**Former peer advocates speak against ResLife**

By JASON McFARLEY

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

University disciplinary procedures.

In December, that open-door relationship changed, the women said, and led eventually to their February resignation from their posts.

**"I can't say, put your faith in ResLife anymore."**

Nikki DePersis

former peer advocate

Following a controversial sexual assault case that began in October and resulted in a November lawsuit, the seniors allege that ResLife officials disrespected them and made them feel like traitors. DePersis and Wong, speaking publicly for the first time about the situation, claim that the University routinely 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 conﬁdentially barred them from releasing names and discussing details of the case. Their description of the case, however, as well as ResLife and court records obtained by The Observer indicate that the case involves former student Ryan Hoadley.

A female Notre Dame junior in September accused Hoadley of fondling her at Hoadley'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. Hoadley admitted that she served as peer advocate for a man accused of a sex crime in early-October. Hoadley's hearing was Oct. 4.

"After meeting him and hearing the full story, I can't imagine that he would do something so terrible," Wong said of the man involved in the case. "It seemed aptly升温ing of his character." DePersis, who also talked to the man and learned the facts of the case before his hearing, believed there was little evidence for officials to rule in the alleged victim's favor.

"I was confident he'd walk out with very little punishment," DePersis said.

**"I understood their reasons for resigning. I thought it was handled very well."**

Bill Kirk

assistant vice president for Residence Life

**New grant promotes service**

By HELENA PAYNE

Assistant News Editor

After two years of planning and waiting, the Office of the Student Body President has finally been able to offer a grant that will help support student service projects.

The Greatness Grant was recently made available to students this semester through Father Richard Warner of Campus Ministry, 25 percent of the proceeds from the Blessing Union Others Week in February and private funding.

"The limitations to this grant are the limits of the imagination of the Notre Dame student body," said Brendan Harris, coordinator of the grant.

Currently, grant recipients will receive $500 for individual projects and $400 for group projects. Harris said the Office of the Student Body President is saving some of the $2,400 available in the Greatness Grant fund, but the amount of the grant could increase if an endowment is established. Harris said the committee's goal is to raise at least $25,000.

"We anticipated in future years that the committee will look until all the funds for that year have been spent," said Harris.

The first "test case" for the grant was senior Kelly Rich's project at the Houston Catholic
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Bring it on!

After seven and a half weeks of pressure-written papers, mid-norning lectures, ungraded lab reports, and an average of five to six hours of sleep a night, spring break craziness may come.

Well, not quite yet for those unlucky souls who still have that supposed scheduled pop quiz or conveniently scheduled pop quiz due on Friday. However, a sizeable portion of students is joyously clamoring for the debauchery and coincidentally the 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.)

Somehow 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 hope 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 of the exact directions 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 extravaganza ever known to mankind.

Spring break is an integral part of a college student’s life, and without it, I doubt that several of us would ever survive. I know that I can only take so many early nights when there seems to be no light at the horizon, and I can only spend so many hours in my fifth floor hotel of the Hesburgh 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 drudge to classrooms and literally by the recent slippery pathways that seem to knock even the most stable walker, along with the absent-minded victims who while carefully maneuvering the little snowy incline to the parking lot on their butts.

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 sandal or long underwear day — adds to the mounting frustration.

Without spring break there possibly would be no reason to survive through the latter cold or for that fact any incentive to get up for class, open the books and make it through the semester at all. Spring break is definitely a symbolic beacon of promoting a good work ethic. We need this period of recuperation from long nights and mind-exhausting assignments in order to build up the reserves for the second half of the semester; however, most of all it serves as 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 you back. The future roommates will vary from the person you regularly loved when they conveniently exclude you from the ghost story fun time! My board currently has the countdown at two weeks and five days and I cannot wait for the fun times to begin! Please contact Meghan Downes at mdownes1@nd.edu.

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Beyond Campus

U. Mass RAs vote to form first undergraduate union

AMHERST, Mass. — Resident assistants and community development assistants at University of Massachusetts-Amherst voted 158-86 yesterday to form the first undergraduate labor union in the country.

The University has seven days to challenge the results of the election.

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There were mixed emotions over the results. Massachusetts Daily Collegen

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 Maurice Eldridge, vice president for college and community relations. However, he added, "it decision with respect to registration for the draft had..."

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HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Controversy surrounds publication

Editors of the Harvard Business Review have demanded the resignation of their boss, 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 Suzi 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 the article itself and the Review as a whole. Wetlaufer said in a prepared statement to the Journal that she became romantically involved with Welch "seven weeks after [the] interview was written."
Former congressman addresses culture of terrorism

By LIZ KAHLING
News Writer

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 front of an audience that included Father Theodore Hesburgh and South Bend Mayor Steve Luke.

"Terrorism has become the axis of American foreign policy," he said.

Hamilton was concerned and responded by saying, "America is not good at explaining our values, which is ironic when we are such great advertisers."

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CELEBRATING WOMANHOOD

From left, seniors Erin Bush and Shannon Meyer and junior Jen Salisch celebrate International Women's Month at an event sponsored by the Saint Mary's Student Diversity Board. The event included Mary Kay samples, hair braiding, free massages and arts and crafts.

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Worker House over Christmas break. Because of the success of her project, Rich, the first applicant, has opened the door 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 that the Greatness Grant could give students the chance to have more non-Notre Dame service opportunities.

"Anytime that Notre Dame takes the initiative to give students the opportunity to be with communities from the Notre Dame community, it's really beneficial for the student and for the community that the student is being a 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 idea."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."

Brooke Norton
student body president

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.

Students can obtain applications for the Greatness Grant in LaFortune or the Maximum Student Resource Center (the "Max"). The application requires an introduction letter, a peer recommendation and a brief essay that describes the student's intended project with a tentative budget. Harris said the committee will review every request for funding on a rolling application basis.

Harris stressed that the committee wants "independent projects outside of the purview of the Student Body Executive Committee" to promote new service activities and to encourage students to continue the service 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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AGHANISTAN

U.S., allies deploy more troops

Associated Press

Fierce fighting raged for a fifth day as the United States deployed hundreds of reinforcements Wednesday and gathered 9,000 Afghan troops for an offensive aimed at finishing off al-Qaida.

The U.S.-led coalition mounted an offensive to drive al-Qaida fighters still holding up 10,000 feet in snow-covered mountains. As jet fighters and bombs 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. Hagenbeck, estimates put opposition strength at 150 to 200 fighters. Subsequently, the office of operations devised those numbers to "the neighborhood of 600 to 700 enemy."

Defence Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld was asked about discrepancies Wednesday and said accurate predictions were impossible going into a battle.

"We've been looking at that area for weeks and have a general idea of 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 officer from a different region. "We're 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 Pakhtik 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 held up in the hills around the village of Shah-e-Kot. U.S. troops were searching their cave hide-outs.

We own 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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election procedures.

In other senate news:

Rhonda Brown, director of the newly created Office of Institutional Equity, discussed the university's diversity. Brown said her office would begin playing an active role next fall in faculty searches and hiring interviews.

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Happy 21st
Birthday Jenn!

Starting Soon... Anag Management class with Prof. Nawrones! (Pending recovery from broken wheel)

Love, Mom & Dad
Thursday, March 7, 2002

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Suspected IRA dissidents arrested: Two suspected Irish Republican Army dissidents were arrested in a renewed effort to gather evidence against the gang blamed for the 1998 attack in Omagh, the deadliest bombing in Northern Ireland. The two unidentified men were arrested at their homes and were interrogated near the border with Northern Ireland.

British leaders hail Iraq debate: Prime Minister Tony Blair hailed a debate in Britain on policy toward Iraq Wednesday after a government minister accused a lawmaker of being a mouthpiece for Saddam Hussein. The unusual suspension came during an emotional debate in which several legislators expressed unease at the prospect of Britain backing U.S. military action against Saddam.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Bush congratulates Simon for win: The White House will continue its involvement in Republican primary fights this year, even though President Bush's hand-picked candidate in the California governor's race was soundly beaten in the first election of the campaign season. Bush congratulated Bill Simon on Wednesday for defeating former Los Angeles Mayor Richard Riordan and pledged to support Simon, promising to visit California "as soon as I can."

Man pleads guilty in airport case: "as soon as I can." he said. "I won't walk away from the Atlanta airport for four days..."

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Judge Mary Harper will consider the request...for her role in a fast-food restaurant robbery that led to an...the prospect of Britain backing U.S. military action against Saddam.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Robber asks for reduced sentence: A woman who has served less than a year of a 17-year prison sentence for her role in a fast-food restaurant robbery that led to an accomplice's death wants her sentence reduced. Lori Thomas, 36, of Lake Station is seeking her freedom under a process which, if pursued during the first year of a sentence, does not require the approval of the county prosecutor, said James Tsoutsouris, Porter County's chief public defender. Porter Circuit Judge Mary Harper will consider the request on March 14.

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House GOP pushes new recovery plan

Shifting gears on the economy, House Republicans decided Wednesday to bring to a vote a package of jobless aid and business tax cuts while removing controversial items in hopes of attracting solid Democratic support. House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Bill Thomas, R-Calif., said the legislation did not contain provisions that "violate Democratic theology," such as a tax credit aimed at helping the unemployed pay health insurance premiums or accelerated income tax cuts.

"We're trying to solve the problem," Thomas said. "We're trying to remove their theological objections." The package is composed of items many Democrats have previously backed. These include a 13-week extension of unemployment benefits, a three-year, 30 percent tax writeoff for new business investment, $5 billion in tax relief to help New York recovery efforts and renewal of a list of popular tax breaks that expired.

Total cost was estimated at $94 billion over five years.

Democratic leaders reacted cautiously, but many Democrats were optimistic that the measure could break the months-long partisan logjam over how to address the economic downturn.

"This is something that we could have done a long time ago," said Rep. Earl Pomeroy, D-N.D. Passage of the measure would mark the fourth time the Republican-led House has approved broad economic legislation since the Sept. 11 terror attacks. The Democratic-led Senate has twice passed only the jobless benefits extension.

WASHINGTON

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 predecessors.

Israel Prime Minister Ariel Sharon speaks Wednesday at the Tarkumia checkpoint 30 miles south of Jerusalem. A year after he took office, Sharon's popularity is in free-fall due to his failure to establish peace.

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In Wednesday's fighting, Israeli forces shelled Palestinian targets by land, air and sea in retaliation for a Palestinian rocket attack on an Israeli town. Seven Palestinians and two Israeli soldiers were killed in the Israeli assault on the Gaza Strip.

Sharon's broad-based coalition government has so far survived the turbulence endemic to Israeli politics, but with the violence escalating, calls for the government's resignation are growing louder.

"A government that promised upon its establishment a year ago to stop terror, but only increased it, should resign," columnist Sewer Plucker wrote in a front-page editorial in Yediot Ahronot, the country's largest-circulation daily. "A government that promised a year ago to bring peace closer, and only distanced it for generations, should resign."

Sharon has disappointed many Israelis with his inability to define exactly how he plans to end the violence. He urges Israelis to remain resolute and be prepared to make sacrifices. He has said several times that military action will be intensified to a point the Palestinians can no longer endure.
Hearing panel members apparently were divided in their opinion, and determined that Hoadeley violated the University's sexual misconduct policy. Hoadeley and permanently banned from its campus last December, 19, the same day Wong said she learned that the man in her case had been kicked out of school.

"I was in shock," Wong said. "They always need to make a decision so severe."

With the advocates' help, Hoadeley and his advocates officially upheld the decision in early-November, according to one of her advocates. This is the University President Edward Malloy's resolution to have a two-year suspension without promise of readmission.

After it followed next was a dramatic chain of events that drove students to question the system of ResLife and Housing, and worried ResLife officials, before was unbelievable. After, Residence Life and Housing, and sem ester through the Notre Dame London Program, is enrolled at Indiana University and Malloy's punishment of Wong, the former advocates said. "They called Susan a 'mere

Hoadley remains suspended for two-year suspension without promise of readmission. "Someone [else] needs to understand the rules and procedures.

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While no administrators have explicitly threatened the women for going public, Public, DePersis and Wong said that they fear some of the consequences of blowing the whistle.

"We're hesistant out of respect for the office and out of personal concern," Wong said. Both believe that peer advocacy is an invaluable program and should not be cancelled. If anything, it should be expanded, they said.

Jarotkiewicz assures that the program will continue to thrive. Jarotkiewicz, the new vice presidents of advocacy and ResLife staff now meet regularly and have frank discussions about cases, he said.

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"I can't say, 'put your faith in ResLife anymore,'" DePersis said, "I'm just going to try to put my faith in my own faith in myself, Jarotkiewicz said."

But more than anything, they want officials to recognize the flaws they see in the system. They want faculty members, too, to get involved in the process and truthfully participate in the way the University handles disciplinary concerns.

"There are too many people who have suffered," Wong said. "I hope that future students won't have to go through the same thing.

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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'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 disheartening for 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 Alexandra Wilkie, a junior from the student-planning group addressing their peers.

"It's important to be open when looking at the challenge of our sexuality," organizer Candace Reilly said.

The forum began with the student-planning group presenting words students were asked to comment on and as the exercise progressed, students said "There is such a thing as heterosexual privilege." Carey also passed out the document "Always Our Children: A Statement of the Bishops' Committee on Marriage and the Family," explaining that while the Church does not identify homosexual orientation as sinful, acting on and participating in homosexuality is a choice and that some women and men choose to be involved in a homosexual relationship because of things that have happened with men in the past.

In the gay, lesbian and bisexual category, students picked words ranging from "sexy" to "evil." When they tried to describe the feelings of a gay, lesbian, or bisexual person, students used words like "oppressed," "alienated," and "categorized." 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 upon. But if a homosexual couple were to do that, people would comment." Those in attendance agreed with this idea.

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France - 1999

In Ireland's bars, the pubs are not just a place to drink, but a place to socialize and enjoy the culture. The Irish pub, with its cozy atmosphere and lively music, is a staple of Irish life. However, when it comes to Irish pubs, not all are created equal.

Some Irish pubs in the United States have started importing their Irish pubs to the US, which has led to the creation of 'American Irish pubs'. These pubs may not have the same atmosphere as traditional Irish pubs in Ireland, but they do offer a taste of Irish culture.

On the other hand, some traditional Irish pubs in the US have adapted to the American way of life, offering a more casual atmosphere and a wider range of drinks.

Despite these differences, Irish pubs continue to be a popular destination for visitors and locals alike, offering a glimpse into the rich cultural history of Ireland.

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Truth is not relative

It never ceases to amaze me that here at Our Lady's university, in her shadow no less, such scandalous and anti-Catholic diatribe as recently seen in this paper can actually be thought up and written by students. I would like to address here the issue of objective truth, which inevitably arises whenever these supposedly controversial topics are discussed.

First, for all of you "open-minded" types, here's a quote from G.K. Chesterton: "The point of having an open mind, like having an open mouth, is to close it on something solid."

Catholic doctrine is not opinion. It never was, never will be.

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Intermediate institutions have role in peace

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 reprimal. Given the renewed attention to the mountains of eastern Afghanistan the last three days, such debate is likely to continue. The issue of whether and in what way to draw upon the power exercised by states is an important one for Catholics and others who desire 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 the importance of bringing about change through intermediary institutions, such as Girl Scouts to universities to churches, to the level of the parish and the family. This is the level, as Pope John Paul II has noted in his 1991 encyclical letter, where the Church must work most at the margins of society. Here is where the “angel of the action” can truly change the course of history.

In this issue of The Observer, Ben Powers and Todd David Whitmore examine the role of intermediate institutions, defined here as organizations that go beyond the display of the American flag and yet are not a part of government. As Ben Powers points out, “intermediate institutions have a role in peace” because they can be effective at the grassroots level, which is the level where the Church must work most. These institutions can be a form of association, a community of faith, or an international organization.

The road ahead is not easy, as Ben Powers notes, “but the job is ours.” As Catholics, we must take up the challenge to bring about change through intermediate institutions. This is a task that we must do together.

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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Fox is a fitting speaker**

As a senior looking forward to graduating, I was very excited to see the number of Notre Dame students who had exceeded my expectations with this year’s commencement speaker, Victor Fox. After President Bush’s visit last year, I was relatively pessimistic about who we were going to have speaking for our class. I was praying that it wasn’t going to be that dude jockey, Taylor Richards, but the thought was never ruled out until Tuesday when word got out about President Fox.

Three senior classmates and I were fortunate enough to be living in Mexico during the summer of 2000. There was an excitement about the election that I have never experienced here in the United States. Excitement about the possible “fair” voting process, excitement about the possible ousting of the Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) excitement about possible change for the better. So as I read the news that Fox would be speaking here, I became excited too at the possibility of hearing one of the more controversial, more influential heads of state in the world.

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**Examining the true nature of feminism**

Intelligently discussing “The Vagina Monologues” and its benefits and drawbacks to society are respectable endeavors in this academic environment, even when it takes weeks to sort out. Attacking women and feminism under the guise of academic discourse, though, is reproachable.

In “Feminist promotion of ‘V-day’ is not true social work,” printed Tuesday, Lt. David Susse asserts that feminism “has its roots in Marxism and commu­nist thought and won’t be satisfied until science cre­ates an artificial womb to grow babies.” This state­ment is more than simply an offense to feminism. It’s an assault on women themselves.

Feminism is not about eliminating men from society and creating a communal nation of women. And feminism is certainly not about masculinizing women “who have a self-loathing because they hap­pen to have a period once a month and men don’t.” Feminism is about recognizing the nature of women and their unique perspectives on the world. Most importantly, feminism is an appreciation of the entire woman, including her biological, sexual, emotional, intellectual, and social contexts.

John Paul II makes clear that this point has transnational relevance when he says, “In fact, if the social question has acquired a worldwide dimension, this is because the demand for justice can only be satisfied on that level. To ignore this demand could encourage the temptation among vic­tims of injustice to respond with vio­lence, as happens at the origins of many wars.” People excluded from the fair distribution of goods originally destined for all could ask themselves: Why not respond with violence to those who treat us first with vio­lence?

It is important to point out that the Sept. 11 terrorists were largely from the middle class and that Osama bin Laden is relatively poorer than most of us will ever be. Catholic social teaching does not support or excuse their actions and, in my judgment, backs the use of armed force as a part of a response.

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**Women’s suffrage did not occur because men con­gressmen decided to be nice one day. Women’s suf­frage was won because women vocalized their opin­ions and asserted their equality.

Such is the mentality of women today who assert their sexual equality. The goal today is not to pass legislation but to stand up and demand equality in all aspects of life.**

Women are a social being, repressed through social conventions and customs. “The Vagina Monologues” is art attesting to the entire woman. Women have achieved enormous equality through legislation in the past century. In the 21st century, it is time to recognize women as equal to men in a socialized sense. Sasse’s marginalization of women only fuels the drive for social acceptance. He defines “true expres­sion” in specifically militaristic terms. For another perspective on the issue, I would like to talk with a 50-year-old woman who wanted to be a doc­tor, an architect or an engineer but was told she would not pursue these careers because she was a girl.” This oppression is not one to be remedied with an intellectual cure-all.

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**Letters to the Editor appear, as space permits, from students and faculty.**

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MOVIE REVIEW

'Soldiers' depicts the early years of Vietnam

By BILL FUSZ
Scene Movie Critic

In "We Were Soldiers," writer-director Randall Wallace attempts to tell a Vietnam story that resonates with audiences. Based on the non-fiction book by authors Hal Moore and Joseph Galloway, the movie has been largely ignored. It is not the story of merely one battle. It is the story of a Vietnam most may not recognize if their touchstones are "Platoon," "Full Metal Jacket" and "Apocalypse Now."

This is the story of the early Vietnam War, when America thought it could win and before some of the remark is more appropriately directed game by his friends, says to them, "You ought to be ashamed of yourselves." Sad, but true.

With its inexplicably changed title, "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, much of the opening hour 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, Joe Galloway (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 Plumly (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.'"

Without declaring a state of national emergency, deployments cannot be involuntarily extended, meaning that Moore's battalion will lose 1/3 of its men just before deployment.

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

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

Outnumbered 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 his men before 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 veteran actors, Wallace (screenwriter of "Braveheart") crafts a story true to the events, the war and the spirit of those men who fought there. Like "Black Hawk Down," it brings to life something one would like to forget, yet must remember.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Sex and stupidity: Macho men in 'Days'

By CHRIS BANNISTER
Scene Movie Critic

At one point in "40 Days and 40 Nights," Matt Sullivan (Josh Hartnett), who's vow of celibacy has been made by his friends, says to them, "You ought to be ashamed of yourselves." Sadly, this is often the case at the audience and the filmmakers rather than the characters in the film.

As long as another infantile sex comedy may seem, "40 Days" highlights a pressing problem facing modern America: The culture of false machismo and sex obsession is beginning to take on frightening proportions.

The premise of the film is simple. After a rough breakup, Matt decides to get over his ex by swearing off all sex for Lent. His friends and co-workers think this is a ridiculous act and should be the subject of an online betting pool. In the midst of this online pandemonium, Matt happens to run into the girl of his dreams, Erica (Shannyn Sossamon). Eureka ensues as Matt tries to complete his vow while dealing with the inherent complications of his gambling coworkers and his love for Erica.

"40 Days" could have made some insightful comment about how there are ways of expressing love other than the sex-obsessed mandate that "Maxim" and MTV push on us. Hartnett and Sossamon seem adequately equipped to handle such a challenge.

"40 Days" would have you believe that men think about nothing but sex and that going 40 days without it is impossible. Maybe this is true. However, there is the unerring feeling that whatever the male obsession with sex may be, masculine identity is starting to consist of what movies like "40 Days" sell to men. The film doesn't allow anybody in the audience to think about such pesky ideas. Instead, it states that all "real men" have lots of sex and spend all their time thinking about sex. If the viewer wants to be a "real man," then they are forced to subscribe to the film's ideal. When men are not purely sex driven, they become futile shells of their former selves. This is evidenced by one woman saying Matt used to be cute and attractive when he was having sex, but now he's somehow less attractive (the two women in the scene promptly begin to engage in a girl-on-girl make-out session — another example of how ridiculous male fantasy ideas smoother the movie).

Will "40 Days" make a lot of money? Most likely. Will young males laugh at the dirty jokes and gawk at the women, as they have in all films of this genre? Definitely. One cannot deny that "40 Days" has adequately fulfilled all the requirements to be a good version of the typical young male movie. But even the best versions of this genre can only make stabs at mediocrity.

Men should not be mindless drones and consume this drivel because it inherently reduces male worth. We need to take a cue from our female counterparts and start becoming more concerned with controlling our sexuality and being aware of how it is marketed to us. If you want to go see "40 Days," then have fun, but just be careful of what you're swallowing.

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DVD FEATURE

Five DVD finds for your collection

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With the advent of DVD, the video industry has been simultaneously altered and expanded. More and more people are relying on either their local video stores or online sites such as Amazon.com to rent or purchase movies. Big 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.

“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 leaves Cesar (Eduardo Noriega) horribly disfigured and unfairly disconnected from his true love, Sofia (Penelope Cruz). The film also explores the distinction between fantasy and reality while questioning the moral implications of technology that impinges on the natural order.

Each action that Cesar takes in the film is immediately questionable because of the uncertainty in his mind and his hazy recollection of memories after the traumatic crash. As the uncertainty builds, the audience asks, “Is this reality or flight of the imagination?” Like “Memories,” the movie’s twists lead to an intense conclusion that will have people asking many questions but finding few answers. In a maneuver that is equal parts fascinating and frustrating, the detailed production notes on the DVD provide even more quandaries to resolve, instead of answering questions posed by the film.

Although it caused a sensation in Spain, “Open Your Eyes,” has been largely overlooked for the United States for four years. Hopefully, its DVD release will allow a new audience to appreciate this wonderfully tailored film.

“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 a show that revolutionized the conventions of television.

For those getting acquainted with the series for the first time, the individual episodes will prove the most entertaining feature on the four-disc collection, and also the most addicting.

After the show grasps the viewer, the features will seem mildly amusing, since their main thrust is to catch up with manuscripts and the show’s small screen stars. Almost all of the “Peaks” actors have faded since the series run ended (except Kyle MacLachlan, who appears on “Sex and the City”), so the supplemental feature is comparable to spending time reminiscing with old friends.

“Twin Peaks” is the most underappreciated program in television history, but this DVD release could result in a new audience falling in love with this obscure classic.

“Bully”

Those familiar with director Larry Clark’s “Kids” will have some idea what to expect from his third feature, “Bully.” This compelling drama recounts the true-life events surrounding the murder of Bobby Kent (Nick Stahl) at the hands of a group of fellow teenagers (played by Brad Renfro, Rachel Miner and others), some of whom were close friends motivated by Bobby’s verbal and physical abuse.

Like “Kids,” “Bully” is shocking in its depiction of teenage sex, drugs and violence, arguably to the point of exploitation. The power of the film comes from its no-holds-barred realism in depicting the lives of a group of kids who have nothing better to do than have sex, get high and complain about how bored they are. Watching the film becomes an almost voyeuristic look into this depraved world where the difference between right and wrong just doesn’t exist. The fact the film is based on a true story makes it even more powerful.

The DVD, unfortunately, lacks the much-needed director’s commentary that would help explain why Clark felt the need to go so far as he did. All in all, this is a disc not to buy, but certainly rent, minimizing the cost if, like a lot of critics, you decide Clark’s conception is too much of an immoral calamity and not worth adding to your collection.

“Dancer in the Dark”

Though it took home the Cannes Film Festival’s most prestigious honor in 2000, “Dancer in the Dark” had a hard time finding a wide audience in the United States. Some reviewers resisted seeing the film because of its musical format, which permits the lead actress, Selma (singer Bjork), to spontaneously break out into song. Others resisted because of the reputation of director Lars Von Trier, who established the Dogme95 filmmaking school that has upended traditional filmmaking ideologies and challenged viewers’ aesthetic preferences.

As a result of his pledge to the avant-garde, “Dancer” is shot on digital video instead of customary film stock, which would have given a glossy, naivete feel to the film’s proceedings. No matter what camera camera be choosen, though, Von Trier is able to fashion a satisfying plot around a blind woman who wishes desperately to live a life as a successful musical. Even in its most heartbreaking moments, the DVD provides an enlightening documentation of Von Trier’s obsession with the potential of the digital camera.

“Open Your Eyes,” “Twin Peaks: The First Season” and “Bully” are all available to rent or purchase on DVD. Each film has been overlooked in recent years and deserves a wider audience.

“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 the film, 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 observant 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, minimizing the cost if, like a lot of critics, you decide Clark’s conception is too much of an immoral calamity and not worth adding to your collection.

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As a result of his pledge to the avant-garde, “Dancer” is shot on digital video instead of customary film stock, which would have given a glossy, naivete feel to the film’s proceedings. No matter what camera camera be choosen, though, Von Trier is able to fashion a satisfying plot around a blind woman who wishes desperately to live a life as a successful musical. Even in its most heartbreaking moments, the DVD provides an enlightening documentation of Von Trier’s obsession with the potential of the digital camera.
Gary Buchanan scored 21 points, and Villanova closed out the game with a 1-43 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.

Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim said for the question about his team's chances in the tournament.

"It's out of my hands. It's out of my hands," he said. "I think Boeheim said when asked about the difference in shooting percentages. "We got the game or better shots than we had in the first 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.

"This is the way we played the last 11, 12 games," Boeheim said. "We weren't playing well enough to win. We got good effort and good opportunity. There's nothing I don't think we've played well over the last 12 games."

Boston College 60, Rutgers 55
Boston College coach Al Skinner was the biggest beneficiary of the Big East tournament opener and put his team in the East.

Troy Bell was 1-for-10. So was Kenny Walls. The Eagles were 15-37 from the field and 1-12 from behind the arc. The Eagles shot 31.6 in the second (12-for-38). Boston College shot 51.9 percent (27-for-53) from the floor.

"Experience paid off for them. The first five minutes of the second half was key. We missed four free throws while they made their first three shots. If we had made our free throws, no doubt in my mind we would have lost this game," Skinner said.

Syracuse's Mike Hopkins scored 21 points as he added a third 3-pointer at the 37.9-second mark for the Orange.

"They missed their first four shots, and we made our free throw night," Hopkins said. "That was what we wanted on free throws."

George Washington 77, Providence 64
George Washington defeated Providence 77-64, ending the last of Villanova's 3-pointers on Wednesday night. Reggie Bryant hit the game winner with 9:17 left, Reggie Bryant hit the game winner with 9:17 left, shooting a 3-pointer for a 52-49 lead with 8:51 to play.

"We knew what we were doing," Virginia head coach Craig Esherick said.

"We pushed the ball and closed the game. We looked like we knew what we were doing," Esherick said.

Providence's 15-2 run to take its lead of the game happened while George Washington was 2-for-9 from the free throw line and committed five turnovers.

West's winning-dunk was the sixth lead change of the game.

Providence, which ended the regular season with a five-game winning streak, set a Big East tournament record with 19 steals.

Linehan had five steals and five assists, set a Big East tournament record with 19 steals.

"We knew it was going to be a good win for us and our program," Linehan said.

George Washington's win gets the Hoyas to the second round of the Big East tournament. The Hoyas were 20-for-39 from the field, 7-for-20 from behind the arc, and were 18-for-23 from the line for 78 points on 47 percent shooting.

"I wanted to get John a taste of Madison Square Garden and the tournament mark," Linehan said. "I asked them to do."
Tennis
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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 just moved up from 23rd to 20th in the singles rankings. Taborga is part of a doubles tandem with Casey Smith, a tandem that is rated 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)."

After the Irish play at Illinois, they will travel to Atlanta for the weekend where they will begin their spring break that they will devote to training for the upcoming outdoor season and preparation for the Blue-Grey National Tennis Classic starting March 13.

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WASHINGTON Mayor Anthony Williams guaranteed its security. The meeting between Williams and Abe Pollin came one day after Tyson met with several

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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.

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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.

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Pollin had said he would consider allowing his arena to be used only if the mayor could guarantee its security. The uncertainty over Pollin's willingness to be involved with a Tyson fight had led to speculation that the promoters might try to hold it outdoors at RFK Stadium.

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"The mayor stressed the importance of this fight to Washington, D.C., from an economic standpoint, and he guaranteed a safe environment," said Matt Williams, a spokesman for Pollin. "Mr. Pollin responded by saying he is open to having the fight. If all the logistics are worked out, the MCI Center will be available."

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

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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.

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"We're considering how to disseminate it," Brown said. "If we disseminate it at all."

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

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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 resolution 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.

Glenn 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.

Glenn 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 was scheduled to hear his grievance Friday to recoup the remaining signing bonus.

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HOCKEY

Irish skate to CCHA honors

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

Special to The Observer

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 during the 2001-02 season as he collected nine goals with 33 assists for 42 points. In the CCHA, Dunlop finished second in scoring with nine goals and 27 assists for 36 points.

The talented center iceman's 33 assists are the most by a Notre Dame player since the Irish returned to the CCHA in 1992-93 and the 42 points are one less than Jamie Ling's 43 in 1994-95.

Inman finished the year ranked fifth in the CCHA in league scoring with 14 goals and 17 assists for 31 points. Overall, he turned in career-highs in goals (17), assists (19), points (35) and power play goals (7). Earlier this week he was named to the CCHA's All-Academic Team.

Cey finished second in the voting for the All-Rookie goaltender's spot to Ferris State's Mike Brown. The freshman goaltender was eighth in CCHA league games with a .907 save percentage, 12-3 overall with a 2.87 goals against average and a .905 save percentage. Overall, Cey is 13-12-3 overall with a 2.90 goals against and a .902 save percentage. He has started 20 consecutive games for the Irish since Dec. 7, 2001.

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

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Alomar claims Indians lied

Associated Press

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 a 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 Chali 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 Robbie is hurt and feels betrayed, but you can't go back and change history," Shapiro said. "It clearly stated to him that I could not guarantee anything. People who guarantee anything in this game set themselves up to be 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 Jarred Riggins 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 or at least not raising it, 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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ND Women's Golf

Golfers disappointed with tourney

• Irish battle weather, disqualification to finish 14th

By JOE LINDSEY
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 McMurtie'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 sophmore Shannon Byrne, who finished tied for 45th with a 36-hole total of 168, the third-lowest score on the Irish.

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"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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Fencers named to U.S. team

Special to the Observer

Three members of the Notre Dame fencing program — sophomore women's epeesist 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 sabreists Colin Parker and Jason Rogers, Yale women's sabre Sada Jacobson and Stanford foilist Steve Gibberman, 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.

She also 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 epeesists 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 upcoming U.S. 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.

Snyder is second on the U.S. junior men's foil rankings while also ranking 14th among all U.S. men's foilists.
MEN’S BASKETBALL

Red Storm steps up to meet Irish

Red Storm defeat Pirates, will face Irish in Big East tournament

By KERRY SMITH
Sports Writer

The Irish will have their work cut out for them at the Big East tournament tonight when they take on the St. John's Red Storm at Madison Square Garden. Notre Dame has won only one game in seven conference tournament appearances. In order to gain another win, the Irish will have to beat a team that they lost to last week and do it on that team's home turf.

St. John’s advanced to tonight’s quarterfinal round by beating Seton Hall 64-58 in front of a predominantly Red Storm crowd.

But the team didn’t do it easily. After leading by one point at the half, the Red Storm went dry on offense, going 0-18 from the field in the first 9:38 of play and racked up a seven-point deficit. The Irish came out strong in the first half of play and shot close to 50 percent from the floor to beat the Irish 84-81. Batten scored 28 points and Glover added 20 in the win.

Irish forward Ryan Humphrey scored 29 while guard Matt Carroll chipped in 19. The Irish came out strong in the first half of play and pulled out to an 11-point lead just seconds into the second half. But St. John’s stingy defense allowed the Red Storm to go on a 22-4 run later in the first half and shooting just 33 percent during the game, the Red Storm still managed to hang on with tenacious defense. The Irish 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 shot close to 50 percent from the floor to beat the Irish 84-81. Hatten scored 28 points and Glover added 20 in the win.

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The Irish will try to avenge the loss and advance to Friday’s semifinal round tonight. Tip-off is at 9 p.m. and the Red Storm crowd.

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

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

Thursday’s men’s tennis match between sixth-ranked Notre Dame and fifth-ranked Illinois will be the 30th meeting between the two teams. Although the Irish lead the overall series 18-11, the Illini have won the past five meetings.

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