Students and faculty gathered at Monroe Center Sunday evening for the panel discussion "Boundaries Past and Present: Sharing Experiences with Alumnae." The discussion allowed lesbian alumnae to share with the Saint Mary's community their experiences about being a lesbian college student. "This isn't Saint Mary's chance to welcome and honor lesbian alumnae," professor Ann Clark said. The panel, part of Saint Mary's Sisterhood Week, consisted of five alumnae: Claudia Traudt '73, Vivien Strasky '85, Kelly Harrison '94, Jennifer Warrack '96, and Ann Dromino '01, and was moderated by professor Catherine Pittman. The women discussed how their experiences at Saint Mary's varied through the decades, but noted that many of the same problems persist. They also said the administration does not recognize the needs of lesbian students. "The fact that "The Courier" [a Saint Mary's alumnae magazine], is not here is annoying to me," Harrison said. "This is the second year that we have held the panel and they have been invited." The panelists shared their thoughts on what their boundaries and obstacles were while attending Saint Mary's and how they reacted to them. "I wasn't very out, but I didn't have to hide," Traudt said. "I was running from my hometown which was very suffocating, but I cannot live a lie and hide what I am." Claudia Traudt 1973 Saint Mary's alumna At a five-member panel discussion Sunday, Saint Mary's graduates discussed their experiences as lesbians attending the College. The discussion, "Boundaries Past and Present: Sharing Experiences with Alumnae," was part of Sisterhood Week at Saint Mary's.

AND the winner is ...

Campout begins today

Students hold demonstration to show solidarity with refugees

Students in the Notre Dame Peace Coalition will set up tents on South Quad this morning for a two-day campout to demonstrate solidarity with refugees in Afghanistan. "Our main purpose is to educate people about the situation," said Megan Henner, a member of the Coalition and planner of the campout. "It is true that the Americans and the United Nations and some other organizations are sending a lot of aid, but many obstacles need to be cleared before that will be effective." Following a 24-hour prayer vigil, the event will conclude Tuesday evening with a Mass in the campus at 5 p.m. After the Mass, the Peace Coalition will hold an Afghan dinner in Pasquerilla East Hall. All events are open to the public. Although organizers hope to raise awareness on the plight of Afghan refugees, they add that their campout will not reflect what life is really like in refugee camps. "We do not intend to re-create the conditions of a refugee camp because it would be impossible to recreate either the physical conditions or the mental stress refugees have to endure," Krista Schoening, a campus organizer and member of the Peace Coalition. "We simply want to call attention to the situation of the Afghan refugees so that they will not be forgotten. They, too, are victims in this war on terrorism." In fact, organizers were motivated by a belief that the U.S. media has forgotten about refugees in their reporting on the war in Afghanistan, according to Henner. "We’re really not hearing much about the refugees anymore," she said. "We wanted to make sure the refugees stay in the thoughts and prayers of other people as well." Some 4 million refugees have fled Afghanistan and more than 1.3 million people...
**INSIDE COLUMN**

**Not Afraid**

Tonight, women will unite to tell stories of courage and strength: women of different orientations will join together to defend female sexuality; women of different backgrounds will join to end violence.

Tonight, women of different sexual histories will join together to fight sexual assault; women of all colors will join together to celebrate diversity; women of all ages will join together to celebrate tradition.

Tonight, women of all majors will join together to celebrate academic freedom.

Most importantly, tonight, women will gather together to celebrate women.

Many people are opposed to "The Vagina Monologues," Whether discussed publicly or privately, there is an ongoing battle between those who support it and those who oppose it. It seems like the argument, and those involved, will never settle completely until one thing is realized: Everyone is different. Every person has their own personal views regarding "The Vagina Monologues." Just like everyone roots for their own sports team for their own reasons. There is honor in the struggle that unifies us all—we are all students. Students want to learn.

With this in mind, schools encourage students to seek knowledge in and out of the classroom. Students, as citizens, are guaranteed the right of peaceful protest and free speech. With these freedoms, a student is able to make his or her own personal choice to attend lectures and events that they deem educational. It is in this freedom of choice that empowers each student to pursue his or her individual passion. By discouraging students to attend any event that centers on controversial material, people not only prevent this academic exploration, but also undermine the beauty and importance of diversity and support those who have been sexually assaulted. I will speak to other women with hopes of inspiring them to find their special place in the world.

Tonight, I will speak in celebration of women in support of all the women who shared their most intimate fears to make the Monologues possible. I will find strength in knowing I have the support of other women who have gone before me.

Tonight, I will speak to other women through the gift of academic freedom. I urge you to respect this freedom, and turn your ears accordingly.

My name is Kelly Hager, and I am not afraid.

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

**CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS**

An article that appeared in Thursday's Observer incorrectly stated the time and location of "The Vagina Monologues" at Saint Mary's. The performance will take place only at 9 p.m. in the Regis North Lounge.

The Observer regrets itself to a professor and provides us with the highest standards of journalism at all times. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If you have made a mistake, please contact us at 631-4541 or we can contact you.

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**THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS**

**Monday**


- Lecture: "Cyberspace: Challenges and Controversies," Deltaroth, Hall, 4 to 6 p.m.

**Tuesday**


- Lecture: "The History of Henry IV, Part I," Hesburgh Auditorium, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

**Wednesday**

- Event: Bengal Boat, semifinals. Joyce Center, 7 to 9 p.m.

- Event: "The History of Henry IV, Part II," Hesburgh Auditorium, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

**Thursday**

- Lecture: "Alcohol use and Policies on the Notre Dame Campus: How do they impact student athletes?" Rolls, 8 to 9:30 a.m.

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**BEYOND CAMPUS**

**Colorado State U. granted $350,000 for drug court project**

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**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA**

Gov't probe of professor confirmed

The U.S. Department of Justice on Thursday acknowledged that the federal government is conducting an ongoing investigation into the actions of controversial UF professor Sami Al-Arian. The information came in the form of a letter from Assistant Attorney General C. Kay Coley, U.S. Attorney for the Middle District of Florida. Coley said in the release that although the government is typically prohibited from discussing the status of investigations, "there are exceptions to this policy, such as when the community needs to be reassured of the appropriate law enforcement agency's efforts to resolve the matter." The FBI has investigated Al-Arian before but never produced enough evidence to make him criminally charged.

"Mr. Al-Arian has consistently denied that he ever had any role with the Palestinian Islamic Jihad and active involvement," Coley said. "I am not surprised by the announcement of the FBI investigation into Professor Al-Arian's activities," said Smith. "I am not afraid.

**LOCAL WEATHER**

5 Day South Bond Forecast

**NATIONAL WEATHER**

The AccuWeather.com forecast for Monday, Feb. 25, 2002

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**UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS - AUSTIN**

Student sold fake IDs nationally

Police arrested a University of Texas student Wednesday for allegedly selling hundreds of fake driver's licenses to people around the country, department officials said Thursday. The arrest was part of DPS' ongoing investigation to prosecute those who produce fraudulent driver's licenses. In March of 2002, an economics student faced a due to his action, the fake IDs through security features absent from the driver's licenses, on which they would not elaborate. Daily Texan

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**Copy Editor**

Kelly Hager
Are You Listening?
Activities that speak to the mind and body.

**FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25**
7 pm Sorin Room, Language Center
**CAREfrontation - How can I help someone with an eating disorder?**
Tuesday, February 26
7:30 pm Reckers, SDC
Join Mark Sties for this message of hope as he shares his story of recovery from anorexia and obsessive exercise through words and music.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27**
7-9 pm Test Kitchen, NDH
Learn to create Pasta Perfect dishes with Chef Ellis. Register by calling 1-7253

Wednesday, February 27
7:30pm DeBartolo 102
I am Beautiful. Join Dana Carpenter of Sole Sisters, Inc. and discover what it means to be beautiful! An engaging seminar to inspire women to celebrate their unique strengths, accomplishments and worth.

Sponsored by the Counseling Center, Food Services, Health Services, Iris Health, the Physical Education Department, RecSports, Student Activities and the Women's Resource Center.

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**SMC sponsors week to celebrate women**

By EMILY FORD

News Writer

Saint Mary's is educating its students outside the classroom this week with the series "Celebrating Women - Mind, Body and Soul." It features a variety of events sponsored by various departments and aims to increase awareness of intellectual, physical and spiritual issues.

The week begins with tonight's presentation by Rebecca Walker, writer, editor and co-founder of the Third Wave Foundation, the only national philanthropic activity organization for young women. Her latest book, "Black, White & Jewish: Autobiography of a Shifting Self" provides material for her speech, "Growing Up Multiracial & Changing the Face of Feminism."

Walker's presentation and book signing will begin at 7 p.m. in Carroll Auditorium.

"She's considered one of the most audible voices of young women," said Marie Willis, assistant director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs. "Basically, we want to be able to acknowledge the needs of students, bringing diversity on campus and bringing diversity into the community."

The week continues with its holistic approach to women's well-being with the services provided by the Counseling and Career Development Center. In addition to the Center's normal hours, there will be counselors available Tuesday from 12 to 1:30 p.m. and Thursday from 2 to 3:30 p.m. to talk with students who are concerned about their eating patterns and body images.

"We work with individual students on a daily basis who have difficulty with body image and food issues," said Kristina Pendley, assistant director of Counseling and Career Development Center.

As another part of the series, the Athletic Department and Student Activities Board are sponsoring "Food For Thought: What to Eat When to Eat, And How to Talk About Food," a lecture given by registered dietitian Dawn Fulmer.

Athletic director Lynn Kachmarik hopes that students will come away with a new attitude about food and exercise.

"I hope they walk away realizing that some of the dietary issues that they may be struggling with are also society issues at large . . . I hope that the speaker will also help our women to see that they can eat healthy in our dining hall," Kachmarik said.

This series also explores women's attitudes towards God. Campus Ministry is sponsoring "Seasonal Preparation for Lent and Easter: An Evening of Reflections" and "Communal Praise and Gospel Worship." Beginning at 7 p.m. on Thursday, students will be able to take part in discussion about Lent.

"This is an evening of relaxed prayer and conversation that will focus on several symbols that are central to the Christian faith," said Elizabeth Smoyer said.

The "Communal Praise and Gospel Worship" will take place Thursday at 9:30 p.m. in Sacred Heart Chapel. Smoyer hopes it will be a chance for all members of the community to unite.

"This is a student-led prayer celebration that honors the faith, diversity, strength and challenge of African American men and women," said Smoyer. "This is an opportunity for the racial majority membership of our community to stand in solidarity with women of color on our campus and to learn from an experience that is not their own."

In addition to exploring the Catholic faith, this week students will also be able to exhibit Catholic charity. Health Services is coordinating the clothing drive "Don't fight your genes, Just change your jeans". Donations are being accepted until March 9 at residence hall exhibit boxes are located in each residence hall to be donated to St. Margaret House. Nurse Cyndle Cavanaugh hopes that this drive will benefit the recipients as well as the donors.

"It's kind of a fun awareness concept that we're all given a set of genes and instead of worrying about body genes ... it's easier to change your jeans than to fret about your genes," Cavanaugh said.

With each pair donated, students place a raffle ticket in the pocket for prizes from local salons, Saint Mary's Inn and movie theaters. The drive ends with the raffle drawing on March 1.

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ciple are displaced within its borders. Most observers agree that at least 4,000 Afghan civilians were killed in the bombing between Oct. 7 and Dec. 29.

Despite the end of the bombing campaign, the routing of the Talibahn regime, and some $35 million in emergency humanitarian aid from the United States, the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) reports that more than 20,000 people have sought safety in Pakistan since Dec. 31.

The idea for the campout originated with the Peace Coalition’s Nonviolent Social Change committee last semester. Benner said. Plans for the event have been in progress since January.

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and that everyone on campus knew. “It was a strange dynamic for me,” Harrison said. “Jennifer and I were a couple, still are, but at one point we were the only out couple on campus. People related to me as ‘the lesbian’ or as the other half of ‘the couple.’”

The panelists also discussed the image of Saint Mary’s and the lack of acknowledgement by the administration of not only lesbian issues but also women’s issues in general. “Saint Mary’s is a dysfunctional family. It is an all-women’s college that is afraid to say the word ‘feminist’,” Warner said. “What is Saint Mary’s about if we don’t know our own identity?”

The discussion then led to what current students at Saint Mary’s ran to fight politically and intellectually for what they believe is right and wrong. Issues that students brought up are gay and lesbian curriculum, diversity on campus that includes lesbians and general sexuality. “You need to look at what battles there are to be fought and then pick what your battles are going to be,” Harrison said. “The battles are everyone’s battles.”

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Scott Brodfeurer
Covering the campus construction beat ... even on crutches.

‘Queen’ reigns over box office

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Audiences went vampire hunting as “Queen of the Damned,” featuring the late pop singer Aaliyah as an ancient bloodsucker, debuted as the top weekend movie with $15.2 million.

“John Q,” last weekend’s No. 1 film, dropped to second place with $12.5 million, pushing its 10-day total to $39.9 million, according to studio estimates Sunday. Kevin Costner’s supernatural love story “Dragonfly” opened in third place with $10.4 million.

Though generally trashed by critics, “Queen of the Damned” got a big boost from young fans of Aaliyah, who was killed in a plane crash last summer. Women under 25 made up 30 to 40 percent of the film’s audience, said Dan Fellman, head of distribution for Warner Bros., which released “Queen of the Damned.”

“Her fans liked the movie,” Fellman said. “I think they were drawn by their loyalty and curiosity and desire to see Aaliyah on the big screen.”

Based on Anne Rice’s “Vampire Chronicles,” the movie stars Aaliyah as the mother of all bloodsuckers and Stuart Townsend as the vampire Lestat.

Playing in 2,511 locations, “Queen of the Damned” averaged a healthy $6,035 a theater, compared with a $5,000 average in 2,507 theaters for “John Q” and $4,148 in 2,507 cinemas for “Dragonfly.”

Director Mira Nair’s “Monsoon Wedding” had an impressive debut in limited release, grossing $66,000 at two New York City theaters. The ensemble comedy follows the clash of tradition and modern times during frenzied preparations for a wedding in Delhi, India.

Distributor USA Films plans to expand the film to more cities over the next two weekends.

Overall, the top 12 films grossed $85.5 million, up 14 percent from the same weekend last year. For the first two months of the year, Hollywood’s revenues are running virtually even with the pace of last year, as the industry grossed a record $8.35 billion.

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“Our future we know nothing about...”
World News Briefs

U.S. may advise Afghanistan: The United States may send military advisors to try to rein in feuding Afghan warlords, the U.S. envoy to Afghanistan said Sunday. Zalmay Khalilzad told reporters that conflicts between rival Afghan militias are a concern for the United States, which supports the administration of interim Prime Minister Hamid Karzai.

U.S. pressures U.N. on Khmer Rouge: The United States and other nations are pressuring the United Nations to reverse its decision to withdraw from a planned genocide tribunal for former Khmer Rouge leaders. U.S. Ambassador Kim Wientharn told The Associated Press that Washington would aggressively lobby the U.N. because the proposed U.N.-assisted Cambodian tribunal provides "the best possible chance that Khmer Rouge leaders will face justice.

National News Briefs

Senator wants aid for '93 WIC death: Relatives of six people who killed in the 1993 World Trade Center bombing should be compensated along with people who lost loved ones on Sept. 11, Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., said. "The conditions that made the events of Sept. 11 possible are a result of our failure as a nation to take the 1993 bombing seriously," Schumer, a Democrat, said at a news conference. Families of Sept. 11 victims could get $1.6 million on average in federal compensation.

Senate considers energy bill: The Senate is ready to take up broad energy legislation that has caused splits over automobile gas mileage, drilling in an Arctic refuge and electricity competition in the shadow of Enron Corp.'s collapse. The House passed its version, but in the Senate, majority Democrats have offered a version that relies more heavily on conservation.

Indiana News Briefs

Baby-sitter charged in pork case: A Porter County woman offered to baby-sit a friend's 2-year-old daughter so her 51-year-old boyfriend could have sex with the child and photograph the experience, St. Joseph Police said. Carl Smith was being held Sunday on charges of molesting and child exploitation. He was also being charged with aiding in child molesting, child exploitation and neglect.

Jury selection set for officer: Jurors will be picked in South Bend this week to decide whether a former Fort Wayne policeman shot two men — one fatally — over a November 1997 drug dispute. Gentry Mosley is accused of killing Martin Sheffield and wounding Jermaine Lewis.

Pakistan

Investigators hunt for Pearl killers

Associated Press

ISLAMABAD

The hunt for the killers of Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl is targeting three Arab nationals — an indication, investigators say, that the perpetrators may be linked to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida terrorist network.

Authorities offered little information Sunday about the Arabs' identity or what role they may have played. But their alleged involvement — combined with investigators' revelations that a key suspect now in custody said he met personally with bin Laden in Afghanistan — suggested an al-Qaida link.

Police believe a dozen or more people were involved in Pearl's abduction and murder, and that most of them have spent time in Afghanistan as supporters of that country's ousted Taliban regime. Their links to al-Qaida — the group believed responsible for the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in the United States — are being studied, investigators said.

Four key suspects were already in police custody when U.S. and Pakistani authorities revealed the contents of a videotape Friday that showed images of the 38-year-old journalist getting his throat cut.

Ahmed Omar Saeed Sheikh, the British-born Islamic militant who police believe masterminded Pearl's abduction, has been in police custody since early February. At one point he told interrogators that he met with bin Laden in Afghanistan after the Sept. 11 attacks, a senior police investigator said on condition of anonymity.

Saeed also told investiga­ tors that his group wanted to teach the United States a lesson and Pearl's murder was just a first step, intelligence officials said.

On Monday, prosecutors will formally charge Saeed and three co-defendants with kidnapping and murder, a senior government official said.

The three others are accused of having sent e-mails announcing Pearl's abduction, including one showing the journalist with a gun pointed at his head.

Fearing the slaying may signal a wider plan to thwart the government's drive against terrorism, Pakistani authorities have warned U.S. and other for­ eign diplomatic missions and businesses to boost their security.

Case questions fingerprint evidence

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA

Ninety-one years after fingerprint evidence was first presented in an American courtroom, its reputation as an infallible forensic tool is under attack in a court challenge that could change how criminal cases are tried.

On Monday, federal prosecutors will try to persuade U.S. District Judge Louis H. Pollak to reverse his recent decision barring experts from testifying about whether a fingerprint taken from a crime scene matches a defendant. If the judge doesn't change his mind, the decision could change the way forensic evidence is gathered and presented in court.

While prosecutors and some foren­ sic experts say Pollak's ruling could have grave consequences, critics of fingerprint analysis say it's about time the process was reviewed.

"There are a lot of emperors out there testifying who have no clothes," said David L. Faigman of University of California's Hastings College of Law. "Where's the science behind it? Where's the data?"

The ruling, believed to be the first of its kind, involves a death penalty case in which three men are charged with operating a multimillion-dollar drug ring and are linked to four killings.

Lawyers for Carlos Llera-Plaza, Wilfredo Acosta and Victor Rodriguez asked the judge to bar finger­ print evidence. Under Pollak's ruling, experts can testify about and show illustrations of similarities or dissimilarities between "latent" finger­ prints from a crime scene and "rolled" fingerprints on a file, but they cannot testify that crime scene prints match a defendant's fingerprints.
Enron projects used government loans

As Enron Corp. reached for markets overseas, power plants that were built from Guatemala to India received $1.2 billion in government-backed loans from two U.S. agencies.

The Overseas Private Investment Corp. still owes $46 million from the Enron-related projects while the Export-Import Bank is due $512 million. "They're definitely among our top 10 borrowers," OPIC spokesman Larry Spinelli said.

Enron is now bankrupt, four of its projects financed by OPIC are making its payments on time. Regarding a fifth project, Enron and two other U.S. corporations are seeking to have OPIC pay off a huge insurance claim.

When it filed for bankruptcy in December, Enron was in an active role using OPIC help on two more projects in Brazil. Those applications have been abandoned.

Enron's relationship with the government is part of a two-pronged business strategy. Inside the United States, Enron has sought to free energy companies from government regulation. Internationally, Enron has embraced Washington's help in the form of federally backed loans and insurance protection. The irony is not lost on congressional critics.

OPIC "gave hundreds of millions in dollars in loans and other support to Enron-related projects during the Clinton administration," said Sen. Charles Grassley, the ranking Republican on the Senate Finance Committee who recently obtained records showing Enron-related projects received $544 million in loans from OPIC.

Separately, the Ex-Im Bank made more than $650 million in loans to Enron-related projects overseas. "These projects obviously were a tremendous benefit to Enron's operation. The disclosure of this information sheds light on the government's actions in support of Enron over the years." Grassley added.

Enron's bankruptcy does not change the loans in jeopardy. Separately created corporations handle the overseas projects for Enron and other U.S. companies.

OPIC and Ex-Im loans are backed with the full faith and credit of the U.S. government. Though it has just 200 employees, OPIC has deep pockets -- a $4 billion reserve that comes from the user fees U.S. businesses pay for its loans and insurance. Though OPIC operates at no net cost to U.S. taxpayers, the business fees cover its costs -- and earned $215 million last year.

OPIC's loan and insurance portfolio totals $14 billion; the Ex-Im Bank's portfolio exposure is $62 billion. A financially troubled Enron plant in India -- financed in part with OPIC loans -- is cited by congressional critics who say the government could save much more money.

OPIC provided $160 million to Enron and two other corporations to help build the $2.9 billion Dabhol plant. It now stands idle because prospective customers do not want the power.

The Ex-Im bank says it is still owed $203 million on the India project, but that it can call on guarantees from five Indian financial institutions for repayment if necessary.

Enron and the other two companies filed an insurance claim in December asking OPIC to pay $200 million. The claim is based on "political risk insurance" bought at the outset of the Dabhol project.

"The companies say the Indian government has broken promises to stand behind the project, in effect denying the U.S. corporations their asset and therefore requiring OPIC to pay the insurance policy," OPIC's loan processing manager said. "The claims process will take months to resolve.

The other four Enron projects that got OPIC money are operating successfully and are paying back their loans in a timely fashion. The payback comes from the revenue coming into the operating power plants.

Those power plants are in the Philippines, Turkey, Venezuela and Guatemala.

The Ex-Im Banks Enron-related projects are in Colombia and at the same plants that OPIC is helping in Turkey and Venezuela.

Enron's bankruptcy stopped two OPIC applications in Brazil: two power projects in Brazil that would have received $390 million in OPIC loans.
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"...Finally, I realized that "service" is not so much about what you do; it is where you are. While my soccer game and my Spanish eventually improved, I learned that my most important job in Pilsen, was just living there. The act of "being present" for others necessarily begins with sharing a home...."

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Businesses continue to leave Manhattan

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Five months after the Sept. 11 attack, more than one in four jobs in lower Manhattan has been lost, and half of the businesses whose buildings were destroyed or damaged do not plan to return to the neighborhood, surveys have found.

The surveys solidify the growing sense that the world's financial capital will not be same even as the buildings are repaired or rebuilt.

About 100,000 of the 370,000 jobs that were once in downtown Manhattan have been lost entirely or have been moved to midtown, out of town or out of state, according to the Alliance for Downtown New York.

M. Myers Mermel, chief executive of TenantWise.com, an online commercial real estate firm, said 49 percent of the tenants in destroyed or damaged office buildings say they are leaving downtown for good. Those tenants once occupied 17 million square feet.

Many companies that are not leaving outright are decentralizing — or spreading out their employees at different offices — for fear of suffering a devastating loss in another terrorist attack.

"The trend once upon a time was to have the corporate campus, to have everyone in one place," said Valerie Lewis, a spokeswoman for the Alliance for Downtown, a business improvement organization. "9-11 has flipped that around. Now dispersal is in.

Citywide, 94,000 jobs have been lost permanently since the Sept. 11 attack, Mayor Michael Bloomberg said this week as he delivered a delivered a budget address that called for spending cuts and heavy borrowing.

Companies displaced by the attacks include financial giants American Express and Lehman Brothers, joint owners of 3 World Financial Center, a 51-story tower directly across the street from the World Trade Center.

Lehman Brothers spokesman Jason Farrago said the lower floors occupied by the investment bank were severely damaged by flying girders. "We have a hole where some of the offices used to be," he said.

Unwilling to wait for the Cesar Pelli-designed tower to be repaired, Lehman Brothers bought a new headquarters at Seventh Avenue and 49th Street and is moving in gradually. The investment bank plans to lease or sell the floors it occupied at the World Financial Center.

American Express will move back, beginning in April. It had about 3,000 employees at 1 World Financial Center and 1,000 at other downtown sites.

Dow Jones & Co. had about 800 employees at 1 World Financial Center. It plans to move about half that number back in once asbestos removal has been completed, spokesman Steven Goldstein said. Other departments, including The Wall Street Journal's copy desk and graphics department, will work out of South Brunswick, N.J., where they have been located since the attacks.

Lewis, of the Downtown Alliance, said an incentive plan announced by Gov. George Pataki last month should help keep businesses in lower Manhattan. She said there is $80 million in state money for small-business grants and $170 million in loans and grants for large businesses that stay in lower Manhattan or seek to locate there.

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The absurdity of international anti-Americanism

Author's note: This column is a parody. All names have been changed, or made up entirely.

President George W.F.V. Bush is confused.

"Maybe I'm just stupid or something," the President said after returning from a trip to Japan, South Korea and China. "I don't know how so many people could be so confused about what we're trying to accomplish in the war on 'terrorism'. I don't get it.

Since his State Of The Union Address on Jan. 29, Bush has been the recipient of mostly high praise in America, but mostly condescending criticism from abroad. Most of the response centers on a snippet of the speech in which he labeled the countries of Iraq, Iran, North Korea and other terrorism-sponsoring countries, as an "axis of evil.

Some European diplomats, who have often been thought highly of the Texas President, scoffed at that characterisation. German Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer said such a view point "gets us nowhere." European Union External Affairs Commissioner Pino Rattini called the comments "budget" and "in unilateralist overtone."

And French Foreign Minister Hubert Vedrassine claimed that Bush's speech was "absurd" and "simplistic."

As for the critique of the United States being too "unilateralist," European Union Deputy of Stiffassed Condensation Arrow Gant Parvenu declared, "The greatest threat the world faces is America that doesn't respect the efforts of its European allies."

When challenged by Bush's belief that the world's greatest threat is actually rogue nations with weapons of mass destruction, like Iraq, Iran and North Korea, Parvenu said, "What? Who?" Then, after being questioned about what exactly the efforts of Europe in the war on terror actually were, he stuck his fingers in his ears and said, "I'm not listening, la la la la la la la la.

However, Bush has also been challenged state-side. Senate Majority Leader Bud Wease said, "We've got to be very careful with rhetoric of that kind. We sincerely hope that the case had not yet been made for going after Iraq. Bush's challenger in the election, former Vice President Al Gore, warned that the United States ran the risk of alienating its allies. And former President Ninny Farter called the "axis of evil" label "counter-productive... I think it will take years before we can repair the damage done by that statement."

Faced with a situation where it seems that the world, even his allies, are against him, Bush responded to the criticism that his new policy is too complicated. "Of course it is simple," the President continued. "That's the whole idea. I want every American to know that we will eliminate the threat of terrorism against us. What's wrong with that? We've never won wars by being complicated. We've won them by standing up to the evil we face. And when I tried to say that, I was attacked, not them."

"Oh, and then to top it all off, this whole 'unilateralist' thing. I never said we wouldn't consult with our allies and include them in any military action. I just said that we would no longer let our friends threaten us with 'terrorism.' If that means neutralizing them before they can attack us again, that's what we'll do. If that's wrong, then I'll be wrong, if it means defending our country and our citizens."

Meanwhile, we tracked down an average American citizen and asked him about Bush's comments, and whether or not he believes the Iraqi dictator, Saddan Hussein, is evil. "He's evil," he gassed Kords and Iranians, and launched Scud missiles at Tel Aviv. He's holding chemical and biological weapons, is trying to get a nuke, and in using us, his starving subjects, as human shields so America doesn't bomb them. He would have continued, but he was interrupted by government agents who dragged him into the street and shot him.

So, evidently it's official: if regimes are evil, that's one thing, but actually stepping out and calling them evil is far worse. This is a thorny loss on President Bush, who is wondering why so many people were left confused by his speech. "I tried to say that there are brutal leaders who want to destroy us with weapons of mass destruction," Bush said, "and I'm quibbling over how I said it. Did they miss it entirely?"

Vice President Chick Deney leaned into the Oval Office and said, "Big time."

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Free speech is not always positive

The student participants in the upcoming production of "The Vagina Monologues" have already accomplished something important by sparking a lively and intelligent discussion on the value and limits of free speech here at a national Catholic research university and in the culture as a whole. The Viewpoint page in The Observer has been the most public forum in which that debate has taken place, but it is also going on in dorms, classrooms and in the homes of parents, alumni and others across the country.

Those in favor of the "Monologues," those who dislike them but support free speech and intellectual and cultural debate, and those who want the performance stopped — all have participated in the debate, and I've ventured to say that in the long run all have benefited from it. This kind of discussion is what being at a university — and, for that matter, living in a democracy — is all about.

I do want to clarify one point made in the wonderfully supportive editorial in Friday's Observer. The editorial said that "Notre Dame will host an official production of the play. As far as I know, the University isn't in the business of booking "official" productions of art, theatrical performances, films or other works of art, nor does the University as a whole "officially host" most of the speakers on various topics that departments and student groups bring to campus."

"The Vagina Monologues" is a student-initiated performance co-sponsored by the Department of Film, Television and Theater and the program in Gender Studies because the play is a serious theatrical examination of important gender issues. The V-Day observer website includes a service project at a domestic violence shelter, a poetry reading, an art exhibit and a "talkback" on Wednesday night after the two performances. It is thus precisely the kind of thoughtful and practical engagement with social concerns — violence against women, gender identity, etc. — that a Gender Studies Program at a Catholic university should be encouraging.

But again, the University does not and should not view the play as its "official" endorsement to every event that takes place on campus. For any kind of academic freedom to exist, there has to be a "public sphere" or "civil society" in which discussions and cultural events take place, an area where speech and other acts take place without "official" approval or disapproval from the University as a whole. And as Megan Renner pointed out in her editorial, "The Vagina Monologues" is not "official" about this production — nor should there be.

All that said, we should turn to the important issues that the play itself raises. I hope that those who actually see the performances on Monday and Tuesday nights go back to their friends at their dorms and apartments, call their parents and whatever alumni they know and have discussions about the political meanings of violence against women and the cultural construction of women's bodies and sexuality and the other major questions addressed by "The Vagina Monologues." Even the hostile letters we have received about the play agree that these are important issues. I hope that those who don't believe this play is the best way to approach these issues are willing to put aside their differences with those of us who see great value in the performance, and will join in the efforts of Kerry Walsh and the other sincere, dedicated and talented students who have put so much time and energy into organizing this week's V-Day activities. They deserve praise and commendation for their hard work, and the causes they are working for deserve support from all of us.

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Feb. 22, 2002

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solidarity with refugees

On Monday, Feb. 25 and Tuesday, Feb. 26 the Notre Dame University Peace Coalition will have a campus on South Quad in solidarity with the Afghan refugees. Tents will be set up in front of O'Shaughnessy Hall today at 9 a.m. at which time a small rally will start. There will be a 24-hour prayer vigil. Both campus and vigil will conclude with a mass by the Justice Department Tuesday at 5 p.m. in memory of an authentic Afghan dinner in Pasquella in Hall.

This event has been organized to raise campus and local awareness of the suffering of the refugees, whose plight has been downplayed, if not ignored, in media coverage of the "war on terrorism." In the words of Krista Schoening, "We do not intend to recreate or dramatize the conditions of a refugee camp — it would be impossible to recreate either the physical conditions or the mental stress refugees have to endure. We simply want to call attention to the situation of the Afghan refugees, so that they will not be forgotten. They, too, are victims in this war on terrorism." The campaign stems from our desire, not only to highlight the dire situation of the refugees, but also to stress the inadequacy of current solutions to the problem. Currently there are four million refugees who have fled outside Afghanistan and more than 1.3 million displaced inside their homeland. Unable to escape the western and the defeat of the Taliban regime, the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees reported last week that more than 50,000 people have sought safety in Pakistan even since Dec. 31.

Although the United States, United Nations and others have pledged substantial financial assistance and humanitarian aid, it is just that simple. Many obstacles must be crossed and issues resolved within Afghanistan before this aid can be effective and useful. The "war" against the Taliban and Al Qaeda may be over, but for the refugees true peace remains a distant dream. On that point there will be a time of education, reflection, and prayer for all. We are invited to stop by the tents to learn more or to join us for any part of these events. Although we will remain in the minds, hearts and prayers of our entire community.

Megan Renner
NDSMC Peace Coalition
Feb. 24, 2002
By C. SPENCER BEGGS
Scene Editor

Vagina, vagina, vaginas.
The word often shocks, surprises and, in the case of Notre Dame's Department of Film, Television and Theatre and Gender Studies Program's production of "The Vagina Monologues," it may enlighten.

The controversial production is part of Notre Dame's V-Day activities. The V-Day movement began in New York City in 1998 to help bring awareness to women's issues such as violence, rape, female slave trading, genital mutilation, subjugation, sexual abuse and harassment as well as the recognition of women's roles as sexual beings.

Since it's inception, the staged reading of Eve Ensler's play, "The Vagina Monologues," has served as the centerpiece of V-Day. Ensler began writing the play after she had a conversation with a woman about menopause. Ensler realized that she didn't understand how women conceived of their vaginas. "The Vagina Monologues" is a compilation of women's testimonials about their vaginas. Ensler interviewed hundreds of women from around the world about their experiences. Some of the monologues are taken almost verbatim from a single woman's account; others are composed from many women's interviews.

Although the V-Day launch was a successful fundraiser for women's charities, the event's organizers wanted to extend the message to women across the nation and around the world, especially young women who they see as being the progressive leaders of the future. The organizers chose Ensler's Obie award-winning show to help spread that message.

"The Vagina Monologues' on college campuses and in communities and everywhere it has been brought has been an unusual vehicle for putting forward the message that violence against women and girls is a world problem that touches all our lives. I hope that you will be brought to an end," said Karen Obel, V-Day's director of the college campaign.

Obel thinks that "The Vagina Monologues" are particularly pertinent to college campuses because of the prevalence of date rape. She believes that because many young women have never been informed of their rights or understood their own sexual nature, they are not equipped to stand up for themselves.

"The Vagina Monologues," in her opinion, is meant to break the secretive nature of female sexuality and empower women.

"Young women need to know that their bodies are their own, how they operate and to be able to not give away things they don't want to give away," Obel said.

In the four years since V-Day launched its college campaign, it has grown from 65 schools in the United States and Canada to 550 schools worldwide. Obel notes that of those schools, Notre Dame and Saint Mary's have had the most resistance to the production.

After "The Vagina Monologues" was performed on Saint Mary's campus and sponsored by the Feminist Collective in 2000, College president Marilou Eldred banned officially-recognized campus groups from sponsoring the show and subsequently sanctioned participants in an individual production in 2001.

This year, the College will allow the show to go on, but it has not been officially recognized by Saint Mary's or any of its departments. Notre Dame's show is recognized by the University and is sponsored by two departments, although many students and campus organizations have organized to protest the University's consent in the matter.

"It's not surprising to me that a rape-prone zone is having the hardest time with V-Day ... of all the colleges that we work with the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's campuses have had the most difficulty ... When people have something to protect and have something to cover, they don't want anything to come in and change the status of things ... It's not surprising to me that there's an attempt to have it kept out," Ensler said.

The message of "The Vagina Monologues" has been hotly disputed. Critics have called the show immoral and offensive because they believe it encourages and depicts behavior that violates something they believe should be held sacred. But Ensler doesn't think those criticisms are valid.

"I'm always surprised when people are afraid of vaginas ... when they're not afraid of words like anthrax, smallpox and nuclear weapons. They can put those on the headlines, but they're suddenly terrified about vaginas," Ensler said.

"Vagina is not a slang word, it is not a dirty word, it's actually a part of the body. And I think, that people's fear of vaginas really stems from their profound fear of being alive and being connected and being intimate and being fully present in the world. And I think that's a scary thing to be."

Often, criticism has been religious in nature. Some feel that "The Vagina Monologues" contradicts religious teachings, specifically Catholic religious teachings. Ensler, however, feels that the show is in keeping with Christianity. She believes that Christ would not have wanted anyone to be ashamed of anything that God gave him or her. She points out that many devout Christians are and have been involved with V-Day and "The Vagina Monologues." But there is a brand of Christianity that shames women and often mistakes sexual purity with sin in regard to women's sexuality.

Ensler thinks that people who find her play shocking or offensive have issues in themselves that they need to investigate. In her eyes, the play is describing something entirely natural and normal; she sees the vagina as being both metaphorical and literal in her play. For Ensler, the interplay between those two ways of looking at vaginas is what her play is all about.

"I want women to think about their vaginas. I want women and men to love vaginas and hold them sacred. I want women to know what gives them pleasure so they can know how to get pleasure. And mainly I want women to be safe and protected and I want the vio-
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The Notre Dame stage and interviews the show’s author, Eve Ensler

lence — which is absolutely pervasive on this planet — to end toward vaginas," Ensler said.

But Ensler welcomes discussion from critics and fans alike. She thinks that the dialogue "The Vagina Monologues" generates is productive. In the end, she thinks that the show does exactly the opposite of desensitizing people to women’s issues.

"So many women and men that I interview have no idea what to do with vaginas, they don’t know how to pleasure vaginas... they don’t have any idea of their own bodies because they’ve been taught to be so ashamed of it, so shut down and isolated and invisible and secretive about it. I think that secretive reality really damages everyone because we can no longer communicate what is most essential in our lives," Ensler said.

"So, I think the opposite happens: I think that when people talk about vaginas it stops being shameful and jaded and contemptuous and in can become normal and part of an ongoing daily dialogue as opposed to prurient and scary and perversion.

The Notre Dame production of "The Vagina Monologues" features 35 female actors from the University and one from Saint Mary’s as well as a number of people of both sexes involved in the production but not on stage. All involved affectionately refer to themselves as “vagina warriors.”

Senior Kerry Walsh, who directs the show, decided to get involved with V-Day after reading about the controversy over the show last year while she was abroad in France. Walsh, who has always been active in women’s issues and wants to go to law school to become a lawyer specializing in gender law, solicited the University to put on the production and found surprisingly little objection.

"I’ve been tickled pink that the administration has been so open-minded about putting on the production, I’ve probably had the least resistance from them. I wouldn’t say that they’ve supported, because that’s not the right terminology, but they have been extremely open-minded about the production and having it on campus," Walsh said.

Walsh rehearsed with her cast two nights a week for five weeks to produce the show. Most of the women involved are not particularly experienced in the theater. In fact, part of the relevance of "The Vagina Monologues" is that it does not feature actors, but rather uses real women to pass its message. Most of the show is reader’s theatre: the women carry note cards with their lines on them.

The stage is bare except for three microphones that the actors step to when they are performing. Behind the microphones, the rest of the cast sits patiently in chairs.

Walsh had the actors dress in red and black, two colors that have symbolic meaning. They represent things such as love, violence, women and (of course) vaginas.

The monologues range from humorous, such as junior Mary Beth Asmussen’s rendition of the different types of plea-surable noises in "The Woman Who Loved to Make Vaginas Happy," to intensely dramatic, such as senior Maura Malloy’s portrayal of female genital mutilation of Bosnian women in "My Vagina Was My Village." Each story is the story of real women, some are more comforting than others.

But "The Vagina Monologues" are meant to be a little rough around the edges. It’s what makes the show meaningful: it’s real. Even the members of the cast are not always in agreement about the show.

"For me (being in "The Vagina Monologues") has been an opportunity to meet more like-minded women and women who want to discuss these issues whether we agree on them or not," senior Molly Morin said.

The show is supposed to be dialectic. "People tell me: ‘Oh Kerry, you’ve done such a great thing for this campus.’ I really don’t see it as me doing a great thing for this campus, I see it as a group of women who have come together to do a great thing for this campus," Walsh said.

Some audience members may find the content offensive. The play uses very frank language and describes things that are often not spoken about freely in public. But the cast of the show is not being edgy for the sake of being edgy; it’s really important to the meaning they are trying to convey.

People uninterested in the message of "The Vagina Monologues" will most likely find the show dull. But those who are interested in discussion of the issues in the show will be pleased with the thought-provoking delivery of the Notre Dame cast.

"The Vagina Monologues" will be performed tonight and tomorrow night at 8 p.m. in 101 DeBartolo Hall. General admission is $7, $5 for Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s students. Call or visit the LaFortune Student Center box office at (574) 631-8125 to purchase tickets. Proceeds from ticket sales will benefit the women’s rights group SOS.

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"The Vagina Monologues" director and actor Kerry Walsh performing "Reclaiming Cunt," a monologue meant to reclaim a now derogatory word.
BENGAL BOUTS 125 POUNDS - 160 POUNDS

By KEVIN BECHROH AND PAUL CAMARATA
Spur Writers

Bengal sports writer Kevin Bechroh knows how to punch and his quote is a perfect summary of this week's edition of 'Bengal Bouts'.

This week's edition of 'Bengal Bouts' is full of action as we see the return of a former all-conference pick, Matt Fumagalli, in the 135-pound weight class. Fumagalli took a bit of time off last month, but he is back and looking to pick up where he left off. He even earned himself a spot as a candidate for 'Student of the Month'.

In the 160-pound weight class, we see the return of a former champion, Paul Pettit. Pettit took a bit of time off last month, but he is back and looking to pick up where he left off. He even earned himself a spot as a candidate for 'Student of the Month'.

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All five Notre Dame seniors swim on Saturday night and all five pole with "Go Irish" painted on their bare chests Saturday, waving green shirts and yelling for senior Jonathan Pierce as he launched off the starting block for the 1,650-yard freestyle. Pierce passed that group of seven a total of 66 times, tearing back and forth through the water at a pace faster than he had in his entire life. But when he pulled himself out of the water, Pierce stood up at a scoreboard that showed a fourth-place finishing time of 15 minutes, 32.37 seconds, less than 20 yards as he saw a finishing time that improved on his personal best by three seconds. He saw the points he had scored for the team as the Irish's top performer at Big East. "I gave it everything I could," said Pierce. "I didn't have what I needed, but I'll always know that I gave it everything I had."

As captain of the team, Pierce has received constant praise from his coaches and his fellow swimmers for his positive attitude and team-oriented focus. He lived up to that praise on Saturday. Where spectators saw a disappointing drop from second to fourth in the last few laps, Pierce saw a finishing time that improved on his personal best by three seconds. He saw the points he had scored for the team as the Irish's top performer at Big East. "I saw him approaching, but there was really nothing I could do. I knew I had gone out fast because I had to go for the win, but then I just hit a wall," said Pierce about his racing strategy. "When you go 1,500 yards as hard as you can, it kinda catches up with you. I didn't have what I needed, but I'll always know that I gave it everything I had."

"I'm disappointed that I'm nearly last, but then I just hit a wall," said Pierce. "You probably would have fallen off sooner if not for those guys. I was working as hard as I could to come through for the team, but it just didn't pan out as I hoped."

According to Pierce, he was concerned that he had not fulfilled his obligation to the team when he placed fifth in the 500-yard freestyle on Thursday. But for the effort he made as leader and role model, Pierce means more to his teammates that points on the scoreboard. "I don't know how we are going to cope without him swimming with us next year, without him encouraging us and pacing us in the distance lane," said sophomore J.R. Teddy. "I'm disappointed that I'm nearly done swimming, but I'm also looking forward to just being a normal college student for the last two or three months. It's a disappointment and yet little bit of relief."

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Quarterfinal rounds produce no surprise victories

By BRIAN BURKE  Sports Writer

The quarterfinal round in the 165-pound division held few surprises. Both fighters advanced with relatively one-sided victories. Both fighters with preliminary round byes, Chris Cosse and Nick Nanovic earned unanimous decision wins and controlled their fights throughout. Nanovic defeated Justin Myers, while Cosse stopped Mike MacRitchie to move on to the semifinals.

Myers, who advanced to the quarterfinal round in the 170-pound bracket, was unable to capitalize on his experience. He was consistently outboxed and outworked by his opponent, Nick Nanovic. In the first round, Myers struggled to get close to Nanovic and was unable to establish a rhythm. Nanovic, on the other hand, was able to dictate the pace of the fight and land consistent combinations.

In the second round, Myers tried to change the pace of the fight by working the body and trying to keep Nanovic at bay. However, Nanovic continued to exchange with Myers and was able to take advantage of Myers' limited reach. Nanovic landed a series of combinations that put Myers on the defensive and ultimately earned him a unanimous decision win.

Nanovic, who was able to advance with a win over Nick Nanovic, was more of a brawler in the second round. He landed a devastating hook to the head of Nanovic that knocked him to the canvas. As a result, the fight was stopped and Seidler won by technical knockout.

170-pounds

The fourteenth quarterfinal bout in the 170-pound bracket were all one-sided contests where it was apparent who the eventual winner would be by the end of the first round. Ryan Hernandez entered a unanimous decision win over Eric Barroso in a sloppy match where technique seldom entered the equation. Hernandez was simply more athletic and overwhelming Barroso when the two stood toe to toe. Barroso had advanced with a win over Patrick McCarthy.

Another fighter with more of a brawling style was Domingo Maynes, who came after William Phillips with a strong jab that he worked both to the head and body in the first round. Maynes chased Phillips around for much of the fight, capitalizing on an advantage in strength. Phillips was given standing eight counts in both the second and third rounds, and his lack of offense did little to deter Maynes from backing him into the ropes. Maynes emerged with the win by unanimous decision.

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stroke events. Hecking won the 100 title for the fourth time in her career, and the 200 for the third.

Hecking and Peterson guar­anteed gold for Miami, Texas for the NCAA Championships with finishes in the 200 yard backstroke, with Hecking finishing in 1 minute, 57.70 seconds and Peterson following in 1:58.41, both automatic qual­ifying times. All three backstroke­ers made the consideration times for NCAAs in the 100 yard backstroke and Hullick also made a consideration time in the way they raced.

Peterson and Hecking traded the lead in the 200-yard back­stroke twice during the race before Hecking pulled slightly ahead during the last 25 yards.

"Kristen was out fast during the 200, and we were just trying to pace each other," Hecking said. "I was so excited early on with Kristen and Danielle right behind me, and then just hung back and relaxed the rest."

Senior Allison Lloyd also earned an individual title, clinching a victory in the 100 yard breaststroke to go with a win in the 200 breast­stroke relay. Lloyd won the breaststroke event in 1:15.60, just a second shy of the record that was set at NCAAs. Lloyd was second in the 100-yard breaststroke Friday, clinching a win in the 200 breaststroke by a yard and a half Redmond of Pittsburgh.

Senior goalkeeper Heather Mattingly overcame a difficult performance on the 1-meter board to help the team take the runner-up position on the 3­ meter event.

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The Irish did have success in qualifying swimmers for the NCAA Championships for the NCAs in the 400-yard individual medley in January and won their染 200-yard individual medley at last year's Big East Championships also through­out the season. The NCAs placed sixth in the 400 IM in a field that included Sydney Olympian and Villanova swimmer Maddy Crippen, could not defend her 200 IM title and placed 12th in the 1,650-yard freestyle.

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**Bengal Bout 180 Pounds - Heavyweights**

Callahan begins quest for third title with prelím victory

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

After receiving a bye in Friday's preliminary 180-pound bouts, two-time champion Mark Criniti opened his quest for a third title with a unanimous decision against sophomore Eric Callahan.

Callahan's wide-brawling style that defeated Alex Wood in a split decision in the prelims was no match for Criniti's experienced controlled boxing.

Criniti stood back and pumped Callahan with 1-2 combinations and straight right hands. Callahan tried to charge Criniti but the veteran's jabs kept Callahan at bay.

At the very end of both the second and third rounds, Criniti crushed Callahan with a series of jabs before hitting him with a hard right that stunned Callahan. Callahan received a standing 8-count at the end of both rounds.

"I try to pace myself at the beginning of the round," Criniti said. "I just try to work on my footwork and my technique and use the whole ring. The last 30 seconds, I really try to throw hard punches and work really hard in the last 30 seconds."

Criniti will face one of the hardest punchers in his division in the next round as Keith Arnold beat Kevin Conosecchi.

The referee stopped the bout 46 seconds into the third. Conosecchi had a hard time getting to his feet and the off-campus senior moved inside on the taller fighter and threw a flurry of punches.

"Everyone I've fought pretty much has a reach advantage on me," Arnold said. "I just try to throw flurries and hopefully that keeps the jab away."

In the bottom half of the fifth, walk-on football player Matt Sarb abused Jim Christoforetti's midsection as he tried to charge the lightweight.

Christoforetti had a height advantage on Sarb but right charged through Christoforetti's jabs and pounded his ribs.

"It's what I am more comfortable with because guys have a height advantage on me," Sarb said about his body blows. "I just got low and stick them in the stomach because everyone forgets about that."

Sarb will face another tall fighter in the semifinals as Tommy Demko picked up a unanimous decision over Doug Lawrence.

Lawrence tried to move inside and get into Demko's body but Demko effectively used his jab to punch his way out of trouble and score points. Lawrence threw more punches but Demko landed more of his.

Demko admitted it was tough staying disciplined against Lawrence's wild style and resisting the urge to stand toe to toe and throw punches.

"That's how I fought last year and I lost," the senior said. "I am trying not to do that too much this year. It just wears you down. If you throw controlled punches, you are going to do much better. A straight punch gets there much quicker than a looping punch."

190-pounds

All the fighters in the 190-pound weight class advanced to the semifinals each N either with the referee stopping the bout or unanimous decisions.

Both of John Lynk's fights during the weekend ended before the final bell rang. He beat Shane Cooper when the referee stopped the contest 1 minute into the second round while Douglas Pope lasted just 50 seconds into the second round of the quarterfinals.

Sophomore William Zizek needed just 3 minutes and 24 seconds to finish off Jason Mayes in the semifinals.

Joshua Kaakua slipped quick jabs and combinations into the pocket of Jose Ronchetti to win his fight.

Although Kaakua is a first time fighter, he has a controlled, mature style that doesn't fit with his inexperienced style unlike most new fighters who mostly brawl in the ring. Kaakua is very controlled and uses his quick moves to his advantage.

"I just try to stay inside and under control," Kaakua said. "I try to throw too many punches too much this year."

Heavyweight

Two walk-on football players advanced to the semifinals of the heavyweight division in the only two heavyweight bouts this weekend.

Jeffrey Campbell held off the vacate for Kevin Herrity to score two standing-8 counts with a good jab in the first round.

After a series of jabs and combinations, Campbell finished for a third time in the first round, the referee stopped the bout 1:28 seconds into the first.

"I thought I did pretty good," Campbell said. "I just tried to keep my punches straight so I could reach a little more."

Callahan finished for the third time in the first round after a series of jabs and combinations into the second.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish come back from halftime deficit for 86-86 victory

By NOAH AMSTADTER
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For a while Saturday afternoon at Purcell Pavilion, the Hoyas were going to give the Irish a challenge — then Notre Dame head coach Muffet McGraw took her team into the locker room at halftime.

The Hoyas held a 38-37 lead heading into halftime, but McGraw found her team a pep talk in the locker room, saying that a couple of people had to step up. A bunch of people stepped up.

One of those people was junior guard Ariana Ratay, who had stepped up as Notre Dame's go-to player in the three games since her injury. Batteast went down with a knee injury. Baysou put up 24 points. In the second half, Batteast pushed her total career points to 1,301, moving her to 10th place on Notre Dame's all-time scoring list. Freshman guard Kathy Fleckey, starting in Batteast's place, added 14 points and seven rebounds in 38 minutes while LeBeidz finished sixth in the 1,000-point club.

"Physically, we were ready and when it came to mental toughness, they were ready and they put everything out there," Petcoff said. "And it is kind of snowballed from there on the fast break. It was just really focused and kind of clicked." McGraw said.

The Hoyas simply made 36 of 52 field goals and McGraw told the Associated Press after the game that they were ready and they put everything out there.

"It was just really focused and kind of clicked," McGraw said. "I love finding the open spots. After getting the scouting report and seeing the tapes of Georgetown, seeing that they played the 2-3 zone, I stayed after in the gym and kept showing around."

It was Notre Dame's third win in a row without Batteast, who is expected to return for the team's first Big East Tournament game Sunday. With the win, the Irish clinched second place in the Big East regular-season standings, a major turnaround for a team that began the season 2-4.

"It just took a while for all of us to come together and find a rhythm playing with each other," Bustamante said. "I think we've actually started to do that, somehow. Whatever any team plays the zone, I love playing against zones. I love finding the open spots. After getting the scouting report and seeing the tapes of Georgetown, seeing that they played the 2-3 zone, I stayed after in the gym and kept showing around."

As the second-seeded team in the Big East Tournament, Notre Dame is on course for a rematch of last year's conference championship game against No. 1 seed Connecticut. The Irish have gone unbeaten since a 27-point loss to the Huskies in Hartford, Conn., on Jan. 2.

"Whenever you get to play UConn it's a great challenge," Bustamante said. "It's a game that you can look forward to and improve your overall game on. Whatever the outcome is, it was just fun, it just kind of clicked, we were really ready and we put everything out there."

But with a finish like the Belles had on day three, they're ready to come back next season.

"We think we've started to pick up our weaknesses and your strengths, and you can build on that after you've played them," McGraw said.

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SMC SWIMMING

Belles finish strong for fifth place in MIAA tournaments

By KATIE McVOY
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Amidst the confusion of choreographed dances, men laden with warmup gear and a bagpipe, the Belles simply made a statement with a strong third-day showing in the three-day MIAA Tournament finish.

As the three-day competition in Kalamazoo and Alma, and Alma and Mary's announced the arrival of their teams in costumes and with live music, Saint Mary's were watched from the side of the pool wondering how to make its presence known. Their choice: through action.

After two straight days in first place, and two of MIAA Tournament competition, the Belles had eight top-12 finishers and four who finished in the top six on day three at Kalamazoo, knowing that they would be back to compete next year.

"Especially on the third day, I had so many coaches come up and say, 'Wow, what a day you had.'" said head coach Greg Petcoff.

"Other people noticed and I think that means that they'll keep working hard to try and stay good," he added.

"Getting fifth was a huge statement for us," added junior captain Lane Herrington. "Since we usually finish sixth, it's kind of like we're climbing up the rungs of the ladder. To have such a great third day let the MIAA know we'll be back."

In addition to the fifth place finish after three days of competition, Saint Mary's took home three top-three finishes. Petcoff had expected close completion between Saint Mary's, Alton, Kalamazoo and Alma and was not surprised that those four teams made the top five.

In the end, the Belles finished just under 30 points behind the Alton Bears.

"We think we didn't get off to as strong a start as we were hoping to on the first day or day and a half and to make it a tight four-team race is really fun," Herrington said. "I think we had started a little stronger, I thought we would have been a little closer and put a little more worry into Kalamazoo and Alton."

However, that 30-point difference had the teams a little bit of a pep talk in the locker room after the seventh place finish.

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But with a finish like the Belles had on day three, they're ready to come back next season.

"I think for us we've got a few more swimmers next year and we'll be right there with everyone else," Smith said. Anything can happen next year. Everyone's working really hard and I think our team will prove [that we can compete]."

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Irish dominate in title win

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Sports Writer

As they climbed onto the podium to collect their sixth consecutive Big East Championship, the Irish acted like seasoned champions, throwing their hands up in the air, holding their plaques high and erupting into cheers.

Irish head coach Bailey Weathers knew the routine, too — before the team award was announced, he unlatched his shoes, knowing he inevitably would get thrown into the pool by his overeager swimmers.

Saturday, the Irish proved they had winning down to a science routine as they collected their sixth consecutive conference title at the Goodwill Games Aquatic Center.

The meet belonged to the Irish from day one, when they jumped to a 100-pont lead after only six events. They held on throughout the three-day competition, securing the title with 727 points, 275 points ahead of closest competitors Rutgers.

"It feels pretty good," said Weathers, who earned the Big East Coach of the Year award for the second consecutive year. "We were pretty confident going in, but you never want to take it for granted."

The standouts of the weekend were the backstroke trio of senior Kelly Hecking, freshman Kristin Peterson and sophomore Danielle Hudec, who took the top three positions on the medal stand in both the 100-yard and 200-yard back-

Irish swimmers celebrate their sixth consecutive Big East Championship by pushing coach Bailey Weathers into the pool.

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Notre Dame rallies to place fourth

By SHEILA EGTS
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The Irish did not claim the second-place finish they hoped for entering the Big East Championships, but Saturday was a night of celebration nonetheless.

"We got faster and scored more points, we just stayed in the same place. It's clearly a sign of how much improvement is taking place throughout the Big East Conference," said Irish head coach Tim Welsh. "We are getting better and so is the sport."

The men rebounded from a rough set of races on Thursday and moved up from sixth place to fourth by the end of Friday's events. Matt Beike, Jonathan Pierce, and Bill Toddly swam personal bests in the 165-yard freestyle on Saturday, finishing fourth, fifth and seventh respectively. Pierce also set a Notre Dame record in the 400-yard individual medley with a time of 3:56.34, finishing second for the Irish.

Notre Dame's top diver, Andy Maggio, placed sixth in the three-meter diving and fifth in the one-meter diving.

Top eight finishes from Jason Goletik in the 200-yard backstroke and Jason Fitzpatrick in the 200-yard breaststroke on Saturday helped the team maintain their fourth-place standing while trying to close the gap on Virginia Tech in third.

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