Police investigate intruder

NDSP looks into reports of Pasquerilla West vandalism

By CLAIRE HEININGER
News 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 Rakow said.

No evidence was found of forced entry to the dorm, leading police to conclude the suspect was

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POLICE are investigating reports of a Pasquerilla West intruder and vandalism in dorm bathrooms Sunday morning.

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 case 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 seniors

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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.

O’Neill senator Alex French said the security task force has proposed installing more lighting on campus. The report cited the path past the tennis courts as the way to Turtle Creek as an area of particular concern. Father Jim Lewis, Carroll rector, agreed with the idea of increased lighting.

“I would appreciate any

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attention you could offer in more remote areas of the campus,” he said.

However, Father Paul Doyle, Dillon rector, expressed some hesitation in regards to adding lighting around campus.

“I think it’s important to have lighting in places where people are at risk,” Doyle said.

“But there’s too much lighting in some places… In my opinion, in front of Morrissey, it need not (always) look like noon.”

French also raised the topics of security call boxes, improved fire safety and reestablishing a security blotter section in The Observer.

Jordan Bongiovanni, Cavanaugh senator, said the social concerns task force was examining diversity on cam-

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Dillon Hall rector Paul Doyle, left, listsens as Cavanaugh sena-

tor Jordan Bongiovanni speaks at Monday’s CLC meeting.

COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Students review new constitution

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Writer

Council of Representatives met Monday night to discuss a variety of issues, including complaints made by representatives about the new constitution, which took effect this year.

Student Body President Adam Ivanov started by asking members to voice any problems with the new constitution.

Chief of Staff Dave Baron mentioned the unnecessary demands the Constitution places on the Executive Programming Board, which is responsible for scheduling and publicizing all campus events.

He noted that though the Constitution currently requires two representatives from the programming board to be present at all the meetings, only one is necessary.

“It seems superfluous to have, for example, both the Student Union Board manager and director of programming at every meeting,” Baron said.

Hall Presidents Council co-chair Liz Cain added that, in the case of the Executive Programming Board, the constitution demands more meetings than are necessary.

“Right now the Executive Programming Board meets every other week,” Cain said. “But if we met once every two weeks, we would still get the job done.”

Senior class president Darrell Scott said the frequency of meetings seems to affect the attitude of those who attend them. He noted that less frequent meetings can be better for groups that do not always have new weekly business to discuss.

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Inside Column

Like father, like daughter

I think it was when I was around 16 that I realized what 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 too 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 and not me. Somehow, though, amidst my gaps, hiccups and another 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 — my dad wrapped me in a huge hug, and to my great surprise, he told me not just one, but many similar stories from when he was in high school.

In hearing these stories from my dad, I realized how similar we were in just about every aspect of our personalities. Physically, we are opposites, my dad being 6-foot-2 and gray-haired, and I only 5-foot-2 and blond. But, in our quirks, we are nearly identical. Things I thought were purely creations of my own — like writing a script every time I have to call 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 best. 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 I want, but there is one person who will never fail to make my tough exterior melt — my dad.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Julie Bender at jbender@nd.edu

Corrections

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In Brief

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

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

Notre Dame professors Daniel Lindley, George Lopez, Gary Masapollo, and Martha Merritt will discuss U.S. involvement in Iraq at the panel "Iraq: What Now? Should the U.S. withdraw the course, or engage more deeply?" today from 4:15 to 5:30 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium.

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

CNN journalist Margaret Carbon 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 Philbin Studio Theater of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu.
Students discuss Identity Forum

By KELLY MEEHAN

Board of Governance members discussed the recent Saint Mary’s Identity Forum, which focused on diversity at the College, and the T-shirt sold to students during Pride Week in September.

Board members said some students found the T-shirt to be sexist and racist. Additionally, some students believe the T-shirt inappropriately stereotyped the College.

“I feel it is important for us to have honest discussion about the T-shirts, recognizing that there are a lot of opinions out there,” women’s issues commissioner Katie Kelly said.

Student body president Sarah Catherine White apologized for not being able to attend the discussion and said she looked forward to attending future identity forums.

Katie Kelly, the primary organizer of the forum, said she would like to hear feedback from the audience regarding what they liked and disliked about it. Many board members commented on the fact that it was important to continue this campus-wide dialogue and find ways to get those who did not attend the forum to attend future forums.

The board also discussed the forum’s length. Last week it lasted only one hour due to a fire drill that occurred in LeMans Hall. Some felt this was not enough time and that not everyone had a chance to voice their opinion. It was also noted that there were no opinions made regarding the definition of a Saint Mary’s woman.

“People need to be reasonable. We cannot solve anything in one hour,” student body vice president Mary Pauline Moran said.

Kelly said she hoped to hold another identity forum sometime before Thanksgiving and also intends to create a committee to focus on discussion questions and the agenda of the forums.

“There are life long issues we will face both in and out of college,” student body vice president Mary Pauline Moran said.

In other BOG news:
- Adriana Pante, the new president of the Student Diversity Board, said she intended to focus on increased accessibility for the disabled around campus. SDB also plans to contribute to the discussion of campus diversity by conducting a survey to see what specific issues are on students’ minds. The Board will also be hosting a Nov. 18 diversity forum.
- The Student Activities Board will host a showing of “Shrek 2” at 7 p.m. in Carroll Auditorium.
- Mission commissioner Mary Beth Swyart said the second Service Sunday occurred Sunday and had a turnout of about 25 students.

The service Sunday was well attended and some students noted that it was a ballsy but necessary step forward. The President noted that there were some students who felt no progress was made regarding the definition of a Saint Mary’s woman.

“We have great discussions at the Identity Forum,” student body president Sarah Catherine White said.

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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 cre­ated the program board for unifying the student groups to develop a comprehensive, all-inclusive calendar.

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perception was 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 any suspicious activities, Hurley said.

NDSP was dispatched to the dorm at 7:44 p.m. Hurley said, after the first witness alerted resident 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 - obscene messages and the words "I.U. Bloomington" were found scrawled on shower stalls, doors and students' personal whiteboards, Hurley said Sunday morning, the intruder incident happened — Sunday night.

"It's not like it's the first time something like [seeing a suspicious person on campus] has happened," sophomore Cara Burditt 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 Burditt. "I don't think it's a very big deal - a lot of people saw him and he looked like he didn't hurt anyone," she said. "I think everyone is watching for [problems] but there's no huge disruption here.

Several Pasquerilla West resident assistants declined to comment.

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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 core vocabulary. Emphasis is placed on the application of these principles in everyday situations. 110 101: T H 11:00-12:15 Sarah McKibben. IRLL 102:02, MWF 10:40-11:30, Peter McQuillan. IRLL 101:01, T H 12:30-1:45 Brian O'Connor.

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English

Introduction to English Writers. IRST 371:01. MWF, 11:45-12:35. Christopher Fox. The small island of Ireland has produced a disproportionate number of great writers, including Jonathan Swift, Maria Edgeworth, 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 English writers from Ireland, the United Kingdom and the English-speaking world.

Anglo-Irish Literature: Cultured Misrule, Dissolute Lords and Rebel Countesses. IRST 372E:01. MWF, 11:55-12:45. Jane Wyant. This class will examine the role of the Anglo-Irish in the political and literary culture of Ireland from the Act of Union (1800) to the last decades of the 20th Century. The Irish Gothic from the Union to The Troubles. IRST 372C:01. MWF, 11:45-12:35. Jane Wyant. This class will examine how Irish literature has been influenced by events in Irish history, especially the Troubles and the political conflict in Ireland. The class will examine the work of Jonathan Swift and the development of Irish literature from the 18th century to the present.

Reading "Ulysses" IRST 475:01. T H 12:30-1:45. Maud Elbiman. 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 portrait of the Artist as a Young Man.

Irish Film and Culture. IRST 476 T H 11:00-12:15. Course Req. IRST 197B. Luke Gibbons. This course will examine some of the dominant images of Ireland in film and literature, and will explore how these images differ from Irish history and society.

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 Theatre movement and the political and ideological development of Irish independence that was taking place at the same time.

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

Anthropology/Culture

Irish and American Dance. IRST 228-81. MWF, 3:30-4:45. 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 tap shoes will be taught, depending on the ability of the students.

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About the American Presidency

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

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 — 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 Brazilian embassy or another diplomatic resi­dence in Bogota, according to the government proposal.

Arafat’s lieutenant travels to Paris
CLICHY, France — Palestinian leader, Yasser Arafat, who is critically ill, rushed to Paris yesterday to check on the critically ill Yasser Arafat, but hospital officials said the visit was restricted — setting the stage for a dramatic showdown between the Palestinian Authority and al-Arafat’s rivals.

Early Monday, Suha Arafat accused the leader­ship — including top lieutenants Ahmed Qurieh and Mahmoud Abbas — of coming to the French capital with the sole intention of removing her husband’s role as head of the Palestinian Authority.

“I tell you they are trying to bury Abu Ammar alive,” she shouted, using Arafat’s nom de guerre, in a furious telephone call with Al­Jazeera television from the 75-year-old Arafat’s bedside in a hospital southwest of Paris.

The mangled remains of the two-engine Piper plane vanished before any hostages, including three Americans, posed swap of jailed rebels for guerrilla-held prisoners — a demand the FARC, insisted President Alvaro Uribe grant the PRF, a Colombian government proposal to hold discussions on a prisoner swap — a demand the government already has rejected.

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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.

Iraqi 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 before elections set for January. He also announced a round-the-clock curfew in Fallujah and another near­by insurgent stronghold, Ramadi, Iraq forces seized an apartment building.

U.S. Marines of the 1st Division take position on the outskirts of Fallujah. These troops are among some 15,000 U.S. troops encircling the Sunni Muslim city.

The numbers are expected to grow as a final showdown with the insurgents who are believed to be mainstays of the insurgency.

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

Earlier Monday, U.S. and Iraqi forces seized two bridges over the Euphrates River and a hospital on a highway to Fallujah’s western edge that they said was under insurgents’ control. A team of Marines entered north­ern Fallujah and seized an apartment build­ing.

U.S. commanders have not 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. Casesy said that some insurgents managed to slip away, but others “have moved in.”

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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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"Law and Obligation"

Stephen Perry
Fiorello LaGuardia Professor of Law and Professor of Philosophy
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purs, 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 stronger in diversity to better promote it at Notre Dame.

"We’re really in the research stage before we begin talking of anything of that nature," Siegfried senior James Leito said. "Getting information for this task force is becoming increasingly difficult."

Welsh Family rector Candace Carson shared her proposed changes to CLC’s bylaws, which involved mainly minor changes to details, names and wording. "A lot of the changes were cosmetic," she said.

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Microsoft resolves antitrust claims

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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 payout it intends to file an antitrust lawsuit against Microsoft this week over damage a decade ago to its once-popular WordPerfect business 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.

Microsoft previously spent $2.4 billion settling antitrust and other claims by AOL Time Warner Inc. and Sun Microsystems Inc., both significant supporters of the European case. But even billions in payments won’t put more than a dent in Microsoft’s staggering cash reserves of about $44 billion.

Novell said the $356 million agreement resolves antitrust claims involving the Netware operating system for connecting computers across networks, which competes with Microsoft’s Windows software. Joseph A. LaSala Jr., Novell’s general counsel, called it a significant settlement. The company’s shareholder meeting was set for Tuesday.

Microsoft, one of the most widely held securities, predicted Monday in financial disclosure documents that it still could face up to $950 million in exposure for remaining antitrust claims, including the court cases expected or already filed by Novell and RealNetworks Inc.

Microsoft restated its first-quarter financial results to reflect Monday’s announcements, adjusting net income down to $2.53 billion and earnings per share to 23 cents. Novell’s net income for its latest quarter was $14 million.

Novell said it will allege in its upcoming antitrust lawsuit that Microsoft acted illegally during the mid-1990s when its office business software eclipsed the popularity of Novell’s WordPerfect word-processing program. The WordPerfect lawsuit will seek unspecified damages and will be based partly on facts proven in court during the U.S. government’s antitrust case against Microsoft, LaSala said.

“We have had discussions with Microsoft to resolve our differences, but despite our best efforts, we were unable to agree on acceptable terms,” LaSala said. “We intend to pursue our claims aggressively toward a goal of recovering fair and considerable value for the harm caused to Novell’s business.”

Microsoft’s general counsel, Brad Smith, said his company was ready for that court fight.

New drug to be first sold by race

NEW ORLEANS — A two-drug combination to pull 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 a specific racial group.

Black cardiologists hailed this form of racial profiling after years in the 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.

Heart failure affects 5 million Americans, but blacks are 2 to 3 times more likely to develop it. It happens when the heart is too weak to pump effectively, causing fluid to back up in the lungs and leaving people weak and short of breath. Half die within five years of diagnosis.

Early researchers suggested that standard heart failure drugs called ACE inhibitors do not work as well in blacks, and that blacks may have lower amounts of nitric oxide, which plays many roles in heart health, in their blood.

Two chemicals — isosorbide dinitrate and hydralazine — boost this substance, but administering the right dose is complicated when they are prescribed separately.
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The wisdom of middle America

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 right wing would come after you with the F-Bomb and kill me, but it definitely involves evil and moon lasers. Vice President Dick Cheney and Republican National Committee Chair Ed Gillespie are simply robots controlled by giant oil devouring space 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 "muhahahah" 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 fearful bigots 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 and probably new to the regular campaign round. I promise, I will be brief on the much debated issue of war in Iraq. On this issue, John Ashcroft has alleged that Bush lied to the American people. Addressing this issue, I'd like to quote 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 than Sen. John Kerry from March 29, 2001. I don't need to elaborate on what an obvious hypocrisy his anti-war rhetoric is. During the Democratic primaries made him look a year later. This, and the consideration that Bush's 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 six-party talks. Iran is being pressed into giving up its nuclear program, and Saddam Hussein is behind bars. On the short end of the stick, we've angered a lot of left-leaning Europeans, regular watchers of Al-Jazeera, an anti-semitic United Nations and Hollywood.

If international relations were a popular contest instead of a complex balance of power in an anarchical 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 regulations in an ever-competitive global economy. The United States faces large developing competitors in India, 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, another measure would quite clearly implement in a small European country's economy. Bush made the right choice in protecting the American worker, despite the gripes of corporate liberals.

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 bona fide the automation of today's factories cry out of what evil the telegraph did to the well-paid employees of the Pony Express? Today, this logic manifests itself in blaming "big corporations" for human inequalities that we create through the dawm of the human.

Eventually, varying degrees of state socialism becomes the one size fits all policy prescription of liberals that latches the free-market. Other popular myths must be debunked as well. Social Security will be reformed so 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 reform that may be apotizing 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 again, that the conservative movement simply makes more sense for America. After all, it also makes much more sense for elected legislators to enact law before activist liberal Supreme Court judges. In doing so, as conservatives we do not wish to harm anybody. It's just that 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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Wake up the echoes, yer, Notre Dame

What is happening at the premier Catholic university in this land? Has liberalism come knocking at our alma mater? You would think it was a national day of mourning after President George W. Bush's re-election from reading the woe-is-me (and our country) Viewpoint leeters. 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 rest. If you watch the NCAA football games, Hollywood Left wants America to believe.

Second, it 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 life. This is a coward's stance. As Catholics we owe no apologies for our beliefs on this issue of abortion. Only that peculiar hardcore on both sides keeps careful track of what is really necessary. It is telling that moral values mattered was the one delivered this past Tuesday by the electorate. A message was clear. Morality, marriage (between a man and a woman) and family values is what most Americans overwhelming favored. Bush and the Republicans by and large share these same values.

Do you really believe that the underlying message is true. The only poll that is really necessary. It is telling that moral values mattered was the one delivered this past Tuesday by the electorate. A message was clear. Morality, marriage (between a man and a woman) and family values is what most Americans overwhelmingly favored. Bush and the Republicans by and large share these same values.

What brings me 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 calling to protect the unborn. Sen. John 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. Sadly Notre Dame — students, professors and yes, administration officials — are succumbing to secular ideology. I read many Viewpoint articles that seem to be out of touch with or critical of Catholic teaching. Being a Catholic in today's world is not easy. We are often ridiculed for holding beliefs that are not accepted by pop culture. Jesus as much told his followers — from Jesus' time to the present — when he said to them blessed are those who are rebuked, insulted and ridiculed for taking up my cross and following in my ways. For the Kingdom of Heaven is hard to enter.

As the Notre Dame family, and brothers and sisters of Christ, we need to ask ourselves: Are we helping to carry Jesus' cross on the road to salvation, or are we conveniently turning our backs to it, watching as it fades away?

Orlando Rubio
alumnae
class of '87
Nov. 8

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 lost hope for our country." I feel that this language ("us progressives") is an oversimplification 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 betterment 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 in 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 all listening.

Nicole Shadrill
Nov. 8

The number of young people getting plastic surgery is increasing. In fact, many young college age are also going under the knife. Since 1992, the number of cosmetic procedures performed on patients under 18 or 19 years of age has 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 a reasonable 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 disfigured 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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Nov. 8

True signs of progressiveness

Think twice before cosmetic surgery

I'm tempted to write another column conducting a long, involved post-mortem on the election. But in this point, most people already have their opinions solidly established, and I don't want to intrude on the results, and most everything that can be said already has been. We Republicans are off and running with our winnings and Democrats are off licking their wounds and trying to regroup.

So, I'll just come out and say I've found a little bit of John Kerry interest in myself. I'm a flip-flopper. Or maybe just a flip-flipper.

Nothing frustrates my fiancé more than knowing for 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 light-heartedly say, "Hey, I was just getting interested in that" — and reluctantly, 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 approximately half the stations in existence carry some sort of football game, even if it is a game along the lines of Dartmouth versus Cornell. Of course, when I'm watching the games, as soon as the third-and-long or a merci...
**Movie Reviews**

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

By BECCA SAUNDERS
Assistant Sports Editor

Many people know little more about Ray Charles beyond a vague picture of a blind musician 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 most 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, heroine addict and player. All these things come to life in the film "Ray," a biographical journey of Charles’ life. The film does not hold much or attempt to plow through the life of a famous musicians life but pretty or even very nice. "Ray" goes into the heartfelt story of his life, focusing a greater part of the film on his heroin addiction and consistent philandering. The film elicits anger, then love, and then compassion from the audience as they watch Charles 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, most based 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 the 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 terrific, 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 threw his head back while he’s playing passionately, Foxx mastered it all. Foxx actually played 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 playing the role. However, he was not around much during the actual filming of "Ray."

Foxx’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 Fox while Fox 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

In Zach Braff, star of TV’s “Scrubs,” “Garden State” is a first stab at writing and directing a feature film. This may seem like a risky leap to some, but after seeing the quality of the result you’ll have an enormous amount of respect and an unexpected admiration for 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 feeding film that might get them noticed, and smiling through clenched teeth as they assure everyone back home in Anywheres 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 Vietnamese waiter. His best role to date is the retarded quarterback who may not have led his high school team to victory but taught him a lesson about courage. And his Anywheres 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 who has him almost numb 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 in years. He’s sent off to boarding school 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; as it is soaked through with Braff’s heavy performance by Foxx. Although Charles recently died, he did see the film before his death and spent time with Fox while Fox was preparing to

Andrew Largeman (Zach Braff) and his love interest, Sam (Natalie Portman), take a ride together in the romantic comedy "Garden State."
Piggy’s "The Incredibles" is a visually stunning parody of, and homage to, the serial live-action cinema genre. Like all Pixar films, however, it doesn’t let its outstanding computer animation overshadow a character-driven plot that pulses with high-perfect rhythm and life. In the hands of the very talented filmakers behind "Incredibles" are such story elements as "The Iron Giant" and some episodes of "The Simpsons." "The Incredibles" becomes a quick-paced adventure that is witty, entertaining and filled with laughter.

The plot concerns a superhero, Mr. Incredible (voiced by Craig T. Nelson), and his semiretired partner, Frozone (Spencer Fox) and his sometimes-invisible daughter Violet (Sarah Vowell). The order of their superhero mission is that they are forced into civilian life and government protection by numerous lawsuits filed against them. The only other real relationship he has is a semi-steady relationship with Julie (Marisa Tomei), who ignores the fact, initially, that he cheats on her, but initially ignores the fact, because of her great affection for him. Eventually, Alfie successfully drives both Julie (Marisa Tomei, Omar Epps, Spencer Fox and his sometimes-invisible daughter Violet (Sarah Vowell), become involved.

This is the first Pixar film to be rated PG rather than G, which accounts for its middle-aged Mr. Incredible is lured out of retirement by a most secret mission which allows him to be a superhero again. Eventually, his entire superpowered family, which includes Dash (Jack-Jack’s Dash (Jack-Jack), and his sometimes-invisible daughter, Violet (Sarah Vowell), become involved.

"The Incredibles" has fast-paced and more visually-centric than previous Pixar features. While the animation initially seems less lush than in their previous film "Finding Nemo," a good portion of it takes place on a beautifully-animat- ed "Jurassic Park"-esque island complete with volcanic and waterfalls. The animation style switches between gritty comic-book style and colorful, childlike animation, which further enhances the film’s superhero plot. The editing is faster and more robust than most animated films and several extremely-well-executed action sequences throughout the film’s length keeps it from dragging.

The voice-acting is excellent, with Alfie hitting the perfect blend of classic heroism, world-worn experience and blind enthusiasm. Other stand-outs include Jason Lee (Dogma, Almost Famous), who finds an appropriately crazed tone as the madman antagonist, and Holly Hunter as Elastigirl. Samuel L. Jackson, as the superhero best-friend Frozone, and Elizabeth Pena, as the mysterious Mirage, are both reduced to archetypes, which is unusual for a Pixar film, but the acting is good enough that it does not become a distraction. Jackson attacks his relatively small role with the enthusiasm that has become associated with the character. Homages and parodies abound and "The Incredibles" has great fun with this; it is obvious that the filmmakers have a deep understanding and love of old superhero-heroes. The dangers of wearing capes are discussed, non-super-prone villains acknowledge their own long-windedness, and the conceit that a mere eye-covering protects secret identities is referenced; all of these clever allusions are presented with a knowing wink to the audience.

Bird has made a wonderful and winning film that not only matches, but also exceeds his earlier animated effort. Despite a few minor quibbles, his feature succeeds on nearly every level. As for Pixar, they’ve raised their winning streak to 6-0 and, with "The Incredibles," have delivered one of the most fun, engaging and consistently enjoyable pictures to come out of Hollywood since its own "Finding Nemo." While in the long run, Pixar may not have made a movie as enduring (or enduringly popular) as "Toy Story" or "Finding Nemo," they’ve still once-again proven their nigh-macular ability to provide top-notch animation, story and enter-

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‘Incredibles’ provides Pixar with another winner

By BRIAN DOXTADER (Scen Critic)

The Incredibles

Director: Brad Bird
Writer: Elaine Pope and Charles Shyer
Starring: Craig T. Nelson, Holly Hunter, Samuel L. Jackson, and Marisa Tomei

In "Alfie," Jude Law plays a confident womanizer who learns the hard way about the dangers of his actions.

Alfie (Jude Law) romances Nikki (Sienna Miller) in "Alfie." Law plays a confident womanizer who learns the hard way about the dangers of his actions.
Crosby and Bay earn Rookie of the Year honors

Irish qualify for nationals in water polo

Notre Dame falls to Grand Valley State in tournament final

**MLB**

NEW YORK — Oakland Athletics shortstop Bobby Crosby was just a vote shy of being an unanimous pick for AL Rookie of the Year. And that being a unanimous pick "would have been nice."

"I think it's sweet either way," he said. "But the first Pittsburgh player and first native Canadian to win the NL award, got 25 of 32 first-place votes and 146 points. San Diego shortstop Khalil Greene received seven first-place votes, 24 seconds and one third for 108 points, and Padres reliever Heath Bell received 23 points. Pittsburgh had been the only pre-expansion team without a rookie, with four seniors. First baseman Donn Clendenon (1962), second baseman Johnny Ray (1982), pitcher Mike Dunne (1987) and outfielder-first base man Orlando Merced (1991),

Bay, traded by Montreal in 2001, the New York Mets in 2002 and San Diego in 2003, was surprised that the Pirates, Detroit and Chicago were surprised that the Pirates, Dayton, Detroit and Chicago were not surprised that the Pirates, Dayton, Detroit and Chicago were.

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Crosby received 27 of 28 first-place votes for AL Rookie of the Year. With continued scoring and tough defense the Irish eventually rolled to a dominating 24-9 victory. Leading the conference, this game proved to be a finish with numerous lead changes in the first half. The Irish squad eventually found itself down 7-4 to the Lakers late in the third period. After calling a timeout and regrouping, the team turned up the scoring and playing tenacious defense, led by outstanding play between the pipes from goalie Scott Tagwergler. The Irish held the Toledo Lakers down, slowly crawled back into the game. With 45 seconds left in regulation, the Irish had possession of the ball and were deadlocked at 9-9. After running the clock down to 4 seconds with a rebounded shot, Shepheard fired a shot for the go-ahead goal that narrowly missed the net. After a quick five-on-five out, the Lakers immediately fired a shot from the free pass that bounced off the crossbar into a group of Irish and Lakers players. A struggle for the ball ended with the ball in the hands of a wide-open Grand Valley player. In a controversial finish, the Lakers player shot and scored as time expired. Video footage apparently showed that the goal was scored after regulation, but the referees did not overturn the goal.

The award went to Irish second baseman Johnny Dunne (1982), who signed with Baltimore.

Tasty toppings for nationals in water polo

Weaver leads Irish to 24-9 victory over Toughcats

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Bobby Crosby won the AL Rookie of the Year award Monday afternoon after hitting 22 home runs and knocking in 44 runs for the A's.

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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 ruled out of Sunday’s loss to the Chicago Bears. The 12-year veteran reached out with his arm to reach out with his arm to try to 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 Washington 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

Priest Holmes has strained ligaments in his right knee and might not be able to play next Sunday at New Orleans.

The star running back left Sunday’s loss to Tampa Bay in the third quarter. His injury was first said to be a bruised knee, but the team learned Monday that Holmes has a strained MCL.

"The extent of the strain will only be known after a period of days," coach Dick Vermeil said. "We’ll go ahead and prepare as if he’s not going to be there."

Vermeil added that Holmes will be evaluated each day and might not be able to play next Sunday in Kansas City’s 34-31 loss to the Buccaneers before leaving after a 13-yard run around left end.

The news about linebacker Shawn Barber’s knee injury was worse. Vermeil said Barber could be out the rest of the year and he’ll be examined this week by a specialist in Birmingham.

“We’ll know more later,” Vermeil said, adding that it was “very possible” the seven-year veteran would not return this season.

Leftwich to miss 2 weeks

Jaguars quarterback Byron Leftwich probably will miss two games with a sprained left knee. Leftwich was re-evaluated Monday, and doctors determined there was no need for surgery. But he will remain in a brace and on crutches this week.

Backup David Garrard will make his second career start Sunday against Detroit.

Leftwich, who has completed 64.8 percent of his passes for 1,891 yards and nine touchdowns, sprained the lateral collateral ligament in his left knee Oct. 31 at Houston. Jacksonville had a bye Sunday.

"I’m trying to give you the most realistic picture, which is that he could return for Minnesota," Del Rio said. "He is young and he’s a fast healer. If he’s feeling great, there’s a chance he would play 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 22-17 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 offensive coordinator Bill 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 also expects to practice this week and play Sunday at Tennessee. Krenzel’s ribs were hurting at halftime 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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In Brief

NFL extends TV agreements through 2011

NEW YORK — The NFL agreed Monday to $8 billion in contract extensions with Fox and CBS to televisé 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 $1.72 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 still is in talks for the prime-time package. The exclusive negotiating period for ABC/ESPN extends for nearly another year.

The deals give the NFL 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 NFL 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 agent killed.

Danton, 24, said nothing as U.S. District Judge William Steihle imposed the sentence.

"I do not believe in over 18 years," Danton said before heading to Kansas, where he may be facing charges in the attempted murder case."
**MLB**

Martinez, Sosa and Johnson headline meetings

Associated Press

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. — Pedro Martinez, Sammy Sosa and Randy Johnson figured to attract plenty of attention once all 30 general managers got together 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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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 in winning the game can be attributed to our running game, which opened up a lot of options for us. This is the first time in four years that we've blown away Siegfried during a long drive, culminating in a 30-yard 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 on 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 into the end zone. The Ramblers stepped up, however, and blocked the extra point attempt.

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

In the second half, Siegfried's defense came 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.

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.

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 all of the great guys that are going to return. My compliments to Keenan on a great game," Hughes said.

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Capitalizing on three Chaos penalties and two passes down-field by Pangborn quarterback Katie Mooney, Trish Connolly caught a 10-yard off pass out of the backField for a touch-
down 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 peri-
dod, 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, retak-
ing 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 and 65 seconds left in regulation, Pangborn called a timeout to decide what play to run.

With the game on the line, Connolly took the ball on a draw and dashed towards the 20-yard-line, but Cavanaugh defender Liz Brennan tore Connolly'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 quarter-back keep-
ers, the clock ran out and Cavanaugh celebrated a hard-fought win.

Contributing to the winning effort with two touchdowns, Nokes was especially happy. "Some nights she defense is big," she said. "Other nights it's been the offense. But tonight it was everyone.

For Pangborn's Johnson, the loss was tough, but her team still played well. "To be ranked No. 10 at the beginning of the season and come this far is something to be proud of," she said.

Walsh 13, Welsh Family 6

A sign hanging outside Walsh Hall read, "Hey Welsh, there's no 'E' in stadium." Aside from the spelling, the Wild Women kept the stadium without an 'E,' literally speaking.

The Wild Women defeated the Welsh Family Whirlwinds 13-6 on Monday night at the Stepan Football Headquarters.

The teams played to a 6-6 first-half tie and remained deadlocked throughout most of the second half.

With three minutes left in regulation, the Wild Women put together the game-winning drive. The Walsh fans screamed, shook bells, jumped and did push-ups. From 30-
yards out, Walsh quarterback Mary Sullivan launched a 25-
yard pass that looked overthrown.

But freshman wide receiver Cigi Low made the catch — with her arms fully outstretched — to make the diving grab.

"Cigi made the most spectacular catch in girls interhall football history," Walsh coach Matt Schulte said.

Campbell also commented on the impressive play made by Low.

"She was fantastic," Campbell said.

The Wild Women then fin-
ished the drive with a five-yard touchdown pass from Sullivan to wide receiver Marie Brenner.

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

"We played pretty well," Walsh family captain Melissa Sands said. "It's the third year in a row that we've lost in the semi's. We were not disappoint-
ed with our season and we wish we could've won in the stadium, but we're happy with what we accomplished."

Campbell, the senior Walsh family 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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Young and Boston College, the energy level wasn't as high as it is needed to be. "We're just missing a couple of set-ups this year, but one thing we've always told ourselves, if they run a game like it's the big game, and there's no reason we can't do that no matter who we're playing, we can beat every team this year and we can dominate Pittsburgh like the Irish defensive end Kyle Budinscak said. "We said it before, and I can say it again, if we approach this game like we approached big games earlier this year, there's no reason we can't be very successful. 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 each of the last two seasons, but also still needed overtime to defeat Division 1- 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 defense would be overlooking this Pittsburg team, especially with a Thanksgiving week match up with No. 1 Tennessee.

"I wish I had an answer for that," Budinscak said. "We had a great win, we won that game, but focus on what they accomplished because it is a pivotal, pivotal game." Irish coach Tyrone Willingham spoke last week about becoming more consistent. The win Saturday confirmed Notre Dame's track record so far this season — being consistently inconsistent.

That's why it's not unreasonable to expect a close game. "You always have to be worried of a team that are just coming," Budinscak said. "Because of our track record this season, it's especially true. We have to come out and not think of this game any different as Tennessee.

Coming out and winning decisively as Curry, Budinscak and others said Monday, will show just maybe, with only one regular season game left, the Irish have found out what their problem is — because defensive end Justin Turk is tired talking about it. "We really have to have in our mind that it's the big game, and like it's the big game, and we're going to play as the competition.

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electronic scoring devices which indicates when a touch has been scored. "For different reasons, they decided to sharpen the actions," Bednarski said. "Simply, it's a much faster sport now in reaction time. Some kids have problems. It's like a preference for bigger, taller fencers. To reach that target they can reach earlier if you have a very long arm. It's easier. It affects especially some kids because they were afraid to make some actions."

Notre Dame will begin to alter its training immediately to correspond to the rule changes. Bednarski knows that the sooner the team decides the better, the sooner it has of gaining an advantage on the competition.

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Pittsburgh, Irish linebacker Derek Curry said. "To have where they were after the weekend match up with No. 1 AA Furman. Boston College's wins over top 10 teams. as the Irish — minus two Notre Dame Stadium on with Pittsburgh coming to the way we want to finish, it's going to be really important we play well this weekend.

"A lot of it comes down to how we are going to play. Actually a lot it has to do with kind of getting past what happened last weekend," Curry said. "We had a great win, we have to let go that game, but focus on what they accomplished because it is a pivotal, pivotal game." Irish coach Tyrone Willingham spoke last week about becoming more consistent. The win Saturday confirmed Notre Dame's track record so far this season — being consistently inconsistent.

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Celebrity Birthdays

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Horoscopes

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Happy Birthday: Don't let emotional or personal matters distract you from what you are trying to achieve. A serious approach to what you are doing will bring good results. Focus on what you do have control over. Your numbers are 5, 7, 14, 19, 26, 33

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 22): You have lots to look forward to. Your environment with interesting people will lead to a connection that will help you make good gains.****

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't be too anxious to throw and deal with people you don't know well. You are likely to misread the intentions of someone who is trying to present you the world just for offering something.****

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Focus on what you can do to make your next move work. You want help from others, but you are afraid to ask for help.****

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Today is your lucky day, so don't blow it. Financial gains can be made, but you will be tempted to spend frivolously. Don't neglect your health.****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Focus on what you can do to make your next move work. You have a creative imagination and can create in a colorful and entertaining manner. You are popular and respected among your peers.
INTERHALL PLAYOFFS

Stadium or bust

No. 1 Cavanaugh is set to face No. 3 Walsh in the finals

By KEN FOWLER AND TOM DOWKART
Sports Writers

Cavanaugh continues to roll this season as they head to the championship game this Sunday against Walsh. But Monday evening the Chaos barely hung on for an 18-13 victory against upstart Pangborn.

On their second possession, already down 6-0, the Phoxes decided to take a chance and go for a 4th-and-4 from their own 36-yard-line. That risk paid a handsome reward in the form of a 44 yard touchdown run for Brynn Johnson.

Unfortunately for Pangborn, Cavanaugh struck back immediately. Chaos star receiver Jenny Nokes caught her second touchdown pass, a 32-yard strike that tied the game at 12. For quarterback Lisa Ruffer, it was her second of three scoring passes on the night. She finished the game 7-for-17 with 150 yards combined on the ground and through the air.

After surrendering that score to Cavanaugh with less than two minutes remaining in the first half, the Phoxes battled to make the score 12-12 at halftime.

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By MATT LOZAR
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Ryan Grant breaks through a tackle against Tennessee during the third quarter Saturday in Notre Dame's 17-13 win.

Knott upsets Alumni to earn spot in finals against Keenan

By JOHN EVERETT AND KATE SERRAK
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Of the seven passes attempt ed by Alumni quarterbacks on Sunday, only one of them resulted in an incompletion. Unfortunately for the Dawgs, four of the remaining six ended up in the hands of Knott defenders.

Matt O'Connor, Trey Patrick, Jim Lynch and Mike Peters contributed one interception each in the Juggs 24-0 victory on Sunday.

"We were working hard and have been in great shape all season," Lynch said. "They began to throw them longer as the game went on and time began to run out."

The Knott defensive unit can also be credited with the amount of pressure they constantly placed upon Alumni's offense added Lynch.

In addition to the interceptions, the Juggs also got two sacks and a fumble recovery by Justen Cheers. Throughout the week, the Dogs struggled in finding ways to place the ball in the end zone in a clear illustration of Knott's defensive dominance.

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 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 finishers 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 Pfohre both placed tenth in their respective saber divisions.

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