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Saint Mary's Alumna makes good

Agriana Trigiani, sharing life stories, spoke Monday at ND making her the first Saint Mary's graduate to be part of the Sophomore Literary Festival.

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## Moscona, Bishop top primary election

By ERIN LaRUFFA  
Associate News Editor

With just 28 out of 3,402 votes separating them from their closet 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 Keri 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 McCord and Nick Williams 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 leads us to believe that our vision for an improved ND and student union is within our reach," he said.

To Moscona and Oxley's campaign manager, Tai Romero, 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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body election

break down

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KYLIE CARTER/The Observer

Libby Bishop, Trip Foley, Brian Moscona, and Karl Oxley learn the results of the primary election. Bishop/foley and Moscona/Oxley won the primary and advance to the final election on Thursday

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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 handbook."

Student rights 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 Mardi Gras 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 postponed 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-hall 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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## INSIDE COLUMN

## 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, this day before Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent.

What does one do on Mardi Gras? I've never 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's a typically a lot of carousing, 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 the dining halls will have their fill of festivities for today. Lots of meats and sweets will fill the plates of many students today, woefully anticipating the empty dining halls tomorrow, where there will be no meat at all.

Is it just me, or does this seem way too much in the physical world? Why do we have Shrove Tuesday if not to prepare us for Lent and, then, Lent prepare us for Easter. How would a day that is associated with feasting and fullness prepare us for something that appears desolate?

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 draught. You know what you have: you see it, feel it, taste it, touch it, hear it. And now that 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 hardest to carry out, deep in the middle of Lent on Laetare 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, of that hope in the darkness. That is what today is. It is the preparation we make to give us hope when the fields lay fallow. There will be abundance again, and it shall rise with the Easter sun. Rejoice 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, savor it. It will be your sustenance while you prepare for the Lord's coming on Easter.



Angela Campos

Lab Tech

## QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"We wanted to be a little more intentional about addressing the issues of violence on campus."

**Marilou Eldred**  
Saint Mary's president  
on the College's first  
self-defense classes

"We've been close friends for about 20 years. I feel a tremendous sense of obligation to Jim."

**Patrick Pierce**  
Saint Mary's political science chair  
on managing James Caldwell's  
campaign for St. Joseph  
County Commissioner

"It was like the varsity playing the JV. It was men among boys."

**Mike Brey**  
men's basketball head coach  
on the last meeting between Notre  
Dame and Georgetown

## BEYOND CAMPUS

Compiled from U-Wire reports

## FDA rejects explanation of research death at U. Penn

## PHILADELPHIA

The Food and Drug Administration has rejected 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 spokeswoman. "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 inform-

ing 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

decree barring him from conducting tests 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.

Daily Pennsylvanian

## CALIFORNIA STATE

## Students, faculty protest chancellor

## SAN FRANCISCO

More than 800 faculty members and students from all 22 California State universities attended a demonstration Saturday afternoon against CSU Chancellor Charles Reed at the Marriott Hotel on Fourth Street in San Francisco. Reed was to address the American Council on Education inside the hotel that day. The demonstration, sponsored by the California Faculty Association, was in response to a report recently issued by the California Postsecondary Education Commission, which said CSU faculty have a 10 percent salary gap compared to other universities in the public sector. But professor salaries weren't the only issue, according to Matt McMackin, a part-time professor in the geology department at San Jose State University. "One of the crucial movements in the administration is to increase emphasis in lecturers," McMackin said. He said limited tenured professor positions offered each year have made it difficult for faculty to invest in the future of the university.

Spartan Daily

## MIT

## Students subpoenaed in lawsuit

## CAMBRIDGE, Mass.

At least three current or former Massachusetts Institute of Technology students, including former section editors of The Tech, have been subpoenaed to be deposed in the lawsuit against MIT filed by the parents of Elizabeth Shin. David DeLuca, who represents the Shin family, has subpoenaed at least three MIT students to testify under oath. DeLuca confirmed that he had subpoenaed James Paris, a Random Hall resident named in the complaint as having alerted MIT authorities of Shin's suicidal nature on several occasions. DeLuca also confirmed the issuance of subpoenas to former section editors of The Tech. However, he declined to name those who were subpoenaed. DeLuca explained the latter subpoenas by saying that he hoped to benefit from the information the editors had collected after researching Shin's death. "I am looking for as much information as I can get. I understand the suicide has been of great concern to The Tech," DeLuca said.

The Tech

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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 Detroit this weekend but only on Sunday morning.

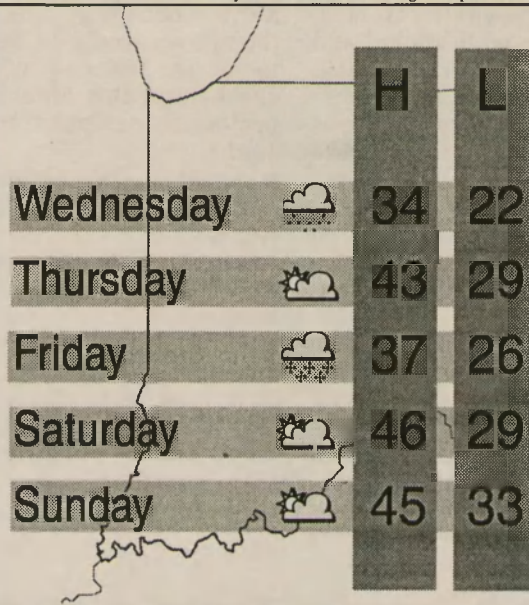
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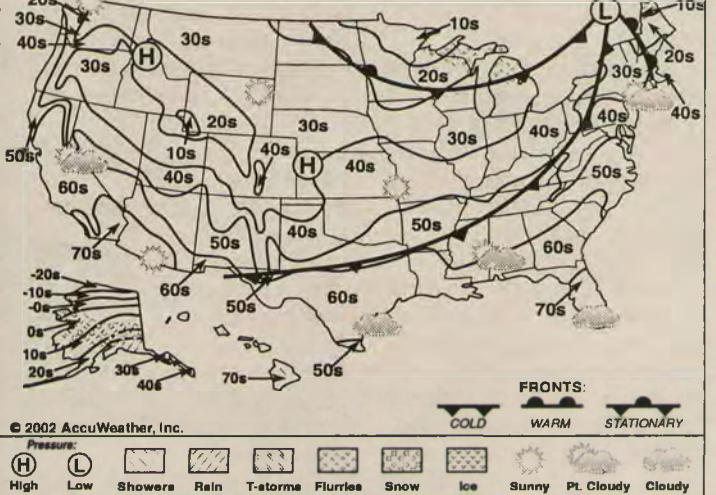
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## NATIONAL WEATHER

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Baltimore	50	31	Memphis	51	27	Sacramento	63	40
Boston	40	34	Milwaukee	38	16	St. Louis	47	26
Chicago	39	19	New York	45	33	Tampa	68	53
Houston	62	44	Philadelphia	47	33	Washington, DC	50	33



# 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 home town 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.

"He's actually about 3-foot-11 and didn't mind being painted as a womanizer," Trigiani said. "I found out two things that day. [Men] don't care if you make them taller or if you make them sexy."

Otto and Worley are also real-life people whose last names were changed for the novel. Trigiani met them during a break from her studies at Saint Mary's. When they found out that they were in the book, her father had to call her.

"He said, 'I have good news and I have bad news,'" Trigiani said. "'The bad news is that Otto and Worley have heard they are in the novel. The good news is that they can't read.'"

As for the real "Jack Mac," Ave Maria's love interest, Trigiani just laughs.

"He is now the biggest sex symbol in Wise County," she said.

In reality, however, Trigiani referred to him as a "demented Burt Reynolds."

Trigiani even ran into difficulty with her publishers and editors over her name and Ave Maria publishing when they were preparing to print an Italian edition. Trigiani was allowed to keep her name, although Ave Maria Mulligan became Maria Mulligan in the final edition.

As she approaches production on the film and begins casting, Trigiani is beset by many townspeople. According to Trigiani, the most popular role for the women of *Big Stone Gap* is the cameo made



KATIE LARSON/The Observer

Adriana Trigiani spoke at Washington Hall Monday night. Sharing everything from home town anecdotes to the process of publishing, Trigiani gives details to her upcoming book and movie.

by Elizabeth Taylor back when she was still married to Virginia senator John Warner.

"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*, but the similarity

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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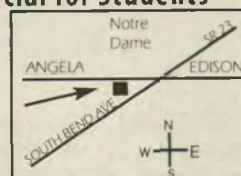
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## Election

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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 been. In particular, they plan to "encourage everyone to vote," according to Foley.

"I think I would like to see a much higher turnout next time," said Bishop.

One of Bishop and Foley's campaign

managers, Kevin Berchou, 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 votes."

Berchou added that receiving The Observer's endorsement helped Bishop/Foley beat the third and fourth place 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 tickets 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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## 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 the 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-

ming, guest lecturer Katie Koestner, "Sex Signals," the Sexuality Series, and "Womyn with Wings."

In the same manner of affirmation, we uphold and respect the social and academic rights as stated in the Saint Mary's Student Handbook as well as the College Governance Manual, that "Students have the right to associate with any group or individual [79]," and that "Students have the right, without fear of penalty, to engage in academic inquiry concerning attitudes, doctrines or facts about which they desire to learn [80]." Therefore and students participating, attending, or supporting events that fall within these guidelines can do so without fear of punishment.

Board of Governance 2001-2002

### Student Body 2002 Election Results

◆ Moscona/Oxley: 38%

1,302 votes

◆ Foley/Trip: 37%

1,274 votes

◆ Abstain: 1%

20 votes

◆ McCord/Williams: 12%

411 votes

◆ Palko/Mercanti: 12%

395 votes

## O'Neill

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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/Police 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 continued 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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## WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

### Vatican creates dioceses in Russia:

The Vatican announced the formation Monday of dioceses in Russia, raising the profile of the Roman Catholic Church in that country and drawing a rebuke from the Russian Orthodox church. Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls described the creation of the dioceses as normal administration.

### Millions stolen in Heathrow heist:

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. Police said the driver of the van was attacked by at least two men at the airport's Terminal 4 at about 6:30 a.m. The robbers forced him to the ground and bound his wrists before transferring the cash to another other van.

## NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### Pentagon defends missile strike:

The Pentagon's military spokesman on the Afghan war on Monday defended a CIA missile strike last week that killed an unknown number of individuals, saying they "were not innocents" and that "something untoward" was going on at the time of the attack. The Feb. 4 Hellfire missile strike was conducted by a CIA-operated Predator drone and an unknown number of people were killed.

### Flight arrest under Olympic rules:

An airline passenger who allegedly got up to go to the bathroom less than 30 minutes before landing became the first person arrested under a new federal flight regulation adopted for the Olympics. Richard Bizarro, 59, could get up to 20 years in prison on charges of interfering with a flight crew. The Salt Lake City rule requiring no passenger movement during the last 30 minutes went into effect Feb. 5.

## INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

### Elderly churchgoer killed:

A 78-year-old woman who had just walked out of a church service was struck and killed by a minivan involved in a chain-reaction pileup. Cancilene Young, a native of Richland, Ind., was pronounced dead Sunday after being flown to a hospital in Evansville. Young had been walking to her car parked along a county road outside the church at about 10 a.m. The driver of a sedan crested a hill and then braked after seeing vehicles parked outside the church, state police said.

## NETHERLANDS



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. AFP Photo

# Milosevic set for war crimes trial

Associated Press

THE HAGUE  
Slobodan Milosevic is in "a 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."

Dragoslav 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 hours before the trial writing on a laptop the "lengthy" address he plans to deliver Tuesday

to the tribunal. He relaxes in his cell by listening to music, his favorite being Frank Sinatra's "My Way."

He has refused to appoint defense lawyers to represent him because he rejects the legitimacy of the court, and intends to speak for himself.

The trial is expected to last up to two years.

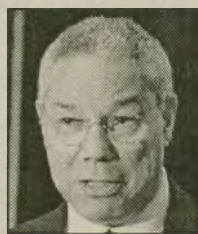
U.N. prosecutors plan to call hundreds of witnesses to support the indictments for genocide and war crimes in Bosnia.

# 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.



Powell

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 effort.

A senior U.S. official told reporters the Palestinian leader

did not repeat his frequent denial that the Palestinian Authority arranged for the shipment, which Israeli commandos intercepted Jan. 3 in the Red Sea.

The official, speaking only on condition of anonymity, said Arafat offered assurance there would be no recurrence of the smuggling episode.

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 Joschka Fischer, who are going to the Middle East.

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# FBI issues new terrorist warning

Associated Press

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 Saudia 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 in alert and that all "should be considered extremely dangerous."

Law enforcement officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the alert was prompted by recent informa-

tion from 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.

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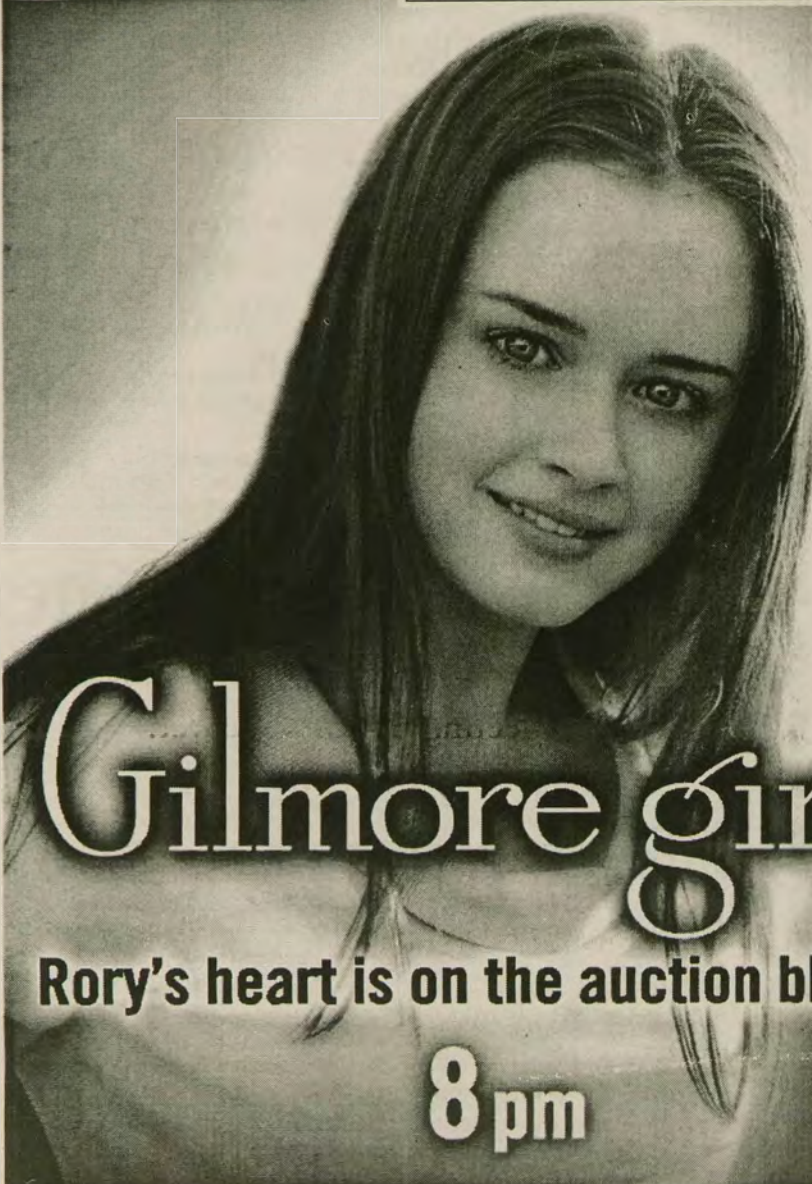
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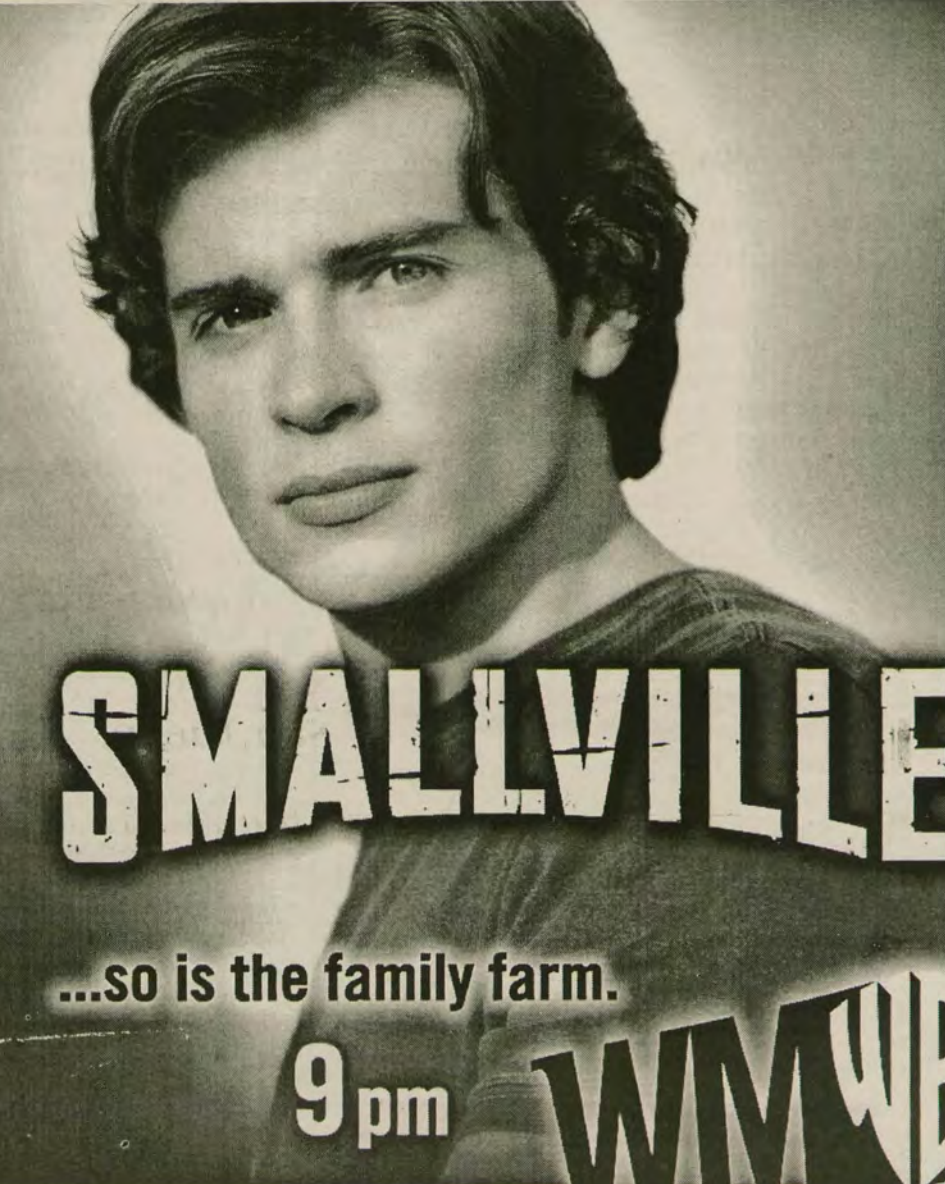
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# Alabama governor pleads innocence

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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.

Siegelman said he learned about the subpoena from a report in The Birmingham News on Sunday, and he accused someone within the investigation of leaking information to damage his reputation in an election year.

Recent statewide polls showed the Democrat in a virtual dead heat with the two leading Republican front-runners, Lt. Gov. Steve Windom and U.S. Rep. Bob Riley.

"It's clear this is coming from a joint investigation by a Republican attorney general and a Republican U.S. attorney. 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 Leura 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.

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

**Don Siegelman**  
governor

Roland Vaughan, former chairman of the Business Council of Alabama, was hired for \$25,000 by a

Siegelman aide to scout warehouse sites for the state. He was indicted for theft after it was discovered he was half-owner of the site he recommended Alabama buy, according to court papers.

On Friday, the News also disclosed that Siegelman failed to report money from investments and legal fees on his financial disclosure reports, some dating back to 1996.

# Father arrested in infant death

Associated Press

SAN RAFAEL

A man and four women who shared a home with their 13 children were charged with murder and child neglect Monday in the death of one child and the malnourishment of the others.

The 19-month-old toddler — whose bones were extremely brittle — was pronounced dead of severe malnutrition and neglect at a hospital in November after the women brought him in. The other children — ranging in age from 8 months to 16 years — were quickly put into emergency foster care.

All were severely malnourished and most suffered from rickets, a bone-softening disease almost unheard of in suburban America. It is caused by a lack of vitamin D or calcium.

Winnfred Wright, 45, and the women — Carol Bremner, 44, Mary Campbell, 37, Deirdre Wilson, 37, and Kali Polk-Matthews, 20 — were arrested Friday. They were held without bail for arraignment Monday.

Wright, Bremner, Campbell and Wilson each face charges of second-degree murder and

involuntary manslaughter. Polk-Matthews faces one count of involuntary manslaughter. All face child endangerment charges.

His long hair in dreadlocks, Wright smiled at the women as they were led into court, shackled at their hands and waists. All declined to enter pleas.

Bremner, who lived with the others in San Francisco for years before moving to the upscale Marin County suburb of Marinwood several years ago, wore a white dust mask over her face. She is being treated for leukemia.

Campbell and Wilson are both pregnant, said Campbell's public defender, Marta Osterloh. Osterloh challenged the hospital's conclusion that the child died of neglect.

"There has been no coroner's report, no autopsy report. We don't know what the cause of death is," Osterloh said outside court.

Jail officials said the defendants were declining all requests for interviews. Other defense attorneys declined to comment.

None of the children were enrolled in public school, said Marin County sheriff's Detective Fred Marziano.

Neighbors rarely saw them emerge from the rental home, where heavy white drapes prevent any view of the inside.

Neighbor Eric Heim, who lives across the street, said he didn't even know children lived at the house that Wright shared with the women.

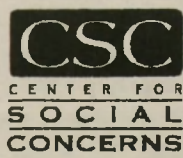
"The whole concept is absurd and unthinkable," Heim said. "There's no way to express the sadness we all feel."

Because the adults refused to cooperate, it took three months for police to unravel what went on inside the modest beige house. Authorities had to rely on DNA tests to determine that Wright fathered all the children. It was not clear who gave birth to the child who died.

"We don't know exactly what their affiliation is together other than they are cohabiting and producing children," Marziano said.

Neighbors along the tree-lined street in the upper-middle-class neighborhood declined to speak with reporters Monday, and no one answered the door at the house.

White T-shirts hung from a clothesline, and children's toys and a plastic tricycle sat on the grass.



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## COLOMBIA

# Rebels kill 10 in bombing

Associated Press

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 Tapias 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, Tapias said.

While Tapias did not say whom he thought responsible for the attacks, Gen. Arcesio 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, 235 miles southwest of Bogota, for word on their injuries. The hospital appealed for blood donations.

Monday's attack was the second time in two weeks the army has suffered heavy losses at the hands of the FARC.

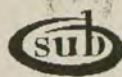
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
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ZIMBABWE

# Bombs hurled at newspaper office

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 was seriously damaged.

The attacks are the latest political violence ahead of presidential elections on March 9-10. President Robert Mugabe, 77, and his increasingly unpopular ruling party are fighting for political survival after nearly 22 years in power.

Mduduzi 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 Movement for 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 Harare.

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 150 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.

# Frozen assets limit al-Qaida

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.

"We've really forced them out of their comfort zone," he said.

Gurule spoke to reporters before addressing a closed-door meeting of the U.N. Security Council committee monitoring sanctions against bin Laden and al-Qaida.

The committee has put most of the individuals and groups on the U.S. list on its own list of suspect groups and individuals — including three Somali-born, naturalized Swedish citizens involved with Al-Barakaat in Sweden.

Sweden asked the committee to remove the three from the U.N. list — but the United States and Britain objected. The three deny any terrorist connections.

Gurule refused to discuss that case. He said they had appealed the U.S. decision to freeze their assets, and this was currently under administrative review.

Gurule said he would outline to the committee the U.S. process to determine who should be put on the U.S. sanctions list, to show that it was "fair" and "deliberative" and had a right to appeal — including to federal court.

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 against them are and to allow them to ask for a review, said Kruse, who heads the Swedish Foreign Ministry's legal department for European Union matters.

"There has to be some procedural safeguards because the decision it takes affects the civil rights of individuals," Kruse said in an interview after the committee's closed-door meeting.

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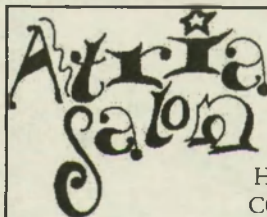
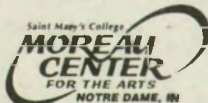


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# State of the Union address introduced the Bush Doctrine

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

**Scott Flipse**

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 "evil axis" of nations who 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 foreign 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 poor and starving 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 evildoers" is every bit as serious as World War II or the Cold War. The lesson of Sept. 11 was that the United States had enemies who would go to great lengths to murder Americans. When the nation's enemies are armed with weapons of mass destruction, it is a clear and mortal danger to the security of us all.

It is beyond doubt that Iran, Iraq and North Korea pose a serious threat to the United States and its democratic allies. They have supported terrorism in the past. They are hostile to the democratic values of freedom and liberty. All three have raced to acquire nuclear, biological and chemical 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 stupid blunder. France's foreign minister, Hubert Vedrine, summed up the European critique by calling Bush's policy "simplistic." A more substantial criticism, however, came from Madeline Albright, former Secretary of State, who thought the President made a mistake lumping together the three nations instead of dealing with them individually.

This last criticism has picked up some traction. According to an unnamed State Department source, "naming Iran, Iraq and North Korea as an axis of evil suggests links among the three that don't exist." Iran and Iraq are mortal enemies, having fought an eight-year war in the 1980s. And while North Korea has supplied missile technology to Iran and

Pakistan, the regime is one of the most isolated totalitarian states in the world.

Lawrence Korb, a former Reagan administration official, believes that the "best analogy" to use is from the 1950s when the Eisenhower Administration talked about rolling back the Iron Curtain. "We talked about it, but didn't mean it."

Ivo Daalder, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, told me that the President "has boxed himself in." If he doesn't send troops, or change these regimes, the Bush Doctrine will be called "a failure."

The possibility of failure does not seem to bother the President. In a remarkable series of articles in the Washington Post by Dan Balz and Bob Woodward, the President is depicted as being in charge, serious and focused. The articles are must reading for anyone skeptical of the President's ability to lead. His foreign policy team, among the most experienced in recent memory, is united. Colin Powell's recent statement that "there is not one inch" between himself and the President was a signal to domestic critics and to the world of the nation's intent.

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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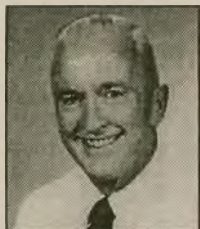
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Reconsidering  
contraception

On contraception, it may be time for a reality check. Contraception has gained nearly universal acceptance among Catholics, as well as others, as a moral alternative — the private choice of each individual. A new book, however, should make us think about the terminal social consequences of the contraceptive ethic.



Charles Rice

*Right or  
Wrong?*

Patrick Buchanan may not be very popular on this campus. But his book, "The Death of the West," exposes an undeniable reality: The first world, including not only Europe and North America but also Japan and Russia, is dying. For example, Muslim Albania is the only one of 47 European nations that has a birthrate that will replenish its population.

"At present birthrates," Buchanan notes, "Europe must bring in 169 million immigrants by 2050 if it wishes to keep its population aged 15 to 64 at today's level. But if Europe wishes to keep its present ratio of 4.8 workers for every senior, Europe must bring in 1.4 billion immigrants from Africa and the Middle East. Put another way: Either Europe raises taxes and radically downsizes pensions and health benefits for the elderly, or Europe becomes a third world continent. There is no third way."

In 1995 the populations of Europe (including Russia) and Africa were equal. In 2050 Africans are likely to outnumber Europeans by more than 3 to 1. Islam has replaced Judaism as the second religion of Europe. In 2000, for the first time, there were more Muslims in the world than Catholics.

This country is in a similar fix. The fertility rate in the United States has been almost continuously below the replacement level of 2.1 for two decades. One-child families are the fastest growing family unit, from 9 percent of all families in the 1970s to more than 20 percent today. College-educated white women in the United States have a fertility rate of about 1.6. College-educated black women have an even lower rate, at 1.5. The Hispanic birth rate, fortunately, remains strong. Hispanics are the fastest-growing segment, with 6.4 percent of the U.S. population in 1980, 9 percent in 1990 and over 12 percent in 2000.

Buchanan analyzes cultural influences that have caused the West to refuse to renew itself, principally including the dominance of a self-centered and secular ethic. "The new gospel has as its governing axioms: there is no God; there are no absolute values ...; the supernatural is supersti-

tion."

The defining reality is that "we are creating," in the words of Czech president Vaclav Havel, "the first atheistic civilization in the history of mankind."

Buchanan offers debatable policy proposals, including major restrictions on immigration. While immigration laws are in need of revision, Americans of European origin are losing their dominance, not because of immigration, but because they practice the "race suicide" of the contraceptive ethic. They have no right to exclude unjustifiably people of other backgrounds who share the right to the universal destination of the earth as of other goods. "The immigration of so many people from the South into our part of the Americas," said Archbishop Charles Chaput of Denver, "may be the salvation of the Church in the United States, because they bring with them a spirit and a soul and a deep kind of faith that will ... re-enliven the faith of the churches of the North."

The point of this essay is not to analyze Buchanan's policy proposals, but to note the demographic handwriting on the wall. As Australian demographer Peter McDonald explains, "the problem with low fertility is 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 the population is to be demographically sustainable. Also, populations with low fertility can fall in 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 1930, 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 activism of its students, which, we hope, they will continue to practice throughout their lives. But the demographics indicate that the most enduring future contribution those students can make to society is to cooperate in the procreation of new persons who will enrich that society and who, not incidentally, will live forever. Whatever your view, the Buchanan book will make you think.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Perfection is not  
a prerequisite

I hung up the phone dejected. I thought that perfection is what Notre Dame wanted. Having been denied admission to the University as an applicant out of high school, I decided to begin my undergraduate education elsewhere and try my chances for Notre Dame admission as the "perfect" transfer applicant for the following year. I enrolled at the University of San Diego, where I quickly set down with one goal in mind — achieve the perfection that seemed a prerequisite for admission to Notre Dame.

Having participated in all of the right clubs at the University of San Diego, scored only perfect grades in my coursework and flawlessly completed my transfer application, I sat confidently wondering when I would receive the call or letter informing me of my admission to Notre Dame. That telephone call finally came, but bearing a tone quite different from what I was expecting. Again — "Denied."

A few weeks later, after significant wheeling and dealing with the Admissions Office (their realization that there were remaining spaces for the sophomore transfer class) and a promise to stay at Notre Dame over the following summer to make up lost credits, I was somehow allowed to slip through the seemingly impenetrable cracks that lead into undergraduate admission. "I'm not sure how or why," I thought, "but finally someone has taken note of my perfection."

Fast-forward three semesters. I am only now realizing that it is not perfection that Notre Dame asks of us. I think that what this place really wants from us is simply to try our best in what we do well and respect the talents and ambitions of others. Too often, I look in the mirror and see a person scared silly about getting a C in a tough course, running late to a class with bed-head or journeying solo to a dining hall full of people. I see it in and around me every day, and it upsets me to think of what potential can go to waste.

Instead of walking around this campus putting on an image of infallibility and perfection that so many of us prize, let's try walking out the door with our heads held high about who we really are. Take the challenging course that might put a blemish on that flawless report card. Get off the couch and go for a jog. You might be slower than molasses in January, but

it doesn't mean you can't get the same "runner's high" that experienced cross-country runners experience. Run for an office that interests you. Do not fear losing. Give the Notre Dame men's or women's boxing club a shot. You might not be thrilled about performing hundreds of push-ups and sit-ups, but you can learn more about yourself in that instant of being cracked in the head than in a lifetime of sitting mindlessly in a dorm room. Challenge yourself. Sing loudly at Acoustic Café; play proudly on the field; give of yourself to others.

Notre Dame and Saint Mary's draw undergraduates from a highly competitive collection of people. Our very presence here insists that we have overcome challenges and succeeded against other competitors. I ask you now, do not try to be perfect. Perfect is a joke. Perfect can be dangerous and unhealthy. I've seen perfect, and it really is not that cool — it's nobody, and it's lonely.

I'd rather see you and me. I want to see us welcoming the conflicts that make us grow, rather than tucking tail 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 because we are perfect. I hope that each of us can take a step back and realize what we are missing out on by striving toward what we think others expect of us. I apologize for instances where I have limited others or myself by failing to acknowledge the differences that make us special. Most importantly, I advise: Do not hide your talents out of fear of imperfection and be forced to ask the question down the road, "What if?" In closing, a piece of wisdom from Matthew 5:15 to help us shine:

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all ..."

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Feb. 11, 2002

## Irish fans show class

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. I remember when Nebraska came to campus last year, many students traded in their tickets and sold them 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 Nebraska fans were seated in our section. While there may have been some friendly banter or even heckling, it was a good game and we were all happy to have been there to see it. Class.

As a graduate of the class of '01, I brought my Notre Dame enthusiasm with me to my new location at Georgetown's medical school. As any recent grad will tell you, it is a rough transition moving away. The most difficult part about the transition was obviously being separated from all the great friends I made while at Notre Dame. A close second to that however was learning to cheer for another team — the Hoyas.

My loyalty is still to Notre Dame, so when Coach Brey and the Fighting Irish came to

Washington this weekend to take on the Hoyas, I was happy to change into one of my many Notre Dame T-shirts and show my support ... in the student section.

My fellow ND-alumni-turned-medical-students and I were respectful and did not behave obnoxiously in any way, yet we were ridiculed, cursed at and pelted with papers by several of our fellow students. During halftime, I walked up to the concourse amidst tripping attempts and vulgar language, and I had done nothing to provoke such treatment. My classmates who sat with us changed their allegiance from the Hoyas to the Irish during the game simply based on the rudeness of the fans. No class.

And no loyalty. There were more Notre Dame fans as a whole than those rooting for Georgetown. Way to show your support.

It was an exciting game, especially throughout the four overtimes. I am especially glad we won, first because I consider it a moral victory, and secondly because I would have feared for my life had we lost.

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## ALBUM REVIEW

## STD smooth their sound without losing their edge

By SAM DERHEIMER  
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Pop is such a nasty word. Especially in the world of emo. It invokes low groans and exaggerated sighs of assumed disgust. It's sort of that invisible line you dare never cross lest 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, Elliot Smith).

From the opening cord 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 hook that circles through the rest of the song, as Conley howls in perfect harmony. It's smooth and clear and bounces, and yet, it's not utterly lame at the same time (who knew those two concepts could be intertwined?).

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*

Stay What You Are

Saves the Day

Vagrant Records

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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 is the speaker/ It plays your favorite songs and you know where the coin slot is."

The perfect marriage of Blink182 and At The Drive-In *Say What You Are* may not be, but in all honesty, it's fairly damn close.

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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 *Kerosene 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 eclectic *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 showed promise for the band's expanding sound.

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 Totally 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 complement the more moody songs like "Brides of Neptune" and the title track. 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 cohorts and a character named Emily to whom they apparently could not refrain from wishing a Merry Christmas.

The best song on the album is the soulful "Sweet Magdalena of My Misfortune," which croons and yearns for a lost lover. 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 slam soaring guitar riffs 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 of this album are not as delightful. The successful soul vibe on "Sweet Magdalena of My Misfortune" is lost on "Shameless," which simply does not 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 how wrong it is that their 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 success you have been garnering also alienates the fans who

Photo courtesy of [www.crackersoul.com](http://www.crackersoul.com)

Forever offers fans a typical Cracker album, but fails to produce anything really new or exciting from the group.

have remained loyal over the years. The song takes away from the overall feel of an album that flows from melancholy to anger to fun and basically insults the listener. It tries to add a new, funkier dimension to the album, but the ridiculous verses mostly just serve as a turn-off.

The best part of the album is the extra limited edition disc of a live Cracker show recorded in Chicago in 1999. This live disc really shows off the true talent of a band that has been around for over 10 years and can simply put on a great rock show. They tear through songs from each of their previous albums and energize the crowd with live renditions of their hits, "Low" and "Teen Angst." They also rock out on versions of the thundering "Sweet Thistle Pie" and "Seven Days." This disc is a true gift to the fans who have been loyal and have been following the band from the beginning.

On the whole, *Forever* is a good Cracker album, but it lacks a few of the intricacies that have made their other albums great. There are some really good songs, but the presence of a few songs prohibit the album from completely cohering, and ultimately, soften its punch. For a loyal fan, the album and the extra live disc are definitely worth it, but for a first-time listener, the album falls short of their predecessors.

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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 out on 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 anytime soon.

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

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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Ani DiFranco, one of the most prominent indie rock performers of this generation, will play the Morris Performing Arts Center next Wednesday evening.

## ALBUM REVIEW

## Complex, layered composition defines Come Down

By LIAM FERRELL  
Scene 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 production.

After several years and complete line-

up 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 basically 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, rollicking "On Fire." Filled with choral voices, 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.

Although the musical pace set in the first two songs is carried through on several other tracks on the album, the bright subject matter takes a backseat to some much more melancholy and introspective material. Both "The Twelve Steps" and "The Straight and Narrow" have upbeat tempos and rock guitars, but each deals more with being lost and depraved and not too eager to change.

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 strong 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. "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.

## Let It Come Down



Spiritualized

Arista Records

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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 and concepts reach 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 breakthrough 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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Spiritualized delve into the depths of human emotion and sense in their third album, Let It Come Down. The record is deep and smooth, but may go too far at times.



## MEN'S NCAA BASKETBALL

## Low score nets UConn win

Associated Press

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

Butler had 20 points and 11 rebounds to lead Connecticut to a 46-40 victory over Villanova in the second lowest scoring game in Big East history.

"I can't remember a game like that. If it was 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 Boston College 45-40.

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 starting lineup. Coach Jim Calhoun benched point guard Taliek Brown for the first five minutes because of poor play the last few games. The Huskies were without starting forward Johnnie Selvie, who sprained his left ankle in practice Sunday. Selvie averages 12 points a game.

"Not having Johnnie in and Taliek not starting I guess the chemistry wasn't there and it showed," said freshman Ben Gordon, who started in place of Brown and finished with 12 points.

The Huskies (16-6, 8-3) were 16-of-49 from the field (33 percent). They were held to a season-low 20 points in the first half and continued to misfire throughout the second half, finishing 8-of-31 (25 percent).

The Wildcats (13-9, 4-7) managed just five field goals in the second half and shot 26 percent for the game.

Butler made two free throws with 16:51 left to give Connecticut its first lead, 27-26. Villanova regained it at 28-27 on Andrew Sullivan's two free throws.

The Huskies then went on an 8-0 run keyed by Brown's jumper with 14:53 to play.

Butler had four points in the spurt that gave UConn the lead for good. Brown committed five turnovers but made a key steal with 27 second remaining and was fouled going to the basket. Although he missed both shots, freshman center Emeka Okafor grabbed the offensive rebound for another UConn possession.

Plagued by poor foul shooting 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 second half. After getting no offensive rebounds in the first 20 minutes, the Huskies grabbed 16 in the second half and converted them into 12 second-chance points. The uptempo Huskies also fought through Villanova's slower, deliberate pace.

"We had to win very tough tonight, not at our pace. It was hard to coach," Calhoun said. "You're going to pass all kinds of tests during the year. I think the test we passed tonight was mentally we stayed with something."

The first half was marked by long scoring droughts on both sides. The Wildcats hit their first three shots, getting two baskets from Ricky Wright, then missed their next 12 over an 11½2-minute stretch.

UConn fared no better. The Huskies tied it at 6 on Ben Gordon's dunk with 11:30 left then went scoreless for 4 ½2 minutes.

Derrick Snowden's 3-pointer at the 4:40 mark gave the Wildcats their biggest lead of the half, 18-12. UConn closed the gap with an 8-3 run that was capped by Butler's steal and layup as time ran out and the Huskies trailed 21-20.

"We couldn't go up and down with them, they are just too good, too deep and too talented," Villanova coach Jay Wright said. "We tried to limit the possessions and we did a decent job, but their defense overcame us."

Sullivan, Brooks Sales and Gary Buchanan each had nine points for the Wildcats. Sales also had 12 rebounds.

For Calhoun, the game was a flashback to the many times he coached against Pete Carrill,

who masterminded Princeton's deliberate backdoor offense.

"I thought Pete Carrill retired, but apparently he lives on," Calhoun said. "He must have called Jay today and said 'That guy needs a good torture.' And so we got one."

## Kansas 110, Texas 103

Jeff Boschee has been overlooked for most of the season but Texas was reminded that he also is a McDonald's All-American.

Boschee nailed a pair of key 3-pointers in overtime on his way to 22 points as No. 2 Kansas won its ninth straight game with a victory over the Longhorns in a Big 12 Conference shootout.

Kansas (22-2, 11-0 Big 12) continued its best run in conference play since going 14-0 in the Big Eight in the 1970-71 season. The high-scoring Jayhawks topped the 100-point plateau for the eighth time this season.

Boschee is one of six McDonald's All-Americans on the roster but the stellar play of Drew Gooden and Kirk Hinrich has received most of the attention. Boschee drilled a 3-pointer to give Kansas its first lead of the extra session, 99-98, with 4:14 left.

A free throw by Nick Collison made it 100-98 but Texas freshman T.J. Ford scored to tie the game with 3:13 remaining. Collison threw in a hook and Boschee nailed a straightaway 3-pointer for a five-point cushion.

Texas (16-8, 7-4) never got closer than four points thereafter. The Longhorns fell to 53-1 when scoring 100 points or more at home.

Gooden rebounded from a poor first half in which he made 2-of-9 shots for six points and committed three fouls. He finished with 28 points and made 10-of-14 shots after halftime.

The Jayhawks led by as many as six points in the second half but the Longhorns forged a 96-96 tie on Royal Ivey's layup with 31 seconds left in regulation. Kansas held for the last shot but freshman Aaron Miles missed a jumper as time expired.

## NFL

## Washington welcomes Lewis

Associated Press

## BALTIMORE

Marvin Lewis will have a new job next season, after all.

Two days after the Tampa Bay Buccaneers backed out of making him their new head coach, Lewis agreed to become defensive coordinator of the Washington Redskins.

The announcement came one day after Lewis declared he would remain defensive coordinator of the Baltimore Ravens, a post he's held since the team moved from Cleveland before the 1996 season.

There was no formal hiring announcement from the Redskins, but the team said late Sunday night that there would be a news conference Monday afternoon at Redskins Park "to introduce new defensive coordinator Marvin Lewis."

Although terms of Lewis' deal with the Redskins were not disclosed, his contract is believed to be around \$850,000 plus incentives, which, if met, would make him the highest-paid assistant coach in the NFL.

"Sometimes, money talks louder than words, and this is an opportunity Marvin felt he had to take," Ravens owner Art Modell said in a statement. "I'm disappointed that whoever misled us about Marvin staying did that to the Ravens."

Lewis is partially to blame, having told the Ravens on Saturday that he would stay with the team.

"I'm tired of putting my family through this," he said. "My family is happy with the area."

His contract with the Ravens has expired, and he was expected to discuss terms of a new deal with Modell over the next couple of weeks. Instead, Lewis will

head south to begin employment for Redskins owner Daniel Snyder and Washington's new head coach, Steve Spurrier.

Spurrier was seeking a defensive coordinator with NFL experience and few have done it better than Lewis, who helped build the Ravens into a Super Bowl champion.

Lewis' defense set an NFL record for fewest points allowed in a season in 2000 and ranked first in the league in fewest yards allowed. Last season, the Ravens were second in the league in defense.

The Ravens will make receivers coach Mike Nolan their new defensive coordinator.

The move will be formally announced Monday in a news conference, team spokesman Kevin Byrne said.

Lewis emerged as the Bucs' prime candidate for head coach after Bill Parcells decided against coming out of retirement and Tampa Bay general manager Rich McKay made an unsuccessful pitch to get Oakland's Jon Gruden.

McKay recommended Lewis for the job, but the sons of Bucs owner Malcolm Glazer decided against hiring the architect of a Baltimore defense that in 2000 set a record for fewest points allowed over a 16-game season.

If Lewis had been hired, it would have restored the number of black head coaches in the NFL to three, the same as last season.

It was the third time that Lewis was denied a shot at becoming a head coach. He interviewed for the Buffalo Bills' job that went to Gregg Williams after the 2000 season and was a candidate for the Carolina Panthers' opening filled by John Fox last month.

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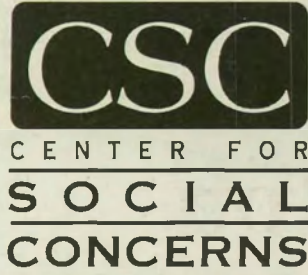
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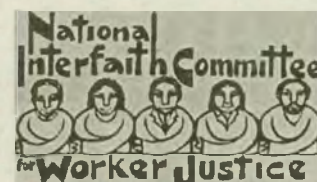
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**February 18 - 23, 2002**

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### Vehicle Training Information

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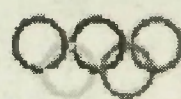
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# SALT LAKE 2002



## Boarders make history with sweep

Associated Press

PARK CITY, Utah

Amid deafening chants of "USA, USA, USA," Ross Powers, Danny Kass and J.J. Thomas made history on the halfpipe, giving the United States its first medals sweep in the Winter Olympics in 46 years.

Soaring 10 and 15 feet above the hollowed-out snow chute on a gorgeous, sun-kissed day, the Americans won all three medals in a winter event for the first time since the 1956 men's figure skating team in Cortina, Italy.

It was only the second Winter Games sweep ever for the United States, and it was topped by Powers the day after his 23rd birthday.

"I couldn't ask for anything more," he said. "It's the best birthday present ever. These guys beside me is also huge. Today was just the perfect day."

The sweep bumped the United States up to six medals, including the halfpipe gold won Sunday by Kelly Clark, who was on hand to watch her countrymen sweep.

An estimated 30,000 fans — many of whom arrived after the women's downhill was postponed due to high winds — waved their flags, clanged their cowbells and soaked in the hippest Olympic sport.

Powers set the winning mark of 46.1 early. He was the fourth rider to hit the snow, and his very first push above the rim of

the pipe was stunning — his body flying 15 feet in the air, parallel to the ground, with the sun overhead making for a picturesque silhouette.

Kass, the 19-year-old future of the sport, had two chances to top the 1998 bronze medalist. He was incredible in his own way, but his corkscrew turn and his famed "Kasserole spin" — two upside-down twists while grabbing the board — weren't enough to win gold. He scored a 42.5.

Thomas, 20, won the bronze on his second ride with an equally impressive run, pulling a 2 1/2-revolution spin and soaring almost as high as Powers.

Sixth-place finisher Tommy Czeschin was the only American left out of the party. His first run put him in third place, but after Thomas overtook him, Czeschin needed to go higher. He thought he did, but when his score was posted, he looked on in disbelief, and the crowd booed. But, really, it was hard to call any American a loser on this day.

Snowboarding is a distinctly American sport, created on a lark by a man in Michigan, Sherman Poppen, who in 1965 braced a pair of skis together and tied them with a rope so he could give his daughters something to do during the winter.

He called the contraption a Snurfer, combining the words snow and surfer. A few years later, entrepreneur Jake Burton Carpenter improved the snow-



San Jose Mercury News

**On the halfpipe, J.J. Thomas, Ross Powers and Danny Kass took the first U.S. medal sweep in 46 years, increasing the U.S. medal count to six.**

board and started the wave that continues to this day.

When the International Olympic Committee added snowboarding in 1998, many questioned whether the so-called "lifestyle sport" really belonged in the Olympics — too stodgy for the halfpipe, the critics said.

A lot of those doubts are bound to die down, and this American sweep will surely play a big role.

### Pairs Figure Skating

As roaring crowd rose to its feet, John Zimmerman scooped a beaming Kyoko Ina up in a bear hug and swung her around.

As Ina buried her face in his chest, he dropped his head back and pumped his left fist in jubilation. They'd trained 3 1/2 years for this moment and given the best performance of their lives.

"This was the best rush I have ever felt in my career," Ina said Monday night after she and Zimmerman finished fifth in the pairs competition. "If I walked away tomorrow, I could turn around and say I walked away at the top of my career."

"What we did out there was a gold medal for us," Zimmerman said. "It's the greatest thing we've ever done."

Even if it didn't win them an Olympic medal.

The United States hasn't won a medal in Olympic pairs since 1988, and that streak will last another four years. The other American pair, Tiffany Scott and Philip Dulebohn, were 13th.

Ina finished fourth at the Nagano Olympics with former partner Jason Dungjen, but her performance then wasn't nearly as good as what she and Zimmerman did Monday night. From the moment they stepped onto the ice, there was something magical about them.

As they skated around the rink, waiting to be introduced, it was almost as if they were taking an early victory lap, with the pro-American crowd cheering, waving banners and U.S. flags.

That kind of rowdy support would have been enough to

unnerve many skaters, but Ina and Zimmerman seemed to thrive on it. When it came time to do their side-by-side triple toe loop jumps, a move that normally causes Zimmerman fits, he landed the jump as smooth "as butter."

"I absolutely fed off that crowd," Zimmerman said. "It was a big hand that just pushed us along and it didn't stop."

Their only real error was when Ina touched her hand down briefly on their side-by-side double axels. But it was a minor mistake, and it took nothing away from the beauty and joy they exuded.

### Luge

Georg Hackl knew he was a beaten man.

With a smile and clap of his hands, he applauded the Italian who ended his attempt to make history by winning four straight gold medals at the Winter Olympics. Later, he helped hoist the victor on his shoulders.

"I'm getting a silver, and that's great," the German luger said after Armin Zoeggeler's win. "Now, two silver medals will frame three gold medals."

The second place is where I belong." He tearfully dedicated the silver, itself a record-setter, to his father, who died this winter after one of Hackl's World Cup wins.

Hackl finished nearly a third of a second behind Zoeggeler and barely beat longtime rival Markus Prock of Austria.

"He has been the best luger in the last four years and he deserved it," Hackl said, referring to Zoeggeler. "It would have been a shame if he'd not won. For me the silver has the same value as the gold."

Almost lost among the emotion of the moment was the performance of Adam Heidt of Northport, N.Y. He finished fourth — the best singles showing by the U.S. team since luge became an Olympic sport in 1964 — and was far ahead of Albert Demtschenko of Russia.

"I'm very happy. Fourth in the world is not too bad," said Heidt, who accidentally spiked a finger and drew blood as he started his final run. "I knew what I had to do. The crowd was chanting 'U-S-A.' I had chills down my spine on the handles. That was a pretty intense race."

Teammate Tony Benshoof of White Bear Lake, Minn., was 17th and Nick Sullivan of Oakdale, Minn., was 26th.

### Men's Biathlon

Ole Einar Bjoerndalen captured Norway's second gold medal in the Winter Olympics, winning the men's 20-kilometer biathlon race.

Bjoerndalen had a winning time of 51 minutes, 03.3 seconds on the Soldier Hollow course, the highest in the world for biathlon at an altitude of 1,793 meters.

He missed two targets, but made it up with excellent skiing. Two days ago, the 28-year-old from Drammen finished sixth in the 30K freestyle cross-country ski race.

"It wasn't my best race," he said. "I was uncertain if it would be enough. But now that I've won the race it's a great feeling."

Teammate Frode Andresen, the last starter among 87 entries, had a chance to win it as he came to the last shooting range with no misses.

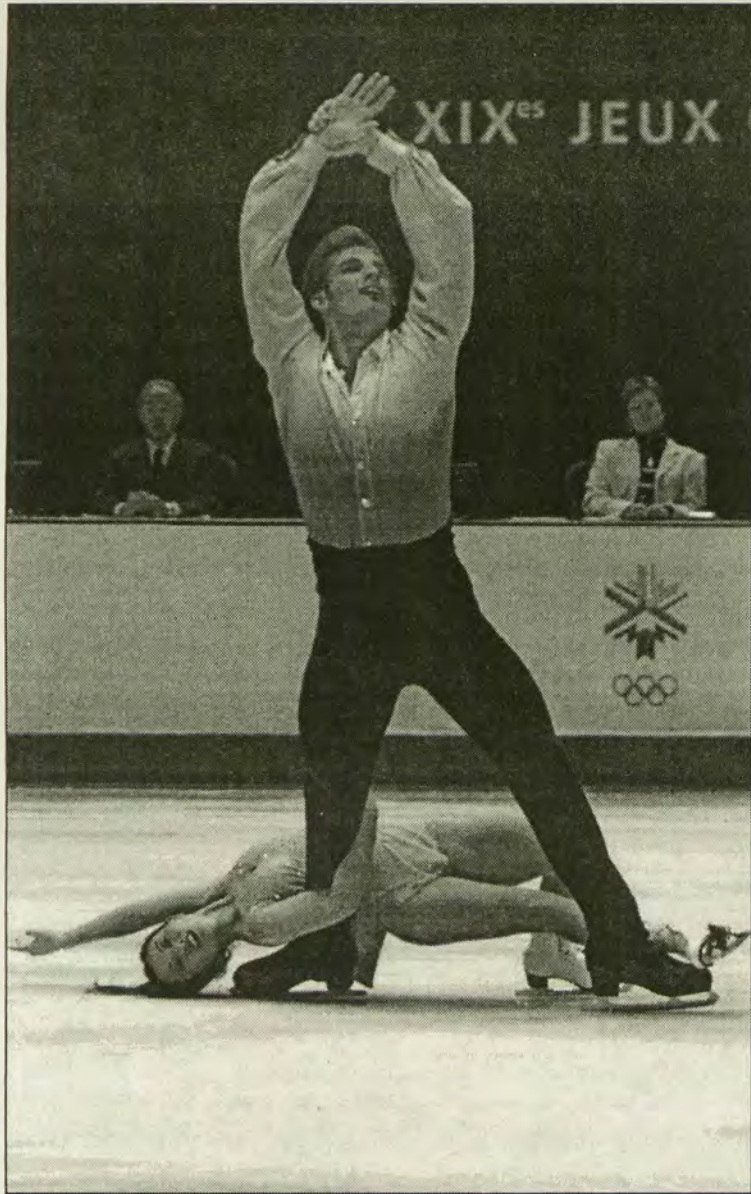
But he missed three times and was out of it. One miss and he had won the gold.

"It was worse to stand here watching Frode shoot than shoot myself," Bjoerndalen said.

It was Bjoerndalen's second Olympic gold medal. He won the sprint and a silver medal in the relay four years ago in Nagano, Japan.

Kari Traa gave Norway — the winningest nation in Winter Olympic history — its first gold in the women's moguls Saturday.

Frank Luck, a three-time Olympic relay champion, finished second in 51:39.4 and missed his chance of a first individual gold despite shooting clean.



Scripps Howard Photo Service

**American figure skaters John Zimmerman and Kyoko Ina took home a fifth place finish in Monday's pairs event.**



## TRACK AND FIELD

# Irish win 10 at Windsor meet

Special to the Observer

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 Zanderson (2:30.46) and Pat Conway (2:30.95) finished first and second, respectively. Zanderson's victory was followed by freshman Trevor McClain-Duer's 1:22.55 first-place effort in the 600 meters.

Senior Quill Redwine enjoyed a season's best effort in the high jump, clearing 2.02 meters (6-7 1/2) to take first place. Teammates Tom Gilbert (7.00 meters - 22-11 3/4) and Godwin Mbagwu (6.67 meters - 21-10 3/4) ended up taking first and second place in the long jump.

Back on the track, the 4x200-meter relay team posted an impressive 1:29.07 to take first place, while the 4x800 team finished first in 7:52.63.

The women's sprint corps took the opportunity to run on the same track dimensions as next weekend's conference meet and ended up posting two victories.

Ayesha Boyd, who is compiling an impressive sophomore season with the Irish, won the 60 meters with a 7.62 effort in the

finals. She also ran a 7.57 time in the preliminaries.

All-American Liz Grow followed up with a victory in the 300 meters, setting a new meet record in 37.90. Teammate Kymia Love was right behind Grow, taking second in 39.13 (which was also under the previous track record). Both Grow and Love have already posted 400-meter times this year that rank in the nation's top 10.

Tameisha King, who was named the Most Outstanding Athlete of the Windsor meet last season, defended her 60-meter hurdle title with a 8.76 time in the finals. Freshman Tiffany Gunn took second place in 8.84, which is the best time of the season for the Irish rookie.

Junior Jamie Volkmer continued to excel in the pole vault, winning the competition by clearing 3.60 meters (11-9 3/4). Sophomore Jill Van Weelden 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 1:41.84.

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

# We're not in Athens

The Olympics ain'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 same countries are still there, albeit the Soviet Union isn't the world hockey power anymore because, well, there's no more Soviet Union.

Most people, myself included, still don't understand where, when, or why the biathlon came to be or what those people yell at the other people who sweep the ice during curling.

And yet it all used to be so cool.

Cheering for your home country, watching so many different people come together to compete, or wondering out loud how fast those lugers were really going were the most entertaining ways to spend two weeks in the winter.

But that's changed over the years.

There was the Tonya Harding debacle, which made a hockey crosscheck 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.

Which sports feature amateurs and which pro has escaped most of us, save that if it's winter, then you better believe the NHL All-Stars are there.

Miracle, schmiracle. If we're going to lose, we're going to lose with Rangers and Stars, not Wolverines and Spartans. Maybe we'll even trash some hotel rooms to boot.

At least the guys in the skeleton seem to be amateurs. The only problem is I don't what in the heck the skeleton is.

Of course, it's not just the Winter Olympics. At the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney, which were entirely tape delayed on NBC, "doping scandal" got more airtime than all the countries' national anthems put together.

And this just in: the Dream Team was cool. In 1992.

The rest of the world had started to talk some smack about our country's basketball prowess, so we decided to show them what was up.

Show them what was up we did. Up, down, sideways, and back again. The scores have been more lopsided than a Bills' Super Bowl loss. On Dream Team 978, Vince Carter jumped (not just dunked, but jumped) over a seven foot-plus center from France.

Without a doubt, the world now knows the United States can field the best team around.

But do you even care anymore?

I'd much rather watch Chris Thomas, Ryan Humphrey, or Matt Carroll go win a gold medal in the true amateur spirit that we used to associate with these games. The scores might be a little closer, but after a 116-111 quadruple overtime win versus Georgetown this weekend, I think they're tough enough to handle it.

Now I'm not saying that amateurs don't still make up

the majority of Olympic athletes. As far as I can tell, they do. Even if they didn't, I don't know if you could make much of a living as a professional luger, so you can't begrudge athletes from less "prime-time" sports from trying to support themselves.

But that "prime-time" attitude has taken over. If there's money to be made or national prestige to be gained, you better believe all countries, not just the United States, will line up their highest paid professionals in the sporting world's version of the arms race.

Call me crazy, but Chris Chelios beating his Red Wings teammate Dominik Hasek isn't the stuff of legends.

Of course, I could have it all wrong. I used to watch the Olympics and for two weeks care about the athletes whose sports I wouldn't think about again for four more years.

Maybe it's good some of us don't know exactly what the skeleton is. We can just marvel at the people who throw themselves headfirst on what looks to be a seat cushion with runners to go flying down an ice track at an insane speed.

Why? Because they love the friggin' skeleton.

Maybe getting a little older makes you forget what you liked about the Olympics in the first place: sitting there with mom and dad, watching split times in some alpine skiing event you didn't even understand.

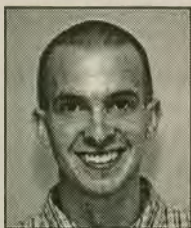
Maybe it makes you forget you still cheered, anyway.

Or maybe now we're just too busy to care about anything but the "money sports": Super Bowl halftime shows presented by E-Trade or Team Nike instead of Team USA.

I really hope it's not that last one.

*The opinions expressed in this column are those of the writer and not necessarily those of 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 and Rookie of the Week, respectively, after 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 honor for the fifth time this season. This is the first time that two Irish players have earned the league two honors in the same week.

Carroll averaged 22.0 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.

Against the Scarlet Knights, he 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



Thomas

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 second 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 off 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.

SOCCER

# 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 her former Big East foes 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 Meotis Erikson and the NCAA's all-time assist leader, midfielder Holly Manthei.

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



BRIAN PUCEVICH/The Observer

Monica Gonzalez was the 11th draft pick by the Women's United Soccer Association.

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, Wisc.; goalkeeper Justin Michaud from Austin, Texas; defender Dale Rellas 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 Wiese 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 sets us up for 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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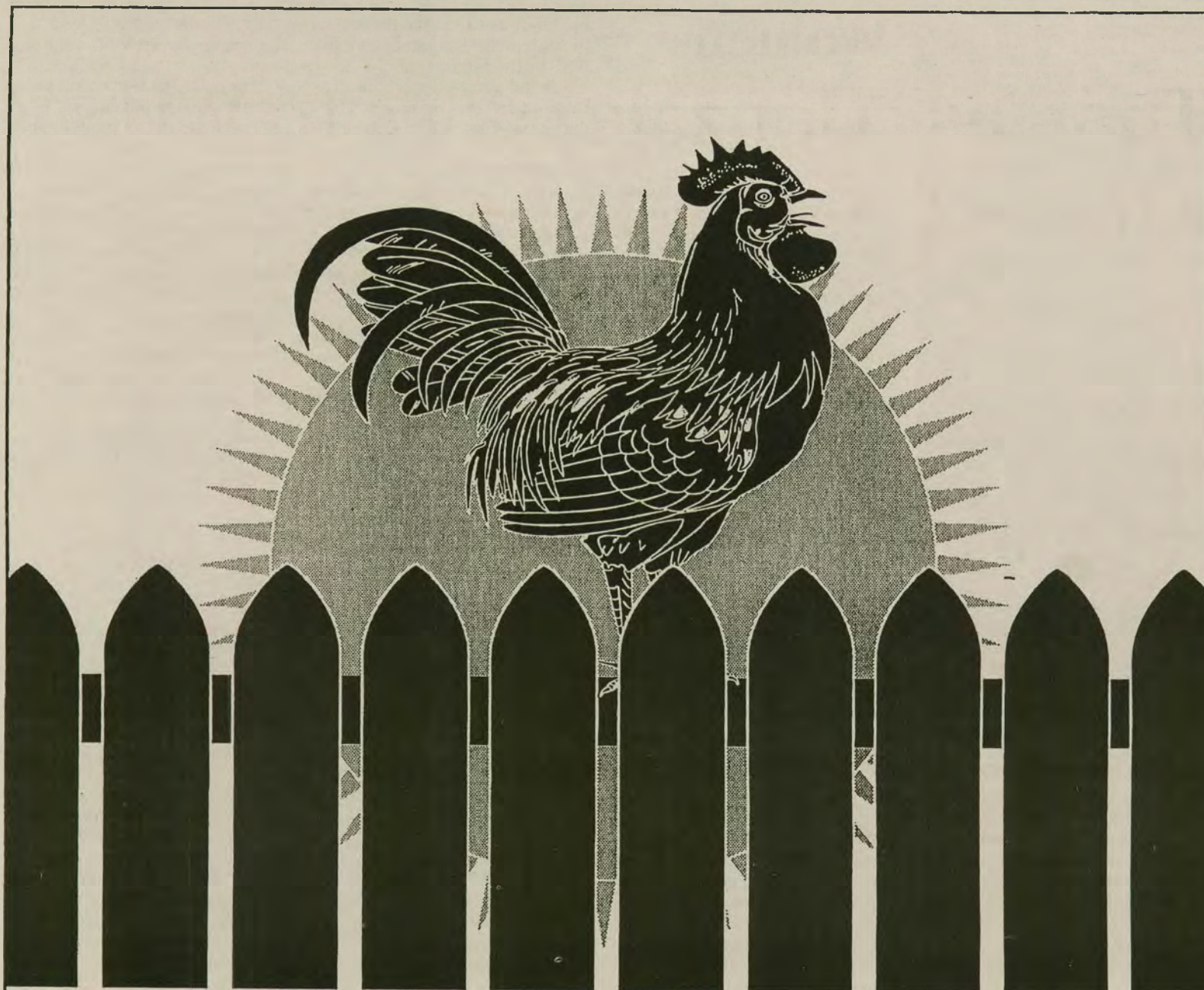
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## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Batteast named Big East best

Special to the Observer

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

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 chalking 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.

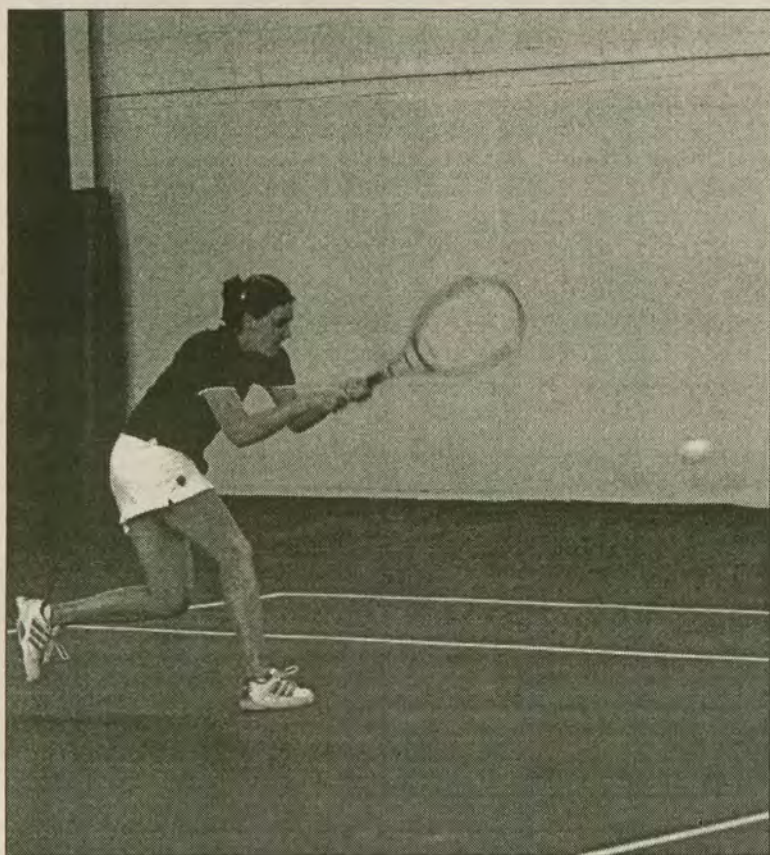
In other Notre Dame news, the Irish jumped back into the Top 25 this week, checking in at No. 23 in the most recent Associated Press poll which was released Monday afternoon. Notre Dame is not ranked in the latest ESPN/USA Today coaches' poll, receiving 29 points which would place the Irish 29th in the 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.

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

## Women

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advantage by earning the doubles point. A key victory 8-6 by Katie Cunha and Sarah Jane Connelly against the nation's No. 24 doubles squad of Anita Loyola and Launa Magnani clinched the point and provided key momentum 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 advantage after two rounds of play.

Connelly clinched the win in the third round with a 6-4, 6-3 victory at No. 6, while Nina Vaughan 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

*"The score didn't show it, but I think we played well against a great team."*

**Jay Louderback**  
head coach

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 performance 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 recover enough ground in singles.

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 finals).

"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 playing 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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## Men

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Boeker, taking the match 6-4, 6-2.

"I think I played probably the best tennis I've played at Notre Dame," said Taborga. "I've struggled years before and it's been great to feel the confidence a win gives you. Tennis is a game you have to play with a lot of confidence."

Sophomore Matt Scott followed up Taborga's victory with a 6-4,

6-4 win at No. 5, improving his record to 17-2 this season, but sophomore Luis Haddock-Morales' close 6-3, 3-6, 6-3 loss at No. 4 decided the match.

"Matt Scott has been so reliable," 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. Hippensteel, 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 against No. 51 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 shoving 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 (7-5), 6-4 at No. 1.

Paul Ciorascu won a 6-3, 3-6, 6-4 victory over Haddock-Morales at No. 4 and Catalin Gard defeated Smith 4-6, 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 now," said Talarico. "Everyone knows it, and we definitely showed it."

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# The

**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 to before the time of Christ. Christ Himself prayed it in its earlier forms. Morning and Evening prayer lasts approximately 20 minutes each.*

# Liturgy

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

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CLUB SPORTS

# 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 10-7 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 Bonwit shut down Oklahoma, 13-8, in the quarters, and the Irish comeback reached high tide in a furious back and forth game as Notre Dame toppled the home standing LSU Tigers to reach the finals.

Emotionally drained and physically spent entering their fourth game of the day, the Irish were unable to match their earlier performance, as they lost the championship, 13-9 to

Arkansas.

## Ski

Molly Munsterer's domination of the MCSA ski competition stretched through its third week as she placed first in the giant slalom and second in the slalom in the 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 slalom.

The big news was on the men's side as the men finished third in the Divisionals, their best showing ever. Marc Pribaz' sixth in the giant slalom is also the best men's individual performance in Irish history. His efforts were complemented by strong showings by Dan Block, ninth, Wes Jacobs, tenth, Joe Payne, 18th, and Eric Hansen, 19th in the giant slalom to secure the overall third place finish. In the slalom, Block finished 18th, 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 State 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 champion Spartans. After dropping 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 Boilermakers.

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 Kuzniar and Liz Parolin continue to lead the scoring, and they are getting stronger support in a more balanced attack featuring freshmen Erin Hempstead and Kimmy Moore, and sophomore Allison Gienko.

With Brigitte Alge growing more comfortable in goal each week, the club's confidence gained by playing top competition should bode well for the season. Irish fans will have an

opportunity to catch the club in action this weekend as they host a conference tournament at Rolfs Aquatics.

## Women's Ice Hockey

The Irish challenged defending national club champion Maryland on their home ice this weekend, 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 seconds 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 completed the scoring. Goalie Aimee Dietrich recorded her first shutout of the season.

## HOCKEY

# Cey stops way to top spot in CCHA

Special to the Observer

Notre Dame freshman goaltender Morgan Cey has been named the Central Collegiate Hockey Association's Rookie of the Week for the week ending February 10th.

Cey stopped 75 of the 78 shots he faced on the weekend as he led the Fighting Irish to a split versus nationally ranked Michigan State at Munn Arena in East Lansing, Mich.

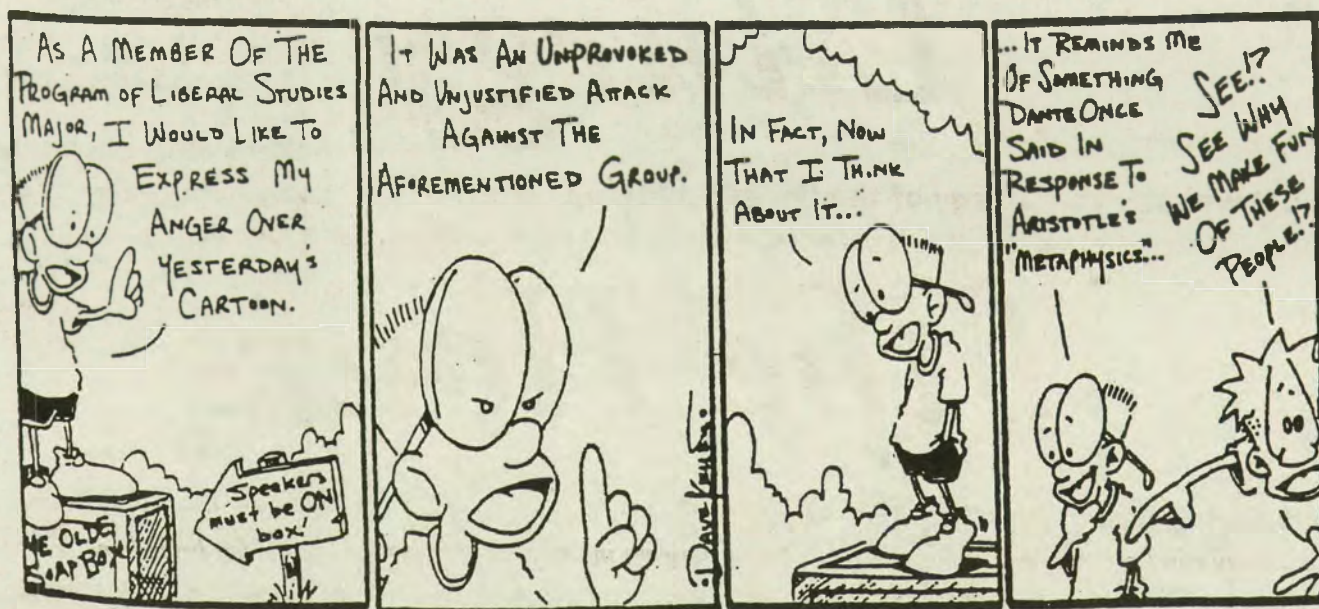
Michigan State came into the weekend series ranked third in the USA Today/American Hockey Magazine poll and fourth in the U.S. College Hockey Online poll and had gone unbeaten in 33 consecutive games dating back to Oct. 21, 2000.

The 6-3, 175-pound goaltender started the weekend series on Friday night with a career-high 41 saves as he gave up a lone power play goal in the second period of a 2-0 loss. The Spartans scored into an empty net with 12 seconds left for the final goal of the game. Cey was named the second star of the night.

In Saturday's 3-2 win, Cey stopped 34 of 36 Michigan State shots to snap the Spartan's unbeaten streak at 30-0-3 and give the Irish their first win at Munn Arena since Nov. 1, 1997.

Cey made 19 saves in the second period as Michigan State cut the Notre Dame lead to 3-2 at 6:36 of the stanza, but that was all the freshman netminder would let past him for his ninth win of the season. He was chosen the game's first star.

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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 the Wildcats, the Irish, now with all their top fencers, sent Schiller a message: Talk is cheap, and it's time to cash in.

Notre Dame dominated Northwestern from start to finish and walked away with a convincing 23-4 win at the Ohio State duals Saturday.

"We were all pumped up because the Northwestern coach was saying some things we didn't appreciate so we were all gung-ho for the match," said epeeist Kerry Walton, who went undefeated against Northwestern and 10-1 overall.

The biggest difference for the Irish was the return to action of freshman foilist Andrea Ament. Ament missed last week's match with Northwestern because she was fencing in a World Cup tour-

nament in Germany.

With Ament's return to the team, Maggie Jordan moved back to her stronger weapon — sabre — and the Irish rout was on.

"Everyone was back where they were supposed to be and it obviously made the difference," Walton said.

Ament's 3-0 record against the Wildcats certainly helped, but across the board, the Irish women fenced better than last week.

Fifth-year senior Cari McCullough went undefeated against the Wildcats while epeeist Meagan Call turned an 0-3 record against the Wildcats in Colorado Springs into a 2-1 record this weekend.

An increase in intensity and focus was the key against Northwestern, according to sabrewoman Destanie Milo who went 2-1 against the Wildcats.

"All week we had in mind that we wanted to come back and beat Northwestern when we had a second chance against them," she said. "We were really intense and very focused on beating them. It's amazing what that mindset can do for you."

The Irish also defeated Ohio State 15-12, Wayne State 23-4 and Cleveland State 26-1.

As the women avenged a previous defeat, the Irish men's team kept right on rolling as they racked up four wins and

increased their winning streak to 55-straight dual meets.

The toughest challenge for the Irish came against the Buckeyes and their strong sabre and epee squads.

Ohio State's sabre squad featured two national team fencers in Jason Rogers and Colin Parker but Notre Dame still prevailed 5-4. Rogers swept the Irish in his three bouts but both Andre Crompton and Matt Fabricant beat Parker.

The next time he meets Rogers, however, Crompton expects to do better.

"This was the first time I've fenced him collegially and now I have a feel for how he fences and I will do better next time," he said.

The men's epee team could not overcome an injury to star freshman Michal Sobieraj, however, and dropped the bout to the Buckeyes 5-4.

"We probably wouldn't have lost to Ohio state in epee, if we had him there," epee captain Jan Viviani said. "We 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 Irish a 16-11 win.

The men also defeated Northwestern 22-5, Wayne State 21-6 and Cleveland State 25-2.



MIKE CONNOLLY/The Observer

Junior Jan Viviana attacks an opponent during the 2001 NCAA Championships.

**Notes:**

Sobieraj, who was not initially expected to return from his broken foot until the Midwest Regional Qualifiers on March 9, could return for the Midwest Conference Championships on March 2-3. But if he isn't ready, the Irish aren't going to rush him.

"We've got to assess his condi-

tion before then," Crompton said. "If he is not going to be ready, we aren't going to risk it. Regionals is what really matters."

Sobieraj has gone 26-1 in his debut season.

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## This Week in Campus Ministry

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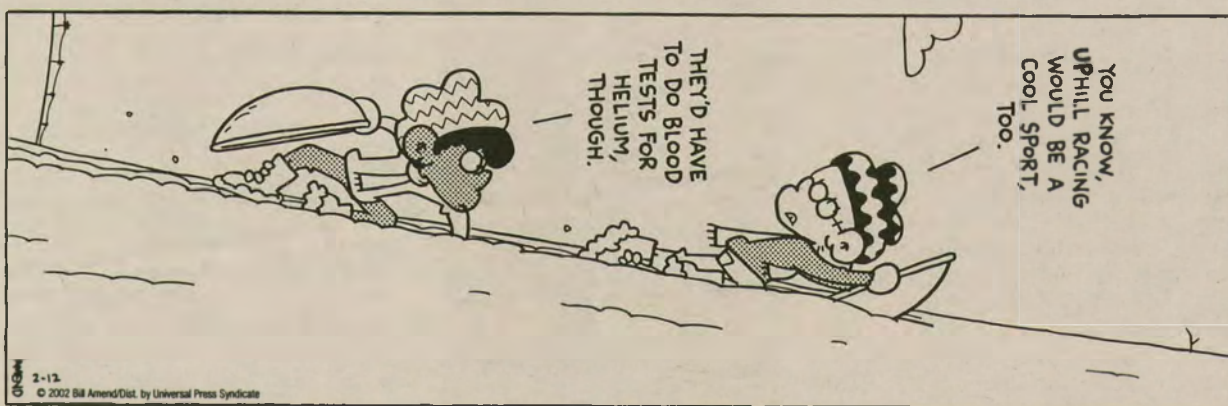
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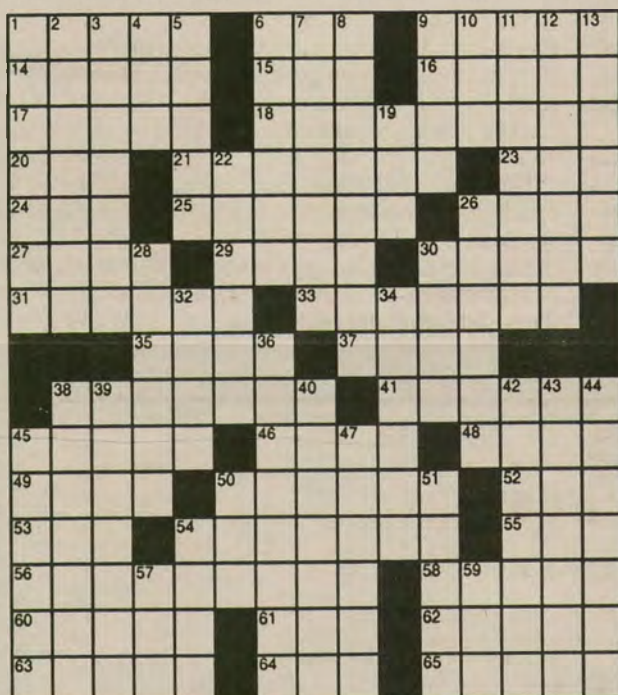
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  - Like Internet news sites
  - Latch pieces
  - Buy-one-get-one-free item?
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  - Makes clear
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  - Explorer Cabeza de
  - Big bird
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  - Waitress, e.g.
  - Famous Bruin
  - Jacqueline of "Bullitt"
  - Wonder, slangily



Puzzle by Patrick Berry

- Looked after
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- Fir exudation
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**Happy Birthday:** You have an interest in money, investments, property and the personal affairs of others this year. You will take pride in your home and do whatever is necessary to raise its value. Don't shy away from doing the work yourself at this time. You'll instinctively know what will work and what won't this year. Your numbers are 16, 23, 25, 33, 38, 47

**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 well worth your while. ○○○

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** You will be emotional about your relationship. If someone you care about is being difficult, give him or her space today. Make plans to do something interesting with a close 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 be uplifting today. Your friends will praise your insightful opinions. 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 tolerant but don't put up with abuse. Do your own chores and leave the rest. ○○

**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 moneymaking 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 in a partner. You are better off by yourself than with someone who doesn't complement you. ○○

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Don't push your luck with authority figures. Keep a low profile and refrain from getting into debates with co-workers. You may find yourself losing ground if you try to change. ○○○

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Your contribution to a worthwhile cause will enhance your reputation and introduce you to prominent individuals. You have a lot to offer and if you let your imagination take over you'll even surprise yourself today. ○○○○

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Someone you thought you could trust is probably talking 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 Baby:** You can be impulsive, independent, sensitive and inventive. You are forever jumping from one thing to another. You have a unique approach to life that will always have an element of surprise.

(Need advice? Check out Eugenia's Web sites at [astroadvice.com](http://astroadvice.com), [eugenialast.com](http://eugenialast.com), [astromate.com](http://astromate.com).)

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## ND TENNIS

# Irish mix it up at tournies

### ◆ Taborga upsets opponent during USTA/ITA tournies

By KATIE HUGHES  
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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 Calle Hansen decided the match after Matt Scott's 6-3, 6-3 win, and Luis 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 Matias Boeker, defending NCAA singles and doubles champion. The Bulldogs had won the doubles point despite 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

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KYLIE CARTER/The Observer

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, Wisc. to take part in the USTA/ITA National Indoor Championships last week, the team pinpointed 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

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## SMC SWIMMING

# Belles sting Hornets in historic win

By NATALIE BAILEY  
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's continues to make history, claiming victory against Kalamazoo 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 Olivet and Albion 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 Petcoff.

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 Petcoff'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 Lenihan. "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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