Alumnae share experiences as lesbians

By SARAH NESTOR
News Writer

Students and faculty gathered in Moreau 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 [lit 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 Warner '98 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.

"I wasn't very out, but didn't have to hide. I was running from my hometown ... but I cannot live a lie and hide what I am," Claudia Traudt, 1973 Saint Mary's alumna said. "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."

The panelists shared their thoughts on what their boundaries and obstacles were while attending Saint Mary's and how they reacted to them.

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Campout begins today

♦ Students hold demonstration to show solidarity with refugees

By ERIN LaRUFFA
Associate News Editor

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 Renner, 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 at the campsite at 5 p.m. After the Mass, the Peace Coalition will hold an Afghan dinner in Pasquerella East Hall. All events are open to the public.

Although organizers hope to raise awareness on the plight of Afghan refugees, they added 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," said Krista Schoening, a campout 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 Renner. "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 million people..."

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AND THE WINNER IS ...
**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 together 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 in support of other women.

Many people are opposed to "The Vagina Monologues," Whether discussed publicly or privately, there seems to be an ongoing battle between those who support it and those who oppose it. It seems like the argument, and those involved, will never settle on common ground. And, it 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, however, one thing that unites 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 petition, freedom of speech and peaceful assembly. 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 this freedom of choice that empowers each student to pursue his or her individual passion.

By discouraging students to attend any event that they deem educational, one is only preventing this academic exploration, but also preventing this academic freedom.

The same academic freedom which allows a student to speak freely in a classroom also ensures that a student has the ability to make his or her own decisions regarding his or her education outside the classroom. Students have the right, without fear of penalty, to engage in academic inquiry concerning attitudes, disciplines, or facts about which they desire to learn.

To those who constantly bash the Monologues, I urge you to find another topic out of respect for your peers. Petty bickering is neither thought provoking, nor educational.

I will speak to other women about the beauty and importance of diversity and support those who have been sexually assaulted. I will find strength in knowing I have the gift of academic freedom.

Tonight, I will speak to other women with hopes of inspiring them to find their special place in the world.

The Observer encourages women to participate in the program and to find their special place in the world.

**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 at 9 p.m. in the Regina South Lounge.

The Observer regrets itself as a professional publication and issues this correction to the highest standards of journalism at all times. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If we have made a mistake, please contact us at 631-4941 or sevenconnect, our online system.

**Kelly Hager**

**Copy Editor**

**BEYOND CAMPUS**

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

FORT COLLINS, Colo. Students who have violated Colorado State’s drug and alcohol policy now have a choice. The Department of Education granted CSU a $350,000 to institute the nation’s first college drug court this semester.

"Day IV: Drugs, Alcohol and You," will offer students who have violated the university’s drug or alcohol policy an alternative option to disciplinary probation or dismissal from CSU, but students must first qualify to participate in the program.

The program is totally voluntary and works with our judicial system in order to deal with drug and alcohol issues," said Lisa Miller, interim assistant director of Judicial Affairs.

For example, a student may qualify if he or she has been charged with more than two alcohol or drug violations or has multiple minor in possessions. Miller said the program was the pilot stage during the fall 2001 semester and had a success rate of 86 percent. Until now, a college campus has never attempted to implement a drug court.

Day IV begins when a student facing disciplinary probation or dismissal from the university for substance abuse accepts responsibility for breaking the student rights and responsibilities agreement. The student can then apply to participate in the program, and if accepted, he or she would meet with a case manager and create an individual contract. There is no way you can use and not get caught," said project director Cheryl Asmus.

In previous years, every student with serious charges of alcohol or drug-related offenses has been dismissed from the university. Asmus said that was resolved in an estimated loss of $1 million tuition money over the past five years.

DPS Officer Arrested

Police arrested a University of Texas student Wednesday for allegedly selling hundreds of fake driver’s licenses to people around the country. DPS officials said Thursday. The arrest was part of DPS ongoing investigation to prosecute those who produce fraudulent driver’s licenses. Imam Ali Karimi, an economics sophomore, faces the charge of tampering with a government document, is a second-degree felony punishable by a maximum of 20 years in prison and a $10,000 fine. The IDs were the best fake documents the DPS has seen so far, said Jared Samps, a DPS officer. "They were of good quality," the FBI has investigated Al-Arian before, but never produced enough evidence to warrant charges, Al-Arian said he has never settled one thing is realizable.

**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 news release from Mar Conley, U.S. Attorney for the Middle District of Florida. Conley said in the release that although the government is typically prohibited from disclosing the information on the status of investigations, "there are exceptions to this policy, such as when the community needs to be reassured that the appropriate law enforcement agencies are investigating the matter." The FBI has investigated Al-Arian but has never produced enough evidence to charge him with the tenured professor with a crime. Al-Arian said he was not surprised by the charging of the FBI and active investigation. "My understanding is that the FBI will always have an investigation and will very rarely close one," Al-Arian said.

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**University of Texas - Austin**

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Are You Listening?
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**FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES**

**Monday, February 25** 7 pm  Sorin Room, Law Dome
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**Wednesday, February 27** 7-9 pm Test Kitchen, N/OH
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**SMC sponsors week to celebrate women**

**By EMILY FORD**

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 tonight's presentation by Rebecca Walker, writer, editor and co-founder of the Third Wave Foundation, the only national philanthropic activist 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 image.

"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 Fuller.

Athletic director Lynn Kachmarrk 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," Kachmarrk said.

This series also explores women's attitudes towards God. Campus Ministry is sponsoring "Seasonal Preparation for Lent and Easter: An Evening of Reflection" 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 Church's celebration of Lent, Triduum, and the whole 50 days of the Easter Season, campus minister Sr. Elizabeth Smoyer said.

The "Communal Praise and Gospel Worship" will take place Thursday at 9:30 p.m. in Sacred Heart Chapel in Holy Cross Hall. 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, strength, and challenge of African American men and women," said Smoyer. "This is an opportunity for the racial majority members 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." Blue jean collection boxes are located in each residence hall to be donated to St. Margaret's House.

Nurse Cyndie 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. Sr. Mary's fun and movie theaters. The drive ends with the raffle drawing on March 1.

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ple 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 Taliban 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. Renner 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 'lesbian' and related to Jennifer as 'the lesbian' and related to us 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 like 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 can do to fight politically and intellectually for what they believe is right and wrong. Issues that students brought up are gay and lesbian curricula, diversity on campus that includes lesbian 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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‘Queen’ reigns over box office

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

Audiences went vampire hunting as “Queen of the Damned,” featuring the late pop singer Aaliyah, opened in third place with $10.4 million, according to studio estimates Sunday.

Kevin Costner’s supernatural love story "Dragonfly" continued its third week at the top with $12.5 million, pushing its 10-day total to $39.9 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 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 2,565 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, when the industry grossed a record $8.35 billion.

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U.S. may advise Afghanistan: The United States may send military advisors to try to rein in fighting 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 pressing the United Nations to reverse its decision to withdraw from a planned genocide tribunal for former Khmer Rouge leaders. U.S. Ambassador Kim Wiesenmann 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 WTC dead: Relatives of six people 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 Sunday. "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 legislation that relies more heavily on conservation.

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Indian News Briefs

Baby-sitter charged in porn 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. State Police said. Carl Smith was being held Sunday on charges of child molesting, child exploitation and neglect.

Jury selection set for officer: Gentry Mosley is accused of killing Martin Sheffield and wounding Jermaine Lewis. Carl Smith was being held Sunday on charges of child molesting, child exploitation and neglect.

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Pakistani policemen surround a masked Fahad Naseem, a suspect in U.S. journalist Daniel Pearl's kidnapping, as Naseem is led out of a court in Karachi, Pakistan, on Friday.

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-Qaeda terrorist network.

Authorities offered little information Sunday about the Arabs' identity or what role they may have played. But their involved involvement - combined with investigators' revelation that a key suspect now in custody said he met personally with Bin Laden in Afghanistan - suggested an al-Qaeda 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-Qaeda - 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 slit.

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 investigators 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 foreign 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 F. 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 forensic 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 fingerprint evidence. Under Pollak's ruling, experts can testify about and show illustrations of similarities or dissimilarities between "latent" fingerprints from a crime scene and "ruled" fingerprints on 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 it helped build from Guatemala to India received $1.2 billion in government-backed loans from two U.S. agencies.

The Overseas Private Investment Corp. still is owed $453 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.

Though 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 pursuing 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 of 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 $2.44 billion 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 place the loans in jeopardy. Separately created corporations handled 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. 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 company got too much government help.

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 $260 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.

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 their tracks: two power projects in Brazil that would have received $390 million in OPIC loans.

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Businesses continue to leave Manhattan

Associated Press

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 mid-town, 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 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 Farraghi said the fewer 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 3 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 $170 million in state money for small-business grants and $30 million in loans and grants for large businesses that stay in lower Manhattan or seek to locate there.

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-Miguel Vieyra (ND '03)
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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.W. 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 'era.' 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 condemning criticism from abroad. Almost all of the response centers on a snippet of the speech in which he labeled the countries of Iraq, Iran, Korea, North Korea and other terrorism-supporting countries, as an "axis of evil."

Some European diplomats, who have been known throughout the world as American allies, scoffed at that characterization. German Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer said such a view point "gets us nowhere." European Union External Affairs Commissioner Chris Patten called the comments "absurd" and in "unilateralist overdrive." And French Foreign Minister Paul Vedrassine clamored that Bush's speech was "absurd" and "implausible."

 Asked to elaborate on the comments that American foreign policy under President Bush was too naive and unsophisticated, French Undersecretary of Snootiness E. Leistt Prix noted, "Ignorant Americans and their practicality. Everyone who's anyone knows that the only good foreign policy is a complicated one, indispensable to friend and foe alike. Who cares if America's allies and enemies know where America stands against terrorism? It's overrated, I tell you."

When confronted with the fact that he was French, and that they evidently don't know how to judge figures skating, much less world politics, Undersecretary Pirx turned his nose up in the air and turned on a Jerry Lewis movie.

As for the critique of the United States being too "unilateralist," European Union Deputy of Stifled Condescension Arrow Gant Parveenu declared, "The greatest threat to world faces in an 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, Parveenu 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.

However, Bush has also been challenged stateside. Senate Majority Leader Rom Weasle said, "We've got to be very careful with rhetoric of that kind," and further vowed 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 Jimmy Carter called the "axis of evil" label "counterproductive."

"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 simple. "Of course it's simple," the President continued. "That's the whole idea. I want every American, every American ally and every American enemy to know that we will eliminate the threat of terrorism against us. What's wrong with that?

We've never won wars by being unprepared. 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 'unilateralists' thing. I never said we wouldn't consult with our allies and include them in any military action, I just said we would no longer let outsiders threaten us with 'era.' 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 Iraqi citizen and asked him about Bush's comments, and whether or not he believes the Iraqi dictator, Saddam Hussein, is evil. "Hell yes, he's evil. He gassed Kurds and Iranians, and launched Scud missiles at Tel Aviv. He's holding chemical and biological weapons, is trying to get a nuke, and is 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 theory lost 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 then he's quibbling over how he said it. Did they miss it entirely?

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

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Quote of the Day

"The American is a new man, who acts upon new principles; he must therefore entertain new ideas, and form new opinions." - J. Hector St. John de Crevecoeur French-American explorer, writer
Above all, we hope the refugees will remain in the minds, distant dream. On that note, this will be a time of education, Qaeda may be over, but for the refugees true peace remains a and issues resolved within Afghanistan before this aid can be reported last week that more than 50,000 per the defeat of the Taliban regime, the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees. However, despite the end of massive U.S.-led bombing and quacy of current solutions to the problem. Currently there are would be impossible to recreate either the physical conditions on South Quad in solidarity with the Afghanistan refugees. This event has been organized to raise campus and local letters to the Editor

Free speech is not always positive

On Monday, Feb. 25 and Tuesday, Feb. 26 the Notre The V-Day observance is being held in a camping on South Quad in solidarity with the Afghan refugees. During the debate, and I’d venture to say that in the long run all have benefitted 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 any theatrical performances, films or other works of art, nor does the University as a whole, or “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 observance as a whole 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.

Success of ‘Monologues’ is in the issues they raise

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 may actually objectify women as simple or countenance such things. People of education do not entertain such ideas that domestic violence perpetrated by some- one’s fists is a positive thing, even if it is empowering. Right?

We should be asking: Will Adam be invited to Notre Dame to present his work. And people are also energized. There is a shocking and yet deeply moving quality to their work. People are flocking to them. Should we listen to them, too? Should our young Austrian be invited to Notre Dame to present his ideas? Shall we discourse over the merit of his thoughts?

Nicholas Salazer
Vanderbilt Hall
Feb. 21, 2002

Showing solidarity with refugees

On Monday, Feb. 25 and Tuesday, Feb. 26 the Notre Dame/ University of South Bend Peace Coalition will be holding a camping on South Quad in solidarity with the Afghan refugees. Tents will be set up and in front of O’Shaughnessy Hall at 9 a.m. at which time a small group of protesters will pray vigil. Both camping and vigil will conclude with a mass by the tents Tuesday at 5 p.m., immediately followed by an authentic Afghan dinner in Pasquerilla East Hall. This event has been organized to raise campus and local awareness of the plight of people who have been displaced by conflict, if not ignored, often 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 camping stems from our desire, not only to highlight the dire situation of the refugees, but also to stress the inad- equacy of current solutions to the problems. Currently there are four million refugee women who have fled outside Afghanistan and more than 1.3 million displaced inside their homelands. However, one out of every ten refugees is a girl, and more than a million U.S.-led bombing 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 not that simple. Many obstacles must be crossed and new challenges faced before the refugees, whose existence is so vulnerable, can be effectively put to use. The war against the Taliban and Al Qaeda may be over, but for the refugees their true peace remains a distant dream. On this note, we would like to invite you to participate in our student-organized 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. Above all, we hope the refugees will remain in the minds, hearts and prayers of our entire community.

Megan Renner
NDSU/M pedestal
Feb. 24, 2002

But again, the University does not and should not be asked to lend its “official” endorsement to every event that takes place on its campus. To put it in broader terms: Notre Dame is by no means a pure democracy, but it’s also not a totalitarian state. For any kind of academic freedom to exist, there has to be a “public sphere” or “civil society” in which intellectual and cultural debate, and those who want the performance stopped — all have participated in the debate, and I’d venture to say that in the long run all have benefitted 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 any theatrical performances, films or other works of art, nor does the University as a whole, or “officially host” most of the speakers on various topics that departments and student groups bring to campus.

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Glenn Hendler
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acting director of the program in gender studies
Feb. 22, 2002
The cast of "The Vagina Monologues"; from left to right they are: (back row) Mary Becki Walter, Elizabeth Kinner, Megan Zolman, Katherine Boyle, Jenny Perry, Chris Manske, Crystal Prentice, Liz Bell, (front row) Nicole Tolin, Laura Kelly, Corinne Ang Horvath, (not pictured) Michaela Murray-Nolan, Molly McShane, Mary Beth Amsaasion.

By C. SPENCER BEGGS

Scene Editor

Vagina, vagina, vagina.

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 testimonies 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.

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The Notre Dame stage
and interviews the show's author, Eve Ensler

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 Aamussen's rendition of the different types of pleasurable moans 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 more discomfitting 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) 631-8128 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 BERCHOU AND PAUL CAMARATA
Spray Writers

St. Edward's Hall senior Derrick Bravo knew experience would play a significant role in his bout with junior Mike Pettit. Bravo's prediction came true as Pettit defeated a unanimous decision over his inexperienced foe.

Bravo combined his experience with a quick jab and powerful left hook to carefully pick apart Fedulka. Undaunted at bay for much of the fight, Bravo picked his spots with precision.

Lance Hendron, a junior from Las Vegas, gambled a bit in gaining a unanimous verdict over senior Jon Prilbas. Coming out hard in the first round, Hendron set the early pace then held on in the last rounds for a relatively easy win.

In other 125-pound action, Jason McMahen defeated Mark Bulyck when the referee brought the fight to an early end 1:05 into the third round.

135-pounds

In perhaps the most thrilling match of the afternoon, sophomore Luke Dilllon nipped Zahl Hall sophomore Luke Dillon in the narrowest of splits decisions.

After a stunning early-round knockdown, Dilllon's back this year looking to recapture the glory of his sophomore year. He looked home and hosed, Dillon, supported by a rowdy contingent of fellow Zahl residents, made a case to be co-captain home early again.

A fight that turned into a brutal slugfest, the opponents used aggressive strategies trying to win the decision. Fighting to win the decision, Campanelli, having the longer reach, dictated the pace much of the fight, coming fiercely at Dillon, who stood his ground to frustrate both fighters.

After making an impressive run to the final as a freshman last year, Tony Hallowell is back this year, intent on winning a title. Sunday afternoon he took his first step toward doing that, dominating Jon Flanigan in a unanimous decision.

Strongest in the second round, Hallowell battered the first-year boxer from Dillon before the referee stepped in to administer a standing 4-count. Flanigan earned the right to lock horns with Hallowell after notching a TKO victory over junior Chris Gascou.

Fumagalli will next tangle with fellow off-campus student, senior Rich Redina who earned a unanimous decision in his bout with junior Jarad Cusack.

145-pounds

O'Neil Hall freshman Sam Fuller Jr. might still be a bit dazed, but he'll live it.

After being knocked down— but not out—in the opening round of his match with sophomore Ryan Rodgers, Fulller lived to win a split decision with a fierce third-round flurry over Rogers.

Summoning the last of his energy, the younger fighter who had the win in the third.

Senior Jemal Tkinby, fighting with a severe reach disadvantage, overcame his short stature to stand tall in a unanimous decision over Sorin freshman Ryan Rothis.

Throwing a myriad of combinations, Boyle worked to exploit Rodgers' reach, a tactic that demonstrated an advantage he didn't have. In the second round, he was clipped but returned to his own side of the ring.

In battles of freshmen, Nathan Loehnazer outmatched Andy Callan in a split decision, while Andrew Harms bested Kenneth's Tum警's Tony.

Though Harms was impressive, he feels his best fights are ahead of him.

155-pounds

Brock Heckmann began his quest for a second consecutive Bengal Bouts title this Friday night by scoring a unanimous decision over senior Mike McCaffrey.

Throughout, Heckmann used a quick left jab and threw smooth right handers. With straight punches and fast footwork, he maintained tight control of the ring space against McCaffrey, and after the Henry fight began and kept working as if he was enough to defeat Paul Robinson in a unanimous decision in the preliminaries, but fell short against Heckmann. Against McCaffrey, Heckmann dictated the fight's tempo to gain the upper hand.

Wednesday night, he'll take on Chris Pettit, who used the same formula for success in both of his early round fights. Mixing an aggressive left hand with his ability to move in and out of space, Pettit won a unanimous decision in the opening round against Andy Baum. On Sunday, Pettit again utilized his style to win another unanimous decision over sophomore Julian Defoe.

A long and combative match, both fighters pushed and pressured a final decision over freshman Colin Krelling on Friday night, but against Pettit he could never establish a rhythm.

In the lower half of the 155-pound bracket, Siegfried sophomore John Nowak won two unanimous decisions over the weekend to advance to the semifinals. A sophomore in the second round, Nowak established a sturdy posture against junior Mike Pettit on Friday night, enabling him to keep his weight on his front foot. Nowak's third-round combinations clinched the victory, and he advanced to the semifinals on Sunday against freshman Jesse Shelle to advance to the semifinals.

After his preliminary opponent defaulted, Shallcross' third-year student Pat Baun advanced to the first ever Bengal Bout on Sunday. But Nowak left his guard down for three minutes during the fight, and will now face Pettit on Wednesday night. A junior from Dillon Hall, he advanced to the quarterfinals over sophomore Jason Voss for a split decision on Monday night.

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All five Notre Dame seniors swam on Saturday night and all five posted lifetime best times in their events, leaving a legacy for the underclassmen. "It will be hard to replace great swimmers like Jonathan Pierce, but we have a lot of youth in this team," said sophomore distance swimmer J.R. Teddy. "This was a growing experience for us."

According to Welsh, the only disappointments stemmed from place that they could not control but we have a lot of youth in this team. "It's frustrating not to see progress. But if you look at total points scored and how much the conference has improved, we've made a tremendous jump," said senior co-captain Mike Koss. "We got some great recruits coming in next year. I'm really excited for the guys. In the future, I think we can take second and even first."

Notre Dame finished with 290 points, but hoped to eventually conquer Pittsburgh, who won the conference championship with 807 points.

"Today was two days for our team," said Welsh. "It was a strong last day of this season, and a strong first day for next season."

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BIG EAST SWIMMING AND DIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Pierce finishes fourth, fails to qualify for NCAA games

By SHEILA EGTS

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Seven Irish swimmers lined the poolside with "Go Irish" painted instead of on team improvement for senior Jonathan Pierce as he swum in his entire life.

Pierce passed that group of seven a total of 66 times, tearing seven a total of 66 times, tearing back and forth through the water at a pace faster than he had swum 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 four short seconds shy of the NCAA qualifying time.

Pierce was a two-year champion in the 1,650-yard freestyle until Pittsburgh sophomore Eric Limkemann pushed him out of the title last year. He was positioned behind first place "the whole race, but he swam the first half too fast and could not maintain the pace. The growing gap between first and second became impossible to close."

In the last few laps, St. John's Michael Szapiel and Virginia Tech's Greg Kubovcik picked up the pace and pushed Pierce all the way back to fourth place.

"I saw them 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."

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. He saw memories of team support that pushed him to top his season off with the best swim of his career.

"I saw them the whole time standing there cheering and waving shirts for fifteen minutes," said Pierce. "I 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, who swam alongside Pierce in the 1,650-yard freestyle Saturday.

Pierce was especially close to his fellow distance swimmers, a close-knit group within the team. Pierce and the other distance swimmers printed shirts for the season that read "Welcome to the D-House," a name they give themselves as a cohesive unit.

"I've really enjoyed coming in as a freshman and having guys like Jonathan to train with," said fellow distance swimmer Matt Bertke. "By his actions and the way he swims, he has definitely been a leader."

Pierce will swim in his final meet next week at Rolfs Aquatic Center. Even with only one meet left in the season, Pierce is again focusing at the positive aspects of his college career.

"I love swimming, I love racing. I'm even a pretty big fan of practice at times," said Pierce. "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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BENGAL BOUTS 165 POUNDS - 170 POUNDS

Quarterfinal rounds produce no surprise victories

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

Matassa went into the fight with the strategy of controlling Myers and avoiding a brawl. Myers, who advanced to the quarterfinals by defeating Wyatt Shillitt, tried to set the pace of the fight by moving in close and working inside on Matassa with jabs and hooks. Matassa, a much more polished fighter, was able to answer any type of combination thrown by Myers and consistently punished him for opening up his guard inside.

"I heard that was his style [to bRAWL]," Matassa said. "I just tried to sit back, use my jab and make him pay.

Myers was able to land some shots, mostly to the body, but was never in control of the fight. He was outboxed by the far more experienced Matassa, who never let up on his pressure and continued to land shots throughout.

In the second round, Matassa took control of the fight, landing five and six clean shots at a time to the Myers head. The precision punching of Matassa resulted in standing 8 counts for Myers in both rounds two and three.

"My corner told me I was ahead after the second round, but that I still needed to watch out because he would keep coming after me," Matassa said. "He came out strong towards the end. I think my experience paid off, you know, this is my fourth year."

Coose did not dominate his fight to quite the extent of Matassa, but nevertheless turned in a solid performance in defeating MacRitchie. Coose was content to stay back and work the body in the first round, moving in and out and allowing MacRitchie to come at him with left jabs and right hooks. When the two stood toe to toe, both landed their shots, but Coose won most of the exchanges. In the second round he became more aggressive, standing toe to toe more often with MacRitchie. By the third round, Coose had broken the fight open, scoring a standing 8 and sealing the decision.

The closest fight in the division was between Mark Yost and Mathew Kloebacher. Yost defeated Will Holley in the preliminaries while Kloebacher bested David Cannon. Both fighters took a more conservative approach, especially early on, feeling each other out with jabs and crosses. After one close exchange in the first round, the referee issued a standing 8 count on Yost, although it appeared Yost simply slipped while backing away.

In the second round both fighters were able to negate each other's shots and score points. In the end, Yost landed a few more jabs and hooks to pull out a split decision victory.

The bout between Matt and Nick Nanovic was one of changing momentum. Seidler defeated Michael McDonald to advance to the quarterfinals. Nanovic, who advanced with a win over Patrick Mahn, was the taller and lankier of the two fighters, and took advantage of a longer reach early on.

After struggling in the first round, Seidler turned the tide in the second, getting inside more often, working the body with a good left hook. The third round was more of a brawl with very little defense on the part of either boxer. Seidler, the stronger of the two fighters, was able to negate the reach advantage of Nanovic and landed a punishing 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 four quarterfinal bouts in the 170-pound bracket were all one-sided contests where it was clear who the eventual winner would be by the end of the first round. Ryan Hernandez earned an unanimous decision win over Eric Barroso in a sloppy affair.

Maynes, who came after William Phillip with a strong jab that he used both to the head and body in the first round, Maynes chased Phillip around for much of the fight, capitalizing on an advantage in strength. Phillip 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 a win by unanimous decision.

Nanovic, who advanced with a win over Patrick McGarry, was moved out of control and got spun around on several occasions. Oliver exposed himself to counter opportunities to score points. In the end, Nanovic did the most damage. The fight never seemed to be in doubt, and with both boxers off balance and punching wildly.

"He was moving around a lot more than I expected," Hernandez said. "I had to try and cut down on the distance between us, since that's more of the type of fighter I am. I love a good brawl.

Barroso did somewhat better in the last two rounds avoiding the charge from Hernandez, but Hernandez was simply more athletic and overwhelmed Barroso when the two stood toe to toe. Barroso had advanced with a win over Patrick McGarry.

Another fighter with more of a brawling style was Domingo Maynes, who came after William Phillip with a strong jab that he used both to the head and body in the first round. Maynes chased Phillip around for much of the fight, capitalizing on an advantage in strength. Phillip 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 a win by unanimous decision.

Seidler defeated T.J. Starch to advance to the preliminaries, while Phillip won over Geoff Dennis. In much the same way, Evan Oliver realized early on in his bout with Matt Padilla that working inside was most effective. Oliver defeated Kraig Kottman, and Padilla came out on top over Nate Sheid on Friday. Oliver did a good job of moving his head and landing hooks, and Padilla was unable to capitalize anymore. Oliver exposed himself to counter punches. Padilla received a standing 8 count in the second round, and while he was never in major trouble, the fight was stopped in the third round because Padilla's corner could not stop him from bleeding. Oliver emerged with the TKO win.

Matt Krust employed a different strategy than his fellow winner in the 170-pound bracket, making Craig Oliver chase after him, and effectively countering with a strong jab to the head.

"Both guys had gotten tired in their last fight [preliminaries]," Krust said. "My corner told me to make sure to move around, throw my punches and get out of there. I knew he was a bigger fighter, I just had to move around, tire him out, and get my shots in.

Oliver often looked as if he were blindly throwing hooks and was especially hurt by Krust's countering style because he put his head down. He often seemed out of control and got spun around on several occasions. Oliver was knocked down and received a standing 8 in the second round, and the fight was eventually stopped in the third, giving Krust the win. Krust defeated Chris Milliron in the preliminaries, while Oliver beat Shaun Bevers.

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stroke events. Hecking won the 100 title for the fourth time in her career, and the 50 for the third.

Pettinger and Peterson guaranteed trips to Austin, Texas for the NCAA Championships with their 200-yard breaststroke, with Hecking finishing in 1:57.20 and Peterson following in 1:58.41, both automatic qualifying times. All three breaststrokes made the consideration times for NCAs in the 100-yard breaststroke and Hulick also made a consideration time in the 200-yard breaststroke.

Pettinger and Hecking traded the lead at 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. "She always does that. Especially Kristan and Danielle right behind me, and then I had to step it up.

Senior Alison Lloyd also earned a valuable trip to the conference event by finishing second in the 200-yard breaststroke in 2:25.60, just a second ahead of teammate Jill Hevner. Lloyd was second in the 100-yard breaststroke Friday, clipping Hevner by 1:07.43.

"At that point, I really wanted to overtake a different performance on the 1-meter board," Lloyd said. "To take home the runner-up position on the 3-meter board.

"Maryann could have been the worst of the two," Hevner said about Lloyd and Nixon, neither of whom fully tappered for the meet to focus more seriously on NCAA's. "They're pretty incrediby athletes, and neither of them likes to get beat. Even if they were run over with a truck in the parking lot before the meet, they'd still be upset about the meet.

"They had to make it the same as it was before Thursday night, when she won the 50-yard freestyle title. She snapped on her hugs, sucking the rubber stools on her eyes until they were precisely glued. She leaned over into the pool and splashed water on her arms and face. She shook out her legs one at a time, making sure she was limber and ready to race. When the routine she does before each race — and every race through the Big East Championships where she's won the event three times.

This time it's different.

Nixon stood behind lane five, her presence the second-place preliminary swim. As the defending title-holder and record holder in the event, second place isn't a place where Nixon is used to standing.

But at night, on the evening when she proved something to herself: in the sixth consecutive Big East Championship, in one of the last races of her senior season, the pool and the swimmer didn't matter. She could turn it around, she could win it back. She knew she'd take it, knowing it back, knew that it was different when she won.

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"It's hard being here knowing that I'm faster than that but I just can't do it," Nixon said, through a paper towel that was near her face. She was cheering for teammates during the three-day meet. "It's hard being at this meet and not doing as well as I wanted to do. But I know I can do well at NCAs. Now it's just calming myself down and telling myself I belong with these girls.

She may not walk away from this year's Big East Championships with the normal additions to her resume, and she may walk away a title short of her expectations. But she won't walk away bitter or angry. She may walk away disappointed, but she won't walk away discouraged.

And atop the medal stand Saturday night, from a descended step one level away from the winner, Nixon gave Van Rooijen one more hug, perhaps to express her gratulations for the athlete who took her crown.

It couldn't have been easy.

After sitting out from the championship race for a year for shoulder surgery and rehabilitation, Nixon came back wanting, for more time than she was given. Things had changed.

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Callahan begins quest for third title with prelim victory

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

The referee stopped the bout 46 seconds into the third round.

Concannon had a height advantage against Arnold but the off-campus senior moved inside on the taller fighter and threw a flurry of punches. "Everyone's fought pretty much has a reach advantage on me," Arnold said. "I just try to throw the lot and hopefully that keeps the jab away."

In the bottom half of the bracket, walk-on football player Matt Sarb abused Jim Christoforetti's midsection as he won a unanimous decision.

Christoforetti had a height advantage on Sarb but he charged right through Christoforetti's jabs and landed his punches.

"It's what I am more comfortable with because guys have a height advantage on me," Sarb said about his body blows. "I just get low and keep 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 against Kevin Brandi.

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.

At the bottom of the bracket, Kevin Brandi kept Eddy Vulin at bay for most of the bout with a combination of right and left crosses. Late in the third round, however, Brandi got tired and Vulin took advantage of some holes in his defenses and scored on a series of hard shots to Brandi's face. The late rally was not enough, however, as Brandi went on to win a unanimous decision.

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Joshua Kaakua slipped quick jabs and combinations into the midsection of Joe Boncettini to win his fight.

Although Kaakua is a first-time fighter, he has a controlled, mature style that doesn't fit with his inexperience. He is a new fighter 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 not to throw too many hooks."

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 challenge of Kevin Berry to score two standing-8 counts with a good jab in the first round.

After a series of jabs and counterattacks for a second time in the first round, the referee stopped the bout 1:28 into the second round.

"I thought I did pretty good," Campbell said. "I just tried to keep my punches straight so I could reach a little more." Campbell controlled the fight on Eli Nelson went the full three rounds with John Hinckman before scoring a unanimous decision win.

The taller Hinckman charged Nelson several times but Nelson scored points off quick jabs while Hinckman's punching punches didn't score any points.

"You kind of have to move off those punches first," Campbell said. "Nelson, who is the shortest heavyweight. You don't want to get blocked on. If both throw jabs at the same time, his is going to reach me first."

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Irish come back from halftime deficit for 86-66 victory

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For a while Saturday afternoon at the Joyce Center, it looked like the Hoyas were going to give the Irish a challenge — then Notre Dame head coach Muffet McGraw took her team into the locker room.

The Hoyas held a 38-37 lead heading into halftime, but McGraw found her team with a pep talk that resulted in a 49-point second-half output and an 86-66 victory for the Irish.

The win is the ninth in a row for No. 22 Notre Dame, which owns a 19-7 overall and 13-2 Big East record.

"Coach McGraw said we needed to work on our zone a lot more," said freshman guard Allison Stroman, who contributed 14 points off the bench for the Irish. "She gave us a little bit of 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 forward Devereaux Peters, who has stepped up as Notre Dame's go-to player in the games since former Big East all-star Jacqueline Batiste went down with a knee injury. Batiste has missed the Irish with 24 points, 20 in the second half. Batiste pushed her total career points to 1,301, moving her to 10th place on Notre Dame's all-time scoring list. Freshman forward Katy Flecky, starting in Batiste's place, added 14 points and seven rebounds in 38 minutes while senior Ericka Haney put out another solid performance with 13 points in 22 minutes.

Sophomore point guard Le'Tania Severe played 37 minutes, scoring seven points while dishing out eight assists and grabbing three rebounds.

"We're really looking for different things with Jackie [Batiste] out and it's going to make us that much better when she comes back," McGraw told the Associated Press after the game.

One of the keys Saturday was getting the ball to Bystomante with Batiste on the floor. When the freshman, who was scoreless in Notre Dame's last two games, saw that Georgetown played a zone defense, she knew she had a chance to have a good game.

"Whenever any team plays the zone, my eyes widen," Bystomante said. "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 shot100% around.

It was Notre Dame's third win in a row without Batiste, 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 all of us to come together and find a rhythm playing with each other," Bystomante said. "I think we've actually started to do that, somehow. I still don't think we've really gelled perfectly together yet. But there's still a little bit more of the season left for that to happen.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

BELLES FINISH STRONG FOR FIFTH PLACE IN MIAA TOURNAMENTS

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Amidst the confusion of choreography dances, men laden with construction gear and a bagpiper, the Belles simply made their choice:

"Everyone's working really hard this year," said senior guard Lexee Ratay, who finished with 12 points and seven rebounds in 38 minutes while senior Ericka Haney put out another solid performance with 13 points in 22 minutes.

However, that 30-point difference was the kind of thing that began the season 2-4. "I think we didn't get off to as strong a start as we needed to," said team captain Katy Flecky, who had their highest second day of one and two of MIAA Tournament competition, the Belles had eight top-12 finishers and four who finished in the top six on day three. "We knew that we 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 in try and stay ahead of us.

"Getting fifth was a huge statement for us," added junior co-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 the 1-4 finish they had a career best of 2:35.79. And teammate Michelle Stanforth watched, both Severe and Confidence in the 200-yard breaststroke and the 200-yard butterfly. In addition, six women take their "I was just really focused and happy with her 10th place finish in the 100-yard breaststroke, Smith finished sixth in the 100-yard backstroke, Smith finished sixth in the 100-yard breaststroke and the 200-yard butterfly. In addi-

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

"I think a few more divers and 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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SMC SWIMMING

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EARTH HAVE ALL AFTER-MONDAY, February 25, 2002

 Horoscope

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: George Harrison, Sally Jessy Farnsworth, Sean Astin, Linda McQueen. Happy Birthday! You will be created in your approach to work this year. You will come into some interesting offers from those who respect your ideas and will insist on your presence in your plans, which will influence your future and that will help you get ahead with financial investments. You'll likely inherit property or possessions. Your numbers are 13, 16, 23, 27, 36.

APRIL - 23-APRIL 19 You will be in a creative mood today. Living aggressively in your actions will result in getting what you want, when you want it. You will be lucky in your pursuits.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You control what you wish for. You may not get the response expected if you are trying to coerce family members or employers to do something. Be careful not to let your emotions cloud your judgment. Your numbers are 02, 13, 25, 37.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You'll feel like stepping into the spotlight. Your insights will hold the attention of those you speak with. Take the initiative and mix something that will raise your profile and bring you accolades.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Put your money in the bank, and you will come into secret inheritance this year. You will come into secret inheritance this year. You will come into secret inheritance this year. You will come into secret inheritance this year. You will come into secret inheritance this year. You will come into secret inheritance this year. You will come into secret inheritance this year. You will come into secret inheritance this year. You will come into secret inheritance this year. You will come into secret inheritance this year. You will come into secret inheritance this year.

LEO's birthday is July 23. You may want to think before you act. You may have to dig deep in order to find out exactly what's going on today. If someone isn't giving you the information you need, don't hesitate to go elsewhere or badger them. Your number is 09.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You will have a lot on your mind. Your intuition will lead you in the right direction. Your desire to learn will probably lead you to your local library.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Be careful not to let your emotions take over today. You could easily sway the wrong impression. Focus in listening, learning and observing. Your number is 06.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You're in the mood to take a trip. Visit your travel agent to book through your most recent travel plans. Your greatest desires may be to travel across the country or around the world. Your number is 00.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your need will be for some money guarantees. Don't hesitate to make changes to your personal investments. Link it with today especially when real estate, wineries and taking care of other people's money are concerned.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your nebulous nature and your need to experience all sorts of unusual activities may lead you to enjoy exotic travel with people you don't know closely. You may feel attracted to being adventurous and as much to being alone. Your number is 00.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Focus on your future direction. You could make some changes if you are bound with your present work situation. This is a great time to get that job interview or put some effort into self-improvement. Your number is 00.

You are in a mood to have a lot of fun today. You will likely inherit property or possessions. Your numbers are 13, 16, 23, 27, 36.

TOM KEELEY

FOXTROT

STEFANIE SHEY, WHERE ON EARTH HAVE YOU BEEN ALL AFTER-MONDAY?

KEEP GOGGIN', LUGG'S PIZZA, GUITAR LAND, AND THEN HANG OUT AT COFFEE WANKER.

A BIT OF ADVISE: SENTENCES DON'T END WITH COMMAS.

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BIL AMEND

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Irish dominate in title win

• Notre Dame collects its sixth consecutive Big East Championship

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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 unlaced his shoes, knowing he'd inevitably end up getting thrown into the pool by his exuberant swimmers.

Saturday, the Irish proved they had winning down to a concise 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-plus point 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.

The standout of the weekend was the backstroke trio of senior Kelly Flecking, freshman Chris Thomas tied his career-high with 18 points.

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

Irish upset No. 13 Hurricanes for 90-77 win

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No matter how close No. 13 Miami pulled to Notre Dame, the Irish made sure the Hurricanes never had a chance to take over the game.

Chris Thomas tied his career-high with 32 points and Torrian Jones scored a career-high 17 points as Notre Dame knocked off Miami, 90-77.

"When a team makes a run on us, we don’t sit back," Jones said. "We kept attacking no matter what kind of run they went on and focused on playing our game and kept them from getting back in, their defense and stopping us."

Notre Dame’s three perimeter players — Jones, Thomas and David Graves — combined for 62 of Notre Dame’s 90 points and frustrated the Hurricanes on defense. Whenever the Irish forced a turnover, it seemed as if Thomas was throwing a long pass for an easy fast-break layup.

Thomas connected on 6-of-12 3-pointers and finished a perfect 11-for-12 from the free-throw line. He also added 12 assists.

Graves had trouble getting open in the first half, but he shot 4-for-5 from 3-point range in the second half and finished with 18 points.

"They were shocked to see us going up and down the court that fast," Thomas said. "Coach said that teams watch it on tape, but they really don’t know how fast we get up and down the court until they see us in person."

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Meanwhile, Notre Dame improved to 11-4 on the road this season and earned their third win this season over a ranked team. At 19-8 overall and 9-5 in the Big East, the Irish have won six of their last eight games and are tied with Syracuse for second place in the West Division.

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