Bishop edges Moscona in election

By ERIN LaRUFFA
Associate News Editor

In a race that was almost as close as Monday's primary, Notre Dame elected its second female student body president in history on Thursday.

Libby Bishop and running mate Trip Foley received 52.7 percent of the vote, just enough to give them a 211-vote victory over Brian Moscona and Keri Oxley, who received 46.6 percent.

"You really realize how good the other candidates are. It could have gone either way," said Bishop.

The fact that Bishop is a female will shape her administration, she said, especially with the 30th anniversary of women being admitted to the University coming up in the fall.

"I think it will add to the gender relations viewpoint," said Bishop, whose mother was in the second class of females to attend Notre Dame.

"It's so funny that her experience was so different," Bishop said.

Both she and Foley said they plan to start work on their platform goals immediately.

"There's a lot of things I can do before April 1," Bishop said. In particular, she mentioned bringing new head football coach Tyrone Willingham to the dorms, as well as expanding Flex Point meal plan options.

"I'm just ready to get to work," Foley said. "I think Libby will do a great job. Foley was out to dinner with his parents when Judicial Council vice president of elections John McCarthy announced the election results.

Campaign manager Pat Hallahan had to call Foley on his cell phone to tell him he had won.

Foley's parents, who are in town for Junior Parents' Weekend, were in for a surprise.

"He never told his parents he was running," said Bishop.

However, once he told his parents he and Bishop had won, Foley said they were happy for the candidate.

"They think it's great. They were just surprised—happily surprised," Foley said.

As Bishop and Foley prepare to begin their term, Moscona, currently serving as student body vice president, was just surprised—happily surprised.

Parents arrive for 50th JPW

By JOHN FANNING
News Writer

The 50th annual Junior Parents' Weekend officially begins at 9 p.m. tonight in the Joyce Center, and continues through Sunday afternoon. However, the weekend's upcoming events have been in planning with various campus groups since last April.

The group leading the effort is the JPW committee, which was formed last April when students applied for positions through Student Activities. Chuck Lamphier was appointed chair of the group and has worked with a vice-chair and a committee of 17 other students since last spring, to facilitate the planning of all of the weekend's events.

"It's a bigger thing than I expected it to be," said Lamphier, who added that all preparations are essentially complete. "It's been a lot of fun, and I have a great group of people that I've been working with."

What the junior class and their parents will witness this weekend is merely the end-product of many months of
Journeys

It all started on a chilly February weekend in 1977 in the hills of eastern Pennsylvania. Braving snow drifts several feet high, hundreds of guests witnessed an important event in my life - a day that had yet to begin. Yes, on February 12, 1977, my parents, Walter and Kathy Kronk, were married. My mother and father could not have been more coin-cidental. Introduced by mutual friends — my father co-worker to the husband, my mother co-worker to the wife — Mom and Dad instantly hit it off, and were married not far from my mother’s hometown of Kutztown, Pa., within a year of being introduced.

Looking back, my parents are the definition of the cliché “opposites attract.” My mother, a rural girl, went to school at Penn State. My dad, I was born and raised in York City, and went to a rival Big Ten school in Ohio State. Somehow, someway, they met and they stuck.

And now, 25 years later, this weekend, in honor of their 25th anniversary, tourists at the Notre Dame tradition known as Junior Weekend. I hope you enjoy your weekend like it has for most of the winter. I’m sure they will make it here. My roommate’s parents, for those of The Observer.

Bryan Kronk
Sports Copy Editor

SYRACUSE, N.Y.
A group of Syracuse University graduate student teaching assistants hopes to establish a union to better disseminate the benefits of the administration for improved compensation and working conditions, members of the TA organizing group said.

The students’ goal is to form a union — United Graduate Employees — to give graduate assistants a collective voice that must be recognized in discussions with administration, said Rutgers University, an English graduate student, TA and a member of the UGE working committee.

The students formed a working committee of about 20 graduate students in mid-January.

“This group needs to find ways to rep-resent themselves collectively and as a union,” Butts said. As a union, you are legally able to sit down and bargain as partners in the arrange-ment.

UGE, which is affiliated with Service Employees International Union, hopes to distribute surveys to as many of the university’s 3,600 graduate assistants as possible within the next month to deter-mine the issues important to them and to gauge interest in unioniza-tion, said Menno Walling, a member of the UGE working committee and a second-year anthropology doctor-ald student and TA.

The results of the survey will clarify what issues TAs are concerned about, but stipends, health care and working conditions issues undergraduate concern, Butts said.

UGE has not yet contacted S.U.’s administration, said Richard Drucker, an organizer with SEIU who is working with the TAs.

“We’re hopeful that we can work cooperatively with the SU administration in moving this process along as quickly as we can,” Drucker said. Daily Orange

HARVARD UNIVERSITY
Faculty members tackle grade inflation

Harvard is about to enter a new phase in its battle against grade inflation. By Friday, all of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences’ departments must report on their grading practices to the Educational Policy Committee, the body that advises the Faculty on most curricular matters. The departments’ reports will inform the EPC’s dis-cussion this spring of how to best bring grades down from their lofty heights. By the end of the spring, the committee hopes to present the faculty with concrete pro-posals.

As faculty begins this new investigation, professors widely agree that Harvard’s grades are inflat-ed. But they hold varied opinions on why and what degree these high grades present a problem. As data released by the faculty this fall shows, grades at Harvard are higher than they have ever been. Over half of the grades distributed among undergraduates last year were in the A-range, and during the last 16 years, mean grade-point averages have risen a full point.

Harvard Cronin

GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
INS detains possible GWU student

WASHINGTON
A man identified as a possible George Washington University student was arrested Monday night near the Pentagon for falsely identifying himself and is being held for immigration violations, according to court records.

The man, whose United Arab Emirates passport identifies him as 23-year-old Sultan Rashid Sultan Juma Alzabai, was riding in a tow truck on an off-limits road near the Pentagon. He was riding with someone other than the owner of the tow truck.

The driver of the truck, identified as Iman Abiel-Fattah Hamad, was also arrested and is being held without bond. Alzabai and Hamad carried several forms of false identi-fication and were taken into custody after Virginia state troopers arrested them for driving on Route 110, which runs east of the Pentagon. Trucks have been prohibited there since Sept. 11, according to a affidavit. The affi-davit reads: "Hamad said he met the passenger at the Northern Virginia Community College, although the pas-senger was now at George Washington University."

The GW Hatchet

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HCA celebrates 25 years of service

By LIZ KAHLING
News Writer

This fall’s Holy Cross Associates will be the 25th group of post-graduate students to embark on the year-long service program. It began with five volunteers in Portland, Ore., and one in Chile. The program now has expanded to six more domestic sites in Phoenix, Ariz.; Coachella, Calif.; Colorado Springs, Colo.; South Bend; Brockton, Mass.; and Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

The anniversary celebration begins in August with reunions in Portland, Chicago, New York and Washington with the program’s more than 700 alumni. The administration is also hopeful to compile a book of letters and correspondences as a written history of the program and its people.

“The planning is still in the works, but this year’s accepted associates should expect even more excitement in anticipation of their future experience as well as the celebration of the tradition of this post-graduate service program.”

The tradition of HCA strikes a timely national chord in light of President Bush’s State of the Union Address, calling for more volunteer corps to rebuild communities, mentor children and teach in troubled schools — much of what the associates have been doing for years. HCA continues to be a model for other faith-based volunteer services, providing training and development.

“We are focused on how we can connect with other programs that will benefit all service programs,” said Rebecca Go, South Bend assistant director.

John Pinter, the South Bend director, said, “The anniversary celebration is kind of an indirect form of recruiting by example of what people have gone on to do.” Pinter explained that HCA provides recently graduated students a chance to discern how to use their talents as students in service and a way to test their skills.

“Some people say it’s a year off, but it’s really a ‘year-on,’ focusing on your God-given strengths and applying yourself,” he said.

Alumni, according to the director, continue to draw from their experiences and find different ways of reconnecting with the program’s four pillars: commitment to service, community, living a simple lifestyle, and spirituality.

Although additional sites have been added, officials do not foresee any future sites in the immediate future. The idea is to be big enough for plenty of options in sites and jobs but not so big that the associates would not get to know the other 40 associates, according to administrators.

The process of establishing another site can be slow. “It takes money and the local community has to be ready for it, as opposed to us saying ‘we’d like to send some people to you,’” Pinter said. “There needs to be some pull from the community.”

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Bob Jones U. seeks minorities

GREENVILLE, S.C. -- Bob Jones University, the fundamentalist Christian school that banned interracial dating ban up until two years ago, is recruiting minorities in hopes of shaking its racist image.

More than 40 minority students have applied for aid through two new funds that are sponsored by private donations, and nine have won scholarships so far, school spokesman Jonathan Pait said Thursday.

The university first admitted black students after the IRS moved to revoke its tax-exempt status in 1970, citing discrimination. The school said that it has few blacks but no precise figures on its racial makeup.

Pait said the scholarships reflect a growing interest by blacks in the 4,200-student school.

"Another reason is that we're often pointed out as being so racist," he said. "We wanted to take a stab, at least, to overcome that stereotype."

That task will be tough, said Bill Whitney, president of the Urban League of the Upstate.

"This is an institution that hasn't been friendly to blacks," he said.

The school was thrust into the national spotlight when George W. Bush stopped there during his presidential campaign two years ago.

Bush was criticized for not addressing the school's ban on interracial dating and statements by Jones that were perceived as anti-Catholic and anti-Mormon.

In the wake of the criticism, Bob Jones III, president of the university founded by his grandfather 75 years ago, announced that the school would drop its ban on interracial dating.

University President Father Edward Malloy poses with senior Robert LeBlanc and second year law student Susan Prchal earlier this week. LeBlanc and Prchal were recipients of the University of Notre Dame Alumni Association Distinguished Student/Graduate Student awards.

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IRAN

Teams search plane crash site

Unidentified relatives of Iranians aboard the Iranian Tupolev 154 airliner, which crashed in the Sefid Kouh mountain, mourn Wednesday prior to the search began. All 117 people aboard the plane were killed.

Ex-sergeant charged with spying

Associated Press

WASHINGTON Federal prosecutors on Thursday charged a retired Air Force master sergeant with attempting to spy for Iraq, Libya and China, accusing Brian P. Regan of writing Saddam Hussein to offer his services for $13 million.

It was the second time that Regan, who worked as a civilan at the National Reconnaissance Office, had been indicted on charges of attempted espionage.

Last November, Regan had pleaded not guilty in federal court. Regan was named Thursday in a four-count indictment, said Deputy Attorney General Larry Thompson.

The indictment quoted Regan as telling Iraq's president in a letter: "I am willing to commit espionage against the United States by providing you with highly classified information." The charges characterized Regan's activities as "systematic and calculated plan to damage U.S. security." Regan demanded $13 million from Iraq in exchange for providing classified information, the indictment charged.

It quoted Regan as saying in the letter to Saddam that he was an analyst who was close to retiring and that the espionage would represent repeated violations of an oath he had taken to defend his country.

Prosecutors said the letter was written between 1999 and 2001, but they were not more specific. Regan said in the letter that $13 million was "a small price to pay to have someone within the heart of U.S. Intelligence agency providing you with vital secrets," the indictment said.
Cancer
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Researchers from the University's departments of Chemistry, Biochemistry and Biology collaborate on research focusing on four main programs. These programs include a transgene group led by Castellino, a cell biology group and a drug design group led by Paul Helquist. The groups include faculty from the three departments and may work on different aspects of the same research project. Even the laboratories used for the Center's research are spread out around campus.

"Many times people will work in their own labs independently," Navari said. "We think that for cancer research if people work together, more progress will be made in a shorter period of time."

This spirit of collaboration, however, doesn't stop within University departments. The Center also works with Purdue's school of pharmacy in drug development, and with Indiana University and Michigan University on product testing. In addition, IU medical students studying at the Notre Dame branch have the option of working on a dual M.D./Ph.D during both schools and research opportunities through the Center.

The organization also selects a limited number of Notre Dame undergraduate researchers and the Center for Transgene Research recruits students from German and Canadian universities for undergraduate assistant positions.

The road to drug development

Researchers from the Drug Design Group are busy studying compounds that effect cancer cells and may be used in diagnosis and treatment.

Currently, the group is working with antigens that are capable of binding to the outer membrane of prostate cancer cells. The antigen binds to a specific protein present only in the prostate cancer cell — then just sits there.

The research team used a super computer to create models of the molecules in computational chemistry. Then, these molecules were manufactured in the lab and tested on tissue cultures. Soon, the team hopes to begin testing on animals.

The antigen acts as what Helquist calls a "biological scaffold," and could lead to earlier cancer detection or prevent existing cancerous cells from spreading to other parts of the body.

The group is also looking into ways in which the antigens could serve as a target for cancer drugs, localizing treatment and minimizing damage to healthy parts of the body.

"One of the problems with conventional cancer treatment is that the drugs involved are very toxic. The drugs are not selective — they affect cancer cells and normal cells," Helquist said. "One can use these molecules to deliver a drug specifically to the site of cancer."

This antigen is just one of many compounds the Drug Design Group is investigating. Researchers also comb scientific journals in search of newly discovered compounds that may affect cancer. If one of the compounds appears promising, Notre Dame researchers may take it on as a project.

For example, Richard Taylor, a chemistry and biochemistry professor, is working with a compound that is capable of inducing apoptosis — programmed cell death — in cancer cells. The compound may eventually be converted into a drug capable of stopping cancer growth.

Drug development is a slow process, however. It takes on average 12 to 15 years for the evolution of new drugs, according to Helquist.

A cellular approach

Across campus, researchers in the cell biology group are using cell cultures to look at movement of cancer cells. According to Crislyn D'Souza-Schorey, a Walther Cancer Institute assistant professor, the team is studying how cells detach from a tumor and spread. The group is also looking at how cellular movement is regulated.

"We're looking at not just the invasive process but also what leads to it," D'Souza-Schorey said. "It's all in the genes."

Meanwhile, researchers from the transgene group are taking a genetic perspective, studying how removing, changing or adding genes to a mouse chromosome will affect cancer.

The group is especially interested in genes involving blood clotting and antiangiogenesis because of their association with cancer.

"We want to find out what genes are up regulated or down regulated when you proceed from a benign state to a cancer state," Castellino said. "Approximately 50 people work in the transgene group — including a support staff of veterinary technicians and animal surgeons who watch over the Center's 5,000 experimental mice. The group conducts experiments with the special transgenic mice and detects the effects of gene alterations using 600 chips. An average experiment requires six different ani-
Senate should have approved fee increase

When the Student Senate voted down a proposal Wednesday to increase the student activities fee, it made the wrong decision. The senate should have granted the $10 increase for the upcoming school year, but have been cautious about subsequent biannual $5 increases.

The resolution called for a $10 increase this year and $5 every two years after that. A $10 fee jump now is very reasonable, however, that is where it needs to end for the tim being. By paying more attention to where the money goes, additional fees may not be necessary for the Student Activities Office.

The way the student activities budget functions now, large amounts of money are put into activities sponsored by the Student Union Board and office of the student body president that very few students attend. An evaluative process should be established that will judge the worth of individual events based on students present and money spent in order. In addition, there needs to be far fewer new events each year and more improvements made on existing, already successful events.

I’m not sure the expense of bringing to campus high-cost people and bands for lectures and performances that few students attend. It seems reasonable to only conduct gauge student opinion to evaluate who they would want to see and which events they would attend.

A $5 increase in subsequent years needs to be contingent upon whether the money is being put to good use. If students are going to events, the money is being spent well. And if students still feel that more money is needed, a further increase is something the senate, Campus Life Council and Board of Trustees should consider.

Letters to the Editor

‘Monologues’ promote freedom

Value open minds

Embrace femininity

My letter is in response to Sean Dudley’s letter on Feb. 14. I guess it has to happen every so often that someone decides that he or she must change the University with a letter to The Observer.

Today, Mr. Dudley chose to do this with an attack on the “Vagina Monologues,” “academic freedom” and “open-mindedness.” I already understand his issues with the “Monologues,” but I am really confused with what is wrong with academic freedom and open-mindedness. I guess we could make this University a sheltered haven in which we can all share identical views of Christianity. We could, but we won’t.

Mr. Dudley does not seem to understand that without various views, one does not learn, but rather just regurgitates a single person’s thoughts. I have recently read Chesterton’s novel, “The Ball and the Cross,” (it seems we are even in the same class) and I have to say that I believe my worthy opponent is in error. He really does not qualify the quotation and I am also left wondering if he wishes to challenge the writers and performers of the “Monologues” to a mortal duel. Chesterton was an avid proponent of Catholicism, but he also listened to opposing views, even embraced the arguments that they presented, as my friend Dudley would do.

See, in order for one to truly understand one’s own views he must also understand those of this “opponent.” Mr. Dudley does not seem to realize that “academic freedom” and “open-mindedness” are what make Notre Dame a great place. All philosophies should be welcome here, including atheism and lesbianism as well as other philosophies with which he does not agree. Understanding is listening, and apparently some do not value the latter as others do.

I do not even wish to chal­lenger his views on the offensive­ness of dialogues, like, or “schlong” are designated as vulgarity. I don’t see why I should be quiet and embarrassed about a part of their body while the other half of the population caresses the sizes of theirs? It’s not fair. No one asked for their vagina. The least they can do is be proud of it.

As for religion, there is no reference to it in the Monologues. The play cannot be compared to dung on a statue of the Virgin Mary when there is nothing similar to dung or the Virgin Mary in the play. Where the story of the young girl and the 24-year-old woman is concerned, there is no question that it is a little scandalous. However, nothing about it is “violent,” and after one hears the story from the girl’s first hand through the monologue, the age difference question is lost in the beauty of her own self-realization. I’m a Catholic, I’m in the Monologues, and I would be lying if I said that some parts didn’t make me a little uncomfortable. But I embrace those feel­ings and consider them a challenge. I push myself not to be ashamed of how God made me.

Molly McShane

Senor

Dear Editor

I would like to respond to Sean Dudley’s letter concerning the vulgarity of the “Vagina Monologues.”

First, a small disclaimer. As luck would have it I know the author of said letter and therefore do not wish to condone his intentions because I believe they were good. I must, however, strongly disagree.

If I had to pick one word to describe Eve Ensler’s play, (which I have seen and read many times) it would be “empowering.” Women discussing their vaginas, learning about their vaginas, loving their vaginas and so on, is not disgusting or rude. On the contrary, it is extremely important. I’m not a psychology major, but I think one can make a connection between the epidemic of low self­esteem among females and the taboo surrounding their genitalia. Why is it that words like “cunt” and “pussy” are designated as vulgarity, while “wang” and “schlong” are accepted and common? Why are girls raised to be quiet and embarrassed about a part of their body while the other half of the population caresses the sizes of theirs? It’s not fair. No one asked for their vagina. The least they can do is be proud of it.

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hard work and preparation involving not only the JPW committee, but also the staff of the Joyce Center, Catering by Design and the Center for Continuing Education, among many others.

According to Lamphier, all three groups have been extremely helpful. The CCE was hired to handle all of the registration for the event. The staff members of the Joyce Center will be doing all of the setting up and taking down of the approximately 475 tables that will be used to seat the almost 4,000 participants. Moreover, as a result of the high attendance for this year's event, Catering by Design, a campus department responsible for providing all of the food for the upcoming weekend, has been extremely busy. According to Lisa Wenzel of Catering by Design, the group has been preparing since September, using both dining halls and the food service reserve space to get ready for the weekend. In fact, even the Morris Inn has been involved, hosting a lottery through the JPW committee in order to fairly distribute its much desired rooms to the parents coming in for the weekend.

Overall, the weekend, which is themed "Love These Notre Dame," should be a great time for everyone involved. All of the events take their name from the Alma Mater, with the gala on Friday entitled "Ghains Thy Gold and Blue" celebrating Notre Dame's past. The biggest event is the "Golden is Thy Fame" dinner on Saturday night, which focuses on Notre Dame's present, and the accomplishments of its current students. Finally, the "Our Hearts Forever" brunch on Sunday is a kind of send-off for the parents, and features speakers looking forward to the future of Notre Dame.

As a result of the work of so many members of the Notre Dame community, it seems almost inevitable that JPW will be a huge success, as it has been for the last fifty years. Or in the words of Junior Class President Matt Smith, it will continue to be, "One of those traditions that just makes sense."

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said he will work with them to ensure a smooth transition. "We'll do everything we can to help Libby and Trip transition into office," he said. Moscona added that he and O'Leary, sophomore class president, are grateful to their supporters and the effort they gave to the campaign.

Although neither Moscona nor O'Leary have plans for when their terms end, each said they remain committed to working for students. "Our love for this University and our working to serve the student body will in no way end," O'Leary said. "We'll continue until we graduate."

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Libby Bishop views the results of Thursday's election with Kevin Berchou (left) and Brian Moscona (right).
Ryan Kruger and Meg Dominick in Kelly Hart's "Love Hurts." The show, directed by sophomore Meg Ryan, is part of the "New Playwrights Workshop 2002," an all student written, directed, produced and acted show.

"The 'New Playwrights Workshop 2002' is important because it gets to showcase some of the talents of the theatre majors here other than acting and design."  
Meg Ryan  
Workshop director

Two of Williams' actors have never been in a play at Notre Dame before; in fact, one has never done any theatre at all. "Lindrive to Right," a commentary on the teachings of organi­zied religion on justice and forgive­ness, is certainly a large undertaking for a first play.

The short rehearsal process made the groups producing each show develop their characters and concepts quickly. With the rewriting that the directors and writers did, a pol­ished product didn't develop until the night before opening. Williams and Horner actually went back and chose a different draft of the script than the one that had been submit­ted to the class to better convey the meaning. "It's definitely different directing a student-written show because you can work directly with the writer ... if you find something that doesn't work you can rewrite it, but there's a lot you can play with," Williams said.

The plays in the "New Playwrights Workshop 2002" run from serious pieces like senior Bab Smith's play "So Far Gone" to irreverent satire like sophomore Chris Sandrock's "The Moral Tale of Everystudent." Smith's play, directed by junior Bill Kalman, deals with the effects of alco­holism on a family. She feels that the psychoanalytic show reflects aspects of both the Notre Dame campus and many students' family lives.

"I think the issue of alcoholism is a really important issue on this campus especially for children of alcoholics or people with alcoholism in their family. And it's not really dealt with on this campus. And it's not really dealt with on this campus..." Smith said.

"So Far Gone" features familiar campus theatre faces like junior Monica Kerschner and sophomores Sean Nelson and Cheryl Turski. The piece features a flashback conven­tion in which the play takes place in two time periods at once for dramatic effect.

Another drama, senior Suzanne Dieteman's "Dance Is Life," delves into the thought process of perfec­tionism: a theme reminiscent of over-achieving and over-stressed Notre Dame students' personal dramas.

On the other hand, "The Moral Tale of Everystudent," satriifes the Notre Dame campus and its traditions. The show is the story of Everystudent (played by freshmen Steve Hoepflinger), the student hero, and his battle against the nemesis of Phil Smirk (played by sophomore Mike Roman) a daemon sent by God (played by sophomore Adel Hanash) to order the campus.

Overall, the shows have been a learning experience for the group.

"Especially for theatre majors considering a career in writing, it's important to see your work expressed on stage because it looks so different on paper... it can get so manipulated going from the paper to the stage," Williams said.

The "New Playwrights Workshop 2002" will be presented in two sections. The first section with the plays "Solitaire," "Dance Is Life," "Love Hurts" and "So Far Gone" were presented yesterday and last Wednesday. The second set of shows that is comprised of "Going Away," "Lindrive to Right" and "The Moral Tale of Everystudent" will be presented in the Lab Theatre in Washington Hall at 7:00 p.m. tonight and tomorrow night. Admission is free.

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A tale of two Notre Dame parents

For last year's Junior Parents' Weekend, I urged students to appreciate the weekend they were about to share with their parents and classmates. I recalled how, as the coordinator of my JWP, had little time for my family.

I let slip away an opportunity to share my family with my classmates and their parents. I let slip away an opportunity to share my family to the diversity of my student family on campus.

Our Church and our nation are strongest when we embrace diversity. The consistency of Bible-thumping fundamentalists with “Californian Catholics” enriches our faith. Until the Sept. 11 attacks, Democrats and Republicans were last congenial “loyal opponents” prior to 1994. In light of Sept. 11, those of us middle-aged persons who are set in our ways should reflect on how we can learn to better tolerate and appreciate the diversity that makes us the renowned American or the fabled Notre Dame family.

This parent’s weekend, I tell a tale of two Notre Dame parents — a father whose son graduated from Notre Dame and a mother whose two children currently attend the University. Each has read this column and communicated with me.

I, in turn, always respond to both the nice and nasty comments. Below are excerpts from each that are opposite to each other.

Having seen that I worked for President Clinton, the man replied like a “freeep,” a category of people on the Internet or on free bulletin boards. He went on to say, “You’ve never read a column written by a Notre Dame student that is read by no war and suffering and death is ... unlike my generation that faced going to war and death in Vietnam." I read your column about Father Robert Griffin, “Savoring the State of the Union.” But I got busy and the thought faded away. That is why after reading your article about Father Robert Griffin, “Savoring the State of the Union” and my generation’s bout with Vietnam riled me.

I replied, “I'm not quite sure which lines you were reading between, but I wonder how you’d feel about the United States, the nation’s history, and your generation’s hand-wringing instead of responding with the only thing that these maniacs hate — righteous anger.” He then e-mailed me, “I feel I had to contact you over 2 years ago when I read your article about Father Robert Griffin. ‘Let’s roll’ into detail about domestic policy. His policies do not work for people who are set in our ways should reflect on how we can learn to better tolerate and appreciate the diversity that makes us the renowned American or the fabled Notre Dame family. "

Gary Caruso
Capitol Comments

Letters to the Editor

Increase in activity fees would benefit students

Wednesday night we attended the Student Union meeting to present arguments supporting the proposed increase in student activity fees. By virtue of our active and long-term involvement in the allocation of Student Union funds, we believe that we can offer insight into the Student Union’s financial needs. The Senate rejected the proposal, however, before all parties were heard. We would like to use this forum to present our case.

Simply put, we deal with limited resources and increased expenses. As we all know, a dollar doesn't buy what it did even a dollar did four years ago, the last time the activity fee was increased.

Maintaining the same level of programming and student services year to year has become increasingly more difficult.

For example, the cost of bringing a speaker or musician to campus has increased dramatically over the past several years. Additionally, general operating costs have increased each year, while the amount of money available has remained relatively constant.

To offer some perspective, the organizations within the Student Union requested over $1 million dollars last spring. Only $600,000 was available for allocation, however. The Student Union is comprised of the Senate, Executive Cabinet, Office of the President, SSB Judicial Council, Office of the Treasurer/Financial Management Board, Hall Presidents Council, Student Union Council, all 4 Class Councils, NDFC Campus Council, and clubs and organizations. This money must also cover operating expenses of Student Week and some administrative salaries. Even a slight increase in the Student Activity Fee would result in more programming and better services for students.

The limited resources of the Student Union also have a direct effect on the 75 percent of undergraduates who participate in a club during their four years here. A decrease in activity fees will help clubs maintain their current level of activity and would encourage future growth.

In comparison to our current $65 fee, students at St. Mary's pay a $150 student activity fee. Even with the increased activity fee, Notre Dame students would pay only half of that. We firmly believe that the student activity fee should be increased to account for inflation — permitting the Student Union to maintain the status quo, which is a benefit all students.

One of the hallmarks of the Notre Dame family is its exceptional commitment to active community involvement. Our hopes in writing this letter are to bring light to this issue as well as to foster dialogue between students and their senators on this issue. We are committed to providing high quality opportunities for students and to learning, and with our knowledge of the Student Union finances, we feel that only with adequate funding will the Student Union be able to continue its current level of activities.

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Attacking the State of the Union

This letter is in response to Mike Marchand's Feb. 11 column. President Bush did not shine with his State of the Union Address. He basked in the glow of a nation eager to rally behind their leader. There was no "plain-spoken eloquence." Implying that America is the unquestionable good opposed to "evil," categorically grouping different countries whose situations are very different into an "axis of evil," and saying things like "let's roll" and "make no mistake about it" is not eloquent. It is sensationalist, plays upon the American public's ignorance of foreign affairs and simplifies complex questions. There was no "bold, visionary changes for both the immediate and the long-term futures of the union."

President Bush repeatedly returned to his patriotic rallying cry throughout the speech, not going into detail about domestic policy. His policies do not work for America's hardworking families. Just take a look at his tax cut. He does not govern "from the center as much as possible." The nation has not heard rhetoric like his since Reagan. He is not "more of a rapid-fire texas gunslinger than a poet, linguistically speaking." He is a rapid-fire Texas gunslinger who is appreciated by people like Mike Marchand who can take pride in saying that "America will now work to annihilate the enemies of the 21st Century — before they can do it to us." His State of the Union Address confirmed that Bush is an "intellectual lightweight" who makes that point clear every time he opens his mouth.

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Viewpoint

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One Final Shot
Irish look to rebound in crucial Big East games

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Call it a tale of two teams heading in very different directions.

When Notre Dame lost to Syracuse a month ago, the Irish couldn't find their shot and the Orangemen were ranked No. 7 in the nation. The loss propelled the Irish to a three-game losing streak.

Then Notre Dame's fortune changed and the Irish reeled off five consecutive wins before losing Thursday night. The Orangemen, on the other hand, lost five of their next seven games and tumbled out of the Top 25.

On Sunday, these two teams will meet in a game that has tremendous implications on Big East play.

"Everything we do with our basketball program starting Sept. 1 when our kids get back is to be fresh in February and make a run," Notre Dame coach Mike Brey said. "It worked last year and so far it's working this year.

The Irish have the ability to control their own destiny in the Big East. At 7-4 in Big East games and tumbled to third in the West Division, the Irish will win the conference with the same record at the end of the season, the Irish would win the conference because they beat the Panthers twice this year.

Meanwhile, the Orangemen, who lead the West Division with a 9-2 record the last time they played the Irish, lost four games and tumbled out of the West Division before tying the Irish for second after their loss last night.

But just because Syracuse is on a slide doesn't mean the team is any less dangerous. When the Orangemen edged the Irish 56-51 back on Jan. 14, their 2-3 zone defense caused major problems for Notre Dame's perimeter shooting trio of David Graves, Matt Carroll and Chris Thomas. Three only scored a combined 19 points in that game and shot just 5-for-24 from three-point range.

A few weeks ago, Brey told Thomas that in order for Notre Dame to be more successful on offense, the freshman point guard needed to drive the ball to the basket more. Whether Thomas can penetrate into the lane against the Orangemen will be an important factor in breaking Syracuse's zone defense.

"Brey told me to push the ball more," said Thomas, who was named Sports Illustrated's Player of the Week this week. "We have to get our speed up and going because he knows we have fun when we run and he knows that we have a great offeense when we run.

Notre Dame will also have to shut down Syracuse's offense, which relies on Preston Shumpert, DeShaun Williams and Kureth Duany. The trio typically score two-thirds of Syracuse's points in any given game.

The only reason the Irish stayed close to Syracuse last game was because the Irish were able to get the ball to Ryan Humphrey. The senior forward was the only player to score in double figures against the Orangemen, finishing with 28 points.

With the NCAA Tournament looming, Brey doesn't believe his team will change its focus, even though they are considered a virtual lock for the NCAA Tournament. "We've been a group who's had to work for everything," Brey said. "We started out the season not marked as a team and fourth in the division. We've really had to earn everything we've gotten so far.

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Leading by example

Senior captain Humphrey has no problem filling the big shoes of a vocal leader

By KERRY SMITH
Space Writer

The white adidas sneakers Ryan Humphrey wears on the basketball court tell much about where the senior captain has come from and where he wants to go.

Humphrey's dedication on the court shows his love for the sport he has played most of his life, his shoes show that his personality runs much deeper. Inked in royal blue on the outside of his left high-top, read the initials "MAH" and a Bible citation "Romans 8:28." Humphrey wrote the initials, a reference to his mother Melodi Ann Humphrey, on his sneakers to remind him of the person he has become.

"My mom is very important to me," Humphrey said. "She is the person I get who I am from. It also serves as a reminder to always take with me, according to his purpose." "Romans 8:28 is something I always take with me," he said. "It's helping me wanting I want to live my life by."

The references on Humphrey's sneakers frame the backdrop of his character: family and faith.

"Being that my father is a minister, that is very important to him," Humphrey's twin sister Robyn said. "Closing and committed to God has always been important."

Family and faith have brought the senior far during his college career — a five-year journey that has taken him from Oklahoma to Indiana, through three coaching regimes and many sudden changes on and off the court.

The Tulsa native began his career as a starter in each of his freshman and sophomore seasons. His scoring dropped off during his junior year, but he responded with a powerful voice in the locker room a half an hour after practice. He has turned in big numbers for Notre Dame for his squad members. He's a guy who's made himself a better basketball player.

Humphrey's maturity and leadership has elevated him to a virtual coach on the team.

"He's doing a great job in his role as a captain. And not every senior captain takes that role seriously," Brey said. "He's certainly a guy that's matured and helped me lead the team."

This year, I think our communication has been a key as far as keeping our group moving forward," Humphrey said. "I'm going to do my best to keep my team focused on the court and try and prove things, and you don't need to, and he helps them realize that."

Humphrey's dedication is also lost on Brey.

"He's a guy who's made himself a better player. He's always been a great athlete but he's made himself a better basketball player."

Humphrey's work ethic and dedication is so great that despite spending upwards of 20 hours a week tuning his game outside of practice, his biggest regret is that he did not start working harder sooner.

"I wish I had worked harder at a younger age," he said. "I think my work ethic is good now, but that's separate. I didn't have that work ethic at a younger age."

"It is that maturity that has allowed Humphrey to teach the younger members of the Irish squad.

"He's been great with the younger guys and put them under his wing," said fellow senior captain David Graves. "You come in as a freshman and you feel like you have to prove things, and you don't need to, and he helps them realize that."

Freshman forward Jordan Cornette is one of those players Humphrey has taken under his wing.

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Notre Dame forward Ryan Humphrey hangs on the rim after a thunderous dunk during a win against Pittsburgh earlier this season. Humphrey, one of the most vocal leaders for the Irish, said he won't be satisfied with this season unless the Irish make it back to the NCAA Tournament.
Breaking down the Big East Conference

The only guarantee in the Big East Conference this season is that there are no guarantees. No other conference in America has experienced the same degree of parity as the Big East. With two weeks left to go in the regular season, both the East and West Divisions of the Big East are still up for grabs. Upsets and surprises have painted a cloudy picture at the top of both conferences.

As we head down the final stretch, nine teams still have legitimate shots to win their respective divisions and compete for a coveted dance ticket to March Madness. No single conference in America has experienced the same degree of parity as the Big East.

Who's hot

Syracuse is fading and fading fast. Last Sunday's second-half meltdown against Pittsburgh has left the Orangemen (18-7, 7-4) tied for second with Notre Dame and a full game behind Pittsburgh in the West Division. Even worse, the Orangemen are no longer a sure bet to make the NCAA tournament. This Sunday's game against Notre Dame has huge implications for both teams. The winner will likely have assured itself of a bid to the Big Dance.

Biggest surprise

Pittsburgh has shocked the entire nation this year en route to a (21-4, 9-3) record. With five straight victories before their loss last night, the Irish have put themselves in prime position to repeat as champions of the West Division. Notre Dame sits in second place in the West Division.

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What it all means

Right now, Pittsburgh is tied for the lead with Notre Dame in the West Division, while Conne (18-6, 8-3) is a game ahead of Miami in the East Division. The Panthers, Irish, Huskies, and Hurricanes all seem to have the inside track to NCAA tournament bids, but there is still a lot of basketball left to be played.

Notre Dame still has three critical showdowns left with Syracuse, Miami, and St. John's. The division leaders have a very small margin for error. Syracuse, St. Johns, Boston College, Georgetown, and Rutgers all currently sit within two games of the division leaders. All of these teams have the potential to win the Big East Tournament in a few weeks.

If the regular season is any indication, the tournament promises to be filled with even more close games and surprising upsets.

After all, anything can happen in the Big East.

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Scene Writer

Those who are children of the '80s grew up marinated in iconic dance films like "Fame" and "Flashdance." Even some dared to don leg warmers and sweatbands in an attempt to imbibe the ability that those movies showcased. They hurried excitedly into their first dance classes, eager to learn and even more eager to perform.

However, those who failed to even walk to the correct beat resigned themselves to the fact that dance was left only to those who possessed coordination.

Dance became something that could only be appreciated by the elite - the dancers themselves. This misconception of dance as being elitist for the artists is what the "2002 Dance Spectrum" aims to move aside.

With a wide variety of dances ranging from ballet and modern to jazz, the audience is promised to find something different. The mission of the "2002 Dance Spectrum" is to bring dance to the entire community.

"If you can make dance more accessible, that it's not something on a big, high pedestal, but something that they can see and want to see more frequently, they can incorporate it and say, 'Oh, that was so neat, I want to see some more.' And there's such a variety that hopefully we'll have a little sample," Indi Dieckgrafe, artistic director and choreographer, said.

The dancers also want the audience to capture the versatility of the concert.

Otis Cortez-Hill, a senior film, television and theatre major at Notre Dame and the company's only male member, believes that everyone will find a piece that appeals to them. He said, "I want the audience to gather the sense of eclecticism, a sense of universal dance. There's something for everybody and no matter what you like, if you like ballet you have the ["Silver Variation"], if you like neo-classical, modern dance, there will be something for everyone," Cortez-Hill said.

Cortez-Hill is a vehicle of the eclectic nature of the concert, appearing in "At the River," "What to Do" and "References New." Saint Mary's has always kept its dance performances restricted to just one genre of dance. The tide of the concert, "2002 Dance Spectrum," reflects its wide span of movement styles.

"It seems like we have always been known for presenting an eclectic array of dances. We do have all those different techniques and styles that we teach. I don't know if I can really say thematically except that it gives you everything because there's a certain thing that we're focusing on, that we're letting everyone have their individual expression," Dieckgrafe said.

With nearly 10 pieces being performed, an idea of what Dieckgrafe calls openness and acceptance arises. This concept has given Saint Mary's the opportunity to showcase diverse works and the diverse dancers of the Repertory/Performance Workshop. (Otis Cortez-Hill, Theresa Cullen, Katie DeCosta, Arriana DeGraf, latino Walten, with guest dancers Kathy Urnsh and Justin Smith. The unseen, but necessary contributors to the concert are lighting designer Tom Boelman and costume designer Ginger Moritz.

The concert utilizes the creations of various choreographers from various disciplines. The show opens with a traditional piece entitled "Silver Variation and Coda from 'The Sleeping Beauty,'" choreographed by faculty member Jill Tulchinisky and performed by soloist Emily Fagan.

Ballet is taken into another direction by Laurie Lowry, an adjunct professor of ballet and Pilates at Saint Mary's. She has danced professionally with multiple companies, including the California Ballet and Ballet Hawaii. She has taken her vast experience in dance to create "Vivaldi," a ballet that possesses both upbeat moments and serene sophistication.

"The beginning and ending are light and the middle section is quiet and elegant," Lowry said.

The piece exhibits a Spanish style, meant to be executed with both grace and precision.

"Collection/Esseence" is a piece that not only utilizes dancers, but art as well. Donald Stikeleather, a professor in dance at Saint Mary's and Notre Dame and an experienced modern dancer, collaborated with artist Kathy Urnsh for this work. Urnsh was fascinated with the idea of boxes both constructing and protecting; she constructed movable sculpture to explore this concept. This piece is unique because it possesses qualities that are not typically associated with dance.

"It has sculpture that moves, dancers that stand still instead of moving, it has silence with no dancing," Stikeleather said.

Unlike dances that are a blur of constant motion, "Collection/Esseence" has moments when nothing kinetic is happening.

"We have tried to make a balance so that it's not too much all the time," Stikeleather said.

The collaboration of the two art forms was a positive experience with a positive result for the artists.

"What we created was different than what the two of us could have created alone," Stikeleather said.

The second act opens with "At the River," by guest choreographer Kevin Magee. Magee is a renowned choreographer and currently dances with the Ellen Sinopoli Dance Company in New York. He has devised a theme meant to captivate the audience while the dancers attempt an escape.

"His piece is a compelling work for nine dancers with an intriguing movement vocabulary that supports a ritualistic and tribal atmosphere," Dieckgrafe said.

"Psalm" is a piece of personal importance to Dieckgrafe.

"Psalmin is 10 years old and it's kind of personal that it's being done at this concert because my husband gave me the music for that ten years ago on Valentine's Day," Dieckgrafe said.

The religious content of the music and choreography was meant to convey an experience of spiritual elevation. Though this piece has been performed in many different venues, it still captures the essence of the music.

Dieckgrafe also incorporates with the modern piece, "Emevese." Though most traditional modern pieces are danced barefoot, "Emevese" is performed in pointe shoes. Dieckgrafe's dancers led her to this various decision.

"Just in working with them, I knew they weren't going to be happy to go to the modern genre. So I decided if these girls want to dance on pointe, they'll just do it on pointe ... The piece became about them, about the three dancers that I had, and that's why I did "Emevese," a section of each of their names," Dieckgrafe said.

The concert continues with the presence of choreographic flexibility in "What to Do." It is a piece that is not dictated by strict choreography, but by vocal cues in the music.

"What to Do is my own question of what to do and so I didn't know where to go with that, and that led me to the fact that I wanted to be told what to do and that became the substance for the piece. I'm really happy with the way it turned out with the input of the dancers and the fun idea that actually brought this piece to life," Dieckgrafe said.

The final piece, "References New," employed the input of another artist, sculptor Lanny Bergner. It has been performed previously as part of the installation of Bergner's sculpture at The South Bend Regional Museum of Art. To recreate the sculpture, Bush found by Bergner, screens similar to his will be hung, providing the audience with a 3D visual for slide projections of his actual work.

The focal point of the piece is a simulation of a nest constructed by Bergner that will house eggs containing wind-proof glass and pins. The collaboration with Bergner and sound designer Cloud Tiger will culminate in a work encompassing visual and auditory art forms.

The final piece, "Diamonds," was choreographed by Courtenay Lauer, a student company member. The piece showcases a contemporary jazz style with integrated sound and dance. Its music, from a blockbuster movie soundtrack, strives for mass appeal as well as sex appeal.

The "2002 Dance Spectrum" will provide the audience with a vision of the shades of dance. Dieckgrafe believes that the audience will want to see more. Perhaps they'll want to do more, perhaps they'll want to dig out those leg warmers and dance.

The "2002 Dance Spectrum" opens tonight and runs to Sunday. Tonight and tomorrow nights shows begin at 7 p.m. and Sunday's show begins at 2:00 p.m. "2002 Dance Spectrum" will be presented in the O'Laughlin Auditorium in the Moreau Center for the Arts. Ticket prices are $4.50 for adults, $3.00 for senior citizens and Saint Mary's and Notre Dame community members and $2.50 for students.

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The Repertory/Performance Workshop presents "Diamonds," a piece of the "2002 Dance Spectrum" show playing at O'Laughlin Auditorium.
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seven runners, under the senior leadership of Liz Grow, who currently holds the 11th best time in the country in the 400-meter dash. This is the fourth year in a row Grow has made it to the conference meet, where she took second in the 400-meter dash. This year Handley is only four seconds off a nationally qualifying time in the 3,000-meter. "I want to run my personal best this week in the 5,000 and the 3,000. That would be ideal for me," said Handley. "I would love to make nationals; that would be my goal right now. Hopefully we will come out on top," said Handley.
Rounding out the women's squad are the seven women of the field events. Joining Volker and Tamisha King will be Natalie Hallett, Jennifer Kearney, Betsy Lazzari, Emily Loomis, and Kaillin Meiser. Emily Loomis is less than one inch from nationally qualifying in the high jump. Kearney, Lazzari, and Meiser joined Loomis in the high jump, Notre Dame's deepest event.

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features the deepest contingent of athletes traveling to New York this weekend. Of the 33 athletes that have qualified for the conference meet, 15 of them are in the distance events.

Behind Shay and Watson, sophomore Kevin Somok looks to get a victory in the conference meet this weekend. "As a freshman I wasn't really sure what to expect, and I was kind of wide-eyed. And this year I know what it all about and I hope to make some more noise. Certainly qualify for the final and score some points," said Somok.

Somok is also part of the distance medley team that is currently ranked third in the country, but will not race this weekend. Joining Somok on the medley team are freshman Eric Morrison, Watson, and sophomore James Bracken.

Seniors Sean Zanderson, Tom Leonen, and Pat Conway add depth to the long distance corps. Zanderson, who has run a personal best 4:09 mile this year, will be running in the mile, and Leonen and Conway will most likely be running in the mile. Also strengthening the distance team are Morrison and sophomore Todd Mobley. Morrison ran a stellar 1:51 800-meter run against Michigan State earlier in the year, and Mobley ran a fourth-place 4:07 mile in the Meyo Mile at the Meyo Invitational.

The sprinters are led by a contingent of underclassmen this year. Freshmen Dwight Elick, Trevor McClain-Duer and Bracken look to score points for the sprinters. Elick will be running in the 60- and 200-meter dashes, McClain-Duer and Bracken will run in the 500, and Bracken will compete in the 400. McClain-Duer won the 500-meter run at the Windsor Team Challenge last week and looks to improve on that this weekend.

"I was really happy to get my first [collegiate] win. I've been getting better and better as the weeks go on. I'm hoping that I get all Big-East, that's my goal," said McClain-Duer. McClain-Duer also feels confident his team can win.

"We have a really good chance of winning the team competition. And we have a pretty balanced distance and sprints corps. So if everyone wins like they can, we can win it," said McClain-Duer.

In the field events, seniors Josh Heck and Quill Redwine lead the team. Heck is currently ranked 16th in the Big East in the pole vault. He took second in the pole vault last year.

Redwine has been discouraged with injuries the past two years, but he still looks to get points for the team. Last year he was having trouble with his right knee, and this year he has been having problems with his left ankle. The Irish will need strong performances in all events if they want to beat defending champion Georgetown. The Hoyas have kept the Irish from winning the conference meet three times, winning the conference meet the last four years.

The Big East conference meet begins Friday night and concludes Saturday night.

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**Women's**

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and triple jump. After struggling a little at the beginning of the season, Volker took first place in both events at the Meyo Invitational.

"I am a little nervous because the first two meets were a little rough. But it's all looking uphill now," said Volker.

The women's sprinting corps will be sending seven runners, under the senior leadership of Liz Grow, who currently holds the 11th best time in the country in the 400-meter dash. This is the fourth year in a row Grow has made it to the conference meet, where she took second in the 400 her first two years and won it last year. Grow is also a member of the nationally ranked mile relay team that will also be competing this weekend.

Joining Grow in the sprinting events are Amanda Alvarez, Ayesha Boyd, Kristin Dodd, Tiffany Gunn, Kymia Love and Latalisha Steeby.

As a sophomore, Boyd in particular has had considerable success this year going into the conference meet, 15 of them are in the distance events.

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and triple jump. After struggling a little at the beginning of the season, Volker took first place in both events at the Meyo Invitational.

"I am a little nervous because the first two meets were a little rough. But it's all looking uphill now," said Volker.

The women's sprinting corps will be sending seven runners, under the senior leadership of Liz Grow, who currently holds the 11th best time in the country in the 400-meter dash. This is the fourth year in a row Grow has made it to the conference meet, where she took second in the 400 her first two years and won it last year. Grow is also a member of the nationally ranked mile relay team that will also be competing this weekend.

Joining Grow in the sprinting events are Amanda Alvarez, Ayesha Boyd, Kristin Dodd, Tiffany Gunn, Kymia Love and Latalisha Steeby.

As a sophomore, Boyd in particular has had considerable success this year going into the conference meet, 15 of them are in the distance events.

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Le May Doan skates to second gold medal

At the 1994 Olympic Winter Games in Lillehammer, Le May Doan of Canada won the team pursuit and the 500-meter and 1,000-meter races. She also set a world record in the 500-meter race.

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SAULT LAKE CITY

Bonnie Blair can rest easy. Catherine Le May Doan won't be going for a third straight gold medal.

The Canadian became just the second woman to repeat as 500-meter World Cup champion Thursday night, putting her within one gold of matching Blair's record.

"People ask me all the time if I can't do another," said Le May Doan. "I'm not saying it can't happen. But I'm saying it's not the last few years. It's not that I've worked the last few years. It's not that I'm comfortable with that.

"I didn't want to do what I was going to do. Even in the speed with the score, doing so means going to help you. I just can't do it. I just can't do it."

Men's figure skating free skate

More Russian gold in Olympic figure skating — this time with perfection, not controversy.

Alexei Yagudin won his duel with teammate and rival Yury Skuratov, and Tim Goebel finished third, the first time since 1992 that an American man won a medal in the event.

Yagudin received all 5.9s on the scorecard except for perfect 6.0s for artistry.

Goebel showed why he is the "King of Kings," becoming the first American to hit three of the four revolution jumps in the games. He also displayed improved artistry in becoming the first American to win a medal since Paul Wylie won silver at the Albertville Games.

"I skated as well as I could, and I was just so happy to go out there and put it out there under pressure," Goebel said.

For as getting a medal, he added: "I was sweating it a little bit.

But when Alexander Abt and Takashi Ikeda couldn't match Goebel's performance, he was on the podium.

Yagudin stood proudly on the top step as the third straight Russian to win the champion. For the three-time world champion who finished fifth at the Nagano Games two weeks ago, it was like going to the Olympics because he was on the podium.

He nailed everything, including two quads, one as part of a three-jump combo. He skated as the "Man in the Iron Mask," wearing a costume with a bronzed plate and wielding an imaginary sword as he flashed around the ice.

When the 21-year-old Yagudin was done, he collapsed to his knees, then kissed the ice. He knew this was a moment of a lifetime, and by the time he reached the 'Kiss and Cry' area, he was hugging.

The quick-witted Yagudin, who spends much of his time in the United States, said he was showing his appreciation for his part-time home.

"I just fell to my knees and kiss the ice because I live here and won the gold medal here," he said.

His head was buried in his hands while the 5.9s and 6.0s flashed across the scoreboard. He became the first man at any Winter Olympics to score more than one 6.0.

"I was just thinking of the hard times I went through," said Yagudin, who had a high fever in Nagano and was unable to compete in last season. "Last season was like hell, but I am strong and I just showed that.

"It is one of my best."

And one of the best the Olympics have ever seen.

Olympic figure skating

IOC may consider awarding two gold medals

The Canadian Olympic Committee wouldn't rule out the possibility that a second gold medal could be awarded to the Canadian pairs skaters as a result of a judging controversy that has marred the sport and dominated the Winter Games.

"The IOC will consider any request from the ISU, presides the sport," said ISU member Kevan Gosper. "But they excluded the possibility of the ISU asking the IOC to rule on the matter.

"The IOC may consider awarding a second gold medal to the Canadian pairs skaters," the statement said.

"Nothing is impossible."

The Associated Press

OTTAWA, Ontario (NBC Sports) — "We don't understand why we should be deciding something so important and we need to make the proper decision. It is not fair to the other skaters that could be affected.

Canadian officials said they don't want Elena Berezhnaya and Anton Sikharulidze to be stripped of the gold medal, but Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir skaters with a time of 1:16.73. The 500 is not her best event, but she wanted to "show some gratitude" for Sunday's 500-meter race.

"We are not here to pull someone down, we are here to pull somebody up," said Michael Chambers, president of the Canadian Olympic Association. "We see no reason why the council of the ISU should not consider awarding a second gold medal.

"It's happened before. When Yagudin was awarded a second gold medal in synchronized swimming from the Russian Games, Canada's Sylvie Frechethe. The IOC's executive board agreed Frechethe was placed second because of a judging error and she should have been awarded the gold.

"The decision came after the Canadian figure skating federation protested because a panel of judges in Nagano allowed to correct the 8.7 score she mistyped into her computer. The intended 9.7 would have given Frechette the gold. The IOC's decision did not affect Kristin Bachh-Sprague of the United States, who was originally awarded the gold and kept her medal.

"I actually think we have a lot of speed considering how little I've worked the last few years," Witty said. "I knew if I worked hard enough I was going to have a decent competition."

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Belles look to send seniors out with win

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's does not want to remember the last time they faced Kalamazoo. In late January the Belles traveled to Kalamazoo and came back with a 74-51 conference loss. This time the game is at Saint Mary's, it's the seniors' last regular season home game and the Belles want revenge.

But, for the Belles to get their revenge, they need to accomplish a few goals, one of which is trying to contain Kalamazoo's Nikki Grubb. "They have a transfer that came in, she's a fifth year senior, Nikki Grubb, who just had a really good game against us," said head coach Suzanne Smith. "They just put on the defensive pressure a little bit, and we just weren't ready to handle it. We just have to be stronger with the ball and more confident."

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Saint Mary's will try to neutralize Kalamazoo's outside shooting by getting the ball to their two top scorers, senior co-captain Anne Blair and freshman forward Emily Creachbaum. Blair is coming off of a 22 point, 10-for-16 shooting performance Wednesday versus Albion. For seniors Blair, Jamie Dineen and Elizabeth Linkous, it will be their last home game as Saint Mary's basketball players. Everyone on the team wants to send the girls out as winners.

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Irish start season against top-ranked Wildcats

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

Not many teams would look forward to starting the season with a new coach, a heavy reliance on freshman pitching and playing its first game against the defending national champions and preseason No. 1.

But that scenario doesn’t bother the Notre Dame softball team.

This weekend, the Irish start their season in Tucson, Arizona at the Arizona Pepsi Classic.

Despite a school-best preseason ranking of No. 14, the Irish do not feel intimidated by the Wildcats.

“We look at it as a challenge, but it’s just not another game for us,” said captain Jarrah Myers. “We are just as good as them. We feel as if we are on the same level as them.”

The Irish return almost their entire infield, headlined by Myers. The captain catcher committed just four errors last year while batting a team-leading .380. She was recently named the 2001-02 Big East Aeropostale Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

Junior Andria Bledsoe, after two seasons at third base, moves to her natural position of shortstop. Moving from first to third base is junior Andrea Loman. Her career fielding percentage of .986 is second all-time. Alexis Madrid will be the second baseman for the third consecutive year.

Along with returning junior pitcher Jessica Sharron, who only appeared in seven games last season, the Irish will rely on two freshman pitchers.

Freshmen Steffany Stenglein and Carrie Wisen will play major roles in the Irish pitching rotation this year. Stenglein and Wisen, both from California, bring the Irish total from the state to seven.

When former coach Liz Miller retired after the 2001 campaign, top assistant Deanna Gumpf took over the team. Since Gumpf has been with the team during the past four seasons, the transition for the team was easier than most coaching changes.

“It hasn’t been that different from last season,” Myers said. “(Coach Gumpf) has been great.”

Last season, the Irish had their best season in school history. They compiled a 54-7 record that included a 33-game winning streak. In the national polls, the team peaked at No. 8.

In last year’s opening tournament in Florida, Notre Dame started off 5-0 with two upset victories. They look to continue that early season success in Arizona.

“We feel it is very important to get off to a strong start,” said Myers. “Getting experience and being prepared for the Big East season is the main purpose for those preseason tournaments.”

The Irish will face Auburn, Louisville, New Mexico State, and No. 25 South Florida this weekend. But first, the Irish have their big test against No. 1 Arizona on Friday.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish look to extend streak without Batteast

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

The Rutgers Scarlet Knights have a lot going for them as they head into a conference face-off against the Irish. They have home-court advantage in an arena the Irish have struggled in before, and they have a solid defense and talent that could take off at any moment.

And the Irish will be playing without their leading scorer.

Notre Dame, who is on a six-game winning streak, will be playing in Saturday night's game without Jackie Batteast, who has a partially torn posterior cruciate ligament. She tore the ligament during Wednesday's victory against Rutgers (7-16, 4-8) is 11th in the Big East. However, their solid defensive play may prove to be tough competition for the Irish.

"They play great defense and they want a low-scoring game," McGraw said. "And [Wickil], [Bustamante], and [Heckel] are more offensively-minded so I think it's going to be a great opportunity for them. Hopefully if [Rutgers] plays zone, to get a lot of threes."

But Rutgers' biggest advantage is in playing on its home court. The Scarlet Knights are 5-2 all-time against the Irish on their court, and handed Notre Dame its first loss of the season last year at Louis Broman Athletic Center.

"I think Rutgers is a very hostile place to play," Haney said. "Every year we've gone there, it's always been a hard test. I think we have to be focused and ready to play. I think that will be the key to the game."

Like Notre Dame, Rutgers has a sole senior this year. Five freshmen are on the Scarlet Knights' roster, and the fact that they're rebuilding is pretty clear. After finishing last season 25-8, the Scarlet Knights are only 7-16 this season.

But McGraw thinks that the talent the Rutgers team could break out at any time, and for that reason, her team has to stay focused.

"They're very talented," McGraw said. "They have a lot of freshmen, a lot of new players and they haven't seemed to gel as a team yet. So I think they have the talent. They have the talent and at any time they could put it together."

Tip off is at 8 p.m. on Saturday.

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Irish men, women ready for conference meet

Young but experienced Irish squad hope to improve on last year's seventh place finish

By DAVID COOK
Sports Writer

When the women's track and field team travels to Syracuse this weekend for the Big East conference meet, it will be going with a squad that is both young and experienced.

Of the 23 qualifiers for this weekend's conference meet, 15 are returning qualifiers from last year's conference team, and only three of the 23 women are seniors.

Last year's team finished seventh at the conference meet. Last year, she was in the 60-meter hurdles, the long jump, and the 60-meter dash at the Big East meet.

"I'm not doing as many events this year. I feel I'm going to do better because of that. My goals this weekend is not only to win, but to qualify for nationals automatically," said King.

Junior Jamie Volkmer will be joining King in the field events. For Volkmer, this will be the third time she will travel to the conference meet.

"This year I know more about my competition, and being an upperclassman I feel more comfortable and more confident this year," said Volkmer.

Volkmer will compete in both pole vault and triple jump. After struggling a little at the 65-62 loss to Rutgers Thursday.

Irish look to win their first Big East Indoor conference meet

By DAVID COOK
Sports Writer

The men's track and field team has always been right at the front.

Since the Irish joined the Big East conference in 1996, they have finished in the top three in 11 of the 12 indoor and outdoor track meets. In 2000, they won the conference meet during the outdoor season.

But the Irish are still looking for a victory at the indoor conference meet. In 1996, they have taken second place four times, and third place once. This year won't be any easier.

"When we won by 50 points in indoor (in 2000), I still wasn't confident. You have to look at the competition and realize that UConn is tremendous, so is Georgetown and Villanova. Rutgers is the team that is the most up and coming in the conference. It's one of the better conferences in the country," said head coach Joe Piane.

Against the high level of competition that they will see at the conference meet, the Irish will feature a team that is one of the best they have had yet.

Leading the team is Ryan Shay and Luke Watson: two seniors who have had spectacular indoor seasons so far. Shay is currently third in the country in the 5000-meter run with a time of 13:46.80. Shay is also nationally qualified in the 3000-meter steeplechase. Watson holds the second best time in the country in the 3,000-meter with a time of 7:54.02.

The Notre Dame distance squad

You can find more information about the conference meet at the Irish website.