By MIKE CONNOLLY
News Writer

The four officers of Campus Alliance for Rape Eliminate (CARE) will send College President Marinoni Eldred a letter today responding to her request for an apology from the officers for their role in a reading of "The Vagina Monologues" on Feb. 19.

The response will not be an apology of a traditionally understood definition. Rather than "expressing regret for a fault or insult (Webster's New World Dictionary)" the response will be an apology as understood by the Greeks — "a formal defense of some idea or doctrine (Website)," according to CARE officer Emily Koelsch.

"We are responding to Dr. Eldred's request with a defense of our role regarding 'The Vagina Monologues' at Saint Mary's College," the letter will say.

The letter will be delivered, as requested, to the Office of the President by 4 p.m.

Koelsch

The controversy concerning the actions of the four CARE officers stems from their participation in a public reading of the "Monologues." On Jan. 18, the CARE officers wrote a letter to the Board of Trustees that stated: "The college has decided that it will not support a performance of 'The Vagina Monologues' this year, and out of respect for this college, we will abide by that decision." Eldred claims in a letter to the officers on Wednesday that their participation in the public reading constituted "overt support.

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Excerpt from student response

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Frischkorn said, adding later the letter was written only from the officers, not on behalf of CARE.

"We didn't feel comfortable speaking on behalf of the whole group," Frischkorn said. "They [all CARE members] weren't involved in the dialogue with the administration."

The officers were aware of their leadership positions during negotiations with the administration, however.

"The four of us were making decisions for CARE in our leadership capacity," Koelsch said.

"It's really the four of us making decisions for CARE," Frischkorn said. Although they now claim they did not write the Board of Trustees letter on behalf of CARE, Koelsch said in an interview Wednesday that the Board of Trustees letter promised that CARE would not sponsor the play.

"We were very careful with our semantics saying that CARE would not sponsor it," Koelsch said.

Koelsch would not comment as to whether or not the authors of the Board of Trustees letter should be understood in the same context as the authors of today's response.

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Iraqi citizens protest U.S. sanction. The U.S. intends to use the sanctions as a check on chemical and biological weapons, but critics of the sanctions claim that the recent actions harm citizens as opposed to protecting their interests.
INSIDE COLUMN

The madness begins

There are many wonderful things about Notre Dame. Among them are the Dome, the Grotto, the Notre Dame Family and Siegfried tailgates. Currently, though, the best thing about our University is its decision to schedule spring break to coincide with the first week of March Madness. It’s the only time of the year that Gotta-be-watching basketball. It’s the reason why I was on vacation in Mars during the basketball season. Predicting their loss kept me quite satisfied until Selection Saturday arrived.

With no class to attend, the entire week of March Madness is as good as a vacation to me. It’s like being on a vacation with all the excitement of a season in brackets. I was satisfied. I researched all teams, checked home and road records and evaluated injury reports. I considered how teams would match up with each other and gauged team motivation. And I thought about intangibles, gut instinct, and vacation.

Then I went to work. After 10 hours and 39 minutes filling out my brackets, I was satisfied. I researched all teams, checked home and road records and evaluated injury reports. I considered how teams would match up with each other and gauged team motivation. And I thought about intangibles, gut feelings, and my belief that more often than not a No. 10 seed will beat a No. 7 seed. My women’s brackets took less time. Upsets aren’t as frequent and it’s easy to pick Notre Dame, Connecticut and Tennessee to go straight to the final four. Among them are the Dome, the Grotto, Notre Dame, Brandeis and the University of Oregon.

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After last year I thought I had it all figured out. It was easier to pick teams before the NCAA tournament. But once the tournament began, it was all over for me. I’d been on a vacation and I wasn’t ready. I didn’t know who to pick or even what to expect. This year, I researched all teams, checked home and road records and evaluated injury reports. I considered how teams would match up with each other and gauged team motivation. And I thought about intangibles, gut feelings, and my belief that more often than not a No. 10 seed will beat a No. 7 seed. My women’s brackets took less time.

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This WEEK in ND/SMC HISTORY

Fire destroys Regina room

Wednesday, March 8, 1972

Oil from a popcorn machine ignited in the popper and gutted a fourth floor room in Regina Hall. The resident of room 404 attempted to extinguish the fire by throwing the popper into her sink, but only succeeded in extending the flames to a set of towels hanging nearby. The room’s bed, ceiling and walls were destroyed, but the resident’s clothes were saved and the rest of the dorm was not damaged.

OUTSIDE THE DOME

OSU professor gets 51 months for child porn

Alcohol committee stresses immorality

Monday, March 5, 1984

“Drunkenness is immoral. Period.” That, says Alcohol Committee Chairman Father William Beauchamp, was the basis of the committee’s decision on 1985’s alcohol policy. According to Beauchamp, the main problem on campus is that “drunkenness is recognized as acceptable conduct by our students. Students should be confronted about drunkenness because it is not accepted in society.”

INDIANA UNIVERSITY

Knight to sue president, trustees

BLOOMINGTON, Ind.

Former men’s basketball coach Bob Knight filed a class action last week saying that he intends to sue IU President Myles Brandi and the IU board of trustees, citing damages of more than $7 million. A tort claim notice, filed against the university on Nov. 13, 2000, alleged that the president committed fraud by not allowing the university to allow the university to extend the president’s contract.

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SMC demos registration system

By MOLLY McVOY
Saint Mary’s Editor

Saint Mary's students will now use the Internet for a large part of the class registration process. This spring, students will use the new Banner system to pre-register for all of their non-major level classes. "This system gives students flexibility. They don't even have to leave their rooms," said Lorraine Kitchner, Saint Mary's Registrar. The College's registrar who spearheaded the system. "They don't even have to leave their rooms." The Banner system has been in place since the fall and has been used for inter-class communication, access to grades and posting assignments. Registration has been previously accomplished by meeting with workers in the registrar's office. With a list of desired classes, the workers pre-registered the students for classes and provided the students with a preliminary schedule. Now, the students will directly sign up for non-major classes through the Banner system. "There will be slots of times to register in Banner, probably about 10 hours long," Kitchner said. "The times will be spread out and there will be times at the end of the day if you can't fit in your desired time." The system was tested on members of the student academic council. Results were mainly positive and the feedback was very helpful, according to Kitchner. "SCM seemed to really like it," Kitchner said. "They gave me very good suggestions of how to get it out to the students." Presently, only students at the home campus will use the system. In the future, the College hopes to expand the system to allow students living abroad to take advantage of the system. It is unlikely that incoming freshmen will use the system, but it may be a possibility. "I don't think the freshman office is quite ready for incoming freshmen to use this," Kitchner said.

The Banner system is scheduled to roll out to all students at the end of the day Friday, March 9.

Observer appoints new General Board

By NELLIE WILLIAMS
Ireland Correspondent

The Observer announces its 2001-2002 General Board which will begin its term March 19. The General Board comprises the Editorial Board and the Operations Board of The Observer. The General Board must approve all changes to the Observer charter and elects the editor in chief.

The Editorial Board consists of the editor of each section of the paper. Jason McFarley, a sophomore from O'Neill Hall, has been named the next News Editor. McFarley joined The Observer in the spring of 2000 and has served as Assistant News Editor this year.

Noah Amstadter, a junior from Keough Hall, has been promoted from Interim Sports Editor to Sports Editor. Amstadter has been a member of the sports staff since his freshman year and has covered a wide range of athletic events. Most recently Amstadter has covered the women's basketball while serving as Assistant Sports Editor. Pat McElwee, a sophomore from St. Ed's Hall, is the new Viewpoint Editor. McElwee assisted with the management of the opinions and editorials of The Observer as an Associate Viewpoint Editor this year.

Peter Richardson, a junior who lives in Castle Point, has been promoted from News Photo Editor to Photo Editor. Amanda Greco, a sophomore at Holy Cross, will continue in her role as Scene Editor.

Myra McGriff, a junior from LeMans Hall, will succeed to the position of Saint Mary's Editor. McGriff has worked in the news department this spring. The Operations Board consists of the heads of each business department at The Observer. Kimberly Springer, a junior from Lewis Hall, has been promoted from Interim Advertising Manager to Advertising Manager. Adam Turner, a junior from Dillon Hall, will continue in his role as Web Administrator for the 2001-2002 school year.

Kevin Ryan, a freshman from Morrissey, has been hired as the new Controller of The Observer.

The new General Board will assume their positions after Spring Break.

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Institute and the Fourth

as factual information and material, knowing that you find scientific literacy in the classroom, to continue to research methods of teaching which could increase interest and learning among students. Carnegie Scholars, 20 students enrolled in both Bender’s Class in Genetics and Whitmore’s Theology class will participate in discussions on topics related to genetics which will involve the social connections to advances in science.

Both professors plan to incorporate the strategies that they have developed into their teaching to better prepare students for further study in the subject. They will work with the other 28 members of the Carnegie Scholars Class of 1999-2000 over the summer in order to continue their research.

Marketing professor Gregory Gundlach has been appointed by University of Notre Dame Provost Nathan Hatch to the newly created Established University Professorship, Sr., Chair in the Mendoza College of Business.

The endowed professorship was funded by a grant of $1 million from the late John W. Berry, Sr., a Dayton, Ohio, businessman and philanthropist who served for 25 years on the advisory council of Notre Dame’s business college.

"Greg is an outstanding scholar whose work has been recognized by the highest authorities in marketing. He has visited us in the past, and we are very excited to have him here in this new capacity," said John E. Reif, provost and executive vice president for academic affairs.

Gundlach has provided expert testimony on the subject on several occasions before the U.S. Senate Committee on Small Business. He was an expert witness last year for the plain-tiff in an antitrust trial that resulted in a $1.05-billion verdict against the nation’s largest snuff tobacco company for using slotting fees, which are payments made to retailers to keep their products on the shelves.

Gundlach earned his bachelor’s degree from the University of Pennsylvania in marketing, law, and business administration, and his doctorate degree from the University of Texas.

John Berry was a Dartmouth College graduate who retired in 1987 after a 41-year career at L.M. Berry & Company, a firm founded by his father, Loren Berry, and a leader in the Yellow Pages sales and publishing industry.

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 Accused terrorist pleads guilty: An accused terrorist pleaded guilty Thursday that he would allow women to serve aboard submarines, making all of Canada's military open to females. Vice Adm. Greg Maddison said the decision was made because the navy's new Victoria-class submarines offer more privacy than the previous, smaller vessels.

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‘Dennis the Menace’ celebrates 50th birthday

Associated Press

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. — A little freckle-faced boy leans out from the back seat of a vintage car and taunts a policeman as his parents wait apprehensively for the traffic ticket. The caption reads: "You didn't catch us! We ran outta gas!!"

It was March 12, 1951 — America's first glimpse of the blond, towheaded tornado known as "Dennis the Menace." Still "five-and-a-half" years of publication Monday.

The cartoon still runs in 1,000 newspapers, 48 countries and 19 languages, and "the only thing that has changed is the toys," creator Henry "Hank" Ketcham said as he recalled a lifetime of cartooning in an interview at his home studio.

Even now, Ketcham is surprised that his work is so popular. Other cartoonists also marvel at the loyalty of his readers.

"If Dennis the Menace fell out of his swing and went into a coma the world would probably stop," said Brian Walker, who writes "Hi and Lois" with his brother, Greg. "It just shows how much these characters are part of these people's lives."

Ketcham credits Dennis' innocence for the strip's longevity.

"It doesn't have any answers but a lot of questions and a lot of energy and you've got a lot of loyalty and a little bit of mischief in him, too, but that's the way kids wouldn't have," Ketcham said.

Being a "menace" also is key, said Jim Davis, creator of "Garfield." "If Dennis were a perfect little boy, he wouldn't have lasted."

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While Dennis stayed in the suburbs, playing with Ruff the dog, his friends Joey and Margaret, and of course the crotchety neighbor Mr. Wilson, Ketcham traveled the world. For nearly 20 years, he kept the strip going while living in Geneva, Switzerland.

How did he stay in touch with American culture among the Swiss Alps? "I'm a former kid, you see, and I have that great memory," said Ketcham, wearing black-rimmed glasses. "I had a Sears Roebuck catalogue, which I kept over there, and I have a great team of writers which kept supplying me with stuff."

Ketcham and Dennis' mother, Alice, separated and she died soon after in 1959 from a drug overdose. Ketcham took the then 12-year-old to Switzerland, but when the boy struggled with his studies there, he was sent to boarding school in Connecticut. Ketcham and his second wife, Jo Anne Stevens, remained in Europe.

Dennis went on to serve a 16-month tour of duty in Vietnam and returned suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder. He has little contact with his father today (and has been estranged from his own daughter). Still, he's kept "Dennis the Menace" books, dolls and other cartoon paraphernalia displayed at his house.

"He's living in the East somewhere doing his own thing," Ketcham said. "That's just a chapter that was a short one that closed, which unfortunately happens in some families."

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School explosion kills 42

Parents: children were forced to make fireworks

Associated Press

It should have been just their classroom. Instead, it became their grave.
Children who died when their school exploded in southeast China were forced to make fireworks in class, their parents said Thursday. The father of an 11-year-old victim said he was among the first to arrive at the scene and saw dead children in the rubble still clutching fuses in their hands.

State media said 42 people were killed and 27 injured. Parents gave figures of between 53 and more than 60—four of them teachers, the rest children. Many bodies were dismembered. Parts of one boy were found in a nearby river, said the father of a 9-year-old who died.

Chinese Premier Zhu Rongji blamed a man with mental problems for Tuesday’s explosion, which reduced the school to a pile of bricks.

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Zhang Chenggen, father of an 11-year-old victim, said children were rushing to complete orders for China’s traditional grave-sweeping festival on April 3, when families honor deceased relatives. "Everybody knows it is caused by the fireworks," Zhang said by telephone. "The government is trying to cover up the facts. They do not believe me."

The explosion was not the first to kill children in China’s fireworks industry. Last March, 17 children — the youngest aged 8 — were among 35 people killed when a fireworks factory exploded in another Jiangxi village about 30 miles from Tuesday’s blast. The children earned 12 cents a day for fitting fuses to fireworks, the state-run newspaper Southern Weekend reported.

In poor villages all along Jiangxi’s mountainous border with Hunan province, fireworks are a key industry. Most are put together by hand in family workshops for sale nationwide, with some officials paid to look the other way, the Southern Weekend said.

In Fang Lin, about 30 families make fireworks at home, including the village’s Communist Party leader and some school officials and teachers, said Zhang Shenwen, whose 11-year-old son was killed in Tuesday’s blast.

Teachers distributed the work to students, and pupils who refused to do it or told their parents were banned from classes or made to kneel on the classroom floor, Zhang said. Children and parents had little choice — it was the village’s only primary school.

The party secretary, who fled after the blast, was caught Wednesday by police and the school principal turned himself in, Zhang said. Thousands of people demonstrated Wednesday and again Thursday outside the school, demanding an investigation, he said.

“I was among the first batch of people to rush to the explosion site. I clearly saw the hands of some dead children still holding fuses,” he said. “There is no doubt the fireworks were making cause the explosion.”

The disaster, which came during the 11-day annual meeting of China’s national legislature, is extremely embarrassing for Chinese leaders. Premier Zhu, denying that fireworks manufacturing in the region was to blame, said the explosion was caused by a man who carried a bag of fireworks into the school. Zhu and Xinhua said the man died in the explosion.

Officials drop homicide charges against Pinochet

Associated Press

SANTIAGO

A Chilean court dropped homicide and kidnapping charges against Gen. Augusto Pinochet on Thursday, but ruled the former dictator must still be tried for covering up the crimes.

The 2-1 vote by the Santiago Court of Appeals watering down the criminal charges disappointed both supporters and foes of the 85-year-old general, whom the court ordered to remain under house arrest.

It appeared to be a victory for Pinochet, who was indicted Jan. 29 on charges stemming from the “Caravan of Death,” a military group that executed 75 political prisoners in various cities five weeks after the 1973 coup led by Pinochet.

The indictment charged Pinochet with homicide for the 57 victims whose bodies were recovered and with kidnapping for 18 who remain unaccounted for.

In its ruling, the court said that Pinochet “learned of the crimes after they had occurred, but failed to report them to the courts of justice.”

“There is no indication whatsoever that he took measures to punish those responsible,” the ruling said.

Relatives of the victims of Pinochet’s dictatorship of 1973-90 condemned the ruling.

“This is shameful and shows the kind of courts we have,” said Viviana Díaz, president of an organization of relatives of dis­

abled who disappeared after their arrest. “They are looking for ways to protect Pinochet.”

Lawyer Hiram Villagra said the ruling “confirms that Pinochet had participation in the criminal acts. But it cannot be considered as a mere cover-up, because Pinochet gave the orders.”

But a spokesman for Pinochet, retired Gen. Guillermo Garín, said: “We were expecting the charges would be totally dropped. Gen. Pinochet has no responsibility in these crimes.”

The ruling is expected to be just another step in the legal saga involving Pinochet, as the case may go back all the way to the Swiss Supreme Court. Eventually, an outcome may be decided more on health reasons than legal ones.

The court is expected to decide by the end of this month on a request by Pinochet’s defense to close the case, alleging that his deteriorated health prevents him from properly organizing his defense, thus depriving him of his right to a fair trial.

Doctors in January said Pinochet suffers from "moderate dementia" brought on by minor strokes. He also has diabetes and arthritis, and wears a pacemaker.

Pinochet was last seen Sunday when he attended Mass at a pri­

vate chapel in a house where he is under house arrest. Walking with difficulty, using a cane and aided by bodyguards, Pinochet smiled broadly and raised his hand to greet a small group of supporters.

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Joanna Mikulska

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In the United States, legislators reluctantly debate solutions to the worsening national health care crisis. By some estimates, over 42 million Americans currently lack health insurance, and every 24 hours 50 people lose some or all of their insurer's coverage. The United States currently ranks 33rd in health care, according to the World Health Organization (WHO). Despite the high taxes, Austria spends 10% of its GNP on health care and therefore in ignorance of the cost of medical care, continue to visit the doctor and receive reimbursement through the government.

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GUEST COLUMN

Separating business from government

PRINCETON, N.J.

Remember Carol Shia? She was the New York City police officer fired after posing for Playboy in uniform: the New York thought it inappropriate to use a police uniform for personal gain — and in such a questionable manner. The Carol Shia problem is found in politics as well, where politicians use their “uniforms” or the networks those uniforms create to advance themselves personally.

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At various points in her e-mail Eldred presents subjective claims as factual. Her statement that “The Vagina Monologues” are evidence of the college’s anti-Catholic stance is one such assertion. She has not conducted a broad-based survey to justify this judgment. Had she done so, Eldred would have recognized the large base of support for the “The Vagina Monologues” on our campus.

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Sweet home Chicago

Not going anywhere for break? Chi-town is right at your doorstep!

By JACKIE OSTROWSKI
Scene/Time

So you’re ready to brave the Windy City. Only an hour-and-a-half drive from Notre Dame, Chicago is waiting for you. It can be done in a day, a weekend or a week, as long as you don’t mind walking a block or two for a good meal. There are far too many museums to list here; however, no guide to Chicago would be complete without mentioning the most deserv­ ing Five.

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ART&MUSEUMS

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A carload of people, mostly young couples, just a few of the show's stories, with the majority of the crowd a little older, are dressed up. The show, called "Theater of the Mind," features a mix of modern and classical music, with a performance by the famous ensemble, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. The show is currently playing at Stage 6, and the comedy skit tackles familiar topics, such as the joke, "Why do you think people are always talking about Chicago?"

Nightlife

No night is falling, the stores are closed and you've eaten dinner? Nightlife is only a cab ride away. A hilarious option for any visitor is Second City (1608 N. Wells), Chicago's comedy club. "Slaughterhouse 5, Castle 6," is currently playing at Second City, and the comedy skit tackles familiar material with unexpectedly funny results. Deity's workers, idlers, politicians and young couples are just a few of the show's targets. Its style and polished cast make it an ideal choice for laugh-seekers.

Second City has a small and intimate setting for its comedy; you'll probably get to know your neighbors quite well by the time the evening's over. The crowd is surprisingly mixed. Patrons need not be 21 to enter, but under-21s will find that they'll be the youngest there. Audience members range from 20-somethings to 50-somethings, with the majority of the crowd a predictably yuppieish mix.

Commercialism, try State Street's Marshall Field's (111 N. State St). A Chicago landmark since its opening in 1907, the multi-floor department store sells just about everything. It's especially famous for the central restaurant, the Walnut Room, where hungry shoppers wait hours for seats throughout the day. The show's Christmas tree. At Christmas time, don't miss the fabulous window decorations that display fairy tales in all their colorful glory.
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Georgetown, 58-40

BY KATIE MAVOY
Assistant Sports Editor

The Belles tennis team is looking to serve up victory, to swing for team unity and to return a championship.

We said all the time We want to win the conference," head coach Dee Stevenson said. "We want to build a team that, if you look at the last five years, is going to be a force to be reckoned with."

"The key spots on the team are five and six and singles and doubles," he said. "When we play good teams we play good tennis. But when we see the other sports, but to win we'll have to win two out of three of those spots." Stevenson is not worried. "I don't expect [the young team] to be a big issue," he said. "Most of [the freshmen] have a lot of on-campus playing tennis." Players agree. "We have very young team, but this will only allow us to get better and stronger during the upcoming years," Knish said.

Saint Mary's lost No. 1 singles player Katie Vales and No. 4 singles and No. 2 doubles player Becky Kremer to graduation.

"I do believe that the graduation of Katie Vales and Becky Kremer affects the team," Knish said. "They were very good players and we respected as leaders on the team. We will do our best to fill in those gaps the season, but [we] miss those girls.

Saint Mary's lost to the Lions of Vassar, the Belles will have to play without sophisticated Lithuanian Justin Govirski who is spending the year in Ireland. Other players on the team have had to step up in both playing positions and leadership positions. "They are confident that they can fill the spots left by the three," she said. "We are doing great, we have some great players and people on our team recognize that there is a lot of talent among them.

Three strong freshmen have moved into the playing positions left by Vassar, Kremer and Molan. Jeankeo Knish, Kailliet Gutier and Kris Spriggle will be taking the No. 3 and No. 4 and No. 5 singles spots respectively. Annie Knish or senior Natalie Cook will take the No. 1 and No. 2 singles spot. Stevenson is counting on senior Elisa Ryan will finish off with the No. 6 singles spot.

Doubles teams are not set for certain yet. "We'll start with Jeanne (Knish) and Kailliet (Gutier) and Becky (Kremer) and Annie (Knish) and Natalie (Cook) playing two, but that could change," Stevenson said.

Saint Mary's will be counting on Annie Knish and Cook to step up in leadership positions. The co-captains offer the team the most college experience, according to Annie Knish. "The Belles will be counting on Annie Knish and Cook to step up in leadership positions. We're happy," the coach said. "We have a very solid line-up this year, all the way down the lineup.

Saint Mary's starts its season this week away from the snow of Indiana in California, as part of spring break tennis program. The Belles will play against teams from Division I, II and III.

"Our team the most college experience," Knish said. "When we play the big schools, the teams from the lower division experience, Dielzke said. "We are also looking to be challenged by our opponents in Arizona. Stevenson is looking at the trip as an opportunity for its team to improve its play and meet some new college experience.

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Sports Writer

The fifth-ranked Notre Dame women's tennis team suffered a set loss to 11th ranked Northwestern. The loss marked the team's second defeat in as many weeks, and the first since 1996. The win for the Wildcats is the first over the Irish in the past five years.

Despite winning the doubles point and the first two singles matches, the Irish struggled with the difficult conditions in Evanston and the Wildcats swept the final four singles matches winning 4-3.

"We knew we were going to have a battle and that it was going to be tight," said Becky Varnum, "but we were really hard to play there, it was really dark all the Midwest matches winning 4-3.

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The Irish came out on a mission, first winning the doubles point with impressive victories at Nos. 1, 2, and 3 doubles. The No. 7 Irish pair of Michelle Dasso and Varnum set the pace as they took down Kristy Dascoli and Monica Rincon 8-5 for the second time this season. The Irish were led once again by the play of No. 3 All-American Michelle Dasso as she defeated the 31st ranked player in the second time that day in singles. Freshman Caylan Leslie along with Kimberly Guy and Lindsay Green all won impressively in straight sets to clinch the important win for the Irish.

It has been difficult as of late for the No. 5 Irish as they have been traveling at what seems to be a non stop pace playing in two to three matches every weekend. This, along with the added pressure of being one of the top five teams in the nation, has at times made it difficult for the Irish to come out and play their best.

Despite their tough schedule through the tabs, the Irish, lead by head coach Jay Louderback and a solid group of upperclassmen, have come up big and are on their way to being one of the best teams in the history.

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Irish poised for California trip

Special to The Observer

The No. 14-ranked Notre Dame softball team takes off for the West Coast this weekend for its traditional Spring Break trip to California. The Irish will face Cal State Northridge on Sunday, March 11, at noon, and Long Beach State Tuesday, March 13, at 5 p.m.

Notre Dame also will take part in the Kla Klassic in Fullerton, Calif., scheduled for Thursday, March 15, to Sunday, March 18.


The Irish have moved up to 14th in the USA Today/NFCA Top 25.

Notre Dame entered the season ranked 19th in the preseason poll and moved to 14th in the Feb. 21st poll. The Irish then dropped a spot to 15th in the Feb. 26th poll.

Notre Dame's 11-1 record over its first 12 games is by far its best start to a season since the program began in 1989. The Irish started the 1995 and 2000 seasons 8-4, its previous best start for a season.

Freshman righthander Kristin Schmidt has earned her first career Big East weekly pitching award. The Irish freshman was named co-pitcher of the week on Monday, March 5, by the Big East Conference for her performance versus Jacksonville State last weekend. Schmidt shares this week's award with Clarisa Crowell from Virginia Tech.

Schmidt improved to 5-1 this season with two victories at the Frost Classic in Chattanooga, Tenn., March 2-3. She struck out 15 batters in 11 innings pitched, yielding just one run and scattering 10 hits. Her two impressive victories lowered her season-ERA to 1.46.

Against Jacksonville State on Friday, March 2, Schmidt pitched 6-1 innings, striking out eight and giving up just one run.

FACING UAB on Saturday, March 3, (the Blazers entered the game 2-0 in the tournament) Schmidt used her change-up to baffie hitters all afternoon. She struck out seven in the four innings and gave up just three hits.

Schmidt has combined with Jen Sharron to post an 11-1 record and 1.06 team ERA as Notre Dame's two top starting pitchers. Both hurlers also have combined to post 91 strikeouts this season.

Irish to compete in qualifiers

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame fencing teams travels to Detroit Saturday for the Midwest Regional Qualifiers without its most prolific fencer.

Gabor Szelle, the 2000 NCAA sabre champion, will not fence this weekend due to a thumb injury. Since Szelle will not fence this weekend, he cannot qualify for the NCAA Championships at the end of March. Szelle is a two-time first team All-American and led the men's sabre squad with a 37-3 record.

Even without Szelle, the Irish still feature three of the top five Midwest sabremen. Junior Andrej Bednarski and sophomore Matt Fabian each are seeded fourth and fifth, respectively.

The top four sabremen will qualify for the NCAA Championships but only two fencers can qualify from each team.

Although the Irish should have no trouble qualifying two fencers in sabre even without Szelle, the Irish may not qualify two fencers in other weapons. Only five fencers will qualify in women's epee and the Irish only have one fencer seeded in the top five — Meagan Call. Anna Carrick is seeded sixth and must make a strong showing to qualify.
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A couple more perimeter shots, one by Graves and another by Inge­bry, allowed the Irish to take a 24-23 lead, but the brief Irish edge soon collapsed. Every missed shot bounced into Panther hands, from a Murphy airball to a Carroll failed 3-pointer. Pittsburgh crashed the boards hard, out­rebounding Notre Dame 39 to 25 and holding the Irish to four offensive rebounds in the con­test.
“We weren’t very good defen­sively,” Brey said. “We were out of position. I think that’s why we got beat up on the back­board, too.”
“It’s definitely a concern,” he said of the rebounding, “because when we got on a nice run in late January and through February, that front line, you know, Murph, Swan and Humph did a great job on the back­board.”
After halftime, the Irish man­aged to close to within four with 14:20 to play following another trey by Inge­bry and two free throws by Murphy, his final points of the game.
But Notre Dame, who beat Pittsburgh twice during the reg­ular season, was unable to hit anything but the 3-pointer. The Irish made just 7 of 26 shots from inside the arc the entire game, including one by Carroll with his foot on the 3-point line. Pittsburgh cracked down on Notre Dame defensively, but even when the Irish had open looks, they failed to connect.
Meanwhile, Pittsburgh had no trouble finding the hoop as they hit 49 percent from the field, led by 17 points from Greer and 14 points from Jaron Brown. Along with the dismal inside shooting, the Panthers held Murphy to eight points, making only the second time in his career that he failed to score in double digits and breaking a 78­game streak.
“As soon as we got back to the hotel last night, Coach (Howland) told us the game plan — to double Murphy and put pressure on him,” Greer said.
“Those Panthers, did that, and did it well.”
“I think they doubled me on the catch,” Murphy said, “rather than sometimes, when I put the ball on the floor, then the double team comes and that allows an easier pass to a shooter.”
With Murphy struggling to get free and only taking two second half shots, Notre Dame needed to find offense elsewhere. While Ryan Humphrey managed three second-half baskets and Graves and Inge­bry each hit a pair of 3-pointers in the second stanza, little else came through.
Graves and Inge­bry were the only two players to finish in dou­ble figures for Notre Dame, which ended the game with seven assists to 16 turnovers. The 54 points scored by Notre Dame was its lowest total of the season.
The Irish have never advanced to the semifinals of the Big East Tournament.
“I felt a little bit at times in there (the locker room) after­wards, a little bit like the Kentucky locker room,” Brey said. “That was a little bit of a crossroads for us. Maybe this one was tonight.”
Following Notre Dame’s Jan. 13 loss to Kentucky, the Irish won eight straight Big East games, a new school record.
Now the Irish can look ahead to the NCAA Tournament, but their early exit from the Big East Tournament could hurt their seeding on Selection Sunday.

WOMEN’S SOFTBALL

Belles softball squad sweeps doubleheader

By MOLLY McVOY
Saint Mary’s Editor

The Saint Mary’s softball team opened the 2001 season with an east double header vic­tory against the Manchester Spartans Wednesday afternoon. The Belles won the first game 5-1 and the second 13-6.
“We won in part, because of the experienced pitchers we have and partly because we just hit the ball well,” first year head coach John Kovach said. “It’s always key when you’re on the road to jump out in front and we did that in both games.”

In the first game, junior Kristie Martin pitched the complete game and the Belles jumped out to an early lead which they never gave up. The Belles had a four-run sixth inning, started by Martin’s lead-off double. Mandy Hayes and Katerina Tebbe followed with RBI hits. Martin gave up three hits, one run and no walks.
“If you have strong pitching, everything else falls into place,” Kovach said.
Senior co-captain Anne Senger pitched the second game, where the Belles had 16 hits for 13 runs. Senger gave up five earned runs on 14 hits. Marnie Walsh and Susan Kootz led the Belles in hitting in the second game. Kootz had two hits, including a two-run triple, while Walsh had a sin­gle, a double and a triple.
“For our first game, we played really well,” Senger said. “We hit the ball really well. Offensively we were pret­ty strong.”
Kovach will be relying on his upperclassmen for support as he makes the transition to head coach.
“What I found out that has been quite nice about the upperclassmen is that they’re willing to do whatever is neces­sary for the team,” Kovach said.
The seniors for their part seem to be willing to work with this one last coach in the hopes of a successful season.
“It’s been a revolving door of coaches for me for the last four years, but, hopefully this last year will be really good,” Senger said. “With the combi­nation of a lot of talent and good coaching this year will be a really good season.”
The Belles head to Florida for training and a series of games over spring break.

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By NOAH AMSTADTER
Assistant Sports Editor

Sophomore Brian Farrell learned from his mistakes Thursday, avoiding a near-defeat in doubles before dominating his No. 4 singles match. Farrell and the No. 26 Irish won every match, topping No. 33 Michigan, 7-0.

The No. 3 doubles team of Farrell and senior Matt Daly still looked off before struggling midway through the match. They rallied from an 0-5 deficit to top Wolverines Ben Cox and Anthony Jackson 9-8 (8-6).

"We were able to fight them off," Daly said. "We played well when we needed to." Farrell was disappointed they were unable to put away their opponent after starting off up 5-0.

"It was unfortunately closer than we would have liked," Farrell said. Farrell's doubles match was the last match to end, but the sophomore rebounded quickly in singles. Farrell's match was the first singles match to end, as he defeated Anthony Jackson 6-2, 6-0.

"I got up pretty big," Farrell said. "I kept the pressure on. I wanted to make sure I didn't make the same mistakes that I did in doubles." After playing longer doubles matches outdoors already this season, Farrell was unaffected by the short layoff, "We play longer doubles matches at tournaments," Farrell said. "But outdoors you don't sweat as much. It was no big deal, it really didn't affect me at all." The Irish set the tone for the day early, as the No. 14 doubles and Aaron Telarico came away with a 6-3, 6-2 victory over Danny McCaill and Greg Novak.

The domination continued into singles play. Smith, the No. 88 ranked player in the country, rallied to beat Cox 4-6, 6-3, 6-2 in No. 1 singles.

Smith's doubles partner had even less trouble with McCaill in No. 2 singles. Haddock-Morales won in two sets, 6-4, 7-5. In No. 3 singles, Talarico toppled Novak, 7-6, (11-9), 6-2. Daly beat Shaya in No. 5 singles 7-6 (10-8), 6-3. The senior was happy with his performance, after only competing in doubles in recent matches.

"I felt a lot better in the second set," Daly said. Matthew Scott rebounded to win 3-6, 6-0, 6-4 in No. 6 singles, preserving the sweep as he toppled Michigan's Brett Baudinet. The match was the last for the Irish before they head to Montgomery, Ala. for the Blue-Gray National Classic. The Classic starts Thursday, March 15.

Daly was happy to see his team play so well before the weekend layoff. "It's always good to play a big match before a long layoff," he said.

Farrell contends that his team proved they should be ranked higher, as they dismantled a team ranked only seven spots below them on Thursday. "I feel that we are under-ranked," Farrell said. "We have a better record than many teams that are ranked above us. We'll keep winning and we'll go up in the future."

The Blue-Gray match pits the Irish up against some of the best competition in the country. Daly is cautiously optimistic regarding his team's chances. "It's always pretty tough," Daly said. "We can beat any team there, but at the same time we could lose as well. Every match will be hard-fought."

Daly's doubles partner has even more confidence in his team's chances. "We've been playing really well as a team. I think this is our year to win it down there," Farrell said.

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It took a meet in Indianapolis for both swimmers to realize that they had the potential to have success at the national level.

For Labosky, who made the provisional qualifying time in the 400 individual medley at the November Indiana Invitational, she realized just how good she could be.

"I had a rough beginning to the season," she said. "But when I broke the school record for the first time at Indiana and made the B-cut, I started thinking more and more about nationals."

Meanwhile, Hecking saw her summer training pay off as she her fastest race ever in the 100-meter backstroke.

"I swam a lifetime best, and I was so excited to be swimming that fast at that point in the season," she said. "I hadn't trained in the summer since my junior year of high school, and it made such a difference this year."

But each swimmer is driven by something deeper and more personal than the glory of the NCAA meet.

Both have individual expectations they want to meet.

Hecking wanted to make sure she qualified for the NCAAs on her own. The past two year’s she had been along with the medley relay, but this year was different. Hecking wanted to prove that she could qualify on her own.

"This year I didn’t care - I’m going to make it on my own," she said.

In retrospect, it was a good thing Hecking was so determined to qualify individually.

The medley relay missed making the national meet for the first time in two years.

Labosky wanted to qualify for a similar reason. The freshman came from the No.1 swimming high school in the nation, Germantown Academy in Churchville, Penn.

Winning had lost a lot of meaning for the freshman — she lost only her first individual event in five years at last month’s Big East Championships. Her satisfaction came from swimming fast.

"For me winning is not everything," Labosky said. "I could win, but had I gone slower times, I wouldn’t have been happy. Winning is great for me and the team, but I’d rather win and get a good time."

Labosky and Hecking have had their share of difficulties — both swimmers say they get extremely nervous before each race — but they’ve both had breakthrough seasons. And Weathers is only too happy to see his star swimmers go on to individual success.

"I think they’re both real competitive and it’s nice to see them have some success," he said. "I think they both can go even faster."

Notes

• Junior diver Heather Mattingly may join Hecking and Labosky at NCAAs next week. Mattingly will compete at the NCAA Regional diving finals in Bloomington late this weekend and if she places high enough, will compete at next week’s championships.

Junior Kelly Hecking, second from right, arches back into the water at the start of the 100 backstroke at the Big East Swimming and Diving Championships. Hecking swam a 54.98, setting a school record and earning a top seed at next week’s NCAA finals.

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Shay and Grow set for NCAA Track and Field

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

For Irish track stars Ryan Shay and Liz Grow, their indoor season culminated at today's NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships at the University of Arkansas. Shay and Grow will compete in the 5,000 meter finals. Shay will compete in the 400 meter preliminaries. Shay started his season by placing sixth in the mile Jan. 19 and winning the 3,000 meters on Jan. 26. He was poised for a fast qualifying time at the Meyo Invitational Feb. But even Paine couldn't have expected to see Shay rip up the track at the NCAA Indoor Championships like he did. The junior All-American shattered the school record by four seconds in the 5,000 with a blazing 13:26.46 — fast enough to earn an NCAA automatic bid.

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BASEBALL

California-bound Irish set to play 8 games in 8 days

By JEFF BALTRUZAK
Sports Writer

California already has swimming pools and movie stars, and soon it will add Indiana's best baseball team to the mix.

The Notre Dame baseball team will take their 6-2 record and No. 10 ranking to the Golden State this week to compete in the Pepsi/Johnny Quik Classic.

The Irish open the California road trip in Stockton with a Saturday afternoon doubleheader against Pacific followed by a nightcap against Eastern Michigan.

Then Notre Dame will head south to Fresno and the Pepsi/Johnny Quik Classic, with games against New Mexico, Navy and host Fresno State.

The Irish are clearly the most highly touted team in the tournament. None of the other seven squads competing next week are ranked in the Baseball America College Top 25.

"One of our goals we set before the season was to win one of the tournaments," said starting pitcher Matt Buchmeier. "But we'll take it one game at a time."

Depending on how the Irish perform in the first three games, they will then compete Thursday, Friday and Saturday for the tournament title.

The good news for Notre Dame is the return of leading hitter Brian Stavisky. The preseason All-American has missed the last three games with injury, but expects to be back in the lineup as the designated hitter on Saturday.

"I'm healing quite nicely," said Stavisky. "I can hit fine, but the it's a little weak when I run."

Clearly, the starting pitching has been Notre Dame's driving force for the first eight games. All-American right-hander Aaron Heilman leads the three Irish starters with a 0.86 ERA in three starts, while fellow starters Danny Tamayo and Buchmeier have been almost as dominating, with 1.50 and 2.70 ERAs respectively.

Heilman has been effective in shutting down both right-handed batters and lefties, with both hitting a scant .195 against him.

So far head coach Brian Mainieri and pitching coach Brian O'Connor have brought the starters into the season slowly, with set pitch counts for each start.

"They've got a plan for that," said Buchmeier. "They want us to be ready for the conference games because they're the most important part of the schedule."

The Irish have been fierce at the plate with a .318 total team batting average. Notre Dame has shown it can get on base and manufacture runs when necessary, with a .398 on base percentage.

Before the back injury cost him the last three starts, Stavisky was hitting at a .650 clip while reaching base 73 percent of the time. A pair of Stieves — Stanley and Sollmann — have been giving opposing pitchers fits in the batter's box and catchers headaches on the basepaths.

Both have batting averages well over .350 and have six stolen bases between them.

Notre Dame has played a small-ball style of baseball all season by not relying on power for runs. The Irish have just two home runs through eight games, neither one by an everyday starter. Still, through pitching and getting on base, Notre Dame has been able to score consistently.

Part of this strategy of manufacturing runs is being patient at the plate. The Irish have averaged over four walks per game, with Stavisky and Sollmann being especially selective in the batter's box.

New Mexico enters the Pepsi/Johnny Quik Classic with a 9-13 mark after sweeping Hofstra at home. Junior outfielder Donny Sesiert leads the Lobos with a .369 average, two home runs and 15 RBIs.

Fresno State began its season well, sporting a 14-7 record. Pitching is the Bulldogs strong suit, with a 3.53 ERA compared to the Notre Dame pitching staff's 3.04 ERA.

Navy's two victories over Army last weekend have prevented them from entering the Pepsi/Johnny Quik Classic tournament. The Midshipmen have hit just .249 as a team in their first seven games.

For the Irish, with only eight games under their belts, the coming week offers the chance to really get into the groove of the season.

"We have the chance to play eight games in eight days," said Stavisky. "It's our chance to play a lot of games in a row and to be up there with the rest of the Top 25 that's played a lot of games."
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Happy Birthday! Look before you leap. You may want to get into all sorts of new things this year, but you would be wise to take a slower pace. Competition and challenges can be expected, so prepare well and refrain from taking on too much. If you are willing to put all your efforts into the goals that mean the most to you, success can be achieved. Your numbers 4, 12, 21, 24, 29, 36

Aries (March 21-April 19)
You should put extra energy into your work. You can teach others how to please and surpass you. Take work home, but be sure to spend some time with your mate. $000

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
Investments will be lucrative. You can help those less fortunate if you make the effort. Self-improvement programs will show quick results. $000

Gemini (May 21-June 20)
Don't get pushed into doing things you really don't have time for. You can do that! But remember that there are others you need to friendly with. Set your own pace and don't be afraid to go it alone. $000

Cancer (June 21-July 22)
Be original in your approach to life. Remember that you are loved. Be prepared to make a trip to the loved one. Take care of the needs of those who depend on you. Look into your vacation plans. You need some rest and relaxation. $000

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)
You won't be happy with the purchase you make today. You'd rather keep your money in a safe place and refrain from going back to the mall. Problems can be expected. $000

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Don't make social promises you can't keep. You need to spend time with loved ones. Overindulgence will bring you the extra cash you need, but it will also cause dissatisfaction. $000

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
You need time to reflect. Pamper yourself and re-evaluate your motives. You may need to change your direction if you want to be happy. You can make a decision by weighing your goals. $000

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
On this is the time to throw your weight around. Listen to the others' complaints and make time to assess the situation before you make any comments. You can help others if you try. $000

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Family outings will be more rewarding than you thought. You'll enjoy riding others how to do things that are second nature to you. Some of your efforts will come to fruition. $000

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Hedonism will pay off. You can make the most of these days. Plan to have friends over for an evening of hearing and entertainment. $000

Pisces (Feb.-March 20)
Minor accidents will prevail. Arguments with family members are evident. Do not lose your patience with loved ones. This is not the day to make pronouncements. $000

Happy Birthday Baby! Play to win and you give everything your all. You are outgoing, determined and know exactly what you want. Never back down and will refuse to let anyone stand in your way. (Need advice? Check out Eugenia's Web sites at astroadvice.com, eugenialast.com.) $000

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Distracted Irish fall behind early in 66-54 loss

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The Irish came out Thursday night focused on winning a tournament.

The problem was, they played like their minds were on the wrong tournament — the NCAA instead of the Big East.

"There were some distractions with looking ahead to the next week," said Irish coach Mike Brey.

Since Selection Sunday 2000, when Notre Dame (19-9) waited and waited for its name to flash on the screen, the Irish have made goal No. 1 an NCAA Tournament bid. That came back to bite them in a 66-54 loss to the Pittsburgh Panthers (17-12) in the quarterfinals of the Big East Tournament.

"We beat a very good team today in Notre Dame," Pittsburgh coach Ben Howland said. "They're going to get a good seed in the NCAA Tournament."

Fifth-seeded Pittsburgh, which beat Miami 73-69 Wednesday to advance from the first round, dominated the early going by taking a 15-2 lead while the Irish watched helplessly.

Irish senior Martin Ingels, the lone Notre Dame player to score above his average with 16 points, began his team's comeback by sinking a long trey from the left wing.

Junior All-American Troy Murphy scored the next basket, a three-pointer from the right baseline.

Murphy may have earned a share of the title of Big East player of the year Tuesday, but he didn't live up to the name when it counted.

"I didn't play well and I hurt our team," Murphy said after the 66-54 loss at Madison Square Garden. "I got wide open looks and missed shots. My poor play helped their defense. I'm counting on to do a lot for this team and I can't come out and play like I did tonight. This bothers me — the way I played."

For all intents and purposes, Murphy might have not played at all. Shouting 2-11 from the floor, he went 2-for-11 from the free-throw line. He watched the first 11 minutes of the second half from the bench.

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Labosky, Hecking culminate breakthrough season at NCAAs

By ANDREW SOKUP
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Marie Labosky did a flip turn during one of her races at the 2000 U.S. Olympic Trials last summer and caught a glimpse of her future.

Crouched nearby was Irish women's swimming coach Bailey Weathers and junior Kelly Hecking — both watching the highly recruited freshman.

"When I saw her, I thought there was a really good chance she could make NCAAs," Weathers said. "She has improved so much since then."

Nobody imagined that just seven months later, Labosky, Hecking, and Weathers would be spending March afternoons together training for next week's NCAA Championships.

Labosky came into Notre Dame as one of the top recruited prep swimmers. Weathers was looking for someone who could specialize in the individual medley events, and was highly impressed by Labosky's versatility and endurance.

"Physically, she's a real endurance person, but she can do all four of the strokes very well," said Weathers.

It's this versatility that pushed Labosky to earn a spot in three events next week — the 200-meter and 400-meter individual medleys as well as the 1,650-meter freestyle.

But while Labosky excels in the individual medley, Weathers calls Hecking one of the top backstrokers in Notre Dame history.

"What's unusual about Kelly is that she's hardly ever been beaten while she's here," Weathers said. "She rises to the situation and wants to be successful.

"Even though it is her third trip to the NCAA finals, it is the first time that Hecking has qualified in any individual events. The junior will be swimming the 100 and 200 backstroke."

Ironically, at the beginning of the season, each swimmer had more confidence in the other than in herself.

"I knew she would make it, but I wasn't sure about myself," said Hecking, who watched Labosky compete at Trials.

Regarding Hecking, Labosky countered: "From talking to her, I could tell she was going to go."

Women's Swimming
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No All-American presence equals all-out disaster

Mike Brey hit the nail on the head about Troy Murphy after Notre Dame lost to Georgetown but still collected a Big East division trophy Sunday.

"I told Murph that our players take a read from him," the Irish head coach said. "They take a read from his reactions."

Never was that more apparent than in Notre Dame's Big East championship semifinal loss to the fifth-seeded Pittsburgh Panthers Thursday.

Read that: When All-American Troy Murphy doesn't show up for the game, it's an All-Out Disaster.

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