Moscona, Bishop top primary election

By ERIN LaRUFFA
Associate News Editor

With just 28 out of 3,402 votes separating them from their closest competitor, candidates Brian Moscona and Libby Bishop finished on top of Monday's primary election for Notre Dame's student body president.

Moscona and running mate Karl Oxley received 1,302 votes, or 38 percent, while Bishop and running mate Trip Foley received 1,274 votes, or 37 percent. Because no ticket received more than 50 percent of the vote, there will be a runoff between the two candidates on Thursday.

"We expected it to be close," said Moscona. "I think this just shows that there were four quality candidates."

Agreeing that the closeness of the race reflected the caliber of the tickets running, Bishop added that the primary results reminded her of another recent election.

"It's like Bush/Gore all over again," she said.

The third-place ticket of Nikki Romero, who is now serving as president of the Student body, received 411 votes, or 12 percent. Finishing in fourth were Scott Palko and P.J. Mercanti with 395 votes, also approximately 12 percent of the total.

For the two tickets left in the race, their victories on Monday mean more campaigning in the days ahead.

"We plan to continue meeting people one-on-one and talking to them about our vision for Notre Dame," said Oxley, who is now serving as president of the Class of 2004.

Praising students for "taking an active initiative by voting," current student body vice president Moscona echoed the importance of "vision" in their campaign.

"The simple fact that we had such overwhelming support tends to us to believe that our vision for an improved ND student union is within our reach," he said.

To Moscona and Oxley's campaign manager, Tai Koestner, it is important that the candidates emphasize what they have already achieved in their campaign.

"We want to bring out that we have a lot of student

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BOG addresses 'Vagina Monologues'

By SHEILA EGTS
News Writer

The Saint Mary's Board of Governance drew up a statement released at last night's meeting voicing its support of administrative decisions about issues raised by the "Vagina Monologues." According to student body vice president Kristen Matha, the statement expresses full backing of the administration as well as concern for student rights and academic freedom. Hard copies of the statement will be mailed to students on- and off-campus today to ensure that "students understand their right to reach their academic ambitions."

While the statement advocates academic inquiry, Matha said that BOG encourages this specifically "within the parameters of the student and academic freedom are supported as long as they comply with the guidelines of the Catholic tradition and mission at Saint Mary's."

"We feel that a strong working relationship with the administration is a necessity. It's clear that student groups on campus realize that from the programming that has resulted," said Matha referring to events such as the Sexuality Series, "Womyn with Wings" and guest lecturer Katie Koestner.

Student body president Michelle Nagle said the statement was prompted by questions from students about their rights for academic freedom.

"We noticed a lack of understanding about what academic freedom entails, and it is our duty to educate students," said Nagle. "We respect the position of the administration and this now is a time for working together with them especially after the "Vagina Monologues" issue last year."

In other BOG news:

- BOG donated $12,000 to the building of the student center. "Even though we won't be here to see the fruits of it, we are behind this amazing project on campus," said Matha.
- Saint Mary's College Affiliation of the American Chemical Society was granted $1,500 for an upcoming conference.
- BOG granted a total of $5,000 to Midnight Madness with $1,000 contributing to programming and $4,000 to be used for prizes.

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Some O'Neill money returned

By SHEILA EGTS
News Writer

O'Neill rector Father John Herman reported that a "significant chunk" of the stolen Mari Draz money was returned anonymously in an envelope outside his room Monday.

However, not all of the more than $4,000 has been returned and a report has been filed with Notre Dame Security/Police.

Herman originally posted contacting security and offered a $500 reward for information leading to the money's return, hoping that the money would be recovered willingly.

"After the all-ball meeting on Sunday, we know it was an inside job. The fact that everyone knew it was missing motivated someone to return at least some of the money," said Herman who was in Detroit on Sunday and faced the news of the theft upon his return that evening.

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Let it all out

It's that wonderful day of the year where we can let loose and not have a care in the world as to what we do. Mardi Gras, Fat Tuesday, Shrove Tuesday are among some of the names for this famous day before Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent.

What does one do on Mardi Gras? We are actually been to a Mardi Gras celebration (not even to the one held in O'Neill) so I can't give any detailed descriptions ... I mean, there is typically a lot of careening, drinking, eating, lots of beads and plenty of costumes, glitter and masks. It's pretty much a day to go all out and let yourself go, not worry about anything. Because the next day is Lent and (at least if you're Catholic) you're supposed to give something up, whether it's a physical thing or a part of who you are that you'd like to give up by changing it.

Why do we go to such lengths to party our hearts out on Mardi Gras? Do we have this fear that this will be the last time we will be able to party like this? We gorge ourselves on Fat Tuesday, not caring how much we eat or what we waste. We permit ourselves to be gluttons for one day, and then fast and abstain for 40 days. I'm sure that this does clear their heart of their fill of festivities for today. Lots of meats and sweets will fill their belly, and hopefully they're successfully partaking the empty dining halls tomorrow, where there will be no meat at all.

It is just one, or do you really mean too much in the physical world? Why do we have Shrove Tuesday if not to prepare for Lent and then, Lent prepare us for Easter. How would a day that is associated with fasting and fullness prepare us for something that appears obsolete?

I believe that today, Shrove Tuesday, is meant to show us all the good things that we have and that we should appreciate them while we have them. It is the calm before the storm. The good, the wonderful things that are there before you go into desolation and drought. You know what you have: you see it, feel it, taste it, touch it, hear it. And you know what you have, you can hold onto it, even if it is just a memory of the good things and times you've had.

Lent is a time of reflection and self-sacrifice, giving more than receiving. It is in the times when we think things will be harshest to carry out, deep in the middle of Lent on Lenten Sunday, that we will be asked to remember the good things that we have in our lives, the good times we had with our friends and family. The fullness of life that we have experienced will be a source of that gladness that we hope to the darkness. That is what today is. It is the preparation we make to give us hope when the days lie fallow. There will be abundance again, and it shall reign with the Easter sun. Belize for we have much to prepare and much to hope for in the weeks ahead. Today is our food for tomorrow. Enjoy it, drink it in, savour it. It will be your sustenance while you prepare for the Lord's coming on Easter.

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The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

CLARIFICATIONS

In the Feb. 11 edition of the Observer, a front page article stated that O'Neill Hall rector Father John Herman was in Detroit over the weekend. He was in Denison this weekend but only on Sunday morning.

The Observer regards itself as a professional publication and strives for the highest standards of journalism at all times. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If we make such a mistake, please contact us at 631-4541 so we can correct our error.

PHILADELPHIA

The Food and Drug Administration has released University of Pennsylvania Institute for Human Gene Therapy Director James Wilson's letter of explanation concerning the alleged violation of safety procedures in the widely publicized clinical trial that led to the death of 18-year-old Jesse Gelsinger.

Wilson was called on by the FDA to adequately explain alleged safety problems in the 1999 trial.

"This most recent letter is a continuation of the administrative procedures that were begun by the FDA two years ago," Wilson said in a statement provided by a Penn Medicine spokesperson. "I will continue a dialogue with the FDA in an effort to reach a resolution satisfactory to all parties."

According to The Associated Press, the FDA sent a letter to Wilson informing him the various explanations of alleged safety problems he provided in his letter were insufficient, and proceedings to bar Wilson from conducting further research on humans will continue.

The AP also reported the FDA letter gave Wilson two options: Request a hearing on the charges or consent to a degree barring him from conducting research on human beings.

"I don't know that Wilson can come to a resolution for all parties," said Paul Gelsinger, Jesse Gelsinger's father. "Ultimately, I think he will find himself barred from ever conducting research on humans again."

Jesse Gelsinger had a form of a rare liver condition that is usually fatal to infant boys. In 1999 he enrolled in a study led by Wilson and his colleagues at Penn's Institute for Human Gene Therapy, hoping to help find genetic therapies for the disease. The teenager died during the trial after receiving a high dose of experimental treatment.

The FDA found Jesse Gelsinger's death was a result of the genetic injection and began an investigation.

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Trigiani explains ups and downs of writing

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
News Writer

When Adriana Trigiani came to the Notre Dame/Saint Mary's community to visit with faculty, friends and students, her first words were a warning to writers everywhere.

"The first rule about writing is to never ever write a novel with the name of your hometown anywhere near it," Trigiani said. "I had to go home to teach the people of Big Stone Gap what the word 'fiction' means.

Trigiani, one of the most beloved alumnae of the Notre Dame/Saint Mary's theater program, is the author of two novels, Big Stone Gap and Big Cherry Holler. She is currently working on the screenplay for Big Stone Gap, which she will also direct.

Trigiani, who now hails from New York City, grew up in the Virginia mountain town and related to her audience Monday night that the use of her hometown's name was the least of her problems.

Most of the character names in her two books come from the local cemetery or were simply familiar to her. In some cases, she changed first names or last names. Since Trigiani's novels were published, she has come across several coincidences where the truth was even stranger than the fiction she wrote.

Ave Maria Mulligan, the main character in both novels, works with a man named Spec Broadwater whom Trigiani describes as "the opposite of a speck. He's a giant, the tallest man in the Gap, at six feet seven." In Big Cherry Holler, there is an incident involving Spec's girlfriend and his wife.

On a book signing, Trigiani was approached by the "real" Spec, who sports a different last name.

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"Everyone looks in the mirror and says, 'You know, I think I look a little bit like Taylor,'" Trigiani said.

Like her main character, Trigiani was one of the only Italians growing up in Big Stone Gap and the similarly stops there. Trigiani was not involved much in her hometown, whereas Ave Maria is an integral part of the framework of Big Stone Gap.

"The person who isn't doing anything is a writer," Trigiani said. "You make things up all the time because no one will play with you.

Things have changed and Trigiani is now a best-selling author, playwright, director, screenwriter and successful television writer. In New York, Trigiani has written for The Cosby Show, A Different World and Good Sports.

Her comedy special, Growing Up Funny, received an Emmy nomination for Lily Tomlin and Lifetime Television. Her third book is a conclusion to her Big Stone Gap novels and goes into production this Friday for release in July.

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No Valentine? SUB has the answer:
(...no, sorry...we can't find you a date.)
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input," said Romero. Their campaign has received more than 1,000 ideas from their "Black Box" concept, she said, referring to black boxes on their campaign posters encouraging students to e-mail Moscona with ideas for student government. She added that their campaign also wants to make students aware of initiatives the current administration of Moscona and student body president Brooke Norton is already working on.

"I'm glad that it's close ... because it means people will have to get more involved to find out who they want," Romero said.

Bishop and Foley similarly said they plan to continue running their campaign in the same way that they have "encouraged everyone, everywhere," he added. "I think I would like to see a much higher turnout next time," said Bishop.

One of Bishop and Foley's campaign managers, Kevin Berchoux, agreed that their campaign wants students to vote on Thursday.

"Everyone's been working very hard to get every last vote," he said. "Ideally, everyone, everyone, everyone, everyone." Berchoux added that receiving The Observer's endorsement helped Bishop/Foley beat the third and fourth candidates, while Moscona/Oxley were similarly helped by Scholastic's endorsement.

"The fact that each of the top two got an endorsement helped to distinguish us," he said.

All four ticketes also received help from the dorms each candidate lives in. "The respective candidates dominated their own dorms by a ridiculous amount," said Judicial Council Vice president of elections John McCarthy.

There will be a runoff debate tonight at 7:30 p.m. in auditorium of the Hesburgh Library.

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Student Body 2002 Election Results

- Moscona/Oxley: 38%
- Foley/Trip: 37%
- Abstain: 1%

3,102 votes 1,274 votes 20 votes

- McCord/Williams: 12%
- Palco/Mercanti: 12%

411 votes 395 votes

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Text of BOG statement

Standing firm in our belief that the Catholic traditions and Mission of Saint Mary's College is congruent with the benefits of the free exchange of ideas, we, the Board of Governance make the following statement:

As part of our student government mission"to maintain mutual respect and communication among the students, faculty and administration," we affirm the administration's decision to pursue different avenues of programming dealing with these topics. Raised in the "Vagina Monologues."

We commend and respect the steps taken by the student groups to work with the administration in addressing student concerns and needs. We also commend the steps taken by the administration to educate the women of Saint Mary's College through such events as additional orientation program-

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"The money was taken from the hall government office. The thieves stole the keys to the office from the dorm rooms of the hall presidents. The keys are still missing.

According to director of Notre Dame Security/Policex Rex Rakow, detectives were on the scene throughout the day on Monday, but have only uncovered the preliminary stages of the investigation.

"The investigators will be back at it [today] to sort it out. It's going to take time to get through it all, assess the exact amount of what was lost and get a sense of what happened," said Rakow.

The future of the Mardi Gras rests on the outcome of this continuing investigation and the return of the stolen money.

"To be honest, I still don't know what we will do about Mardi Gras next year. Right now, there won't be one because a good chunk of money is still out there," said Herman.

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**Vatican creates dioceses in Russia:**
The Vatican announced the formation of dioceses in Russia, raising the profile of the Roman Catholic Church in that country and drawing a rebuke from the Russian Orthodox church.

**Pentagon's military spokesman on the sile strike last week that killed an unknown number of people were killed:**
The Pentagon defends missile strike: Afghan war on Monday defended a strike that killed an unknown number of people were killed.

**Elderly churchgoer killed:**
A senior citizen, a native of Richland, Ind., who had just walked out of a church, state police said.

**Airport on Monday and escaped with $6.5 million:**
Robbers held up a security van at Heathrow Airport on Monday and escaped with $6.5 million in American currency that had just arrived from Bahrain, police said. The robbers forced him to the ground and bound his wrists before transferring the cash to another van.

**NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS**

**Two ethnic Albanian boys clean the graves of family members who were killed by Serbian forces under Slobodan Milosevic. The U.N. will try Milosevic for genocide and other war crimes.**

**Milosevic set for war crimes trial**

Associated Press

THE HAGUE

Slobodan Milosevic is in "very good mood" and "ready for his landmark war crimes trial by a U.N. tribunal," his legal advisers said Monday.

The trial of the former Yugoslav president for crimes committed during a decade of upheaval in the Balkans opens Tuesday in The Hague, Netherlands. It is Europe's most important such case since the Nuremberg proceedings against Nazi Germany's leaders after World War II.

"Milosevic is eager and ready for tomorrow's start of the trial," his legal adviser, Zdenko Tomanovic, said after visiting Milosevic in the Scheveningen prison. "He just hopes he won't be interrupted during the speech he plans to deliver in front of the judges."

Tomanovic said Milosevic will argue that the trial is inherently unfair. He will ask the court "why several world leaders had supported his policies, and now the prosecutor says that those policies were criminal."

Dragoljub Ognjenovic, another legal adviser, said Milosevic "is optimistic and in a very, very good mood, both physically and mentally."

The advisers said that Milosevic was spending his last up to two years in his cell by listening to music, his favorite being "The Messiah" by Handel.

Milosevic's trial takes place against the backdrop of the NATO-led war in Kosovo, which began in March 1999 and resulted in the removal of Slobodan Milosevic from power in Serbia.

**Arafat sends Powell promising letter**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

A message from Yasser Arafat to Secretary of State Colin Powell is raising hopes that the Palestinian leader will take a more aggressive stand on terror attacks on Israel.

"We did find it to be a positive letter, and we now look for action along the lines that he indicated in his letter," State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said Monday while declining to reveal the letter's contents.

Hassan Abdel Rahman, the ranking Palestinian official in the United States, said Arafat did not say in the letter that he knew about an attempt to smuggle 50 tons of weapons from Iran.

"That's not the issue," Rahman said in an interview. "The letter is an attempt to put the whole issue of the ship behind us."

"It's a general letter that includes a roadmap to get us back to negotiations," Rahman said.

Diplomatic sources said the letter, sent last week through the U.S. consulate in Jerusalem, contained promises by Arafat that he would take steps against Palestinians involved in the blocked smuggling efforts.

A senior U.S. official told reporters the Palestinian leader did not repeat his frequent denial that the Palestinian Authority controlled smuggling.

While declining to reveal the contents — or to say if Arafat had responded to Powell's demand that he acknowledge responsibility for the smuggling attempt — Boucher reiterated the U.S. allegation that "Palestinian Authority people were definitely involved."

Powell, meanwhile, spoke by telephone to British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw and German Foreign Minister Joachka Fischer, who are going to the Middle East.
FBI issues new terrorist warning

WASHINGTON

The FBI issued an extraordinary terrorist alert Monday night, asking law enforcement and the American public to be on the lookout for a Yemeni man and several associates who might be plotting a terrorist attack as early as Tuesday.

The FBI scrambled to put the warning out after information emerged that one or more people were involved. Officials said the intelligence, while deemed credible, was not specific about possible targets.

The alert identified one possible attacker as Fawaz Yahya al-Rabeei, a Yemeni national born in Saudi Arabia in 1979. It listed about a dozen associates of al-Rabeei.

The bureau planned to put photos and information on a Web site to help Americans identify the possible perpetrators.

"Recent information indicates a planned attack may occur in the United States or against U.S. interests on or around Feb. 12, 2002. One or more operatives may be involved in the attack," the alert to 18,000 law enforcement agencies said.

The alert asked police "to stop and detain" any of the named individuals and that all "should be considered extremely dangerous."

Law enforcement officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the alert was prompted by recent interviews of detainees in Afghanistan and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, where several al-Qaida operatives are being held.

Law enforcement officials said there was no evidence that al-Rabeei had entered the United States. The alert did not say whether the attack was planned or involved Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network.

Before Monday, FBI and Homeland Security officials had issued three general alerts urging all Americans to be cautious and on the lookout for possible terrorist activities. The last was issued Dec. 3 and was supposed to last through the holidays. It has since been extended through the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City and is supposed to expire around March 11.

In addition, the FBI has issued numerous narrower alerts to specific industries when uncorroborated information about threats to their facilities emerges. In the last month, such alerts went to nuclear power plant operators and to operators of Internet sites cautioning about possible threats.

On some occasions, local law enforcement officials have complained they learned from news media about the warnings before they saw the alerts over the FBI communications system.

Monday's warning was carefully organized to ensure that police, news media and the public learned about them at the same time, officials said.
Alabama governor pleads innocence

Associated Press

MONTGOMERY
Gov. Don Siegelman proclaimed his innocence Monday amid reports that criminal investigators have subpoenaed his banking and investment records as part of a growing probe into state business deals.

"I know I have done nothing wrong and those records will show that," Siegelman said.

"It's coming at the beginning of what will be a tough, hard-fought campaign," he said.

Alabama Attorney General Bill Pryor and U.S. Attorney Laura Garrett Canary declined comment.

State and federal authorities have investigated several state deals, including a now-defunct Alabama warehouse construction project supervised by one of Siegelman's long-term supporters, Roland Vaughan, former chairman of the Business Council of Alabama. The state investigation was sparked by a $25,000 a year Siegelman aide to scout warehouse sites for the state. He was indicted for theft after it was discovered he was living in an upscale Marlin County suburban Marlinwood several years ago when he was a white dust mask over her face.

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COLOMBIA
Rebels kill 10 in bombing

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Bogota

In their boldest attack this year, suspected leftist rebels launched two bombs into an army garrison in southern Colombia on Monday, killing 10 soldiers and wounding more than 30. Officials are investigating whether the bombs were homemade mortar shells crafted from cooking gas canisters, or if the rebels have obtained a more sophisticated arms, Gen. Fernando Tapia said Monday evening.

The bombs landed on a barracks full of sleeping soldiers and started a fire that detonated several hand grenades stored inside.

Four of the more than 30 injured soldiers were still hospitalized Monday night, Tapia said.

While Tapia did not say whom he thought responsible for the attacks, Gen. Aroceso Barrero, commander of the army's Fourth Division, blamed the attack on the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, the biggest rebel group in Colombia.

Hours after the attack, relatives of the wounded soldiers waited outside the hospital in Pitalito, 234 miles southwest of Bogota, for word on their injuries. The hospital appealed for blood donations.

Saturday's attack was the second time in two weeks the army has suffered heavy losses at the hands of the FARC. Twenty-nine soldiers died Jan. 29 as they tried to seize a rebel munitions dump in southern Colombia. The cache exploded, but it was unclear if the explosion was accidental or set off by rebels.

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ZIMBABWE

Bomb attacks on Zimbabwe's only daily newspaper leave no damage, for now

Associated Press

Harare

Two gasoline bombs were hurled Monday at provincial offices of Zimbabwe's only independent daily newspaper, which the government has accused of supporting the opposition.

A gasoline bomb also was thrown at a nearby print shop in Bulawayo, about 230 miles southwest of Harare. The print shop had printed some opposition election campaign material.

Neither premises were seriously damaged.

The attacks are the latest political violence ahead of presidential elections on March 15. President Robert Mugabe, 77, and his increasingly unpopular ruling party are fighting for political survival after nearly 22 years in power.

Matodzi Mathuthu, The Daily News' chief reporter in Bulawayo, said the bombs smashed a plate glass window at the entrance to the paper's offices, burning a carpet in the lobby. No one was inside and there was no damage to the upstairs offices.

On Thursday, ruling party militants pasted Mugabe's campaign posters on the street-level windows. While cleaners were removing them, militants warned staff to leave the posters or their office would be burned down, Mathuthu said.

Owners at printers Daily Print said the firm had produced campaign material for the opposition United Democratic Change. Damage to the shop was minimal.

No comment was immediately available from police.

Opposition activists on Sunday accused ruling party supporters of attacking them to prevent an election rally at Gokwe, 200 miles west of the capital.

"The government, meanwhile, rejected a Swedish diplomat as head of a European Union election observer mission, state television reported.

Pierre Schori, Sweden's ambassador to the United Nations, was a mere tourist to Zimbabwe" and had not been cleared to lead a delegation of 15 EU observers.

Schori arrived in Harare late Sunday and had been expected to apply for accreditation with election officials Monday. He was given a two-week tourist visa pending discussions with the government.

State television said Zimbabwe insisted EU observers be led and remain subordinate to the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) grouping of nations to which the EU is allied through trade agreements.

The report underlined differences between Zimbabwe and the EU, which has warned Zimbabwe of sanctions unless the elections are free and fair, and unless observers and international journalists are allowed to work unhindered.

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS

Intelligence reports show Osama bin Laden's terrorist network is having difficulty moving money internationally, a senior Treasury Department official said Monday.

Undersecretary of the Treasury Jimmy Gurule said the main reason was the forced closure of the Al-Barakaat financial network that bin Laden and his al-Qaida followers relied on heavily to transfer money.

President Bush's order in November to freeze the assets of Al-Barakaat, a Somali-based money-transfer organization with offices in up to 40 countries, "delivered a very significant blow" to the terrorists, Gurule said.

Since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the United States, Bush has frozen the assets of 168 individuals and entities with alleged ties to al-Qaida and other terrorist groups. Gurule said $34 million in assets has been blocked in the United States and about $70 million abroad by 147 countries that have supported Bush's order.

"The intelligence reports that I have recently reviewed indicate that this strategy is making a difference and al-Qaida is having difficulty in moving money internationally," he said.

The blocking of assets by so many countries has forced al-Qaida "to rethink how it moves money internationally -- to come up with different methods, different systems," Gurule said.

"There has to be some procedural safeguards because the decision it takes affects the civil rights of individuals," Gurule said.

Anders Kruse, a Swedish legal expert, also appeared before the U.N. committee and urged its members to safeguard the rights of individuals placed on the U.N. list.

The sanctions committee must find ways to let individuals know what the charges are against them and to allow them to ask for a review, said Kruse, who heads the Swedish Foreign Ministry's legal department.

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PRESIDENT

President Bush’s State of the Union address was arguably one of the most significant foreign policy speeches given in recent times. It is comparable to Truman’s 1947 speech outlining the policy of containment or JFK’s inaugural address where he promised to pay any price or bear any burden to fight and win the Cold War. Like Truman and Kennedy, Bush has given clear direction for the nation. His words echoed the moral surety of the World War II generation in their fight against communism.

What Bush did was to reshape the nation’s foreign policy—defining America’s mission in noble and ambitious terms and declaring war on an “axis of evil” nations that harbor terrorists and threaten our nation with weapons of mass destruction. The fate of this administration and its place in history will depend on the success of the “Bush Doctrine.” It may have been one of the first times in recent memory where several major policy debates were settled in one evening. For the last year, the administration has debated how to deal with the so-called “rogue nations.” An intense internal debate raged on how best to encourage political change in Iran, Iraq and North Korea. Administration officials were divided between those who believed we could make a deal with the Iranian regime and those who insisted we had to confront the mullahs. There were also hot contests between those seeking to remove Saddam Hussein from power and those who believed his removal would cause regional instability. And there have been powerful voices arguing that peace and stability in North Korea could be bought off with food and credits.

The President correctly denounced the unelected rulers of Iran for ignoring the desires of the Iranian people. He cast aside the Clinton era policy of paying ransom to stop North Korea’s nuclear pursuits. And he put Saddam on notice that his regime is near an end. He did it all in words that were clear, concise and sure.

The President told the nation that the fight against “the evil doers” is every bit as serious as World War II or the Cold War. The lesson of Sept. 11 was that the United States should find and destroy those who would drive us into a world of suicide bombers and nuclear weapons. The Bush Doctrine sends a clear signal that the United States will not wait for another attack to take action. In fact, the President said he would take preemptive action to prevent another assault like Sept. 11.

Predictably, the Europeans seemed convinced that Bush made another simplistic and stupid blunder. France’s foreign minister, Hubert Vedrine, summed up the European critique by calling Bush’s policy “simply stupid.” “The President in his second term has lost the initiative.”

Scott Flipse

Urbanites

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The President has called the nation to a sustained battle. We are at war against those who support terrorism and seek to possess weapons of mass destruction. His goal is ambitious: To end the current threat and create a global environment where liberty, the rule-of-law and human rights can flourish. It is the beginning, he hopes, of a new, New World Order.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

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“there is no room in this country for hyphenated Americanism.”

Theodore Roosevelt

former president
Reconsidering contraception

On contraception, it may be time for a reality check. Contraception has not been as popular in Europe, Asia, and Russia, is dying. For example, in the Czech Republic, the birth rate has been declining since the 1980s. The current birth rate is 10 per 1,000 people, down from 20 per 1,000 in the 1960s. The government has implemented various policies to try to increase the birth rate, such as tax breaks for families with children and incentives for businesses to hire young workers. However, these efforts have not been successful in reversing the trend. A recent study by the United Nations Population Division found that the European Union as a whole has a fertility rate of 1.5, well below the replacement level of 2.1. This means that the population of the EU is expected to decline in the coming decades.

Patrick Buchanan,

Richard Rice

Right or Wrong?

The defining reality is that "we are creations," in the words of the Czech president Vaclav Havel, the first atheistic civilization in the history of mankind. Buchanan offers debatable policy proposals, including a new gospel has as its governing axioms: there is no contraception. They have no right to exclude anyone from the church. Buchanan offers new solutions to the problem of low fertility and that it reduces population size not at all ages but only among the young. Low fertility produces an age structure that creates a momentum for future population decline, a situation that must be stopped at some point if population is to be sustained. Populations with low fertility cannot maintain a stable population size at an extremely rapid rate. The longer low fertility is maintained, the harder it becomes to reverse population decline.

That is one reason why contraception must be reconsidered. Until the Anglican Lambeth Conference in 1939, no Christian denomination had ever said that contraception could ever be objectively right. The Catholic Church maintains that unbroken teaching. Discussion of contraception in detail must await another day. Suffice it to say here that the contraceptive ethic is predictably a suicide pact. Any group that refuses to reproduce itself will disappear.

Notre Dame rightly prides itself on the social actions of its students, which, we hope, will continue to practice throughout their lives. But the demographics indicate that the most enduring future contribution those students can make is to society is to participate in the procreation of new persons who will enrich that society and who, not incidentally, will live forever. Whatever your view, the Vatican book will make you think.

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Irish fans show class

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First I'd like to mention that Notre Dame has the greatest fans in the world. Plus, once you've been converted to a Notre Dame fan, there is no going back — you are a fan for life.

One of the things that makes Notre Dame fans the greatest is our class. Remember when Nebraska came to campus last year, many fans in their seats had sold for a nice chunk of change. (This personally angered me but that is not what I'm getting at.) As a result, a good number of us had done nothing to provoke this. And it is really not that cool — it's anybody, anywhere.

I'd rather see you and me. I want to see us welcoming the conflicts that make us grow, rather than tucking and running from the challenges that we face. I want to see us putting it on the line, taking the risks that put our perfection in question and being respectful, rather than fearful of the special talents of those around us.

There is a reason why you and I are here, and it is not perfection. It is not perfection that Notre Dame fans as a whole than those rooting for the Hoyas. No class. No college. Way to show your support. Rather than tucking and running from the challenges that make us grow, rather than tucking and running from the challenges that we face. I want to see us putting it on the line, taking the risks that put our perfection in question and being respectful, rather than fearful of the special talents of those around us.

Michelle M. Rozer

Washington, D.C.

Feb. 11, 2002
ALBUM REVIEW

STD smooth their sound without losing their edge

By SAM DERHEIMER

Pop is such a nasty word. Especially in the world of emo. It invokes low groans and exaggerated sighs of annoyance deep within. It's sort of an inevitable line you dare never cross least you experience the same fate as Green Day. But pop-punk is not necessarily an oxymoron.

With their most recent full-length release, Say What You Are, Jersey emo boys Saves The Day have found a way to inject a little soul and real power into more radio-friendly anthems of punk angst and awkwardness.

Say What You Are is the third installment from Saves The Day, and marks a significant transition away from pure punk and toward a smoother, more melodic pop-punk sound — thanks in no small part to new producer Rob Schnapf (Beck, Elliott Smith).

From the opening chord of "Say What You Are, this is a different Saves The Day. "At Your Funeral" slowly drifts its way out of the speakers as lead vocalist Chris Conley softly wails "This song will become the anthem of your underground..." and just as you're ready to completely write them off, another casualty of the TRL Disease, the boys rock through. "At Your Funeral" explodes with a heavy punk pocket that perfectly circles through the rest of the song, as Conley howls in perfect harmony. It's smooth and clear and bunceus, and yet, it's not utterly lame at the same time too redundant. Conley's lyrics are always drenched in sarcasm and a sense of humor, and this album is no different. The songs tell stories of Miss Santa Cruz County and her cohort and a character named Emily to whom they apparently could not refrain from wishing a Merry Christmas.

Throughout Say What You Are, Saves The Day erupts with pop-punk melodies and sincere, biting lyrics and attitude. "As Your Ghost Takes Flight" combines smooth production with a sharp guitar crunch and a hard-line that keeps Saves The Day from accusations of going soft. "The last time that I saw you, August of '99 I should have had my hammer and a few rusty spikes! To nail you on a wall, and use bottles to catch your blood/ And display you for the neighbors so they knew your time had come." The best song on the album is the extra limited edition disc of a live Cracker show recorded in 1999. On vocals, Dave Salowy and Ted Alexander on guitar, Eben D'Amico on bass and Bryan Newman on drums — never lose their edge on Say What You Are, despite their newly installed cohesive pop-punk sound. "Cars and Calories" bounces as Conley laments about the "The plastic canopy of U.S. royalty—royalty referring to U.S. celebrities. As his band grooves with a fat, rolling hook behind him, Conley preempts any critics of the group's new direction in "Jukebox Breakdown": "And all you want from me is a broken heart and a mouth full of blood/ And I'll carry this casket if its what I have to do... The jukebox is in the corner/ My mouth in the speaker/ It plays your favorite songs and you know where the coin slot is."

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ALBUM REVIEW

Cracker fall short of their usual standards

By JOE LARSON

Scene Music Critic

Forever, Cracker’s fifth studio release continues their roots-rock tradition coupling blues-based guitar riffs with their patented lyrical wit. This album explores a more mellow vibe than their previous efforts, but still mainly sticks to the solid rock ‘n’ roll base Cracker has clung to since their self-titled debut in 1992. That album boasts some of their most notable songs, like the rock anthem "Teen Angst (What The World Needs Now)", and the quirky "Happy Birthday To Me.

Cracker followed that album with 1993's hugely successful Keroesne Hat, which had probably their most famous song "Low" and also "Get Off This." That album quickly placed Cracker on the map with other rock-oriented alternative bands in the early '90s like Soul Asylum and Toad the Wet Sprocket. They followed this success in 1996 with the critical The Golden Age, which showcased the full gamut of their musical talent, starting with the accusatory "I Hate My Generation." The album swings from angry rock to melancholy scores of strings and heartfelt lyrics on songs like "Big Dipper" and the powerful "Dixie Babylon," which boasts a beautiful string arrangement and is still probably the most touching song in their catalogue. The album was moderately successful but not the critical and commercial success their third album was.

Their next album, 1998's Gentlemen's Blues, carried on their move towards a more eclectic feel and added to the more pop-oriented straight rock that they began with. Songs like "The Good Life" and the self-deprecating "My Life Is Terrible, Boring Without You" carry the album and more intensely incorporate the roots country sound into Cracker's growing back of tricks.

Forever is held up by the blues rock of songs "Don't Bring Us Down" and "Ain't That Strange." These songs are catchy and come complete with the moody songs like "Brides Of Neptune" and the title track "Teen Angst." David Lowery and Johnny Hickman continue writing songs in the vein of classic rock with intricate musical additions that allow Cracker to do so without becoming too redundant. Cracker's lyrics are always drenched in sarcasm and a sense of humor, and this album is no different. The songs tell stories of Miss Santa Cruz County and her cohort and a character named Emily to whom they apparently could not refrain from wishing a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The best song on the album is the soulful "Sweat Magdalena Of My Misfortune," which creeps and years for a last listen. The song is carried by Hickman's swirling blues guitar and Lowery's strained voice that, although it is obviously strained, seems to fit the song perfectly. Lowery's lament on this song recalls the emotion and vigor of some of Cracker's early, more powerful work without getting too sappy.

Another good song that adheres to Cracker's rock 'n' roll chops is the heavy "One Fine Day," which really allows Hickman the freedom to carry the song riff along with a Neil Young-like, chunky electric background. Lowery's vocals and lyrics with an organ round up the crunchy feel of a great, angry rock song.

Unfortunately, a few of the new renovations Cracker makes in this album are not as delightful. The successful soul vibe on "Sweat Magdalena Of My Misfortune" is lost on "Shameless," which simply doesn't work. It attempts an almost funk/Mo-town type of feel that propels the listener to quickly click forward to the next song.

The worst renovation is the last song on the album, "What You're Missing," which is a faux-rap about what a great band Cracker is and the wrong thing is that they're popularity has not increased over the years. First, a rock band rapping is never good; and second, complaining on an album about the lack of popular successes you have been garnering also alienates the fans who have remained loyal over the years. The song takes away from the overall feel of an album that flows from melodically to anger to fun and basically insults the listener. It tries to add a new, funkier dimension to the album, but it's not utterly lame at the same time (who knew those two concepts could be intertwined?)

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CONCERT PREVIEW

Indie star Ani DiFranco to play South Bend

By MAUREEN SMITHE
Scene Music Critic

Opening up her Winter 2002 tour Feb. 19 at South Bend’s Morris Performing Arts Center, Ani DiFranco proves once again that her fan base extends beyond big cities and urban meccas. Her grassroots origin grew out of Buffalo, NY, when she moved onto her own at the age of 15, releasing her first album just five years later. Her singing and songwriting skills and her unique acoustic knack bring fans in by the droves.

Thanks to bootleg distribution, DiFranco took the college circuit by storm early in her career. Her Winter 2002 Tour aims at pleasing the collegiate crowd, with stops in the hometowns of Ohio State University, Michigan State, Missouri-Columbia and Washington University, among others.

Critics hail DiFranco as an truly entertaining live performer, and her South Bend show should produce no less. The Maine Times considers her performances to be "easily the best rock [concerts] I’ve seen in at least a decade ... This is something special." Critics at The London Times consider her “the most brilliant musician and performer you are likely to see in a year of gig-going.”

DiFranco, who considers herself “a whirlwind of Type A energy,” is known for giving audiences more than what they expect. A self-proclaimed feminist, she remains in charge of the entire Ani operation. Everything from cover art to T-shirt design has to be approved by DiFranco, and this self-assertion continues to garner her cult status as an icon of the anti-mainstream.

Her fierce sense of individualism and self-motivation are what bring fans to her shows in droves. DiFranco channels emotion into her lyrics and instrumentation, both on stage and in her albums. She is considered one of the first riot grrls to hit the indie scene, and she isn’t going anywhere any time soon.

Joining DiFranco on stage this tour will be her tried-and-true support band. Daren Hahn on drums, Jason Mercer on bass, Hans Touber on saxophone and Julie Wolf on keyboards all have considerable Righteous Babe experience alongside their fearless lead.

DiFranco enjoys regular critic praise outside of the concert arena. Rolling Stone has called her “one of the most prolific artists of the ’90s,” and Launch.com critic Brett Anderson hailed her “as an acoustic performer who cut her teeth on the coffee-shop circuit.” DiFranco’s highly acclaimed 1996 album Dilate debuted in the Top 100, quite an achievement for an independent release.

There are still plenty of seats available for Tuesday night’s show. Call the Morris Performing Arts Center box office at 1-800-537-6415 for ticket information.

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ALBUM REVIEW

Complex, layered composition defines Come Down

By LIAM FERRELL
Some Music Critic

Let It Come Down is Spiritualized’s follow-up to the critically acclaimed and masterful 1997 album Ladies and Gentlemen We Are Floating In Space. This past album was a landmark in the career of J. Spaceman (a.k.a. Jason Pierce) and company, with a title track that was one of the most beautiful and haunting songs ever recorded. With string accompaniment, full orchestras, choirs, and electronic effects, Spiritualized created a dense network of sounds that defined them as masters of the anti-mainstream.

After several years and complete lineup changes, Let It Come Down is the third studio release from Spiritualized. The lyrics of the songs practically form a concept album, with each track building off its predecessor, expanding on themes of love, loss, depression, faith, redemption and the possibilities of healing. Spaceman gives the listener an album full of confessions and prayers.

The album begins with a roaring start, the jazz-infused, rolling out “Fire.” Filled with choral vocals, layered tracking and electronics, the music sets the boundaries for the rest of the record. The singer is inspired, enthusiastic and wants to get “into your soul.” The mood set here does not falter on the second track, as “Do It All Over Again” remains lighthearted, with an upbeat melody, strings and horns, providing lyrics of comfort for someone downhearted.

The darker section of the record begins with the mellow, string laden “Don’t Just Do Something,” where the sun “burns his wings” amidst several melodic shifts and lyrics of regret. A similar context is followed up in “Out of Sight,” an angrier song with distorted guitars, brassy horns and anguished vocals that culminate in a full sonic blast at the song’s conclusion.

The mantra-like repetitions in “I Didn’t Mean to Hurt You” and the floating, melodic despair of “Anything More,” wherein the speaker’s main goal is to “just survive,” bookend the best track on the album, “Stop Your Crying.” A very stirring and beautiful melody, with rare hopeful lyrics, this song encapsulates the best of Spiritualized’s talents in songwriting.

The final two songs are thematically related and reach into very religious territory. “We Won’t Get to Heaven (The State I’m In)” is basically a prayer to God for deliverance, with a small belief that redemption is coming. The final track, “Lord Can You Hear Me,” could be a continuation of the same prayer, but the speaker has lost complete interest in life, and is on the brink of suicide.

A church hymn with darker lyrics, the song proclaims that the speaker would take his life if he were not in so much doubt. Extremely chaotic and layered, the song ends abruptly.

Overall, Let It Come Down does not have the same level of harsh beauty developed in Ladies and Gentlemen We Are Floating In Space. The subject matter reaches better levels but the production occasionally obscures the vocals and little new ground is broken by the musical composition. At some points, the attention of the listener will lag. Let It Come Down is not a break- through album, but it is good; hopefully Spiritualized will dig deeper into the potential they showed and break more rules the next time around.

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HARTFORD, Conn. — Caron Butler can’t recall when he worked so hard for so few points.

Butler had 20 points and 11 rebounds lead Connecticut to a 40-40 victory over Villanova in the second lowest scoring game since the Huskies trailed 32-30.

“I can’t remember a game like that. If it had to be all the way back to AAU,” Butler said. “It was just an ugly game. There was a lid on both ends and we just had to gut it out.”

The record was set on Feb. 26, 2000, when Providence beat Notre Dame 65-40.

On Saturday, the conference had its highest scoring game ever when Notre Dame beat Georgetown 116-111 in four overtimes.

Butler briefly left the physical game with a bloody cut over his eye.

The Huskies also had to adjust to a new lineup. Coach Jim Calhoun benched guard Taliek Brown for the final five minutes because of poor play the last few games.

The Huskies were without starting forward Johnnie Bryant, who missed his fourth game with a bloody cut over his eye.

Butler said he was going to take forms of tests during the year. He explained that the Huskies were trying to stay together.

The first half was marked by long scoring droughts on both sides. The Wildcats hit their first 18 shots, but missed their next 12 over an 11-1/2-minute stretch.

Nick Calhoun fared no better. The Huskies hit their first six shots, but missed their next 12 over a 13-1/2-minute stretch.

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The Huskies’ 16 (-6, 8-3) were up 3-49 from the field (23 per cent). They were held to a season-low 20 points in the first half and continued to misfire throughout the second half, finishing 8-35 (23 per cent).

“Villanova played very well,” Calhoun said. “We managed just five field goals in the second half and shot 26 per cent for the game.”

Butler made two free throws with 1:61 left to give Connecticut its first lead, 27-26. Villanova missed a chance to take the lead on Andrew Sullivan’s two free throws.

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Butler had four points in the spurt that gave UConn the lead for good. The Wildcats then had three straight turnovers but made a key steal through Butler and Garnett being fouled going to the basket.

Although he missed both shots, Garnett, the nation’s leading scorer, grabbed the offensive rebound for another UConn possession.

Play was stopped by poor officials for most of the game, the Huskies made four of their last six to ice the win.

UConn made up the difference on the boards in the first 20 minutes. After getting no offensive rebounds in the first 20 minutes, the Huskies grabbed 16 in the second half and converted them into 12 second-half points.

The up-tempo Huskies also fought through Villanova’s slower, deliberate pace.

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Boarders make history with sweep
The University of Notre Dame indoor track and field team competed in a final tune-up meet for next weekend’s Big East Championships at the University of Windsor Team Challenge in Windsor, Ontario, on Saturday, Feb. 9. Both the men and women captured five events over the course of the meet.

In the 1,000 meters, seniors Sean Zanderdor (3:04.46) and Pat Conneely (3:03.95) finished first and second, respectively. Zanderdor’s victory was followed by freshman Trevor McClain-Duer’s 1:22.55 first-place finish in the 600 meters.

Senior Quill Redwine enjoyed a season’s best effort in the triple jump, clearing 6.73 meters (22-11 3/4) and Godwin Mbagwu (6.67 meters - 22-11 3/4) ended up taking first and second, respectively.

Teammate Tom Gilbert (7.67 meters - 25-3 3/4) ended up posting two victories.

Ayesha Boyd, who is compiling a season’s best effort in the high jump, set a new meet record in 1:29.07 to take first place. McClain-Duer’s 1:22.55 first-place effort in the high jump finished second by clearing 1.75 meters (5-8 3/4).

Sophomore Jill Volkmer also finished second in the pole vault clearing the same height. Volkmer also finished second in the triple jump.

Freshman Emily Loomis was able to improve her season’s best high jump effort, as she finished second by clearing 1.75 meters (5-8 3/4).

The 4x200-meter relay team rounded out the Irish victories in the meet, taking first in 1:34.84.

Next on the agenda for the Irish will be the 2002 Big East Indoor Championship in Syracuse, N.Y., on Feb. 16 and 17.

The Olympics isn’t what they used to be.

The events haven’t changed that much, although snowboarding has caught some major air and been elevated from X-Game to Olympic game status.

A lot of the countries still are there, the Soviet Union, the world hockey power anymore because, well, there’s no more Soviet Union.

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There was the Tonya Harding debacle, which made a hockey crookscare look positively noble by comparison. There was scandal in Salt Lake City about the means used to bring the Games there in this Olympic year of 2002.

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We’re not in Athens

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Special to the Observer

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Carroll, Thomas net league honors

Special to the Observer

Notre Dame junior guard Matt Carroll and freshman point guard Chris Thomas have been honored as the Big East Conference Player of the Week and Rookie of the Week, respectively, leading the Irish to two victories last week.

Carroll, a first-time recipient of the league's weekly honor, is the co-recipient of the player-of-the-week award along with Michael Sweetney of Georgetown, while Thomas earns the conference's rookie-of-the-week award for the second straight week.

Carroll, a 6-foot-2 guard from Oak Park, Ill., averaged 23.0 points and 5.5 rebounds as he led Notre Dame to a win at home against Rutgers (89-72) and a quadruple overtime victory over Georgetown (116-111) in the longest game in Big East history.

Another闪光 Knight, Thomas, finished with 14 points and three assists as he shot six-of-10 from the field and two-of-four from the free throw line. Carroll netted a career-high 30 points, scoring Notre Dame's final seven points in the fourth overtime period against the Hoyas. He also finished with 10 rebounds while playing all but five minutes of the contest to register his second career double-double.

Carroll shot nine-of-18 from the field in the game and was five-of-nine from three-point range and seven-of-nine from the free throw line. In the two games combined, he shot 53.6 percent from the field (15-28) and 53.8 percent from three-point range (7-13).

Thomas has earned rookie-of-the-week honors more than any other player this season; this is the third consecutive week he has garnered the award. Thomas posted a pair of double doubles in the two contests and averaged 27.0 points, 11.5 assists, 5.0 rebounds and 2.5 steals.

In playing 38 minutes against Rutgers, he scored a career-high 32 points and dished out 11 assists while hitting 10-of-14 from the field and seven-of-nine from three-point range. He played all 60 minutes in the Georgetown game and finished with 22 points, 12 assists, a personal best eight rebounds and made three steals.

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Gonzalez goes to WUSA

Special to the Observer

Notre Dame fifth-year defender Monica Gonzalez was the 11th overall selection in Monday's player draft by the second-year women's United Soccer Association, with the Boston Breakers using their second-round pick to select the All-American defender.

Gonzalez was the fourth defender selected, behind top pick Danielle Slaton (Santa Clara), North Carolina's Danielle Borgman (8th) and Casey Zimny of Connecticut (10th). The Big East Conference matched the Atlantic Coast (3) as the only conferences with three-plus players selected in the first 12 picks, with West Virginia forward Katie Barnes preceding Gonzalez as the ninth overall pick (the Big East was the only conference with players from three different schools taken in the first dozen picks).

The 5-11 Gonzalez could join three former Notre Dame players as members of the Breakers, as Boston's 2001 roster included former Irish defender and U.S. National Team defender Kate Sobrero, former ND forward Meolls Eriksson and the NCAA's all-time assist leader, midfielder Holly Manthey.

Ten former Notre Dame players competed in the eight-team league during the WUSA's inaugural 2001 season.

Men's Soccer

Notre Dame men's soccer coach Bobby Clark has announced the signing of seven prep standouts to national letters of intent. Joining the Irish program in the fall of 2002 will be three defenders, two midfielders, a forward and a goalkeeper. The signees include: defender Ben Crouse from Oak Park, California; forward Tony Megna from Middleton, Wis.; goalkeeper Justin Michaud from Plano, Texas; midfielder John Stephens from Woodbridge, Ill.; and defender Nick Tarnay from Cleveland, Ohio.

"This is a class my staff (including assistant coaches Brian Wins and Mike Avery) worked very hard to identify," Clark said. "All seven of these individuals are excited about coming to Notre Dame and playing soccer. This is a group that really believes in the direction of our program and that Notre Dame can be a soccer power.

"All seven of these players have great potential and I expect to get the future. It is a class of considerable depth and quality. Looking at the makeup of this group, these players comprise a team that will have an impact on the growth of our program."
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**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

Batteast named Big East best

Notre Dame freshman forward Jacqueline Batteast joined an elite sorority on Monday when she was selected as the Big East Conference Rookie of the Week for the sixth time, sharing the honor with Providence forward Jessica Simmonds. Batteast is only the second player in school history, and the sixth athlete in conference annals, to win six Big East Rookie of the Week citations in a single campaign. Junior guard Alicia Ratay also took home six rookie awards during the 1999-2000 season.

In addition, Notre Dame is just the second league school to have two six-time Big East Rookie of the Week selections — Connecticut forward Rebecca Lobo holds the conference record with seven rookie accolades, while Husky forward Svetlana Abrosimova won top freshman laurels on six occasions.

Batteast averaged 17.0 points and 11.0 rebounds per game while posting back-to-back double-doubles last week, leading the Irish to a pair of critical Big East victories over Pittsburgh and No. 16/18 Boston College. She registered 16 points and a game-high 12 rebounds last Tuesday night at Pittsburgh, before chalk ing up game bests of 18 points and 10 rebounds in Sunday's triumph over BC. The latter performance was her 11th double-double of the season (and fourth in as many games), tying her with Connecticut forward Swin Cash for the Big East lead.

For the season, Batteast ranks fourth in the Big East in scoring (15.3 ppg.), second in rebounding (8.8 rpg.), third in blocked shots (1.59 bpg.) and first in double-doubles (10), one of just two players to place in the top five in all four categories. She also is the only Big East freshman to lead her team in both scoring and rebounding.

In other Notre Dame news, the Irish jumped back into the Top 25 this week, checking in at No. 23 in the most recent Associated Press poll which was released Monday afternoon. Notre Dame is not ranked in the latest ESPN/USA Today coaches' poll, receiving 29 points which would place the Irish 29th in the nation if the poll were extended. Notre Dame was ranked in the first four AP polls of the 2001-02 season, reaching as high as No. 15 before falling out after a 2-4 start, thereby snapping a run of 56 consecutive weeks in the AP Top 25 survey.
I, having been great to feel the confidence I struggled years before and it's a win gives you. Tennis is a best tennis I've played at Notre Dame," said Taborga. "I've think Taborga's upset victory was "I" said Taborga. "If you look at the score against Georgia, it says 4-2, but it was much closer than that," said Taborga. "If we can beat Georgia we can beat any team." Taborga's upset victory was not his first experience defying the mighty tennis rankings. Last year he upset Stanford's third-ranked K.J. Hiperstenkel, in the ITA All-American Championships. "I hope I can build on this," said Taborga. On Saturday the Irish faced No. 5 Mississippi and Talarico fought a marathon match with No. 21 Kristofer Stahlberg. Stahlberg won 6-4, 4-6, 7-5 after battling with Talarico for three hours. Their match was the only one still going for the last 45 minutes, as Stahlberg started shouting salt into his mouth to try to fight at attack of muscle cramping. "Stahlberg reminded me of myself," said Talarico. "He just didn't quit. Everything I had he had an answer for. It came to crunch time and I just didn't pull it out."

The Irish had taken the doubles point with an 8-2 win at No. 3 by Talarico and D'Amico. Seniors James Malhame and Ashok Raju won 8-5 at No. 2. Taborga earned his second upset singles victory of the weekend when he beat 21st-ranked Alex Hartman 7-6 (7-3), 6-4 at No. 1. Paul Corasce won a 6-3, 3-6, 6-0 victory over Haddock-Morales at No. 4 and Catalin Gard defeated Smith 8-6, 6-2, 6-2 at No. 3, giving the Rebels a 3-2 lead. Sophomore Matthew Scott tied the match and improved to 10-0 in dual matches with a 7-6 (7-4), 4-6, 6-3 win at No. 5, before the Stahlberg-Talarico endurance contest decided the match.

"We had two losses, but we felt better about our team than we did going in. We know we belong, that we are a top-10 team," said Talarico. "Everyone knows it, and we definitely showed it." Contact Katie Hughes at kHughes@nd.edu.

What is the Liturgy of the Hours? The Liturgy of the Hours is a series of prayers based on the Psalms said throughout the course of the day. The tradition of the Liturgy of the Hours goes back so far before the time of Christ. Christ Himself prayed it in its earlier forms. Morning and Evening prayer last approximately 20 minutes each.

Why should we pray the Liturgy of the Hours? Christ invites us, as Paul writes, to "Pray without ceasing." The Liturgy of the Hours exposes our mindfulness of that call and it is an act of consolamentum of time.

of the Hours Why start during Lent? Lent is a time of recommitting ourselves to God's service through and in prayer. Liturgy of the Hours is starting during Lent because in Lent we have the opportunity to establish ourselves in new ways of living our lives, to last beyond and be enriched by Easter. The Liturgy of the Hours is valuable specifically as a daily offering, complementing the rest of the Church's prayers and seasons. What we begin during lent, we will continue through the rest of the year.

Chapel of Notre Dame Our Mother (Coleman - Morse Center)
Monday through Friday
Morning Prayer (Lauds) 8:45 a.m.
Evening Prayer (Vespers) 5:00 p.m.
Beginning Ash Wednesday

The Irish finished the weekend 1-2, but defeated important opponent USC in the first round.

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advantage by earning the dou-

bles point. A key victory 8-6 by Katie Cunha and Sarah Jane Connelly against the nation's No. 24 doubles squad of Asia Loyola and Launa Magnani clinched the point and provided key momen-
tum heading into singles action. With the No. 1, 3, and 5 spots playing first, Lindsey Green and Alicia Salas both cruised to easy victories to give the team a 3-1 ad-

vantage after two rounds of play. Connell clinched the win in the third round with a 6-4, 6-3 victory at No. 6, while Nina Vaughn added a 7-6, 6-3 upset of USC's Magnani as icing on the cake. The upset win proved to be revenge for the pre-season match-up between the two teams in which the Trojans beat the Irish by the same score of 5-2.

For his part, Louderback was thrilled by the team's perfor-
mance against their California rival. "Beating SC was a great win," he said. "It was really nice to see us play so well."

Unfortunately, neither Friday's nor Saturday's competitions would be so successful. In both showings against the Commodores and Tar Heels, the Irish lost the doubles point and were unable to re-
cover enough ground in sin-
gles. In the team's 5-2 loss to Vandy, only Green and Salas prevented a complete shutout by earning singles victories. And Salas earned the team's only point against Carolina with another gutsy singles showing. Despite the disappointing out-

come, Louderback still feels that the team played well over the

weekend, especially against Vanderbilt (who eventually advanced to the final). "The score didn't show it, but I think we played well against a great team," said Louderback. "If we could have taken the doubles point, that match would have been a lot different."

As for Salas, who improves her singles record to 11-0 on the

year, Louderback was especially impressed. "She's done so well for us at the number five spot, but I think she'll be moving up for us at some point during the year," he said.

Such a move could prove to be a huge help to a team whose struggles have stemmed in part from a lack of comfort with play-
ing position. "All of our players have to get used to playing up a couple of spots in the lineup," said Louderback. "I think once we get that straightened out, we'll be an even better team."

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Ultimate team finishes strong

Special to the Observer

Baton Rouge again hosted the Mardi Gras Invitational as Ultimate clubs gathered from all over the nation for this premier event. The Irish men’s squad showed their resiliency as they bounced back from a disappointing opening day to finish strong.

On Saturday, the club dropped a 13-9 contest to Yale and fell 16-7 to Florida before catching fire to top Wisconsin, 13-10. With top scorer Cletus Willems and Robert Bruggner running the attack, the Irish then blew by Iowa State, 13-7 to climb back into contention for the B Division championship.

Stellar defense by rookies Matt Sullivan and Holden Willems and physical play by juniors Jayson Dolan, and Matt Kushma led the Irish to a sweep of the B Division.

The Irish fell 14-5 to the University of Arkansas in the Championship, 13-9 to performance, as they lost the Mardi Gras Invitational their resiliency as they this premier event. The Yale and fell scorer from all over the nation for as Ultimate clubs gathered before catching fire to top Wisconsin, 13-10. Matt Sullivan and Holden in a furious back and forth Bonwit shut down Robert Bruggner running to match their earlier per­ Michigan Divisionals. Danielle Clements took fourth and Ellen Block 19th in the slalom, while the duo then placed 17th and 10th respectively in the giant slabon. The big news was on the men’s side as the men fin­ Irish strong. In the slalom, Block finished third in the Divisional, their best show­ playing ever. Marc Pribaz’s sixth in the giant slabon is also the best men’s individual performance in Irish histo­ ry. His efforts were comple­ mented by strong showings by Dan Block, ninth, Wes Jacobs, tenth, Joe Payne 18th, and Eric Hansen, 19th in the giant slabon to secure the overall third place fin­ ish. In the slalom, Block fin­ ished 16th, best among the Irish team. Next week, the club will trek to Marquette, Mich. for the MCSA Regional championships.

Women’s Water Polo

The Notre Dame women’s water polo club won one of four games at the Michigan Invitational. The results in one of the strongest fields in the country did not reflect the continuing improvement of the Irish as they are building for the nationals.

In the opening round, the club fell 14-5 to the defending national cham­ pion Spartans. After dro­ ping a game to Big Ten power Purdue a week ago by eleven goals, the Irish dropped a much closer fought 11-7 contest with the Borellmakers.

The Irish defeated Northwestern, 8-5, before dropping a 10-3 contest to Slippery Rock, one of the premier varsity programs in the country and former NCAA national champion.

Lauren Kuzmizar and Liz Gordon continued to lead the scoring, and they are getting stronger support in a more balanced attack featuring freshmen Erin Hemigian and Kimmy Moore, and sopho­ more Allison Gienko.

With Brigitte Algo growing more comfortable in goal each week, the club’s confidence gained by play­ ing top competition should hold well for the season. Irish fans will have an opportunity to catch the club in action this week­ end as they host a confer­ ence tournament at Rolfs Aquaticas.

Women’s Ice Hockey

The Irish challenged defending national club champion Maryland on their home ice this week­ end, and gave them all they could handle before falling 4-2. Nell Ryan’s slap shot with five minutes remaining in the third period knotted the score at 2-2, before Maryland scored the game winner with less than a minute left in regulation. An empty net shot with less than a second remaining completed the scoring.

Inspired by their great performance at College Park, the Irish traveled to Washington D.C. the next day and skated circles around American University, out-shooting the Eagles 55-8 in a 7-0 rout. Allison Ricci’s hat trick and Heather Reilly’s first goal of the season highlighted a game in which Staci Green scored twice and Nell Ryan com­ pleted the scoring. Goalie Aimee Dietrich recorded her first shutout of the season.

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FENCING

Irish leave no question with 23-4 win

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

Two weeks ago, Northwestern head coach Laurie Schiller questioned Notre Dame's toughness. He mocked the Irish conditioning regime. He ridiculed their practices.

"They have voluntary practice and don't do conditioning," Schiller told the Daily Northwestern on Feb. 1.

And then his team nipped a short-handed Irish squad 15-12 in Colorado Springs.

This weekend, the Irish had something to prove. In a rematch with all their top fencers, sent Northwestern because she was saying some things we didn't appreciate so we were all going to prove the match," said epeeist Kerry Walton, who went 7-0 against the Wildcats while epeeist Meagan Call turned an 0-3 record against the Wildcats in Colorado Springs into a 2-1 result this weekend.

An increase in intensity and focus was the key against Northwestern, according to sabrewoman Destanie Milo who fenced him collegially and now I will do better next time," said epee captain Jan Viviani. "We've definitely shouldn't have lost to them. They've beaten some good teams this year and they are a little better than we expected but still.

The men's foil team, however, crushed the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckeyes 7-2 to give the Buckes..."
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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY 
- Gethin Jones, Mourn Ffionn, Charles Dickens, Chris Rock, Birthday.

- You have an interest in money, investments, property and the general affairs of others this year. You will take pride in your home and do whatever is necessary to make it a Value. Don't stay away from doing the work yourself at this time. You'll instinctively know what will work and what won't. This year's numbers are 16, 23, 25, 33, 38.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Your ability to absorb everything that is going on around you will contribute to the decisions you make. Share your findings with others.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Put your time and effort into maintaining and fixing up your home. Money spent on property and domestic products will be worth your while.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
You will be emotional about your health this year. If you are feeling anxious about being Ill, give him some space today. Make plans to do something interesting with a clear friend.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
Take time out to do something nice for someone you work with who is going through tough times. Your kindness will be repaid when you need help in return.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Get out and do things that will challenge your insights. Creative projects will help you feel good about yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Someone at home is likely to drive you crazy today. Try to be patient and understanding and don't get pulled into a tangle that is likely to become worse.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
You will want to travel today. The more you get to see and experience, the better. Close friends will add to your fun. Look out for something special in the mail.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
You will get sound financial advice if you ask someone with experience about investments and money-making opportunities. Don't lend money or possessions to friends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
If you are in a partnership, expect to have some disagreements today. Take time to consider what is important to you as a partner. You are better off by yourself than with someone who doesn't complement you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
The second half of the year will usher in a period of stability. Keep a low profile and steer clear of major figures. Keep your profile low and steer clear of major figures. Keep your profile low and steer clear of major figures.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Your contribution to a worthwhile cause will enhance your reputation and introduce you to prominent people. Have a little time to offer if it is what your imagination offers today. Take time to think and make plans that are likely to impress you today.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)
Someone you thought you could trust is probably telling behind your back. Older relatives may be a burden today. Do what you can to help but not at the expense of neglecting your own responsibilities.

BIRTHDAY HINT

Birthday Baby: You can be impulsive, independent, sensitive and inventive. You are prone to jumping from one thing to another. You have a unique approach to life that will always fascinate others.

(For advice on your birthday, please check our Web site at observer.nd.edu)
ND TENNIS

Taborga upsets opponent during USTA/ITA tournaments

By KATIE HUGHES
Assistant Sports Writer

There's nothing like shaking things up in the top-10 to prove you belong there.

The Irish competed for the first time since 1996 in the USTA/ITA National Team Indoor Championships in Louisville, Ky. last weekend, establishing beyond a doubt that they belong in the top 10 with three close matches against top-10 teams.

"We faced more top-10 teams this weekend than we usually face in a whole season," said senior Aaron Talarico.

The Irish started out the tournament by beating No. 7 Pepperdine 4-3 on Thursday. They won the doubles point but lost the first three singles matches. Casey Smith's win against No. 54 Caille Hansen decided the match after Matt Scott's 6-3, 6-3 win, and Luís Haddock-Morales' 7-6 (7-2), 7-6 (8-6) victory for the Irish.

On Friday Notre Dame lost a tight match to No. 1-ranked Georgia. Taborga faced Mathias Boeker, defending NCAA singles and doubles champion. The Bulldogs had won the doubles point against an 8-6 win by senior Aaron Talarico and freshman Brent D'Amico, and Taborga went into his match with the Irish trailing 2-0.

"I don't think Georgia expected such a tough match," said Talarico. "We were a tiebreaker in doubles away from making that match."

No. 95 ranked Taborga upset No. 54 Caille Hansen.

The Irish proved they should be in the top 10 after a solid weekend tournament against three top 10 teams.

Irish win important match against USC, fall in two others

By COLIN BOYLAN
Sports Writer

When the Notre Dame women's tennis team headed to Madison, Wis. to take part in the USTA/ITA National Indoor Championships last weekend, the team proved itself in its first round match-up against rival USC as the most important test of the tournament.

As it turned out, the team passed that test with flying colors, beating the Trojans by a convincing 5-2 score, but faltered against later opponents Vanderbilt and North Carolina, 5-2 and 6-1 respectively.

The Irish finished the tournament with a 1-2 mark that dropped their season record to a 4-4, but no one on the squad seems particularly apprehensive about the slow start.

"I think our team has played well so far this season," said head coach Jay Louderback. "We're not too concerned with our record at this point."

Part of the reason for that is the fact that three of the Irish losses have come against top-25 opponents.

Vanderbilt boasted a No. 4 national ranking heading into the tournament and North Carolina looks solid at No. 16. Moreover, the Irish have proven to themselves that they can play with anyone in the nation, a notion that was only solidified by their victory against USC.

Notre Dame opened tournament action on Thursday against the Trojans and quickly took a decisive 4-0 lead after winning the doubles point and first three singles matches.

When the game was completed, the Irish proved they should be in the top 10 after a solid weekend tournament against three top 10 teams.

SMC SWIMMING

Belles sting Hornets in historic win

By NATALIE BAILEY
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's continues to make history, claiming victory for the first time on Saturday, 132 to 91. The Belles wrap up their dual meet season with a record of 3-3 with two other wins against Oliver and Allion earlier in the season.

In their last dual meet of the season, the Belles faced the adversity of missing a top swimmer and competing at a difficult stage in their training schedule. Despite this adversity, many swimmers turned in season-best performances.

"They were ready to go," said head coach Gregg Petrof. "Sophomore Julie McGranahan dropped 10 seconds in the 200-yard butterfly with a first-place time of 2 minutes, 22.11 seconds. This time places her at fifth in the conference for the event, which should help in seeding at the conference meet."

Saint Mary's won both diving events and seven of the 11 swimming events. Megan Ramsey's time of 2:17.83 won the 200-yard IM and led the Belles to three of the top four positions. Ramsey's time of 5:20.57 won the 500-yard freestyle and she was also a member of the winning 400-yard freestyle relay team.

In the 200-yard breaststroke, the Belles swept the top three positions with junior Lauren Smith finishing first with a time of 2:38.02. Smith took second behind Ramsey in the 500-yard freestyle.

While Kalamazoo is admittedly a smaller and weaker team than last year, Saint Mary's is stronger than in past years. A major difference from last year is the change of the coaching staff. This is Petrof's first year at Saint Mary's and sophomore Chloe Lenihan finds his presence to have made a difference.

"Gregg is very experienced and very knowledgeable about the sport of swimming," said Lenihan. "He is excellent at working on the line-ups and he knows when to push us and how hard."

Armed with the best record in recent history, Saint Mary's swim team is filled with confidence as it enters the final stretch of its season. In a conference with all coeducational institutions, Saint Mary's tends to be overlooked.

"We are all pumped for the Conference meet," said junior Matt Gentry. "We want to prove to the other schools that they can't ignore Saint Mary's because we are an all-girls school."

Saint Mary's will participate in the MIAA Swimming and Diving Championships Feb. 21-23.

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