2006 MIAC Women's Swimming and Diving Championship

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. – The St. Olaf women and Gustavus men repeated as MIAC team champions on Saturday, Feb. 18 at the University of Minnesota Aquatic Center in Minneapolis. The title is St. Olaf's second straight and 14th since 1987. The MIAC crown for the Gusties is their fifth consecutive and 19th in school history.

Macalester's Heather Lendway (500-yard freestyle & 400-yard individual medley) won her third MIAC event and defended her MIAC crown in the 1650-yard freestyle with a provisional qualifying time of 17:32.24. Ben Hanson of Gustavus also won his third MIAC event by defending his MIAC crown in the 1650-yard freestyle by breaking the meet record with a provisional qualifying time of 15:54.62. Carleton's Ted Marschall and the St. Olaf duo of Eric Tvedt and Joe Anderson also recorded provisional qualifying times.

Becky Alexander of Carleton won the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 53.35. St. Olaf's Jacob Koch won the men's 100-yard freestyle with a provisional qualifying time of 45.76. Gustavus' Scott Hagemeyer and Brian Amundson also collected provisional qualifying times.

Kaelly Simpson of Saint Benedict won the 200-yard breaststroke with a provisional qualifying time of 2:26.18. St. Olaf's Ben Wareham won the men's 200-yard breaststroke with a provisional qualifying time of 2:07.92.

Lainie Cassel of St. Olaf won the 200-yard butterfly with a time of 2:11.48. On the men's side, Gustavus' Connor Ziegler won the 200-yard butterfly by setting a new meet record and provisional qualifying time in 1:53.73. Jonathan Tapia of Hamline and Ole teammates Matt Stewart and Billy Cuevas also reached in provisional qualifying time.

In other events, St. Olaf's Carly Knoell won the 200-yard backstroke with a time of 2:10.01, while Gustavus' Jeff Pearson won the men's side with a provisional qualifying time of 1:52.51. St. Olaf's Christian Lorentzen won the 3-meter diving event for the third consecutive year with an NCAA qualifying score of 285.75. Annie Cullen of Concordia won the women's 1-meter diving competition with an NCAA qualifying score of 261.00.

Gustavus' Matt Stewart, Tyler Wakefield, Brian Amundson and Scott Hagemeyer won the 400-yard freestyle relay an NCAA automatic qualifying and MIAC record time of 3:03.72. The Saint John's team consisting of Casey Larson, Joey Chapman, Sam Christianson and Kerry O'Neill earned a provisional qualifying time of 3:07.91. The Carleton group of Jen Gratz, Karin Brown, Elise Knoche and Becky Alexander won the women's 400-yard freestyle relay with a provisional qualifying time of 3:35.03.