Police investigate intruder

By CLAIRE HEININGER
New Editor

Notre Dame security officials are searching for a male intruder who was reportedly lurking in Pasquerilla West on Sunday morning, frightening residents and vandalizing several areas in the dorm.

A resident of the women’s hall said she was in a fourth-floor bathroom at approximately 7:05 a.m. when she glanced into the mirror and saw a suspicious person enter the room behind her, said Chuck Hurley, Notre Dame Security/Police assistant director.

The man walked into the shower stalls and remained there for a few minutes, where the witness heard him “shuffling around,” Hurley said. After the man exited the shower area, the witness saw him leave the bathroom, walking strangely “as if tipsy or trying to be quiet,” Hurley said.

Because she was afraid to follow the man, the resident waited a few minutes before leaving the bathroom, Hurley said, adding that she did not speak to the intruder and said she had never seen him before.

The suspect is described as white, between 5-foot-7 and 5-foot-9, wearing baggy blue jeans and a dark hooded sweatshirt, unshaven and with a sandy blonde buzzed haircut, Hurley said. He was believed to be of college age, NDSP director Rex Bukow said.

No evidence was found of forced entry to the dorm, leading police to conclude the suspect could have entered the room behind the victim, said Page Scott, Notre Dame Security/Police assistant director.

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SMC seniors cap off year with comp projects

By ERICA RANGEL
News Writer

For many Saint Mary’s seniors with little more than a semester left, only one major assignment stands in their way — the senior comprehensive.

Commonly known as the “comp,” the graduation requirement aims to be a capstone for each student’s major.

Comp requirements generally vary from major to major. Business majors complete a group project and 25 to 30 page paper on a company, while music majors select a 19th or 20th century piece to present and perform. Science and math majors work on research projects, and liberal arts major complete a comprehensive.

Saint Mary’s seniors Natalie Bailey, left, and Allison Roche work on their senior comp projects Monday. All College seniors must complete a comprehensive to graduate.

CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Members examine results of task forces

Students propose new campus lighting idea

By MADIE HANNA
News Writer

Members of the Campus Life Council discussed task force reports, including proposals on campus lighting and bylaw changes Monday.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Like father, like daughter

I think it was when I was around 16 that I realized who my hero was. I remember sitting on the floor of my bedroom sobbing, listening to Simon and Garfunkel’s song “I Am A Rock,” play over and over again on repeat. There was a knock on my door, and I quickly brushed away my tears and tried to compose myself as my dad peeked in. When he saw I was crying, he of course pushed the door all the way open and made me tell him what was wrong. I remember the heat rise into my flushed face as I looked in my dad’s sympathetic eyes. He obviously thought something serious had happened. It would be way too embarrassing to admit all these tears were just because the boy I had liked for two years had asked one of my friends to the homecoming dance and not me.

Somehow, though, amidst my gags, hiccupps and mother flood of tears, my dad got the story out of me. But, instead of laughing or telling me how silly I was being—things that in retrospect are true—I took the opportunity to follow in his footsteps, I will be the first person I want to call a boy on the phone—my dad had done years before. Even things like listening to the phrase “like father, like daughter” is so true. I love my dad; he’s the absolute best. Whether I realized it or not, I was influenced to Simon and Garfunkel when he was feeling down as a teenager as well. Strange how the phrase “like father, like daughter” is so true.

Looking at my dad now, I know that he has always been my hero, whether I realized it or not. I remember the time he was my softball coach as a kid, how he came to every one of my soccer and lacrosse games in high school, how he took me to my first concert... how he’s the first person I want to call every time something good or bad happens.

I love my dad; he’s the absolute greatest. I know that if I continue to follow in his footsteps, I will be successful, no matter what. One thing is for sure, I can listen to “I Am A Rock” all day, but there is one person who will never fail to make my tough exterior melt—my dad.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: HOW LONG UNTIL IT SNOWS IN SOUTH BEND?

When engineers have too much work to do. Oh, wait...

Brandon McGirt, freshman

When tomorrow because I want snow angels on the quad.

Alison Dunleavy, junior

Hopefully before Christmas.

Christina Goodwin, junior

Who knows? It never snows here.

Murf Tiawphalbal, junior

Far too soon.

Rachel Manley, junior

When God feels like it.

Will Kurtz, junior

In preparation for their flag football game against Welsh Family Hall, students from Walsh Hall hung the above sign. After beating Welsh Family 3-6 on Monday, Walsh will play in the championship against Cavanaugh in the stadium on Sunday.

OFFBEAT

Company again touting weird soda flavors

SEATTLE — Jones Soda Co. takes the idea of a liquid diet to a new low. How does Green Bean Casserole Soda strike you? And how about an aggressively butter-smelling Mashed Potato Soda?

Even the creators of the fizzy concoctions at this small Seattle soda company can hardly stomach the stuff. But last year’s unexpected success of the Turkey & Gravy Soda means another round of bizarre food-flavored soft drinks. As an added bonus — they’re calorie-free.

This week Jones Soda Co. launches a full meal deal of five Thanksgiving soda flavors, from the color-coded Green Bean Casserole to the sweet— but slightly sickly— Fruitycake Soda. Last year’s Turkey & Gravy Soda is also back on the menu.

Mobsters use laundry to send messages

Since 9/11, Italy’s anti-Mafia investigators have long battled money laundering. Now they’re cracking down on jailed mobsters’ dirty laundry. Imprisoned Mafia boss Leonardo Vitalle smuggled messages out of prison in laundry given to visiting relatives so he could keep running extortion rackets targeting vintners in the countryside near Parlitino, outside Palermo, prosecutors said Monday.

The revelation came as police arrested 24 people in connection with the extortion ring, including Vitalle’s wife, whom investigators said received and transmitted her husband’s orders so he could continue running the Vitale clan from behind bars.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The Career Center will sponsor “The Job and Internship Search: Beyond Campus Interviews,” today from 6 to 7 p.m. in 114 Planter Hall.

A panel of scholars will discuss the topic “Nuclear Weapons in the Age of Terrorism,” today from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Eck Center Auditorium.

Notre Dame professors Daniel Lindsey, George Lopez, Gary Massapollo, and Martha Merrill will discuss U.S. involvement in Iraq at the panel “Iraq: What Now? Should the U.S. withdraw stay the course, or engage more deeply? today from 4:45 to 5:30 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium.

International Students Programs and Services will sponsor a showing of the Norwegian film “Kristen Lavransdatter,” with English subtitles, today from 7 to 10 p.m. in DeBartolo Hall 117.

CNN journalist Margaret Carlson will give a lecture on “How Did We Get Here? The Voters, the Media and the Unknown in Election 2004,” from 2 to 3:15 p.m. today in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium.

The play “Fortinbras” will be performed today from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in Philibin Studio Theater of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

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"The members of the board will have more energy, more pop in their step, if they meet every other week," Scott said.

Student Union Board manager Jimmy Flaherty credited the pro-
gramming board for unifying the student groups to develop a com-
prehensive, all-inclusive calendar, but he acknowledged that SSB has not made it to fail the calendar widely available students.

"We have great discussions at the meetings. But then the infor-
mation sits on or for a week, and does not get publicized around campus," Flaherty said.

"Why can't we send that informa-
tion forward to the students? A Web site would be a united push to achieve that." Iotvan accepted responsibility for delays in implementing a web-
site with a calendar of campus events, which is required in the new constitution.

"Updating and completing the Web site has been one of my office's failures, but we're work-
ing on it," Iotvan said.

He cited a lack of cooperation from Denver Designers, which runs and maintains most of the University's Web sites, as part of the problem.

Iotvan also mentioned his own experiences with the constitution this year, noting he has not yet used the presidential committee, to which he was entitled. The com-
mittee would, in theory, organize and run events that bring speak-
ers to campus and raise aware-
ness about issues affecting stu-
dents. He cited as examples Gay and Lesbian Awareness Week and Alcohol Awareness Week, events currently being run by Student Senate.

"I have definitely not gotten a flash bang start on that," he said.

Other complaints voiced about the constitution dealt with the
document's financial provisions. Baron expressed his concern about access to account balances of student government groups. He suggested that the constitution might clarify where money is located and how much each stu-
dent group is spending.

COR also discussed the need for the constitution to grievances, and Iotvan told members to move forward with any changes.

"If you see a problem, we can present a constitutional amend-
ment to the Senate," Iotvan said. "They can then bring in the Chair of the Oversight Committee."

Members also talked about options for electing next year's student body president. Cavanaugh senator Jordan Bongiovanni asked COR what the best method was for electing a president in the run-off election after the primary. Members decided the best plan would allow for votes to abstain, but would give the presidency to the candi-
date with the plurality and not necessarily the majority.

"We'd like to see a system in run-off that allows for the person who gets the most votes to win," Iotvan said.

Next year's President Council co-chair Liz Calh also noted the flaw in the voting system that makes a vote from a small dorm such as Badin have the same weight as a vote from an off-campus student, where nearly 50 percent of the senior class lives.

In other COR news:

"The Council also continued its discussion about adding a new con-
voting member from the diversity council to the Council. After a discussion of what the constitution allows in regards to
adding a new member, members voted to request that the Diversity Council present a candidate for approval by COR.

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Pected was let in or entered through an unlocked door. Hurley said it was unclear how the man left the dorm. Rakow said, adding that no witnesses reported hearing alarms sound.

Several other Pasquerilla West residents later told NDSP officers and hall staff that they had seen the intruder in the hall between the hours of 7 and 8 a.m. Rakow said. NDSP officers assigned to patrol the area at that time did not observe anything suspicious. Hurley said.

NDSP was dispatched to the dorm at 3:44 p.m., Hurley said, after the first witness alerted residential assistants to what she had seen.

"Obviously the time lag here was fairly substantial," Hurley said.

Though hall staff was aware of the vandalism problem — obiec
tone messages and the words "IU Bloomington" were found scratched on shower stalls, doors and students’ personal white boards, Hurley said — Sunday morning, the intruder incident did not come to the staff’s attention until that afternoon, Pasquerilla West rector Sister Susan Bruto said.

"At first all the students thought it was a random prank," she said. "You think it’s someone being malicious — you don’t think it’s its wholesome across the dorm.

As more witnesses come forward, hall staff, the office of Student Affairs and NDSP will continue to piece things together, Bruno said. For now, all residents have been cautioned through a letter and a phone message to stay on high alert about locking room doors, immediately reporting any suspicious activity and not allowing strangers to enter the dorm, she said.

Rakow said the security officers who patrol the Pasquerilla West area would be on high alert for further suspicious activity, but that no additional officers will be assigned to the area.

Several hall residents did not express significant fears as a result of the incident. "It’s not like it’s its first time something like this (seeing a suspicious person on campus) has happened," sophomore Cara Burritt said, adding that the incident seemed like a "fluke" because many residents saw the intruder but no assaults were reported.

"It seems like more of a prank to remind us to lock our doors," she said.

Another sophomore, Theresa Kane, agreed with Burritt. "I don’t think it’s its a very big deal — a lot of people saw him and it seemed like he didn’t hurt anyone," she said. "I think every
one is watching for [problems] but there’s no huge disruption here.

Several Pasquerilla West residents declined to comment.

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LIES MY TEACHER TOLD ME:

"God alone knows the truth, but only an historian can alter the past." -Ambrose Bierce

"History is more or less bunk." -Henry Ford

"History will be kind to me, I listened to write it." -Winston Churchill

"The past does not influence me, I influence it." -Willie De Koning

"History teaches everything including the future." -Lamarque

ABOUT THE AMERICAN PRESIDENCY

Find out what your history teachers never told you!

Dr. James W. Loewen
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Irish

Irish 101. A fun and entertaining introduction to the modern Irish language. This course introduces the basic principles of grammar and sentence structure, as well as vocabulary. Emphasis is placed on the application of these principles in everyday situations. IRL1 01:01 T H 1:10-12:15 Sarah McKibben. IRL1 01:02, MW 10:40-11:30. Peter McQuillan. IRL 01:03, T H 10:50-
1:45. Brian O’Conchobhair IRLL 101. A continuation of IRLL 101. Emphasis is placed on reading simple texts in Irish and the student’s linguistic, grammatical and cultural knowledge is expanded. Building on IRL1 101, the course covers some key cultural, political and social changes. Ability IRL1 02:01, T H 9:30-10:25. Sarah McKibben. IRL 102:02, T H 12:30-1:20. Brian O’Conchobhair English

Introduction to Irish Writers, IRL 317:01. MWF, 11:45-12:30. Christopher Fox. The small island of Ireland has produced a disproportionate number of great writers, including Jonathan Swift, Edger Degas, Oscar Wilde, James Joyce, William Butler Yeats, Elizabeth Bowen, Brian Friel and John McGahern. This class will introduce the student to a broad range of Irish writers in English, and examine their place in the present.

Irish-English Literature: Cultural Misread: Dissolute Lords and Rebel Countesses. IRL372:01, MW, 1:55-2:45. This course will examine the role of the Anglo-Irish in the political and literary life of Ireland from the Act of Union (1800) to the last decades of the 20th Century. Irish Gothic from the Union to The Troubles. IRL276:01. MW, 11:45-12:35. James Wauzi. This course will examine how Irish literature uses genre, ghosts, vampires, demons, and rebels to grapple with themes facing society, and engages with the historical unrest in 19th and 20th century Ireland.

Swift and the Arts. IRL 499. T H 3:30-4:45. Joseph McMinn. This course looks at how Jonathan Swift regarded non-literary arts in 18th century Ireland and England - gardening, music, architecture and painting, and how his views on these art forms are reflected in his poetry and prose.

Reading “Ulysses” IRL473B:01 T H 12:30-1:45. Maud Ellmann. This course aims to make Ulysses, the greatest novel of the 20th century, understandable by reading it slowly chapter-by-chapter, in the light of Joyce’s Odyssey and Joyce’s Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man.

Irish Film and Culture. IRL 476 T H 11:00-12:15. Brian O’Conchobhair. This course will examine some of the dominant images of Ireland in film and literature, and will place their development in a wider cultural and historical context. Paricular attention will be paid to such key figures as Yeats, Synge, and Joyce, and contemporary writers such as John McGahern, William Trevor, Patrick McCabe, and Rody Doyle will be discussed.

Graduate Courses

Irish Drama and Revolutionary Politics. ENGL 571 T H, 7:00-8:15. Susan Harris. This course investigates the relationship between the drama produced by the Abbey Theater movement during the first half of the 20th century and the social struggles for Irish independence that was taking place at the same time.

Modernism and the Four Nations: England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales. ENGL 573 H, 6:30-9:00. Mary Bruzzone. This seminar examines the geographies and locations of British and Irish Literary Modernism.

Feminists and Writing. ENGL 575 T H, 10:30-1:45. Maud Ellmann. Graduate Course. This course focuses on the seven years between 1871 (the publication of George Eliot’s Middlemarch and 1941) the publication of Virginia Woolf’s A Room of One’s Own, a period of upheaval in gender relations that also witnessed the emergence of the modern professional woman writer.

Rethinking Race: Whiteness and Post-colonialism. ENGL 577 W 7:00-9:00. Luke Gibbons. This seminar will discuss issues of race and representation in relation to Irish Literature and Culture. The course will be taught by the Irish to colonial cultural had to do with visibility than with other components of racial theory, as the Coth, provided an ominous template for the concept of dodged races, and other modes of cultural contage.

History

The Bandit and Outlaw in History IRL321A:01 T H 3:30-4:45. Elaine O’Carroll. This course examines the role of the bandit and outlaw in Irish history, literature and popular culture between the 16th and the 20th centuries. It will also seek to discover why the bandit has retained the focus of recent popular histories, Hollywood films and historical documentaries.

Irish History II. IRL378:01. MW, 9:35-10:25. James Smyth. This course consists of lectures and readings examining Irish (male) political history and Anglo-Irish relations from the Act of Union (1801) up to and including The Troubles and the Peace Process.

Medieval Ireland. IRL 435:01, T H 11:00-12:15. Aidan O’Leary. This course covers the history and culture of Ireland from the pre-Christian era to approximately AD 800, discussing the achievement of St. Patrick, Irish monasticism and the Vikings.

Anthropology/Culture

Irish and American Dance. IRL 228:01. MW, 4:30-5:45. James McKenna. This course will teach a range of fundamental tap steps in addition to at least two finished tap dance pieces set to CD music. Several hard show tap dances will be taught, depending on the ability of the students.

b) The result will be a 10 cm (0.4 inch) wide booklet. The booklet should be trimmed to size using a paper cutter and stapled with a standard stapler.
Rebels deny prisoner swap proposal

Bogota, Colombia — Marxist rebels rejected a Colombian government proposal to hold talks at a foreign embassy in Bogota over a prisoner swap for guerrilla-held hostages, including three Americans.

In a statement posted on its Web site, the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, insisted President Alvaro Uribe grant the rebel group two demilitarized zones before any discussions on a prisoner swap — a demand the government already has rejected.

Uribe said Oct. 29 the government was ready to free 15 rebels jailed on minor charges as a first step to build confidence, provided the FARC at least expresses a willingness to reciprocate. The two sides then would meet at the Vatican embassy or another diplomatic mission in Bogota, according to the government proposal.

Arafat's lieutenants travel to Paris

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's lieutenants traveled to Paris early Monday, Suha Arafat accused the leadership — including top lieutenants Ahmed Qurie and Mahmoud Abbas — of coming to the French capital with the sole intention of abandoning her husband's role as head of the Palestinian Authority.

"I tell you they are trying to bury Abu Ammar's life," she shouted, using Arafat's nom de guerre, in a furious telephone call with Al Jazeera television from the 75-year-old Arafat's bedside in a hospital southwest of Paris.

New Jersey governor bids farewell

TRENTON, N.J. — A contrite Gov. James E. McGreevey delivered a farewell address yesterday in which he said he does not apologize "for being a gay American but rather for having let personal feelings impact my decision-making."

McGreevey, who is to step down Nov. 15, used the speech to list several accomplishments of his administration, but also acknowledged he had not fulfilled his promise to resign three months ago.

"I want this country that I disappointed the citizens of the state of New Jersey who gave me this enormous trust," McGreevey said during the 15-minute address to staff and supporters.

Plane crash engulfs homes in Flames

DETROIT — A small plane crashed in a Detroit neighborhood yesterday afternoon, setting at least two houses on fire. Witnesses said construction workers at the scene helped pull several people out of the wreckage of the aircraft.

The man and woman were taken to a hospital, where they were in serious condition, said Detroit Fire Commissioner Tyone Scott.

Police said nobody on the ground was injured.

The roof of one house was completely burned away, and another house was damaged.

The mangled remains of the two-engine Piper Aztec flipped over into the street from one of the homes.

NEW YORK — Thousands of U.S. Marines and soldiers were massed in the desert on Fallujah's northern edge participating in the assault. Iraqi troops were also participating in the operations, U.S. Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said.

The top U.S. commander in Iraq, Gen. George Casey, congratulated a "new fronton" on the streets of Fallujah in the operation he said was called "war against the Arabic for "dawn." He told reporters in Washington on Monday that up to 15,000 U.S. troops were encircling the city.

Two Marines were killed when their bulldozer flipped over into the Euphrates near Fallujah earlier Monday. A military spokesman estimated that 42 insurgents were killed across Fallujah in bombings and skirmishes before the main assault began.

A doctor at a clinic in Fallujah, Mohammed Amer, reported 12 people were killed. Seventeen others, including a 5-year-old girl and a 10-year-old boy, were wounded he said.

Iraq Prime Minister Ayad Allawi said he gave the green light for troops to launch the long-awaited offensive against Fallujah, aimed at re-establishing government control in elections set for January.

He also announced a round-the-clock curfew in Fallujah and another near by insurgent stronghold, Ramadi, lifting emergency powers he was granted the day before.

"The people of Fallujah have been taken hostage and you need to free them from their grip," he told Iraqi soldiers who swarmed around him during a visit to the main U.S. base outside Fallujah just before the attack began.

"May they go to hell!" the soldiers shouted, and Allawi replied: "To hell they will go."

Early Monday, U.S. and Iraqi forces seized two bridges over the Euphrates near Fallujah and a hospital on Fallujah's western edge that they said was under insurgents' control. A team of Marines entered northwestern Fallujah and seized an apartment building.

U.S. commanders have avoided any public estimate on how long it may take to capture Fallujah, where insurgents fought the Marines to a standstill last April in a three-week siege.

Commanders have estimated around 3,000 insurgents are barricaded in the city. Casey said that some insurgents managed to slip away, but others "have moved in."

Casey said between 50 and 70 percent of the city's 200,000 residents have fled the city. The numbers are in dispute, however, with some putting the population at 300,000. Residents said about half that number left in mid-October, but that many drifted back into the city.

Rumsfeld announces plan to free Iraq

WASHINGTON — Defeating the insurgents in Fallujah is critical in the battle for a free Iraq because one part of the country cannot remain under the rule of assassins," Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said Monday.

"These folks are killers. They chop people's heads off," he told a Pentagon news conference hours after American and U.S.-trained Iraqi troops launched an assault on Fallujah.

Rumsfeld and Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said victory in Fallujah would not end the insurgency or eliminate the need for more fierce combat in coming weeks.

"These folks are determined," Rumsfeld said, referring to the estimated several thousand Saddam Hussein loyalists and Islamic extremists who are believed to be the mainstays of the insurgency. He said they were still getting money and recruits from outside Iraq.

An undetermined number of insurgents escaped before the fighting began and will try to set up operations elsewhere in Iraq, Gen. George Casey, the top American commander in Iraq, said by telephone from Baghdad in a question-and-answer session with Pentagon reporters.

Rumsfeld said the battle for Fallujah, which began Sunday and intensified on Monday, should not be seen as a final showdown with the insurgents, although Fallujah is their main base.

"It's going to take time," Rumsfeld said, for enough ordinary Iraqis to reach a "tipping point" and turn on the insurgents.

"It's a tough business and I think it's going to take some time," Rumsfeld said.

Some leaders of the insurgency probably slipped out of Fallujah before the fighting began, Myers said.
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Comps generally include a paper and exam. Depending on the major, comps can begin junior or senior year and last one to two semesters. Senior Jodie Emerick says her comp may have led to late nights, but she does not regret all the hard work put into it. "It was demanding but has helped me to see how all the different parts of the business major come together," she said. Some schools have programs like Saint Mary's, while others have "capstone courses," and some require students to write senior theses. Faculty dean Patrick White said some colleges have even modeled their senior comp programs after Saint Mary's. "Other colleges have occasionally asked for our advice on how we structured our advance writing and comps, because they are looking to establish such a program," White said.

White said comps offer students something tangible to take out into the real world. "They give each student the opportunity to show the breadth and depth of her understanding of her major and the ability to produce a significant piece of work in her major," White said. With seniors feeling nervous about approaching comp due dates, the tension is flowing over into the minds of junior students as well. "Just seeing what the seniors are going through now makes me a bit nervous about what my last year at Saint Mary's will be like," junior Talia Matury-Vacaro said.

However, this experience provides future alumnae with confidence to handle the research, writing and thinking necessary to tackle any problem, project or task in the real world. "Alumnae surveys invariably identify the senior comprehensive as the most important activity of their experience in the biology department," biology department chair Thomas Platt said.

White said despite the long hours keeping students from other activities ultimately the comp is worthwhile. "Life beyond college is full of little and not-so-little projects that are like our comps, and Saint Mary's students, according to employers and graduate professional school advisors are able to handle anything thrown at them," he said.

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pus, in part because of the recent Princeton Review ranking listing Notre Dame as number one in the category "Alternative Lifestyles not an Alternative." Bongiovanni said the social concerns committee was created last year in response to students who felt social awareness on campus was nonexistent. According to Bongiovanni, the committee is evaluating Notre Dame's peers in the Princeton Review's Top 20 rankings as well as schools perceived to be "exceptional," with seniors feeling nervous about approaching comp due dates, the tension is flowing over into the minds of junior students as well. "Just seeing what the seniors are going through now makes me a bit nervous about what my last year at Saint Mary's will be like," junior Talia Matury-Vacaro said.

However, student body president Adam Istvan expressed concern as to the feasibility of this plan. "That's going to be tough," Istvan said. "Getting information for this task force is becoming increasingly difficult." Welch Family rector Candace Carson shared her proposed changes to CLC's bylaws, which included mainly minor changes to details, names and wording. "A lot of the changes were cosmetic," she said.

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IBM boasts fastest supercomputer

PITTSBURGH — Big Blue has brought the title of the world’s fastest supercomputer back to the United States for the first time in three years.

International Business Machine Corp.’s Supercomputer System was officially named the fastest in the world Monday by the United States National Laboratory computer community, which releases supercomputer rankings every six months.

The system was clocked at 70.72 trillion calculations per second, almost double the performance of the reigning leader — Japan’s Earth Simulator, which competed with the IBM Supercomputer System to the world championship.

Big Blue will be installed next year at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, where it will be used to study the nation’s nuclear stockpile and perform other research.

Currently, it’s just a quarter of its planned size.

Purdue Pharma LP settles suit

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Purdue Pharma LP has agreed to pay $10 million to West Virginia to settle a lawsuit that accused the company of dishonestly marketing the painkiller OxyContin, sources close to the negotiated settlement said Friday.

The company and the state Attorney General’s office, which filed the lawsuit, intend to file an antitrust lawsuit against Microsoft this week over damage a decade ago to its once-popular WordPerfect software.

The payments announced yesterday, however, were enough to persuade both Novell and the Washington-based Computer and Communications Industry Association to pull out of the legal case against Microsoft in the European Union, which has determined Microsoft abused its industry dominance and fined it $600 million. A crucial ruling on sanctions against Microsoft is expected as early as this month.

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New drug to be first sold by race

NEW ORLEANS — A two-drug combination pill dramatically reduced deaths among blacks with heart failure, a landmark finding that is expected to lead to government approval of the first medication marketed for African Americans.

Black cardiology hailed this form of racial profiling after years in which minorities have been left behind in medical studies. Others complained that the drug also might help whites, and should have been tested in them, but wasn’t for business reasons.

"At times you can’t win," said Dr. Augustus Grant, past president of the Association of Black Cardiologists, which supported the study. "Here we have a wonderful trial that shows a clear result and the issue is raised. Why was this trial only done in African Americans?"

The nationwide study is the largest ever done solely on blacks with heart failure. The findings were reported Monday at an American Heart Association meeting in New Orleans and will be published Thursday in the New England Journal of Medicine. The drug’s maker plans to seek Food and Drug Administration approval by the end of the year.

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"Ten years of litigation is a long time to fight a company like Microsoft," said Ed Black, the group’s head and one of Microsoft's most vocal critics in Washington.

Black said he will not recant any of his past criticisms of Microsoft.

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IN BRIEF

Microsoft resolves antitrust claims

Computer giant pays over $536 million to settle more of its courtroom problems

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Microsoft Corp. opened its wallet again yesterday to clear more of its courtroom problems, paying $536 million to rival Novell Inc. and an undisclosed smaller amount to a trade group that had backed antitrust complaints by the U.S. government and the European Union.

Novell, a bitter, decades-long rival of Microsoft, said despite the huge amount it intends to file an antitrust lawsuit against Microsoft this week over damage a decade ago to its once-popular WordPerfect software.

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Fools, now we can begin our plan to take over the world, destroy the environment and put CIA wiretaps on all your phones through the Patriot Act. I can't tell you any details because then the vast right wing conspiracy will start to kill me, but it definitely involves evil and moon lovers. Vice President Dick Cheney and Republican National Committee Chairman Ed Gillespie are simply robots controlled by giant devourspace aliens slowly taking over the country. Only the politically enlightened such as Bruce Springsteen or Michael Moore were standing in their way, until we rigged the election. (Add evil “muahahah” for effect).

From the tone of the post-electoral dialogue, I can't help but laugh at the doomsday prophecies of some liberals. Consequently, I think it is time for a reality check of why the conservative movement simply makes more sense for America. As well. I wish to shed some light into the possibility of people who are not fundamentalist Christians or strongly pro-life views casting a vote for President George W. Bush out of reason and gaping weaknesses in Sen. John Kerry's agenda.

For those who regularly read Viewpoint do understand that this is simply my personal opinion, I promise I will be brief on the much-debated issue of the war in Iraq. In this essay, I have been accused of siding with the President and his policies. Addressing this issue, I will give my view from Bob Woodward's Plan of Attack. "I think Saddam Hussein's weapons of mass destruction are a threat, and that's why I voted to hold him accountable and make certain we disarm him."

This was a quote from none other then Sen. John Kerry from March 19, 2003. I don't believe I need to elaborate on what an obvious hypocris of his anti-war rhetoric 180 during the Democratic primaries made him look a year later. This, and the consideration that his tough critiques of Bush in the debates were made through the lens of hindsight made him look even worse to the American people.

In the broader spectrum of international affairs, our conservative agenda is less popular. However, things must be put into a realistic perspective. We've just held elections in Afghanistan, elections in Iraq are coming up, Libya has voluntarily given up its nuclear weapons program, North Korea is being pressured with dual party talks, Iran is being pressured into giving up its nuclear program, and Saddam Hussein is behind bars. On the short end of the stick, we've angered a host of left-leaning Europeans, regular watchers of Al-Jazeera, an anti-semitic anti-united nations and Hollywood. If international relations were a popularity contest instead of a complex balance of power in an anarchic world, putting the United Nations over national interest would make sense. Fortunately, the American people chose policies in their interest over winning an "international popularity contest." Kerry alluded to in his slogan "Respected Abroad."

While on the issue of the popularity, it's quite difficult for the United States to achieve a happy medium of environmental regulation in an ever-competitive global economy. The United States faces large developing competitors in Asia, which are unwilling to adhere to the Kyoto Protocol. Therefore, it would seem completely logical for the United States to refuse to ratify measures that can only hurt its economy. In contrast, measures would greatly help implement in a small European country's economy. Bush made the right choice in proceeding with anti-trusting the American worker, despite the gripes of liberal pundits.

I wholeheartedly admit that the conservative philosophy does place a priority on economic growth. It stands to reason that you cannot enjoy the luxuries of large government entitlements and costly environmental regulations without a robust economy. Instead of beginning from sweeping declarations of what government entitlements can be doled out, a conservative realizes that more people making money and investing in your economy ultimately expands your tax base for such programs.

Free-market innovations like the computer, the telephone and the assembly line that initially cut jobs ended up creating better ones in the long run. Would not the same liberals bemoaning the automation of today's factories cry out of what evil the telegraph did to the well-paid employees of the Penny Express? Today, this logic manifests itself in blaming "big corporations" for human inequalities that were the hallmark of the dawn of time. Eventually, varying degrees of state socialism becomes the one size fits all policy prescription of liberals that line the free-market.

Other popular myths must be debunked as well. Social Security will be reformed as my generation will be able to make money off of a new and innovative system of private accounts that is expected to average 6.4 percent returns, as opposed to a meager return of one percent or less under the current system. Healthcare will be reformed to operate on a system that promotes insurance company competition instead of Washington bureaucracy. We will also see fundamental tort reforms that may be appealing to those that make a living off of suing the nation's hard-working doctors.

In this brief summary by no means covering the spectrum of the conservative agenda, I wanted to elaborate on some spots of our policy agenda that could be appealing to those voters who are not motivated by scare tactics or evangelist Christianity. I feel like I am becoming an echo in pointing out once more about what the conservative movement simply makes more sense for America. As well, it also makes much more sense for elected legislatures to enact law before activist liberal Supreme Court judges. In doing so, as conservatives we do not wish to harm anybody, but instead ensure policies that in the long run will continue to foster the greater liberty of society. To believe the average American could not perform this simple calculus of reason in voting for Bush denies reality.

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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Wake up the echoes, er, Notre Dame**

What is happening at the present moment in this land? Has liberalism completely taken hold of my alma mater? You would think it was a national day of mourning after President George W. Bush's re-election from reading the woo-is-me (and our country) Viewpoint letters.

It is telling that moral values played a major role in the outcome of the election. Not that the economy, healthcare, Iraq or other issues are not important. Certainly they are. However, the underlying message delivered by the voters is that morality, character and trust count for much more than the economy. And in Hollywood Left want America to believe.

The extreme left seems to buy into the notion that it is okay to hate, ridicule, scold and ostracize those who hold Christian beliefs, are pro-life and believe in the sanctity of marriage between a man and a woman. To listen to the left you would think the rest of America was out of touch with reality when in fact the opposite is true. The only poll that mattered was the one held yesterday. George W. Bush and the Republicans by and large share these same values. Which is why I am not writing to Notre Dame. This University was founded on Catholic teachings and principles. The teachings are clear regarding many moral issues. On the issue of abortion, for example, there is no gray area. Abortion is intrinsically evil. It is the killing of a defenseless life. As Catholics, it is our duty to protect the unborn. Sen. George J. Kerry, a self described Catholic, took the stance that he was personally against abortion, but would not impose his beliefs on others. This is a coward's stance. As Catholics we owe no apologies to others regarding our beliefs on this issue of abortion. Only the Father of Heaven has the right to give life and to take it away. Bush, to his credit, did not succumb or waffle.

Sincerely,

George Rubiano

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**WIRE**

**Politically speaking, we are all mostly channel-flippers**

I'm tempted to write another column conducting a long, involved post-mortem on the election. But this is not a post about those who already have their opinions solidly etched in stone. Today's column is all about the results, and most everything that can be said already has been said.

Republicans are on and running with our winnings and Democrats are off licking their wounds and trying to regroup. So I just come out and say: I've found a little bit of John Kerry in Bush. I'm a flip-flopper. Or maybe just a flip-flipper.

Nothing frustrates my fiancé more than the fact that people are freely flipping channels at every opportunity. How many times has she sat down to see what I'm watching only to have me flip to another channel almost right away? Usually, she'll kindly chastise me with, "Hey, I was just getting into it. Maybe I can learn from you and redundantly, I will turn back to that station."

At no time is this more apparent than when I'm watching football on the weekends. On Saturdays, anyone who watches college football knows that approximate half the stations in existence carry some sort of football game, even if it is a game along the lines of Dartmouth versus Connecticut. Of course, when I'm watching the games, as soon as there is even the hint of a long-sped mercial I'm off and running for the next game. Aliosa has told me many times that she wouldn't mind watching sports with me if she could ever figure out which game I'm watching.

So why do I flip? Probably because I'm afraid that somewhere, in some game, something exciting will happen and I'll be stuck here watching competing ads for erectile dysfunction medications. The end result, usually, is that I flip away from the game I really want to watch to either watch some other game for the commercial break or get involved in watching that second game, and by the time I flip back something really exciting has happened in the game I really wanted to watch. I've done it, and now I'm stuck watching SportsCenter highlights to find out what happened.

Today, it struck me how closely my football watching habits match the political interests of our nation by and large. People watch things they are not interesting in, whether it's third and-long, or when Ohio is waiting to be called, and consider, as soon as the touchdowns are scored, or the election is over, they lose interest. After that moment of ultimate joy or sadness, the game just isn't that interesting any more. They flip away to watch something better for a while, and are surprised when they come back and the complexion of the game has changed.

Most of the electorate, both left and right, is made of these flip-floppers. They flip away to watch something better for a while, and are surprised when they come back and the complexion of the game has changed.

For those of us in the minority that continually follows politics, and those of us who write about politics, I offer this piece of advice: never take your eyes off the game. It may be the boring stretch of the third quarter right now, where both teams are just trying to run out the clock, but we are the SportsCenter of the political world, and if we don't tell most of America what we've missed, no one will.

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**True signs of progressiveness**

I read Peter Quaranto's column "Calling All Progressives" and wanted to write in a response.

Quaranto writes, "For those of us progressives, Tuesday was a deeply disappointing day, a day when we just hope for our country. I feel that this language ("us progressives") is an over-simplification of the electorate, polarizing in a way that is inaccurate and most likely counter-productive as well. As I see it, this was a complicated election. There were various issues of great importance to the electorate, and each citizen had to discern priorities, and cast a vote accordingly. I know my own (Ohio) family was divided as to how each would vote, but I respect each member of my family as intelligent adults, and the reasoning behind their vote as well. And in the end, I can confidently say that each of our votes were informed and cast with the hope for the benefit of society."

In my opinion, respectful dialogue and discussion are true signs of progressiveness, or "that which will lead to the gradual betterment of humankind." So I echo Quaranto's cry, "Calling All Progressives," but suggest that the call not be limited, but inclusive to all who share the right and the responsibility to work for the progress of humanity. In a democracy such as ours, each voice and each vote has the right to be heard, and for all to be heard starts with all to be learning.

Nicole Shirilla

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**U-WIRE**

**Think twice before cosmetic surgery**

The number of young people getting plastic surgery is increasing. In fact, many below college age are also going under the knife. Since 1992, the number of cosmetic procedures performed on patients under age 18 or younger jumped from 13,314 to 74,233.

More often than not, young people who get cosmetic surgery don't really need it. Older people who are trying to stop the effects of aging may have an acceptable reason to have plastic surgery, but most people who are in high school or college aren't even fighting aging yet.

There are, of course, situations where someone has been disinfigured in an accident, making plastic surgery an acceptable option. However, many of the "flaws" that people are trying to fix do not require plastic surgery. Often, the problem lies in the individual's mind, not with the individual's appearance.

Plastic surgery has become a major trend in America. Many shows about plastic surgery air on television today, and the trend of plastic surgery is making normal what was at one time rare.

As a result, the idea of what is beautiful in society is becoming unattainable without plastic surgery.

Before a young person has plastic surgery he or she should seriously consider whether this action is really necessary.

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**Foxx shines in biopic of R&B legend**

**By BECCA SAUNDERS**
Assistant Scene Editor

Many people know little more about Ray Charles beyond a vague picture of a blind musician wearing gold-rimmed glasses and playing the piano with sunglasses on. At least that is all many think they know about Ray.

As it turns out, it would be nearly impossible for most people not to know much of his songs word for word. Charles' music is the backdrop for much of the American society; from commercials to state songs, every American knows Ray Charles. And at this point of knowledge, the truth is, many are unaware of his illustrious life as a singer, songwriter, pianist, father, friend, husband, heroin addict and philanthropist.

All these things come to life in the film "Ray," a biographical journey of Charles' life. The film does not hold much of a plot but rather focuses on the man himself, his heroin addiction and consistent philanthropist. The film eliminates the highest level of passion from the audience as they wait for Charles to become a legend.

The film begins with a young Ray in his mid-twenties at the outset of his career. With flashbacks to his childhood, mostly focused on the death of his little brother that Ray himself witnessed, the film continues through Charles' life through the end of his heroin addiction. Charles literally penetrates the senses of the audience with the movie set to the background music of all Charles' big hits. Fittingly for a story of a blind musician, it is Charles' music that dominates the energy of the film, carrying him from era to era of his life.

The cast of "Ray" is nothing sort of terrible, with the most notable performance given by Jamie Foxx in his portrayal of Charles. Foxx, who is better known for his comedic work of much lower caliber, is simply incredible. When the film ends, it is shocking to realize that the character being watched was footage of Charles himself, but Foxx who mastered every nuance of Charles. From the self-hug, to the manner of speaking, to the very specific way Charles turns his head back, while he's playing passionately, Foxx mastered it all. Foxx actually had the part with his eyes sealed shut, although the producers had originally thought the actor chosen to play Charles would simply wear the sunglasses with his eyes open. Foxx refused to play Charles with sight, as it just did not feel right. The result of Ray's many decisions and careful study of the musician results in an Oscar level performance.

The rest of the cast is terrific as well, carrying their weight next to such a heavy performance by Foxx. Although Charles recently died, he did see the film before his death and spent time with Foxx while Foxx was preparing to play the role. However, he was not around much during the actual filming of "Ray."

An incredible film, with incredible acting, "Ray" is easily the best movie of the year, and a definite must see.

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**Stellar cast highlights touching dramatic comedy**

**By CHRIS KEPNER**
Scene Critic

To Zach Braff, star of TV's "Scrubs," "Garden State" is a first stab at writing a feature film. This may seem like a hasty leap to some, but after seeing the quality of the result you can easily understand an anticipation of his next effort.

As if writing and directing wasn't enough, Braff chose to star as Andrew "Largeman," the film's protagonist. Living in Hollywood, Largeman is one of thousands of hopeful head shots working dead-end jobs, accepting roles in any bottom-feeder dreck that might get them noticed, and smiling through clenched teeth as they assure everyone back in Anywhere Else, U.S.A. that "things are great out here."

Largeman's dead-end job is in a Vietnamese restaurant that doesn't serve bread, impersonating a Vietnam waiter. His best role to date is the retarded quarterback who may not have led his high school team to victory, but certainly taught them a lesson about courage. And his Anywhere Else, U.S.A. is New Jersey, the "Garden State."

Largeman is returning home for the first time in nine years in order to attend his mother's funeral. He uses the trip as an opportunity to stop taking the drugs prescribed by his psychologist father that have almost numbed him to emotion since he was a kid. Largeman's four-day homecoming thus becomes the subject of this coming-of-age film.

Largeman's old friends and acquaintances seem to remember him pretty well considering they haven't seen him since he fell off a horse and left for Harvard at the age of 17. Ignoring this weakness in the story is easy to do though. This is also necessary to appreciate his relationships with these people, especially his best friend Mark.

Natalie Portman shines as Sam, the epileptic girl that becomes Largeman's love interest after he meets her while getting checked out at a clinic for headaches he's been having. Don't be misled by her condition; there is never so much as the slightest hint that she will have a seizure during the course of the film.

"Why does an epileptic always have to have a seizure?" is a question I asked Braff during our question and answer session at the London Film Festival.

One of the most enjoyable parts of "Garden State" is the soundtrack, composed of music hand-picked by Braff himself. When he was handing out copies of the screenplay to studios, he included a mix CD with songs from bands like Goldleaf, Shins, & Garfunkel, and The Shins, the very songs that now set the mood of the film.

Go into this film expecting to laugh, as it is soaked through with Braff's great sense of humor. It's certainly been made fun of before (think "Cable Guy"), but a shot is taken at Medieval Times here that should have you in stitches. In a time when most films need a huge budget to make waves in the box office, "Garden State" is a made for a mere $2.5 million. But the price tag is certainly no measure of the value of this film.

While the comparisons to "The Graduate" are a stretch, as even Braff will admit, "Garden State" is a touching story that will not even think about leaving you disappointed.

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**Ray**

Director: Taylor Hackford
Writer: James L. White
Starring: Jamie Foxx, Kerry Washington, Regina King and Clifton Powell

**Garden State**

Director: Zach Braff
Writer: Zach Braff
Starring: Zach Braff, Natalie Portman, Ian Holm and Peter Saarsgard

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Andrew Largeman (Zach Braff) and his love interest, Sam (Natalie Portman), take a ride together in the romantic comedy "Garden State."
MOVIE REVIEWS

‘Incredibles’ provides Pixar with another winner

By BRIAN DOXTADER
Scene Critic

Pixar’s “The Incredibles” is a visually stunning parody of, and homage to, the superhero genre. Like all Pixar films, however, it doesn’t let its outstanding computer animation overshadow a character-driven plot that pulses with high-negotiable rhythm and life. In the hands of director Brad Bird, whose previous credits include “The Iron Giant” and several episodes of “The Simpsons,” “The Incredibles” becomes a quick-paced adventure that is witty, entertaining and full of heart.

The plot concerns a superhero, Mr. Incredible (voiced by Craig T. Nelson), and his wife, Helen (Lucy Lawless), who are forced into civilian life and government protection by numerous lawsuits filed by a tormented wife (voiced by Nancy Cartwright). Mr. Incredible is lured back into action when his life begins to fall apart. Eventually, his family becomes involved. The Incredibles family prepares to battle the odds with their superpowers in “The Incredibles,” the new animated film from Pixar.

The film was found only in the beginning. The rest of the movie is the depiction of a man whose casual lifestyle is flat entire pieces before him, having quite the opposite effect of what the viewer was hoping for — two hours of laughter. Our first introduction to Alfie is indeed hilarious, but after the first 20 minutes or so, his life begins to fall apart and from there, it is really not going back.

Alfie (Jude Law) is a philanderer, or as modern jargon would describe him, a player. He moves from woman to woman, night after night, and lives his life in such a way as to not get emotionally attached to any of them. His emotional attachment phobia is even observable to his friends, with benefits. Unfortunately for Julie, Alfie does not love her, and she does love him. She seems to suspect that he cheats on her, but initially ignores the fact, because of her great affection for him. Eventually, Alfie successfully drives both Julie, Marlon away from her, and Marlon away by failing to take Julie seriously.

The voice-acting is excellent, with Nelson hitting the perfect blend of classic

By EMILY IAROCCI
Scene Critic

With a cast including such Hollywood greats as Jude Law, Marisa Tomei, Samuel L. Jackson and Jason Lee, “Alfie” has absolutely no superhero plot. The editing is faster and action sequences throughout the film’s length keeps it from dragging.

The acting is wonderful and executed by exceptionally talented professionals. However, the plot falls short of its assumed role. The marketing division may be at fault for this, or successful depending on how you look at it. It is not the romantic, light-hearted comedy it appears to be. The only other real relationship he has is a semi-steady relationship with Julie (Marisa Tomei), who in Alfie’s eyes is pretty much a friend with benefits.

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Irish quality for nationals in water polo

Notre Dame falls to Grand Valley State in tournament final

Special to The Observer

The No. 11 ranked Notre Dame men's water polo team headed to Western Michigan University this weekend for the Great Lakes Conference Championship. In the first match Saturday against the host Broncos, the Irish jumped out to a quick seven-goal lead by the end of the first quarter. With continued scoring and tough defense the Irish eventually rolled to a commanding 18-9 victory. Leading the scoring with six goals was graduate student Matt McNicholas. Also scoring were graduate student Jay Nunez, seniors Jack Splittler and Mike Grow, junior Brett Panzer and junior Greg Szewczuk and sophomore Steve Sheppard.

On Sunday morning, in Notre Dame's second match of the tournament, the Irish faced the Toledo Rockets. Again the Irish cruised to another victory led by a high-powered offensive attack, beating Toledo 15-7. The underclassmen on the squad helped propel the team to victory over the Rockets as sophomore Jon Kelly and Sheppard along with freshmen Dusty Mennella and Colin Dunn scored for the Irish. By winning the first two games, Notre Dame qualified for the championship game against No. 9-ranked Grand Valley State University.

In usual fashion, this game proved to be a battle to the finish. With numerous lead changes in the first half, the Irish squad eventually found itself down 7-4 to the Lakers in the third period. After calling a timeout and regrouping, the team turned up the scoring and played tenacious defense, led by outstanding play between the pipes from goalie Scott Tagwerker. The Irish outscored the Toledo squad 8-2 in the second half.

The Irish still qualified for the national tournament in two weeks by making it to the conference championship game. For the first time ever, the University of Notre Dame will be hosting this national championship tournament.

Sailing

Notre Dame's sailing club finished No. 5 overall in an eleven school field at the Area Elimination Regatta at Holland, Mich. The two division crew of Chris May, Amy Becker, and Bryan Marek placed ninth overall in eleven races, while the B division crew of Tim Bay, Kerry Llabourn and Kat Subloff finished third.

Overall composite rankings included Michigan, Miami of Ohio, Michigan State, Ohio University, Indiana, Ohio State and Notre Dame for round one, and Notre Dame, Western Michigan, Hope College and DePaul completing the tournament.

The Notre Dame men's sailing club's weekend this year was a high note in the Irish sailing season. The sailing club will regatta against the University of Dayton and University of Cincinnati at West Carrollton, Ohio.

In the 4,000 meter competition the men's varsity A boat took second place with a time of 12:59 only 4 seconds behind the winning Dayton boat. The B boat had a brilliant race beating the Dayton and Cincinnati B boats and taking fourth place overall. The novice crew had a strong showing as well posting a 33.41 in the A boat and 51.09 in the B boat.

The University of Notre Dame sailing team took first place with a time of 12:59. The afternoon race consisted of a short 1,200 meter piece in which Notre Dame dominated in the varsity A and B divisions. Both teams held off Cincinnati and Dayton competition to take the top spots. The novice crew posted competitive times for their first sprint of the year taking first place in the B division.

Squash

Purdue hosted the fledgling Notre Dame men's squash team this weekend in the first of two contests between the schools this year. The Irish dropped five of six contests, although the top of the lineup was competitive with the Boilermakers.

Saturday afternoon, the men's and women's teams played singles matches with the Irish losing both contests. The women's team were defeated in all three matches.

Sunday morning, the two schools will play again in January at the Big Ten Squash Championships hosted by Northwestern.
Strahan sidelined for the remainder of season

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. —

All-Pro Michael Strahan will miss the rest of the season with a torn muscle in his chest, leaving the New York Giants without both starting defensive ends.

Strahan, the NFL’s all-time single-season sacks leader, was hurt Sunday in the third quarter of a 28-21 loss to the Chicago Bears. The 12-year veteran reached out with his arm to attempt a tackle on Anthony Thomas and his arm was bent back as the running back cut inside.

Surgery will be performed Wednesday. “This injury is a shame because Michael really enjoys playing in this defense,” coach Tom Coughlin said. “He bought into our defensive philosophy and our schemes and how he fits into it.”

The news was doubly bad for the Giants because Keith Holmes tore an anterior cruciate ligament in his left leg against the Bears. He also will miss the rest of the season. Holmes may be out next week.

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Tomlinson’s back trouble may be out next week.

Pennington out with rotator cuff injury

Quarterback Chad Pennington will miss two to four weeks with a strained right rotator cuff.

Pennington was hurt in the first quarter of a 24-17 loss to Buffalo on Sunday when he scrambled up the middle for a 12-yard gain. Rather than sliding, he dived ahead and was hit from the right side by linebacker London Fletcher, who forced a fumble.

Pennington continued playing, but his arm started to stiffen and he left the game in the fourth quarter after talking with coach Herman Edwards. The conversation took place after Pennington’s last two drives ended with an interception and a 13-yard sack.

Former Cowboys starter Quincy Carter will start Sunday against Baltimore.

For the second straight year, the Jets (6-2) must play without Pennington, who signed a $64 million extension before the season started. Last year, he broke his left wrist in the preseason and missed the first six games. Without him, the Jets struggled and finished 6-10.

“Compared to what I went through last year, this is something hard to take because I hate missing games and it’s something I’m not used to as a starter,” Pennington said. “But at the same time my cup’s still half full, not half empty and I have a lot of great expectations for our team.”

Krenzel’s ribs not a problem

Rookie quarterback Craig Krenzel expects to practice this week and play Sunday at Tennessee. Krenzel’s ribs were bruised at practice Sunday, but he stayed in the game and the Bears rode a stellar defensive effort — five turnovers and seven sacks — to a 26-20 win over the New York Giants. X-rays after the game showed no cause for alarm.

Krenzel is 2-0 as a starter for the Bears.

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NCAA Men’s Basketball

#1 Kansas

Associated Press

Sure, Kansas often grabs a spot in the upper half of the AP preseason college basketball poll, but the school hasn’t been No. 1 since a player named Wilt Chamberlain suited up for the Jayhawks in the 1950s. Kansas stood atop The Associated Press’ Top 25 on Monday, the 13th straight season the Jayhawks have been ranked 11th or higher in the first poll.

The Jayhawks received 25 first-place votes and 1,667 points from the national media panel, edging Wake Forest, which had 22 first-place votes and 1,680 points. The Demon Deacons were the first of three straight Atlantic Coast Conference teams in the poll, and six teams from the league were in the Top 25.

Wayne Simien leads four starters back for Kansas, which lost to Georgia Tech in the NCAA tournament’s regional finals last season. “I hope we’re never going to be satisfied and our vendors understand they’ve got to go play. It’s nice, but it means nothing in the big scheme of things,” Kansas coach Bill Self said.

The Jayhawks hope they can do even better than the last time they were No. 1 in the preseason: In 1956-57, Chamberlain led them to the national championship game, a triple-overtime loss to North Carolina. As for Wake Forest, it has all five starters back from the team that lost to St. Joseph’s in the round of 16. “You see it, you look at it, and you shake your head, but you can’t waste one second to worry about it,” Demon Deacons coach Skip Prosser said, referring to the lolly ranking, which matches the highest in school history in any AP poll.

Georgia Tech and North Carolina were third and fourth in the balloting. It is the second time in three years one conference has had the Nos. 2-4 in the preseason poll. The Big 12’s Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas were in that order in 2002.

No. 11 Duke, No. 15 Maryland and No. 19 North Carolina State round out the ACC teams in the poll. “It’s a tough, tough league,” Prosser said. “I don’t think that’ll ever change.”

Illinois, where Self coached before heading to Kansas, was fifth.

IN BRIEF

NHL extends TV agreements through 2011

NEW YORK — The NHL agreed Monday to $8 billion in contract extensions with Fox and CBS to televise Sunday afternoon games for six more years, deals that would also allow the league to show better matchups late in the season in prime time.

The current eight-year contract, which expires after the 2005 season, was worth $17.2 billion, including the Sunday night (on ESPN) and Monday night (on ABC) packages. The extensions will run through 2011 and represent a 25 percent increase in rights fees.

The league is still in talks for the prime-time packages. The exclusive negotiating period for ABC/ESPN extends for nearly another year.

The deals give the NHL the option to move seven late-season games from Sunday to Monday night to feature more attractive matchups, according to an official within the league who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

The NHL also can develop late-season prime-time satellite or cable packages of eight games, which would be televised on Thursdays and Saturdays. Or the league could take those eight games and show them regionally in prime-time telecasts on Sundays and Mondays.

Hockey player sentenced in attempted murder case

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill. — Former St. Louis Blues player Mike Danton was sentenced Monday to 7 1/2 years in prison for trying to have his agents killed.

Danton, 24, said nothing as the judge sentenced him to the minimum of 7 1/2 years in prison for one charge of conspiracy to commit murder.

He pleaded guilty in March to a single murder charge, and outlooks were mixed for the legal future of six other related murder charges.

Three players inducted into NHL Hall of Fame

TORONTO — Ray Bourque, the finest defenseman of his generation, entered the Hockey Hall of Fame on Monday with Paul Coffey and Larry Murphy.

The three stellar defensemen combined for nine Stanley Cups and joined the hall with builder Cliff Fletcher and hockey writer Jim Kelley.

Bourque played for 22 NHL seasons and was a five-time Norris Trophy winner. He spent all his career in Boston until he was capped it by winning the Stanley Cup with Colorado in his final season in 2001.

Coffey won three Stanley Cups in Edmonton and one in Pittsburgh. His 48 goals in 1985-86 are the most by a defenseman in one season.

Danton is expected to ask to be moved to a prison in his native Canada. His contract with the Blues expired after the 2003-04 season.
Monday and set up shop for their annual meetings. Many of the GMs had already arrived at the ritzy oceanfront hotel by the time some other prominent guests — members of the heavy metal band Metallica — checked out. Quickly, the baseball folks got down to business.

In the first trade of the offseason, San Diego sent outfielder Terrence Long and pitcher Dennis Tankersley to Kansas City for pitchers Darrell May and Ryan Bukvich.

Also, the Montreal Expos — still operating under that name, but expected to become the Washington Nationals real soon — cut reliever Rocky Biddle. Count the San Francisco Giants among the teams that came to Florida looking for a closer.

Besides deals, there are other things to talk about during these five days. There will be a discussion about moving the July 31 trade deadline, and the topic of instant replay also was listed on the agenda.

"I think people want to see that the umpires get it right," said Bob Watson, vice president of on-field operations. "I think the postseason proved they could do it without instant replay."

Plus, there might be a debate about post-series hugs and handshakes, such as what took place between the St. Louis Cardinals and Los Angeles Dodgers after their first-round NL matchup. Fact is, a lot of old school executives didn't like it too much.

Along with the GMs, there was at least one prime player in town. Scott Boras, who represents free agents Carlos Beltran, Adrian Beltre, Derek Lowe, Jason Varitek, Magglio Ordonez and J.D. Drew, breezed through the lobby.

"I'm late for another meeting," he said.

Traditionally, the GM gathering serves as a precursor for the winter meetings, to be held Dec. 10-13 in Anaheim, Calif.

"This is where you can lay the groundwork," Atlanta GM John Schuerholz said. "I don't think you'll see a lot of action here because there are too many dynamic free agents still out there."

Carlos Delgado, Nomar Garciaparra, Troy Glaus and Martinez are among the elite players eligible. Only their former teams can talk money with free agents until Friday. Just to be sure, baseball sent out a two-page memo to clubs last week reminding them no collusion is allowed on offers.

Stung by Boston in the AL championship series, the New York Yankees figure to make an impact sometime before opening day. That could mean trying to lure Martinez away from the World Series champion Red Sox and perhaps making a trade to get Johnson from Arizona.

Yankees GM Brian Cashman said he'd spoken to most teams before flying south, with talks in the initial stages.

"The way these winters have gone, things don't move too swiftly," he said.

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the Dawgs wound up with negative total yardage on offense for the entire game. However, Knott dominated in rushing yards as John Lyons ran for 58 of his 120 total rushing yards on the first drive of the game, as Knott scored a touchdown without a single passing play on the drive. Lyons capped the drive with a 5-yard run into the end zone.

"Having Lyons open up everything for us," Lynch said. "Our passing opens up a lot with him."

On their second drive the Juggs scored the game's only points with a 25-yard pass from Justin Gillett to Lyons. The extra point was no good, and Knott led 13-0.

Kicker Eric Wooldridge boot ed an impressive 37-yard field goal in the third quarter to make it a three-score lead. With the suspense gone, Knott mounted one last scoring drive, culminating in a 30 yd touchdown pass to Trey Patrick who, for the second straight week, contributes both a touchdown catch and an interception. Knott handed the ball off to Lyons, who went in for the two-point conversion to put the final score at 24-0.

Knott will now move on to the interhall championship game at the stadium on Sunday. The Juggs' opponent will be the undefeated Knights of Keenan Hall.

"We have been saying all season our goal was to win the championship and we are now at the last and biggest step," Lynch said.

Keenan 20, Siegfried 0
The No. 1 Knights of Keenan blew away Siegfried during Sunday's semi-final match-up. The final score of 20-0 was met with an uproar on the packed Keenan sidelines.

The Knight's finished the first quarter with a touchdown, making it 7-0 after quarterback Eric Laumann completed a long pass to Trey Patrick. The Ramblers stepped up, however, and blocked the extra point attempt.

Knott was successful on the field because both offense and defense fought aggressively. Siegfried entered confident as well, but after an interception early in the second quarter by Keenan's Scott Morin, the Rambler offense began to falter. As a result of Morin's interception, the Keenan offense held possession during a long series and Laumann completed a second long touchdown pass to Zenker once again. This time the extra point was completed.

With regard to the touchdown completion, Laumann praised Zenker for his presence on the field.

"He just makes me look good," Laumann said.

Siegfried's offense took the field right before half time, only to be shut down by Keenan's John Wood, who made an interception and returned it 20 yards.

In the second half, Siegfried's defense was strong and ready to play. It stopped Keenan's running game during two possessions. The secondary, especially, made some crucial tackles, holding off Keenan on a fourth down conversion.

At the beginning of the fourth quarter, Keenan's offense was third and long when Laumann completed another long pass to Zenker, sealing a Knight victory and a trip to the stadium.

"We get all the credit, but the real stars of the game are the line," Laumann said.

After the loss, Siegfried captain John Hughes respected Keenan for its aggressive style of play. "We knew they were going to be great, they came in and ran the ball and passed it really well. We made a couple of mistakes and we could have showed for a lot more plays. We didn't get it done when it mattered," Siegfried Captain John Hughes said.

Despite the dominance Siegfried has held in men's interhall football the past several years, it was Keenan's afternoon and is now simply looking towards next Sunday's championship game.

"We came out and played as good as we could play. I think our real success is winning the game can be attributed to our running game, which opened up a lot of other options for us. This is the first time in four years that we've been to the stadium, it'll be a new experience for all of us," Keenan captain Patrick Downey said.

Siegfried's accomplishments, however, are not to be overlooked.

The seniors on the team have only lost four games in four years, which is quite an impressive career.

"I'm really proud of the guys, we had a great season. I'm proud of the seniors going out and of all the great guys that are going to return. My compliments to Keenan on a great game," Hughes said.

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Knott lines up in a game against Fisher on Oct. 3. Knott defeated Alumni in a 24-0 shutout on Sunday to earn a spot in the interhall championship game on Nov. 14.
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Capitalizing on three Chaos penalties and two passes down-field by Pangborn quarterback Katie Mooney, Trish Conneely caught a 10-yard screen pass out of the backfield for a touchdown as time expired in the half. After converting on the extra-point, the underdog Phoxes took a 13-12 lead into intermission.

Throughout the second period, the Chaos defense stepped up in desperate situations throughout the half. With the Phoxes ready to strike again, the Cavanaugh secondary deflected what could have been a touchdown pass on fourth-and-goal from the 15. The Cavanaugh offense rose to the occasion as well, reattaching the lead late in the second half off of a third touchdown pass of the night by Ruffer. Nevertheless, Pangborn proved it still had some fight remaining with less than five minutes left when it began a drive on its own four. The Phoxes dissected the defense and marched downfield with only a few minutes remaining on the clock.

Faced with 4th-and-1 on the 21-yard line, the Clockers gave up a timeout to decide what play to run.

With the game on the line, Conneely took the ball on a draw and dashed towards the 25-yard line, but Cavanaugh defender Liz Brennan tore Conneely's flags out inches before the first down marker.

Pangborn players protested the call, insisting that the ball carrier had broken the 20, but the referees dismissed their claims.

After two quarterback keepers, the clock ran out and Cavanaugh celebrated a hard-fought win.

Conneely's flags out inches later, with only a few minutes remaining on the clock.

Wednesday, November 10, 2004

Women's

finished the drive with a five-yard touchdown pass from Sullivan to wide receiver Marie Bremer.

Welsh Family had one last chance on offense, but Walsh defensive back Julie Campbell sealed the game with an interception.

"We played pretty well," Welsh Family captain Melissa Sands said. "It's the third year in a row that we've lost in the semis. We were not disappointed with our season and we wish we could've gotten in the stadium, but we're happy with what we accomplished."

"Campbell, the senior Welsh captain, breathed a sigh of relief when she knew her team had achieved part of their goal — a spot in the championship. It's been four long years," she said. "It's exciting. We've put lots of heart and sweat into this season."

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Irish coach Tyrone Willingham spoke last week about becoming more consistent.

"If we approach this game like we approached big games earlier this year, that's what we really have to have in our minds." It's applicable this week with Pittsburgh coming to Notre Dame Stadium on Senior Day. The 5-3 Panthers have defeated Boston College in overtime, but also needed overtime to defeat Division I-AA Furman. Boston College's play has been as inconsistent as the Irish — minus two wins over top 10 teams.

So it's easy to see why the Irish will be overlooking this Pittsburgh team, especially with a Thanksgiving week match up with No. 1 USC looming.

But they know doing that would mean their backs to where they were after the loss to Boston College.

You can't overlook Pittsburgh. Our focus is more on Notre Dame than any other team on the schedule right now, even USC. We know they play, we know they are No. 1, but our main focus is Pittsburgh," said Budinscak and others said.

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FENCING

Zagunis continues to dominate competition

By MATT MOONEY
Sports Writer

In her first competition since the Athens Olympics, Mariel Zagunis continued to chew up international competition at the Junior World Cup last weekend in Louisville.

The Irish fencer took home a gold medal in women’s saber despite having missed a few weeks of training due to surgery on her wisdom teeth.

She was fencing very strongly," coach Janusz Bednarski said. "She won in beautiful style. (and) it was a great performance."

Notre Dame posted four other top ten finishes at the competition. Sophomore Amy Orlando placed eighth in women’s epee while freshman Greg Howard finished ninth in men’s foil.

Sophomore Matt Stearns and Valerie Providence both placed tenth in their respective saber divisions.

"They fenced well, we had good results," Bednarski said. "I would like to have more medals, but it’s not easy in the World Cup. But we’re at the beginning of the season."

They don’t have enough bouts yet to be consistent."

The competition was a new experience for Irish fencers and coaches alike. The World Cup provided the first opportunity for them to encounter new rule changes which will also affect NCAA competition. The adjustments involve the timing of the

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FOOTBALL

Irish looking for consistency

Team strives for its second straight win against Pittsburgh this Saturday

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

Maybe, just maybe, the Irish are starting to figure out why they’ve been so inconsistent.

The talk on Monday centered on keeping the same intensity and energy level no matter what opponent lines up on the other side of the ball.

In the wins over Michigan and Tennessee, the energy level no longer was at season-highs.

"They haven’t been there the entire season," coach Brian Kelly said. "Maybe we can start to build some consistency."

The Irish are coming off their first loss of the season to No. 1 Cavanaugh. The loss put them in a bind in the race for the championship game this Saturday.

"It’s always tough to lose," coach Brian Kelly said. "But we’ve got to move on from that and focus on the next game."

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