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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.

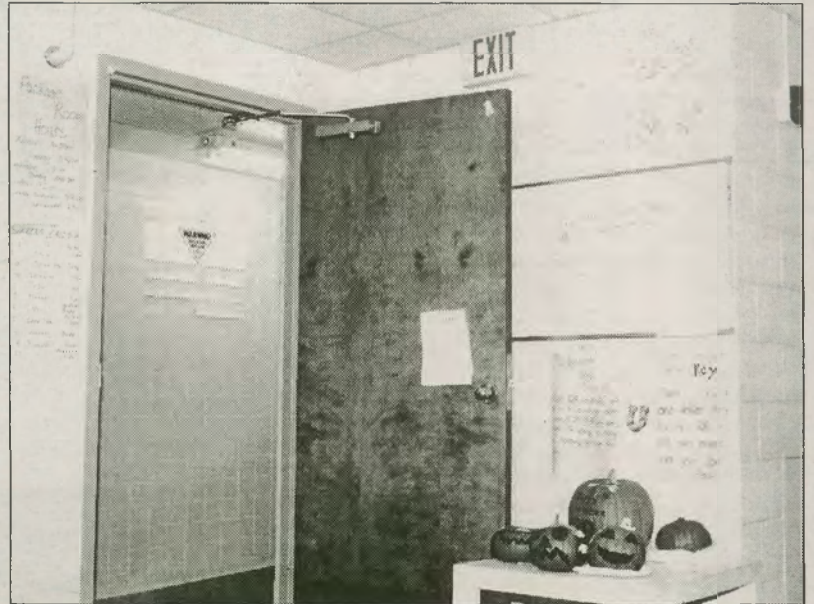
Because she was afraid to follow the man, the resident waited a few minutes before leaving the bathroom, Hurley said,

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 sus-

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JOANNA PAXTON/The Observer

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

SMC seniors cap off year with comp projects



KELLY HIGGINS/The Observer

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.

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

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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 Istvan 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 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 beneficial for groups that do not always have new weekly business to discuss.

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CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Members examine results of task forces

Students propose new campus lighting idea

By MADDIE 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 on 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

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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JOANNA PAXTON/The Observer

Dillon Hall rector Paul Doyle, left, listens as Cavanaugh senator Jordan Bongiovanni speaks at Monday's CLC meeting.

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.

Julie Bender

Scene Writer

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 gasps, 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 dark (now gray) haired, and me 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 boy on the phone — my dad had done years before. Even things like listening to "I Am A Rock" on repeat, is inherited from my dad. When he heard that song playing from my room, by instinct he knew something was wrong. He had listened 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 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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QUESTION OF THE DAY: How long until it snows in South Bend?



Brandon McGirr

junior
Keenan

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



Alison Dunleavy

freshman
Pasquerilla West

"Tomorrow because I want to make snow angels on the quad."



Christina Goodwin

junior
Pasquerilla East

"Hopefully before Christmas."



Murf Tiawphaibul

junior
Knott

"Who knows? It never snows here."



Rachel Manley

junior
Farley

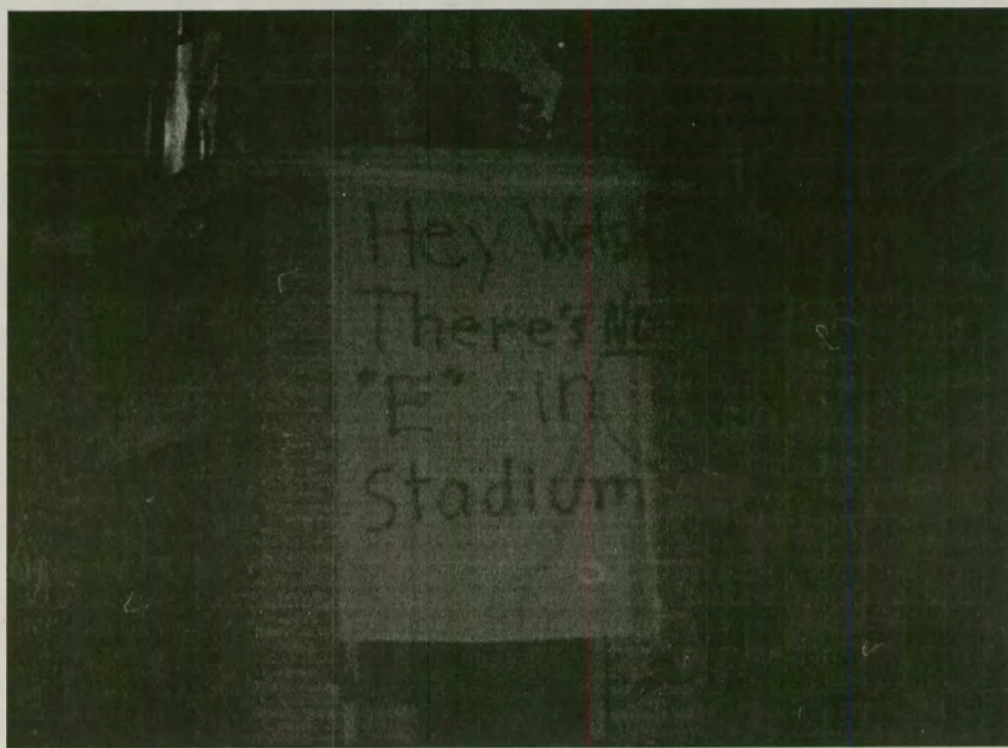
"Far too soon."



Will Kurtz

junior
Knott

"When God feels like it."



JOANNA PAXTON/The Observer

In preparation for their flag football game against Welsh Family Hall, students from Walsh Hall hung the above sign. After beating Welsh Family 13-6 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 buttery-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 bile-colored Green Bean Casserole to the sweet — but slightly sickly — Fruitcake Soda. Last year's Turkey & Gravy is also back on the menu.

Mobsters use laundry to send messages

ROME — Italy's anti-Mafia investigators have long battled money laundering. Now they're cracking down on jailed mobsters' dirty laundry.

Imprisoned Mafia boss Leonardo Vitale smuggled

messages out of prison in laundry given to visiting relatives so he could keep running extortion rackets targeting vintners in the countryside near Partinico, outside Palermo, prosecutors said Monday.

The revelation came as police arrested 24 people in connection with the extortion ring, including Vitale'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 Flanner 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 stay 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 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 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.

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BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Students discuss Identity Forum

By KELLY MEEHAN
News Writer

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.

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

"I feel that 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 that 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 some students felt no progress was 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.

"These are life long issues we will face both in and out of college. It helps us think further as student leaders," Sarah Catherine White said.

In other BOG news:

◆ Adriana Puente, 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. Swyart said she was pleased with the turnout and plans to hold another Service Sunday sometime in December.

◆ Junior class president Dan-ielle Lerner said the class formal will be Nov. 20. The class is also in the process of selling Junior Mom's weekend workbooks to fundraise for Junior Mom's weekend, which will be held in April.

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

Student Union Board manager Jimmy Flaherty credited the programming board for unifying the student groups to develop a comprehensive, all-inclusive calendar, but he acknowledged that SUB has failed to make the calendar widely available students.

"We have great discussions at the meetings. But then the information sits on a desk for a week, and does not get publicized around campus," Flaherty said. "Why can't we send that information forward to the students? A Web site would be a united push to achieve that."

Istvan accepted responsibility for delays in implementing a website 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 working on it," Istvan said.

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

Istvan also mentioned his own experiences with the constitution this year, noting he has not yet used the presidential committee, to which he is entitled. This committee would, in theory, organize and run events that bring speakers to campus and raise awareness about issues affecting students. 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 student group is spending.

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

"If you see a problem, we can present a constitutional amendment to the Senate," Istvan 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 held after the primary. Members decided the best plan would allow for voters to abstain, but would give the presidency to the candidate 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," Istvan said.

Hall Presidents Council co-chair Liz Cain 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 non-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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Intruder

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pect 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 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 "IU Bloomington" were found scrawled 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 Bruno said.

"[At first] a lot of students thought it was a random prank," she said. "You think it's someone being malicious — you don't think it's wholesale 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.

Recommending the same precautions, NDSP distributed an alert notice to all 27 residence halls Monday afternoon and sent a campus-wide e-mail Monday night.

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 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 it seemed 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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LIES MY TEACHER TOLD ME!

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

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

"God cannot change the past, but historians can."
-Samuel Butler

"History will be kind to me, for I intend to write it."
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Colin Farrell [as Jesse James] in 'American Outlaw'



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English

Introduction to Irish Writers. IRST 371A:01. MWF, 11:45-12:3. 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, Brien Friel and John McGahern. This class will introduce the student to a broad range of Irish writers in English from 18th century to the present.

Anglo-Irish Literature: Cultured Misrule, Dissolute Lords and Rebel Countesses. IRST 372E:01. MWF, 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.' IRST 379C:01. MWF, 11:45-12:35. James Wurtz. This class will examine how Irish literature uses ghosts, vampires, demons, and rebels to grapple with threats facing society, and engages with the historical unrest in 19th and 20th century Ireland.

Swift and the Arts. IRST 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 those art forms are reflected in his poetry and prose.

Reading "Ulysses" IRST 475B: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 Homer's Odyssey and 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 476L. Luke Gibbons. 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. Particular 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 Roddy Doyle will be discussed.

Graduate Courses

Irish Drama and Revolutionary Politics. ENGL 571 T H, 2:00-3:15. Susan Harris. This course investigates the relationship between the drama produced by the Abbey Theater movement during the first decades of the 20th century and the political struggle for Irish Independence that was taking place at the same time.

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

Gender and Writing. ENGL 575:01. T H, 12:30-1:45. Maud Ellmann. Graduate Course. This course focuses on the seventy years between 1871 (the publication of George Eliot's Middlemarch) and 1941 (the publication of Virginia Woolf's Between the Acts), a period of upheaval in gender relations that also witnessed the emergence of the modern professional woman writer.

Rethinking Race: Irishness, Whiteness and Post-colonialism. ENGL 577. W 7:30-9:00. Luke Gibbons. This seminar will discuss issues of race and representation in relation to Irish Literature and Culture. The threat presented by the Irish to colonial civility had less to do with visibility than with other components of racial theory, as the Celt, provided an ominous template for the concept of doomed races, and other modes of cultural contagion.

History

The Bandit and Outlaw in History IRST 322A:01 T H 3:30-4:45. Éamonn Ó Ciardha. 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 remained the focus of recent popular histories, Hollywood films and historical documentaries.

Irish History II. IRST 327B:01. MWF, 9:35-10:25. James Smyth. This course consists of lectures and readings examining Irish (mainly) political history and Anglo-Irish relations from the Act of Union (1801) up to and including 'The Troubles' and the Peace Process.

Medieval Ireland. IRST 435:01, T H 11:00-12:15. Aiden 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. IRST 228:01. MWF, 4:30-4:45. 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 show tap dances will be taught, depending on the ability of the students.

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 proposed swap of jailed rebels 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's embassy or another diplomatic mission in Bogota, according to the government proposal.

Arafat's lieutenants travel to Paris

CLAMART, France — Palestinian leaders rushed to Paris yesterday to check on the critically ill Yasser Arafat, but hospital officials said visiting rights were restricted — setting the stage for a dramatic showdown between the delegation and Arafat's wife.

Early Monday, Suha Arafat accused the leadership — including top lieutenants Ahmed Qureia and Mahmoud Abbas — of coming to the French capital with the sole intention of usurping 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 Al-Jazeera television from the 75-year-old Arafat's bedside in a hospital southwest of Paris.

NATIONAL NEWS

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 the Democrat also expounded on the soul-searching that has occupied his time since making his stunning, nationally televised resignation announcement three months ago.

"I am sorry that I have 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 two 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 Tyrone Scott.

Police said nobody on the ground was injured.

The roof of one house was completely burned away, and another house was damaged by fire. The mangled remains of the two-engine Piper Aztec plane rested on the ground across the street from one of the homes.

LOCAL NEWS

Convicted killer gets life in prison

INDIANAPOLIS — Child killer Walter Dye pleaded guilty to murder today and was sentenced to life in prison without parole.

Dye had been on death row for the July 22, 1996, killings of three Indianapolis children, but his conviction was overturned in 2001 because a juror failed to disclose that her brother was sentenced to death in California.

Deputy Prosecutor Ralph Staples said the plea agreement brings the case to a close without forcing further pain upon the victims.

"When it came down to it, our victim's family, Myrna Dye specifically, did not want to go through another trial," Staples said.

IRAQ

U.S. forces storm north Fallujah

Thousands of troops attack Sunni strongholds to put an end to guerrilla control

Associated Press

NEAR FALLUJAH — Thousands of U.S. troops, backed by armor and a stunning air barrage, attacked the toughest strongholds of Sunni insurgents in Fallujah yesterday, launching a long-awaited offensive aimed at putting an end to guerrilla control of the Sunni Muslim city.

After nightfall, U.S. troops advanced slowly on the northwestern Jolan neighborhood, a warren of alleyways where Sunni militant fighters have dug in. Artillery, tanks and warplanes pounded the district's northern edge, softening the defenses and attempting to set off any bombs and boobytraps before troops moved in.

At the same time, another force pushed into the northeastern Askari district, the first large-scale assault into the insurgent-held area of the city, the military said.

Orange explosions lit up the palm trees, minarets and dusty rooftops of Jolan, and a fire burned on the city's edge, said AP reporter Jim Krane, located at a U.S. camp near the city.

Some 5,000 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 operations, U.S. Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said.

The top U.S. commander in Iraq, Gen. George Casey, predicted a "major confrontation" on the streets of Fallujah in the operation he said was called "al-Fajr," 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 bom-



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.

bardment 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.

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, flexing 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."

Earlier Monday, U.S. and Iraqi forces seized two bridges over the Euphrates River 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

Associated Press

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 H. Rumsfeld said Monday.

"These 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 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 time," Rumsfeld said.

Some leaders of the insurgency probably slipped out of Fallujah before the fighting began, Myers said,

Seniors

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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 stronger in diversity to better promote it at Notre Dame.

"We're looking into making a more refined comparison of the schools around us,"

Bongiovanni said. "We're really in the research stage before we begin talking of anything of that nature."

Siegfried senator James Leito said the vending task force had been trying to find data regarding vending prices.

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."

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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IN BRIEF

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 still incomplete Blue Gene/L system was officially named the fastest in the world Monday by the Top500 project, an independent group of university computer scientists who release 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 can sustain 35.86 trillion calculations a second.

Blue Gene/L 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 negotiations said Friday.

The company and the state Attorney General's office, which filed the lawsuit, confirmed the settlement but would not disclose its terms.

The sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the money will be used to pay for programs to educate doctors, law enforcement and communities about the use, abuse and diversion of prescription drugs.

A McDowell County circuit judge approved the settlement Thursday before jury selection was scheduled to begin, Managing Deputy Attorney General Will Steele said Friday.

"We are pleased to put aside our differences and to begin a working partnership which will benefit all West Virginians," Purdue Pharma spokesman Tim Bannon said. "These funds and these programs will make a real difference in the lives of individuals and families confronted with the problem of prescription drug abuse."

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.

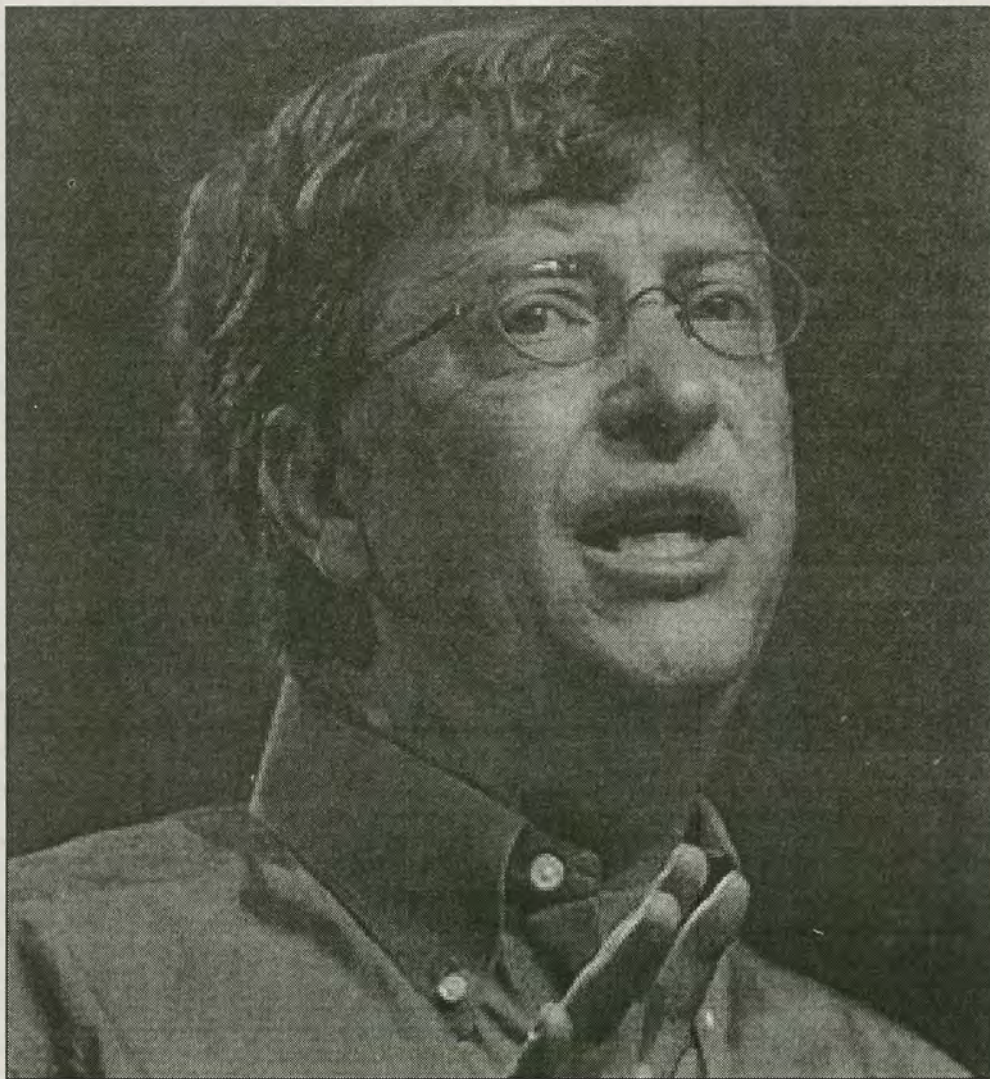
Novell, a bitter, decades-long rival of Microsoft, said despite the huge payoff it intends to file an antitrust lawsuit against Microsoft this week over damage a decade ago to its once-popular WordPerfect business software.

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 \$64.4 billion.

Novell said the \$536 million agreement resolves antitrust claims involving the Netware operating system for connecting computers across networks, which competes with Microsoft's dominant 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



Microsoft Corp., co-founded by Bill Gates cleared more legal challenges with rival Novell Inc. and a Washington-based trade organization.

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-process-

ing 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 extensive 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.

The Computer and Communications Industry Association, which has fought Microsoft vigorously on legal fronts for more than a decade, did not disclose the size of its payment. People familiar with the deal, speaking on condition of anonymity, said it was a fraction of the amount paid to Novell. The association said Microsoft will spend \$65,000 to become a member of the trade organization.

"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.

New drug to be first sold by race

Associated Press

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 a specific race.

Black cardiologists hailed this form of racial profiling after years in which minorities got short shrift 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.

Heart failure affects 5 million Americans, but blacks are 2 1/2

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.

Earlier research 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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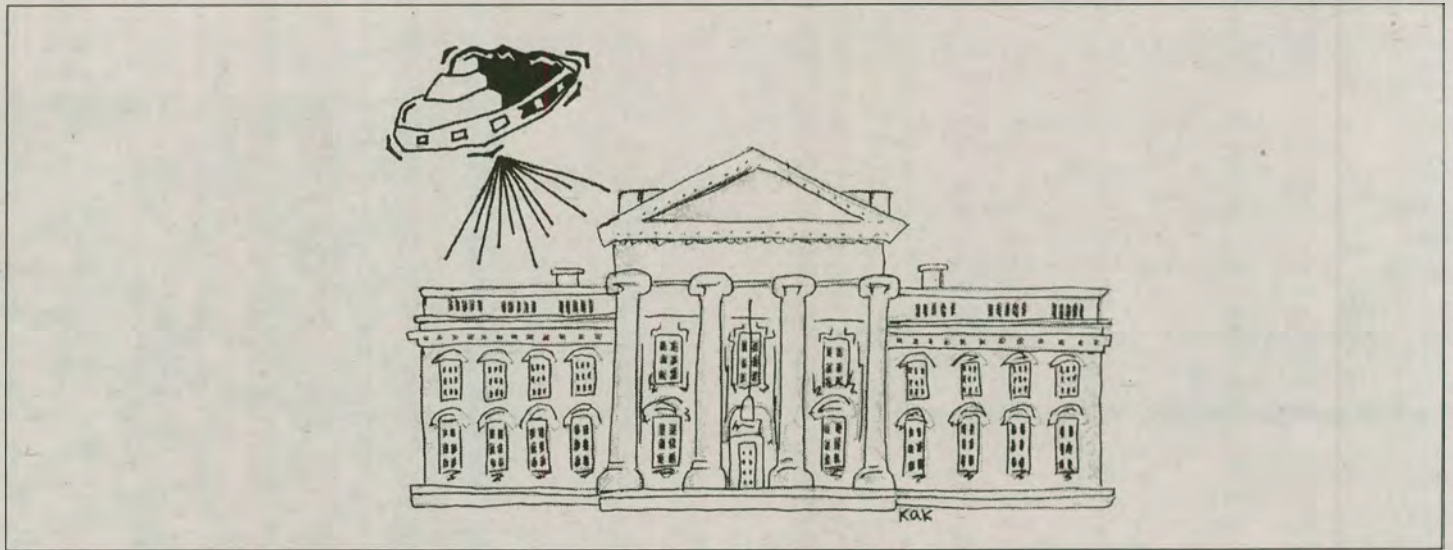
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The wisdom of middle America



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 vast right wing conspiracy would kill me, but it definitely involves evil and moon lasers. Vice President Dick Cheney and Republican National Committee Chairman 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 "muahahah" for effect)

Tom Rippinger

Confessions of a Campus Conservative

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 or follow the news regularly, I promise I will be brief on the much-debated issue of the war in Iraq. On this issue, the left has alleged that Bush lied to the American people. Addressing this issue, I'll give you a 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 19, 2003. I don't believe I need to elaborate what an obvious hypocrite his anti-war rhetoric 180 during the Democratic primaries made him look a year later. This, and the consideration that most of his 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 pressured 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 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, these measures would be quite easy to implement in a small European country's economy. Bush made the right choice in protecting the interests of the American worker, despite the gripes of liberal pundits.

I wholeheartedly admit that the conservative philosophy does place a primacy 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 to provide 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 Pony Express? Today, this logic manifests itself in blaming "big corporations" for human inequalities that have existed since the dawn of time. Eventually, varying degrees of state socialism becomes the one size fits all policy prescription of liberals that loathe 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 reforms that may be upsetting 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 United States must make itself the best place to do business to continue to be truly successful. To briefly address moral issues 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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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"What we call the beginning is often the end. And to make an end is to make a beginning. The end is where we start from."

T.S. Eliot
author

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wake up the echoes, er, Notre Dame

What is happening at the premiere Catholic university 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 woe-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 liberal media and 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 oppo-

site is true. The only poll that mattered was the one delivered this past Tuesday by the electorate. The message was clear. Morality, marriage (between a man and a woman) and family values is what most Americans overwhelming favor. Bush and the Republicans by and large share these same values.

Which 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 in heaven has the right to give life and to take it away. Bush, to his credit, did

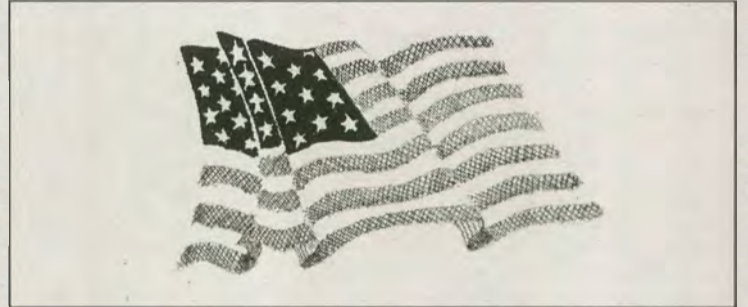
not succumb or waffle.

Sadly I see Notre Dame — students, professors and yes, administration officials — as 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 often are 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 will be yours.

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 Rubiano
 alumnus
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 Nov. 8

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 lost 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 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 listening.

Nicole Shirilla
 alumnae
 Nov. 8

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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 at this point, most people already have their opinions solidly established 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.

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

Nothing frustrates my fiance more than my fondness 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 lightly chastise me with, "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 there is even the hint of a commercial I'm off and running for the next game. Alissa 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 some other game for the commercial break, 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 missed it, and now I'm stuck watching SportsCenter highlights to find out what happened.

Today, it struck me how closely my football-viewing habits match the political interests of our nation by and large. People watch when things are exciting, when it's third-and-long, or when Ohio is waiting to be called, and then as soon as the touchdown is scored,

or the election is over, they lose interest. After that moment of ultimate joy or sadness, the game just isn't that entertaining 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 right and left, is made of these kinds of channel-surfing voters. Only that peculiar hardcore on both sides keeps careful track of the issues and the score during the whole game.

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 they've missed, no one will.

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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 18 or under 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 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 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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MOVIE REVIEWS

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, African-American man playing the piano with sunglasses on. At least that is all many think they know about Ray Charles.

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 playboy.

All these things come to life in the film "Ray," a biographical journey of Charles' life. The film does not hide much or attempt to make the famous musicians life look pretty or even very nice. "Ray" gets into the heavy muck of his life, focusing a great deal on his heroine 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, mostly focused on the death of his little brother that Ray himself witnessed, the film continues through Charles' life through the end of his heroine 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 throws 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



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Ray Charles (Jamie Foxx) performs in "Ray," the biographical account of the R&B legend. The film chronicles the trials and triumphs of the late singer.

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 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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Ray



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

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 and directing a feature film. This may seem like a hasty leap to some, but after seeing the quality of the result you're sure to join the rest of us in anxious anticipation of his next effort.

As if writing and directing wasn't enough, Braff chose to star as Andrew "Large" 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 drek that might get them noticed, and smiling through clenched teeth as they assure everyone back home 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 Vietnamese 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 tak-

ing the drugs prescribed by his psychologist father that have left 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 since he was 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

though, as 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? I just wanted to have an epileptic character in my movie without the pretense that she might have one," said Braff during a question and answer session at the London Film Festival.

One of the most enjoyable parts of "Garden State" is the soundtrack, which is composed of music hand-picked by Braff himself. When he was handing out copies of the screenplay to



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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."

studios, he included a mix CD with songs from bands like Coldplay, Simon & 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. Its 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" was 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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Garden State



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

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 entire superhero genre. Like all Pixar films, however, it doesn't let its outstanding computer animation overshadow a character-driven plot that pulses with nigh-perfect rhythm and life. In the hands of director Brad Bird, whose previous credits include "The Iron Giant" and some episodes of "The Simpsons," "The Incredibles" becomes a quick-paced adventure that is witty, entertaining and funny.

The plot concerns a superhero, Mr. Incredible (voiced by Craig T. Nelson), and his wife Elastigirl (voiced by Holly Hunter), who are forced into civilian life and government protection by numerous lawsuits filed against costumed heroes. A middle-aged Mr. Incredible is lured out of retirement by a private, top-secret mission which allows him to be a superhero again. Eventually, his entire super-powered family, which includes his Flash-like son Dash (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 slightly more adult-oriented themes. The film essentially deals with a character as he deals with a mid-life crisis, a thematic

element that will likely be above younger audiences. It is also a surprisingly elitist film, in which a central recurrence seems to be that not all people are created equal and that society should accept and embrace excellence. In a true sign of its success as a family film, however, "The Incredibles" is entertaining enough that deeper interpretations will probably be lost on children and better appreciated by adults. In fact, most viewers (of all ages) will be so engaged in the film that such concerns will likely be nullified as the audience becomes caught up in the film's story. Surprisingly, the plot does not drag despite a nearly two-hour running time, an impressive feat for an animated feature.

"The Incredibles" is faster-paced and more visually-kinetic 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-animated "Jurassic Park"-esque island complete with volcano and waterfall. The animation style switches between gritty comic-book style

pulpiness and colorful richness seamlessly, which further enhances the film's superhero plot. The editing is faster and more robust than most animated features and several extremely-well executed action sequences throughout the film's length keeps it from dragging.

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



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The colorful members of the Incredibles family prepares to battle the odds with their superpowers in "The Incredibles," the new animated film from Pixar.

The Incredibles



Director: Brad Bird
Writer: Brad Bird
Starring: Craig T. Nelson, Holly Hunter, Samuel L. Jackson and Jason Lee

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 actor.

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 superheroes. The dangers of wearing capes are discussed, monologue-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 its nigh-miraculous ability to provide top-notch animation, story and enter-

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'Alfie' not as charming on closer inspection

By EMILY IAROCCI
Scene Critic

With a cast including such Hollywood greats as Jude Law, Marisa Tomei, Omar Epps, Nia Long and Susan Sarandon, how could a movie possibly be anything but outstanding? The greatly anticipated remake of "Alfie" has finally arrived and despite its amazing cast, it fails to meet its lofty expectations.

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 in the previews. Most of the actual comedy within the film was found only in the beginning. The rest of the movie is the depiction of a man whose casual lifestyle is falling to 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, there is really no turning 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 obvious within his friendships because he really only has one friend, Marlon (Omar Epps). 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.

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, and Marlon away by failing to take their feelings into

account, when his sexual appetite is involved.

One by one throughout the movie all his relationships (some old and some new) and other parts of his personal life begin to crumble and most fall apart completely. As his life falls to pieces, Alfie has absolutely no one to turn to, no one to comfort him, or advise him. The ending does not resolve anything, we are left hanging, but not in the kind of way that is indicative of the fact that there will be a sequel. The ending is not satisfying, leaving viewers with a feel-



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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.

ing of confusion and maybe even dejection.

Although the movie did not meet expectations, especially given its normally stellar cast, a second viewing may provide a different response. This movie isn't the light-hearted fare with the predictable happy ending. Viewers will probably enjoy it more if they don't approach it expecting solely the comic interludes between a philanderer and

his involvement with numerous women, but rather a much more serious movie. Above all things, this is not a romantic comedy, as the trailers and previews would suggest it to be.

Overall, "Alfie" was decent, but certainly not a movie to write home about. It's worth seeing, but definitely not one of the better movies I've seen recently.

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MLB

Crosby and Bay earn Rookie of the Year honors

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Oakland Athletics shortstop Bobby Crosby was just a vote shy of being a unanimous pick for AL Rookie of the Year, and Pittsburgh Pirates outfielder Jason Bay easily won the NL award Monday.

Crosby received 27 of 28 first-place votes in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America for 138 points. Chicago White Sox closer Shingo Takatsu received the other first-place vote and finished second with 44 points, followed by Baltimore pitcher Daniel Cabrera with 29 points.

Crosby, the son of former major league infielder Ed Crosby, said it was nerve-racking waiting for the announcement and that being a unanimous pick "would have been nice."

"I think it's sweet either way," he said.

Bay, 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 Akinori Otsuka was next with 23 points.

Pittsburgh had been the only pre-expansion team without a rookie of the year, with four players finishing second: first baseman Donn Clendenon (1962), second baseman Johnny Ray (1982), pitcher Mike Dunne (1987) and outfielder-first baseman 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,

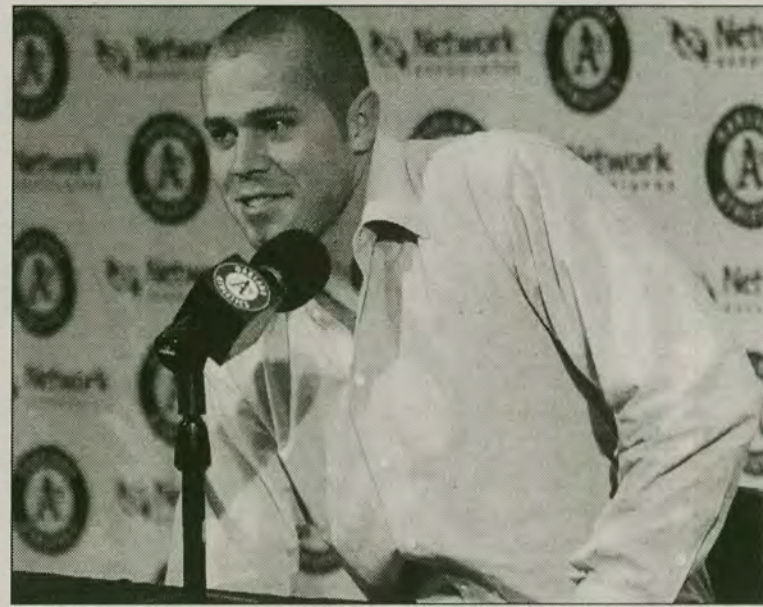
whose rookies have included Roberto Clemente, Willie Stargell and Barry Bonds, never had a winner.

"It means the world to me," he said. "You walk into the locker room and you see all those jerseys hanging up, it's kind of amazing it never happened."

Bay got married in Seattle on Saturday to his college girlfriend, Kristen. He was trying to sleep late Monday when he got the call.

"November 2004, especially in a two-day span, is something I'll never forget," he said.

Crosby, 24, took over Oakland's shortstop job from 2002 AL MVP Miguel Tejada, who signed with Baltimore. Crosby hit .239 with 22 homers and 64 RBIs, his average the lowest for a non-pitcher given the award.



Bobby Crosby won the AL Rookie of the Year award Monday after hitting 22 home runs and knocking in 64 runs for the A's.

RECSPORTS

Irish qualify 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 on 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 Spittler and Mike Grow, juniors Ryan Downey and Greg Szewczyk and sophomore Steve Shepard.

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 15-5. The underclassmen on the squad helped propel the team to victory over the Rockets as sophomores Jon Kelly and Shepard, 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. 5-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 late 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 fired-up Notre Dame squad 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, Shepard fired a shot for the

go-ahead goal that narrowly missed. After calling a timeout, 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 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. 8 overall in an eleven school field at the Area East Elimination Regatta at Holland, Mich. The A division crew of Chris May, Amy Becker, and Bryan Marek placed ninth overall in eleven races, while the B division crew of Tim Ray, Kerry

Lalbourn and Kat Subloff finished third.

Overall composite rankings found Michigan, Miami of Ohio, Michigan State, Ohio University, Indiana, Ohio State and Purdue finishing in order ahead of the Irish, with Western Michigan, host Hope College and Denison completing the field.

Men's Rowing

The Notre Dame men's rowing club finished its season on a high note this Saturday in a regatta against the University of Dayton and the University of Cincinnati in West Carrollton, Ohio.

In the 4,000 meter competition the men's varsity A boat took second place with a time of 12:09 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 13:41 in the A boat and a 14:09 in the B boat. The University of Dayton novice 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 tough 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 squash club 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.

Sophomore James Zhang was the Irish sole victor, earning a hard fought 3-2 number one match. Freshman Mike Gelinis and captain Sereeparp Anantavraslip both lost close 3-2 decisions at numbers two and three. It was Gelinis' first loss in four matches this season. Sophomores Phil Moss, Mike McConnell and Greg Caso dropped 3-0 matches at four through six respectively.

The two schools will play again in January at the Big Ten Squash Championships hosted by Northwestern.

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NFL

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 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 was "a little better" Monday.

The 31-year-old Holmes leads the NFL with 892 yards rushing and 90 points despite being dogged much of the season with nagging injuries.

He underwent hip surgery following the 2002 season and bounced back, scoring a league-record 27 touchdowns in 2003. He scored his 14th touchdown 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, Ala.

"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 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 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 28-20 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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5	Illinois	Delaware State
6	Syracuse	Northern Colorado
7	Oklahoma State	Northwestern State
8	Connecticut	Buffalo
9	Kentucky	Coppin State
10	Arizona	San Diego
11	Duke	Tennessee Martin
12	Mississippi St.	Fairfield
13	Michigan State	Florida A&M
14	Louisville	BYU-Hawaii
15	Maryland	Jackson State
16	Texas	Texas State
17	Pittsburgh	Howard
18	Alabama	Western Carolina
19	N.C. State	New Orleans
20	NOTRE DAME	Harvard
21	Wisconsin	Pennsylvania
22	Washington	Seattle Pacific
23	Florida	Jacksonville
24	Memphis	Savannah State
25	Gonzaga	Portland State

NFL

AFC East

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
New England	7-1	.875	208	146
N.Y. Jets	6-2	.750	185	138
Buffalo	3-5	.375	137	137
Miami	1-8	.111	123	186

AFC North

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	7-1	.875	197	137
Baltimore	5-3	.625	154	113
Cincinnati	3-5	.375	152	169
Cleveland	3-5	.375	160	174

AFC South

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
Jacksonville	5-3	.625	128	146
Indianapolis	5-3	.625	249	206
Houston	4-4	.500	171	174
Tennessee	3-5	.375	151	178

AFC West

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
Denver	6-3	.625	199	154
San Diego	6-3	.571	262	173
Kansas City	3-5	.500	237	211
Oakland	3-6	.375	165	247

NFC East

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
Philadelphia	7-1	.875	189	104
N.Y. Giants	5-3	.625	172	113
Dallas	3-5	.375	141	177
Washington	3-5	.333	115	123

NFC North

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
Minnesota	5-3	.714	211	162
Detroit	4-4	.500	137	141
Green Bay	3-5	.500	206	203
Chicago	3-5	.375	108	133

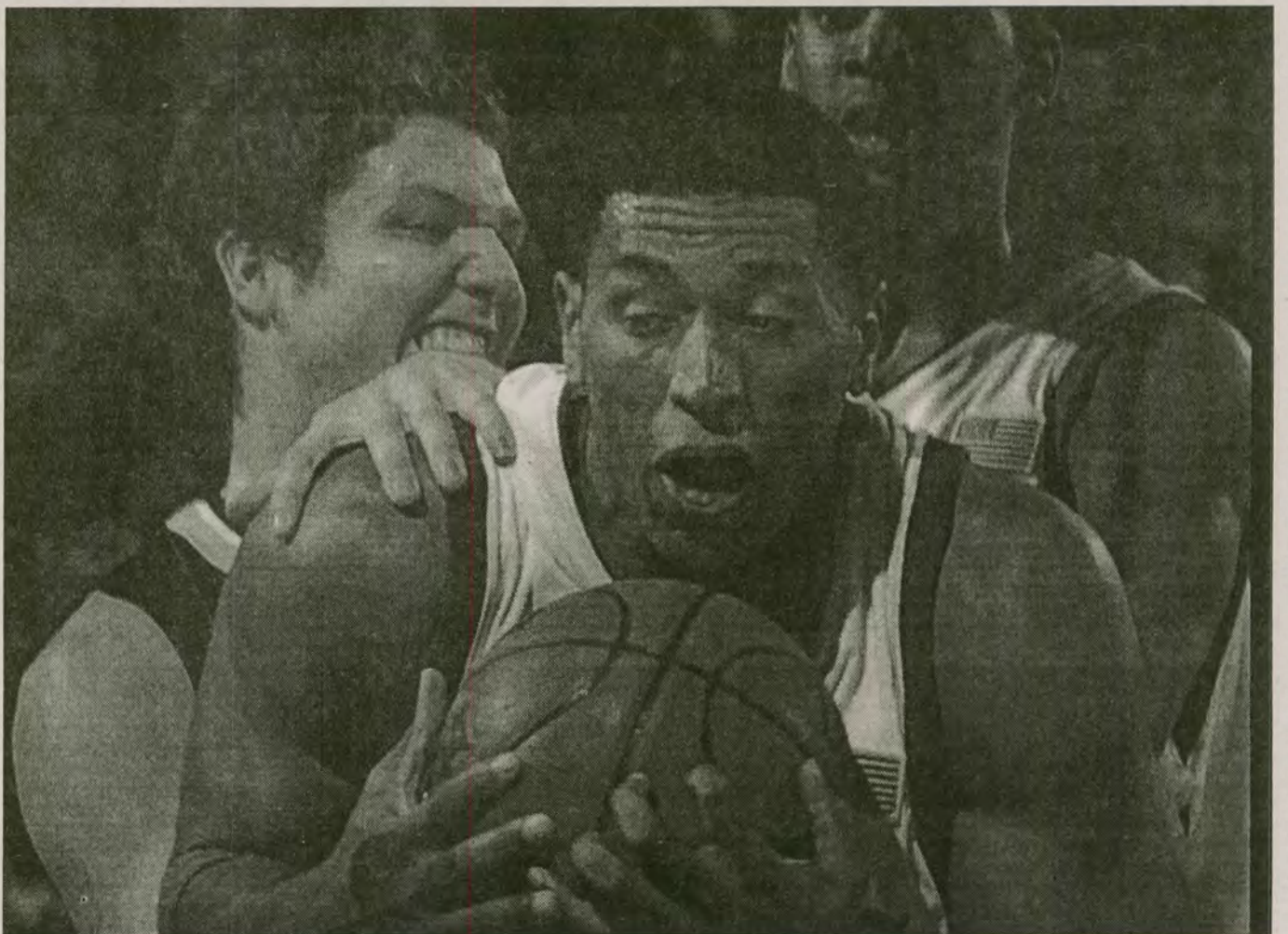
NFC South

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
Atlanta	6-2	.750	170	170
New Orleans	3-5	.375	171	234
Tampa Bay	3-5	.375	143	155
Carolina	1-7	.125	124	185

NFC West

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
Seattle	5-3	.624	194	145
St. Louis	4-4	.500	180	205
Arizona	3-5	.375	150	165
San Francisco	1-7	.125	145	224

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL



Kansas Jayhawks center Wayne Simien fights for the ball in a recent exhibition game against Emporia State. The Jayhawks are ranked No. 1 in the preseason AP poll.

Jayhawks top preseason basketball poll

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 1,697 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 veterans understand they've got to go play. It's nice, but it means nothing in the big scheme of things," second-year 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 Saint 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 nanosecond to worry about it," Demon Deacons coach Skip Prosser said, referring to the lofty 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

NFL extends TV agreements through 2011

NEW YORK — The NFL 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 still is in talks for the prime-time packages. 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 Stiehl imposed the sentence.

"I don't believe in over 18 years on the bench I have been faced with a case as bizarre as this one," Stiehl said, noting that Danton chose a 19-year-old acquaintance and a police dispatcher as his would-be helpers in the murder plot.

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.

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 defenseman 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 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.

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MLB

Martinez, Sosa and Johnson headline meetings

Associated Press

KEY BISCAVAYNE, 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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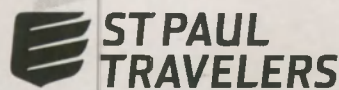
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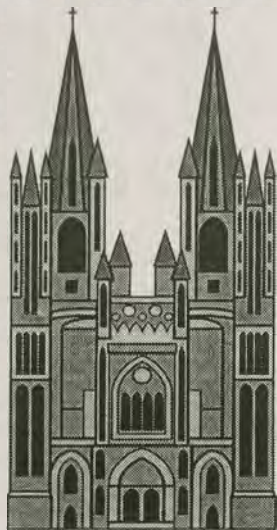
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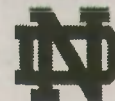
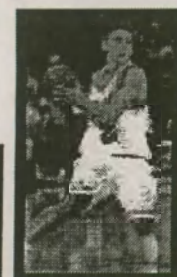


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the Dawgs wound up with negative total yardage on offense for the entire game.

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

On their second drive the Juggs extended their lead 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 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 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 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.

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 other options for us. This is the first



JUSTIN RICE/The Observer

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.

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 go 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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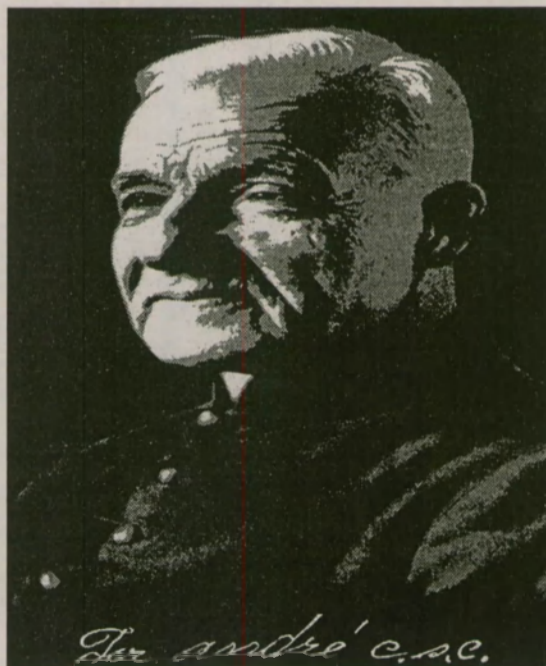
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Cavanaugh quarterback Lisa Ruffer runs down field in the team's 18-13 victory over Pangborn on Monday night.

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back again.

Capitalizing on three Chaos penalties and two passes downfield 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, retaking 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, Conneely took the ball on a draw and dashed towards the 20-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.

Contributing to the winning effort with two touchdowns, Nokes was especially happy. "Some nights the 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 fields in a semifinal match-up.

"We were pumped," Walsh senior captain Carrie Campbell said. "We had some huge plays. We had awesome fans here. The dorm was alive before the game and the field was alive. Our fans were great."

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 finished 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 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 semi's. 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 Walsh 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 needed to be.

"We've had a couple of setbacks this year, but one thing we've always told ourselves, if we approach every 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 in this country and we can dominate people," 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 overtime, but also 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 would be overlooking this Pittsburgh team, especially with a Thanksgiving weekend match up with No. 1 USC looming.

But they know doing that will send them right back to where they were after the loss to Boston College.

"You can't overlook Pittsburgh. Our focus is more on Pittsburgh than any other team on the schedule right now, even USC. We know we play them, we know they are No. 1, but our main focus is Pittsburgh," Irish linebacker Derek Curry said. "To have the type of ending we want to

have to this season and finish the way we want to finish, it's going to be really important we play well this weekend."

Not overlooking Pittsburgh means the Irish can't dwell on what they accomplished Saturday in Knoxville. Doing that will shift the focus from what it needs to be — staying focused on this week's opponent.

"A lot of it comes down to how hard 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 we won that game, but focus on Pittsburgh because it is a pivotal, pivotal

"A lot of it comes down to how hard we are going to play."

Derek Curry
Irish linebacker

game." Irish coach Tyrone Willingham spoke last week about becoming more consis-

tent. The win Saturday confirmed Notre Dame's track record so far this season — being consistently inconsistent.

That's why on Saturday it's not unreasonable to expect a close game.

"You always have to be worried of a letdown," Budinscak said. "Because of our track record this season, it's especially true. We have to come out and not think of this as 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 Tuck is tired talking about it.

"I wish I had an answer for [the inconsistency]," he said.

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electronic scoring devices which indicate 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 the target they can reach earlier if you have a very long arm, it's easier. It affects mentally 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 his team adjusts the better chance it has of gaining an advantage on the competition.

"Now we have to jump and start training with new timing. Those who are more experienced like Zagunis, they very quickly adapt-

ed to the new standard."

However, Bednarski is not blind to the fact that the Irish will need more than just Zagunis if the team hopes to compete for the national title. Due to the team-oriented nature of collegiate fencing, she can only score one point for her team, just like every other fencer.

"We need to have [at least] 12 good fencers," Bednarski said. "One person doesn't change the position of the team. It's not like basketball when one leader can change the result. Here the number of points for each member of the team is limited. If you win your bouts 5-0 it doesn't count for others." Nevertheless, he does feel that her experience as a top Olympic fencer can still be of great value to the squad as a whole.

"The most important thing is that a fencer like Zagunis is giving an example because she is a hard worker," Bednarski said. "It's the example and the role of the leader is important."

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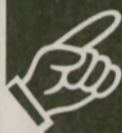
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INTERHALL PLAYOFFS

Stadium or bust

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

By KEN FOWLER AND TOM DORWART
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 190 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

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Above, Keenan receiver Reed Langton runs past Keough defenders on Oct. 3. At left, Walsh celebrates its victory over Welsh Family on Monday night.

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Knott upsets Alumni to earn spot in finals against Keenan

By JOHN EVERETT AND KATE SERYAK
Sports Writers

Of the seven passes attempted 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 entire contest, Alumni struggled in finding ways to place the ball in the end zone. In a clear illustration of Knott's defensive dominance,

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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 finishers at the competition. Sophomore Amy Orlando placed eighth in women's epee

while freshman Greg Howard finished ninth in men's foil. Sophomores Matt Stearns and Valerie Providenza 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

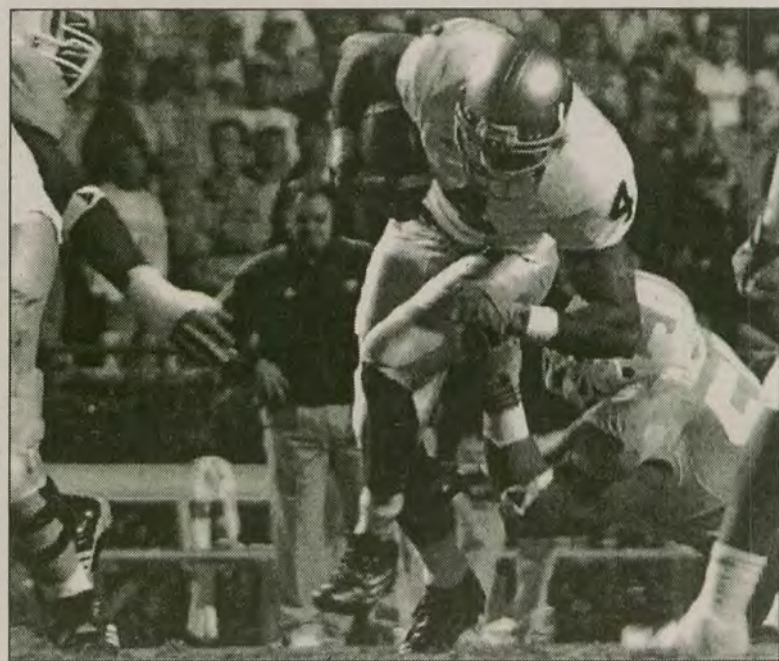
By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

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 was at season-highs.

In the losses to Brigham



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

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

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Free agents are the main topic of discussion at the General Manager's Annual meetings.

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COLLEGE BBALL

Kansas earns the No. 1 ranking in the men's preseason college basketball AP poll for the first time since 1956.

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NHL

Ray Bourque enters the Hockey Hall of Fame on Monday with Paul Coffey and Larry Murphy.

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NFL

New York Giants defensive end Michael Strahan is out for the season with a torn chest muscle.

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MLB

Oakland's Bobby Crosby and Pittsburgh's Jason Bay win rookie of the year honors.

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CLUB SPORTS

The No. 11 men's water polo team qualified for the national tournament held at Notre Dame in two weeks.

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