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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 undergraduates in trouble with ResLife, DePersis and Wong interacted often and freely with administrators about cases and

University disciplinary procedure.

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 also 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 confidentiality 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.

Wong 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 hear-

ing 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 atypical 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.

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

Bill Kirk
assistant vice president for
Residence Life

FACULTY SENATE

Members announce structural changes

By JASON McFARLEY
News Editor

In a groundbreaking decision for Notre Dame's Faculty Senate, the Academic Council has approved two resolutions to restructure both organizations.

Senate Chair Jacqueline Brogan announced the resolutions' passage Wednesday, calling the move "an unprecedented spirit of respect and collective cooperation."

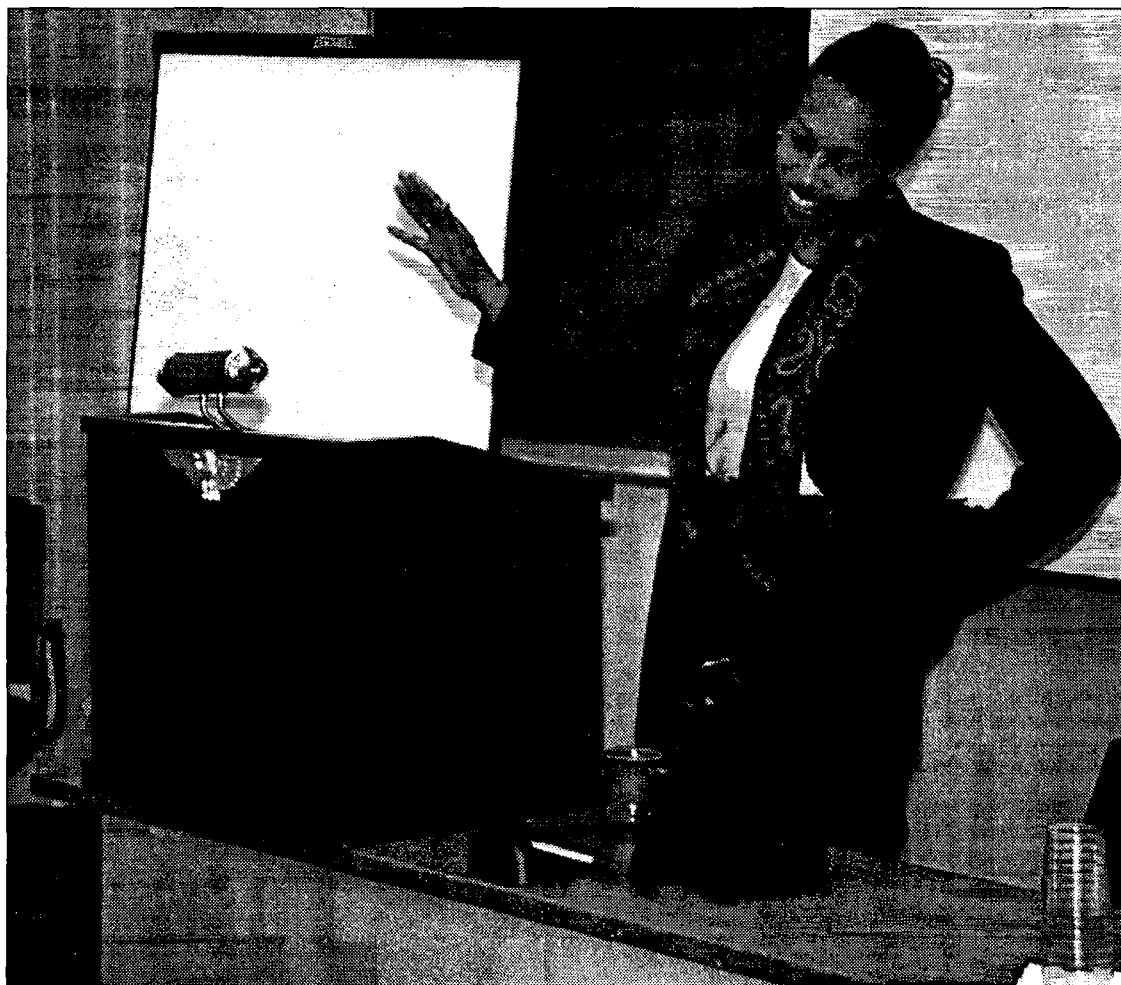
Immediately after the Academic Council members unanimously adopted the resolutions last week, University President Father Edward Malloy formally approved them.

The proposals are intended to reorganize the Senate and to give the body more formal authority.

One resolution overhauls the description of the Senate contained in the Academic Articles of the faculty handbook. It includes changes such as decreasing the number of senators from 53 to 45 and making the Senate more representative by allotting one senator to each academic department and distributing remaining seats to various other groups.

The second resolution aligns the Senate more closely with the Academic Council by increasing faculty representation on the Council and by creating new overlap between the two organizations.

The passage of the proposals is an about-face from the



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Director of Office of Institutional Equity Rhonda Brown shares her plans for increasing diversity in the faculty at Tuesday night's Faculty Senate meeting.

Senate's position a year ago.

Last May, the 2000-01 senators voted to dissolve the embattled body because administrators and faculty perceived the group as powerless and ineffective. Minutes later, 2001-02 senators officially took office and

immediately rescinded the vote. The result has been a 10-month effort to win respect for the Senate and maintain it as a viable governing body.

Brogan, who led efforts to restructure the group, said she looks forward to tackling

future issues.

"Having successfully accomplished this goal, it is time to turn our attention to the real work we as a Senate need to do," she said. "Unlike the Academic Council at this

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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 Unto 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 \$200 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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INSIDE COLUMN

Bring it on!

After seven and a half weeks of pressure-written papers, mind-numbing lectures, unpredictable weather, 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 conveniently scheduled paper 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 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 or having 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 be able to seriously survive. I know that I can only take so many early nights where there seems to be no light at the end of the homework tunnel or endless hours in MY ninth floor hovel 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 trudge 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 fall 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 sandals 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. 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, some may long 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 cours, 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 at two days, and I cannot wait for the fun times to begin!

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THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
◆ Lecture: "The International Mission of Holy Cross," Tom Smith and David Schlaver, Room C-103 Hesburgh Center, 4:15 p.m.	◆ Lecture: "There's Something About Mary (Wollstonecraft)," Eileen Hunt, Room 120 O'Shaughnessy Hall, 12:30 to 2 p.m.	◆ Conference: "Assessing the Theological Legacy of John Howard Yoder," McKenna Hall, all day.	◆ Exhibit: "Masks and Figures, Form and Style: The Christensen Family Collects African Art," Snite Museum of Art, all day.
◆ Film: "Behind Closed Eyes," Room C-100 Hesburgh Center, 7 p.m.			

BEYOND CAMPUS

Compiled from U-Wire reports

U. Mass RAs vote to form first undergraduate union

AMHERST, Mass. Resident assistants and community development assistants at University of Massachusetts-Amherst voted 138-88 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 actually not in favor of a union; 88 votes is a significant 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-Siciliano explained 12



ballots were challenged during the election.

"All of the graduate students votes were challenged by the employer," DeMarco-Siciliano said. "Even if all of them went toward the 'no-union' side, the result would not have been affect-

ed."

The RA union will be affiliated with United Auto Workers Local 2322.

"We're very excited, and we feel as though that the RAs have spoken that they did when they signed the original petition," said Tim Scott, a union organizer. "We look forward to sitting down and having RAs bargain a good contract to improve their working conditions."

"This is a group of workers who want to make a change in their job and they went about a legal process to do that," UAW local President James Shaw said. "We're going to go to the bargaining table and make those important changes."

RAs had mixed emotions over the results.

Massachusetts Daily Collegian

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, Director of Financial Aid Laura Talbot said. Replacing money denied to students with drug convictions "is consistent with stands we have taken in the past," President Al Bloom said. "I believe that the decision with respect to registration for the draft had to do with protecting students' rights to acts of conscience," said Maurice Eldridge, 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

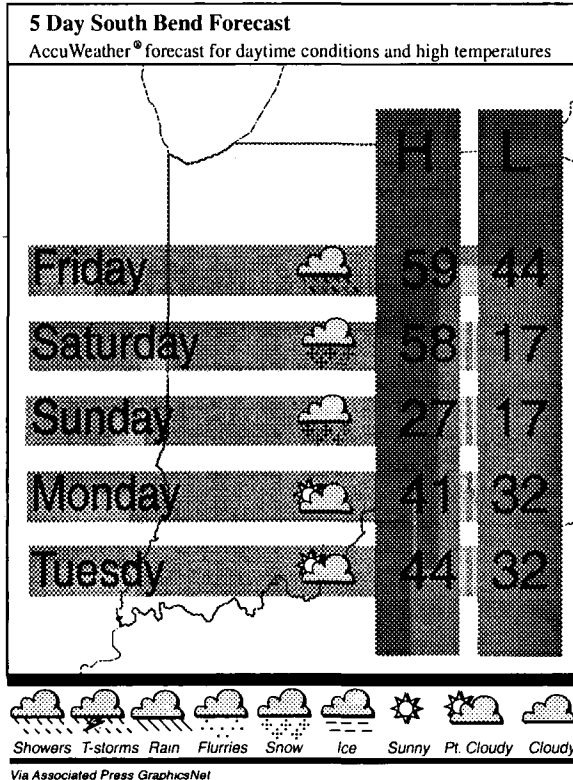
HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Controversy surrounds publication

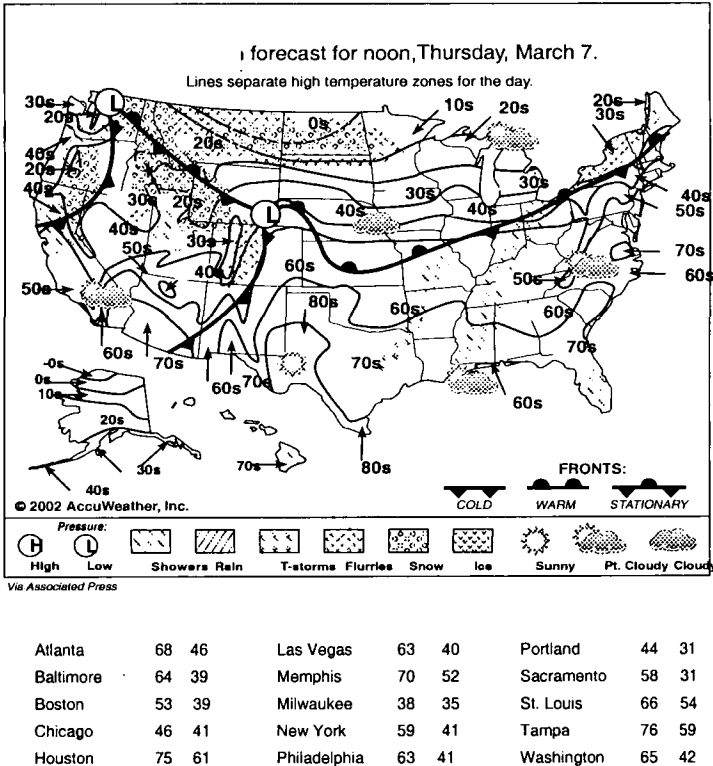
Editors of the Harvard Business Review have demanded the resignation of their boss, alleging an affair she carried on with one of her sources has compromised the integrity of the publication. The letters, written in recent weeks by four editors, called for the resignation of editor Suzy Wetlaufer after 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 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."

Harvard Crimson

LOCAL WEATHER



NATIONAL WEATHER



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 an audience that included Father Theodore Hesburgh and South Bend Mayor Steve Lueke.

"Terrorism has become the axis of American foreign politics," said Hamilton.

He noted that before September, the average American did not give much thought to the threat 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 roundup 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."

"Terrorism has become the axis of American foreign policy."

Lee Hamilton
former U.S. Congressman,
director of Woodrow Wilson
International Center

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 recon-

struction 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 good at explaining our values, which is ironic when we are such great advertisers."

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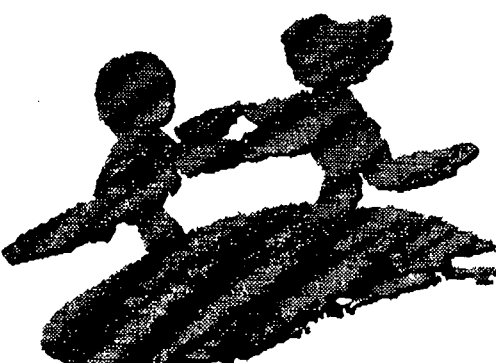


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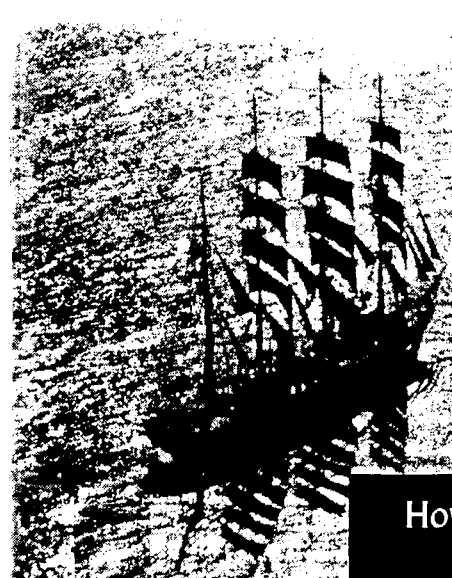


CELEBRATING WOMANHOOD



NELLIE WILLIAMS/The Observer

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 the Greatness Grant could give students the chance to have more non-Notre Dame service opportunities.

"Anytime that Notre Dame takes the initiatives to give students the opportunity to be with communities that are really different 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 ideas.

"It's such a generous thing to be given funding for something like this," said Rich. "They made it really 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 Brian O'Donoghue and current 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.

Students can obtain applications for the Greatness Grant in 203 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 other Notre Dame experiences" 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."

Contact Helena Payne at payne.30@nd.edu.

"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

AFGHANISTAN

U.S., allies deploy more troops

Associated Press

GARDEZ

Fierce fighting raged for a fifth day as the United States 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, five 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. As fighter 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. Hagenbeck, 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 was asked about discrepancy Wednesday and said accurate predictions were impossible going into a battle.

"We've been looking at that area for weeks and have a great deal 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 leader from a different region.

"What were they 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 Hilfery, 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 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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moment, we have several pressing issues on our agenda."

Senators Paul Conway and John Robinson were appointed 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 ways to increase faculty diversity. Brown said her job would be concerned with raising the number of female and minority professors.

"Faculty are vested entities

in this place," Brown said. "With a weak faculty, you have a weak institution. With a strong faculty, you have a strong institution."

She said her office would begin playing an active role next fall in faculty searches and hiring interviews.

Contact Jason McFarley at mcfarley.1@nd.edu.

Where is the Party?

Happy 21st Birthday Jenn!

Love, Mom & Dad

Starting Soon...

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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)electd 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 volunteer 3, Biology Club lecture coordinator 1, tutor 1, etc. Also include any awards and honors received.
- 4) Expound 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/or listing leadership position(s) held.

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

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For more information on the nomination process, please contact Karen Alkema in the Student Activities Office at 631-7308.

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 being interrogated near the border with Northern Ireland.

British leaders halt Iraq debate:

Parliamentarians halted a debate on British 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:

A football fan whose dash past security guards shut down the Atlanta airport for four hours was sentenced to 10 days in jail Wednesday after pleading guilty to misdemeanor trespassing. Michael Lasseter, 33, was sentenced to five weekends in jail and 500 hours of community service. He also was barred from attending University of Georgia football games this fall.

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.

ISRAEL



AFP Photo

Israeli 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.

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.

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.

However, Sharon's forecast that Israel's powerful military would crush Palestinian militancy hasn't come to pass, and the battle of attrition has now claimed more than 1,000 lives on the Palestinian side and more than 300 on the Israeli side.

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 Sever Plocker 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.

Market Watch March 6

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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 proposals 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.

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Hearing panel members apparently thought differently and determined that Hoadley violated the University's sexual misconduct policy. They expelled Hoadley and permanently banned him from campus on Oct. 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. "There weren't grounds to make a decision so severe."

With the advocates' help, Hoadley appealed. Notre Dame officials upheld the decision in early-November, according to court records, but University President Father Edward Malloy reduced the punishment to a two-year suspension without promise of readmission.

What followed next was a dramatic chain of events that drove DePersis and Wong to grow disillusioned with ResLife and to vacate their positions.

It began with Hoadley filing a Nov. 28 lawsuit in St. Joseph County Superior Court. The suit sought a preliminary injunction to lift the Wexford, Pa., native's two-year suspension. It asked a judge to grant a temporary restraining order to bar the University from enforcing the punishment.

Both DePersis and Wong admit to testifying in early-December in a court proceeding. Court records, in fact, show that both women testified on Hoadley's behalf.

The court appearance marked the first time University officials showed disdain for DePersis and Wong, the former advocates said.

"Notre Dame wanted to minimize our credibility," DePersis said. "They called Susan a 'mere notetaker' and asked us if we had any training as lawyers."

A judge on Dec. 7 upheld Notre Dame's suspension of Hoadley. In the absence of the court order, Hoadley remains suspended for the duration of the suit. The suit also seeks a permanent injunction that would reverse ResLife and Malloy's punishment of Hoadley.

Meantime, Hoadley, who planned on studying abroad this semester through the Notre Dame London Program, is enrolled at Indiana University South Bend.

The lawsuit has changed attitudes about University discipline and worried ResLife officials, according to DePersis, Wong and others.

"Everything was fine until this trial," said Judicial Council President Tim Jarotkiewicz.

DePersis said, "His case put everything in a new light. Our comfort level with [officials] before was unbelievable. After, they answered nothing."

Jeff Shoup, director of Residence Life and Housing, and Lori Maurer, the department's associate director, refused to comment on the office's past and current relationship with DePersis and Wong as well as any issues arising from it.

Jim Mello, an assistant director and the peer advocates' main contact, said advocates can meet freely with ResLife staff. He declined to comment about whether hostility was directed toward DePersis and Wong following their testimony.

That alleged hostility alone didn't cause the women to quit last month. They claim that inconsistencies in the sex assault case prompted them to look more closely at the dozens of cases they had handled since

becoming advocates as freshmen.

One sticking point for Hoadley in his case was that he was denied witnesses on his behalf inside the ResLife hearing, his attorney claims in court records. The alleged victim was allowed to have her close friend and eye-witness as well as her rectress with her during the hearing, but Hoadley was told to have a professor write a letter. The former business major's best friends were not allowed inside the hearing, and his former rector was unavailable for the proceeding.

Citing confidentiality, Wong would not confirm whether the man in her case faced the same circumstances in his hearing.

The student handbook, duLac, guarantees anyone involved in a hearing the right to present witnesses to alleged incidents. Other witnesses are permitted only at the discretion of the hearing panel.

In accordance with 1992's Higher Education Amendments, duLac states "the accuser and the accused are entitled to the same opportunities, if any, to have others present during an administrative hearing."

Wong believes the school made an example of the man, holding him up as proof of its tough stance against sexual assault.

"... DuLac is vague," Wong said. "It's like the University can do anything and justify it."

With last fall's sex-assault case and other cases, the women pointed out other procedural snafus and inconsistencies.

Documentation is a problem, according to Wong, who said peer advocates' notes are the most detailed record of University hearings. Incidentally, a court last fall ruled Wong's 24 pages of notes inadmissible and wouldn't allow them into evidence.

"Someone [else] needs to record what happens in any ResLife hearing," Wong said.

Knowledge of disciplinary rules also was a problem, DePersis said, because no two ResLife staff members would convey the same information.

"Everyone in the office was on a different page," she said. "One person would tell you to do X, another Y and someone else Z. I kept thinking that maybe it was just me, but I can't be wrong nine out of 10 times."

Another problem was training. Neither woman was ever trained to handle sexual assault cases. For DePersis, her first experience with that type of case came last fall. For Wong, it was her second.

Advocates also receive no training to handle drug cases, which have been prevalent this year, the women said.

Peer advocate adviser Mello said his office provides overall training in the disciplinary process but does no incident-specific training.

Although the name seems to imply differently, advocates do not represent people embroiled in the disciplinary process. In fact, both current advocates and University officials describe them as middle men between students and ResLife.

Charged students typically are advised to call when they get a letter from the University stating allegations against them. There are two vehicles for University discipline: the disciplinary con-

ference and the administrative hearing. The hearing is the more serious of the two.

Conferences commonly result from drinking offenses, according to DePersis and Wong. Punishment here is usually minimal — small fines, community service and mandatory counseling. The rash of tailgating offenses last fall ended mostly in minor punishment from disciplinary conferences.

Hearings, the women said, involve more significant accusations — sexual assault, parietais violations, drug use and possession and manufacture and possession of false identification. Rulings in hearings may result in severe actions such as suspension and expulsion from the University.

Advocates generally don't attend conferences with students, and it is the students' discretion whether to have an advocate accompany them into a hearing. Their work is kept confidential.

Last semester alone, the corps of 15 advocates worked more than 50 cases. DePersis and Wong were responsible for about half of them.

Jarotkiewicz of the Judicial Council said last week his office received six calls from students seeking advocates' help.

For DePersis and Wong, the breaking point came when they believed they no longer could help the people who wanted their support. That was in late January.

"We saw our ability to help anybody degenerating," Wong said. "We couldn't justly work for something when we didn't understand the rules and procedures."

They announced their resigna-

tion to fellow advocates and ResLife staff in early February. Only the advocates were supportive of the decision. Some officials cautioned DePersis and Wong to not be "wave-makers," the women claim.

"Everyone made us feel like we were irrational," DePersis said.

Bill Kirk, assistant vice president for Residence Life, called a meeting with them before the women made their departures public. Their talk with the administrator was helpful, DePersis and Wong said.

"We had a good discussion," said Kirk, who is not directly involved with the advocate program or with disciplinary proceedings. "I understood their reasons for resigning. I thought it was handled very well."

Their public disclosure of their resignation came at a Feb. 6 Student Senate meeting. In a letter to senators, they said a once-strong relationship with the Office of Residence and Housing had become strained and caused them to question their ability to serve students.

To DePersis and Wong's surprise, the Senate — with no discussion — accepted the resignations and quickly confirmed Kathryn Anderson and Ricky Sadowski as their successors.

By coming forward with their frustrations, the women hope to bring change to a disciplinary process they believe is compromised by unfairness and inconsistency.

They want students — especially student government representatives — to take an active role in straightening out the flaws they see in the system. They want faculty members, too, to lend support to the issue. And they want officials to recognize that the way the University handles discipline raises 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."

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

"We're hesitant out of respect for the office and out of personal concern," Wong said.

Both believe that peer advocacy is an invaluable program and shouldn't 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.

"We have good discussions with them about what we're seeing and what students are coming to us with," Jarotkiewicz said. He noted that a meeting last week with Mello was positive, and the administrator ensured him that advocates would play the same role they have in the past.

The biggest loss amid the controversy was for the advocacy program itself, Jarotkiewicz said about DePersis and Wong's leaving office.

For their part, DePersis and Wong are happy with their decision. They remain close friends with most of their former colleagues. And their relationship with at least one ResLife official is intact.

Their confidence in the University disciplinary procedures, though, may be shaken for good.

"I can't say, 'put your faith in ResLife anymore,'" DePersis said. "If I can't put my faith in it, how can I be expected to tell students who are petrified to put their faith in it?"

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Sexual orientation forum draws small crowd

By JILL MAXBAUER
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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 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 Alexandria Wilkie.

The forum began with 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.

Regina Hall Director Carly Guerra added, "It's something that needs to be talked about, especially at Saint Mary's."

The planning group 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.

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,

"There is such a thing as heterosexual privilege."

Mary Crawford
student organizer

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 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 Fean, 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



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A participant at the most recent forum in the Saint Mary's sexuality series writes words she associates with heterosexuality during an exercise designed to evoke debate Wednesday.

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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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 reprisal. Given the renewed allied offensive in 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 military power exercised by states is an important one. Catholics and others should 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 are called "intermediate" associations or institutions. These include everything from 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 remake at the level of the street, of the neighborhood." There is the need for "different forms of associations, recreational centers and spiritual and community



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gatherings." John Paul II himself calls for "a wide range of intermediate bodies with economic, social and cultural purposes."

What might be exemplars of this intermediate form of association? How can we respond to Sept. 11 in a way that goes beyond the display of the American flag? (I have one in my window 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 joins work on behalf of the poor with peacebuilding. In their words, "Friendship with poor people led Sant'Egidio to understand better that war is the mother of poverty. In this way, love for poor people in many situations became work for peace, protecting it whenever it is jeopardized, helping to rebuild it, 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 80 countries and territories. It has also recently undertaken the explicit 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; 7) trauma healing and psychosocial work; and 8) post-conflict reconstruction as well as economic relief and development.

The CRS "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 promote the common good of the larger society."

Intermediate groups like these two are not a panacea with regard to 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 violence. The Second Vatican Council states, "If peace is to be established, the primary requisite is to eradicate the causes of dissension among men. Wars thrive on these, especially on injustice."

Paul VI warns without advocating, "When whole populations destitute of necessities live in a state of dependence barring them from all initiative and responsibility and all opportunity to share in social and political life, recourse to violence, as a means to right these wrongs to human dignity, is a grave temptation."

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 wealthier 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 part of a response. The work of groups like Sant'Egidio and Catholic Relief Services, however, can help defuse the popular support for terrorism, lessening its attraction and therefore diminishing its occurrence. It is also on this intermediate level that all of us can participate in ways that go beyond symbolism.

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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 that the University of Notre Dame had exceeded my expectations with this year's commencement speaker, Vicente Fox. After President Bush's visit last year, I was relatively pessimistic about who we were going to have speak for our class. I was praying that it wasn't going to be that disc 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.

No matter what Fox's message will be on Commencement Sunday, much can be taken from his campaign slogan of "Sí, se puede!" (Yes, he can!) As we look to the future, anything is possible for us.

As seniors, we should be thankful that the University is bestowing upon us somebody other than Taylor, and we should be excited not only for Fox's speech, but for the future us all.

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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 reprehensible.

In "Feminist promotion of 'V-day' is not true social work," printed Tuesday, Lt. David Sauve asserts that feminism "has its roots in Marxist 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 feminist thought — 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 women's sexual nature, intellectual thoughts and contributions to a society that includes men.

Like it or not, women are still not equal members of society, which is only recognizable if you are a woman or if you are a man who is willing to objectify his social perspective of society. If women do not initiate a discussion of themselves and their offerings to society, no advancement will ever come.

Women's suffrage did not occur because male 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 sexual beings, 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.

Sauve's marginalization of women only fuels the drive for social acceptance. He defines "true oppression" in specifically militaristic terms. For another perspective on the matter, I suggest that he talk with a 50-year-old woman who wanted to be a doctor, an architect or an engineer but was told she could not pursue her dreams "because you are a girl." This oppression is not one to be remedied with guns and bombs. It is changed through persistent education and social change.

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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 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 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 malaise of the 1960s rubbed off on the military, as is shown so pointedly in those aforementioned films. Drugs and racial tension had not begun to radically undermine readiness and unit cohesion. 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."

With its inexplicably changed title, "We Were Soldiers" opens with a scene of a French patrol being decimated in an ambush in the early '50s, 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 compara-

ble 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, 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 Sergeant Major Basil Plumley (Sam Elliot).

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, enlistments cannot be involuntarily extended, meaning that Moore's battalion will lose 1/3 of its most experienced 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 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.

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 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 veteran actors, Wallace (screenwriter of "Braveheart") crafts a story true to the events,

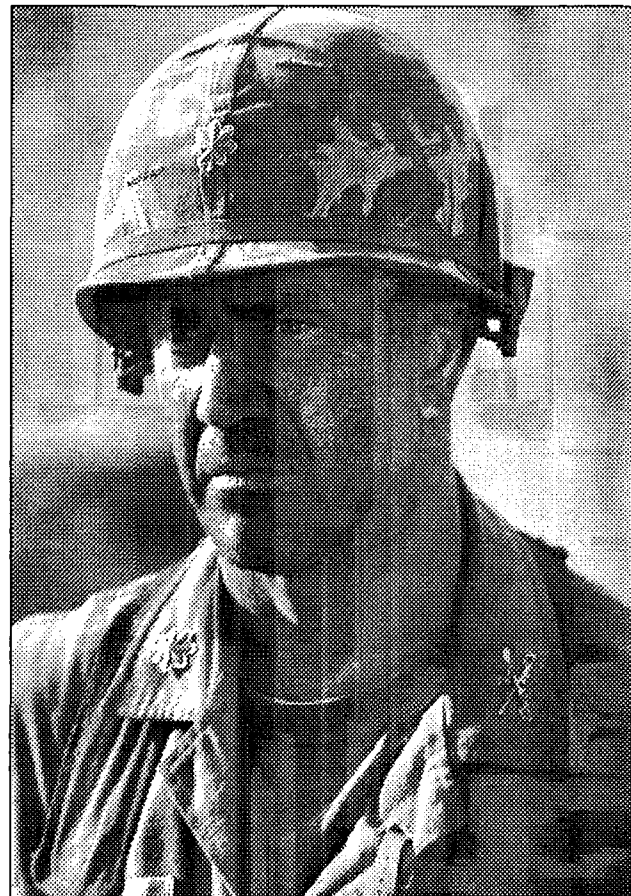


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"We Were Soldiers" stars Mel Gibson as real-life figure Lt. Col. Hal Moore.

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 into a betting game by his friends, says to them, "You ought to be ashamed of yourselves." Sadly, this remark is more appropriately directed at the audience and the filmmakers rather than the characters in the film.

As benign as yet 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). Hilarity ensues as Matt tries to complete his vow while dealing with the

inherit 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 America. Hartnett and Sossamon seem adequately equipped to handle such a challenge. They both

put forth enticingly understated performances and the dynamic between the two is endearing. However, instead of utilizing them and making intelligent comments, the film goes for the path of complete mindlessness and outrageousness. All the other characters in the film are complete buffoons played by mediocre actors.

Whenever there is any sort of dull moment in the film, it is offset by some female nudity or an erection-masturbation joke. The film raises itself to no higher level than that of a bad issue of an all-too-popular male magazine. It is a complete male fantasy with lots of scantily clad women and talk about sex. The question that the film never addresses is what kind of male fantasy it purports.

"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 unnerving 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 itself 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 smother 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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Photo courtesy of Miramax Films

Josh Hartnett tries to stay off sex in "40 Days and 40 Nights," the latest comedy aimed at teenage males.

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DVD FEATURE

Five DVD finds for your collection

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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 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 out.

"Open Your Eyes" ("Abre Los Ojos")

Although considerably more unknown than its American remake, "Vanilla Sky," Alejandro Amenábar's second Spanish feature, "Open Your Eyes," raises a significant amount of philosophical dilemmas while providing a thrilling story. It revolves around the stunning car crash that has left César (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 César takes in the film is immediately questionable because of the uncertainty of his sanity 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 "Memento," 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 in the United States for four years. Hopefully, its DVD release will allow a new audience to appreciate this wonderfully tailored film.

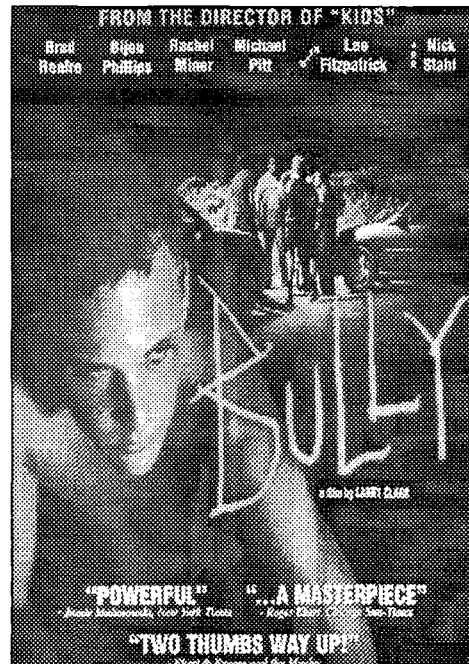
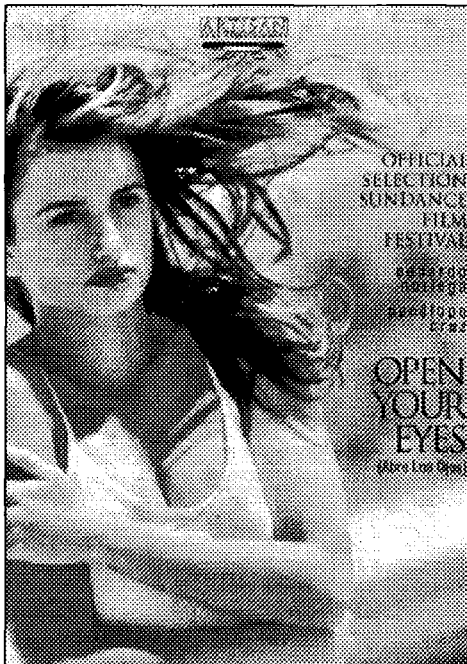
"Twin Peaks: The First Season"

"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 redefined 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 most of the series' small screen stars. Almost all of the "Peaks" actors have faded since the series run ended (except Kyle McLachlan, who appears on TV's "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



"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.

Photos courtesy of Artisan Entertainment and Lions Gate Home Entertainment

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 as 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 viewers resisted seeing the film because of its musical format, which permits the lead actress, Selma (singer Björk), 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, inauthentic feel to the film's proceedings.

No matter which camera he chooses,

though, Von Trier is able to fashion a scintillating plot around a blind woman who wishes desperately to live life as a continuous musical. While the overall tone of the movie is somber, it is difficult to turn attention away from the screen even in its most heartbreaking moments.

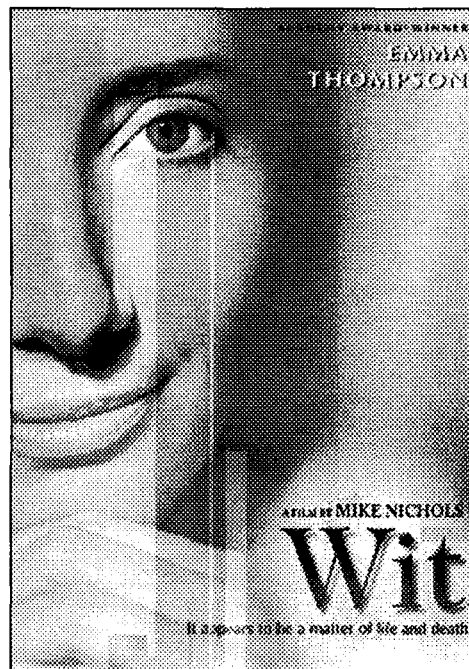
The DVD provides an enlightening documentary on Von Trier's obsession with the potential of the digital camera. Entitled "100 Cameras: Capturing Lars Von Trier's Vision," it documents the shocking multi-camera assemblage that gave Von Trier limitless possibilities in the editing stage. His hard work becomes the viewers' delight; the film is remarkably pieced together and is sure to leave an indelible impression in the mind of its audience.

"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 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, 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." Despite not having more than a couple supplemental features, the DVD finally provides the film with the presentation it deserves.



Photos courtesy of New Line Home Video and HBO Films

"Dancer in the Dark," a musical drama starring Björk, 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.

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BIG EAST MEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

NCAA bid for Syracuse questionable after loss

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Villanova's second win over Syracuse in less than a week could be the one that ended the Orangemen's chances of an NCAA Tournament at-large bid.

Gary Buchanan 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 settled.

Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim didn't even wait for the question about his team's chances to finish before he started answering it.

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

The Wildcats (17-11) advanced to the quarterfinals and will play No. 19 Connecticut (21-6), which won the conference's East Division.

"This was a very rewarding win for our team, to beat a team with 20 wins in Madison Square Garden in the Big East tournament," Villanova coach Jay Wright said. "We've been playing good ball and this was a good win for us and our program."

Buchanan hit the first of three 3-pointers the Wildcats made on consecutive possessions for a 46-45 lead with 10:34 to play. Derrick Snowden's 3-pointer with 9:39 left gave Villanova a 49-47 lead. After DeShaun Williams tied the game on jumper with 9:17 left, Reggie Bryant hit the last of Villanova's 3-pointers and it had the lead for good, 52-49 with 8:51 to play.

Preston Shumpert's turnaround jumper with 4:00 left brought Syracuse within 64-61, but Buchanan hit a jumper 48 seconds later to start

Villanova's game-closing run. "Gary made some great plays, not just great shots," Wright said. "It's his job to make plays and he did."

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

Syracuse shot 51.9 percent from the field in the first half (14-for-27), but that fell off to 31.6 in the second (12-for-38).

"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 same 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 haven't played well enough to win. We got great effort and good opportunities but I just don't think we've played well over the last 12 games."

Boston College 60, Rutgers 55

Boston College coach Al Skinner read the halftime box of the Big East tournament opener against Rutgers and shuddered a bit.

Troy Bell was 1-for-10. So was Kenny Walls. The Eagles, on the NCAA tournament bubble, had shot a miserable 5-for-33 (15.2 percent), the lowest half ever in Big East tournament history. Boston College trailed 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 that to my assistants."

"I was hoping we wouldn't play that kind of half again."

They didn't.

The Eagles (20-10) rallied to defeat Rutgers and advance to the Big East quarterfinals. On Thursday, the Eagles play Pittsburgh in a rematch of last year's championship game,

which Boston College won 79-57.

Rutgers (18-12) led 33-22 at halftime after running off 13 straight points and limiting the Eagles to two points in the final 7:21 of the half. But the Eagles climbed back in the game. Bell and Walls made quick baskets. Then Ryan

Sidney, 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 Agbai put

Boston College in front to stay.

Bell had 16 points but made just four of 20 shots. Walls had 11 on 4-of-17 shooting as Boston College shot 27.3 percent for the game.

Jerome Coleman led Rutgers with 17 points, and Rashod Kent had 11 but missed three of his 13 free throws. The Scarlet Knights were 17-for-31 from the foul line.

Rutgers coach Gary Waters gave Boston College credit.

"Experience paid off for them," he said. "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 win."

Skinner thought the win clinched an NCAA berth for the Eagles.

"I definitely feel like we're in," he said.

Georgetown 68, Providence 67

Georgetown was at its worst at the free-throw line and tied a Big East tournament record

for turnovers. So the Hoyas went to a power dunk on a fast break to get an important win.

Wesley Wilson's slam with 3.8 seconds to play gave Georgetown a victory over Providence in an opening-round game.

Wilson's only basket in the final 10 minutes came on a nice pass from freshman Drew Hall.

It allowed the Hoyas (19-10) to move on to the quarterfinals against No. 20 Miami (23-6) and kept alive their chances for an at-large berth in the NCAA tournament.

"Drew made a perfect play against their defense," Georgetown coach Craig

Esherick said.

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

Providence (15-16) had a last chance at the upset, but John Linehan was unable to get off a clean shot as he

started his drive near the head of the key.

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

The Friars lost their fifth straight Big East tournament game.

Hall made two free throws — quite an accomplishment for Georgetown on a day the Hoyas were 20-for-39 from the line — to give Georgetown a 66-65 lead with 14 seconds to play.

Abdul Mills took the inbounds pass, drove down the right side of the floor and went right to the basket to give the Friars a 67-66 lead with 9.5 seconds left.

"That was what we wanted — Abdul going right to the rim," Providence coach Tim Welsh said. "But they came right back at us."

Hall said not having a timeout after Providence scored helped the Hoyas.

"We didn't have a timeout so it was better to push the ball," Hall said. "Besides, with a timeout it gives them time to set their defense. I pushed it 1-on-1, and Wesley made it a 2-on-1."

The win was the fourth straight for Georgetown, which was third in the conference this season in free-throw percentage at 73.9.

After the game, the Hoyas returned to the floor at Madison Square Garden and practiced free throws.

"There's no way we shoot free throws like that again," senior guard Kevin Braswell said.

Mike Sweetney, limited to 12 minutes in the second half because of foul trouble, had 18 points for Georgetown, the last six after Providence used a 15-2 run to take a 59-52 lead. Sweetney had 10 rebounds to lead the Hoyas, who finished with a 43-28 rebounding advantage.

"Sweetney came back and really hurt us in that four-minute stretch after we took the seven-point lead," Welsh said.

Providence's 15-2 run to take its first lead of the game happened while Georgetown was going 2-for-6 from the free-throw line and committed five of its 27 turnovers.

Wilson's game-winning dunk was the sixth lead change of the final 2:35.

Providence, which ended the season with a four-game losing streak, set a Big East tournament record with 19 steals. The Hoyas' 27 turnovers tied the tournament mark.

Linehan had five steals and he finished his career as the NCAA's career leader in that category with 385.

"I wanted to get John a taste of this tournament for more than one day," Welsh said. "We did a good job of keeping them off-balance. The kids did everything 100 percent of what I asked them to do."

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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.

Louis Haddock-Morales
sophomore

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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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.poptopix.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. Right now, 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 Montreal. Stockman is a Kansas City Royals fan, Spector said, while New Yorkers Spector and John Shazar follow the Yankees.

Pledges skyrocketed after ESPN.com ran a column Feb. 21 about the drive, written by Daily Pennsylvanian alumnus Alan Schwarz.

Stockman said none of the three have spoken with 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 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.

"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."

Another hurdle, stipulated by the mayor, 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 an 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

disseminate it at all."

Washington is one of several cities vying for the Tyson-Lewis 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.

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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NFL

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 Blum 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 late-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 million 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 signs with Browns

Associated Press

BEREA, Ohio

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.

"He has been to the Pro

Bowl and has an 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 a week ago 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 Keion 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 resigned 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**

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.

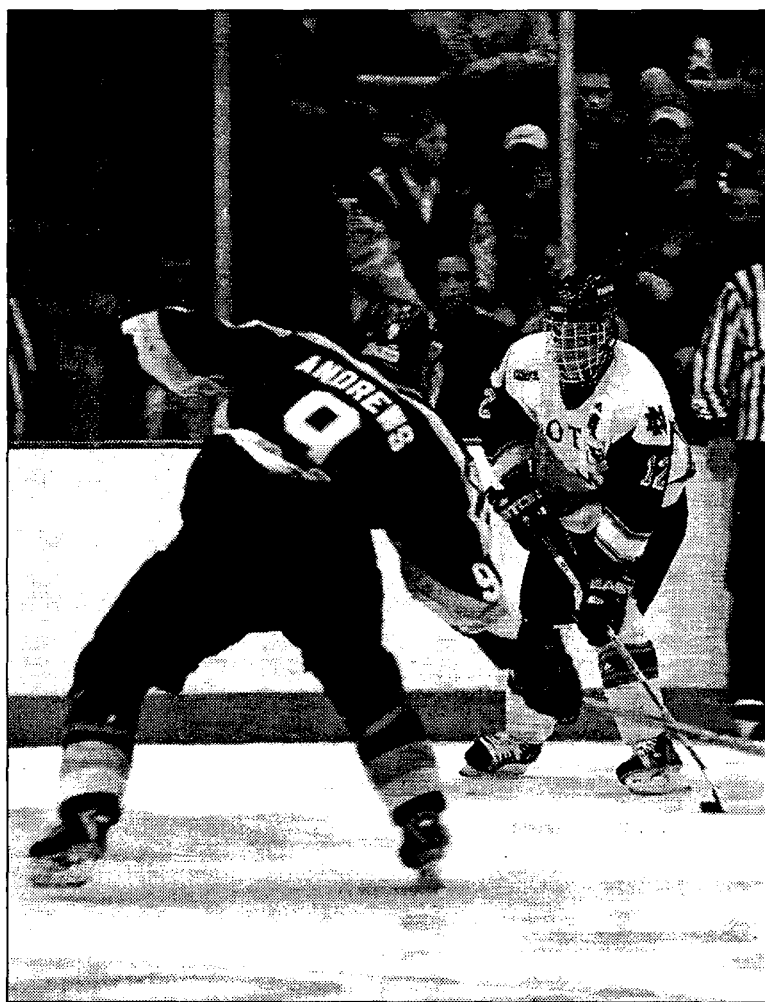
Teammate freshman Morgan Cey was also named honorable mention to the CCHA All-Rookie team for the 2001-02 season.

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 (18), 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 vot-



BRIAN PUCEVICH/The Observer

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 2.87 goals against average and was 11-9-3 in league 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 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 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 Robbie 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 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 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 Carolin Landmann of Tulane. Sophomore Rebecca Rogers tied for 59th, junior Terri Taibl tied for 68th, senior Lauren Fuchs tied for 71st and freshman Casey Rotella finished the two rounds in 77th 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 sabremen Colin Parker and Jason Rogers, Yale women's sabre Sada Jacobson and Stanford foilist Steve Gebberman, 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.

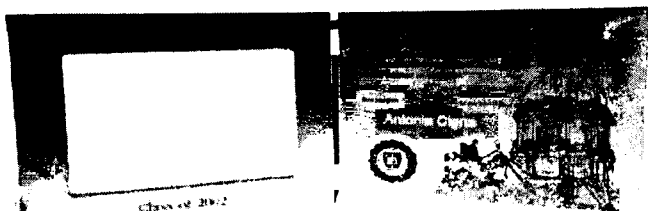
Ament currently sits atop the U.S. junior women's foil rankings while also ranking No. 15 in the world among junior-level women's epeeists and fifth in the U.S. overall women's foil rankings. She posted a 27-2 regular-season record with the Irish and finished second at the Junior Olympics, behind Jacqueline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

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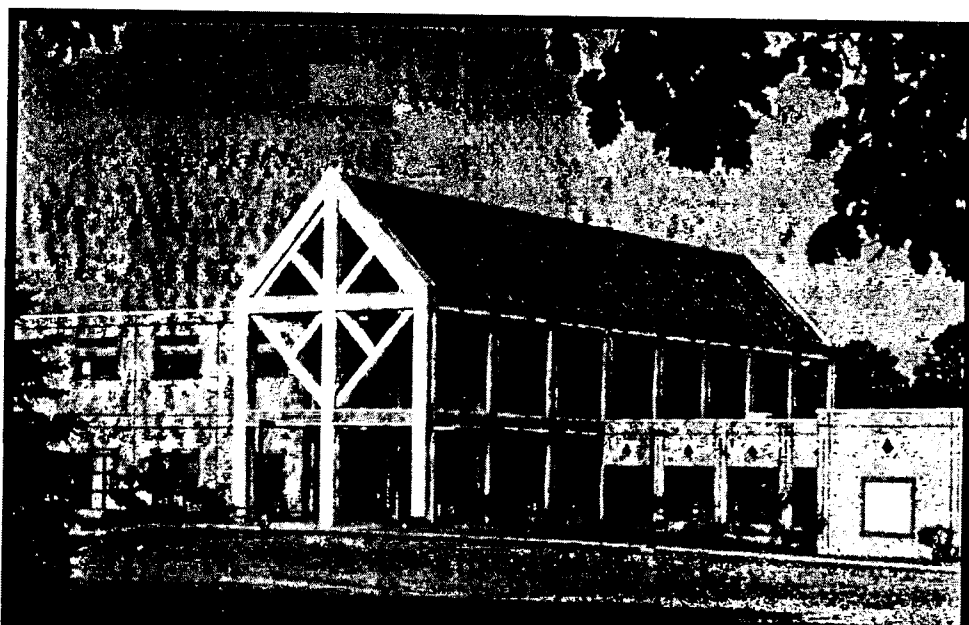
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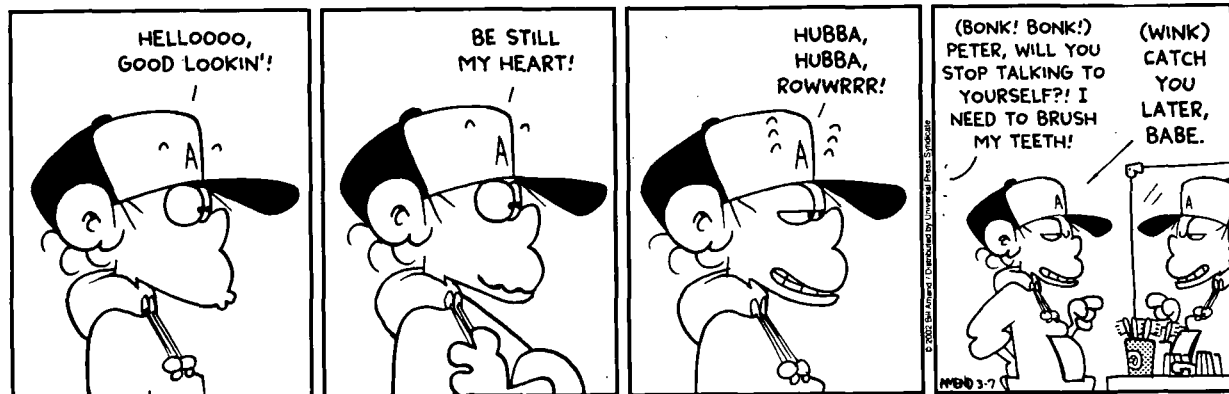
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SPORTS

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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-for-18 from the field in the first 9:38 of play and racked up a seven-point deficit.

Despite going a dismal 8-for-32 in the entire second half and shooting just 33 percent during the game, the Red Storm still managed to hang on with tenacious defense.

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 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.

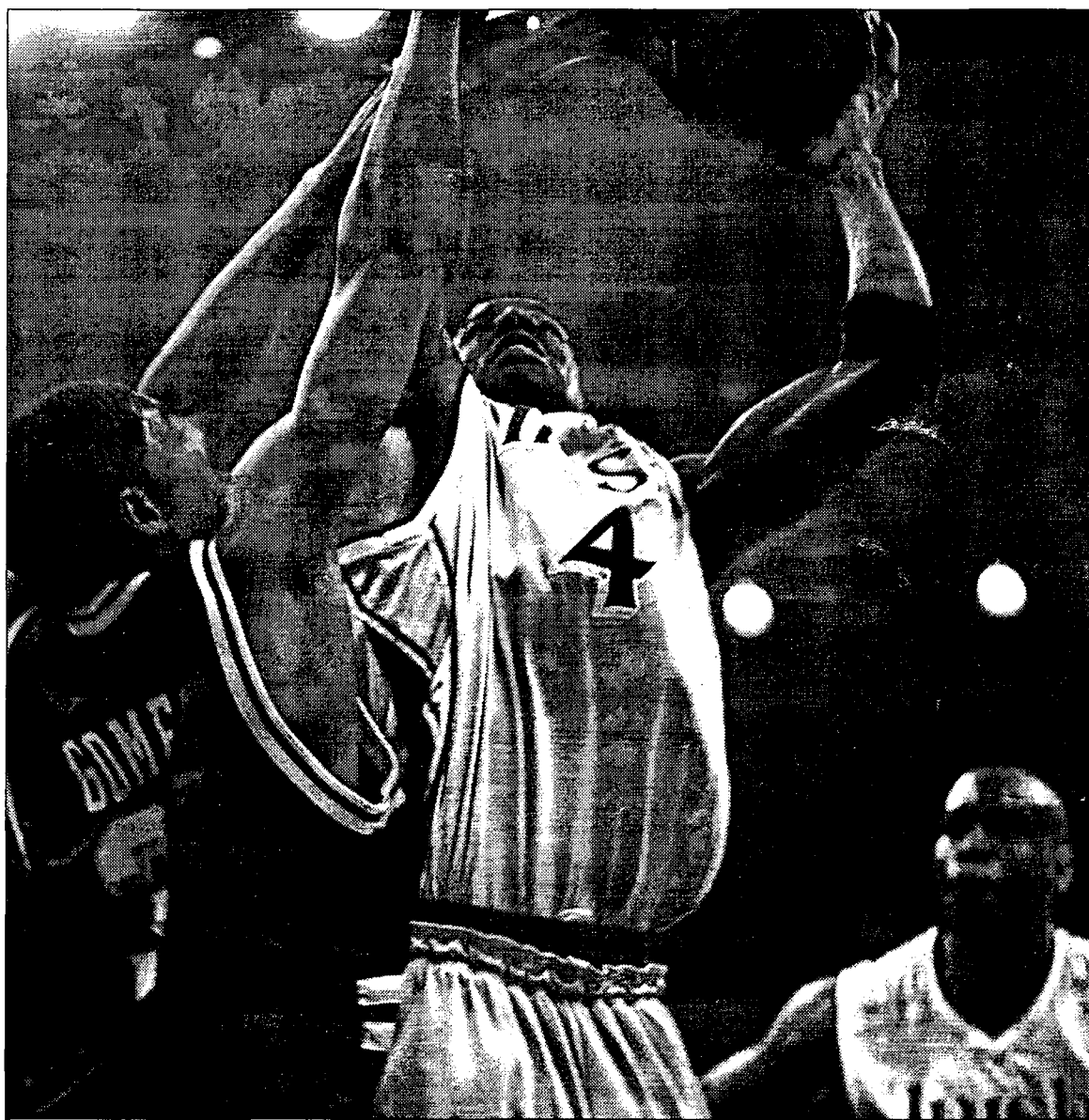
Irish forward Ryan Humphrey scored 29 while guard Matt Carroll chipped in 19.

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 and later a 10-3 run to secure the home win.

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

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Senior Ryan Humphrey takes a shot against Providence. The Irish will face off against St. John's in the quarterfinals of the Big East tournament tonight.

MEN'S TENNIS

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



BRIAN PUCEVICH/The Observer

The No. 6 Irish tennis team will face off against the No. 5 Illini tonight at a tough Illinois home court.

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.

In the most recent national rankings, Notre Dame just moved up from No. 7, and Illinois, after a 5-2 loss to Duke, fell out of the No. 1 spot.

The Irish have reached their highest ranking

since they were rated No. 6 in 1993.

Even though they are right behind the Illini, Notre Dame is expecting a tough match but feel confident about their skill level.

"Illinois is a pretty tough place to play," said sophomore Matt Scott. "Anytime you play [one of the top teams] you obviously get really fired up. We had the chance to play Georgia earlier in the season when they were number one, and we lost 4-2. We're going into this one a little more prepared."

"We're expecting a

great match. Year after year, it gets rougher," said sophomore Louis Haddock-Morales. "Right now it's just another team that's out there and is really good. And we're also very good right now."

Illinois has beaten some of the best teams in the nation and handed Georgia, the current No. 1 team, its only loss.

Individually, the Illini boast some of the best players in the nation, including Amer Delic, ranked ninth nationally in singles.

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