Senators discuss letter to Fellows

By KRISTEN FITZPATRICK

The addition of sexual orientation to the University’s non-discrimination clause once again toppled the Student Senate’s agenda at Wednesday’s meeting.

The body discussed a letter to the Board of Fellows regarding its Nov. 1 rejection of the amendment. The letter states the senate’s concern that the decision of 12 people could override the strong voices of bodies such as the Academic Council, Faculty Senate and Student Senate. It also reminds the board that those who maintain the traditions of Notre Dame are the faculty, staff and students, the same bodies that supported the clause.

The letter criticizes the board for not having the atmosphere of an “enlightened democracy” but instead having an “obligatory.” The senate said that this issue will not close until justice has been rendered.

In an 18-7 vote, the senate sent the letter back to the Gender Relations Committee for revisions because of the strong language contained in the letter. The senators overwhelmingly stated that they did not want to diminish the authority of the board, only to remind them of the intentions of the Senate.

“We will anger them [the Board of Fellows] with this letter, which was not our intention,” said Dillon senator Jason Timmer.

Other senators agreed that the board protects the Catholic image of the University and that the senate does not wish for this to be discontinued.

Carroll senator Pat Boy, who spent time revising the letter from previous drafts reminded the senate that, “We need to make a strong argument. This issue won’t disappear simply because it was voted on once.”

After the committee revises the letter, it will return to the floor for another vote.

Other senate news:

• Members approved a resolution to open the Alumni Center by a vote of 24-1. Senators felt that this would allow seniors to have more class events while upholding the University’s support of responsible drinking. The center would be opened on Fridays from 12 p.m.-2 p.m. as was the policy until three years ago.

• Students of age can eat anywhere they choose (during lunch) and can have a drink if they so choose,” said off-campus senator Mickey Doyle. The senate also added a section in the resolution stating that the University already has two facilities that serve alcohol during lunch hours.

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Concentration focuses on Catholicism

By JOSHUA BOURGEOS

Beginning August 1999, the College of Arts and Letters will have a new concentration focusing on the principles of the Church’s social doctrine.

The idea of the concentration, the Catholic Social Tradition, began four years ago with professor Kathleen Weir of the American Studies department. She gathered a committee of theology, philosophy, economics, history and anthropology professors from both Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s to discuss and form the concentration.

The committee asked Todd Whitmore, professor of theology, to direct the concentration one year ago. Last semester, the College of Arts and Letters approved the concentration and allocated the funds for it.

“The concentration is necessary for Notre Dame because of its Catholic identity, the lack of knowledge most Catholics have on Church social doctrine, and the influence and authority Notre Dame graduates have in the real world,” said Whitmore.

Whitmore added that since Notre Dame is a Catholic university, it should have programs that promote its Catholic identity such as the Catholic Social Tradition concentration.

“Many Catholics do not know about the

Pastors explore business of church management

By LINDSAY FRANK

Many people do not realize that maintaining a church requires extensive financial and personnel planning, said a panel of three female pastors Wednesday during the College of Business Administration’s women’s lecture series.

“A lot of people believe that God will provide open doors and people will come,” said Kaye Ferguson-Pattison, pastor of the First United Methodist Church. “They tend not to look at the church as a business entity, just like many people do not view Notre Dame as being in the business of education.”

Many churches have no personnel handbooks and consequently no formal discipline procedure, said Mary Hubbard, pastor of Central United Methodist Church.

“The working in churches is both a pain and a blessing. It is a blessing because there are so many gifted people who give their services without being paid, but at the same time some people have a twisted view of what Christianity put the church, said Hubbard.

Hubbard also explained that churches deal with a lot of personnel turnover. She cited one parish where a custodian had held his job for 11 years, making him the employee with the greatest longevity. This employee dealt with alcohol problems which inhibited his job performance, yet when the time came to evaluate his employment, the church board was reluctant to fire him.

Hubbard suggested that each parish create job descriptions, benefits and disciplinary methods that are in writing and simple to understand. She also said that sexual harassment policies within the churches need to change.

“It is a bizarre, almost surrealistic policy,” she said. “You’re being harassed and the first procedure says you should contact the abuser in private, then the staff and parish relations committee, and then the bishop. If it were me I would want to take it straight to my lawyer.”

Like many nonprofit organizations, church boards consist of people within the organization — in this case, the congregation. Even members with knowledge in marketing and finance, however, fail to see a need for systematically budgeting money for things such as marketing, said Ferguson-Pattison.

Ferguson-Pattison said a church’s budget should go toward these expenditures. Many churches, however, neglect this budgeting and “put out material that is less-than-good work and therefore people assume the church does less-than-good work,” she added.

The focus of St. Paul’s marketing campaign is based upon human contact. At every service an attendance record is kept and if a member misses several services, a member of the evangelical committee

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A group of local female pastors comprised a panel on church management Wednesday during the College of Business Administration’s women’s lecture series. The panelists send a card to see if he or she is in need of assistance. At the sign of peace everyone is encouraged to shake hands

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Storm Warnings

February in Florida is typically a slow month for news broadcasts. By this time, people are sick of hearing about the tourist season, which leaves them little else to talk about except the university has released a report yesterday as student activists and university administrators continued to address the issue of sweatshop labor in the collegiate apparel industry.

Members of Students Organizing for Labor and Economic Equality said they were told by other campus anti-sweatshop organizations that college administrators nationwide are looking to the university for leadership on this issue, adding that what happens in Ann Arbor will set the tone for the rest of the nation.

After some discussion, the five members of SOLE present at the meeting with University general counsel Marvin Krislov and Senior Associate Athletic Director Keith Mollen decided to set their next meeting for March 9.

"We want to find the candle to light the way out of the darkness," Molin said, adding that SOLÉ and the University are seeing eye-to-eye on the problem - and they only need to find the appropriate way to solve it.

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Honor society announces winners of essay contest

By ALISON HEINZ
News Writer

Notre Dame’s chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, the government honor society, honored the winning students of the third annual Young Leaders’ Essay Contest Tuesday evening. "Pi Sigma Alpha began the contest in an effort to reach out to the South Bend community and increase public policy awareness among young people," said Pi Sigma Alpha president Michele Costello during the award ceremony. The keynote speaker at the assembly, which included the winning students and their parents, was South Bend mayor and Notre Dame alumnus Steve Larcke. Larcke praised the students who entered the contest for taking the first step to becoming active, contributing members of society.

The two first-place winners, Monica Macellari and Jan Stouder, read aloud their essays. Macellari’s essay, which won in the fifth- and sixth-grade group, stressed the importance of cooperation. Stouder, winner of the seventh- and eighth-grade category, used his essay as an opportunity to make suggestions for improving the community. His suggestions included stronger fine arts programs in the schools, stronger gun control and a new city park.

The essays addressed the question of “What Can Government Do To Improve Our Community?” In addition to the two first-place winners, Pi Sigma Alpha honored almost 50 students in grades five through eight from several South Bend schools.

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Interviews: March 2nd at the CSC with a representative from ACCION
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**AUSTRIA**

Convoys of helicopters and strangled tourists in western Austria and another killer avalanche brought new heartache Wednesday, striking just miles from where rescuers were digging for victims of Europe's worst snowslide this winter.

The latest torrent of snow, three stories high and 600 feet wide, smashed into the town of Valzur, where a dead woman and three survivors were pulled from the snow and debris.

Five people remained missing, the Austrian Press Agency said. Seven miles away, in Galtuer, the death toll rose to 16 and rescuers searched for 16 others still believed buried on an avalanche on Tuesday.

"This is a catastrophe such as we have not had for centuries," said Wendelin Weingartner, governor of Tyrolian province in western Austria. Authorities said among the dead in Galtuer were eight Germans, including two children, two Swiss and six Austrians, all residents of the village of 700.

More than 60 people across Europe have died in avalanches so far this year as the area endures its worst avalanche season in decades. In Chamonix, France, 12 people were killed in an avalanche earlier this month.

Austrian television showed scores of rescuers using long metal probes to detect survivors.

But they have so far been unsuccessful, despite the use of avalanche dogs trained to locate people buried under masses of snow.

The huge wave of snow crashed cars and hurled them through the village. The snow and ice cleanly sliced the top off of one house like a razor blade.

Rescue squads couldn't reach the winter sports resort of Galtuer until Wednesday evening because of bad weather and roads blocked by earlier avalanches. The government began an airbridge between Landeck and Galtuer at first light Wednesday.

A steady stream of helicopters landed and taking off from the Pontalz Austrian army base took rescuers into Galtuer and by afternoon, soldiers in Landeck were quickly loading the choppers with pallets of fresh fruits, vegetables and other foods.

Survivors and tourists were flown out on the return trips.

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**KOSOVO**

**Ethnic Albanians unite for freedom**

Associated Press

Setting aside deep mistrust that hampered past efforts to press for independence, Kosovo's rival Albanian factions announced Wednesday they had formed a coalition to push harder to sign a new agreement.

State media controlled by Yugoslav hard-liners President Slobodan Milosevic joined in the exultation, saying the Serbs had prevailed against "enormous international pressure."

Within the high-casualty province, some 300,000 people, mostly ethnic Albanians, have been displaced in the battles between Kosovo Albanian guerrillas seeking independence and the joint Serbian and Yugoslav army.

Kosovo is part of Serbia, Yugoslavia's major republic, but more than 90 percent of its population is ethnic Albanian and most want independence.

No documents were signed at Rambouillet, and although the Kosovo Albanian delegation said it was ready in principle to sign at a new meeting, Serbs remained steadfastly opposed to the stationing of a NATO force on their soil.

But the announcement that rival Kosovo factions were ready to work together spilled welcome news for a long-term American and European goal - getting ethnic Albanians to speak with one voice.
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"From the pulpit it looks like a bunch of ants on an ant hill running back and forth. It is the best sight," said Ferguson-Patton. There is also a need for the church to meet its neighbors. "At this one church I was at, we did a door-to-door campaign, and people three houses away didn’t realize the church was on the corner. It shows how the signs and the exterior of the building need to be inviting places," said Tina Veltzien, rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity. The discussion also focused on how age differences within a congregation call for more creative approaches within the service. "People 65 and older are used to the oral tradition of church whereas people under 30 are accustomed to electronics, color, sound bytes, action and the Internet. The church has a real problem reaching that generation because those that do the planning don’t relate," said Ferguson-Patton.

Forms of "electronic marketing" are already in effect, according to the panelists. In one non-denominational church in California the pastors use PowerPoint during their sermons. The congregation can view the presentation at computer stands located on the sanctuary.

Junior David Melander made his way across campus Wednesday as winter returned to South Bend with a sudden snowfall.

Robert M. Hamma is editorial director at Ave Maria Press and Sorin Books, a new publishing venture. He also directs Spiritual Book Associates, the country’s leading Catholic book club. He holds an M.A. in theology as well as an M.Div. degree. He is the author of numerous books and articles on spirituality and family life. He and his wife, Kathryn, have three children—Peter, Christine, and Sarah—and reside in Granger, Indiana.

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Company fails to pay scholarships, others cover debt

By BRAD UNTIETD
News Writer

In a scholarship snafu that torched students nationwide, Notre Dame freshman Justin Burt saw his anticipated $10,000 aid package disappear. Fortunately, other sources came through at the last minute and made up the difference.

Burt was the winner for the state of Texas of a scholarship sponsored by Adams Vision, a Houston-based special events coordination company. The scholarship, which was awarded to one student from each state, was worth $10,000, renewable for four years.

Due to a lack of funding, the company was unable to award the scholarships.

"I was really counting on that scholarship to help finance my education at Notre Dame," Burt said.

He added that it was disappointing to find out that the scholarship wouldn't be awarded.

"I received letters saying not to worry, the money is there," he said. "That was the first clue that something might be wrong."

Burt said that he applied for and won the scholarship during his senior year of high school in Uvalde, Texas. At the time he said it never occurred to him that the company wouldn't have the money.

They (Adams Vision) kept telling us that they were just in negotiations with other companies to cover the cost of the scholarships, Burt said. "They said. "There's a whole world out there. Explore it with Contiki.

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Comedian A.J. Jamal
- 2/26. Friday.
Reckers.
- 1200AM (after Bengal Bouts)

Newt Gingrich lecture tickets on sale now (for April 13 event) at LaFortune Box Office. $6 students.

HPC (HALL PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL)

SYRs.
- 2/27. Saturday.
Walsh

Formals.
- 2/26. Friday.
Cavanaugh Snowball
- 0800PM & 1115PM.
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LaFortune Ballroom
- 0900PM-1200AM.

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Marketing Club: Marketing Week (continued).
158 COBA
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Speakers from Weber, Leicht, & Gohr
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FASO Fiestang Filipino
- 2/27. Saturday

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SDH
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- 12:10-0110PM.
Finance & Business, Economics,
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Neighborhood Roots Program
- 2/27. Saturday.
1200-0300PM.
Kellogg Institute Latin American Film Series: La Tigra.
- 3/2. Tuesday.
HCIS Auditorium
- 0700PM.

MISCELLANEOUS/CAMPUS-WIDE

Bengal Bouts Finals
- 2/26. Friday.
JACC
- 0800PM.

Department of Music: Faculty Chamber Concert
Annenberg Auditorium, Snite Museum of Art
- 0200PM.

Senate passes largest military pay raise in two decades

Even Senate passes largest military pay raise in two decades

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WASHINGTON

The Senate voted overwhelmingly Wednesday to give the nation's military the biggest benefits increase since the early 1980s, including an across-the-board 4.8 percent pay increase with further boosts in future years. The pay raise for the nation's 1.4 million active-duty military is half a percentage point more generous than one proposed earlier this month by President Clinton. It was approved 91-8.

Republican leaders said they wanted the first Senate bill passed this year to telegraph support for U.S. troops, particularly in light of a possible new deployment to Kosovo — even if it wasn't known exactly how the package would be financed. "This is the right way to begin this year," said Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss. "It comes at a time when we're asking more and more of our military with less and less. It would be insanity for us not to do this bill, and do it now."

The package, which now goes to the House, would also boost retirement and educational benefits under the GI bill.

Democrats tried to get the Senate to consider a series of taxes to pay for the measure, but were turned back on an 80-20 procedural vote. They then lined up with Republicans in support of the overall measure.

The pay increase, which would take effect next Jan. 1 for the nation's 1.4 million active-duty military, is about half a percentage point higher than a military pay increase President Clinton proposed in the fiscal 2000 budget he submitted earlier this month. That could cost at least $7 billion more over five years than the package Clinton proposed. Sen. Bob Graham, D-Fla., complained that the added cost could rise to $11.5 billion over 10 years. The Clinton plan itself would cost $35 billion over five years.

"That is not the message we want to send to the American people," Graham said, warning it would start the United States "down the slippery slope to more deficits."

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Abolish the Death Penalty

Why should we oppose the death penalty? In addition to the moral opposition articulated by Catholic leaders and many others, the death penalty should be opposed as a matter of commitment to Center for Social Concerns

International human rights law. The aim and desire of the international community to abolish the death penalty is clear, and is manifested in international law and treaties, the practice of nations, and authoritative rulings by international bodies, all of which progressively restrict the application of the death penalty toward the eventual goal of abolition. (Those interested should see the relevant Protocols to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and to both the European and American Conventions on Human Rights.) The United States is one of a small and decreasing number of nations which practices the death penalty and which maintains that this practice is a legal exception to the right to life. While the lack of a blanket prohibition is often used as justification for the existence of the death penalty, there is certainly no "green light" for its use, either. Since international law is made by the consensus of nations, the will to maintain a contrary position prevents the death penalty from being strictly prohibited under international law despite its clear inconsistencies with other human rights commitments. The actual application of the death penalty in the United States, at both the state and federal level, has been reined in by existing international law and undermines the intent of several of the treaties to which the US is a party. It's hard to provide references to those decisions to anyone so interested. Primarily because of the death penalty. Amnesty International chose the United States from among all nations to be the subject of its major report of 1998; in that report and elsewhere, Amnesty has roundly condemned the death penalty as "the ultimate cruelty. But so what? Is an argument from human rights law relevant where white men have shot a black man behind a truck, killing him out of pure racist hatred? Human rights advocates oppose the death penalty for several main reasons, including the following: that proceedings are too often arbitrary or unfair, that they are too often subject to the racial prejudices of the people involved in the trial, that the death penalty may simply never be applied to juveniles or those with mental impairment, that the death penalty fails to deter irrational murder, that the death penalty is applied with its attached judicial appeals costs for more than life imprisonment, and that the death penalty itself is certainly "cruel and unusual." In the case of the murder of James Byrd, Jr., it is admittedly difficult even for me as an opponent of the death penalty to argue that any of these particular reasons should win out over the counterargument, that this murder simply needs to be condemned—actually and symbolically—with the greatest possible punishment. Opponents of the death penalty in America are currently split over two efforts: the traditional effort to abolish the death penalty entirely, and a recent movement to enact a moratorium on it. The purpose of a moratorium would be to scrutinize the death penalty, and to decide after further scrutiny whether to rescind it. This split among opponents parallels a split in reasoning over why we should oppose the death penalty in the first place. To call for the strict abolition of the death penalty, even in cases like the Byrd murder, it seems that one must oppose state sanctioned murder, period, as a matter of principle, no matter the case. To call for a moratorium and to seriously consider the question of whether the death penalty may be applied seems to acknowledge that capital punishment might be appropriate in terribly unusual cases like this. I believe the international movement toward abolition of the death penalty pushes us to continue to call for abolition. The international community for the former Yugoslavia and for Rwanda, empowered to hand down sentences for crimes of genocide and crimes against humanity, have no power to authorize a death sentence, and when acting as it is to endorse the symbolisms of punishing horrible crimes with death, we should rather endorse the symbolic effect of saying that we will not endorse premeditated murder, by the state or otherwise. Law is our means of embodying the concept of punishment. We must embody this commitment at all levels, ineptly, inappropriately. But so what? Is there really any need to refer to human rights law within the borders of the United States, when it is clear that our Few AmericansJose sleep over the fact that our nation is defying the international community, or that we're in violation of international law on a particular point. The Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights of the United Nations, in a report issued in January, 1998 after a visit to the United States, declared his concern that the reservations entered by the United States in ratification of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights "seriously undermine the effect of that treaty", and that "a serious gap exists between federal and state governments concerning implementation of international obligations undertaken by the US government. Furthermore, he reported "that the US appears to have been disseminated to state authorities and that knowledge of the country's international obligations is almost non-existent at almost all levels." The only clear way for the state of Indiana to fully respect the right to life would be to abolish the death penalty. The Center for Civil and Human Rights of Noise Dime Law School encourages the Indiana legislature to fully review and consider its obligations under international law regarding the death penalty, and especially to consider the abolition of the death penalty. The Center offers its full assistance in such a review. Certain aspects of the current Indiana law appear to clearly violate international law; in particular, the application of the death penalty in juveniles and persons with mental impairments. Even where the application of the death penalty is arguable as an allowable exception to the right to life, its application must then comply absolutely with the highest safeguards and fair trial standards, in addition to international commitments against infirmity and degrading treatment and discrimination. Various aspects of the death penalty, all of which are manifest in Indiana law, were noted by the Special Rapporteur as raising concerns in these areas; namely, the independence of the judiciary in situations where the trial judge declares sentences, the role of prosecutorial discretion where prosecutors are selected, and the jury selection process, among others.

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Are Traditions Killing African American Students?

Most of us, by graduation, will have attended or participated in at least one University and Notre Dame tradition. Some traditions have not changed throughout the years, but others have. Not all traditions are healthy traditions, and we need to reassess what we do and why in order to maintain true traditions.

Traditions are often passed down through families and peer groups, but it is the university that maintains and enforces these traditions. Many of these traditions are in need of reassessing.

One tradition that has been in need of reassessment is the Notre Dame Fighting Irish. The tradition has been criticized for its lack of diversity and its focus on athletics.

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ROAD TRIPS: Chicago and Windsor, Canada

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Chicago is the perfect getaway for many students. It is a mere 90 miles away from campus. You may either take the South Shore Train for $10 or take the Skyway into the city for the simple cost of a few tolls and gas. You can tour the Windy City for the day, or stay the weekend with friends or family in the area. As soon as you approach the skyline you will forget how close you really are to campus. Lake Shore Drive is a beautiful way to drive into Chicago. Lake Michigan is a striking sight, especially once you approach Navy Pier.

Chicago offers students a wide variety of entertainment options. From museums, shopping, fine dining and exciting nightlife.

Chicago is always the perfect place to go for a few hours or the weekend. It’s an exciting and fast-paced atmosphere that truly contrasts South Bend, said junior Kristin Grove.

Some students enjoy the exhibits at the Field Museum of Natural History or the Science and Industry Museum. The Shedd Aquarium offers an interesting scope of underwater life. Its oceanarium is set on Lake Michigan and has hourly shows that exhibit dolphins.

Lovers of Asian culture may discover something new at the Oriental Museum located on the City’s south side in Hyde Park. Art lovers may enjoy a tour, such as the Mary Cassatt exhibit at the Art Institute on South Michigan.

Gentlemen and young ladies both find something of interest on North Michigan Avenue. Interesting sights include Nike Town, FAO Schwartz, Borders Bookstore, Water Tower shopping center and Bloomingdale’s. There is something for every shopper.

The tourists and fast-paced lifestyle that characterizes North Michigan Avenue turn off some students. Fortunately, there are unique shopping opportunities in Lincoln Park and Lake View where trendy boutiques and unique thrift shops border the streets. The Century Mall on Clark and Diversey offers a more intimate shopping atmosphere.

Windsor, Canada, is a fun getaway that many students also enjoy. Although it is not the cultural metropolis of Chicago, it attracts many students under the age of 21. The legal drinking age there is 19.

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Windsor is the perfect place to visit with anyone from Detroit if you want to eliminate the cost of lodging. Otherwise, hotels are priced reasonably. The average hotel costs $130, which is reasonable when you split it amongst a group of people. For example, the Days Inn on the main strip of casinos is $120 per night. Don’t forget that you earn money on the Canadian Currency exchange rate.

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There are fun restaurants, such as Peppers, to eat at once you get hungry. It is reasonably priced and has a fun dance floor. Peppers is famous for its delicious appetizers, such as their spinach dip.
Michigan City and nearby college towns

Michigan City, Ind.

Michigan City is a nice getaway for students who just need a quick breather from the stress of school. It is a low-key place to spend the day and the perfect place to do some bargain shopping and only about 30 miles from campus. You may either drive or take the South Shore Train. The Lighthouse Mall offers a wide selection of outlet stores that include everything from Adidas, J. Crew and the Gap. There are also restaurants unique to that area of the country. For example, the Depot restaurant located near the mall at 100 Washington Street offers inexpensive American food, and is set on the picturesque lake along the railroad.

Other college campuses:

Students who still want to enjoy the college scene but need to escape from the Notre Dame campus may enjoy visiting friends at nearby colleges such as University of Wisconsin-Madison, University of Michigan, University of Illinois, Marquette University or University of Dayton.

All of these campuses are all less than four hours away. You may enjoy the opportunity to check out the fraternity scene at any of these schools. Marquette and Wisconsin offer big-city advantages that we do not enjoy in South Bend. The Universities of Illinois and Michigan are set in fun college towns that have a wide range of cafes and bookstores to choose from if you need a little while to unwind.

Student Dave Melander recalls his visit to Madison.

"The girls are hot! State Street is fun, because of the shops, bars and restaurants. The atmosphere is different than ours on campus, because it is a laid-back, relaxed and fun environment," he said.

Another student recounts a positive experience at Dayton: "It is a college campus atmosphere, because students rent houses from the University that are all in the same area. 'The Ghetto.' It makes it, easy and fun to hop from house to house."

So, next time you and your friends start to feel restless in your dorm rooms or apartments — step back and review these options. Why not take off for a trip to Chicago, Windsor or Michigan City. There is no excuse to complain about the social scene here when you can take off and visit your friends at a different college campus.

NEARBY COLLEGES – POPULAR ROAD TRIPS:

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All of these options are less than four hours away from a fun and different college atmosphere that includes fraternities and sororities.

By SARAH DYLAC
Scene Editor

It happened somewhere in West Virginia while trying to merge left without cutting anyone off and looking for an exit with a McDonald's.

My roommates feared for their lives as I screamed at the other cars taking up the land I wanted to move into. The other drivers seemed oblivious to my frustration until I finally cut them all off and forced my way into the lane. I heard the car behind me blare its horn and I waved and smiled at him.

All seemed fine until my roommate spoke up from the backseat of my car.

"Pull over right now, you psycho driver. You're done, she said.

My turn at the wheel — my job as speed racer and captain — had ended.

Near-death experience number two happened somewhere in Georgia. I swear that I followed all of the rules from Driver's Ed — mirror, signal, blind spot, go — but somehow, I did not see the car in the right lane. I certainly heard his car horn, however, as he followed behind me for the next few minutes.

Do n't get me wrong: I am not a bad driver. I 've never even been pulled over. No warnings, no tickets, no crashes (knock on wood). I just seem to have a problem when I don't know where I am going, which, with my stellar sense of direction, is just about all of the time.

Lucky for me, however, the near death experiences have yet to put a damper on my participation in one of the best weekend activities ever invented — the road trip.

What is it about about the combination of a full tank of gas, a loud radio, a road map and a car full of friends that makes even the longest trips seem like adventures? I cannot give an exact answer, but I prefer to believe it's the sense of possibility that makes it all so much fun.

Taking a road trip — a real road trip — means not following a specific minute-by-minute plan. It means getting some vague directions, hitting the road and seeing where it goes. Want to stop at that sketchy restaurant with the big neon sign that says "Oasis"? Then stop. Want to get off the highway and drive through a different city or a famous place? Then get off. Through truck stops and rest areas, side roads and highways, there is always someone new to meet or something new to see.

Besides the speed limit, no one makes rules when you take a road trip. It's you, your friends, the car and the open road, driving away from reality and into the unknown. And when that happens, as Bruce Springsteen told us all in a Thunder Road, "These two lanes can take us anywhere."

It's the feeling of going somewhere that matters on the road. Not there, but not how you get there, not even if you get there at all. Just going, with endless possibilities ahead and miles of highway behind. It's the good conversations and the good radio stations. It's watching out the window as you drive by pieces of America.

Never mind the near death experiences, the speeding tickets or the other angry drivers on the road. They cannot erase the adventure and the freedom of a road trip.

So what are you waiting for? Hit the road.

The views expressed in Scene Through Our Eyes are those of the author and not necessarily those of the Observer.
If you are like most students on this campus, you probably know as much about the elections in Lithuania as you do about fencing. My history is that, with one of the top fencing teams in the country practicing just minutes from your dorm room, you still do not plan to support practicing just minutes from your dorm room. You still do not plan to support your fencing team toils in relative anonymity. I hope that perhaps this simple beginner's guide to fencing might enlighten you to this great sport and increase the support for these top-notch athletes.

The basic premise behind fencing is very simple: Hit your opponent before he hits you. From this basic goal, strategy and tactics arise that give fencing its excitement and drama.

There are three weapons in fencing: foil, epee and sabre. Men compete with all three weapons, women with foil and epee only.

The foil is the slickest of all the weapons. Its target area is also the smallest—only touches to the torso—not the head. There is no scoring in the weapon category.

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What Am I Going To Do with My Life?
Jim Lies, C.S.C.

"I'm not sure."
There is only one other phrase, probably, that I've spoken more often than "I'm not sure," and it's, "I don't know."

When I was younger I thought that as I grew older, with more education and experience, I would have fewer and fewer occasions to use these phrases. And yet, as I have gained so much in the way of education and experience, I find myself using just such phrases all the more.

Some years ago, a senior here at Notre Dame told the story that when she was a first year student she was pretty sure she wanted to be an attorney. She studied like a future Supreme Court justice, giving herself entirely to that future goal. She even began to pick out law schools. As time passed, and with more education and experience, she became less certain. For various reasons, some of which she didn't understand herself, she grew less sure about being an attorney by the time her second semester senior year rolled around. When asked about what she was going to do after graduation some four short months away, she would say, "I don't know." This was difficult not only because she felt the need to be certain, but because she felt like she owed it to others, especially to her parents, to be certain, and to be successful.

Although the story of Jesus tells us that what we do is important, it also tells us that how we do what we do is often more important. Jesus was somewhat of a wandering preacher and teacher who told people who seemed sure of what God wanted of them, and sure of an exact way to be saved, that perhaps they ought to think again. Jesus welcomed with love all people, especially those most brutally excluded by society. It was not just what Jesus did that revealed him as God, but how he did it. Christianity is first and foremost a way of living in the world.

We are well into the second semester. At times it may seem like the pressure is on. There is that popular question, "What are you going to do?" Anxiety seems to go hand-in-hand with unsurety; and at this point in our lives we expect to grow in certainty, not uncertainty. Perhaps many of us, especially seniors in their final semester, are realizing that when it comes to discerning a job choice or a career, 100% certainty is at least unlikely and probably impossible.

Maybe one of the most important benefits of education and experience is a dispelling of the ways in which we are tempted to oversimplify the complexities of life. There is something about dying and rising in all of this, a dying and rising which takes place during this life, and which we celebrate during the Lenten and Easter seasons. Hopefully, we die to old ways of seeing ourselves that were narrow and exact in order to continually rise to new ways of seeing ourselves and others; a dying and rising that allows us the freedom to change and appreciate the ability of others to change; a dying and rising that heightens our appreciation of the Paschal Mystery. Maybe we have to let go of that image of ourselves that is so sure of ourselves, and that seems not to need God. Perhaps this dying and rising calls us to be a little more comfortable with not being so sure all of the time, and not knowing everything there is to know, exactly. What else is faith for but to give us the certainty to rest comfortably in the unsurety.

I don't need to say that what we do with our lives is important. Our choices can have a great impact on ourselves and on our world. However, the question which should precede "What do I want to do?" is "How do I want to be?" And maybe then our uncertainty can move us ever closer to the truth of our lives, and of our faith; and even closer to God. Maybe the most important thing is not always what we do with our lives, but how we do it. Maybe it's time to rest, even revel, in the uncertainty, as a means by which we surrender our own wills to the will of God. It's time to consider not so much what we do as the measure of our success, or how much money we make, or the status of our particular job or occupation; but rather, to consider how we choose to live our lives in whatever we choose to do; and whether we have welcomed the surety of God into the unsurety of our lives.
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to focus their efforts on beating Miami in the swimming races.

"This team gets faster every year since I've gotten here, and this is the most talented team I've been on," Whowell said.

Like the women, the men are also using the meet as a way to qualify swimmers for the NCAA Championships. The men's meet will take place in Indianapolis a week after the women's meet. Ray Fitzpatrick, Dan Szilier and Scott Zumbach are the most likely candidates to be the first swimmers to ever represent Notre Dame at the meet.

Fitzpatrick squeezed under the consideration time with a 1:39.20 in the 200 freestyle a year ago. His current season best is nearly a second over that, but he has a good chance of bringing it down enough to secure an bid to the NCAA meet.

The best chances for three-time MVP Zumbach are in the 200 butterfly and 400 individual medley, events in which he holds team records. Szilier already holds a strong consideration time in the 200 breaststroke, an event for which he was named to this summer's World University Games.

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Senior class takes look back at four years in the pool

By WES RICHARDSON
Sports Writer

After nearly four years of wearing the "ND Irish" swim caps, when the senior swimmers look back on their tenure under the Dome, they are awed by how much the team has changed.

Now that the first day of their last championship meet, the Big East Championships, is under way, the seniors are taking pride in how much they contributed to this improvement.

Men's co-captain Chris Fugate described his four years as "an incredible and challenging journey." For the women's team, the journey began with a surprise. Soon after arriving at Notre Dame in the fall of 1995, they were introduced to their new coach, Bailey Weathers. Not only did this mean that the men's and women's teams would be separated for the first time, but it also marked the beginning of a heightened level of dedication for both teams.

"It was hard for our class when all of our goals and commitment levels changed," women's co-captain Anne Iacobucci said. "It was hard for us when we came in as freshmen for different reasons than what Bailey had in mind."

Nevertheless, Iacobucci, Meghan Eckstein, Brittany Kline and Jill Matalavage chose to stick with Bailey from higher standards until graduation.

From an original cohort of eleven freshmen, the Class of '99 men are now represented by Mike Doyle, Scott Zambich, Vince Kuna and captains Fugate and Steve Williams.

The same year the women's and men's teams separated was Notre Dame's first year in the Big East. Not even the upperclassmen could give advice or make predictions about the new conference. With the new conference to face and Weathers hired at the last minute, the team's direction was uncertain.

"The first year was almost chaos," Kline said. "We didn't even know we were getting a new coach, and we didn't know what to expect from him."

Fortunately, the change proved to be for the better.

"Since Bailey came in when we were freshmen, we've been on our way to developing long term goals," Iacobucci said. "I was sad about the break-up of the team, but I'm glad I'll be part of this history."

"We've done a complete 180," coach Kline said. "I know a lot of people think we're at a disadvantage since we're a Big East team."

"But it is the team culture that has undergone the most change, according to Fugate. In the past, group activities outside of the pool were often allowed to interfere with performance in the water, the seniors now stress that they let nothing come between them and their goals."

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"The uniqueness of the men's Class of '99 has always been evident," Kline said. "When they were freshmen, the Class of '99, we were really the dominant class," Whowell said. "The closeness of our class and our leadership skills both in and out of the pool have brought the team to where it is."
McGwire in spotlight again after offseason

Associated Press

JUPITER, Fla. -- Mark McGwire was back behind the microphones Wednesday, laughing off predictions of 80 home runs and defending his use of muscle pills.

It wasn’t as easy as it seemed.

As about 100 reporters watched and three sports networks broadcast the spring training news conference live, McGwire said he was willing to talk about last year up until the last day of spring training, "I’m mentally prepared to talk about last year up until the last day of spring training," McGwire said. "Once the season starts, talking about 70 is gone. I think it’s foolish to think I’m going to talk about last year."

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McGwire said he would continue using androstenedione, the controversial muscle-building supplement that is prohibited by the NFL, NCAA and International Olympic Committee. At a drug conference last month, IOC vice president Dick Pound said baseball had allowed McGwire to become a "souped-up hero" by not banning androstenedione.

"Major league baseball is not the IOC," McGwire said. "And it has absolutely nothing to do with me hitting a baseball. I don’t endorse the product. I never did. Someone stuck a nose in my locker."

At spring training last year, only about 20 reporters showed up for the first full-squad workout, but that was before McGwire beat Roger Maris’ single-season record by nine home runs.

On Wednesday, fans crowded again to watch McGwire and his teammates go through their first full-squad workout, a mostly humdrum routine. They even kept track of the 12 home runs he hit in batting practice.

"I couldn’t believe the turnout from the fans," McGwire said. "That was amazing. Then all of you guys. I’ve never been in a first day of spring training like this ever."

He talked almost disbelievingly about all the attention he received in the offseason, being interrupted in restaurants by fans who told him how much his accomplishment meant to them — where they were when it happened and how some had named their children after him.

"I’ve never had so many people join me for dinner," he said.

The biggest revelation during the hour-long news conference was that the most pressure he felt last season came after he topped Maris and had to fend off Sammy Sosa. McGwire had insisted that he didn’t care who ended up with more home runs.

"Sammy Sosa had a pretty damn good year and he was right there with me," McGwire said. "When I broke that record, I knew there was a lot of time left in the season, and I knew what he was doing."

"Across America, the most asked question was, ‘Did he hit one?’ That’s sort of tough when you’re playing a team sport."

Two major milestones are up ahead for McGwire. He needs 43 home runs to become the 16th player to reach 700, and can become the first to hit 50 or more in four consecutive seasons.

Can McGwire top 70? "Anything’s possible," he said.

Manager Tony La Russa predicted 75 for McGwire in January and new teammate Carlos Baerga forecast 80.

That brought another laugh from McGwire.

"Goes, I’d definitely retire if I did that," he said. "There’s no more reason to play after that.

But McGwire said he won’t be disappointed if he falls short of 70.

"I’m sure that no matter what I do this year, if I don’t hit 70, someone will say I had an off year," McGwire said.

McGwire said he’d like to play at least five more years, but that he would "walk away" from baseball if there was another work stoppage. The current labor agreement is likely to expire after the 2001 season.

McGwire also criticized a story last week that exaggerated his security arrangements.

"No, I do not have bodyguards," he said. "I don’t need any bodyguards. I don’t want any."
Irish unable to weather Storm

By ALAN WASELEWSKI
Sports Writer

Notre Dame hung in as long as it could Wednesday night, but Irish turnovers and fatigue allowed seventh-ranked St. John's to achieve a 73-53 victory. In the first half, Notre Dame's zone defense forced the Red Storm to work for every point and slowed each of the team's 12 three-point-shot attempts. The Irish controlled defensive rebounding and slowed down the first-half tempo enough to stay with St. John's.

"We did a lot of things we wanted to do," head coach John MacLeod said, "but we started taking quick shots and picking up the tempo."

That fell right into line with the St. John's game plan. Led by freshman Erick Barkley, the Red Storm converted on almost every Irish turnover, but Notre Dame freshman Troy Murphy, in his first collegiate game at Madison Square Garden, did his best to keep the Irish in the game.

Two fast-break dunks—one in classic hand-behind-the-head Karl Malone style—and an NBA-range three-pointer to beat the shot clock kept the Irish strong during the first half.

Notre Dame led by nine points with six minutes left in the half and while a run immediately before halftime let St. John's inch back in the game, the Irish were still in good shape. Behind by just two points at the buzzer, the slow-down game plan was working perfectly.

However, just like the West Virginia game last Sunday, Notre Dame came out flat after halftime. Missing their first five shots, Notre Dame allowed St. John's to push the ball up the floor and convert some easy layups. With Martin Ingelsby out of the game with a sprained ankle, the Irish were hurting for ballhandlers, and St. John's head coach Mike Jarvis took advantage by applying full-court pressure for the rest of the contest.

"We started to succumb to the pressure and taking quick shots, exactly what they wanted us to do," MacLeod said. "We started running a "circle offense," running around in circles, and that is not something we practice."

This "circle offense" allowed the Red Storm to go on a 32-11 run in 10 minutes. The Irish couldn't get the ball to Murphy enough, and he eventually tired. Meanwhile, St. John's began to hit the three-pointer.

Laver Postell broke Notre Dame's back with consecutive three-point shots midway through the second half, pushing the Red Storm's lead to 14. David Graves spurred a short-lived Irish rally with a three-pointer followed by a Murphy alley-oop dunk, but Barkley and St. John's running game pushed the lead back to 10.

Notre Dame would get no closer. "We could not control the ball, the kids were trying to execute the game plan but we eventually let them back into it and take control," MacLeod said.

Postell and Tyrone Grant both scored 19 points for St. John's. Ron Artest put the game to rest at the three-minute mark with a windmill jam tapped off by an Alley-oop dunk.

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Early-night knockouts set tone

125-pound Division

Kevin "K.K." Overbeck may have been unsure of his stamina before stepping into the ring last night, but that feeling didn't last long. "I was glad I got a friend to come out tonight supporting me," the senior said. "After I heard them cheering me on, I could've gone another 20 minutes in the ring."

Overbeck had his jab working against Rick "Lil' Pup" Holcomb in the semifinal, securing himself a spot in the finals by unanimous decision. But unfortunately, securing his future comes before a Bengal Bouts title. A previously scheduled medical school interview in Kansas City on Friday will prevent Overbeck from boxing Jason "Vegas" McMahon. McMahon defeated Marc "There Can Be Only One" Aramini when the referee stopped the contest.

"The biggest disappointment in not being here on Friday is that I'll miss watching all these guys, the friends I've made, fighting in the finals. That really means a lot to me," Overbeck said.

135-pound Division

Charlie "The Montana Mauler" Madden continued his Cinderella run to the Bengal Bouts finals with a split decision victory over Dan "Too Short" Gallegos. The smaller Gallegos tried to get inside on the seventh-seeded Madden in the first round, but the Keenan Hall senior took advantage of his height and a strong right jab in the second round to seize control of the fight. "I felt better (tonight) than I did on Monday," Madden said. "(Gallegos) really came after me, especially in the third round."

But a bittersweet cheering section pulled Madden through the grueling third round, and into Friday's finals.

"It felt really good between rounds to head back to the corner and hear all the cheering," explained Madden.

In the finals, Madden will face top-seeded Phil "The Framing Flat" Seerveld, who fought his way to a split decision victory over Martin "The Ironman" Garry. Seerveld controlled the first round, landing numerous right jabs. Garry spent much of the fight trying to get inside on the taller Seerveld. Although the tall senior couldn't deliver the knockout blow, Seerveld landed enough punches to prevail.

145-pound Division

In one of the biggest crowd-pleasers of the evening, Tommy "Go Ahead And Sign Your" Will defeated Jim "The Unloader" Shacklett by unanimous decision. Shacklett came out strong and controlled the early part of the first round. The junior used a distinctly longer reach and momentum from the crowd to catch Will off guard. But Shacklett's approach sparked a more aggressive Will to emerge. The captain worked Shacklett inside and overpowered him with a barrage of hooks, setting up a highly anticipated final match-up with "Mike" The Roof, The Roof, The Roof, by Eire Magazine.

"Maguire advanced to the finals with a win over Phil "The Big Man" Castrogiovanni over Dan "Too Short" Madden in the 145-pound division. The referee stopped the contest one minute into the first round because of Castrogiovanni's uncontrollably bleeding nose.

While Friday's fight between friends will be Will's last, Maguire is not about to sign over his rights in a title just yet.

Upper weight classes round out Wednesday bouts

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150-pound Division

Nothing can stop destiny — not even guys with nicknames like "Buster" or "I'll make your face look like mine." Brian "The Nutty Irishman" Gaffney and Mike "El Pescador" Romanchek advanced to the finals of the 150-pound division Wednesday night, setting up one of the most highly anticipated finals match-ups of the year.

Gaffney, the three-time champion, knows the pressure that comes with being the favorite and he felt it Wednesday night against Ben "Buster" Johnson. "There was tremendous pressure. Every fight brings more," said the senior captain. "It's good — you feel alive. You're doing something special."

If Gaffney felt pressure last night, it was impossible to detect. He dictated the pace throughout the fight, causing the quick and tactical Johnson to reel in the third round after a barrage left him grounded. Johnson could not recover to make a run at the dominant champion.

Shortly after Gaffney's bout, the wily Romanchek made his claim to the finals. At the sound of the third-round bell, Romanchek took it right to Garry "I'll make your face look like mine" Clay, leading to a unanimous decision.

After the fight, an exuberant Romanchek said he looks forward to facing his old sparring partner in the finals.

"It's something we've both been looking forward to for a long time," said the Keenan Hall junior. "We have a golden bond out there. It really pulls us together. I think it's the best possible thing that could have happened."

Expect a classic battle on Friday night.

190-pound Division

In a contest that came down to the wire, Dave "Bell-Vegas" Butz eliminated Dave "The Tank" Shenk in a draw-out, three round unanimous decision. Shenk and his unorthodox stance were unable to counter Butz's viscous combinations. The patient, contemplative Butz rode a third-round flurry to victory.

On the opposite side of the card, the match-up of Adam "Monsoon" Velten was tremendous pressure. Shenk used his unorthodox approach to outbox Butz's vicious combinations. The patient, contemplative Butz rode a third-round flurry to victory.

"Going into the fight, I was worried about coming out cold," said Velten. "I wanted to be the aggressor. I didn't know how I would come out, but I guess it worked."

195-pound Division

In another match-up of a relatively unknown characters, the untitled Pete "Beat the Rap" Ryan battled Chris "Lucky" Lauchefield to the final bell. The momentum of the match changed several times, but Ryan's quickness prevailed.

"I was really rusty having not fought on Monday," explained Ryan. "The crowd really piled me up tonight. Having friends and family out there really helped me out tonight." In a highly anticipated match-up, sophomore Alex Kent squared off with rookie Jason "J-Hot" Rodriguez. Both fighters excited the crowd with three-round battles. It all came down to the final round when, in a serious exchange of blows, the eager Kent left Rodriguez bloody. The decision was evident.

Heavyweight Division

John "The Pitbull" Salvino came out punching in the second round against Mike "The Bishop" Romero. The punishing Salvino did not waste time delivering some heavy combinations. The contest was ended 23 seconds into the second stanza.

"I was just really excited to get out there" said Salvino. "Having the crowd getting into it provides a big boost when you're in there. In probably the most competitive fight of the night, Greg "Flain Man" Yatarola edged Andy "The Big Cat" Riedeber by split decision. The towering Riedeber was able to fend off the stocky Yatarola for most of the fight. However late in the third round Yatarola turned it up a notch, and after a brief break in the action, the decision finally came out his corner on fire. Yatarola delivered a vicious combination that decided the contest.

"As a fighter, you don't want to lose knowing you still had something left over," explained Yatarola. "You want to leave everything you've got out there."
Field narrows to two per class in hard-earned wins

By KERRY SMITH
Sports Writer

The challenge in Wednesday night’s Bengal Bouts semifinals made each match-up a hard-earned win. As the field of competitors narrowed to just two in each division, only two top seeds remain.

Top seed Tom “Polly Prissy Paas” Bischetti did not disappoint in the 165-pound division as he dismissed junior Joe “the Krippler” Kippels in a unanimous decision.

“I stayed focused and tried not to explode,” said Bischetti. “I knew I was winning on points so I just tried to throw some straight punches.”

Kippels worked Bischetti hard, landing a few strong jabs early in the first round and proving that he could stay with his seasoned competitor. Tiring in the third round, Bischetti’s endurance and patient attack was too much for the underdog to handle.

Bischetti will face No. 2 seed then “Juan the Destroyer” Penin in the final round on Friday. Penin earned a unanimous decision over sophomore Tony “The Tazer” Polcari. Penin controlled the ring in the first round and managed to gain some early points by landing a few strong jabs. Polcari came out strong in the second, but Penin responded soundly, delivering a barrage of punches to end the round.

In the 170-pound division, Alex “the Corn Cob Kid” Kozel’s height and reach advantage to defeat underdog Paul “Pepe Le Pew” Peterson in a unanimous decision win. Peterson came out hard in the first round, sending an off-guard Kerrigan into the corner early. Kerrigan ended the second round on a strong note, with a swift set of punches that sent Peterson into the ropes. The favorite put the fight away in the third round, forcing Peterson into a standing eight count to end the match. “I had a tough first and second round,” said Kerrigan, “But the coaching staff was great and I pulled it together in the third in landed some combinations.”

At the other end of the bracket, junior Mike “Honey” Humes defeated No. 2 seed Tom “The Wire” Behm in a walkover decision. Behem was forced to forfeit the match after breaking his nose in the quarterfinals.

One of the biggest surprises of the night occurred in the 175-pound division. Trent “Kid Kokomo Sandifur” defeated top seed Brian “The Highlander” Hobiains in his second straight upset of the bouts. In an evenly fought match, both boxers went blow for blow. A series of landed combinations and strong uppercuts proved to be a big factor in Sandifur’s victory.

Sandifur will face off against No. 2 Steve “The Angel of Kokomo” Dillon. Pfeiffer appeared to control this match with “Gentle” Ben Dillon. Pfeiffer’s strong left and landed combinations in the second round took a toll on the inexperienced freshman. Dillon was able to land a few strong jabs in the third round against a tiring Pfeiffer, but it was not enough, as the second seed won with a unanimous decision.

The 180-pound division provided another big surprise. Underdog Willie Kent earned his second-straight upset by defeating No. 1 Josh “Gaffney Who?” Thompson in an evenly fought match. Thompson’s injured right arm put him at a disadvantage as Kent’s strong rights were the fight’s deciding factor.

“My right was working well,” said Kent. “That was something that I didn’t use on Monday. When I started landing it made a world of difference.”

Exchanging punches, both Thompson and Kent looked strong in the first round. Kent pulled away late in the second delivering a steady stream of punches to a tired Thompson. Kent’s split-decision victory earned him a spot in the finals against No. 2 Paul “You Better Recognize, Chump!” Chen. Chen’s patient attack and adaptation to his opponent’s fighting style led to a split decision win over freshman Mark Ciriti.

“Mark’s a foxy so I tried to throw more rights and powers instead of my normal jabs,” said Chen. “That seemed to work well out in the ring.”

Ciriti had a good second round and was able to land several punches while fending off Chen’s attack. The freshman tired early in the third, and Chen was able to seal the win.

Friday night’s finals, filled with seasoned favorites and underdog surprises, promises to be a competitive set of matches. With two fights behind them, competitors will be looking for confidence and control to propel them to a final victory.

See Friday’s Observer for in-depth coverage of this year’s Bengal Bouts finals.

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fight. With a swift blow, he sent Matt Lynn to the mat just 42 seconds into the second round. Hernandez dominated the first round of his fight. He not only controlled the ring but used a patient attack to take him to the finals.

A solid attack and several strong combinations took their toll on Kevin “Room Room” Buccellato, who received a standing eight count in the second round.

Hernandez dominated almost every aspect of the fight and advanced to the finals by unanimous decision.

160-Pound Division

Seventh-seeded Juan Suntucci could not keep his streak of upsets alive as he fell to senior Josh Kirley. Kirley’s aggressive style caught Suntucci off guard, often landing him in the ropes. Not even Suntucci’s big rights could keep Kirley away. By the third round, both boxers were winded, but Kirley outlasted his opponent for the split decision win.

“Power worked really well for me,” Kirley said. I landed a lot of good series.”

Kirley will face a rough fight against senior Mike “Lockdown” LaDuke. The senior advanced past freshman Dan Saracino by a walkover.

“He is stronger, faster, quicker and better looking than me,” Kirley said about his final’s opponent. “Monly, I’d be honored to see sandwich after three rounds with him.”

Kirley is modest but he has proven he deserves to be in the finals after two solid victories.

163-Pound Division

Kevin Murphy met his match in opponent Sean Nowak and the flu. Nowak used his slight height advantage and patient attack to defeat the top-seeded Murphy.

In the first round, the two went blow-for-blow. Nowak registered a huge second round and took advantage of every slip in Murphy’s defense. It seemed like Nowak picked up more energy as the round proceeded, parking more power behind each punch he threw.

In the third round, Murphy appeared weak. The top-seed had been battling the flu all week and fell by unanimous decision to Nowak.

Second-seeded Travis Alexander started off with a big opening. His opponent Billy McMurtie rallied and turned in one of the biggest brawls of the evening.

The two went blow-for-blow as the round wound down. Alexander landed a couple of big rights and sent McMurtie staggering. By the end of the third round, both fighters appeared winded and tired. Alexander advanced by unanimous decision.
Perimeter barrage carries Arkansas past Auburn

Arkansas made high 21 points, all while Southeastern building a 21-point lead. Perimeter leading rebounder, had 13 Hazorbaeks rncord process. Derek Hood, the 29 minutes 2. 13-2) pulled even once. The tenaciousness last Saturday when they 7... Arkans...exhibited the same average margin of victory was Kentucky. jumper. Hood rebounded Pohlman made a 3 and who led all scorers with 24 - followed with a high arching ball to Bradley out front for a 3 for 52-49. Kareem rebound and put it Mamadou N'Diaye for 56-53 lead. Chris Walker finished with a career...Arkansas didn't trail the final 29 minutes although Auburn (25- 2- 11-2) pulled even once. The Razorbacks exhibited the same intensity last Saturday when they led the final 24:24 in a 74-70 victory over then-No. 6 Kentucky. Prior to the loss, Auburn's average margin of victory was 23.2 points per game and the Tigers had only one victory under double digits. They were allowing an average of 59 points per game. Auburn tied it at 49 when Scott Pohlman faked Bradley and made 3 and Chris Porter - who led all scorers with 24 -- followed with a high arching jumper. Hood rebounded Kareem Ford's miss and got the ball to Bradley out front for a 3 for 52-49. Walker chased down a rebound and put it back for 56- 51 and Hood slipped around Manado N'Diaye for a layup. Reigl got loose underneath, took a pass and hooked it. Doc Robinson broke the 8-0 run with a drive down the lane, but Arkansas came right back. Sergio Gipson hit two free throws and then Hood outrebounded Porter for a rebound, darted out of the pack, got the ball to T.J. Cleveland in the left corner and took a return pass for a slam and a 64-53 lead. Brandon Dean came off the bench and scored seven as the lead climbed to 73-57 with 11:26 to play. At that point, Arkansas had converted 13 turnovers into 21 points. Auburn was averaging 11 turnovers per game. The lead reached 28 on Hood's alley-oop pass to Dean with 8:27 left. Bradley made all four of his three-point shots in the first half as the Razorbacks built a halftime lead. Arkansas scored 10 straight for a 12-7 lead, but Pohlman's three from the corner started a 6-0 run that put the Tigers back in front. The lead changed hands nine times during the first 11 minutes -- the last time on Chris Walker's three that made it 22- 20. The Arkansas lead climbed to 10 twice and it was 44-40 at the half after Porter's three bounced high and beat the buzzer. No. 20 INDIANA 70, ILLINOIS 64 Lake Becker scored 22 points, including crucial back-to-back three-pointers in the second half as No. 20 Indiana defeated Illinois 70-64 in overtime Wednesday night. Indiana (21-9, 8-7) set a Big Ten record by playing its seventh overtime game this season. The Hoosiers went 12 minutes without scoring a basket in the second half but took a 54-53 lead on three three-pointers, including two straight by focker.

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Irish ready to make splash in Big East championships

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It's finally here:
It's the meet the Notre Dame men's and women's swimming and diving teams have been preparing for all season, and it begins today in Unidome, N.Y.

They splashed into the grueling three-day, six-session championship on Friday.

While the men engage Miami and Syracuse in a fight for the No. 2 spot, the women are the strong favorites to finish on top for the third straight year.

"We're expecting to have an incredible meet, so hopefully the competition won't be able to touch us," Irritates Kline said. "The first day will set the tone for the whole meet." Among the favorites, seniors have had to go deep for the first time in Miami.

The women's toughest competition will likely come from Villanova and Miami.

Beach schools strong sprinters who will challenge the Irish in the 50-yard freestyle, the 100-yard events, and the 200-yard relays.

Miami beat the Irish 140-80 in an October dual meet. Fatigue and a lack of readiness were cited as reasons for the loss. However, the Irish now seem to have more confidence in their season of training to help them defend their Big East title.

"Everybody is confident, positive, and upbeat during practice," Kline said.

"We rely on one another and on what everyone contributes to the team. That's what will make us win the meet," said co-captain Anne Iacobucci.

Iacobucci also notes that Notre Dame has a much deeper squad than most other schools.

This is important, since the first six places in each event score points at championship format meets, as opposed to just the first five places in a dual meet.

The highest-scoring events for the Irish could be the three-meter and one-meter diving. Heather Mattingly, Jessica Johnstone and Gina Ketelhohn represent what might be Notre Dame's strongest diving squad ever. They hope to keep Miami from sweeping the top three places in both events.

The women also hope to qualify a number of swimmers for the NCAA championships, to be held March 18-20 in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. All-American Shannon Suddarth, Allison Lloyd and Kline each hope to accomplish this in one of the breaststroke events.

Sophomore Carrie Nixon, who has already achieved consideration times in the 50 and 100 freestyle, will seek to shave off enough time to secure an invitation to the NCA Meet.

Co-captain Liz Barger holds consideration times in the 100 and 200 butterfly events, as does teammate Kelly Flicking in the 100 backstroke.

An individual win by the Irish at the Big East championships could come from any of these stars. In addition, Notre Dame holds the edge on the 400 medley relay and the 800 free relay.

On the men's side of the meet, the Irish hope to improve on their fourth place finish of last year. Since Pittsburgh is expected to win its third straight title, this means defeating Miami or Syracuse to break into the highly competitive top three.

"Syracuse, Miami and Pittsburgh have dominated the Big East ever since I've been here, but we have a great shot at Miami," co-captain Sterling Williams said. "This team is certainly capable of moving into the top three."

"In the past we've been a second-tier team," co-captain Chris Fugate said. "Last year we jumped up to the first tier, and now we want to be up there with Pittsburgh, Miami and Syracuse."

Miami has lost some talent in many swimming events, but is almost sure to see SWIM/ page 16.