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A year after the attacks, students remember the shock felt in the nation's capital.
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The memories of loved ones lost on September 11 still burn in the hearts of family members.
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American Muslims misunderstand Arab hatred

By MEGHANNE DOWNES
Assistant News Editor

Major news networks broadcasted images of Palestinians recoiling in the streets on Sept. 11, leaving many enraged Americans asking "Why do they hate us?"

Scott Appleby, director of the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, at a Sunday panel discussion said to point out that the "they" is not representative of the whole of Islam, as many Muslims are small extremist factions that carried out the terrorist attacks. The geopolitical developments of these states is something to understand in the conflicts, said Appleby.

Within the Islamic world, conspiracy theories abound and facts are distorted, leading many Muslims to believe the government is too concerned about its oil, said Appleby.

The United States has made Saudi Arabia an ally for strategic and self-interest means, despite its anti-American system, said Appleby.

The governorship is willing to look the other way because of the oil resources available in that country.

American self-interest becomes selfishness because Americans control so much evil. "We don't need the government to heat the homes for the needy poor, but second homes, yachts and four cars," said Appleby.

With regard to self-interest, Appleby said that America cannot be too pragmatic, narrow and short-sighted. A sizeable and forceful political will will be necessary for this to be overcome.

Americans are compelled to look at situations and believe that the few are the peacekeepers. Father Theodore Hesburgh, president emeritus, said at Sunday's panel discussion that every time there is a disaster, the United States and Red Cross are in the scene with manpower and financial aid, but this is a very small percentage of our gross national product.

In this world of conflict, the United States, as well as other countries, is asking who the enemy is. "We are one of the candidates," said Appleby.

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Sept. 11 classes draw popular demand

By JESSICA DALSING
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In the aftermath of Sept. 11, Notre Dame has added semester-long courses that deal with the issues related to the terrorist attacks.

As a result of Sept. 11, change has how we see many issues and have provided us with a teachable moment," said Renee Tynan, assistant professor of management.

"The class helped people to understand that acts of terror are political acts," said Robert Johansen, professor of management.

"These classes have proved to be popular among students as many of the classes filled up early," said the professor.


This class dealt specifically with the global role of the United States along with the meaning of human security and how to achieve it.

"The class helped people to understand that acts of terror are political acts and that conditions of victimization increase a subculture of support for terrorism, but that nothing can justify terrorism," said Johansen.

Johansen said that students showed a strong interest in the material that was presented and were willing and able to do what could be done to address the causes of terrorism.

"Other classes dealt more generally with the culture and religion of the Middle East. Both entry-level courses and a more special studies Arabic language courses are being offered," said the professor.

"It broadened my world view showing me the culture and the people instead of just the terrorists," said Linda Melchor, a Notre Dame student.

Even the abroad programs offered courses dealing with Sept. 11. "The London Program offered Democracy, Acid in the Age of the Internet," said Malcom Adams, professor.

"I couldn't get into any of the Sept. 11 classes because they were all filled before my DART time," said Meghan Hahn, Notre Dame student.

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Memorial prayer service led by Marilu Eldred, Regina Chaplet, Noon.
Rosary prayer service led by Notre Dame Students, Grotto, Noon.
Memorial Mass celebrated by Father Edward Mallor, president, Refectory Pool Hesburgh Library, 3 p.m.

SAINT MARY’S

Memorial prayer service led by Maria Jill Eldred, Regina Chaplet, Noon.
Mass for Peace and Justice, Holy Spirit Chaplet, Le Mears Hall, 9:30 p.m.

in memoriam
Threats too close in Washington

By JASON McFARLEY
News Writer

If only she had stayed. She knew before terrorists slammed a jet liner into the Pentagon, Lauren Berrigan quit her internship at the Notre Dame London Program. Craved “a job with more direction,” she said. On Sept. 11, 2001, she saw her former office transformed into smoldering rubble, and she has never looked back.

Thompson

On Sept. 11, 2001, 11 students of the Notre Dame London Program were studying abroad in Washington. They were at the Washington Metro subway system and into the Pentagon, Lauren Berrigan said, “They said the Pentagon had been hit, and outside you could see the smoke behind the building. We all ran out of there. It was the fastest I ever run in my life.”

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By SARAH NISTOR
Saint Mary's News Editor

While America remembers last year's terrorist attacks, the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's communities mourn the loved ones that they lost.

A loving niece
Amy Jarret, 28, loved Notre Dame football and came with her brother, Jay Jarret '91, to at least one home game each year. Her ties to Notre Dame started with her grandfather, the late Aram P. Jarret '38, her father Aram P. Jarret '65, and uncle Father Peter Jarret '86, rector of Kough Hall.

"Amy had a good love for life, and a great love for people," Peter Jarret said.

When United Airlines flight 175, en route from Boston to Los Angeles, crashed into the south tower of the World Trade Center no one in the family suspected that Amy Jarret had been working that flight.

A call from United Airlines an hour later let the family in New Smithfield, R.I., know that Amy Jarret had been scheduled to work the flight, another call confirmed that Amy Jarret had been on flight 175.

"It's been hard on the family because her body was never found," Peter Jarret said. "Instead the family has been finding other ways to remember her; dedicating a memorial in New Smithfield and through memorial masses for her."

A role model alumna
Suzanne Kondratenko, a Saint Mary's 1996 humanities studies alumnus, left her time at college and spoke so highly of Saint Mary's that she convinced her sister, Caroline Kondratenko, Saint Mary's senior, to apply.

"I spent a lot of time here visiting her when I was younger," Caroline Kondratenko said. "I've always tried to follow in her footsteps."

Suzanne Kondratenko made the most of her time at Saint Mary's, earning a student independent study and research grant, spending a year abroad and graduating at the top of her class.

"She was extremely brilliant, independent, but family was very important to her and she always found time for us," Caroline Kondratenko said. "She had a great sense of humor and people always loved her. You had to know her to experience it."

Suzanne Kondratenko was a senior operations improvement consultant for Keane Consulting Group in Chicago. She was on assignment in New York City for a meeting with the Aon Corporation when one of the planes struck the south tower of the World Trade Center.

Suzanne Kondratenko was last seen heading down the stairs from the 90th floor of the south tower.

Two weeks after the attacks, while the Kondratenko family still searched for Suzanne Kondratenko in New York, Caroline Kondratenko left for Rome, following once again in her sister's footsteps.

"I was in denial for a long time and it was tough being so far away from what was happening," Caroline Kondratenko said. "It was a great experience though and I knew how much she had loved it there."

Today, the Kondratenko family is in New York City visiting Ground Zero, the place where Suzanne was last seen.

"We are going to the memorials in New York City together, it's a chance for our family to spend time together there," Caroline Kondratenko said.

A loved brother
Timothy Byrne was a bond trader who worked on the one- forth floor of the second tower of the World Trade Center. He loved working in the Twin Towers, so much that one of his brothers had given him a framed photo of the complex for a Christmas present the previous year.

"He was an athlete, he played lacrosse and liked to ski, he was a volunteer fireman," McDermott said. "His friends, as well as his family knew he was always looking out for them, he was devoted to serving others."

Shortly after the south tower fell, Byrne's family began to fear for his safety, but amid the chaos they hoped he had safely made it.

When I visited in October it was a moving experience as I paid my respects to the victims who had died that day; police, fire crews. This summer I returned to New York City, living and working within blocks of the site. I saw the how life in New York had changed and how the city had returned to a sense of normalcy. For me, Ground Zero truly represents a living memorial of how our nation has learned to live one day at a time. To rebuild while honoring the memory of those who died.

-Trip Foley, sophomore

A cherished cousin
Peter O'Neill began working at the company of Sandler and O'Neill at the beginning of August, just a short few weeks before the terrorist attacks. A recent graduate of Bentley College, the 21-year-old had competed against many applicants to be a bond trader on the 104th floor of the World Trade Center.

Padraic McDermott, a Notre Dame junior, remembers his cousin's devotion to his family and friends and living at home was close to family and friends but commuting to work each day in New York City.

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Suzanne was last seen.

"It was really tough being out here when it happened," McDermott said. "It was the Notre Dame campus, friends and the Mass that helped, so that I didn't even feel homesick. I don't know what I would have done without that support."

While these are a few from the thousands that lost their lives on Sept. 11, they represent the dreams that ended, the families forever separated and the realization that life is so delicate.

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Friends and family remembered
Students reflect on life after Sept. 11

Community voices safety and security concerns

By MEGHANNE DOWNES Assistant News Editor

8:45 a.m. 9:03 a.m. 9:43 a.m. 10:10 a.m.

With each explosion America’s sense of pride and security was chipped away. Americans were awakened to not only a black New York sky, but to the reality that they were no longer untouched and were in fact vulnerable.

A year after September 11 with Osama bin Laden not caught and war with Iraq imminent, Americans undoubtedly will be reflecting on not only how their lives have changed but will be reflecting on not only how their sense of security and their country’s policy objectives.

Safety
Lisa Chester, a Saint Mary’s student, grew up in a sheltered small town. The attacks forced her to become more conscious of potential problems.

Although South Bend, IN is not a small town, several students feel relatively safe here because they are removed from potential targets and New York and Washington, D.C.

“I don’t know. I wonder how easy it would be for terrorists to obtain nuclear weapons,” said Luis Chiriboga, Notre Dame sophomore and international student from Ecuador.

Aaron Briggs, Notre Dame junior, does not feel any safer, but he does not really feel any more unsafe since the attacks. He feels that way because the situations unfolding in the Midwest and New York are not directly affecting him.

“I think everything feels less safe. Even though we have more security, it draws attention to our vulnerability,” said Erin Ryan.

Students vary on their feelings regarding the effectiveness of the new security measures. Jacquelyn Kramer feels safe and would not hesitate to fly on an airplane. All students are not as assured as Kramer is. “As far as me feeling safe, I really don’t think about it. I see the airport stuff and we are supposed to feel safer but I don’t think it is that easy. I certainly don’t feel safe because of a guy in uniform,” said Chester.

Alicia d’Alessandro, Notre Dame sophomore, said that the attacks show what we take for granted such as walking freely in an airport.

Some are cautiously reassured by the belief that a sense of calm has returned to the nation after the initial wave of panic.

“I feel safe because I feel like everyone is more aware now of their surroundings and what’s going on, although there is still a threat,” said Courtney Zeph, Notre Dame sophomore.

Foreign policy
In recent months, the government has made it apparent that a United States Invasion of Iraq is on the horizon. Some students questioned whether it was the United States’ role to take this position.

“I think the government might be a tad too aggressive with regard to regime change in Iraq. Instead, I would rather see more humanitarian aid to Afghanistan and less covert operations,” said Jacquelyn Kramer.

Chester spoke of the duty that the United States has in the world and wondered if its ego has grown to the size that it automatically assumed that it has a duty to solve crime and poverty.

“We have this elitist view that they [other countries] will listen to us because it is us, but we are always interfering and it doesn’t mean that they will listen. We take it too far. It’s not our duty to be there. It’s foolish of us to think people will listen to us at all times,” said Chester.

Briggs believed that the nation does have a certain responsibility on the international scene. “I agree with America’s foreign policy. I think terrorism is something that we should not tolerate and I agree with our policy on Iraq,” said Briggs. “In our duty as members of the human race, we are duty bound to work to stop evil,” said Briggs.

U.S. plans quiet 9/11 memorial observances

NEW YORK

The nation will remember last Sept. 11 mostly in silence, with few sounds other than bells tolling, military jets roaring in tribute and the reading of victims’ names. At the World Trade Center, filled by two of the four hijacked jetliners, family members and dignitaries will read the names of the 2,801 dead and missing Wednesday morning, to begin and end with moments of silence and include readings of the Declaration of Independence and the Gettysburg Address.

The city’s remembrance is to begin with a moment of silence at 8:46 a.m., when the first plane hit the trade center — and end just before 10:30 a.m., when the second tower collapsed.

A wall etched with the names of the dead and missing was unveiled Tuesday at a new ground zero viewing stand.

A ceremony was planned at the Pentagon, where 189 people were killed, including five hijackers, will begin at 9:30 a.m., and include a moment of silence, the Pledge of Allegiance and musical selections by military bands.

Thousands were expected to gather Wednesday in the Pennsylvania field where the fourth hijacked plane crashed. Wednesday’s ceremony at 10:06 a.m., the time of the plane crash, will include a moment of silence and a reading of the 40 victims’ names as bells are tolled.

President Bush will visit all three disaster sites Wednesday, traveling from the Pentagon to Pennsylvania to New York’s Ground Zero.

Bush will address the nation Wednesday night from Ellis Island, with another symbol — the Statue of Liberty — as his backdrop.
Is Iraq worth it?

War is nothing if not a gamble. From the earliest recorded battles straight through to today, this remains constant throughout history. As a result the victim, no matter how powerful, is never invincible.

American, Israeli and British citizens, as well as some others, have learned this the hard way over the last several decades as they have become targets of those whom they have vanquished on the battlefield. As the United States prepares to lace up the gloves again in the name of world peace (given, isn’t it?), the world is abuzz with debate as to whether or not war is justified. Few, however, are asking whether it will be worth it. While the ethnicists duke it out on the moral level, a far easier gage for the common man is a simple benefit/risk ratio. As any business major can tell you (and therefore I’m assuming most of you can follow this), the benefit/risk ratio is a device for determining whether an investment is worth making.

Let’s look first at the risks involved in a sustained war with Iraq. By retained, we actually mean a quick war which will drag on into a long occupation. (See Afghanistan) wherein the resistance fighters will likely be armed with weapons such as poisons, anthrax, and a host of other weapons never before at the disposal of guerrilla fighters. While the current administration would like us to believe that the Iraqi people will all join hands with the United Nations (notice United States, not United Nations) troops and sing songs, keep in mind these people have absolutely no reason to like the United States. Remember, Sadam has done a good job convincing them that the United States embarrasses are the cause of all their hardships. Casualties in occupying troops in the months following will likely be high. Further, we will be inviting more acts of terrorism from a people who, throughout history, predominately desired to be left alone. This will come back to haunt us, guarantee.

Next let’s take a quick look at the potential benefits. Once again, the White House wants us to believe that we will be saving ourselves from annihilation at the hands of Iraqi nukes. Please, can we be realistic? Sadam is power hungry, not suicidal. Any large-scale attack on United States soil will result in an end to his reign. Funding Palestinian suicide bombers is one thing, attacking the US directly is another. What real benefits do we get? Well, we get cheap oil from the new puppet state and we get cheap oil from the new puppet state. While the current administration would like us to believe that the Iraqi people will all join hands with the United Nations (notice United States, not United Nations) troops and sing songs, keep in mind these people have absolutely no reason to like the United States.

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Prominent feminist author speaks at Saint Mary’s

By MELANIE BECKER

Paula Kamen spoke to Saint Mary’s students on Tuesday about growing independence among women in the past 30 years.

A mericans stressed feminism is a way to encourage women to be more like men, but for them to gain more knowledge, political power and economic stability so that they can make their own decisions. While many women continue to have families, others choose to pursue careers.

“Marriage, family and commitment are still important, but they are not set in stone,” Kamen said. “Paths are very different then they were before.”

These outside factors revolutionized the way women were viewed, and view themselves sexually. As women’s roles in society have changed, sexuality has been pushed to the forefront, said Kamen.

Sexual harassment, rape, sex out of marriage and lesbianism have come to light as women struggled to take control of their bodies and free themselves from shame, Kamen added. Increasing sexual freedom has put women into a more traditionally male realm as they are becoming more sexually active and aware.

In her research she is trying to connect women’s personal struggles to larger social movements,” Religious Studies Chair Phyllis Kaminski said.

The audience raised questions of how religion plays a role in changing views on women’s sexuality, and several members of the audience raised issues about the conflict between religion and lifestyle issues as beneficiaries. Kamen concluded her talk by saying women should listen to their own voices in making personal decisions. Additionally, talking about what women are given the right to follow their own morals and values.

“I think that the amount of people that showed up in response to what an important topic this is in the community,” said junior Mary Beth Brovick.

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Bush highlighted ACE and Notre Dame graduate

By TERESA FRALISH

In his Sept. 5 speech at the South Bend Regional Airport, President Bush pointed specifically to teacher and 1995 Notre Dame graduate Ricardo Rios as an example of how Americans could serve their country.

Rios, whom Bush met and introduced to the crowd at the airport, teaches sixth grade children at St. Adalbert Catholic School in South Bend through the Alliance for Catholic Education.

The ACE program is a two-year service experience that places college graduates in understaffed and Catholic schools nationwide. While teaching, volunteers earn a tuition-free master’s of education degree and receive a stipend to cover their living costs.

Bush founded the Freedom Corps, an umbrella organization that encompasses AmeriCorps, a sponsor organization for ACE, upon entering office. As a fairly new teacher, Rios said he hopes to help develop each of his student’s potential and be sensitive to their learning styles. “The biggest challenge is to tap into the individual needs of the students,” he said. “Children learn in different ways.”

To help his students be successful, Rios wants to offer different types of instruction for his sixth graders. Though the school students aren’t perfect, Rios said he feels optimistic about teaching.

“You can’t really have an off day,” he said. “It’s exciting because [the children] make you laugh.”

Over the course of the year, Rios hopes to improve as a teacher and empower his students to achieve their goals.

“I hope that my kids see there is both a teaching and a learning component to everything that they can accomplish as long as they pursue it the attitude and effort,” said Rios.

Rios credits the ACE program immediately after graduation as many Notre Dame society to their learning. Additionally, Rios tutored children for four years as an accountant, a career he found satisfying and challenging.

Despite having a rewarding position in the business world, Rios eventually became interested in making a significant career change and decided to spend a year serving in a Mexican orphanage.

“I think something pulled me,” said Rios. When his year of service in Mexico ended, Rios initially looked for a teaching position, but found the search difficult since he had no academic background in education. At that point Rios began to consider various service teaching opportunities, and decided that the ACE program seemed like a good match for his interests.

“The more I learned about the ACE program the more I was impressed,” Rios said.

Rios credits the ACE program’s excellent recruitment and teacher support networks as key factors in his decision to apply and become a volunteer.

“I liked the fact that they really go out and find energetic people who want to do service and teach,” he said.

Rios found that, of all the service teaching opportunities available, ACE offered the best chance for him to teach children’s lives. The ACE program also provides participants with service opportunities in communities in need, including with several supervisor teachers who have positive reinforcement and as well as mentor teachers during the program.

“ACE is basically set up for success,” said Rios.

In addition to the ACE program itself, Rios also considers his experiences at Notre Dame as a significant factor in his success in now stimulating his interest in service with children. After spending one semester of his sophomore year studying abroad in Mexico, Rios felt his outlook on society had greatly broadened.

“That experience gave me a greater world perspective,” said Rios. When deciding to work as a volunteer teacher, Rios reflected back on his time in Mexico to help him make the choice to enter the ACE program.

While at Notre Dame, Rios also participated in a wide array of service opportunities for children, including working with children’s after school programs at La Casa de Amor and helping Hispanic families to learn English through the Buen Vecino program. Rios tutored children at Notre Dame’s Northeast Neighborhood Center and worked as a resident advisor in Zahm Hall during his senior year.

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GRADUATE STUDENT UNION

GSU outlines the upcoming year

By ANDREW THAGARD
Assistant News Editor

The Graduate Student Union began its first meeting of the academic year Tuesday by dis­cussing proposed changes to its constitu­tion and outlining the organization's goals for the upcoming year.

In a fast paced meeting due mainly to President Tim Dale's commitment to limit each monthly meeting to one hour, members considered changing the constitution to give all committee members voting rights. The current constitution only allows elected academic department representatives to vote, although in the past committee chairs have exercised a right to vote despite it being unconstitution­al. The suggestion, according to Dale, was a move to align the constitution to practices within the meeting.

"There are several things within the constitution that either seem ridiculous or make no sense," Dale said.

The GSU, however, quickly became locked in debate as members questioned the logic behind diluting the power of elected members and giving some of it to representatives appointed by the president. In the end, members decided to maintain the current wording of the constitution but allow an open discussion at each meeting to determine who could vote.

Members unanimously approved stipend increases for the Social, Healthcare and Orientation Committee Chairs and approved the organization's 2002-03 budget. They also voted to allow the president to make himself or any voting member chairman of the meeting.

Any of the motions that outline constitutional changes will have to pass again at next month's meeting in order to go into effect, as dictated by the organization's constitution.

In other GSU news:

♦ Members unanimously voted to donate $200 to an endowment honoring former Notre Dame graduate student Vernon Lau. A student of the Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering department, Lau graduated from Notre Dame in January and was killed by a drunk driver in March. The GSU's donation increased the endowment to $1,500. Once $2,000 dollars is raised, a bookshelf will be purchased and the interest earned on the remaining amount will be used to buy a reference book each year.

♦ Sister Jean Lenz introduced herself to the GSU and promised herself to the GSU and promised to work with the Graduate Student Union for the past 15 years. It's been wonderful to have you here at Notre Dame," she said. "I've worked with the Graduate Student Union for the past 15 years. It's been wonderful to work with this group who has developed. I think it's going to be a great year."

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F-16s to fly over Stadium before Notre Dame-Michigan game

Special to The Observer

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The Bush administration raised the nationwide terror alert level to "yellow," the second-highest level, closed nine U.S. embassies overseas because of unspecified security at federal buildings and landmarks in America as new information about possible bombings, suicide attacks and other strikes linked to the Sept. 11 anniversary.

Americans were urged Tuesday to be alert but unhurried—go to work, to school, on trips—despite specific threats against U.S. interests abroad and less credible concerns that terrorists might attack America again.

After a hectic series of telephone calls and late-night meetings, President Bush's top advisers decided Monday to recommend raising the level from code yellow—"significant risk"—to code orange—a "high risk." Bush met twice with the advisers Tuesday morning, the last time in the top-secret Situation Room, before telling them, "Let's do it."

Despite no evidence of a plot against the United States, the Sept. 11 anniversary and intelligence gathered in the last 48 hours—some from a high-ranking al-Qaida operative—prompted the decision. Tom Ridge, Bush's homeland security director, said plans for multiple attacks on U.S. targets in southeast Asia were in "an operational phase.

Code orange is the highest alert level imposed since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. The only higher status, code red, was declared after the Sept. 11 attacks, but it was not in place when the president ordered that live anti-aircraft missiles be stationed near launchers that had been deployed around Washington for a training exercise.

Across the country, access to restricted places and events was strengthened. Colorado Gov. Bill Owens, announcing security measures at the state Capitol, told residents, "You should probably bring your driver's license" to the building.

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A U.S. military helicopter flies over the Pentagon in Washington. The Bush administration increased security measures in response to terrorist threats.

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New shuttle service gets students around campus

By SHANNON NELLIGAN
News Writer

In an attempt to keep students out of the rain and snow in between campuses this fall, Notre Dame and Saint Mary's consolidated the shuttle schedule by eliminating seven stops, including LeMans and Holy Cross Halls.

According to Rebecca Spann, Saint Mary's director of administrative services, the stops that were eliminated either had a low rate of student use or could be easily served by a nearby stop.

Prior to the implementation of the new plan for the shuttle schedule, there was a consensus between Notre Dame and Saint Mary's student government and administration to amend the service. A portion of this decision was based on ridership data provided by shuttle operator, Coach USA.

"In previous years the shuttle has been very unreliable, arriving and departing stops at various times because it could not possibly make all of its scheduled stops in the allotted time," Skendzel said.

The revised schedule hopes to create a dependable 40-minute loop around Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross. A second bus services the Medical Center on weekday afternoons.

According to Rebecca Spann, Saint Mary's freshman, who rides the shuttle from McCandless Hall, the shuttle is occasionally early or late in the evening, but it is still faster than walking to and from the two campuses.

Although the new schedule has yet to increase efficiency and timeliness, Melissa Peters, LeMans Hall director, said, "There have been no complaints about shuttle service at this time."

The change in bus stops has not posed any security issues and has caused few complaints.

"At this time there have been no official reports of security problems due to the location of the bus stops," said Dan Woods, Saint Mary's interim director of security.

Speaker highlights effect of Russian privatization

By CHRISTINA CEPERO
News Writer

After the tumultuous decades of crisis and corruption, which occurred during its rocky transition from 75 years of Communism to a capitalist economy during the 90's, Russia has emerged as a prosperous country.

This month Notre Dame welcomes Russian economist Victor Supyan, visiting fellow of the Kellogg Institute for International Studies and deputy director of the Institute of the USA and Canada Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences.

On Sept. 10, he gave a presentation entitled "The social and economic consequences of the Russian privatization at the Hubergh Center for International Studies.

Supyan reviewed Russia's current economic situation. Its economy has been growing steadily since 1998 after experiencing a deep depression. Supyan said this economic growth is not directly connected with privatization as was initially expected. Rather, the four main reasons for economic success have been:

* Import substitution (meaning focusing on the domestic market)
* Solid growth in export volumes
* Better tax collection
* Increased domestic investments

Supyan then discussed the three different approaches to privatization Russia considered. The first, most liberal approach was "based on the proposition that the state's property should be sold to anyone who was ready to pay."

Although this would have been the most economically efficient method, it was unrealistic because no one, including criminals, had enough capital to buy the huge amounts of land, and it would also be socially unfair.

The second approach to privatization involved leftist forces such as trade unions and the socialist and communist parties which were afraid that the enterprise assets should be transferred or sold to them.

This system had worked in Germany, but its shortcoming was that it ignored all other populations in the country.

The third, called the voucher approach, advocated the free distribution of state-owned property throughout the whole of the Russian population. Its limitations were that it did not create any economic incentive for the accumulation of capital and no effective mechanism was introduced on how to utilize these potential shares of state property.

The actual approach to privatization Russia employed in 1992 after the fall of the Soviet Union in 1991 most resembled the last "but was actually based on the shared interest among several social forces," said Supyan.

It had the following six main objectives: create a middle class, increase employee productivity, social protection, enhance financial stability, create strong national economy and attract foreign capital. "Voucher privatization failed to fulfill its goals of economic effectiveness and foreign investment because companies did not make serious changes in organizational and managerial structures, and it did not add to new investments," Supyan said. "The privatization in Russia did not create a stable middle class as was expected."

Rather, it created a class of private owners.

During the 1990's, political instability, legislation, a general economic slowdown and relatively high inflation also prevented privatization from taking off. The primary benefit of privatization, however, was the creation of the potential for flow of capital, a factor that allowed the Russian economy to flourish after 1998, said Supyan.

Two business students awarded Fanning scholarship

Special to The Observer

Edward O'Connell, a finance major from Oak Lawn, Ill., and Catherine Totten, a marketing major from Pittsburgh, have been named the 2002 recipients of Eugene D. Fanning Scholarships at the University of Notre Dame.

Funded by donations from members of the University's advisory council for the Mendoza College of Business, the scholarships were established in 1995 in honor of the late Gene Fanning, a Chicago businessman and investor who taught business communication as a guest instructor in the college from 1989-95. A 1953 Notre Dame graduate, Fanning was a University benefactor and a longtime member of the college's advisory council.

O'Connell and Totten were selected by faculty of Notre Dame's Fanning Center for Business Communication for their excellence in communication skills. The scholarship includes a $3,500 credit to each student's tuition account and a commensurate pewter plate. The two students are the 15th and 16th recipients of the scholarships.
**Stewart investigation complete**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Lawmakers asked the Justice Department on Tuesday to begin a criminal investigation into whether Martha Stewart lied to a House committee trying to determine if she received inside information before selling her ImClone stock.

"As members of Congress we believe it is our obligation to forward specific and credible information in our possession that could suggest a federal crime has been committed," the Republican and Democratic leaders of the House Energy and Commerce Committee wrote to Attorney General John Ashcroft.

Share of Stewart's company, Martha Stewart Omnimedia, jumped almost 10 percent immediately after the lawmakers' announcement Tuesday afternoon. Analysts said investors apparently viewed the referral to the Justice Department as preferable because it spares Stewart from having to appear before Congress under subpoena.

The shares closed Tuesday at $9.05, up $1.30, or 16.6 percent, from a day earlier in afternoon trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

Stewart's attorneys said they welcomed the committee's action because the Justice Department is the appropriate authority to address questions related to her stock sale.

"I strongly disagree with the analysis of the committee and its staff but am pleased that the matter will now be exclusively in the hands of public prosecutors," said Stewart attorney Robert Morvillo. "I'm pleased that the political aspects of this matter will now terminate and am confident that the investigation will lead to Ms. Stewart's exoneration."

At the Justice Department, spokesman Mark Corallo said the agency would review the lawmakers' letter. He declined comment.

Stewart is a friend of former ImClone chief executive Sam Waksal, who is under review by the federal investigation of ImClone Systems Inc., which he founded.

He pleaded innocent last month to charges of securities fraud, perjury, bank fraud and obstruction of justice.

Stewart sold nearly 4,000 shares of ImClone stock on Dec. 27, a day before the company's application for federal review of its highly touted colon cancer drug, Erbitux, was denied.

"I think that she did that innocently," Stewart lawyer James Fitzpatrick said on CNN's "Moneyline" Tuesday night.

Committee spokesman Ken Johnson said panel investigators negotiated with Stewart's attorneys until shortly before the announcement, offering not to seek a Justice Department probe if she would agree to appear voluntarily and testify at a hearing next week.

In the letter, the lawmakers said they have been prevented from resolving discrepancies and "suspicious communications" involving the stock sale.

Port Authority sued over WTC tanks

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

A utility and five insurance companies filed a $314 million lawsuit blaming the Sept. 11 collapse of a 47-story World Trade Center complex on the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey's negligence in monitoring diesel fuel tanks.

The lawsuit, filed Tuesday in U.S. District Court in Manhattan, said the Port Authority, owner of the trade center complex, was responsible for the collapse because it poorly controlled the design, use and occupancy of 7 World Trade Center.

In particular, the lawsuit claimed, the Port Authority failed to properly monitor multiple diesel fuel tanks installed in 1999 to provide power to the city's emergency command bunker on the building's 23rd floor. The Port Authority denied the lawsuit's accusations.

The building also housed a secret CIA station, believed to be the most important CIA domestic station outside Washington. It was near the two 110-story trade center towers that collapsed after they were struck by planes hijacked by terrorists.

It was believed to have sustained little structural damage and collapsed due to fire alone, the first fireproofed steel structure to do so.

Consolidated Edison Co. of New York Inc. and five of its insurance companies — including Aegis Insurance Services Inc. and Lloyds — accused the Port Authority of failing to apply, interpret and enforce safety engineering practices and standards commonly used for high-rise office buildings throughout the state.

They said the Port Authority also did not properly apply, interpret and enforce New York City and state fire safety rules and regulations.
Flight 93 victims' families visit crash site a year later

Associated Press

SHANKSVILLE, Pa. - Friends and family of the victims of United Flight 93 sharply differed this week in grief and memories at the crash site Tuesday, a day before a public ceremony marking the one-year anniversary.

Preparations for Wednesday's event were put on hold for two hours as the nearly 500 people walked on the grassy field in western Pennsylvania to remember their loved ones, who investigators believe overpowered the hijackers and prevented the plane from reaching its target.

Reporter's and the public were barred from the site, where 44 people died - including the four hijackers - when the plane went down Sept. 11 just outside Shanksville. Family members later described the gathering as a healing way to remember the passengers and crew.

The gathering was "solemn and sad, and yet celebratory," said Alice Hogan, 52, of Los Gatos, Calif., whose son, Mark Bingham, was killed. "It was very healing. It was almost a joyful event for me."

"The most important thing to me is that we do not forget," said Hamilton Peterson of Birkenhead, Md., who lost his father and stepmother in the crash.

Mitchell recognizes the boy's biological parents do have legal ground to oppose the ruling, but feels strongly that they should not maintain their parental rights.

"They can't hide behind the federal constitution," Mitchell said. "The boy is here and his parents are elsewhere."

According to Jim Shirley, attorney for the boy's mother, Utah has the authority to make decisions about the boy's welfare. The boy's mother, Utah officials say the boy's biological parents have not been identified, are serving jail time in Texas and Oklahoma after being separately accused of sexually abusing children.

The couple's 13-year-old son has been in Utah state foster care since 1998, when his older sister, who had legal guardianship, was unable to care for the boy and turned him over to the state. The state of Utah has the right to terminate parental rights of a mother and father who do not live in Utah.

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"We believe it is a disservice to those who died to allow this memorial to become a political rally of any kind."

UC-Berkeley students receive hate e-mail

By EMMA SCHWARTZ

Daily Californian

BERKELEY, Calif. - Some University of California-Berkeley students planning Wednesday's Sept. 11 memorial continue to receive hate messages - a result of their widely publicized statement against distributing red, white and blue ribbons.

Students began receiving hate e-mails and phone calls after a conservative campus publication, The California Patriot, ran an online article on the decision made by the event's planning committee to cut out red, white and blue ribbons during the memorial. Some students received more than 200 hate e-mails each - many containing racial slurs - over the issue.

"You're nothing but an anti-American hate monger," said an anonymous e-mail sent to Graduate Assembly President Jessica Quindel. "You offend and disgust me and other veterans of this great country."

ASUC President Jesse Gabriel and members of his office said they also received hate messages. Students who received hate messages said they have been unfairly singled out and added the messages have taken away from the memorial's importance.

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Nine United States embassies close worldwide

Associated Press

JAKARTA Nine U.S. embassies in Asia, Africa and the Middle East were closed, and U.S. military bases and embassies in Europe enforced tightened security Tuesday, the eve of the anniversary of the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

Shortly after dawn broke in New Zealand Wednesday, Prime Minister Helen Clark planted trees on the grounds of the U.S. Embassy to commemorate the attacks.

"This date has been forever etched into our memories," Clark said. "The world will never forget the tragedy which took place.

Those threats were acts of utterly incomprehensible violence which shook us all profoundly."

In Australia, flags flew at half staff and people began laying wreaths at makeshift memorials early Wednesday.

In Washington, Bush administration officials cited the threats against U.S. embassies in southeast Asia in raising the region's security level to "code orange," its second-highest level.

German authorities raided a trading company Tuesday that a German official said once employed a suspected al-Qaida recruiter accused of drafting members of the terrorist cell that dispatched the Sept. 11 suicide hijackers, and Turkey was on alert for the possibility that militants linked to al-Qaida might be planning poison gas attacks.

But the most direct threats were in Southeast Asia, where dozens of Islamic hard-liners allegedly linked to the al-Qaida terror network have been arrested over the last year in Singapore and Malaysia.

In Indonesia, the world's most populous Muslim nation and home to several hard-line Islamic groups, the U.S. Embassy announced it was closed until further notice because of a "credible and specific" terrorist threat.

"We know that the al-Qaida network is still far from defueated," Ambassador Ralph Royce said. "If it implied the warning was received through intelligence sources, saying it was "more than an anonymous e-mail or a phone in threat."

U.S. officials in neighboring Malaysia, a mostly Muslim country nearby, also said the embassy there would close until further notice due to a specific threat.

The American diplomatic mission in Cambodia will shut down for at least three days as a security precaution, said charge d'affaires Alex Arvizu. He gave no details.

U.S. embassies were also closed in Vietnam, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates and Malawi.

U.S. embassies in Caribbean countries — Haiti, the Dominican Republic and others — also heightened security ahead of the anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

In Puerto Rico, U.S. military bases tightened security Tuesday following a government decision to raise its terror alert warning to the second-highest level — code orange.

In Europe, extra security was ordered at airports, government offices and embassies.

The Vatican newspaper, L'Osservatore Romano, dedicated most of its Tuesday edition to the anniversary of the terrorist attacks.

"The duty of memory is accompanied by another imperative that unites all of humanity: The duty to conquer fear," the newspaper said. "The absurd and heinous logic of terrorism also feeds on the memory is unforgettable."

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With the al-Qaida network disrupted by the U.S.-led war on terrorism, European officials were warning of the threat of attacks by individual Islamic extremists who might act without outside assistance.

The prosecutor who led the probe into Osama bin Laden's operations in Italy has raised the threat to Europe in the aftermath of Sept. 11.

"At any instant, anywhere in Europe, terrorist acts can strike, and therefore, we are not free in the face of terrorism, we are on watch," Prime Minister Jean-Pierre Raffarin said.

"All are invited to the first meeting of the Fellowship Club on Thursday, September 12 at 9:00pm in 108 DeBartolo.

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Mother reflects on son’s response to tragedy

One year ago, in the days before the terrorist attacks, Sept. 11 was a date like any other. It had no symbolic importance, its mention did not elicit a visceral sinking or a mental vortex of nightmarish attacks, Sept. 11 was a date like any other. It had no meaning at all. One year ago, had you asked me if Sept. 11 would be an important day, I would have said, “Well, it’s a busy day … I have to get to the involvement center,绳 that was my first thought. Now I’m the one who is saying, “I’ll meet you there!”"

One year ago, the top stories were Chandra Levy and serial-killer research. Things are a bit different now from a year ago. Following the attacks, our nation and the world have acted in ways that were perhaps unprecedented in the Arab world and beyond. Americans rallied together as a people in a way unseen since the Second World War. There was an outpouring of support throughout the world from countries as disparate as Russia and Malaysia. For the first time since the 1979 revolution, no chants of “Death to America” were uttered at the Friday public prayer sessions in Iran.

And George W. Bush, a man seemingly better suited for the Waffle House than the White House, rose over his freshman year and was told he needed to present a vision of weapons of mass destruction. But does he present a security risk that we might send a quarter million of our American sons, daughters, boyfriends and sisters over to the Persian Gulf region and a number of whom might never come back? Does he present such a security risk that we should risk generating increased anti-Americanism throughout the Arab world and beyond? According to CIA officials, proof of links between Iraq and al Qaeda are nowhere near as shaky as they were made to appear. The unprecedented support in the Afghanistan strikes. Russia’s Vladimir Putin reached out to Bush with a warm embrace. The world was moved to tears by four decades of lingering Cold War distrust. Our president was heading the international community into a just war. For a brief time, it seemed as though we weren’t going to act like renegades cowboys on the issue of a global campaign against terrorism. But something happened in the first, long year after Sept. 11. Bush mistook a world sympathetic to the horror and pain of the terrorist attacks for an international mandate to allow unchecked United States military action across the world. He mistook national grief as a cry to create an imperial presidency, whose decisions would be made without deep and true international support. So the first time since the 1979 revolution, no chants of “Death to America” were uttered at the Friday public prayer sessions in Iran.

One year later, we need to remind ourselves that it was not Iraq that struck at our capital, scarred President Bush and caused the World Trade Center to fall, but terrorists blinded by violent extremism, fanatical hatred and ruthless rage towards America — precisely the type of rage engendered by unilateral action and the floating of international isolationism. One year later, we need to reflect on our own world that our response to the terror attack will continue to be one based on reason and not simply raw emotion. One year later, we need to call on President Bush to present a vision for our place in the international community, one which does not place us in a realm alone, cut off from international support and dialogue.

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The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Graves' first career start a shutdown for Reds

**CINCINNATI** Russell Branyan hit a solo homer to back Danny Graves and the Milwaukee Brewers, who bobbled on a hit that led to the Cincinnati Reds over the Pittsburgh Pirates 3-0 Tuesday night.

Cincinnati, which gave Graves his first career start, got its sixth shutout of the season and sent Pittsburgh to its 14th straight loss. The Pirates (63-82) are assured of a 100-loss season, the franchise record that broke the mark set from 1949 through 1950.

They are the 18th major league franchise to record at least 10 consecutive losing seasons, a group that included the New York Yankees during the 1945 to 1955 Reds.

A day after not earning a save since May 3, 2000, Scott Williamson got his second in two nights.

Graves, Cincinnati's closer since 1999, had made 36 relief appearances and was 1-0 with five saves before by any pitcher making his first start since Los Angeles' Terry Adams also compiled 363 career appearances before starting at Arizona on June 5 last year.


Graves, whose career high is four innings, threw 38 pitches, 25 for strikes, before rookie Wily Mo Pena pinch hit for him and got an infielial single in his first major league plate appearance. Graves gave two hits and walked none but hit two batters.

Well allowed five hits in six innings. He has lost three straight decisions for the second time this season.

**Braves 12, Mets 6**

Just because they've already clinched the NL East, the Atlanta Braves don't have to stop beating up on the New York Mets.

A day after wrapping up their 11th straight division title and finishing a five-run deficit for a victory, New York behind three homers tied by Andrew Jones and five RBIs from pinch-hitter Jose Offerman.

Jones homered in four straight at-bats, going back to go to 7-for-18 against the Mets. He became the only major leaguer in the NL history to accomplish the feat.

Trey Hodges (1-0) earned the win in his big league debut. Mets starter Pedro Martinez (1-0) gave up seven homers and was ejected in the fifth inning after he plunked Gary Sheffield in the arm with a pitch. The Braves, who have baseball's best record, missed a chance to clinch themselves by losing Sunday to Montreal.

They were idle Monday and reeled under Friday's 6-4 loss to the Philadelphia, handing the Braves another division championship.

The team noted the accomplishment before the game, showing season highlights on the video board and unveiling 2002 pennant alongside the 10 others that have been won since 1991.

New York's Roger Cedeno dampened the mood on the first pitch, hitting into the center-field seats against Damion Moss.

Moss gave up four more runs in the second, including a mammoth homer by homo Jeff Piazz.

The left-hander was lifted for a pinch-hitter in the bottom half, leaving him with the shortest start of his career.

Moss might have escaped the second without any damage if Chipper Jones didn't lose a flyball in the lights, giving Joe McEwing a leadoff double.

Moss retired the next two hitters, but Cedeno and Raul Gonzalvez followed with a two-run single and Piazza hit a 434-foot drive into the left-center field bleachers for a 2-0 two-run shot.

Chad C. Jones picked up that hit right away, looking skyward to follow the flight of the ball. The Pirates responded as if they were mad at the Mets for taking away their chance to celebrate on the field.

**Marlins 6, Phillies 4**

Mike Redmond wasn't supposed to be the hero for Florida's doubleheader against the Philadelphia Phillies on Tuesday night, then provided the much of the Marlins' offense.

Redmond, who entered during a double switch in the sixth inning, hit a tiebreaking two-run homer in the seventh inning and had three RBIs in the Marlins' 6-4 win.

"I'm not a big home-run hitter but I'm surprised, very surprised, everyone else," Redmond said.

"Actually I foresaw what was going to happen," Marlins manager Jeff Torborg jokingly said when asked about the double switch, made to allow Benito Santiago pitch a two-run double in the eighth.

Santiago also had a bases-loaded triple in the first inning for the Marlins, who sent the Philadelphia to their eighth loss in nine games.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

Burkett gets win in Red Sox rout of Rays

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — John Burkett snapped a seven-game winless streak and Manny Ramirez homered for the second straight night that put Boston up 2-0.

Agnal byan drove in a run with a single, Mirabelli hit a two-run homer.

Garcia hit a two-run homer during a four-run seventh that made it 11-1. Ichiro Suzuki hit a two-run single in his major league debut.

Yankees 5, Orioles 2

Jeff Weaver made the most of his rare opportunity to start.

Weaver allowed one run in eight innings and Paul Molitor homered as the New York Yankees completed a sweep of a split doubleheader with a 3-1 victory over the Baltimore Orioles on Tuesday night.

Balks, a passed ball and an error by first baseman Nick Johnson, Ramiro Mendoza got out of a first-and-third jam by getting Jerry Hairston to hit into a double play.

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Gay guy, Weaver (9-11), making his second start since Aug. 1, allowed four hits and retired 20 of his last 21 batters. He has had a tough time cracking the Yankees' deep starting rotation since being acquired from Detroit on July 5.

Steve Karay pitched the ninth for his 11th save and seventh straight since Mariano Rivera went on the disabled list Aug. 19.

The Yankees didn't walk a batter for the sixth straight game, extending their walkless streak to 58 innings since Pettitte walked Boston's Nomar Garciaparra in the fifth inning last Wednesday.

Only 8,875 fans showed up for opener, a makeup of a June 6 rainout — New York's smallest crowd of the year.

Pettitte left with a 2-1 lead after giving up a one-out double in the eighth to Luis Matos. After an error by first baseman Nick Johnson, Ramiro Mendoza got out of a first-and-third jam by getting Jerry Hairston to hit into a double play.

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Blue Jays 5, Indians 4

On a night when a bunch of rookies played like veterans, a veteran made a rookie mistake that cost the Cleveland Indians the game.

Reliever Mark Wohlers made a throwing error in the ninth inning that allowed Shannon Stewart to score the go-ahead run as the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Indians 5-4 Tuesday night.

With runners on first and second and one out, Vernon Wells smashed a grounder back to Wohlers (2-4), who spun around and made a wild throw to second base.

Wohlers had plenty of time to wait for shortstop Omar Vizquel to get to second and make the throw, but just rushed it. Indians interim manager Joel Skinner said, "I just turned and fired and threw it to nobody." Wohlers said, "I knew as soon as I let it go, the result wasn't going to be too good.

The Indians and Blue Jays, both rebuilding, have a combined 25 rookies on their rosters. Eleven rookies started Tuesday's game including both starting pitchers. Cleveland was mathematically eliminated from contention with the loss.

Indians catcher Victor Martinez, making his major league debut, hit a single to shallow left to drive in a pair of runs in the seventh and tie it at 4.

Martinez's first career hit and RBI chased Justin Miller, who was in control through six innings.

"I just threw my hands toward the ball and finally I got a little blepier, but I'll take it anyway," Martinez said. "I was so happy. That's all I can say." Ellis Burks hit his 28th home run, a two-run shot in the fourth.

MLB

Angels' Washburn under investigation for sexual assault

Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif.—Anaheim Angels ace Jarrod Washburn is under investigation by Anaheim police in an alleged sexual assault, the team said Tuesday.

This is a case under investigation and unfortunately, because of the nature of the case, we're not at liberty to go into details of exactly what is occurring and what may have occurred," said Sgt. Rick Martinez, an Anaheim police spokesman.

Angels spokesman Tim Mead said the investigation involves an alleged sexual assault.

KABC-TV, citing an unidentified source, reported that Washburn was arrested on suspicion of molesting a 16-year-old girl.

"Once again, we have been notified of an unconfirmed story," Mead said. "We are conducting a thorough investigation, but we will not comment until we have more information."
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Sampras, Agassi will sit out Davis Cup to rest

NEW YORK

The all-American U.S. Open final between Pete Sampras and Andre Agassi took enough out of both players to keep them off the Davis Cup team.

Sampras beat Agassi to win the U.S. Open on Sunday, and told team captain Patrick McEnroe a day later that he wasn’t ready to play in next weekend’s Davis Cup semifinal match against France in Paris.

“I think Pete needs time to digest what happened and decide what he wants to do,” McEnroe said Tuesday. “I think he’s just worn out, and I certainly understand that.”

Once the United States’ top two players passed on the chance, McEnroe chose Andy Roddick, James Blake, Todd Martin and Mardy Fish to play France on the clay at Roland Garros, home of the French Open.

Roddick and Blake will play singles, and there is a good chance that Blake and Martin will comprise the doubles team. That pair beat Mahesh Bhupathi and Max Mirnyi, the U.S. Open doubles champions, to win the ATP Tour’s event in Cincinnati last month.

Sampras eliminated Roddick in the U.S. Open quarterfinals en route to his first singles title since winning Wimbledon in 2000.

“It’s time for the younger guys to take the baton and run with it,” said McEnroe, whose term as captain was extended by two years on Tuesday. “This is a big step, we’re relying on them.”

Agassi had previously decided that he wasn’t going to play, but McEnroe held out hope that he would change his mind.

“I really want the guys who want to be there,” McEnroe said. “I’ve seen too many situations in Davis Cup when the so-called best players were there and didn’t want to be there for whatever reason. And that never works.”

McEnroe said that had Agassi won the U.S. Open, he thinks Agassi’s Davis Cup decision might have changed.

“I think Andre was devastated with his loss,” McEnroe said. “Andre has said all along he is not going to play Davis Cup. I wasn’t surprised that he declined.”

Sampras, who has won a record 14 Grand Slam singles titles, has never advanced past the semifinals on the red clay of Roland Garros, losing in the first round this year McEnroe noted that, saying that having Sampras on the team didn’t guarantee a U.S. victory.

“I had a conversation with Pete that was very honest and very straightforward,” McEnroe said. “When he told me that he’s exhausted and having lots of emotions, that was pretty much the answer.”

Sebastien Grosjean, Arnaud Clement, Fabrice Santoro and Michael Llodra were chosen last week to represent defending champion France in the semifinal, scheduled for Sept. 20-22.

The United States and France have met 13 times in Davis Cup play, with the Americans holding a 7-6 advantage.

The last match between France and the United States at Roland Garros was the 1932 final, which France won 3-2. France hasn’t played there since 1982, when it defeated Czechoslovakia in a quarterfinal.

“I think our chances are excellent,” McEnroe said. “Obviously, playing in Paris will be difficult, but we’re looking forward to it. The guys really wanted to play at Roland Garros.”

Pete Sampras follows through on a serve in the U.S. Open. Sampras won the tournament and will sit out this weekend’s Davis Cup to rest.

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Friedgen revamps Terps' ailing running game

By ANDREW LEVINE
Maryland Diamondback

COLLEGE PARK, Md.
The biggest difference in the Maryland Terrapin football team's running game Saturday against Akron may not have been the team's 50 carries or its 209 rushing yards, but rather the way the running backs ran - straight ahead.

In his short tenure as the Terps' coach, Ralph Friedgen has hammered home the importance of his running backs running from north to south. Many attribute his philosophy to the success of junior tailback Bruce Perry, who improved greatly in that area last season on his way to becoming the ACC Offensive Player of the Year.

That element of the Terps' ground game was absent in their season-opening loss to Notre Dame, and they needed it to come from sophomore tailback Jason Crawford, who joined the Terps last season with a reputation as a big, punishing back. For his first few runs against Notre Dame, Crawford didn't have many plays up the middle, either by design or last-second adjustments.

A decidedly different Crawford showed up Saturday when he entered the game in the second quarter. The 6-foot-2, 220-pounder stiff-armed and bull-rushed his way to 29 yards on six carries, including a six-yard touchdown run off a pitch from junior quarterback Scott McBrien early in the second quarter.

On his first carry, he took it straight up the middle and rummaged for 87 yards on a 12-yard gain. The running back's senior teammates Merrills and senior Chris Downs - both elusive backs - were more decisive in their running and often capped off their carries with an extra burst.

Crawford and seniors Joseph, Vince Wilfork and Matt Walters were unfair at this point, but one inter­viewed. Former coach Steve Spurrier was unfazed by the performance and said, "I feel confident this team will do the things we need to do to get those things corrected," he said.

Earl was in heavy pursuit of McBrien, who was scrambling around the pocket. McBrien bolted across the field and crushed the unsuspecting line­backer.

The Gators (1-1) face Ohio (0-2) this week, Saturday like junior wide receiver Latrese Harrison's devastating third-quarter block on Akron linebacker Dionte Earl. Earl launched backward as his helmet flew off his head.
Cavaliers acquire Cleaves in trade with Kings

NBA

Addition adds depth at point guard for Cleveland

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Needing another point guard after trading Andre Miller earlier this summer, the Cleveland Cavaliers acquired Mateen Cleaves on Tuesday from the Sacramento Kings for forward Jumaine Jones.

After dealing Miller to the Los Angeles Clippers in July for forward Darius Miles, the Cavs were left with Bimbo Coles as the only true point guard on their roster.

The Cavs are hoping the 25-year-old Cleaves, who was buried on Sacramento's bench behind Mike Bibby and Bobby Jackson, can solve some of their backcourt issues — and begin his pro career in Cleveland.

Cleaves can't wait to try.

"I'm so excited because I really feel like I'm getting a chance to play and that's all I've ever wanted," Cleaves said. "I haven't felt this good since college."

Cleaves began his pro career in Flint, Mich., about 10 miles from his hometown of Flint. He averaged 5.4 points and 2.7 assists in 78 games as a future first-round draft pick. Cleaves got little time sitting behind Bibby and Jackson, and averaged just 2.2 points in 32 games for the Kings.

"I'm so excited because I really feel like I'm getting a chance to play and that's all I've ever wanted," Cleaves said.

"I enjoyed the winning and all of the great people in Sacramento, but I want to be in the mix on the court. He'll get his chance with the Cavs. "He's got something to prove," Cavs general manager Jim Paxson said. "There's an opportunity for him to earn minutes here. He's excited. He wants to play." Cleveland is looking to add another guard, and Paxson said the team has been talking with 36-year-old free agent Rod Strickland. "We're having discussions, but nothing is imminent," said Paxson, who indicated the club might use its trade exception to acquire another ball-handler.

For now, Cleaves gives the Cavs an insurance policy at the point.

Coles, a 12-year veteran, played in just 33 games last season before having knee surgery.

Rookie Wagner played some point guard in college, but he's better suited as a shooting guard and the Cavs don't want to use him at the point unless they have to.

The 23-year-old Jones averaged 8.3 points and 6.0 rebounds in his first season with the Kings, who got the small forward along with forward Tyrone Hill in the trade that sent Matt Harrington, Cedric Henderson and Robert Traylor to the Philadelphia 76ers.

The 6-foot-4 Jones will give the Kings some much needed depth up front.

"He's a good athlete, which is where we wanted to get better," said Kings coach Rick Adelman. "We felt like we didn't need three point guards. This is going to add to our depth and flexibility."

Jones became expendable after the Cavs acquired Miles and re-signed restricted free agent Tyrone Hill.

Cleveland also has Lamond Murray at small forward, although he could be the next player dealt.

Murray recently released a statement voicing his displeasure with the Cavs' latest rebuilding effort. He closed by saying, "Play me or trade me."

Paxson said he spoke with Murray's agent last week.

"I told him we expect Lamond to come in ready to play and compete," Paxson said. "If something can be worked out, I think that's the best thing Lamond can do is be ready to play."

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PGA Tour

PGA may cut Tour tourney players

Associated Press

The PGA Tour policy board is considering reducing the number of players in as many as 10 tournaments next year.

"It's a matter of daylight more than anything else," Olin Browne, a policy board member, said over the weekend at the Canadian Open. "It's onerous to expect a guy to warm up in the dark or finish in the dark."

That was the case at the Phoenix Open this year, one of the events targeted for change. Because of frost delays and limited daylight, 21 players didn't finish the first round and 25 players had to return Saturday morning to complete the second round. The tour policy board, which will poll PGA Tour members at this week's Players Championship, is expected at the next policy board meeting in November.

"Most members are not in favor," Browne said. "But it doesn't have to be. We should be able to start and finish in daylight."
Webber speaks publically about indictment

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Chris Webber, making his first public statement since being indicted on federal charges, said Tuesday he did not lie to a grand jury and that he tried to help prosecutors in their case against a University of Michigan booster about his dealings with Ed Martin, who admits lending the NBA star $280,000 while he was still an amateur.

Martin also admitted lending money to other Michigan basketball players.

"This case is about a man who befriended kids like myself, preying on our naivete, our innocence, that claiming he loved us and that he wanted to support us, but later wanting in cash to on that love and support that we thought was free," Webber said.

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Irish sweat out 3-set victory over Crusaders

**WOMENS VOLLEYBALL**

◆ Team survives hot gym to beat Valparaiso for fifth consecutive year

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

For five consecutive seasons, Notre Dame has played Valparaiso in volleyball, and the result has been the same every time—an Irish victory.

Tuesday night, the Irish (5-2) swept the Crusaders 30-23, 30-18 at the sweltering Valparaiso Athletic and Recreation Center.

"It was very hot and humid. The gym is not air-conditioned," Notre Dame coach Debbie Brown said. "I don’t think it really affected us at all. We had plenty of water, but I don’t think it affected our play at all.

The Irish started off slowly in game 1, but were able to take advantage of Crusader errors to seize control. Leading 12-10, Notre Dame won 14 of the next 18 points. During the run, setter Kristen Kinder had two of her six kills.

The junior tri-captain finished with a game-high 7.50 hitting percentage and 11 digs.

"It was very hot and humid. The gym is not air-conditioned," Brown said. "It was a good opportunity to play a large amount of people. I thought the people off the bench played especially well."

Freshman Meg Henican contributed off the bench with solid play in the back row, recording three digs.

Junior Kim Fletcher and freshman Kelly Corbett each had hitting percentages of .333.

IN game 2, Emily Loomis recorded five of her team-high 11 kills and registered two blocks.

Notre Dame trailed 5-4 early in the game and built a 14-10 lead by capitalizing on five Valparaiso errors.

"The Irish took control of the game and won by seven," Notre Dame's lead by capitalizing on five Valparaiso errors.

Overall, the Crusaders combined for a team hitting percentage of .070 and had only four blocks.

"The team in general was just playing better and better as the match went on, so it was easier to contribute in game three," Neff said.

Notre Dame built its lead in game 3 in a similar fashion to the first two.

With a 10-8 lead, the Irish won eight straight points en route to a 12-point win.

Middle blocker Katie Neff led the charge with four kills and a block in the game.

"The team in general was just playing better and better as the match went on, so it was easier to contribute in game three," Neff said.

Notre Dame won 11 of the next 14 points to take a 29-20 lead in the game.

"I think the way we started wasn’t good in terms of going into matches this weekend," Brown said. "We did play better in game 2 and even better in game 3. The main thing we are taking form here is to keep from being better from the beginning. It is going to be a challenging weekend.

"We are looking forward to the games in our tournament," Neff said. "That’s going to be big for us. We are expecting to play well.

This weekend, the Irish return to the Joyce Center to host the Golden Dome Invitational.

Notre Dame begins play in the tournament Friday against Northwestern at 3:45.

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**MENS SOCCER**

Irish earn player of week honors

By BRYAN KRONK
Sports Writer

The accolades just keep on coming for the Notre Dame mens soccer team.

After garnering its highest national ranking in school history — at No. 5 — it was announced Monday that two Irish players received individual honors for their outstanding play last week.

Sophomore Kevin Goldthwaite earned co-Big East Player of the Week honors for his solid defensive efforts against Seton Hall on Saturday.

Goldthwaite tallied two assists against the Pirates, bringing his season total to three.

In addition, Irish forward Erich Braun was named to the 11-player College Soccer News Team of the Week for last week.

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Michigan's Navarre looks to anchor offense

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

On Saturday Michigan will enter Notre Dame Stadium and not one of the players will have ever played on Notre Dame turf. The defense may not be so worried. Michigan's has been touted as one of the strongest defensive units in the country. But what about the Michigan offense?

The Wolverine offense will be facing a very solid Notre Dame defense, one that has shut down two teams' passing game and one team's running game. They will face off against a veteran defense. And they will face off amid the yells and screams of a green student section and an alumni section that wouldn't put Michigan high on its list of favorite schools. So who can they depend on?

They will all tell you John Navarre.

"I have had confidence since he got here and took over for Drew Henson in 2000," said senior tight end Bennie Joppru.

"He is playing with more confidence now, and I think that is very dangerous," Navarre said. "There are stadiums out there where you can't hear and you have to feel the guy next to you. And if you ask him, he's just focused on getting his job done.

Navarre started this season with a career-high 286 yards against Washington. But he hasn't faced a secondary like Notre Dame's. If he wants to add any more yards to that 3.460, he's going to have to protect the ball.

"The question is if you have guys that can bear, and sometimes you can't bear," the coach said. "There are stadiums out there where you can't hear and you have to feel the guy next to you."

So is Navarre ready for this game? Is he preparing any differently?

"You have to focus on what you are doing and what your offense is doing," Carr said. "As Navarre looks to better his 58.3 career completion percent-age amongst the hoots and boos of Notre Dame stadium, Carr is worried about just one thing — communication.

"The question is if you have guys that can bear, and sometimes you can't bear," the coach said.
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Following Sept. 11, 2001, sports show American spirit lives on

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While this week will be a chance for Americans to reflect on the tragic events of the last year, this past weekend exhibited why sports are so important to this country's psyche. Whether it was the intensity of team competition or the beauty of a one-on-one battle, sports has done so much over the past 12 months to heal America's wounds. It has provided a brief escape from "the real world", and may be the only part of American society that hasn't changed post-Sept. 11 — that is, if you don't count the longer lines for security checks.

It was a banner weekend for most American sports, from the kickoff of the NFL season to the complete domination by Americans at the U.S. Open. More important is the fact that everyone got a chance to see that New York has started to recover and rebuild.

The NFL season started in spectacular fashion Thursday as 500,000 fans jammed into Times Square for a blowout concert, followed by San Francisco's exciting 16-13 win over the New York Giants.

The kickoff party was the league's way of demonstrating the resilience of the Big Apple. "They really wanted to show the country, and the world, that New York City is back," said John Collins, the NFL's senior vice president of marketing and entertainment.

That was only the beginning of an outstanding weekend for America's passion. The NFL saw three games decided in overtime, one in the final minute and 10 others decided by one touchdown or less. The only other time there were three overtime games on opening weekend was 1979.

Across town from Times Square, the U.S. Open was preparing itself for an All-American final on both the men's and women's side of the draw.

The Williams sisters squared off Thursday with the second, the third this season, and like the previous two, Serena got the best of Venus, who had America in her heart wearing a red, white and blue traditional tennis dress.

Two American old-timers renewed their rivalry in the men's final, as Pete Sampras won his 14th grand slam title, beating Andre Agassi. It was the first time the two had met in a major championship since Wimbledon in 1999.

"Pete just played a little too well for me today," Agassi said. "It's great to hear New York cheer again. It was beautiful being here."

No offense to Agassi, but New York sports fans have had something to cheer about all summer long with the perennial success of the Yankees. America's pastime almost suffered a big loss, but the impending labor strike was averted at the last minute.

Everyone would have suffered — from the owners to the players to the peanut vendors. "America needs this. Especially with Sept. 11 coming up," said Tony Pencek, a fan sitting in a bar across the street from Wrigley Field. "You need to get people's minds off of it. And for something good to happen is great."

Not all American sports shined this weekend. The United States basketball team finished on its first time in the World Championships in Indianapolis, the host of American basketball. They had been 58-0 in international competition when using NBA players. It was an outcome worse than anyone could have envisioned coming into the tournament, resulting in the country's worst showing in history at a World Championships.

"I still think we're the best, the model for the world, but people are catching up. They beat us, and they beat us in our own country. We have to tip our hat to them," said coach George Karl.

While patriotism has been prevalent at sporting events since Sept. 11, the United States appeared to play without passion in this tournament. America's pastimes were foreigners in their own country. Teams like Turkey, Argentina and Yugoslavia had rabid fans that spurred on their squads with a wild patriotic fervor.

"We didn't play the right way, we didn't play with the passion of the other teams," Antonio D'Amato said.

The American players seemed to have adapted the fans' apathy. The stands were mostly empty when the Americans were on the court and those who did attend showed nowhere near as much spirit as their foreign counterparts.

Heck, there were more people watching a U.S. Open on an outdoor 20-foot screen in midtown Manhattan than were at the fifth-place game which America lost to Spain.

Despite the lack of spirit in Indianapolis, every weekend millions of Americans go to sporting events all over the country, ranging from NASCAR racing to college football. They provide a chance for us to forget for a few hours what is happening in our lives and live vicariously through our heroes and teams.

It may have been taken somewhat for granted before the terrorist attacks, but the role of sports became increasingly evident afterward. And Americans would not have it any other way.