Former peer advocates speak against ResLife

By JASON McFARLEY
News Editor

Six months ago, answers to Nikki DePersis and Susan Wong's questions for Residence Life and Housing officials were just a walk to Main Building, a smile and a wave away.

As vice presidents of peer advocacy, a student-run service that operates under the Judicial Council for Notre Dame undergraduate students, DePersis and Wong interacted often and freely with administrators about cases and strays from its own rules governing discipline and denies students fair hearings.

"The last time we went into that ResLife office, it was the most unwelcome feeling," Wong said of an early-February meeting there.

The hostility stemmed, according to the students, from a case of alleged sexual assault in October. Even after leaving their positions, the women said confidentiality barred them from releasing names and discussing details of the case.

The description of the case, however, as well as ResLife and court records obtained by The Observer indicate that the case involves former student Ryan Houdley.

A female Notre Dame junior in September accused Houdley of fondling her at Houdley's Turtle Creek apartment following a night of drinking. Days after the alleged assault, she filed a report with South Bend police, who found no probable cause to pursue criminal charges.

She filed a claim with ResLife in late-September. Wong admitted that she served as peer advocate for a man accused of a sex crime in early-October. Houdley's hearing was Out, 4.

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**INSIDE COLUMN**

**Bring it on!**

After seven and a half weeks of pressure-written papers, mind-numbing lectures, unpredictably unpredictable assistants, and an average of five hours of sleep a night, spring break craziness may commence.

Well, not quite yet for those unlucky souls who still have that supposed scheduled pop quiz or conventionally scheduled paper due on Friday. However, a sizable portion of students is joyously clamoring for the debauchery and coincidental-ly seemingly unforgettable and unmemorable times that can be synonymous with spring break. Oh bring it on! Well, this is the response for most as they head for sunny destinations, but for me not so much as I will be headed for sweet home Chicago.

Somewhere spring break goes hand in hand with the college experience despite the fact that it is in no way related to anything academic — maybe this is a good thing from the beginning of the school year, spring break plans are the topic of discussion and with each intricate detail — well, really there are only a handful of details that are essentially important such as being pointed in the right direction and having a place to launch from your hotel room to the closest source of beverages or ensuring that the hotel has easily distinguishable signs to lead you back — there exists the general assumption that this will be the best spring break extra-ordinarily exclusion you from the ghost story fun time!

Spring break is an integral part of a college student's life, and without it, I doubt that several of us would be seriously alive. I know I can only take so many early nights where there seems to be no light at the end of the homework tunnel, and endless hours in my ninth floor hovel of the Heshburg Library (it has a lovely view of the Dome). Most of the people whom I know are being dragged down by the day-to-day drudgery to classrooms and literally by the recent slippery path-ways that seem to knock even the most sta-bile walker, along with the almost-minded victims who are still mostly managing the little snowy incline to the parking lot on their bums. Not to mention the vacillating weather that can't commit to snow or sunshine — I know that I am getting tired of checking each day to determine if it's a saturday or long underwear day — adds to the mounting frustration. Without spring break there possibly would be no reason to struggle through the bitter cold or for that fact any incentive to get up for class, open the books and make it through the semester at all thanks to the opposite sex (hmm ... sweet, sweet loving) — making it through the semester at all after years of exhausting assignments in order to build up the reserves for the second half of the semester; however, for a period of recuperation from their vacation as they seemingly defy their own expectations.

Without spring break just imagine the general level of aggravation that would result. After observing my friends, I have realized that spring break will provide a much-needed break from not only school but from possible tensions with friends and, of course, frustrations with members of the opposite sex (hmm ... sweet, sweet loving) for most of them. There are only so many times that the future roommates will willingly welcome the door-knocking or barging in, and you know that you particularly feel loved when they conveniently exclude you from the ghost story fun time! My board currently has the countdown to two days and I cannot wait for the fun times to begin! Please contact Meghanne Douanes at mduanes@umich.edu.

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**THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS**

**Thursday**
- **Lecture:** "The International Mission of Holy Cross," Tom Smith and David Schlaiber, Room C-103
- **Conference:** "Assessing the Theological Legacy of John Howard Yoder," McKenna Hall, all day.

**Friday**
- **Lecture:** "There's Something About Mary," Kileen Hunt, Room 120
- **Appearance:** "Behind Closed Eyes," Room C-100

**Saturday**
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**Sunday**
- **Lecture:** "Mask and Figures, Form and Style," The Chestmen Family
- **Appearance:** "Collects African Art," Site Museum of Art, all day.

**BEYOND CAMPUS**

U. Mass RA's vote to form first undergraduate union

UMHERST, Mass. Resident assistants and community development assistants at University of Massachusetts-Amherst voted 138-85 to form the first undergraduate labor union in the country. The University has seven days to challenge the results of the election. We're disappointed at the result. I think the vote showed that a lot of people are not in favor of a union. It's an important number," said Javier Cevallos, vice chancellor for Student Affairs. "We'll take a few days to assess the situation and think about it and then we'll decide what the next steps are going to be.

The Massachusetts Labor Commission reported there had been no objections filed as of press time. Elections specialist Shirley DeMarco-Siliciano explained 12 ballots were challenged during the election.

"All of the graduate students vote were challenged by the employer," DeMarco-Siliciano said. "Even if all of them went toward the "no-union" side, the result would not have been affect-
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"We're very excited, and we feel as though that the RAs have spoken that they want a union once again like they did when they signed the original petition," said Tim Scott, a union organizer. "We look forward to getting down and having RAs bargain a good contract to improve their working conditions."

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**SWARTHMORE COLLEGE**

Aid for drug offenders will be covered

The Board of Managers has approved a policy mandating that Swarthmore College replace financial aid the federal government denies to students with drug convictions beginning next year. "Students who have been convicted of drug offenses are not eligible to receive federal student aid," because of a law passed in 1998 that will go into effect for the next academic year, said financial aid Laura Talibao said. Replacing money denied to students with drug convic-tions "is consistent with stands we have taken in the past," President Al Bloom said. "I believe that the decision to retain registration for students' rights to act con-science," said Maurie Elridge, vice president for college and community relations. However, he added, "It is bad policy to use federal funds intended to expand access to higher education as a means of enforcing drug laws." The decision to replace this aid prompted a change in admissions policy. Swarthmore Phoenix

**HARVARD UNIVERSITY**

Controversy surrounds publication

Editors of the Harvard Business Review have demanded the resignation of its board, alleging an affair she carried on with one of her sources has compromised the integrity of the publication. The letters, written in recent weeks by four editors, called for the resignation of editor Suzy Wetlaufer after she asked the magazine in late December to pull an article she had written on former General Electric Chair Jack Welch. The article, scheduled to appear in the Review's February issue, was an interview with Welch — with whom Wetlaufer admitted to having an affair. Wetlaufer told The Wall Street Journal, which broke the story on Monday, that she asked for the article to be canceled because she felt she "had become too close to [Mr. Welch]" and that their relationship might call into question the objectivity of both her article and herself and the Review as a whole. Wetlaufer said in a prepared state-ment to the Journal that she became romantically involved with Welch "seven weeks after [the interview] was written." Harvard Crimson

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Nearly five months after he was scheduled to speak at the Kellogg Institute on American foreign policy challenges, Lee Hamilton, director of the Woodrow Wilson International Center and a former U.S. Congressman, finally made it to Notre Dame.

Hamilton was on a plane in Reagan Airport on Sept. 11 on his way to Notre Dame when he was told to evacuate as he saw the Pentagon burst into flames in the distance.

Wednesday night, Hamilton talked about America's primary foreign policy challenge—terrorism—in a lecture audience that included Father Theodore Hesburgh and South Bend Mayor Steve Luke.

" Terrorism has become the axis of American foreign policy," said Hamilton. He noted that before September, the average American did not give much thought to the threats of terrorism, but today the news is dominated by the ongoing war on terrorism.

The media and government have claimed that the first phase of the war, the rundown of al-Qaeda fighters, is successfully completed. But Hamilton was dubious of how we define success when only a couple hundred fighters have been captured and tens of thousands of fighters were known to exist.

"The CIA says al-Qaeda is the No. 1 threat to [American] safety. So where do we go now?" said Hamilton. "The trail leads you [to] focus on al-Qaeda."

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The United States is not solely focusing on Afghanistan. Many believe America will turn to Iraq next. Hamilton addressed the possible idea of invading Iraq. He described the plan as one that America would win, but would need justification to tie Saddam Hussein to Sept. 11.

However, no such evidence currently publicly exists and America would probably have to justify invasion by Iraq's violation of United Nations regulations of weapons of mass destruction.

"What do you do when you win? We haven't given that much thought," Hamilton said. He agreed with President Bush's comment that the most important aspects of war on terrorism are nonmilitary. Certain "tools of peace" like loans, aid, financing and law enforcement are important in rebuilding Afghanistan.

"There is a moral and national security call to rebuild Afghanistan," said Hamilton. Hamilton believes that the U.S. must provide security, help form a new government, and provide aid and reconstruction to Afghanistan.

Panelists asked questions about the future cohesion of the coalition the U.S. formed of nearly 160 nations. Hamilton said that if America pursued an invasion of Iraq, the alliance would probably have some fractures but would continue to exist as long as a few key states still supported the U.S.

Another audience member was concerned with the label the U.S. receives as "masters of injustice." Hamilton was equally concerned and responded by saying, "America is not at guilt explaining our values, which is ironic when we are such great advertisers."

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Worker House over Christmas break. Because of the success of her project, Rich, the first applicant, was given funds for future Greatness Grant recipients.

"She had a great project idea," said Harris. "She convinced the committee that she would do the work and be of great service to that Houston community.

At the Catholic Worker House, Rich resided in Casa Juan Diego, which houses refugees and immigrants from Latin America. Rich said the Greatness Grant could give students the chance to have more non- Notre Dame service opportunities.

"Anything that Notre Dame takes the initiative to give students the opportunity to be with communities that are under the control of the Notre Dame community, it's really beneficial for the student and for the community that the student is being part of," Rich said.

Rich, who wants to continue doing volunteer work after graduation, said the service project was a chance for her to utilize Notre Dame resources in a project tailored to fit her ideas.

"Just a generous thing to be given funding for something like this," said Rich. "They made it easy for me and just trusted me to do something good with it."

The concept for the grant was conceived during the last academic year under the leadership of former student body President Brooke Norton, who then was the Vice President. "We're so proud of everything that students already do as far as social concerns go, but we wanted to be able to give students a grant that could allow them to use their imagination and really develop something they were extremely passionate about," said Norton.

Most of the Notre Dame service programs are conducted through the Center for Social Concerns, which helps about 80 percent of the student body find ways to do service work. Also, every year, at least 10 percent of graduating seniors choose to volunteer for a year or more immediately after they leave Notre Dame.

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St. Joseph's University sponsors a lot of projects outside of the purview of the student's intended project with Notre Dame. Students can obtain applications for the Greatness Grant in 203 Lafortune on the maximum Student Resource Center (the "Max"). The applications require an introduction letter, a plan, and a detailed budget. The committee has received every request for funding on a rolling application basis.

Harris stressed that the committee wants independent projects outside of the purview of other Notre Dame experiences to promote new service activities and to encourage students to continue the tradition of Notre Dame, but in an innovative way.

"Notre Dame sponsors a lot of service. Unfortunately, Notre Dame can't be everywhere," said Harris. "What the Greatness Grant attempts to do is fill that gap a little bit."

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AFGHANISTAN
U.S., allies deploy more troops

Associated Press

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Fierce fighting raged for a fifth day as the United Nations deployed hundreds of reinforcements Wednesday and gathered 5,000 Afghan troops for an offensive aimed at finishing off al-Qaida.

The U.S.-led coalition mounted punishing, round-the-clock airstrikes above the rugged terrain in eastern Afghanistan and some U.S. officers predicted the operation could be wrapped up in days.

In Kabul, U.S. peacekeepers — two Germans and three Danes — were killed in an explosion while trying to defuse anti-aircraft missiles. The Pentagon said opposition fighters were still putting up stiff resistance after five days of battle, some of it above 10,000 feet in snow-covered mountains. At night, jets and bombers hit targets, more attack helicopters were called in to boost the firepower in the largest U.S.-led offensive of the 5-month-old war.

U.S. estimates of enemy strength appeared to have been low going into the offensive. Initially, said mission commander Maj. Gen. Frank L. Haguebeck, estimates put opposition strength at 150 to 200 fighters. Subsequently, U.S. officers revised those numbers to "the neighborhood of 600 to 700 enemy."

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said he asked about discrepancies Wednesday and said accurate predictions were impossible given the intelligence information, but it is not possible to have a good count," Rumsfeld said.

A local Afghan commander, who goes by the single name Isatullah, said U.S. forces received enemy estimates from an Afghan military leader from a different region.

A wish is thinking of getting their intelligence from a commander who was not even from this area?" asked Isatullah, another Afghan commander.

U.S. forces were working with Zia Lodin, an Afghan commander from Logar Province to the north of Paktia Province, where the battle is under way. Lodin had 450 Afghan fighters when the mission began.

The al-Qaida and Taliban forces are armed mainly with mortars, cannons, rocket-propelled grenades, shoulder-fired anti-aircraft missiles and AK-47 automatic rifles.

Maj. Bryan Hillery, spokesman for the 10th Mountain Division at Bagram, said Thursday that coalition forces were progressively destroying the enemy equipment, and had killed 100 fighters alone on Wednesday.

The commander of the operation, code-named Operation Anaconda, said Wednesday that U.S.-led troops had the upper hand after killing hundreds of fighters — about half the al-Qaida members holed up in the hills around the village of Shah-e-Kot. U.S. troops were searching their cave hide-outs.

"We've got the dominant terrain in the area," Hagenbeck told reporters Wednesday at Bagram air base north of the capital, Kabul. "We truly have the momentum at this point."

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moment, we have several pressing issues on our agenda.

Senators Paul Conway and John Robinson were appointee to a committee to rewrite Senate bylaws and determine new election procedures.

In other senate news:

• Rhonda Brown, director of the newly created Office of Institutional Equity, discussed awareness and diversity. Brown said her office would be concerned with raising the number of female and minority professors.

Faculty are vested entities in this process," Brown said. "With a weak faculty, you have a weak institution. With a strong faculty, you have a strong institution."

Coordinator of the Senate Office would begin playing an active role next fall in faculty searches and hiring interviews.

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STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARDS
Request for Nominations

We are requesting nominations for the Student Leadership Awards. These awards are given to the ten undergraduate students who best exemplify the spirit of Notre Dame in social, recreational, residential, service, and religious activities that promote the welfare of the University and extended communities.

Selection of the recipients of these awards is based on outstanding service on or off campus through participation in voluntary and/or (s)elected co-curricular activities with an emphasis on quality of participation.

We ask your assistance in identifying students deserving of such recognition. A student may nominate another student, but no self-nominations will be accepted. If you wish to nominate a student, please provide the following information:

1) The name of person doing the nominating and their relationship to the nominee.
2) The name and year in school of the nominee.
3) All major activities, number of years involved, and leadership positions held while at Notre Dame, both on and off campus, and the year of participation. For example, Class Council hall representative, 2, Red Cross cell leader, 3, Biology Club faculty advisor, 1, age 1, etc. Also include any awards and honors received.
4) Exposure not only on the leadership positions held, but more important, on the student’s quality of the involvement. Be explicit in explaining the student’s contributions and not just describing and listing leadership position(s) held.

PLEASE RETURN ALL NOMINATIONS TO WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2002 TO:

Awards Selection Committee
315 Lafortune Student Center
University of Notre Dame
Notre Dame, IN 46556

For more information on the nomination process, please contact Karen Alkema in the Student Activities Office at 631-7308.
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under Sharon's predeces­sor.
The burly Israeli leader has pursued the policies he pledged at his inaugura­tion last March 7: tough military action and a pro­hibition on any peace negotiations until the Palestinian uprising ceas­es.
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Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon speaks Wednesday at the Tarkumia checkpoint 3 miles south of Jerusalem. A year after he took office, Sharon's popularity is in free-fall due to his failure to establish peace.

**Sharon: Military to step up campaign**

Associated Press

JERUSALEM

As Ariel Sharon complet­ed his first year in power Wednesday, he banged his fist on a podium and told soldiers a stepped-up mili­tary campaign would be waged until "the other side understands it can't achieve anything through terror."

Israelis elected Sharon in the hope he could guaran­tee their security. But today, the Mideast is enduring one of its worst spasms of violence in 17 months of fighting, with Israelis being killed in higher numbers than under Sharon's predeces­sor.

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Hearing panel members appeared to disagree, however, and determined that Holaday violated the University's sexual misconduct policy. Holaday and permanently banned him from campus. That appeal, he said, followed next was a dra-

matic chain of events that drove the development of the court order concluded with ResLife and to vacate their positions.

It began with Holaday filing a Nov. 28 lawsuit in St. Joseph County Circuit Court. Holaday alleged a preliminary injunction to lift the Wexford, Pa., native's two-year suspension. He asked the judge to grant a temporary restraining order to bar Wexford from returning to campus and

the punishment. DePersis and Wong as well as President Tim Jarotkiewicz. DePersis and Wong believe the school made mistakes - sexual assault, parietals violations, drug use and possession of false identification. They remain close friends with at least one ResLife official. It's intact. They claimed that Hoadley wasn't the only one. The court appeared marked the first time University officials shared their side of the story. DePersis and Wong, the former advocates, said.

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Sexual orientation forum draws small crowd

By JILL MAXBAUER
News Writer

Organizers who hoped a forum about sexual orientation would attract a large audience were disappointed only seven people attended Wednesday night's discussion.

In August, organizers expected this forum, the seventh in the Understanding and Embracing Our Sexuality series, to have the highest attendance, simply because there is so much tension regarding sexual orientation on Saint Mary's Campus. The low numbers were disappointing only seven people attended Wednesday night's discussion. The forum began with the planning team and student attendees alike.

"It's unfortunate that the talk was offered from an educational stance, including religious views which are often misconstrued, and only seven people chose to come," said Alexandria Willie. The forum began with the planning team and student attendees alike.

"It's important to be open when looking at the challenge of our sexuality," organizer Candace Reilly said. Regina Hall Director Carly Guerra added, "It's something that needs to be talked about, especially at Saint Mary's." The planning team had the students list words or phrases that came to mind when given certain characteristics, both when addressing one's self and addressing it in others. The first term was "brown eyes," and as the exercise progressed, students were asked to comment on gays, lesbians, bisexuals, non-Christian and heterosexual.

"There is such a thing as heterosexual privilege," Mary Crawford, student organizer.

When heterosexual was mentioned, students said the term was "the norm," and commented on how heterosexuals take their sexuality for granted.

"There is such a thing as heterosexual privilege," student organizer Mary Crawford said. "If a heterosexual couple holds hands in public, it is not looked down upon. But if a homosexual couple were to do that, people would comment."

Those in attendance agreed with this idea. "It's important that heterosexuals acknowledge the privilege and use that privilege to address issues that affect the minorities," senior Kelly Komenda said.

Father Joe Carey took this opportunity to discuss homophobia. Taken from the document "Homosexuality: Catholic Teaching and Pastoral Practice," Carey said, "Homophobia is a prejudice comparable to racism and anti-Semitism."

Students present did admit that there is strong homophobia on the College's campus. "As women who have been given the opportunity to receive an education, I think we need to take the initiative to influence public perception and realize this is truly a social justice issue," said student organizer Bonnie Arends. "In particular, this is an issue that we have the ability to impact deeply."

Another issue that was debated was the question of whether or not sexual orientation is in fact a genetic predisposition or a personal choice. Judy Fee, director of Campus Ministry, explained that the Church sees sexual orientation as something we are born with. But those in attendance also admitted that sexual practice is a choice and that some women choose to be involved in a homosexual relationship because of things that have happened with men in the past. Carey also passed out the document "Always Our Children: A Statement of the Bishops' Committee on Marriage and the Family." Using this document, the group was given the Catholic perspective on homosexuality. It explains that while the Church does not identify homosexual orientation as sinful, acting on and participating in homosexual activity is "The teachings of the Church make it clear that the fundamental human rights of homosexual persons must be defended and all of us must strive to eliminate any forms of injustice, oppression, or violence against them," Carey read from the pamphlet. "Homosexual persons must be accepted with respect, compassion and sensitivity."

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Ireland's pick-up techniques don't live up to its pubs

So, as we all know by now, I'm living in Ireland this semester. Ah, Ireland, land of love. All right, so maybe that's not the first thing you think of when you think of Ireland. You probably think more along the lines of "land of beer" or "land of Notre Dame," but it certainly most everything. I think there is something like three pubs for each inhabitant of this island and four for each tourist. They have so many pubs here that they actually disassemble and export real Irish pubs to rich mopes who reassemble them in America. You'd think they could open a pub modeled after an Irish pub, but not even that. They take real Irish pubs, so they import them.

Inside our Irish pubs, though, it is a land of love. All right, that's not true either. It's more like a "land of crushed and burned attempts at love." I think the major reason for this is that the guys here use some of the strangest and least effective pick-up techniques that I've ever seen or heard. So, as a service to you, my "other Irish" readers, I thought I'd give you a rundown of things not to do to pick up girls in an Irish pub. (I'm fairly sure these all hold true for American bars too.)

Do not nudge girls with your elbow when you think they are being funny. If you are being funny, she'll know. If you aren't being funny, you're just nudging a girl with your elbow a lot. On that note, if you're the only one laughing at your jokes, you might want to consider the possibility that you might not be funny. If your friends aren't even laughing to help you out, you're probably in pretty bad shape. Do not ask about scars, acne, deformations, missing limbs, handicaps, harelips, clubfeet, plastic surgery, Siamese twins or any other personal or physical matter. It doesn't matter. Furthermore, you should never carry a conversation to the point that she says, "It's more of your business and I don't want to talk about it anymore." It's difficult to segue successfully from that into, "De you want to come back to my place?"

Do not attempt to say the girl's name backwards. It's rarely impressive, even when you are both drunk. Do not comment on how little she is drinking or how much. You may be pretending that she should relax and have a good time, but she's thinking you are trying to get her drunk. Also, repeated emphasis on "You're alone?" makes you sound like a potential rapist or stalker. Very few girls find that attractive.

Try not to criticize her personality — that's really more of a married thing. In fact, if you can't think of something to say that isn't somehow negative, it's better not to say anything. While girls do seem to go for jerks, they like to pretend at first that the jerk is picking up a good guy. You don't want to ruin that illusion.

If she's trying to see around you, leaning into her view probably won't cause her to suddenly realize that you are obviously the most interesting thing in the room.

Do not joke her stomach. It's weird. Don't grab her shirt to read the logo on her chest. It's creepy and if she knows karate, you'll probably get dropped before you finish reading. Also, grabbing a girl's butt is almost never a good way to introduce yourself. Do not talk about her to your friend when she's actually present. Drunk does not equal deal. Furthermore, if your friends are currently studying the universal sign for "Dude, you're excessively drunk, making a complete idiot out of yourself," try not to interpret it as "Boy, are you cool."

Don't hit on girls 10 years younger than you. If you are a student and this is your first time, please feel free to laugh at your jokes, you might want to make your second question, "Do you ride tractors?"

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When the United States responded through military means to the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center, the debate opened up in Catholic circles and wider society concerning the justifiability of an armed reprisal. Given the renewed airing of the controversy on the mountains of eastern Afghanistan the last three days, this debate is likely to continue.

The issue of whether and in what way to draw upon humanitarian aid and power exercised by states is an issue upon which Catholics and others will continue to deliberate on the matter. However, from a Catholic perspective, military and other actions by states do not exhaust the possible avenues of response.

Catholic teaching has long emphasized what an action for the "common good" associations or institutions. These include everything from the Girl Scouts to universities to churches, particularly on the parish level. Pius XII wrote that such intermediate groups are the "essential cells which secure men's freedom." Paul VI concurred, saying, "There is an urgent need to remain at the level of the street, of the neighborhood, as there is the need for "different forms of associations, recreational centers and spiritual and community gatherings." John Paul II himself calls for "a wide range of intermediate bodies with economic, social and cultural purposes." What might he exemplars of this intermediate form of state building? How can we respond to Sept. 11 in a way that goes beyond the display of the American flag? (I have one in my win­ dow at home.) Two associations are worth mentioning: the Community of Sant’Egidio and Catholic Relief Services.

The Community of Sant’Egidio is a Catholic lay association that began in Rome in 1968. It now has more than 40,000 members in 60 countries. Joined by a life of prayer and an ecumenical outlook, the community works on behalf of the poor with peace-building. In their words, "Friendship with poor people led Sant’Egidio to understand better that war is the number of poverty. In this way, love for poor people in many situations became work for peace, protecting it whenever it is jeopardized and, helping to rebuild, facilitating dialogue where it has been lost." Members of the Community of Sant’Egidio have not only provided humanitarian relief to war-torn countries but have also served as mediators in, for instance, Mozambique and Guatemala when the opposing parties would otherwise not have come together. Catholic Relief Services, a relief and development agency of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops since 1943, presently serves 100 coun­ tries and territories. It has also recently undertaken the holistic role of fos­

tering peacebuilding in the form of: 1) education, training and workshops; 2) prevention and early warning; 3) peace and justice commissions; 4) inter-religious dialogue; 5) citizen diplomacy; 6) mediation; and 7) trauma healing and psychosocial work; and 8) post-conflict reconstruction as well as economic relief and development.

The CIS "guiding principles" are explicitly informed by Catholic social teaching and include the statement, "We believe that the development of economic, social, political, material, spiritual and cultural conditions are necessary for all people to flourish and reach their full human potential and we accept our responsibility to pro­ mote the common good of the larger society.

Intermediate groups like these two not only separate the war with violence. Catholic teaching does not suggest that they, by themselves, are fully adequate as a response to terrorism. It does, however, suggest that there are a variety of contributing factors to vio­ lence. The Second Vatican Council states, "If peace is to be established, the primary requisite is to eradicate the causes of dissension among men. Wars (it) live on, these, especially on injustice." Paul VI warns without advocating, "When whole populations desist from necessities live in a state of depen­ dence barring them from all initiative and responsibility and all opportunities to share in social and political life, economic warfare, as a means to right these wrongs to human dignity, is a grave temptation."
In "We Were Soldiers," writer-director Randall Wallace attempts to tell a Vietnam story that he and authors Hal Moore and Joseph Galloway argue has been largely ignored. It is not the story of merely one battle. It is the story of a Vietnam most people can only recognize if their touchstones are "Platoon," "Full Metal Jacket" and "Apocalypse Now."

This is the story of an early Vietnam War, when America thought it could win and before some of the epic misjudgments that we can now only see as is shown so pointedly in those aforementioned films. Drugs and racial tension had not begun to radically alter any unit or division. There was no sense of futility. No one knew how the nation would react to a conflict so far away and so misunderstood. Instead, for Lt. Col. Hal Moore and the men of 7th Cav., "Garry Owen," their story was about courage, sacrifice and honor. Their nation called and they responded. Moore and the young war correspondent that accompanied him into battle, Joe Galloway (Barry Pepper), wrote the memoir on which the movie is based: "We Were Soldiers Once...and Young."

"We Were Soldiers" opens with a scene of a French patrol being decimated in an ambush in the early '60s, a reminder of the long historical nature of the Vietnam conflict. It is the beginning of the film's effort to show "the other side" as people with the same types of goals and hopes as Americans.

Ten years later, Moore (played by Mel Gibson) is assigned to command an experimental unit known as "airmobile." The concept behind this unit is that by using helicopters and super-accurate artillery, American forces can gain a maneuver advantage unmatched in the history of warfare, and comparably only with the rapid insertion and exit ability of the old cavalry. Forces can be deployed "at a time and place of our choosing," gaining a tremendous upper hand.

Filmed mostly at Fort Benning, Ga., home of the infantry, the opening sequence is devoted to showing the new unit's training, as well as introducing the cast of characters. There's the hotshot helicopter pilot who will fly them into battle, Major Bruce "Snakes"-t Crandall (Greg Kinnear); Jack Geoghegan (Chris Klein), a young lieutenant newly married and expecting his first child with wife Barbara (Keri Russell); and three-war Seargent Major Basil Plumley (Sam Elliott).

Soon, war beckons and President Johnson orders the airmobile over as part of the escalation. In one of the film's brief political asides, Moore questions the order in conversation to a superior. "I didn't hear him say national emergency."

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It is not long after their arrival in Vietnam that the 7th Cav is tasked to chase escaping North Vietnamese Regulars, a job Moore fears will leave him in the same position as the most famous 7th Cav commander in history, General Custer.

Immediately after the first wave is deployed by helicopter to the Ia Drang valley, the battalion begins to take fire.

Gutted number 450 to 2,500, 7th Cav fought for three days in what came to be known as "The Valley of Death," losing almost half of their men but somehow surviving the ambush and routing the North Vietnamese.

"We Were Soldiers" breaks no new cinematic ground, but it accomplishes what it sets out to do. With a cast of up-and-coming actors, Wallace's screenplay (" Braveheart") crafts a story true to the events.

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"We Were Soldiers" stars Mel Gibson as real-life figure Lt. Col. Hal Moore.

**MOVIE REVIEW**

"Soldiers" depicts the early years of Vietnam

By BILL FUSZ
Scene Movie Critic

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Sex and stupidity: Macho men in 'Days'

By CHRIS BANNISTER
Scene Movie Critic

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"40 Days and 40 Nights"

Josh Hartnett tries to stay off sex in "40 Days and 40 Nights," the latest comedy aimed at teenage males.
Five DVD finds for your collection

By JUDE SEYMOUR and MATT NANIA
Scene Movie Critics

With the advent of DVD, the video industry has been simultaneously altered and revitalized. More and more people are relying on either their local video stores or online sites such as Amazon.com for purchase movies. Illig hits such as "Gladiator" and "Shrek" get a lot of attention in these outlets, but too often smaller, lesser-known films are released on video and largely ignored. Here are five recent, overlooked titles available on DVD that are worth checking out.

"Open Your Eyes" ("Abre Los Ojos"

Although considerably more unknown than its American remake, "Vanilla Sky," Alejandro Amenabar's second feature, "Open Your Eyes," raises a significant amount of philosophical dilemmas while providing a thrilling story. It revolves around the stunning car crash that Carl (Eduardo Noriega) has, his highly disfigured and unfairly disconnected from his true love, Sofia (Penelope Cruz). The film also explores the distinction between fantasy and reality while questioning the manipulations of technology that impinges on the natural order.

Each action that Carl makes in the film is immediately questionable because of the supernatural and his hazy recollection of memories after the tragic crash. As the uncertainty builds, the audience asks, "Is this reality or flight of the imagination?" Like "Memento," the movie's twists lead to an intense conclusion that will have people asking many questions but finding few answers. No matter which camera he chooses, the film's twists lead to an intense conclusion that will have people asking many questions but finding few answers.

"Twin Peaks: The First Season"

"Twin Peaks" was a short-lived David Lynch television creation that centered on a grizzly murder that exposed the nefarious underbelly of a sleepy Northwestern town. The program was a hodgepodge of soap opera schmaltz, "whodunit" detective fiction, creepy lighting and Tibetan philosophy that had late '80s audiences asking each other, "Who killed Laura Palmer?" Most current college students are too young to have seen the series' initial run, but with the DVD release of the first season, they now have a unique opportunity to experience this wonderfully tailored film.

"Wit"

When it aired on HBO in March of 2001, "Wit" was praised by television reviewers and newspapers around the country. Even the film-critic duo of Roger Ebert and Richard Roeper covered it, giving the film "two thumbs up" on their television show. Unfortunately, all this press wasn't enough to attract significant ratings. By the time the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences awarded the film with three Emmys in the fall, "Wit" had become a forgotten treasure. But with its recent video and DVD release, this moving and sharply observed piece about a dying cancer victim has a new chance to gain attention.

Based on a play and starring Emma Thompson, "Wit" follows Vivian Bearing, an English poetry professor, from the moment of her diagnosis through her treatment, occasionally presenting flashbacks to her youth and her earlier days in college. Along with Thompson's powerful performance, the film also boasts an emotional and acutely funny screenplay that places viewers inside Vivian's head as she ruminates on life, her treatment, the silly people around her, and death itself. These issues and the film's overall premise may seem depressing in their description, but few recent films are as life affirming as "WIT." While it is not half of the movie is somber, it is difficult to turn attention away from the screen even in its most heartbreaking moments. The DVD provides an enlightening documentary on Von Tier's obsession with the potential of the digital camera. Entitled "100 Cameras: Capturing Lars Von Tier's Vision," it documents the shocking multi-camera assemblage that gave Von Tier limitless possibilities in the editing stage. His hard work becomes the viewers' delight; the film is remarkably pieced together and is sure to leave an indelible impression in the mind of its audience.

"Dancer in the Dark"

"Dancer in the Dark," a musical drama starring Bjork, and the HBO film "Wit," starring Emma Thompson, are two examples of recent films that have not garnered enough attention. Each is available to rent or buy on video and DVD.
Buckingham scored 21 points, and Villanova closed the game with a 14-3 run to beat Syracuse 78-64 in the opening round of the Big East tournament. The loss was the fourth straight for Syracuse (20-11) and ninth in its last 13 games, weak numbers for the NCAA selection committee to mull over as the field of 65 is set.

Villanova coach Jay Wright said he didn't even wait for the question about his team's chances to finish before he started answering:

"It's out of my hands. It's out of my hands," he said. "What I think doesn't matter."

The Wildcats (17-11) advanced to the quarterfinals and will play No. 19 Providence (15-16) on Saturday, with the winner clinching an NCAA berth for the Big East runner-up.

Buckingham hit a jumper from the left gave Villanova a 49-47 lead. After DeShawn Stevenson drained a 3-pointer and Villanova hit a free throw, the Wildcats led 52-47. Then Ryan Lewis made a layup for Syracuse. Then the Wildcats hit a lid-lifter, a 3-pointer at 8:22 left in the game. Villanova hit a jumper with 7:00 left, but Buckingham hit a jumper 14 seconds later to start Villanova's game-closing run.

"I made a jumper, made a free throw, made two more shots, but just great shots," Wright said. "It's his job to make shots."

The Wildcats beat Syracuse 67-61 in Philadelphia last Thursday.

Syracuse shot 51.9 percent from the field in the Eagles, (14-for-27), but that fell off to 21.4 percent (9-for-42) in the second half. "I don't know if they did anything different but we certainly did," Boeheim said when asked about the difference in shooting percentages. "We got the ball at the rim, we got a shot at the rim, and we didn't have the first in half."

Syracuse started the Big East season by winning six of its first seven conference games, but finished 9-7 in league play, including losing its last three home games against the Wildcats.

"This is the way we played the last 11, 12 games," Buckingham said. "We played well enough to win. We got great effort and good opportunities. I thought we'd play well over the last 12 games."

BOSTON College

BOSTON College coach Al Skinner said the loss was the fourth straight Big East tournament opener for the Eagles and shuddered a bit.

"Troy Bell was 1-for-10," Skinner said. "He made 5 of 11, 52.4 percent. The low- half east biggest tournament history. Biggest striped by 11 points, the largest halftime deficit any team had ever overcome in tournament history.

"I was wondering what kind of coaching job I was doing," Skinner said. "I told my assistant coaches, "I was hoping we wouldn't play that kind of half again.""

The Eagles (20-10) rallied to a 17-point second-half lead and advance to the Big East quarterfinals. On Thursday, the Eagles played the last minute of the final regular season's championship game, which Rutgers won 79-77.

Rutgers (18-12) led 33-22 at halftime after running off 13 points in 3:21 to take the Eagles to two in the first half. But, the Eagles climbed back in the game. Bell and Walls made quick baskets. Then Ryan Williams, who had a game-high 20 points, made two straight baskets, and consecutive 3-pointers by Walls put Boston College in front at 38-37.

Rutgers battled back to lead 49-46 before Sidney's 3-pointer tied the score with 4:16 to play.

"Sidney then made another 3-pointer, and free throws by Bell and Uka Agbaligie put Boston College in front to stay. "A last shot by the Eagles, but did not made just four of 20 shots. Rutgers had 11 on 4-17 shooting as Boston College finished 27.3 percent for the game.

Boston College, 60, Rutgers 55

Boston College coach Al Skinner said the last of Villanova's 3-pointers and DeShaun Williams had a game-high 20 points, the low-half east largest half deficit any team had ever overcome in tournament history.

"We think we've played well over the last 11, 12 games," Buckingham said. "We played well enough to win. We got great effort and good opportunities. I thought we'd play well over the last 12 games."

In the second half, Boston College went on a 13-0 run. The Eagles shot 8-for-11 from the free-throw line to give Georgetown a 66-65 lead with 14 seconds to play.

Abdul Mills had a team-high 19. He outscored the Hoyas for an at-large berth in the NCAA tournament.

Wesley Wilson's slam with 1:14 left gave Boston College a 79-77 victory, er tied the score with 4:16 to play.

"I just tried to get as close as I could to the basket, but I got tripped up," Linhean said.

Jared Odom made his fifth straight Big East tournament game.

Boston College made two free throws—quite an accomplishment for a team that was 17-for-31 from the line in the first half. The Hoyas had 11 of 20 from the line to give Georgetown a 66-65 lead with 14 seconds to play.

Abdul Mills made 2 two from the floor.

We did a few things right—quite an accomplishment for a team that was 20-for-39 from the free-throw line and committed five turnovers.

Wilson's game-winning dunk was the last of the Big East tournament, set a BC tournament record with 19 steals. The Hoyas' 27 turnovers tied the tournament mark.

"I wanted to get John a taste of this tournament for more than one day," Walsh said. "We did a good job of keeping them off-balance. The kids did everything I asked of them the percent of what I asked them to do."

The Eagles (15-16) had a conference record with 19 steals.

"I thought we were doing."
Four other players are rated in the top 100. Delic and Michael Calkins are a formidable force in doubles play with their No. 7 ranking.

Scott said Illinois can be a tough opponent because of their confidence and in-your-face attitude, especially among certain players. "[Calkins and Mike Kosta] are both really loud. They try to get in your head," Scott said.

But the Irish are ready for the Illini’s top competition. Senior Javier Taborga is part of a doubles tandem that is ranked fifth in the country. Scott is ranked 53rd in singles.

Morales in part blamed a lack of confidence on Notre Dame’s loss to Illinois last season, but said that this year is a different matter. "Last year, we didn’t believe as much," he said. "[This season] we’ve won a lot of matches pretty decisively [against top-ranked teams]."

"Last year we didn’t believe as much."

Louis Haddock-Morales sophomore

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**MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL**

**Students hope Web site can save Expos**

Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I.

Years of low attendance, revenue and lackluster records have raised the very real possibility that for Major League Baseball’s Montreal Expos, the 2002 season will be its last.

But three University of Pennsylvania students are at the forefront of a national movement to save the beleaguered Quebec team.

On their Web site, www.buytheexpos.popipix.com, the three students have received more than $2 million in pledges from about 11,000 people, said Jesse Spector, one of the site’s co-founders.

The Web site lists $100 million as the amount needed to purchase the Expos — the same price at which Major League Baseball obtained the right to eliminate the team from owner Jeffrey Loria.

Sebastian Stockman, another of the site’s co-founders, said the three never expected the idea to become so popular. He said it began as an office joke.

"I’ve been pretty amazed by this," Stockman said. "We’ve done a couple of TV interviews, and tonight, I’m just digging the ride."

The founders, all sportswriters for the Daily Pennsylvanian, were joking around last month in the newspaper’s office when Spector posed the question of buying the Expos, he said.

The others said they would pay $15 for the team, Spector said.

When the question received an enthusiastic response from other members of the paper’s staff, the three created a Web site and spread the word among acquaintances.

None of them hail from Major League Baseball. Though a reporter from MLB.com asked Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig about the campaign, Selig declined to comment, Stockman said.

Stockman said many fans perceive the drive as more serious than it began. Some have sought front office jobs, citing fantasy baseball experience; one Californian offered to sell his $6,000 Suzuki, Stockman said.

**BOXING**

**D.C. mayor promises safety at Tyson-Lewis fight**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Mayor Anthony Williams guaranteed the owner of the MCI Center "a safe environment" for a Mike Tyson-Lennox Lewis fight, clearing a hurdle that had threatened to derail the bout.

The meeting between Williams and Abe Pollin came one day after Tyson met with several doctors — both medical and psychiatric — and was interviewed by the D.C. Boxing and Wrestling Commission during a visit to the city.

The commission will hold a public hearing Tuesday on Tyson's application for a boxing license. If the commission grants the license, a Tyson-Lewis bout could be held June 8 at the MCI Center.

Pollin has said he would consider允许 his arena to be used only if the mayor could guarantee its security. The uncertainty over Pollin's guarantee its security. The uncertainty over Pollin's commitment is still discussing that.

Another hurdle, stipulated by the commission, was cleared with Tyson's visit. Commission vice chairman Michael Brown gave no details about the boxer's appearance before the panel and declined to say what kind of tests the doctors gave Tyson.

"From our standpoint, it was a great interview," Brown said. "As far as the doctors, I don't want to characterize it for them."

The mayor has also said that any material from Tyson’s appearance before the commission should be made available to the public. Brown said the commission is still discussing that: "We’re considering how to disseminate it," Brown said, "if we dissemble it at all."

Washington is one of several cities vying for the Tyson-Lewis bout. He was granted a license this week in fight in Tennessee, and Michigan has emerged as a front-runner. Nevada turned down Tyson in January.

In Washington, the fight has been opposed by the local board of trade and several politicians. The mayor, however, has maintained his support because of the economic benefit the fight would bring.

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Agent: Glenn will go to Packers

Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Terry Glenn’s agent said that he could have a trade worked out that would send the New England receiver to the Green Bay Packers as early as Thursday.

“We’re very hopeful that we’ll be able to find a resolve as to all of the parties and the issues very shortly — hopefully tomorrow,” James Gould said Wednesday night. “I’ve been going around the clock for days without much sleep.” Gould declined to comment on whether contract terms had been worked out.

“Everybody is hopeful, but there is nothing signed and we’re continuing to talk,” he said.

Packers spokesman Jeff Blumb declined comment on whether the team was even negotiating with Glenn.

Published reports in Green Bay and Boston said that, in exchange for Glenn, the Packers would give New England a fourth-round draft pick this season plus a conditional draft pick next year — from a high pick to a later-rounder, based on Glenn’s performance.

As part of the deal, Glenn would drop his many grievances against the team and a lawsuit against the league and tear up his old contract. Green Bay would sign him to a new deal with a relatively low base salary and performance incentives, the Boston newspapers said.

Glen has reportedly come down from his request for a $7 million signing bonus and is now seeking around $3 million.

The NFL suspended Glenn for the first four games of last season for missing a drug test in violation of the league’s substance-abuse policy. He later was inactive for six games because of a hamstring injury and a contract dispute, and he was suspended by the team for the Dec. 2 game against the New York Jets after he refused to practice.

Glen came back and played three more games before the Patriots put him on the inactive list for the regular-season finale against Carolina.

When he missed more team meetings and practices, coach Bill Belichick suspended Glenn for the playoffs, and New England won the Super Bowl without him.

Last summer, Patriots owner Bob Kraft refused to pay him the remaining $8.5 million of an $11.5 signing bonus that was part of a contract extension late in 2000. An arbitrator is scheduled to hear his grievance Friday to recoup the remaining signing bonus.

Former Pro Bowler Robert Griffith, a starting strong safety with the Minnesota Vikings for the last six years, signed a four-year contract with the Cleveland Browns.

The deal is reportedly worth $15 million with a $3.6 million signing bonus.

The signing comes one day after the Browns signed free agent defensive end Kenard Lang, formerly of the Washington Redskins, to a five-year contract.

“Robert Griffith is a complete player who will bring great chemistry to the locker room,” Browns coach Butch Davis said.

“Rob has been to the Pro Bowl and has the outstanding field presence. He also has great instincts and is an aggressive player who provides excellent run support.”

Griffith, 31, a Pro Bowl performer in 2000, became a free agent in March when he exercised an option to void his contract after eight seasons with the Vikings.

Elsewhere, the Miami Dolphins signed former 1,000-yard rusher Robert Edwards to a one-year contract.

Edwards, 27, rushed for 1,115 yards and nine touchdowns as a rookie with the New England Patriots in 1998 but suffered a severe knee injury during a flag football game during the week of the Pro Bowl and missed the next two seasons before being waived last August.

The Houston Texans signed free agent guard Steve McKinney, who spent his first four NFL seasons with the Indianapolis Colts.

McKinney signed a five-year contract with the expansion Texans. Financial terms were not disclosed, but McKinney reportedly received more than $15 million.

The Atlanta Falcons signed right tackle Todd Weiner and free safety Keaton Carpenter.

Weiner spent the first four years of his NFL career with the Seattle Seahawks and started 13 games last season. Carpenter has started 22 games at free safety over the last two seasons with the Buffalo Bills.

The Cincinnati Bengals re-signed veteran tackle John Jackson to a one-year contract.

Jackson, 37, has played 14 seasons in the NFL and served as a back-up last year to left tackle Richmond Webb.

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HOCKEY

Irish skate to CCHA honors

† Dunlop, Inman earn honorable mention All-CCHA, Cey makes honorable mention All-Rookie team

Notre Dame forwards junior Connor Dunlop and senior David Inman were named honorable mention selections to the 2001-02 All-CCHA team. Dunlop came up one vote short of making the second team while Inman was four votes shy of a spot on the second team.

Teammate freshman Morgan Cey was also named honorable mention to the CCHA All-Rookie team for the 2001-02 season.

Dunlop turned in one of the top seasons by a Notre Dame player one less than Jamie Ling's 43 in the 1992-93 and the 42 points are fifth in the CCHA, Dunlop finished second in scoring with nine goals and 33 assists for 42 points. In the CCHA, Dunlop finished second in scoring with nine goals and 33 assists for 36 points.

Senior forward David Inman makes a pass against Alaska-Fairbanks in February. Inman earned CCHA honors.

ING for the All-Rookie goaltender's spot to Ferris State's Mike Brown. The freshman goaltender was eighth in CCHA games with a .907 save percentage. Overall, Cey is 13-12-3 overall with a 2.90 goals against and a .905 save percentage. He has started 20 consecutive games for the Irish since Dec. 7, 2001.

Notre Dame defenseman Evan Fairbanks in February. Inman finished the year ranked in league scoring with nine goals and 33 assists for 36 points.

The talented center ice man's .907 save percentage. Overall, Cey is 13-12-3 overall with a 2.90 goals against and a .905 save percentage. He has started 20 consecutive games for the Irish since Dec. 7, 2001.

Notre Dame defensemen Evan Nielsen also received votes for the All-CCHA team.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Alomar claims Indians lied

† WINTER HAVEN, Fla. — Finally over the shock of being traded, Roberto Alomar decided it was his turn to surprise the Cleveland Indians.

Alomar, sent to the New York Mets in an eight-player trade last December, said Wednesday that the Indians weren't up front with him before making the deal.

"They lied to me, it is as simple as that," Alomar said. "If you are a man, you should tell a man the truth to his face."

Alomar's comments came before he faced the Indians for the first time since being traded. In Wednesday's exhibition game at Chain of Lakes Park, Alomar said he met with Indians general manager Mark Shapiro in October shortly after Cleveland was eliminated in five games by Seattle in the AL playoffs.

Shapiro told Alomar that the Indians' roster would be undergoing some major changes, and asked the 12-time All-Star about his desire to be part of the rebuilding.

"He asked if I would be happy with younger players," Alomar said. "I said yes, I knew it was going to be a young and talented team and wanted to be part of it. In the end it didn't matter."

Shapiro, who replaced John Hart as Cleveland's general manager at the end of last season, said he never deceived Alomar.

"I'm sorry Rubbie is hurt and feels betrayed, but you can't go back and change history," Shapiro said. "I clearly stated to him that I could not guarantee anything. People who guarantee anything in this game set themselves up to be a liar."

Shapiro said owner Larry Dolan's desire to cut payroll and the Mets' offer were key factors in completing the deal that sent Alomar and two minor leaguers to New York for outfielder Matt Lawton, reliever Jarrod Riggan and minor leaguers Alex Escobar, Billy Traber and Earl Snyder.

On Monday, Escobar tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee when he crashed into a fence making a catch at Bradenton. Escobar will have reconstructive surgery and miss the entire season.

"We would not have made the trade without getting Escobar," Shapiro said. "And if we were not cutting payroll anyway, we were not going to play, we would not have made the trade either."

Shapiro said he would welcome the chance to talk with Alomar.

"I called him once, but he gets a lot of calls from a lot of people and I have not talked to him," Shapiro said. "I called him when the trade was made. I wanted to tell him, instead of him hearing it from the media."

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Golfers disappointed with tourney

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

After a disqualification, a cancelled round and a 14th place finish, the Notre Dame women’s golf team came away from the Tulane Green Wave Golf Classic disappointed. The Irish, led by Kristin McMurtrie’s 36-hole total of 163, finished 85 strokes behind tournament champion Tulane in their second tournament of the spring season. The Irish shot rounds of 352 and 334 to finish with a combined team score of 686.

The second round of the tournament was cancelled because of cold weather and high winds in New Orleans on Monday. Freshman Karen Lotta shot Notre Dame’s best round on Tuesday with a five-over par 78, but her first round on Monday did not count. Lotta was disqualified for teeing off from the wrong tee during the first round.

“It was just so stupid that it happened,” Lotta said. Even head coach Debbie King did not realize Lotta was on the wrong tee, even though she was standing on the tee box with Lotta when Notre Dame’s freshman star was disqualified.

Lotta’s disqualification was just a small part of Notre Dame’s disappointing tournament. As a team, the Irish did not feel they performed up to their potential.

“I think as a whole we could have played a lot better as a team. Overall, we were pretty disappointed with the way things ended up,” said sophomore Shannon Byrne, who finished tied for 45th with a 36-hole total of 168, the third-lowest score on the Irish.

McMurtrie shot rounds of 82 and 81 to finish with a 163 total that put her 14 strokes behind tournament medalist Carolyn Landmann of Tulane. Sophomore Rebecca Rogers tied for 59th, junior Terri Taibi tied for 68th, senior Lauren Fuchs tied for 71st and freshman Casey Rotella finished the tournament in the 72nd place.

The Irish golfers knew from the start that the tournament would not be easy. After a rough start on Monday with 352, the Irish cut 18 strokes on Tuesday to shoot 334.

“It was probably the toughest field we’ve had all season,” Byrne said.

Besides tournament winner Tulane, the competition included Mississippi State, Campbell, Memphis, and Mississippi — all teams from warmer parts of the country.

The South Bend winter weather has caused Notre Dame golfers problems in the past, but this season Byrne feels the team is making progress — despite the performance in New Orleans — to overcome that hurdle.

“I definitely feel a lot more prepared for tournaments. We do a lot more practicing indoors and drills than we used to do,” she said. “I think we’re doing a lot better. It’s a lot more serious. People really are concentrating on their games.”

Spring break will give the Irish a week-long opportunity to practice outdoors as they travel to Florida to prepare for the Northern Illinois Snowbird Invitational at Tampa.

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FENCING
Fencers named to U.S. team

Special to The Observer

Three members of the Notre Dame fencing program — sophomore women’s epeeist Kerry Walton and freshman foilists Andrea Ament and Derek Snyder — have been selected to the United States team that will compete in the upcoming World Championships, to be held April 1-8 in Antalya, Turkey. Each of the Notre Dame fencers will compete in the junior-level individual and three-member team events for fencers under the age of 20.

The three Notre Dame fencers represent nearly half of the college fencers among the 18 members of the U.S. junior squad, with the rest in high school.

The other college fencers on the U.S. junior squad include Ohio State sabre fencer Colin Parker and Jason Rogers, Yale women’s sabre Sada Jacobson and Stanford foilist Steve Gebhardt, a longtime friend and West Coast rival of Snyder’s.

Walton recently completed an impressive 50-5 regular-season record in her first year of competition with the Irish, also winning the Midwest Fencing Conference title last weekend. She placed 11th at the recent Junior Olympics competition in Columbus, Ohio but ranks second in the latest U.S. junior women’s epee rankings.

Snyder is sixth in the senior/open women’s epee rankings.

Ament currently sits atop the U.S. junior women’s foil rankings while also ranking No. 15 in the world among junior-level women’s epeeists and fifth in the U.S. overall women’s foil rankings. She posted a 27-2 regular-season record with the Irish and finished second at the Junior Olympics, behind Jacqueline Leahy, one of her two teammates on the Notre Dame junior/open women’s epee squad.

Snyder is looking to return from illness that sidelined him for the Midwest Fencing Conference Championships. He compiled a 32-7 regular-season record with the Irish.
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

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No. 6 Irish fight No. 5 Illini in tough match

The team forced the Pirates into 24 turnovers. Marcus Hatten and Anthony Glover combined for 30 points to lead the Red Storm, while Seton Hall's John Allen and Andre Barret scored 17 each.

The Red Storm led by only one with 1:37 remaining, but a banked 3-pointer by Hatten ended the Pirates run and their tournament appearance.

Now, the Red Storm must turn around and take on the Irish tonight.

When the two teams last met Feb. 27, the Red Storm went on a 22-4 run in the first half of play and pulled out to an 11-point lead with just seconds into the second half. But St. John's stingy defense allowed the Red Storm to go on a 22-4 run and later a 10-3 run to secure the home win.

The brief will try to avenge the loss and advance to Friday's semifinal round tonight.

Tip-off is at 9 p.m. and the Irish will have to defeat Pirates, team's home court.

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- Men's Tennis at Illinois, Tonight, 4:30 p.m.
- Men's and Women's Track at NCAA Indoor Championships, Friday-Saturday

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