Student conference explores visions of peace

**The Personal and the Political**

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**Armed and Ready**

By MAGGY TINUCCI Assistant News Editor

As a celebration of the 15th year of the peace studies concentration, a student-run conference will hold various panel discussions and exhibit student’s active visions of peace.

"We wanted to do something to celebrate peace," said Kelly Smith, co-chair of the conference entitled "The Personal and the Political: Exploring Beliefs, Values and Peacemaking." "We often hear people talking cynically about the state of war. That’s not what the peace studies concentration is all about. We wanted people to see peace as active," Smith said.

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Peace studies is a unique interdisciplinary program that addresses issues from several discourses. This allows many perspectives on the same issue to be heard, according to Smith. The conference was open to the community and runs through Sunday, while host students from other schools, including Georgetown.

"Rarely do you have students presenting their work. The work we do goes so unnoticed. This is a chance to see what other students are doing," said Smith.

Demonstrating what the peace studies concentration is about, the papers discuss active topics in accordance with the conference theme. "People don’t realize how effective and pragmatic peace studies is. We want to dispel the myth that peace and justice is a passive approach," said Smith.

Future applications of peace studies will be a focus of the conference.

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The conference runs all weekend, beginning Friday at 7:00 p.m. with a program including poetry, dance, film shorts from the archives and an at-capella performance. A reception will follow.

The opening address begins at 8:30 a.m. Saturday. Topics include "Creating an Economy of Peace," "Preserving Human Rights," "Finding Peace in War," "Political Reformation and Repealing Peace," "Addressing Out for the Socially and Culturally Marginalized" and "Providing A Personal Peace." All events will take place in the Hesburgh Center.
All that I am or hope to be ...

When I left for college almost three years ago, my mother did not know where the scissors were to cut the apron strings. Meanwhile, I had a chessboard rewired.

I wanted to leap from the nest without hesitation. I bunched those little choices from my lips, rarely called and never told my mom the truth I misled her.

I clearly remember an autumn morning before I left for college. I was telling my mom that I would never leave home, and my mom insists that there must be.

My mother has had a hard life, but she hasn't let herself become hard. Because...I survive even more.

The lessons she hasn't taught, I've learned from spring break a few weeks ago. Sometimes...

But we both know what kind of mother she is. Despite protests, she wanted me to go too.

Strange. My mother has had a hard life, but she hasn't let herself become hard. Because...

She was right.

This will be my first summer away from home, and my mom insists that there must be...Sometimes I still need you.
Bateson explains power of home

By COLLEEN McCARTHY
Nico Maci Ed:er

The power of the word "home" and the connotations it evokes is a topic that people have long pondered. It's a word that evokes for people impacts and motions that can never be certain what the demand for overnight visits will be. We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help welcome potential members of the next Freshman Class to Notre Dame. By the end of the month, we will have mailed decision letters to thousands of students who applied. Notre Dame is the University from which some of the newest members of Notre Dame were accepted. We are looking for enthusiastic Notre Dame students. We will offer accommodations on all of the following nights. If you can host a student, please consider volunteering.

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Corporate level requires diversity

By ALISON HEINZ
News Writer

It is important for companies to show diversity at a time when some states, including California, Texas and Washington, have already done away with affirmative action laws, said Ilynor Williams, vice president for public responsibility for the Sara Lee Corporation.

According to Williams, "Diversity in corporate America has been a progress," said Williams. "But we must rely on basic human morality to ensure its continuation. Affirmative action has long been controversial in America. "Diversity can be described as a form of affirmative action, which makes affirmative action more palatable," she said.

Williams said that no matter how much diversity there is, the end result should be fairness.

"Fairness is simply an equal shot," she said. "Not guaranteed success; but guaranteed opportunity."

Williams also discussed the role of advertising in the promotion of diversity.

"Big name companies including Chrysler and Toyota have been guilty of making racial blunders in their advertising," she said.

However, these companies and others now promote the efforts of corporations such as Sara Lee by increasing the awareness of sensitive issues such as diversity.

Williams urges companies to consider diversity for the benefit of advertising and as a step forward for the cause of diversity.
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to the athlete, and I would never let that happen,” he continued.

Instead, the football team uses current players to recruit so the prospective players can get the truth about life as an African American football player. “The best recruiters we have are the current players and any of the former black students at Notre Dame,” Chmiel said.

Admissions takes a similar route to this recruitment approach. “If students come to campus, they visit my office. If I don’t think they will be a good fit, I will tell them that,” Chmiel said.

Recruitment of African Americans is not always easy due to the small percentage on campus. “Blacks are going back to his­ torical institutions in greater numbers than ever before and are especially interested in the type of support they received in high school,” Chmiel said.

The athletic department also deals with fierce competition from other Division I schools for the best black recruits. “Recruiting is challenging in any capacity because every team that comes into our stadium gives us their finest effort, because of Notre Dame’s education and athletic tradition,” Chmiel said. “But black students also give us their finest effort to recruit successfully away from our program.”

Current students have repeatedly said because of their admissions office recruitment procedures.

“I was very impressed by the recruitment process at Notre Dame,” said Bubba.

“In fact, it is the reason I am here rather than at Georgetown. Notre Dame made my visit extremely comfortable; however, Georgetown also gave the same feeling,” Bubba said.

Chmiel also received praise from one of its top 1997 recruits: football player Tom Driver.

“I liked Notre Dame’s recruiting because I felt they really wanted me to come here,” Driver said. “They put in the time and effort to get me that I signed with Florida State, but I felt Notre Dame had an abnormal interest in me.”

One at Notre Dame, African Americans are in an environment where they are among a small group of eligible students of their same race.

“African American organization or group you are a part of, you sometimes feel on the outside of other groups because you are different,” Bubba stated.

Because different culture is different, we must adjust to people and they must adjust to us. During this process you can feel like an outsider.”

As a sophomore, Driver feels he has adjusted to the racial cli­ mate at Notre Dame. “I do not feel like an outsider at Notre Dame because I am past color barriers — white, black, purple — I have no prejudices,” Driver said.

“I do not think I would necessarily fit in anywhere and it is hard when you are walking down South Quad and only see three minority students. But race is not an issue for me it is for some students,” Driver continued.

Some students feel that being African-American is a distinct advantage at Notre Dame. “There are specific situations where being African-American may make you feel like an outsider, but it is not a hindrance to me,” sophomore Kelly Nduka said.

“I realize I stand out from the crowd and take advantage of this opportunity. I have a dif­ ferent perspective on issues, and this makes any experience more interesting,” she said.

Recruitment of African American students is trying to increase the number of African-American students at Notre Dame,” Outlaw said.

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**World News Briefs**

Clerics decry belly dancers

CAIRO

Egypt's top cleric has ruled that belly dancers and actresses should not perform "holy," the annual Muslim pilgrimage, unless they quit show business, a newspaper reported Thursday. Grand Mufti Sheik Nasr Fawzi was quoted by the Al-Ahmar newspaper as saying that money earned by public performance is illicit in Islam and should not be used to perform religious duties. "They should give up these sins and return to God," he was quoted as saying. Al-Ahmar said Fawzi's ruling, or fatwa, was first published Wednesday in Al-Khaliji, a United Arab Emirates newspaper. A fatwa can only be issued by the grand mufti, whose words do not carry the threat of punishment but have a great moral authority, "The hag of the belly dancers and the actresses are invalid if they do not repent," Fawzi was quoted as saying. He was not immediately available for comment.

Death penalty lures murderer

FORT MYERS, Fla.

A German woman attempted to attack a 4-year-old girl on the beach and said she came to Florida planning to kill someone because she was "lured by the death penalty," according to investigators. The child, who was visiting from New York, survived when a bystander pulled the girl from the knife-wielding woman Wednesday. Angela Ursula Lehmann was being held in the Lee County Jail without bail on a charge of attempted first-degree murder.

Pope refuses female deacons

VATICAN CITY

The Vatican has reiterated its refusal to allow women to serve as deacons, a role that would have allowed them to preach at Mass and participate in the celebratory liturgical services. Ordination as deacons is a step below priesthood, which the Roman Catholic Church reserves solely for unmarried men. "There are so many other opportunities" for women in the church, Cardinal Maria Caraffini-Rojas, who heads the Vatican's Congregation for the Clergy, said Thursday. Caraffini was speaking at a news conference to present Pope John Paul II's annual pastoral letter to priests worldwide. More than half of the world's deacons are in the United States, where many have questioned why women are banned from becoming deacons, since laymen, including married men, are allowed into the diaconate.

**Russia**

Yeltsin pledges peaceful retaliation

MOSCOW

Russian leaders angrily denounced NATO airstrikes on Yugoslavia Thursday, but President Boris Yeltsin said Moscow would not use force in retaliation.

Some top officials hinted that Russia could provide Yugoslavia with weapons - flying in an international arms embargo - and demonstrators hurled bottles at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow. But Russia has mostly responded to the bombings with little more than harsh words.

Russia has a number of extreme measures in store, but we decided not to use them so far," Yeltsin said at the Kremlin, "Morally we are above America."

Opposition to the airstrikes is acute across Russia's political spectrum, but there's little the country can do to demonstrate its anger. It is no longer a major military power and it is pleading with the West for aid to revive its shattered economy.

Still, Prime Minister Yevgeny Primakov warned Thursday that Russia could pose a military threat.

"We have different responses at our disposal. Regarding military potential, our country is second to none," he said in Russia's NTV television. He then added, "But we aren't taking those steps.

Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov on Thursday condemned the bombings as an effort to "enforce a political, economic and military dictatorship by the United States" - yet he insisted that wouldn't herald a new Cold War.

"We aren't calling for rupturing relations with the United States, we treasure those relations," Ivanov told a news conference.

When the attacks began Wednesday, Yeltsin said Russia was ceasing cooperation with the United States and recalled Russia's chief military envoy to the Western alliance. But the ITAR-Tass news agency quoted Thursday that Russia's foreign minister would keep its mission at NATO headquarters in Brussels open and apparently would continue to take part in other alliance programs.

Ivanov would not say directly whether Russia would break the U.N. arms embargo on Yugoslavia, many of whose weapons are Soviet-made.

"We will not abandon weapons, but we aren't going to sit with our arms folded, and we will take steps to ensure Russia's security and security in Europe," he said.

Hard-line lawmakers called for immediate supplies of arms to Yugoslavia. Interior Minister Sergei Stepashin said that Moscow may provide weapons, but stressed that Russia "must maintain good relations with Europe.

In Washington, President Clinton voiced concern about Russian threats to break the embargo. The bombings may also damage the chances of the START II nuclear arms reduction treaty, which was signed by the United States and Russia in 1993 but has languished in Russia's parliament for years.

U.S. reaffirms policy in Taiwan

WASHINGTON

The United States took "very serious" its obligation to help Taiwan maintain its self-defense, a senior Pentagon official said Thursday at a Senate hearing marking the 20th anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act.

"We do so not only because it is mandated by U.S. law," Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs Franklin Kramer said, "but also because it is in our own national interest." Kramer addressed the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, whose chairman, Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., on Wednesday joined Sen. Robert Torricelli, D-N.J., in introducing a bill to enhance U.S. security ties to Taiwan.

The Helms-Torricelli measure was put forth against a background of deteriorating U.S.-Chinese relations and growing concern over Chinese moves to deploy more missiles along the Taiwan Straits facing Taiwan.

It would prohibit any unilaterally motivated reduction in arms sales and authorize a broad array of other issues, including missile defense systems, satellite early warning data, diesel submarines and advanced air-to-air missiles.

The measure would also increase U.S. staff at the American Institute in Taiwan, the office that has represented American interests since the United States broke ties with China in 1979. The Taiwan Relations Act was passed at that time to state U.S. commitment to a peaceful resolution to the question of Taiwan's future and to ensuring that Taiwan can defend itself.

The third part of the measure would be to establish direct communications between the United States and Taiwanese militaries and expand military exchanges and joint training.

"This bill does not alter our commitments under the Taiwan Relations Act. Rather, it ensures that Taiwan's security needs are adequately met," Torricelli said at Thursday's hearing.

Helms, in a speech on the Senate floor Wednesday, said it was a mistake for the Reagan administration, in a 1982 communiqué, to agree to gradually reduce arms sales to Taiwan, and for the Clinton administration to delay submarine sales to Taiwan on the grounds that subs are offensive weapons.

Outraged Muscovites protested outside the American embassy Thursday in response to Thursday's airstrikes against Yugoslavia.
Van crash kills six, injures eight

**NEW YORK**

Four police officers who killed an unarmed African immigrant in a barrage of bullets were indicted Thursday on charges of second-degree murder, a source close to the case said.

The indictments come after days of protests outside police headquarters that brought hundreds of disorderly conduct arrests.

The source, who has knowledge of the still-sealed indictment, spoke to The Associated Press on condition he not be identified.

The officers — Kenneth Ross, Sean Carroll, Edward McMellon and Richard Murphy — were indicted on second-degree murder charges and some were indicted on lesser charges, according to the source.

Amaudu Diallo, 22, was killed Feb. 4 in the vestibule of his Bronx apartment building when the officers fired 41 bullets at him, hitting him 19 times.

"An attorney has said the officers — who were looking for a rape suspect — had a right. Diallo was reaching for a gun, but later discovered the street vendor was unarmed. Nobody of the officers have spoken publicly about the case and their lawyers said they declined to testify before the grand jury."

In New York, second-degree murder is used in most homicide cases and implies a degree of intent to commit a felony. It carries a maximum prison sentence of 25 years to life.

Police declined to comment Thursday evening. A spokesman for the district attorney also did not comment.

Mary Kay Kornberg, the lawyer for Carroll, said neither he nor his client had been notified of the indictment, but added he was not surprised.

"As sure as I was that he was going to be indicted, that's how sure I am that he's going to be acquitted," Kornberg said.

Attorneys for the other three officers did not comment, noting that they had yet to be notified by prosecutors.

The killing has unleashed a wave of protests against alleged police brutality and angered critics who say police officers target black and Hispanic communities.

The four officers involved in the shooting are white; Diallo, who was from the West African country of Guinea, was black.

In three days, more than 800 people have been arrested, including former Mayor David Dinkins, Rep. Charles Rangel, rabbis, lawyers, labor leaders and politicians.

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**JANESVILLE, Wis.**

A speeding van loaded with 14 young people selling magazines door-to-door rolled over on a highway early Thursday after the driver tried to switch places with a passenger, police said.

Six people were killed and eight injured.

The man at the wheel had so many tickets that he was not supposed to be driving in Wisconsin, and tried to change places with someone else in the van after spotting a police car along the side of the road, authorities said.

The driver, Jeremy Holmes, 20, was treated at St. Anthony Medical Center in Rockford, Ill., and was released into police custody Thursday night, hospital officials said. Police recommended that prosecutors charge him with negligent homicide.

The salespeople, who were from as far away as Florida and Massachusetts and were between the ages of 15 and 25, were heading to a Janesville motel where they had been based for two weeks while they went on sales outings, said sheriff's Cmdr. Thomas Gehl.

The accident happened after Holmes sped past Milton police Officer John Conger's squad car, which was parked along the highway. Conger said he clocked Holmes at 80 mph and was preparing to pursue him.

The van veered off the right side of the road, came back on the pavement, then rolled over twice.

The passenger the driver tried to change places with was among the six killed, said Sgt. Brad Altman of the Wisconsin State Patrol.

Weather and alcohol were ruled out as factors in the crash. A small amount of marijuana was found in one victim's pocket, and blood from some victims was sent to a state lab to test for drugs, he said.

The young people were selling magazines for an organization called Yes, police said. Investigators said they did not know where the group was based.

A handful of magazine order forms for a company called Subscriptions Plus Inc. of Bethany, Okla., were strewn around the accident scene.

Jason Bennett, a customer service representative with Subscriptions Plus, said Yes sells magazines and Subscriptions Plus processes the orders. Bennett said the company had no further comment.

Police said the group members were from Wisconsin, Kansas, Iowa, Florida, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Colorado, West Virginia, Kentucky and Massachusetts.

They had been staying at the Janesville motel with a handful of magazine salespeople who said they had been told by their boss not to talk about the accident.

State labor officials were investigating whether child labor laws were violated, said Mike Goetzman, a spokesman for the state Department of Transportation.

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Weather and alcohol were ruled out as factors in the crash. A small amount of marijuana was found in one victim's pocket, and blood from some victims was sent to a state lab to test for drugs, he said.

The young people were selling magazines for an organization called Yes, police said. Investigators said they did not know where the group was based.

A handful of magazine order forms for a company called Subscriptions Plus Inc. of Bethany, Okla., were strewn around the accident scene.

Jason Bennett, a customer service representative with Subscriptions Plus, said Yes sells magazines and Subscriptions Plus processes the orders. Bennett said the company had no further comment.

Police said the group members were from Wisconsin, Kansas, Iowa, Florida, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Colorado, West Virginia, Kentucky and Massachusetts.

They had been staying at the Janesville motel with a handful of magazine salespeople who said they had been told by their boss not to talk about the accident.

State labor officials were investigating whether child labor laws were violated, said Mike Goetzman, a spokesman for the state Department of Transportation.

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For two weekends each year, the soldiers of Army ROTC dodge imaginary bullets and navigate through thick smoke as they participate in Field Training Exercises to prepare for the challenges they might one day face in the armed service. Approximately 90 Notre Dame students joined 175 ROTC members from across the Midwest at Fort Custer, Mich., last weekend to practice tactical and team-building exercises.

Toting a real weapon loaded with blanks, a ROTC radio operator scouts a fortified ridge that his platoon will assault and reports to his team the coordinates at which its simulated artillery bombardment should occur.
Methodists try minister for same-sex marriages

Associated Press

DOWNTOWN GROVE, Ill.

A Methodist minister who presided at the "wedding" of two gay men went on trial Thursday before a jury of 13 pastors in the first test of a church law banning same-sex ceremonies.

The Rev. Gregory Dell of Chicago, a pastor for 30 years, could be defrocked if found guilty. A verdict is expected Wednesday.

In opening statements, a minister acting as a church prosecutor said the prosecution of Dell performed last September made "a mockery of church law." "If Methodists don't obey the laws, "then strike the word 'united' from United Methodist," the Rev. Stephen Williams argued.

Dell's attorney, the Rev. Larry Pickens, countered that the church has a long history of ministers, including church founder John Wesley, who found themselves in the position of breaking church law. "This, my brothers and sisters, is a case about what we do when a pastoral need and church law conflict," Pickens said.

Pickens said the church is faced with "theological schizophrenia"—pastors are told to accept gay and lesbian members but not to bless their committed relationships. About a third of the members of Dell's church are gay or lesbian.

Dell took the stand as a prosecution witness Thursday afternoon. He answered "yes" when asked if the paragraph in the church's Book of Discipline that banned same-sex unions is binding. Dell is expected to testify again as a defense witness.

Dell, 53, performed the ceremony for two Chicago men about a month after the Methodist church banned same-sex marriages.

Judge denies company's ban on suits from minorities

Associated Press

Baltimore

A judge denied a request by Owens Corning on Thursday to bar some blacks from suing the former asbestos manufacturer, which had argued that blacks have less lung capacity than whites.

Baltimore Circuit Judge Joseph Kaplan's ruling reversed a guideline he wrote in 1992 about who was eligible to sue for damage to their lungs.

The plaintiffs, many of them former shipyard workers or shipyard workers, are trying to prove they have diminished lung capacity because of their exposure to asbestos.

The company argued that because blacks score consistently lower on tests used to determine lung capacity, they should have to meet a higher standard to prove asbestos caused lung damage.

But after hearing testimony from medical experts on both sides Thursday, Kaplan decided that there was no reason to use a different medical standard for whites and blacks, much to the surprise of lawyers and courtroom observers.

"I'm not convinced of the validity of race correction for this purpose," Kaplan said.

Owens Corning, a Toledo, Ohio-based company that makes fiberglass, stopped manufacturing products containing asbestos in 1972.

Since then, the company has been hit with hundreds of thousands of lawsuits from people who worked with products containing asbestos and developed a lung disease called asbestosis. The disease shrinks the lungs, among other symptoms.

Last December, the company announced a $1.2 billion settlement, resolving about 176,000 cases.

In 1992, Kaplan set guidelines to handle 12,000 asbestos cases filed in Baltimore alone. The guidelines were intended to set a standard on who would be considered sick enough to sue. He wrote then that lung test results "shall be corrected for race or ethnic origin as appropriate."

Even so, plaintiffs' attorney Peter Nicholl said that out of more than 20 asbestos makers being sued in Baltimore, Owens Corning is the only one to raise the racial standard as a means of excluding defendants.

"You can't apply a different standard to the races," Nicholl said. "You're talking about the fundamental right to have access to the courts." Owens Corning spokeswoman Tricia Ingraham declined to discuss the case.
Day two: U.S. bombings target Serb violence
Associated Press

WASHINGTON

On the second day of U.S.-led NATO air attacks, American officials said the focus of the bombardment on Yugoslavia was shifting to the large support structure for Serb military and special police forces whose violence against Albanians is at the heart of the conflict.

About 20 percent of NATO's first round of attacks Wednesday were against Serb forces involved in the fighting in Kosovo, and that is increasing as the air campaign unfolds, said Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon.

As he spoke Thursday, the allied bombing resulted against Serb military, NATO officials said.

"They will focus more and more on achieving our primary goal, which is to reduce the ability of the Yugoslav forces to target or repress the Kosovar Albanians," Bacon said.

Defense Secretary William Cohen pronounced himself satisfied with Wednesday night's opening volley of airstrikes, which included the first-ever use of the Air Force's B-2 stealth bomber flying round-trip from Missouri.

More B-2s armed with one-ton satellite-guided bombs were to join Thursday night's attacks, although R-52 bombers - which led the opening assault - were not involved, officials said.

At the White House, President Clinton told reporters he believed NATO's goal of enabling the Kosovar Albanian forces to protect themselves could be achieved without sending in allied ground forces. The president's national security adviser, Sandy Berger, told reporters the offensive in Kosovo had "increased somewhat" and included some shelling by Serb forces into neighboring Albania to the south.

There have been some further bombings of Kosovar villages, further sweep operations, some shelling into Albania," Berger said.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, meanwhile, told a news conference that there was "no indication that Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic was ready to talk peace." She said "diplomatic channels remain open," though the government in Belgrade announced later that it was cutting diplomatic ties with the United States as well as Britain, France and Germany.

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No prerequisite
Time: 1:30 - 2:45 MW (November 11 - December 8)

The senior field project in ethics is designed to give the student practical experience in a social service setting. The objectives of the course are to (1) immerse the student to service experiences outside the university setting; (2) provide a mechanism for enhancing the spiritual and intellectual awareness of students; (3) provide a mechanism for coordinating existing student social service projects with the student's academic work; (4) interact with people whose values have led them into full-time work in the not-for-profit sector.

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Politicists rally behind NATO

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German sensitivity was heightened by nagging memories of the wartime Nazi occupation and bombs and missiles hit a region where memory of the wartime Nazi occupation remains alive. German Torpedo warplanes were in action Wednesday night in the Allied campaign, but the government refused to say whether they actually fired at Yugoslav targets.

Defense Minister Rudolf Scharping appealed to the nation to support its troops, saying the need to pressure Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic to stop the war in Kosovo, "is the highest possible point of catastrophe" outweighed the burden of the "twisted face" of Germany's past.

"Our goal remains to end the tragedy happening there," Scharping told parliament in Bonn.

But the Greens, the junior partner in Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder's center-left coalition, struggled with their past. Angerla Beer, a Greens spokeswoman on defense affairs, said one of the party's lawmakers had reservations about Germany's involvement but the majority backed Schroeder.

"I hope we can say later that it was right to give our support," she said, her voice cracking with emotion. A left-wing Greens lawmaker, Christian Stroebele, voiced shame that Germany was "dropping bombs on Belgrade."

Germany has sent peacekeepers to participate in U.N. missions in Bosnia and Somalia, and it has 2,800 ground troops deployed in Macedonia to monitor a hoped-for peace deal on Kosovo. But the deployment of the Torpedos, used to track and knock out enemy anti-aircraft radars, is the furthest it has gone in dropping its reluctance to engage in a military campaign.

Scharping refused to specify at a news conference whether the German warplanes fired missiles, saying only, "Their capability is being used."

The conservative opposition staunchly backed the government's stand, saying German troops were "in the service of a good thing."

"We have no alternative if we take our responsibility for peace, freedom and human rights seriously," said Wolfgang Scharuble, chairman of the main opposition Christian Democrats.

The former East German communists denounced participation in the air strikes, saying it breached Germany's self-imposed ban on a "war of aggression" spelled out in the postwar constitution.

But the ex-communists' emergency motion aimed at pulling Germany out of the NATO campaign against Yugoslavia was defeated by Parliament, which formally approved German participation last fall.

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Feds showcase social security in 2000 budget plan

WASHINGTON

Sharply split along party lines, the House on Thursday ratified a Republican "budget for the new millennium," a blueprint designed to showcase support for Social Security, the Pentagon and a new round of tax cuts.

Democrats argued that the GOP-backed tax reductions would favor the wealthy at the expense of the long-term health of Social Security and Social Security.

The vote on passage was 252-198, and came after a full day of debate that centered on priorities for the next several years. All but two Republicans voted for the plan. Only four Democrats supported it.

Across the Capitol, Senate Republicans were driving toward passing a similar budget for the 2000 fiscal year, which begins Oct. 1.

The vote in the House marked a triumph for the new speaker, Rep. Dennis Hastert, who had made its passage the top priority of his first months as leader of the slender Republican majority.

Hastert, R-Ill., said the GOP "intended to pass this new blueprint for Social Security and Medicare this year."

The budget, which sets guide lines for tax and spending bills over the next decade, would be the first to be written by Congress in prison if convicted. He has a new era of surpluses. While House and Senate plans differed in detail, they had common priorities and served as the focus for a fierce partisan debate over Social Security, Medicare and defense.

Rep. John Kasich, R-Ohio, chairman of the House Budget Committee, said the plan could "not only preserve Social Security and Medicare," but emphasize defense and education. "We also believe the American people ought to have more money in their pockets," he said, according to almost $800 billion envisioned for tax cuts over the next decade.

"I think we project a budget for the new millennium that is right in pace" with what the public wants, he said.

Democrats countered with a letter from the chief actuarial expert at the Social Security agency, who wrote that the House GOP plan would do nothing to extend the life of the system.

"They choose the tax cuts over extending the solvency of Social Security and Medicare," charged Democratic leader Dick Gephardt of Missouri. He said a Democratic plan of smaller, targeted tax cuts, would be fairer.

In a bewildering mountain of budget statistics, each side found fine print to buttress its claim to being the stronger defender of Social Security and Medicare.

Republicans, for example, said they would put aside the entire Social Security surplus for debt reduction. They also won a letter of praise for their approach to Social Security and Medicare from the American Association for Retired Persons, the nation's largest advocacy group for senior citizens.

Mckinney, Henderson await trial

LARAMIE

Fourteen people were dismissed Thursday as jury selection continued in the trial of a man accused of beating gay college student Matthew Shepard to death.

The selection process, which began Wednesday, is going on behind closed doors. Twenty-nine of 71 potential jurors have been dismissed.

Russell Henderson, 21, is accused of posing as a homosexual to lure the 8-foot-2, 105-pound Shepard out of a bar Oct. 6, Henderson, along with Aaron McKinney, allegedly kidnapped and pic­<ref>he said his client was only a witness and did not participate in Shepard's beating. McKinney will be tried later. Both men could get the death penalty.</ref>

Phil Huth, Greek literature professor at the University of Wyoming, said he was relieved after being excused.
Green Peace Sues Nature for Environmental Brutality

Jeff Langan

Green Peace accuses Nature of engaging in activity harmful to the environment. Also indicted in the suit are carnivores, such as bears and eagles, that eat endangered species for a living. Green Peace has not yet decided whether to include evolutionary biologists as one of the defendants. They obviously do damage to the environment by propagating ideas that some species have to die out and that only the fittest will survive.

A representative from Green Peace explained to me the reasons for this lawsuit. "For many years," she said, "we thought people were the problem. People reproduce in large quantities, requiring the development of farms, cities, factories and all other sorts of things and activities that harm the environment. The species homo sapiens was simply taking up too many of the earth's precious resources. And they still do, don't get me wrong. Humans are in general a rotten lot. In addition to harming the environment, they don't build enough coffee houses, except in Seattle where there are three on every corner, and they kill animals."

"But we began thinking that humans are not the only problem; we have a problem with Nature as well. We did a little research and the results were incredible. Our research shows that Nature and her children are a much bigger problem than humans could ever be."

"We found for example, that billions of gallons of oil seep into the ocean from the floor of the ocean every day, and this is not from oil drilling. It literally comes right up. And Nature does nothing to stop it. We also learned that the earth itself emits billions of harmful toxics into the atmosphere every year. Glaciers have destroyed whole mountain ranges. Rain and floods cause significant erosion of good farmland. Floods destroy beautiful environmental preserves. The list is endless; tornadoes, hurricanes, earthquakes, floods, Tsunamis, volcanoes. They all destroy the environment. It's a wonder there's anything left. What does Nature think she's doing to the environment? But it has to be stopped, and we, as the defenders of the environment, are going to stop it."

"We even found that trees, yes trees, help create smog. Have you ever seen the Blue Ridge Mountains? Do you know what makes them blue? Harmful toxics the trees emit into the atmosphere. Those same toxics create smog."

"Then we looked at the behavior of animals, and we found it just despicable. They don't know how to respect bygones be bygones. Many of them are just cannibals, and they have no table manners. A few years ago, we tried re-introducing eagles back into Milwaukee, their natural habitat until German immigrants went and built a city there. Everything was going along fine until the eagles decided to kill and eat pigeons in front of secretaries, administrators and students on the mall of an inner-city campus. Imagine the reaction when people had to eat their lunches in front of eagles pulling apart pigeons limb by limb."

"Animals don't even have enough common sense to respect endangered species. We recently got salmon put on the endangered species list in Washington, only to find out that eagles and an endangered species of bears kept trying to fish them out of the rivers. What's an environmentalist or animal lover to do when an endangered bear starts killing endangered salmon?"

The Declaration of Independence says that Nature guarantees us certain rights. One of those has to be the right to a friendly environment. Nature, as you can clearly see, is not keeping up her part of the contract. So we're suing. $1 million in psychological damage. The anti-tobacco crowd is behind us. They helped us see that if it wasn't for Nature, we would all live a lot longer."

"Ironically, and in a strange move, creation scientists have come to the defense of the social Darwinists implicated in this suit. Most creation scientists, as you know, are card-carrying members of the National Rifle Association. One of the NRA's representatives explained to me their support of the Darwinians in this instance. "We are all for shooting everything in Nature. It doesn't matter whether an animal was created by Nature or by Nature's God, we have a right to shoot it and to eat it. We agree with the social Darwinians on this much, animals have to die. So let's be hypocrites be hypocrites. We can all enjoy the pleasure of shooting everything in Nature. Student activists don't know what to do. They love both Nature and the environment. Such are the travails of our times."

Jeff Langan is a graduate student in the government department. His column runs every other Friday. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Coach McGraw Should Read Sullivan and Holtz

Recently, Dan Sullivan wrote what I thought was a well-placed shot at the Notre Dame student body of complainers. Kudos, Mr. Sullivan, I couldn’t agree more.

In fact, I never realized how contagious being “oppressed” was until I read The Observer’s coverage of the untenable exit of the women’s basketball team from the NCAA tournament. Coach McGraw did enough complaining that would have made any student looking for corned beef and cabbage in the dining hall on St. Patrick’s Day proud.

It seems, according to Coach McGraw, that the selection committee was not shown favorable treatment toward LSU (i.e., homecourt advantage), the Irish would have advanced to the Sweet 16. I believe the quote was, “If we play at home, we move on.”

It had nothing to do with LSU’s 15-2 run in the last six minutes. It had nothing to do with our 26 turnovers. And by golly, it certainly had nothing to do with a spectacular 24-point performance by Lashaia Doriese.

The fact is, we were outplayed in the final six minutes.

Rather than acknowledge that LSU stepped up when they had to, Coach McGraw chose to point fingers at the selection committee. In those final six minutes, Ruth Riley was triple teamed whenever possible. LSU coach Sue Guinier made the necessary changes to shut down a very powerful offense that shot better than 80 percent in the first five or six minutes of the second half. They adapted well. Notre Dame didn’t.

I’m proud of the women’s basketball team. It was a great season, and the untenably injured of Niele Ivey was heartbreaking.

I suggest that Coach McGraw take a page out of Lou Holtz’s book and simply say, “It’s my fault.” Don’t make excuses. Notre Dame failed to advance not because we didn’t play at home, we failed to advance because LSU beat us.

Please, Coach, spare us the excuses. We’ll still love you.

Chuck Gengler
Senior
Marrinony Hall
March 22, 1999

Committee Was Thorough in WRC Investigation

In her letter calling for censure of the Women’s Resource Center, Catriona Wilkie doubts whether the Student Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate presented an accurate picture of the situation to the full Senate.

The committee interviewed everyone involved in the incidents. Ms. Wilkie describes, including the two WRC staffers who were never interviewed by the ad hoc panel constituted to investigate Ms. Wilkie’s complaint. The motives and assumptions imputed to those two women by Ms. Wilkie and Ms. Galanzy are neither accurate nor fair.

Nor is Ms. Wilkie’s suggestion that the committee and the senate were not careful and thoughtful in their deliberations.

Ava Preacher
Chair
Student Affairs Committee
Faculty Senate
March 25, 1999

Visiting Student Offers European Perspective on Gay Discrimination

I’ve been considering writing this letter ever since I came to Notre Dame in January and started reading about the recent similar clause debate in The Observer.

I have hesitated writing because I’m just here for one semester as a visiting grad student from the Netherlands. I was afraid that people would find my interference unjustified or perhaps arrogant. I understand and respect that a lot of people are struggling with how to think about homosexuality with regards to their religious beliefs. However, I’ve found it increasingly difficult to read all the columns and articles about this issue and remain quiet. I often find it hard to be in an environment that is so intolerant towards many of the people I hold dear.

Over spring break I went to see some of my close friends. I couldn’t help telling them about what was going on here in regards to the very fundamental rights — human rights — of gays and lesbians. Overall, the response was one of shock. One friend, a Roman Catholic, said, “How can there even be a debate on that issue?” He meant that such a debate is as absurd as debating whether it is acceptable to discriminate based on sex or ethnicity.

Another close friend, who happens to be gay, said, “One wants to respect these people [who reject the rights of gays and lesbians to live their lives the way they want to], but I can’t. How can anybody still hold up such a view?” I was touched by the fact that he said he should at least try to respect the people who reject him and deny his right to be himself. He’s a nurse in a mental hospital in the south of the Netherlands, a predominantly Catholic region, and he works with a lot of old and very religious people. Everybody takes him the way he is, and there is no doubt that he has a right to be himself. To be more explicit: They do not necessarily just accept that he has this sexual orientation and that it is not “his choice,” making it sound like he has a disease! I hope people who talk along these lines also acknowledge that it’s not my choice that I happen to be heterosexual.

No, they all know he’s living together with his boyfriend, and of course in the Netherlands all partners, whether homosexual or heterosexual, are treated equally with regard to insurance, taxes, etc. For the last year and a half there has been a legal partnership available for gays and lesbians. The present government will soon legalize marriages of gay and lesbian couples, but until homosexuals have exactly the same rights as heterosexuals, there will still be discrimination.

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La Alianza presents its Latin Expressions, ton

By MIKE VANEGAS
Scene Editor

It's a big issue on any campus, but on the Notre Dame campus, diversity and multiculturalism sometimes find themselves without a true niche. This weekend, however, the campus can enjoy at least one opportunity to attain a greater sense of the American culture — a culture that is distinctly heterogeneous.

Tonight at Stepan Center, La Alianza, Notre Dame's Latino student organization, puts on its annual variety show, Latin Expressions. The show is traditionally a forum to present Latino art and Latino artists, but also extends itself to cover multiculturalism in general. This year's show is as ambitious as any other campus event, as it looks to give the Notre Dame community a couple of hours of non-stop, real entertainment.

"Latin Expressions is a huge talent show where we try to involve not only the Latino students on campus, but those in the community and also other ethnicities," said Araceli Ramirez, social commissioner of La Alianza and co-coordinator of production and logistics for Latin Expressions. "It is an expression of people's talents in their culture."

As the main calendar event for La Alianza, Latin Expressions and its participants hope to accomplish several goals throughout the night. Among them, fundraising is high on the list.

"It's to raise certain funds," said Ramirez. "The main fund we try to raise is for a scholarship for someone in the South Bend community who will attend either Holy Cross, Notre Dame or Saint Mary's. We're also trying to raise money for Hurricane Mitch and the Columbia Earthquake Relief."

The fundraising importance of this year's Latin Expressions is especially prominent, since last year's scholarship fell through.

Aside from the financial motivations behind Latin Expressions and La Alianza in general, the show has more humanistic objectives as well. The most pressing of these is education, though not the type of education that most students receive in the classroom.

"I consider it to be a time where we are given the opportunities, we're given our own day to pretty much express ourselves and show our talents," said Denise García, who will read Abelardo Delgado's poem, "Stupid America," during the show. "We're trying to get it out into the community ... to show people that there is culture still at Notre Dame."

Latin Expressions will include performances from a variety of groups, presenting such art forms as music, dance and poetry. García's reading of "Stupid America" looks to exhibit some of the frustrations that Latinos find in America today.

"Stupid America" is saying, 'Open your eyes and see what's out there'" noted García.

What's out there is a lot, if one looks at the schedule for Friday's show. Divided into two segments, Latin Expressions will start the night with performances of the group on the left of the schedule of Latin Expressions, and the group on the right.

In addition, the show features Latin music, dance and poetry. The groups performing include:

1. BROWN AND PROUD
2. MAGDALENA ZEPADA
3. DENISE GARCIA
4. LILI MORALES
5. MARISA RODRIGUEZ AND MARIANA RODRIGUEZ
6. MARIACHI ND
7. BROWN AND PROUD
8. FIRST CLASS STEP
9. E.A.S.O.
10. YESENIA VALENCIA
11. JESSICA DELGADO
12. CORO PRIMAVERA

LATIN EXPRESSIONS

Salsa Dance
"La Charreada" (song)
Poetry Reading: "Stupid America"
Poetry Reading (in Spanish)
Song (in Spanish)
Salsa Dance
"I will" (song)
Mexican Hat Dance

Photos by Liz Lang
Friday, March 26, 1999

The annual variety show, tonight at Stepan Center with South Bend’s Latino dance group Brown and Proud, which will perform a swing dance. Brown and Proud will also initiate the second half of the night with a more traditional samba dance.

The rest of the show will be sprinkled with individual singers, dance groups and poetry readings, including Garcia’s. An interesting variation on the schedule is the entry of a performance by the Filipino-American Student Organization (F.A.S.O.). Gina Corpuz, 1998-1999 co-president of F.A.S.O., expressed her thoughts concerning the multicultural aspects of Latin Expressions.

“It’s basically a sharing of cultures,” Corpuz said. “I hope that we can impart some of our culture on the Latino community here at Notre Dame, and also, it’s so much fun just to take part in the performance and in Latin Expressions. It’s such a different atmosphere — the different music and the different people — basically it’s a lot of fun.”

Just as any variety show on campus and beyond — think “Saturday Night Live” or the Keenan Revue — Latin Expressions is indeed intended as another way to have good, clean fun on the Notre Dame campus.

Ultimately, Ramirez noted that Latin Expressions is for everyone.

“One of La Alianza’s main goals is to educate and unite, not only the Latinos on campus, but those outside Latinos in the Notre Dame community,” she added. “Latin Expressions helps in doing this … it gives you the taste of Latino poetry, music and other forms of art.

“I know in the past, there are many people outside of the Latino ethnicity who felt that they weren’t being included, so one of the goals I have is to get them more involved and make them feel welcomed,” Ramirez said.

This perspective is shared by the performers as well.

“I would like for people to be more open about the different cultures that are on campus,” said Garcia. “I know our population is very small as far as the Latino community is concerned, and I want other people, other Latino students, to know that although we are a small population, we still have a voice … If we all could just learn something about each other, that’d be great.

The show will end with Merenbanda and Jaime O’Neil y su Orquesta, two well-known Latino bands from Chicago. As the main acts, they demonstrate to the entire community how Latinos across the nation are attempting to share their culture.

Latin Expressions, as an extension of La Alianza and the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs, hopes to capitalize on this combination of what is fun and what is educational, giving the Notre Dame campus, the South Bend community and humanity in general enrichment that cannot be found elsewhere.

“The truth is it’s going to be an exciting shock — it’s gonna be so alive,” Ramirez said. “It will make you want to get up and dance, no matter if you can or can’t. It’s just an exciting experience, and whoever goes will just be glad that they did. I don’t think they’ll get this at any other time of the year.”

Above: Mariana Rodriguez rehearses a song Wednesday evening.

Left: Members of Brown and Proud watch the Latin Expressions rehearsal at Cushing.

Below: Members of Brown and Proud rehearse a dance.

— Photos by Liz Lang

Schedule of Events

Main Acts

1. Merenbanda
2. Jaime O’Neil y su Orquesta
Blazers remain hot, defeat Phoenix 97-84

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — If you ask the Phoenix Suns, Portland coach LaMere and the Angeles Lakers, the Trail Blazers head coach got away with this.

"The Lakers may have bigger names and better talent as a team. They're better but the Lakers have no drop-off," the Suns' Tom Gugliotta said after Portland's 97-84 victory Thursday night. "In another way, the Blazers play better. They share the ball, and there's no strike out there."

Sure, the Suns were worn out from Wednesday's 106-101 win over the Lakers. But the Blazers' defense, depth and rebounding were more responsible for taking the fight out of Phoenix.

"We've been able to shut down teams when we need to," Blazers coach Mike Dunleavy said.

Brian Grant had 22 points and 14 rebounds, leading Portland's 56-31 edge on the boards. Hasheem Thabet added 15 points and 13 rebounds for the Blazers.

A Portland big man, Friday night.

They have good depth and good athletes. These guys can play.

In other NBA games, Orlando beat Cleveland 96-86, Houston downed Toronto 113-104 and San Antonio routed Denver 86-65.

The Blazers, winners of five straight and 15 of 17, have broken the Suns' record (22-5) and home record (13-1). They also extended their lead in the Pacific to four games over the Lakers.

The two teams don't meet until April 13; but the weekly scheduling could make for a more interesting stretch run before the playoffs. Three of the Blazers' last nine games will be against the Lakers, including two at the Great Western Forum.

The Blazers play at Phoenix on Sunday night, while the Suns head home against the Knicks tonight.

Plants, Portland.

Portland won the lead for good midway through the third, but its 1-point lead was cut to five by the end of the period.

The Rivers Greg Anthony and Stacey Augmon put the Blazers in control, scoring 110 of the team's first 12 points of the fourth quarter, giving Portland an 84-73 lead with 5:16 left.

After a jumper by Danny Manning made it 78-71 with 8.44 left, the Suns went 7:37 without a field goal until George McCloud's meaningless 3-pointer with 1:07 left. Rex Chapman was ejected with 3:24 to go after receiving two technicals for wildly arguing a foul call. He shot just 2-of-11 and had seven points.

"Chapman is a guy who can take over, and we were fortunate to get him out of there at the end," Grant said. "But we know he'll be waiting for us Sunday."

Robinson scored 21 points. Manning added 17 and Jason Kidd had 13 points and eight assists for the Suns, who were able to shut out the third quarter after a flagrant foul on Charles Oakley.

"This is a leg up on the Los Angeles Lakers," Suns coach Danny Ainge said. They were up 56-31 at the half, and 84-73 at the end of three.

David Robinson added 12 points and 13 rebounds for the visiting Spurs, who have won 12 of 13 after opening the season 6-8. Antonio McDyess scored 17 points for the Nuggets, who shot only 32 percent from the floor.

Rockets 113, Raptors 104

Rookies Michael Dickerson and Cuttino Mobley combined for 54 points and 14 of Houston's club-record 17 3- pointers as Houston won its sixth straight.

Dickerson scored 28 points and Mobley added 26. Each player was 7-11 from the arc.

Rockets star Hakeem Olajuwon was ejected late in the third quarter after a flagrant foul on Charles Oakley. The Houston star six of their previous seven games were ruled by Vince Carter's career-high 32 points.

Magic 96, Cavaliers 84

At Orlando, Darrell Armstrong had 25 points, seven assists, six rebounds and three steals as the Magic defeated Cleveland.

Penny Hardaway added 14 points for the Magic, while Shawn Kemp led the Cavaliers with 22 points and 16 rebounds.
Pitcher Hershiser joins Mets

Associated Press

The New York Mets won the bidding war for Orel Hershiser here,' Thursday, going today to a $2 million, one-year contract.

Hershiser, a hard-hitter who went to spring training with Cleveland, also was sought by the Chicago Cubs, Atlanta Braves, Fox Sports, ESPN, Miami Marlins and Philadelphia Phillies.

"I think all of the contenders had a chance, but the other criteria came into play," Hershiser said today during a news conference in Port St. Lucie, Fla. "I knew the chance to win and to win in New York -- people say the greatest city in the world -- was an opportunity that I wanted to have," he said. "I enjoyed the spotlight and I enjoyed the competition. I don't want to go off to some city where it's bu-hum, let's go watch the game, I want go some place where we're going to get after it and that's what New York is all about." The agreement came one day after the Mets won pitcher Hershiser, an outfielder for the minors. If Nomo doesn't report to Triple-A Norfolk, the team would save Nomo's entire $2,925,000 salary. if he does report, "Mets will place Nomo on unconditional release waivers next Wednesday and give him only 45 days' termination pay, $179,262." Mets manager Bobby Valentine appeared to be upset at the demotion, saying Wednesday he had told his players not to worry about performance in the spring.

"Things have changed, I guess," Valentine said. "It's regretful. I said it wasn't a try-out camp and that they should work on things they needed to work on." Valentine softened his tone but clearly remained upset.

"I'm ecstatic," he said. "As down as I was yesterday over losing a player that I had a lot of sweat equity in and a guy I was齐ng for to do well. I'm even higher that than today knowing one of the greatest competitors and one of the best pitchers I've ever seen is lined up on our team." Hershiser would have gotten only a $400,000, one-year contract if he had made Cleveland's opening day roster.

Indians manager Mike Hargrove decided there was no room for him on his team's rotation but was willing to keep him until a reliever could be found.

"I think Orel had a sentiment

deliction to be here, and we
ted him to be here," Indians assistant general manager Mark Shapiro said. "Unfortunately, we just didn't have a starting spot for him." Hargrove's starting appearances, Hershiser was 1-0 with a 2.70 ERA. He allowed three runs and 10 hits in 11 innings, striking out four and walking three.

Last year with San Francisco, Hershiser was 11-10, with a 4.41 ERA in 34 starts. Hershiser, who has the chance to earn $500,000 in performance bonuses with the Mets, has a career record of 190-135, and he admits he'd like to win at least 10 more to reach 200 and possibly improve his chances of being elected to the Hall of Fame. A three-time All-Star, Hershiser won the 1988 NL Cy Young Award with the Los Angeles Dodgers after going 23-8 and setting a major league record with 29 consecutive scoreless innings. He also was MVP of the NL championship series and the World Series, going 3-0 in the postseason.

Nomo, the 1995 NL Rookie of the Year while playing for the Dodgers, was gotten by Mets manager Bobby Valentine, but general manager Steve Phillips made the decision to cut him.

"It's a difficult decision because it involves a player of his stature and given what he's done in his career," Phillips said. "But I've got to make a judgment in what I can do to have us win as many games as we can, and this starts the process." Nomo joined the Dodgers in 1995 and won 50 games in Los Angeles, but struggled last season and was traded to the Mets in June. He went 4-5 with a 4.82 ERA in 17 games with New York and was ineffective this spring, going 0-2 with 7.62 ERA in four appearances.

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Court rules Lewis never used cocaine

Associated Press

BOSTON

An internal Northeastern University investigation turned over in a court battle over the suicide of Reggie Lewis found no evidence that a made-for-tv movie Flutie to be subject to an evidentiary hearing.

In motion filed in the medical malpractice case, lawyers for Lewis' estate said "every credible medical and knowledge states unequivocally that the star had collapsed during a heart ailment and warned that his career was in jeopardy.

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Outdoor season opens at Tennessee, Kentucky

By WES JACOBS

Notre Dame women's tennis team kicks off an important weekend on Saturday, traveling to Tennessee in only its second outdoor match of the season, and facing Kentucky on Sunday.

Tennessee and Kentucky are in the top 20, ranked No. 12 and 18, respectively, and will give the Irish a great opportunity to improve their current No. 14 ranking.

"These two matches are very big for us. Both teams have had good years already," said Irish head coach Jay Louderback. "Winning both of these games will help our ranking, just because it will be two more top 20 wins."

The Irish will not receive a warm welcome when they reach Knoxville. However, as opposed to past meetings between the two teams, the Volunteers will have the pressure on them this year, entering the dual-meet with the higher ranking. The Irish will take a different approach to this match, needing to prove that they are the better team.

"It's good for us that [Tennessees] are ranked higher than us. Usually they're the underdogs, but this year there is no pressure on us," said Louderback.

For Tennessee, No. 1 freshman Agnes Wilki will lead the charge, followed by freshman counter-parts Alison Ojeda and Dana Noe. The final three singles players are slated to be senior Emily Woodside, junior Candy Hostid, and freshman Mylin Parks.

With four freshman singles players for the Vols, Notre Dame hopes to use their experience and senior leadership to pull out some of the big match wins.

All-American senior Jon Hall and sophomore Michelle Dasso, coming off her 60th career win, will make sure that the focus remains for the Irish. Marisa Volso, recently plagued by sickness, should be back in full form, as will freshmen Becky Varmum, Kelly Zalzuki, and Kim Gay, who recently jumped into the top six singles players.

"We have a really deep team this year," said Gay. "And it's nice for us to have the ability to play different players."

Sunday will be another big day for the Irish, as they hope to complete their weekend with a 2-0 record. Kentucky will present numerous match-up problems for Notre Dame singles players, though.

"Kentucky is a very strong team, especially their No. 2 through 5 singles players," said Louderback. "Their doubles teams also have a lot of depth."

Leading the charge for the Wildcats are Junior Masseh Emami and Christy Sigurds, a senior and Kelly Brown, sophomores Brooke Skeen and Shawn Stafford will also look for victories against the strong Irish squad.

With two wins this weekend, the Irish will move to an impressive 13-5 record, and will improve their chances of breaking into the nation's top ten. As the Big East and NCAA tournaments creep closer, Louderback and his team are looking for all the wins they can get.
**Men of the gridiron find off season a time of change**

By TIM CASEY

Sports Writer

From off-season trouble to personnel moves, many Irish players this week will find themselves in different situations when spring practice starts Saturday.

At Thursday's press conference, head football coach Bob Davie gave little information about new allegations regarding Kimberly Dunbar, a former Irish booster and member of the Quarterback Club who allegedly gave gifts to seven football players between 1993 and 1998.

"I think that all the information that we have thus far provided to the NCAA," said Davie, "I'm not going to comment on that because I don't have any more knowledge than that."

On Wednesday, ESPN reported they had material linking Dunbar with Derrick Mayes, the former receiver and current Green Bay Packer. ESPN alleges proof that Dunbar provided Mayes with gifts, trips and money. Last year in a sworn affidavit Mayes denied ever receiving gifts from Dunbar and said that he had no contact with her after July 1994.

In scheduling new, Davie officially defended out for the 1999 season. The Irish will host the University of Kansas on Aug. 28, in the second annual Eddie Robinson Classic. The Irish will play seven home games for the first time since the 1988 season, when they went 12-0 en route to their last national championship.

Davie sees the Kansas game as a good opportunity for Notre Dame to begin its season at home instead of with away games against Michigan and Purdue as previously scheduled.

As playing the opening season game, I think it's something that a lot thought went into — whether it would be advantageous for our football team and our football program," Davie said.

"When you look at all the issues from the fact that the student body is back on campus, already there is an opportunity to play a home game with our young football team before you go play at Michigan and at Purdue.

"I think that our football team wanted to do it. When you look at all the things, the advantages far outweighed the negatives and all of us are excited," he said.

For players, the 1999 season will bring new faces to several positions. With all time leading rusher Autry Dunson's position vacated, Davie noted that the tailback spot will be filled by junior Tony Driver, sophomore Tony Fisher or sophomore Barry Lely.

At running back, Driver, a 6-foot-2, 240-pound running back, headliner of Davie's first recruiting class and last season's defensive end, is expected to make the opportunity to see time as an outside linebacker after being an inside linebacker last season.

"Jr. Irons will play at defensive end and will always time up on the right side, taking advantage of his left-handed strength. Irons weights in at 265 pounds, and Davie sees time as an outside linebacker after being an inside linebacker last season.

"I think in his situation, he broke the rule and he pays for it. Obviously it hurts him a little bit that he's not out there because he's a young player that needs every second of development that he can get," said Davie.

"In the big picture of things, it's something we have no choice to do and it all comes down to him and how he's bounce back from it. I certainly expect him to bounce back from it very quickly."

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Irish kick off home season with pair of doubleheaders

The Irish softball team faces a tough doubleheader versus Toledo on Saturday. With two of their starters out of the lineup, the Irish will go with a younger, less experienced team. Senior catcher Kris McCleary is out, battling mono-nucleosis, while pitcher Jennifer Sharron will be out 10 days following an ankle injury against Purdue. "It will give our younger kids an opportunity to step up," said head coach Liz Miller. "With two start­ers out, we will have to make some defensive adjustments. We are looking to see what the younger kids are going to do with the opportunity."

"You have to put our best foot forward," she said. "We will probably be a little bit of a mystery team coming into Toledo."

With four games in two days testing the depth of the Irish pitchers, freshmen Michelle Moschel will be forced into action and will make her first start on the mound. These early season adjustments should benefit the Irish in the long run.

"Overall we are excited to play at home," said Miller. "It will be helpful for our players not having to travel for the games."

The Irish will take on a very competitive Toledo team Saturday. "We played Toledo last year and they have a very strong pitcher," Miller said. "She throws hard, so it will be a good match-up. The key will be hitting the ball and that has been our strength all year. Defensively, we have been able to get outside and practice since the break, and have been improving."

"Hitting has been the strength of this Irish. They currently have five players hitting above .300 for the season, led by Jarrah Myers who is hitting .347 with 10 home runs and 17 RBIs. Melanie Alfike has also hit three home runs and contributed 14 RBIs.

The Irish do not know too much about the Bowling Green team. It has been a few years since the two teams have played, but the Irish expect Bowling Green to be strong.
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Track and Field

Irish runners travel to Stanford, Purdue Invitational

By BRIAN HOBBS
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame men’s and women’s track and field teams are looking to get the outdoor season started on the right foot.

The first weekend of the outdoor season will find the team split as some members will compete in sunny California while others remain in Indiana running at Purdue.

Several select members of the team will go to Palo Alto for the Stanford Invitational. This meet will be the proving grounds for many of Notre Dame’s distance elite as well as a few other members of the team.

Team members such as Ryan Shay, Antonio Arce, JoAnna Deeter and Allison Kleemer will headline the list. Accompanied by Liz Grow, Terry Wray, Nadia Schmiedt and Chris Cochran in the sprints, Notre Dame looks to put on a strong running performance.

Additional members to watch include Jay Heffner, Dore DeBartolo and Matt Thompson in the throws.

"Some kids can qualify for the NCAA’s at Stanford, many have a legitimate shot," said coach Joe Piane.

Piane recognized that the distance running is not the only area of the sport athletes have an opportunity to shine. "It is also a good meet in terms of sprints and throws," he said.

The magnitude of the Stanford Invitational alone is intimidating without taking into account the fine competition and the transition from indoor to outdoor tracks.

"Stanford is renowned but it is a gigantic meet," Piane said. "For example there will be 100 participants in the 5000 meters alone."

The athletes prepared with rigorous training schedules during spring break.

Ryan Shay will lead the team in the 10,000 meters despite a slight hip flexor injury just one week ago, an injury he attributes to extra training in the off weeks.

"Over spring break I upped my training and that resulted in the injury since I was on some hillier terrain," he said.

Shay refused to let the injury or anything else stand in his way as he searches for an NCAA bid. "I am not as nervous as on a shorter distance since there is enough time to make up for my mistakes," he said.

Other runners highlighting the men’s roster include Arce, Ryan Maxwell, Phil Mishka and Tim Klob.

Returning to the lineup will be Chris Cochran, who had earlier battled a hamstring injury.

"My hamstring has been feeling good for the last month and is not a concern anymore," he said. Cochran highlighted some of the transitions to be made from the indoor to outdoor seasons.

"Highlighting the women’s side of the roster are All-Americans JoAnna Deeter and Allison Kleemer."

"We are going out there to get some good at the Stanford Invitational," Deeter said.

Deeter recognized the significance of highly competitive meets like Stanford for the program. Deeter said she has enjoyed watching the number of Notre Dame athletes participating grow over the years.

Sports Briefs

Weekend Racquetball Tournament — Sign up now at RecSports for the Weekend Racquetball Tournament to be held on Friday and Saturday, April 9 and 10. Students should bring their own racquet and best game to the Joyce Center Courts. Men’s and women’s divisions are available. Cost is $8. The registration deadline is Wednesday, April 7. Balls will be provided and t-shirts will be given to all participants. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 631-7308.

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ings don't mean that much," said Patterson.

"There are so many good players, so I'm confident that we can win if we play well."

The marquis matchup of the afternoon will feature Freelon and Irish All-American Ryan Sachire, who is currently ranked second in the country at singles.

IN COLLEGE TENNIS, THE RANKINGS DON'T MEAN THAT MUCH.

BRIAN PATTERSON
MEN'S TENNIS CAPTAIN

Notre Dame's Matt Daly (21-8) has played well of late, winning seven of his last nine matches. The Irish will need a big day out of Daly and Patterson. Andrew Laflin, Casey Smith and Andy Warford should round out the rest of the singles lineup. Illinois is a talented team, but the Irish are staying optimistic.

"They are a top five team, so it's going to be a really tough match," said freshman Laflin, who is 7-1 on the season. "We're going to try to rebound from last week's loss at Blue Gray and try not to be too down. We've got nothing to lose, so we'll go out there and give it our best shot and maybe things will happen and we can

Stickwomen to take on Buckeyes

By GENE BRTALIK
Sports Writer

After coming off their first loss of the season against 16th-ranked Syracuse on Tuesday, the women's lacrosse team looks to rebound at home this weekend against Ohio State and Connecticut.

Ohio State's team comes into Friday's 4 p.m. game with a 3-3 record and are coming off an 11-6 loss to Boston University. The Buckeyes are led by Celeste Gasfry and Megan Mirick, who lead the team in goals with 11 and 10 respectively.

For the past two years the Irish played the Buckeyes once each season, splitting the games. Last year the Irish used three straight goals by current sophomore Maura Doyle in a come-from-behind 10-9 victory.

"Last year's game was the most exciting game I have played in so far," said captain Kerry Callahan. "It was the first big come-from-behind win for the program."

As the Irish have played Ohio State all three years, both teams basically know each other's style of play.

"They are the closest thing to a rivalry that we have, and after a close win last year we would like to beat them by more this year," said Callahan.

On Sunday at 2 p.m., the Irish will take on the Huskies, who will be coming fresh off a game against Ohio State on Saturday. The Huskies, led by Pamela Lowe and her 12 goals, come into the game with a 1-2 record. Connecticut will look to Jennifer Schlaunke to stop the onslaught of Irish shots.

Last year, the game was canceled due to inclement weather. Although the Irish lost to the Orange women on Tuesday, all was not lost. Both teams were fairly equal statistically and the second half was played evenly as each team scored eight goals.

The team will try to take the positives from the second half and use them in this game.

"We were disappointed that we didn't play a better game, but we are focusing on coming out ready and building an early lead. We need two good halves of solid play if we want to win," stated Callahan. "Our defense and mid-field have played extremely hard and we need the same level of intensity this weekend."

While the team looks to start a new winning streak this weekend other streaks are still going. As Lael O'Shaughnessy has scored five goals in each of the first four games. The main reason for her success is that she has been making great decisions, taking good shots, and finishing off her plays.
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ing block for the upcoming year, especially with a healthy Jackson returning with eight defensive starters.

"I'm proud of what this football team accomplished last year, not just because of winning nine games but, to me, more importantly, how they won those nine games. When we started last season, to be quite honest, there weren't a whole lot of high expectations outside of this football team. We all feel at Notre Dame realize that there is another level that we have to take this to and that's a huge step, particularly with the youth of our football team and the kind of schedule we play next fall. As we enter into this, getting this to the next level is the goal of this football team and this coaching staff," Davie said.

This winter did not provide much rest for the Irish, as much rest for the Irish, as we've asked them to do a lot of things. We've stayed after practice every second off the field and they've made sacrifices as an investment has shown. Davie also complimented the Irish for some holes to fill in the special teams category.

"Maybe because of priorities, you want to jump in there and get the offense and defense started, but we are going to start with special teams," Davie said. "The thing I've learned in coaching is that it's not what you say, it's what you do and we are going to start the very first day with special teams."

Another goal that Davie has set for himself and his team for the spring is to have a simple game plan and to not diverge from that plan. In previous off seasons, the Irish have tried to implement a new offensive scheme but with an experienced quarterback in Jackson, they plan to focus on drawing from his strengths.

"I think it's important for us not to experiment and to do the things that we know we're going to do in the fall," said Davie. "We don't want to go out there and send out trial balloons and work on things that we will not do. I'd rather err on the side of being conservative as far as what we put in."

The Irish begin practice on Saturday with two days of helmets-only workouts and will take a short Easter break before they begin training in full pads.

The spring season culminates on April 24 with the annual Blue and Gold game.

Strawberry resolves legal issue

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

Darryl Strawberry and attorney Robert Shapiro have resolved their legal dispute arising out of Shapiro's representation of the New York Yankees outfielder.

Shapiro sued Strawberry last June in Los Angeles Superior Court, claiming he had failed to pay about $100,000 in fees for a contract settlement Shapiro negotiated with the Los Angeles Dodgers in 1994.

The resolution was announced in a press release from John Morris, Strawberry's attorney in New York. The resolution was part of "Mr. Shapiro provided valuable legal services to Mr. Strawberry at a time crucial in Mr. Strawberry's career, and Mr. Shapiro has agreed to compensate Mr. Shapiro for those services."

BY THEIR NATURE, I THINK SETTLEMENTS MEAN EVERYBODY IS PARTially HAPPY and PARTially UNHAPPY.

John Morris

DAIRYL STRAWBERRY'S ATTORNEY

The Dodgers released Strawberry nearly five years ago because of drug and alcohol problems. Morris said Thursday from his New York office that part of the resolution was a "confidentially agreement, so he couldn't comment further.

"By their nature, I think settlements mean everybody is partially happy and partially unhappy," Morris said. "Darryl is relieved to put this behind him."

After representing Strawberry, Shapiro served as one of the attorneys for O.J. Simpson in the former football player's murder trial.

Strawberry, 37, has also played for the New York Mets and San Francisco Giants in an up-and-down career marred by a federal conviction on tax charges and a 60-day suspension following a positive drug test.

However, he has been a model

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Saturday, March 27 @ 2 pm
Big East rivals highlight exciting weekend for sluggers

By ANTHONY BIANCO
Assistant Sports Editor

Picked to win the Big East title by both the conference coaches and Baseball America magazine, the Irish baseball team heads east to school a pair of conference rivals in their first weekend of conference play.

Notre Dame (12-6, 2-0 conference) has welled a hot bat and even hotter pitching as of late, putting together an eight-game win streak. The Irish played their first conference games last weekend at West Virginia, taking two games from the Mountaineers before weather cancelled the third.

This Saturday's doubleheader at Villanova (9-9-1) and Sunday's doubleheader at Rutgers (7-10) give the Irish a chance to prove the preseason predictions were not overstated.

"The Big East is a crazy conference," said Irish starting pitcher Aaron Heilman. "The teams are evenly matched for the most part and anyone can have a good season. We would like to have destiny in our own hands and not have to rely on other teams to lose down the stretch."

Rutgers' last showdown with the Irish came in the Big East championship game last spring. The Scarlet Knights, who hold an all-time 3-5 edge over Notre Dame, won the game by a dominating 12-0 score.

"It's always in the back of our minds. It doesn't sit well with us," said Heilman on the loss to Rutgers in the championship. "At the same time, we know we have to go out there and treat the teams we face the same."

This season, a pair of sophomores have led Rutgers on the mound behind a .448 average while Delehanty has held his own for the Irish in 13 games.

"The Irish using seven different pitchers, Shilliday threw for an inning against the Broncos. The rotation against Western Michigan showcased the talent of the Irish hurlers.

"As a whole, we're really coming through when we need it from our starters," said Heilman. "We're also getting good relief from the staff."

Shilliday most likely will not enter the starting rotation this weekend, but should see some action in later innings. Even with the loss, the Irish pitching staff has kept up the heat during the win streak.

"It's always tough when you lose a key guy like Alexis," said Heilman. "Everyone on the pitching staff realizes that they have to step up and contribute more because of this."

The other key Irish injury will continue to affect the Irish this weekend.

Co-captain catcher Jeff Wagner has missed most of March with a shoulder injury, and should not return until early April. Freshman Paul O'Toole has assumed the behind-the-plate responsibilities, surprising the team with his play.

"Those are big shoes to fill with Jeff," said O'Toole. "I know I can't do that, but I'm just trying to play my best and help fill the gap."

O'Toole leads the team in doubles and is second in runs, behind only shortstop Brant Ust. The preseason player of the week, Ust continues to gain ground on Wagner on the all-time home run list. His 39 round-trippers are just four behind Wagner.

A number of fresh faces will step into the lineup for the Irish in the opening conference games.

Freshmen Steve Stanley and Matt Srickroth have covered the center and left field spots, totaling three newcomers in the lineup. Prior to last weekend's injury to third baseman Andrew Bushey, the Irish had a third freshman playing a big role.

"We're trying to go out there as freshmen and make people notice," said O'Toole. "We're coming out there and the Big East teams have taken notice."

Junior Matt Nussbaum has also stepped up this season to hit .320 in the designated hitter role after only having limited playing time last season.
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Saturday. We'd love to knock them off since they knocked us off last year but it's not something we talk about or think about.

Like all lacrosse games, faceoffs will play a key part of this weekend's matchup. Last year, Hobart won the faceoff battle 14-8.

"Faceoffs are the key to every game," Corrigan said. "Faceoffs are like having a jump-ball after every basket. If you lose you end up playing make-it-take-it. Faceoffs are something we have done well all year and it will be a factor this week.

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LACROSSE HEAD COACH

Since both teams play a possession-style offense, faceoffs take on an even greater importance. Both teams rely on ball control to execute their attack.

Their styles of attack, however, differ vastly. "They like to possess the ball similar to us," Corrigan said. "But we like to play a free flowing offense with more ball movement while they're more into set plays."

The most challenging part about playing Hobart is their balance. They have received goals from nine different players in their first two games. "The thing that makes them so dangerous is that there isn't a player you can key on," Corrigan said.

The offensive balance of the Statesmen is backed up by an attacking, pressing defense. There is no special trick to countering the pressure, according to Corrigan. "All six guys just need to be aware of the pressure on the ball and provide some support, he said. "We just need to handle the pressure from the standpoint of moving the ball effectively so we don't set ourselves up into effective dodging situations."

Defense will be integral part of the Irish attack when the men's lacrosse season begins.

The Irish are set to take on Grand Valley in the first session-style offense, at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday.

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Bela overpower Concordia

By DANA KINNEY
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's softball team scored four times as many runs as Concordia University in Wednesday's double-header, winning 21-5 and 11-3.

The wins improved the Belles' record to 8-10 on the season. The liquated wins provided confidence for the struggling squad, who dropped both games of a double-header Monday to Manchester College. The victories over Concordia marked the first double-header Saint Mary's has managed to sweep from their opponent.

"Basically we played together as a team for the first time," said junior outfielder Johns Indriolo. "It seems like we're coming together. The leaders on the team are doing their job and the coaching staff is working together. We finally played to our potential."

The Belles showed great hitting skills, finding the holes in Concordia's outfield. They also had an at-bat with strong defense on the other side of the ball.

"We just decided that we needed to do something different and everyone decided to come together," said Megan O'Keefe. "We were able to win two games; something we haven't done."

The Belles face Grand Valley State University at home on Sunday. The game against GVSU marks a three-game homestand, playing also against Hope and Adrian colleges.

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Davie prepares for spring practices

By TIM CASEY  Sport Writer

Irish football coach Bob Davie stressed the importance of the spring season at a press conference Wednesday afternoon. Starting Saturday, the team will have 15 practices, which Davie said will help define the team's attitude and set the tone for the 1999 season.

"It's a great opportunity to go out and implement some new things, a great opportunity to set your foundation for your football team. That's what we're really going to try to do—to set a foundation," said the third year head coach.

Despite an off season of distractions involving the Joe Moore and Kim Dunbar incidents, last year was a successful season. Davie said.
The team demonstrated character during the 1998 season and, until Jeriauick Jackson was injured in the infamous end zone debacle, there was some glimmer of hope that they would be in a BCS bowl.

"We were coming off a summer of controversy and our schedule was tough, but because of what the team accomplished and because of all the hard work and the sacrifice that we put into this over the last two years, we are in the position to take this to the next level," said Davie.

Davie said he sees the team's 9-3 season as a building block for success in the future.