an hour and a half.

The results were obvious Saturday morning as Davie addressed a crowd of reporters at about the same time the Irish were supposed to take the field against the Boilermakers.

"It's fun to be out there coaching and working," he said. "I think we have an opportunity to take advantage of this time. It felt like football again out there."

"We had a great practice," co-captain Anthony Weaver said. "Everyone was a lot more lively out there. It felt like a real football practice."

Weaver wouldn't have been able to say the same a few days ago. A tired, worn out Irish team didn't even know if they would have been able to play football against the Boilermakers.

Players were saying things like "We can focus if we have to" and "We'll be prepared if we need to be."

They just didn't sound entirely confident.

"From a mental standpoint, if we had to play last week, I think we could have been a bit scattered, mentally," said Davie. "We got away from it, we got a chance to restablish and reaffirm some of the things we feel strongly about with our players and get away from the X and O parts. I feel..."