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**Gingrich: U.S. has no choice except to lead**

By AJSNE MARIE MATTINGLY

Associate News Editor

The United States is the most powerful country in the world and must lead the rest of the world into the future, said Newt Gingrich, former speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, in a lecture Tuesday.

He focused particularly on the U.S. involvement in Kosovo to illustrate his point.

"I believe the U.S. has no choice except to lead," he said. "There is no other country able to lead ... If we fail to lead, the world will be a mess in six months."

Gingrich said that, to ensure that the U.S. maintains its authority, the country has no choice but to ensure a decisive victory in the current Kosovo conflict.

"The whole world is watching us throw a temper tantrum. We can’t just give up. We have to win this battle." Gingrich said that the planning behind U.S. approach should consist of a hierarchical four-part matrix vision, strategies, projects and tactics. Each of these must be developed, said Gingrich, to successfully undertake the leadership.

"What’s your vision? Where do you want to go?" he asked, citing Eisenhower’s World War II vision of landing in Germany, infiltrating the country and stopping the war. "The second part is strategies. How are you going to make your vision real?"

Gingrich said that the development of a vision for Kosovo is the responsibility of leaders such as President Bill Clinton and Palumbo. "Not necessarily to act on it, but to accept some responsibility," he said. "We have to have leadership at every level."
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The members of the Breen-Phillips Hall community cordially invite you to bid on meals with the best faculty Notre Dame has to offer. Some of the faculty of Notre Dame have donated meals for you and your friends to bid on. The proceeds of the auction will go to the American Diabetes Association and the My Friends Care Bone Marrow Transplant fund.

**Breen-Phillips Meal Auction**

**Thursday, April 15, 1999**

**LaFortune Ballroom**

7:30 P.M.

To be auctioned off:
- Fr. Theodore Hesburgh
- Prof Michael J. Chetcuti
- Mr. William Kirk
- Fr. E. William Beauchamp
- Ms. Rebecca Davidson
- Fr. Tom Doyle
- Carmen and Lou Nanni
- Prof. Carolyn Woo
- Prof. Breitz and Schaefer
- Prof. Edward F. Nunzi

**Here are a couple meals being auctioned off:**

**COACH DAVID J. POULIN (8 PEOPLE)**

Can't make it to Italy before finals? Enjoy a chaotic night of Italian feasting with Head Hockey Coach Poulin and his family. The 'staff' includes a chef second to none who will prepare a supreme meal, a short freckled hostess who will take your coat and beat you at computer games, and twin waitresses to answer your every call. Gondola rides will be available upon your request.

**FR. JIM LIES (4-5 PEOPLE)**

Retreat with Fr. Jim to a place not so far away this campus's beloved Zahm Hall. Enjoy with him some pre-dinner conversation and "drinks" before heading off to the finest of local pizzerias Rocco's. there to enjoy fun and frivolity, not to mention salad, garlic bread and PIZZA. It will be unlike any other retreat you've ever been on!

To be auctioned off:
- Fr. Timothy Scully
- Prof. Anne Venter
- Gail Walton
- Prof. Ramzi Bualuan
- Dr. Jerome Neyrey & Dr. Lawrence Cunningham
- Prof. Patricia O'Hara
- Prof. Scott Baier
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- Prof. Richard Taylor
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**Organizers hopeful for fall 'Shirt' success**

By CHRISTINE KRALY

Assistant News Editor

At any home football game, the student section of the stadium is a uniform mass of color. This year, a wave of green fans screamed for victory. Next year, "The Shirt" will return to the traditional navy, and shirt project commissioner Garrett Skiba said he is optimistic about sales.

"We'd like to get more students to wear the shirts," said Skiba, whose position as shirt commissioner includes picking the design and working with both the manufacturer and the distributors, such as the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore and the LaFortune Student Center information desk.

"The Shirt" has become a recent tradition at Notre Dame, unifying students at home football games, but also in its contribution to student financial need.

Each year student government aims to make $200,000 from sales of The Shirt, a goal is definitely attainable. Skiba, who said the $200,000 is a uniform mass of color.

"We hope this year should be better, especially since we're going back to the traditional navy blue," said junior Alissa Soboleski. "But then it grew on me."

"At first I wasn't going to buy it (because of the color)," said senior Allisa Schubraski. "But then it grew on me."

"We hope this year should be better, especially since we're going back to the traditional navy blue...it should help immensely in sales," said Skiba, who said the $200,000 goal is definitely attainable.

Prices for "The Shirt" have risen for the fall to $11 for students and $15 for the general public, but shirt commissioner Garrett Skiba said he is optimistic about upcoming sales.
INDIANA STATISTICS:

1,992 RAPEs WERE REPORTED IN INDIANA IN 1996.
ACTUAL NUMBER COULD BE 10,000 OR MORE WITH UNDER-REPORTING.
178 CASES RESULTED IN ARREST.
JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF TOlay the groundwork for a plan to fulfill them, "I think that in 1930 government spending accounted for only six percent of the Gross National Product.

Clinton administration didn't tell the president... I don't blame the Clinton administration for that. I blame the American people for not responding to audience questions. Among the issues were the following:

ON THE COUNTRY'S MORAL FIBER:
♦ "This is a lot better country than its current president.
♦ "If good people fail to engage, do not be surprised if evil people do it.

ON AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:
♦ "African-Americans, Hispanic-Americans and Native Americans are genetically as capable as Asian-Americans or whites.
♦ "I think it's a denial of the love of the American system.

ON AMERICAN POLITICS:
♦ "It's always been cynical. This is a rough and tumble country. Politicians in this country is like brass knuckles. It beats you into the back by the Gypsies.
♦ "In the very long path of human history, countries make mistakes.

ON KOSOVO:
♦ "African-Americans, Hispanic-Americans and Native Americans..."
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Cow bile helps cure cancer

Philadelphia

An immune-system booster derived from cow bile shows promise in early testing against chronic cancer, according to doctors at a meeting of all malignancies. Though it is probably no cure for most patients, the drug seems to work about as well as the standard medicine with far fewer side effects. The next step will be to test it in a larger number of patients, doctors said.

AOL presses Congress on high-speed cable line connections

Washington

In a fight over the ways that consumers will connect in the Internet during the next generation, America Online wants Congress to force the nation's cable television companies to grant its subscribers easier access to those companies' new high-speed data pipelines. So-called broadband access over cable lines, with connection speeds dozens of times faster than today's telephone modems, promises to free up further party lines. The industry's rocket ride already fueled by the technology industry.

Japanese court justifies solitary confinement

Tokyo

Japanese prisons have the right to put inmates in solitary confinement for as long as they want, a court ruled Tuesday, dismissing a suit by a prisoner held there for 13 years. The Ashikaga District Court ruled that solitary confinement is "reasonable" and "necessary for keeping order" in prisons, according to a copy of the decision provided by the plaintiff's lawyer. The driver of the suit, one of a string of cases against Japan's judicial system, was a setback in efforts to open up Japan's harsh and highly secretive prisons to public scrutiny.

Kevorkian receives prison sentence

Associated Press

Dr. Jack Kevorkian was sentenced to 10 to 25 years in jail by Oakland County Circuit Judge Jessica Cooper for the killing of Thomas Youk of Waterford Township, Mich.

The widow and brother of Youk, who turns 71 next month, grinned as he was led from the courtroom in handcuffs, saying to a friend, "Justice?" He said nothing when given the opportunity to speak at his sentencing.

Judge Jessica Cooper refused to release him on bail while he appeals his murder conviction, saying she wouldn't trust his promise not to take part in any more suicides.

That is what he believes his life mission is," she said.

In addition to giving Kevorkian the sentence prosecutors asked for, the judge handed him three to seven years for delivery of a controlled substance. The sentences will run concurrently, and Kevorkian will be eligible for parole after six years and eight months, a prosecutor said.

He could have gotten life in prison.

Defense attorney David Gorew said that he was surprised by the judge's decision and that he hopes it does not amount to a life sentence for Kevorkian. "It would be a tragic misreading to lose such a heroic figure in American medicine," the widow and brother of Thomas Youk, the 52-year-old Lou Gehrig's disease patient whose videotaped death was shown on "60 Minutes" last fall, pleaded.

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"No one, sir, is above the law. No one." The judge said.

Youk had the audacity to go on national television, show the world what you did and dare the legal system to stop you. Well, sir, consider yourself stopped."

Even so, he predicted the debate that Kevorkian brought to the fore will continue "long after this trial and your activities fade from public memory."

On "60 Minutes," Kevorkian threatened a hunger strike if sent to prison — a claim he has not repeated. If he does go on a hunger strike, Michigan prison policy calls for guarded feeding.

Kevorkian is in a wheelchair; he could barely move his arms or legs and was afraid of choking to death on his own saliva.

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Albania

Kosovo conflict widens for a moment

Associated Press

Bajram Curri

ignoring fears of a widening conflict, Serb forces pushed into north­ern Albania on Tuesday, fought an hour-long skirmish with Albanian police, and then retreated.

With Albania a major staging ground for NATO forces, even Tuesday's incident — short-lived, small-scale, with no reported causal­ities — brought a warning from Washington that Yugoslavia's military would make a grave mistake in expanding the fighting.

In Belgrade, Yugoslav officials denied any incursion into Albania.

The chief of the army information service, Gen. Mladenov, said on television that Yugoslavia's defense of its own borders was "being facilitated to stop an invasion.

Albania, in turn, said the Serb push into its territory would carry terrible consequences. Sokol Gjoka, an Albanian Foreign Ministry official, said his country would take necessary steps to defend itself, "in close coordination with our allies."

These days, that means NATO, which has taken over Albania's air­fields, airspace and military infra­structure. In coming weeks, a force of Apache attack helicopters and thousands more allied troops will be based in Albania.

White House spokesman Joe Lockhart said Washington had received "credible reports" of a Serb incursion, as well as past instances of Serb forces crossing the border or shelling Albanian territory.

"If [Yugoslav] President [Slobodan] Milosevic seeks to widen this war, it will be a great mistake," he said.

The warning came as NATO moved to more than double its air and naval forces in Brussels, Belgium.

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The Kosovo border clash, by the account of international monitors watching from nearby, began when about 50 Serb infantrymen advanced on lightly manned Albanian border posts early Tuesday afternoon.

Listening in on the Albanian border police radio frequency, inter­national monitors say they heard police urgently ask Albanian sol­diers stationed a few miles away what to do. They were told to stand and fight, but soon reported they were surrounded and retreating.
Professors to be ‘arrested’ in protest

By KYLE ANDREWS
New Waver

Select University professors will be treated like their foreign brethren today by being “arrested” in protest of the imprisonment of Ethiopian professors because of their political beliefs.

University professors from a wide array of disciplines will be arrested in the waning minutes of their respective classes by Notre Dame Security Police. After the arrests, an Amnesty International representative will be there to display a disclaimer and pass out flyers explaining the event to the students. The detained professors will then be incarcerated in a mock jail at the Fieldhouse Mall.

“Professors hold a special position of authority in society,” said Matt Mamak, president of Amnesty International. “As such, they are highly-targeted for their beliefs. Recently, Amnesty has arrested professors from around the world who are currently in jail for their beliefs.”

This event is not a demonstration of the author’s opinion on certain matters, but a protest against the imprisonment of professors abroad.

There have been other examples of difficulty in student-government relations throughout the year.

For much of the fall semester, the Student Senate lobbied the administration for open dialogue, Professor Prentkowski never repeated letters and increased the student body’s opinion on certain matters,” she said.

“I think it’s limited that administrators will only talk to the president, vice-president, and chief of staff,” said Roberts. “There may be other students or student leaders that may know specifics on a certain issue, it has to be channelled through president, vice-president and chief of staff.”

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On the other hand, the by the time the information is disseminated to the proper parties, there is a chance that personal bias may affect the finished product.

Then those three people take what they can from the other student government members and other student senators, and put their own twist on that when they present that to the administration,” she explained.

Often times, he said, administrators simply aren’t at liberty to meet with every student.

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Holocaust survivors share stories

By ERIN PIROUTEK

Those who helped shelter the Jews during the Holocaust were heroes of circumstance, according to Marilyn Gardner, executive vice president of the Jewish Federation of St. Joseph Valley.

"Though we can collectively call these people noble, they did it not because it was an extraordinary thing to do, but the right and ordinary thing to do in extraordinary times," said Gardner during "Quiet Acts of Federation of St. Joseph Valley.

"Peace was not an option. Though her mother was banned from the province, she returned with him. She became a teacher in the South Bend community.

"Those who helped shelter the Jews during the Holocaust were potential heroes that they were not alone," said Gardner.

Leaders of the movement included the Protestant minister Andre Trocme and his wife, Marie-therese. Even the Gestapo were waiting for Goldberg's mother at her sister's apartment. Eventually both of Goldberg's parents perished at Auschwitz.

"The spark of Goodness to become a hero grows on its meaning on the selflessness of those who helped save Jews from the Nazi's program of systematic extermination.

"Dora Goldberg, a native of Paris, spoke of her experiences as a Holocaust survivor.

"We were a normal family until 1941," she said. In 1941, her father received a letter from the authorities, asking him to report to a local gymnasium. Though his mother accompanied him, he returned alone.

"She was crying and said that Dad wasn't coming home," said Goldberg.

While Goldberg's father was detained in France, they attempted to keep in contact with him. Consequently, however, the Gestapo were waiting for Goldberg's mother at her sister's apartment. Eventually both of Goldberg's parents perished at Auschwitz.

"Goldberg and her young brother were left without protection.

"Not that many people were willing to put their life on the line," said Goldberg. ""Any time you denounced a Jewish person you got 80 francs for it.

Eventually a Christian family in the French countryside took them in and her family claimed to neighbors that it was because the children needed fresh air, said Goldberg.

"Everyone in town knew this was a lie, we were Jewish, but no one said anything," Goldberg stated.

Goldberg later came to the United States where she attended Notre Dame and Saint Mary's. She became a teacher in the South Bend community.

"Notre Dame history professor Duris Bergens spoke of Chambon-sur-Lignon, a small French town which harbored approximately 5,000 Jews during the Holocaust.

The city harbored the young and the old — individuals, couples and entire families — regardless of their ability to pay, Bergens said.

"The villagers of Le Chambon did not count their good deeds," she said.

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"The force of individual conviction was present. "For them, the principles of humanity was something that grew naturally," said Bergens.

"Leaders gave a sense to those who they were not alone, they were not isolated," she said, highlighting the strong leadership role provided by Trocme and his wife.

"Le Chambon also provided a social context in which decency and humanity were preserved rather than destroyed, according to Bergens.

"An environment allowed the spark of Goodness to become a conspiracy of goodness," said Bergens.

Father John Sullivan, publisher of Institute of Carmelite Studies Publications, related the story of Pere Jacques, a priest who risked his life to help many during the Holocaust, including three young Jewish boys.

"We know that Pere Jacques' risk-taking did not stem the tide of the injustices against his Jewish countrymen, yet for a time he warmed a community," said Sullivan. "He bolstered their will to survive."

Sullivan hopes that Pere Jacques' life will serve as an inspiration.

"We have a chance to do better here in America than anywhere else. May we learn from Pere Jacques that the outcome was definitely worth it," said Sullivan.

South Bend mayor Stephen Leuke and Mishawaka mayor Robert Reuter named April 11-18 as Days of Remembrance for the Holocaust in South Bend and Mishawaka.

"There is a terrible imbalance between the unfamiliarity of the names of the dead and the infamous names of their murderers," said Reuter.

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who was also affected by the DART crash.

Several students who were assigned 3:45 p.m. DART times were able to successfully register, either before the computer in Grace were affected by the glitch or by phone once the lines were restored.

Lauren Cain and Brian Gimlett, both business majors, managed to register before the crash.

"I actually got through to DART by phone before a lot of people who were supposed to go at 3:30 could get through," said Cain.

Gimlett had a similar experience. He went to Grace to register and was able to do so, but got caught in the system when it crashed before he was able to complete his registration.

"I didn't want to cause problems for those who hadn't DARTed yet, but I couldn't log in," said Gimlett.

By about 4:10 p.m., the entire system had been restored, and the registrar's office worked diligently to accommodate all whose DART times had expired. With more than 10-managed terminals working to quickly aid students, the problem was resolved within a matter of about 15 minutes.

OIT and the registrar's office said they are confident that there will be no further difficulty with the DART system and they apologized for the inconvenience.

S.A.A.W. Sexual Assault Awareness Week

Monday, April 12th
Candle Light Vigil at the Grotto 8:30 p.m.
Ribbons will be handed out at South Dining Hall

Tuesday, April 13th
CARE Skit "When a Kiss is Not just a Kiss"
Hesburgh Library Auditorium 8:00 p.m.
Food will be served
Ribbons will be handed out at North Dining Hall

Wednesday, April 14th
Panel Discussion Sorin Room LaFortune 8:00 p.m.
Tickets available at the door

Panel of Survivors
Foster Room LaFortune 8:00 p.m.
Food Will be Served

Thursday, April 15th
Panel of Survivors
Foster Room LaFortune 8:00 p.m.
Food Will be Served

Friday, April 16th
Wear jeans in protest of Italian court finding that wearing women's jeans cannot be raped.
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Simpson injures hand while wresting attacker in parking lot

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

O.J. Simpson wrestled and bit a gunman who tried to rob him Tuesday in the parking lot of a golf course, police said. Simpson was cut on the hand during the attack.

Simpson chased the assailant in his car while calling police on his cellular phone, but gave up because the man was running red lights and police told Simpson to pull over.

Nobody has been arrested, said Officer Jason Lee, a spokesman for the Los Angeles Police Department.

Simpson, in a phone interview from home with The Associated Press, called the incident at Los Feliz Golf Course "the weirdest thing.

"I had finished playing golf and was walking to the car saying goodbye to my buddies," he said. "I was taking my shoes off between cars and I sensed someone coming up behind me. I turned around and he was holding a gun on me."

"I said, 'Man, why do you want to screw up your life? Take my car. You don't want to do this.' He said the man looked at him and called him by his name, saying, "O.J. I hear you carry a lot of money."

The assailant seemed intent on robbing him, Simpson said, but when he offered him money and his credit cards, he didn't take them.

"This guy looked like a regular solid citizen," he said. "In his 40s, very clean cut. I might have taken him for an off-duty policeman."

Simpson said he told him people would see him aiming the gun, but the man refused to leave.

"He stepped toward me and we wrestled for the gun. I bit his hand so he would let go of the gun," he said.

Simpson cut his hand with the barrel of the gun.

"My hand was bleeding and my first reaction was to follow him, but I got in my van and followed him," he said.

He said he got the license number, which he gave to police, then went to the police station.

Asked if he thought the incident was an attempted carjacking, he said, "He didn't want the car, he wanted me."

In 1994, Simpson was acquitted of murdering ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman. However, he later was found liable for their deaths in a civil trial and was ordered to pay $33.5 million in damages.
MALAYSIA

Ex-Prime Minister faces prison time

The Associated Press

KUALA LUMPUR

Ousted Democratic Alliance Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim was convicted of corruption and sentenced to six years in prison Wednesday, in a verdict expected to change the political face of Malaysian politics.

High Court Judge Augustine Paul found Anwar guilty on all four corruption charges. Paul sentenced Anwar to six years in prison on each charge, saying the sentence would be served concurrently.

"I find him guilty as charged," Paul said.

There were gasps in the courtroom when the sentence was read.

The six-year sentence was longer than most observers had anticipated and effectively bars Anwar from politics for at least five years upon his release from prison.

But Anwar turned to reporters in the courtroom, shrugged and said, "Are you surprised? I'm not."

Anwar, finance minister since 1991 and deputy prime minister since 1993, still faces another corruption charge and five counts of sodomy.

Dozens of Anwar's supporters, which opened Nov. 2 and ran 22 from the defense. The state argued that Anwar, who had been fired on July 19 for sowing discord among younger Muslims. After the verdict was announced, riot police fired water cannons at some 3,000 anti-government protesters who streamed to the National Mosque to the courthouse.

"Mahathir's Frame-up. Anwar Is Insane!" read a banner at the lead of the march. When police, armed with automatic rifles, came at the crowd, the demonstrators drew guns from the ground and some hurled rocks at the officers.

Earlier, about 300 shouting Anwar supporters were doused with yellow-dyed water when they refused to disperse. Chanting "reformasi," the Malay word for reform and Anwar's rallying cry, and carrying enlarged portraits of Anwar, the group was blocked a few hundred yards from the courthouse.

Opposition leaders had predicted that thousands of people would turn up to protest the high sentences. Supporters of Anwar's "democratic revolution," which opened two weeks ago, are expected to get directly involved in the protest.

Police arrested Anwar that night, pumped him, brought him to court 10 days later with a badly beaten man and charged him with 10 counts of corruption and sodomy. International and local human rights groups condemned the verdict.

"What should have been a neutral legal system was corrupted by everything from suspicious circumstances, in which a Mahathir-friendly judge was assigned, to the blatant hostility toward the defense," said Robert O. Wiener of the New York-based Lawyers Committee for Human Rights.

NORTHERN IRELAND

Sinn Fein leaders reject plan

The Belfast News Letter

BELFAST

Resisting pressure from other parties, Sinn Fein negotiations formally rejected a compromise plan Tuesday that would allow Northern Ireland's long-delayed government to be formed in exchange for an IRA cessation on arms.

The Irish Republican Army-linked party made the announcement after all eight parties that backed last year's Good Friday accord gathered to discuss the plan proposed by the British and Irish prime ministers.

After negotiating for two hours in the same room where the accord was struck, Sinn Fein chairman Mitchell McLaughlin accused Britain's Tony Blair and Ireland's Bertie Ahern of trying to rewrite the accord to satisfy the Unionists.

Northern Ireland's British Prime Minister Blair, whose party insists it should receive two seats in the Protestant-Catholic government without delivering anything from the IRA in return, called the prime ministers' plan "an attempt to move away from the Good Friday agreement. It makes transfers of power dependent on IRA (agreement) decommisioning."

Ahern and Blair have recommended a middle path between the IRA's blanket refusal to disarm and the Ulster Unionists' insistence that the process must start before they will share power with Sinn Fein.

The prime ministers said Sinn Fein should receive its posts one month before the IRA decommissioning but after which the British government would hand powers to the new 12-member government.

The two men were expected to get directly involved in the negotiations later this week, but only gave one press statement, after which the British government would hand powers to the new 12-member government.

At the heart of the stalemate is the deliberate vagueness of the agreement, which called for the IRA to finish disarmament by May 2000 but specified no point for starting the process.

While clearing the way for early parliaments for more than 120 IRA prisoners, the accord also called for Sinn Fein to "demonstrate a commitment to exclusively peaceful and democratic means," a condition that the Ulster Unionists and the British and Irish governments agree is incompatible with the IRA's retention of weapons.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.

Two whooping cranes have produced the first eggs laid in the U.S. wild in decades, raising hopes that the birds will make a comeback after nearly being wiped out.

The 4-year-old cranes are part of an experimental flock raised in captivity and placed in central Louisiana's Prairie. None had produced eggs.

"We'll be happy if the eggs hatch, and we'll be really happy if they do raise their chicks," George Archibald, director of the International Crane Foundation, said Monday. "But we don't really expect to happen."

Biologist Kathy Sullivan said the eggs themselves were "a little worrying."

Once, thousands of whooping cranes soared across the United States, their bugling calls audible for miles. But settlers drained marshes and plowed prairies, destroying the crane's habitat.

By 1938, only two small flocks remained: one that nested in Canada and wintered in Texas, and another that lived in Louisiana.

A storm wiped out most of the Louisiana birds, and none laid eggs again. The last survivor of that flock died in 1950.

Researchers desperate to save the birds from extinction found the Canadian nesting grounds, and, beginning in the late 1960s, started taking eggs to try to resurrect the species by raising birds in captivity.

In 1993, federal officials started sending whooping cranes raised in captivity to Maryland to Florida as an experiment.

Over the last three years, the whooping crane population has grown to 160 birds pair off. But none had laid eggs.

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Thursday April 15th
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Pentagon, NATO study WWII Yugoslav resistance

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Pentagon and NATO officials considering ground troop options for Yugoslavia are studying the history of Yugoslav resistance during World War II, when hundreds of thousands of German soldiers failed to pacify determined guerrilla opposition.

The Nazi campaign was called "Operation Punishment," reflecting Adolf Hitler's rage against Yugoslav partisans who overthrew their own government after Belgrade made a pact with Berlin. The campaign was well named — Yugoslav civilians were attacked with an intensity far beyond anything NATO would contemplate.

In the end, though, the Wermacht took plenty of punishment. And five decades later the campaign offers lessons for any force reckoning to do battle with the hardly "South Slavs" who plagued the German army in a costly guerrilla war.

When NATO first studied ground troop options last fall, Clinton administration planners considered the Yugoslav experience as one reason to rule out ground troops as an option in the Kosovo crisis.

"We always look at historical counterexamples of things that we always do" when planning a deployment, said Maj. Shelly Siegelwagen, an Army spokeswoman. But she cautioned, "History alone is not enough — you've got to look at the big picture."

After insisting for weeks that no plans for ground troops were in the works, top Clinton administration officials now concede that some contingencies were studied and that plans could quickly be activated if NATO decided on a ground assault.

U.S. lawmakers, frustrated with the continuing ethnic cleansing in the Kosovo province of Yugoslavia, despite a three-day NATO air campaign, are fashioning a resolution to authorize ground troops.

Pentagon planners said they were careful not to overdo the comparison of two markedly different conflicts fighting with different equipment in different political contexts. But the difficulty of the terrain and the stubbornness of the Yugoslav partisans remain powerful common denominators, they said.

The German invasion force of nearly 200,000 — a figure NATO officials have cited as necessary to invade Yugoslavia today — fluctuated after 1941 from a low of 60,000 to a high of 700,000. Through it all, the Germans were never able to quell the multiplicity and dogged Yugoslav resistance forces.

An official U.S. Army history of the campaign, written in the early 1950s, contained a warning for any future force contemplating challenging Yugoslavia on the ground.

The success achieved by the (Yugoslav) guerrillas against the Germans... strengthened considerably the tradition of resistance to foreign occupation forces," the Army history concluded. "There is little doubt that a foreign invader today, whether from East or West, would be confronted with a formidable task of pacification following a successful campaign against the regular forces of the Balkan nations."

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The Germans used 1,000 attack and escort aircraft in those 48 hours. NATO has employed 700 — soon to be 1,000 — strike and support aircraft in three weeks of attacks.

Estimated death totals from the Nazi bombing range widely, but published German and American estimates put the total as high as 17,000. The German ground invasion consisted of a dozen divisions — roughly 180,000 troops — supplemented by forces from Bulgaria and Italy. German forces completed their conquest of the Balkans in 11 days.

But the lightning conquest only began Germany's troubles in the Balkans.

Despite brutal tactics, summary executions and wholesale burning of villages, German forces assisted guerrillas strengthen grounds and again, only to see the rebels slip into the hills and forests. By mid-1943, the U.S. Army history recounted: "It was obvious that more German troops would be required if the operation were to be held up.

Total German forces peaked at 10.5 million at the beginning of 1943, though many of these troops were either green or battle-weary veterans resting from the Russian front. No accurate total of figures exist for German forces in Yugoslavia.

He will NOT play in the Lafortune Ballroom tonight
Doors will NOT open @ 7 p.m.
There is NO date rescheduled yet
Return tickets for FULL refund
Check out his music @ www.davidwilcox.com
Send Dave get well cards & pray for his throat
There's still time to go to the Rod Stewart show (I saw a guy scalping tix @ the corner of Notre Dame & Angela)

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**SHOW CANCELLED**

David Wilcox

Not in concert anymore
(Due to illness)

A conversation about

CAMPUS MINISTRY
What Every “Schmoe” Must Know

Mary Beth Ellis

I know. I am one. “You’re going to work on a ranch in Colorado? What fantastic life experience you’ll gain!” people were saying to me last year at this time. Yes, by God! unique! How wildly beautiful! Just think of the fabulous insights on the universe I would obtain! Such as, “I am a really, really big schmoe.”

I honestly didn’t mind the work at Tumbleweed River Ranch. You learn a lot about yourself while scrubbing a cabin floor, while sanitizing — without a dishwasher — the utensils generated by a 27-person meal, and while sweeping dead flies into an orderly pile tipically, you learn: “I AM THE OFFICIAL SCHMEO OF THE MILLENNIUM!”

It was just that I far preferred the baked-on grease and leg-up flies to my co-workers, who instead opt for the offbeat, the adventurer, the unaccompanied by the Career and Counseling Center. There’s a lot to be said for these people: They are schmees.

At the helm of this think tank was a couple from New York who had received their administrative training from the Joseph Stalin School of Management. Life at Notre Dame is Woodstock compared to the society these people created. The wife once directed me to clean the tile of her personal shower that, from the looks of it, had been steadily accumulating soap scum since at least the Hoover Administration. I managed to rinse it off.

Mary Beth Ellis, a senior at Saint Mary’s College who is majoring in English writing and political science, is proud to announce an alliance with the Miami News-Record of Miami, Oklahoma, upon graduation she will write features and humor columns in exchange for a double-wide cardboard box in which to reside. Will you be doing in May?

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of the Observer.
Sweatshops Cheepen All

Gabriel Martinez

After reading Sean Vinck's article entitled "Liberalism Analyzed," I am very tempted to write a long psychoanalysis in response to Vinck's biased generalizations of liberals. I could write paragraphs on my personal beliefs about the sacredness of life in all forms and I could consider myself liberal, if one wishes to categorize individuals. I shun abortion and euthanasia, but I also include militarism, corporate glorification and racism on that list.

I will, however, psychoanalyze Vinck's views because it is useless to revert to the tactics of those who oppose you. Erasmus tells us, "If your enemy is hungry, give him something to eat. In doing so you will heap coals of fire upon his head, this is to say, you will enkindle the fire of love in him." Sean Vinck attempts to stave his "enemies" of respect and dignity. This sort of journalistic violence is similar to the violence we see in inner cities, the former Yugoslavia, and Iraq.

Unfortunately, such a point is not explicitly clear in his article. Whether this was the intention or not, Mr. Vinck's "Liberalism Analyzed" attempts to make the point that either positions of liberalism or conservatism can be taken to an extreme. In doing this, both viewpoints can appear founded on negative human emotions and blind to any type of formal logic. Unfortunately, such a point is not explicitly clear in his article. Whether this was the intention or not, Mr. Vinck's piece shares more commonalities with a method that is often implemented by politicians and is popularly known as "mud-slinging." It can be done against anyone for any reason. However, this effort of persuasion is usually ineffective. It does one of two things: arouse greater animosity in the opposition or receive instant dismissal by those intelligent enough to realize the futileness of such an attempt. Pertaining to the former, such a piece as Mr. Vinck's does nothing but present unconstructive criticism with the rational of making a point. It should have been recognized by The Observer as a "saucey" column and given the point for which it was written, "Not Peace, but the Sword." This article really is "The Sword of the Observer." Didn't Jesus teach that: "those who live by the sword will die by the sword." When it is a safe assumption that the significance of the views expressed in Vinck's column will eventually die?
In 1997, through a handful of cameos, remixes and assorted guest appearances, Sean "Puffy" Combs produced the hip-hop world to unknown street-rapper Mase Murder, and transformed him into a rap superstar in very little time. After two years, a multi-platinum debut album (Harlem World) and a record label (All Out Records), Mase is doing some introducing of his own, hoping for the same result. And the first act on his new roster is a group called Harlem World, featuring, among others, Mase's twin sister Stase and younger brother Blinky-Blink with their debut, The Movement.

Executive producer Mase, who isn't featured on too many cuts, remains true to his hip-pop image and supplies plenty of party hits on The Movement, such as "Crew of the Year" and "One Big Fiesta." The first single and Mase's debut production, "I Really Like It," features New Edition's "Pigpen Love" sample a la "Can't Nobody Hold Me Down" from two years ago. If it ain't broke, then keep making money off it.

In addition to hyping the crowd, Harlem World proves it can get gritty as well on such cuts as "Meaning of Family," "Family Crisis" and "Poison Fingers," a track in which each member of the clique gets to politely harass the others. On other tracks, however, such as "Across the Border," the rhymes sound corny and immature, and by the end of it all one might ask why the track was ever made.

While The Movement doesn't captivate with mind-blowing lyrics or speaker-blowing beats, it is an entertaining album. Stase and Blink do their best to keep up with big brother's status, but all they share with him right now is a last name. With a little work, though, Harlem World just could be the "crew of the year."

Not enough people on this campus know about the late '80s phenomenon, Operation Ivy. For some strange reason, this band's music is slowly absent on a campus that embraced the Skankoholics and continues to coo after the likes of Sublime and The Mighty Mighty Bosstones. But if one asks a true authority (any high school punk with a guitar, trying to start a band who his idols are, he's bound to mention the grandfathers of ska-punk, Operation Ivy.

The band's most obvious influence is the Clash — specifically the Clash that experimented with Jamaican ska and reggae rhythms in their punk songs. Operation Ivy took the run from its heroes and forged a raw, honest sound that became the beginnings of the currently popular ska-punk genre that includes bands like Burred O-Nine and Less Than Jake. But more importantly, the band was instrumental in opening the door for the popular ska-punk genre that includes bands like Buck-O-Nine and Less Than Jake.

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Marsalis disappoints at jazz performance

Last Wednesday night South Bend was treated to a rare performance by one of jazz’s most renowned and innovative young leaders, Branford Marsalis. Son of legendary pianist Ellis Marsalis, Branford studied with jazz greats Wayne Shorter and Sonny Rollins, performed in more commercial roles as the Tonight Show band leader and has performed with numerous musicians of strong caliber in his short but storied history. Taking the stage at Notre Dame’s cavernous Stepan Center, Marsalis and his current band of pianist Joey Calderazzo, upright bassist Eric Revis and percussionist Jeff Watts guided the music through a number of genres with conservative poise.

While Branford is notorious for technical excellence, which he certainly delivered, the band had yet to cohere into a tight working unit. On numerous occasions Marsalis rather disturbingly issued Calderazzo pep talks in the middle of his solos, and on too many occasions he completely disappeared from the stage. Marsalis’ tendency toward visual distraction tainted the energy of the music throughout the night and it generally appeared unprofessional.

Some of this is forgivable, as the band is trying to recover from the loss of Kenny Kirkland, Branford’s best friend and pianist, who died last year as the result of a drug overdose. The evening included a Kirkland piece, keeping his spirit and music alive.

Branford wailed smooth melodies throughout the night, with some glorious melodic phrasing on the soprano over sparse and plaintive textures along with robust tenor lines, chromatically lurching through the melodies. Many of their cadenzas featured intense rhythmical exclamations, signs that the band is beginning to gel.

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The main problem with the concert was its lack of continuity. Branford often played the head and then immediately walked off the stage, and limited improvisatory interaction, making the format much too predictable. While he and his players certainly have the chops to solo endlessly, there is no need to actually do that. Moreover, Calderazzo too many times played virtually interchangeable piano solos, in a weaker and watered down genera-jazz version of Chick Corea that was too punctual and punctually metrically. His most accessible and sincere sounds came in sparse and melodic moments where his chordal textures were nuanced and focused.

Bassist Eric Revis was further back in the mix than he was on stage, an unfortunate blunder on the part of the house sound engineer. His soloing was ample and engaging, yet he could barely be heard over a pianissimo riveted ride cymbal; he was completely buried once the group dynamic reached mezzoforte. Revis’ near absence from the mix combined with Calderazzo’s active and thick gestures complicated the sound significantly, leaving it with less punch than it deserved.

All things considered, the show was not bad for Stepan Center, the eighth wonder of acoustic nightmares. As usual at Stepan Center concerts, the show took a few Cagean turns with someone buying a Coke and getting change along with a nicely timed phone call (which Branford playfully answered from the stage), both of which destroyed two of the group’s most intimate and thoughtful passages. Unfortunately, too many blunders left much to be desired on that jazzful night at Stepan.

Joel Cummins
Hockey's 'greatest player' contemplates retirement

Wayne Gretzky could be close to hanging up his skates for good after the Rangers' season finale Sunday.

The Sun and ESPN quoted unidentified sources as saying Gretzky asked for an unusually large number of tickets for Sunday's game, although the Rangers said that he officially only asked for 10 tickets.

John Davidson, a commentator for the Rangers, said Sunday on Fox TV that after speaking with Gretzky he believed the player was 80 percent sure he would retire after Sunday's game.

The people very close to Wayne ... and I mean very close, feel there's a very strong possibility Sunday will be the last time he plays," Davidson said.

Gretzky responded to questions about Davidson's report by saying, "I've been here over the three years, Gretzky said. "This is the greatest city to be an athlete in." Fans at recent Rangers games in Chicago and Dallas have given Gretzky standing ovations when either his picture or statistics were flashed on the scoreboard. In other cities, the pregame stories hyped the contest with the Rangers as possibly being Gretzky's last game in that city.

It hasn't been a typical season for Gretzky, who missed 11 games at one point with a neck injury. He played in 223 straight games since signing with the Rangers as a free agent in 1996.

The injury was the second in Gretzky's career involving a disc. In 1992-93, he missed most of the season with a lower back injury before coming back to lead the Los Angeles Kings to the Stanley Cup finals.

Associated Press

Will 1999 be it for No. 99?
Only Wayne Gretzky knows for sure, and he isn't saying.

Speculation about the possible retirement of hockey's greatest player has given the final days of the regular season much more meaning than the playoff race, and it has hockey fans, the NHL, and the New York Rangers waiting anxiously.

"He's talked with his mom, but most likely he will announce a retirement," Messier said.

He said he asked his son last summer when he would retire, and he replied, "The day that I stop enjoying it is the day I'm finished."

Mark Messier, who won four Stanley Cups with Gretzky while playing for Edmonton in the 1980s, reserved judgment.

"Everyone else is intimating that he's retiring — but everybody except the most important person himself. He's talked with his mom, we'll just wait and see the way things turn out and what Wayne himself has to say," Messier said.

Speaking Tuesday via satellite from New York to a conference on the state of hockey in Canada, Gretzky reminisced about the sport and sounded much like a 38-year-old man ready to hang up his skates.

"Hockey has been a part of my life as long as I can remember," said Gretzky, who holds virtual records in virtually every aspect of record in hockey. "I lived it and I breathed it as a kid and as an adult. It's the only game I've ever loved.

He took no questions.

After the Rangers 2-1 victory over Tampa Bay on Monday night, Gretzky admitted he was thinking about retirement but had not made up his mind.

"I have 1,000 different thoughts, to be honest," Gretzky said. "It's time to think about it. All of a sudden it's become a bigger issue than I imagined," he said. "Let's see what happens over the next two weeks."

The Rangers intend to pick up Gretzky's contract, which runs for the next two seasons. After the season, he had acknowledged that he hasn't tried to sit down with Gretzky to see what he was thinking, more out of respect than anything else.

Smith insisted that Gretzky is an emotional player who has ups and downs and that missing the playoffs for a second straight year and being sideline with a neck injury might have made him consider retire ment a little more.

"I think he is going to play," Smith said optimistically.

Reporters who cover the Rangers play-by-play broadcaster, said there is no doubt in his mind that that retirement would not have been an issue had New York made the playoffs.

"At this moment, he probably can't see or be optimistic that things will change next year," Rossen said. "I don't think he just wants to have another productive year. He would love to have a shot at going deep in the playoffs, but I don't think he thinks he can that.

Newspapers in Toronto and New York have reported that Gretzky will retire after the Rangers' season finale against Pittsburgh on Sunday. Others have reported that retirement is 50-50 at this point.

Michael Barnett, Gretzky's agent, did not immediately return a telephone call left at his Riverside, Calif. office by the Associated Press on Tuesday.

The New York Post quoted what it described as "unidentified sources in whom The Great One confided" in reporting on Tuesday that Gretzky will retire.

"He has made up his mind, but he has had his reasons for not wanting to make an announcement," the Post quoted an unidentified person as described as having knowledge of the retirement decision as saying. "But he's not coming out right away.

The Toronto Sun also reported that Gretzky would retire, saying the only way he would raise this question to be quizzed would be if his wife, Janet, and Barnett urged him to step back and review his decision.

"We'll find out soon enough," Rangers coach John Muckler said Monday. "I'm not speculating, but one only person knows for sure."

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Tennessee completes move with new uniforms

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - The oil derrick and any ties to Texas are gone forever for the Tennessee Titans.

The franchise, which officially changed its nickname from the Oilers in February, unveiled its new colors and uniforms for the first time in the parking lot of its new 67,000-seat stadium.

It was the first step in a move that originally began in August 1995 for a team that had called Houston home since 1960.

"We hope people will embrace the Titans and the new logo and the new colors," said owner Bud Adams, who spent the past few months working with NFL Properties over the completely new look.

Running back Eddie George and three teammates modeled the new uniforms, which switches the team's colors from Columbia blue, red and white to navy blue, white and a shade officials call "Titans" blue or a slightly darker shade of Columbia blue.

The navy blue home jersey features the lighter blue across the top of the shoulder pads to the edge of the arms. Numbers on the top of the shoulder pads are navy blue with white trim, and the numbers on the chest and back are white trimmed in the lighter blue.

Each arm has a T-shaped dagger behind a red, white and blue, three-starred shield.

The Titans' helmets remain white with a T-shaped dagger in the middle of a flaming circle on each side.

The new look received good reviews from both the Titans and the approximately 1,000 fans who showed up for the first look.

Most of the Titans hadn't seen the new uniforms, and defensive back Anthony Deloss was impressed. He said the team needed the new look to go with the new stadium.

"It's going to be different in the league. None of the other teams are going to look like us," he said.

The uniform change is the first in 24 years for the franchise, and the Titans are hoping for similar luck with the new look. The 1975 Oilers went 19-4 after the change following a 7-7 season.

The last four NFL teams to redesign their uniforms responded by going to the playoffs in their first season with the new look.

The New York Jets' retro uniform approach coincided with an AFC East title last season.

In 1997, the Denver Broncos won the Super Bowl and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers reached the playoffs for the first time in 15 years with completely revised looks. And in 1996, the Philadelphia Eagles reached the playoffs with a new wardrobe.

The 1981 Cincinnati Bengals and the 1972 Washington Redskins also played their way into Super Bowls with different uniforms.

LA Times: Ovitz to drop bid

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Entertainment executive Michael Ovitz is preparing to drop his bid to bring professional football back to Southern California and endorse a competing proposal, the Los Angeles Times reported Wednesday.

Citing unidentified sources, the newspaper said Ovitz will back a new proposal for renovating historic Memorial Coliseum and building a new baseball stadium for the Los Angeles Dodgers in Exposition Park.

That plan would put the new ballpark on the site of the aging Sports Arena, which is near the east end of the Coliseum.

Ovitz, a veteran Hollywood agent and studio executive, has tried to entice the National Football League with a site in suburban Carson where he would build a hacienda-style stadium.

Ovitz could not be immediately located for comment on the report. A call placed by The Associated Press to his Artists Management Group after business hours Tuesday was not immediately returned.

Ovitz was not immediately available for comment, the Times said. But sources told the newspaper he is expected to throw his support to the Coliseum plan by week's end.

NFL owners last month gave tentative approval for an expansion team in Southern California but did not choose between the two proposals. Instead, they said the team would be awarded if Los Angeles presents an acceptable stadium plan by Sept. 15.

Meanwhile, Fox Group, which owns the Los Angeles Dodgers, said it intends to keep the baseball team in Dodger Stadium, at least for a while.

"The proposal brought to us, one of many we have seen, is too preliminary and non-specific for us to comment on," Fox and the Dodgers said in a statement Tuesday.

"Nonetheless, we are progressing with our plans of investment in — and limited renovation of — Dodger Stadium."

But the renovation of Dodger Stadium apparently would not end the possibility of the team getting a new stadium in the future.

"As we have said before, this program does not resolve the long-term issues that the Dodgers face," Fox officials said in a statement. "We will work to develop a long-term plan to address these issues, while recognizing the special relationship our fans have with Dodger Stadium."

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Worse Team Ever might have proved the name correct with its first-round loss to Suck It!

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The Observer/Peter Richardson

The Academic All-Star Team also shut him down as he tallied 18 points in the winning effort. "We were a little rusty," O'Connor said. "We didn't execute as well as we could have. But we got the win and we'll work on getting better for our next game."

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The second half brought a different story for No Changes, as LaDuKe turned up the heat offensively and scored five baskets for a total of six points in the game.

Frank Helgesen (right) takes things inside out in the University of Minnesota Academic All-Star Team's win Tuesday against Team 187.

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Aikman rounds up $85.5 million deal from Cowboys

Associated Press

IRVING, Texas

Troy Aikman once again is the highest paid player in the NFL, reworking his contract with the Dallas Cowboys so he'll get $85.5 million through 2007, a source who asked to remain anonymous told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

The deal includes a whopping $20 million signing bonus. Aikman already has received $11 million and will get the remaining $7 million in early 2001, the source said.

Neither Cowboys owner Jerry Jones nor Aikman's agent, Leigh Steinberg, would discuss the terms of the deal other than to say it gives the team much more flexibility under the salary cap for several years.

"Our goal was to free up cap room so that Troy could play with a competitive team," Steinberg said. "He wants more rings on his fingers.

Under a contract that previously made Aikman pro football's salary leader, Aikman was to make $6.5 million in 1999, $7.25 million in 2000 and $8 million in 2001. The new deal drastically lowers those figures but includes a six-year extension, locking Aikman up beyond his 41st birthday. The source did not have the annual breakdown of the new contract.

We have extended the contract of Troy Aikman to the point where this franchise and our fans are sure to have him for the rest of his career," Jones said. "We are very pleased this agreement has been completed."

Aikman has reworked his previous contract practically every season to help Dallas get under the cap. The Cowboys were desperate for space now because they're trying to sign several free agents and must have money left for the players they pick in the draft this weekend.

"It had been six years since we'd last done Troy's contract, and in those six years there had been major changes," Steinberg said. "Rarely does someone play that long on one contract.

The deal was hammered out mostly during an all-night negotiation session late Friday through early Saturday. It was finalized Monday and announced Tuesday during a news conference that also featured the signing of center Mark Stepnoski, a former Cowboy and a close friend to Aikman. Stepnoski was given a five-year, $10.5 million contract, plus a $3.5 million signing bonus. Neither Aikman nor Steinberg attended the news conference.

Aikman isn't the first marquee quarterback signed to more seasons than he's likely to play. Denver and San Francisco made similar deals with John Elway and Steve Young to take immediate advantage of a lower salary cap figure while gambling the cap eventually will go up enough to help absorb those deals.

Two season ago, it didn't seem likely Aikman would even consider playing nine more seasons in Dallas. He was tired of his teammates' off-field transgressions and felt the franchise's focus on winning had waned after three Super Bowl victories. He mostly blamed the coach Barry Switzer. Switzer left after going 6-10 in 1997 and was replaced by Chan Gailey. Aikman's performance and demeanor seemed revived by the new coach and the team responded by winning its sixth NFC East title in seven years. They were ousted from the playoffs all four seasons and the team moved to Tennessee halfway through his tenure.

"The whole emphasis on winning is definitely one of the key features that motivated me to come back," said Stepnoski, who is a bit undersized for a lineman at 6-foot-2, 265 pounds but makes up for it with speed and technique.

Stepnoski's bonus will count $700,000 against the cap each season through 2003. His annual salaries are $400,000 in 1999, $1.7 million in 2000, $1.9 million in 2001, $3 million in 2002 and $3.5 million in 2003.

Jones isn't done dealing, with several more signings likely before the draft begins Saturday. Topping his wish list are receiver Raghib Ismail and linebacker Quentin Coryatt.

Dallas' negotiations with Stepnoski, Ismail and Coryatt have led to an NFL investigation of possible salary cap violations. Whistleblowers say the Cowboys agreed to terms with all three players, but couldn't finalize them until clearing room under the salary cap.

The team reportedly had about $490,000 before reworking Aikman's contract.

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Vandy snaps Irish win streak

The Notre Dame women’s lacrosse team fell behind 10-2 at halftime and could not recover as 19th-ranked Vanderbilt ended a five-game winning streak for the Irish 18-9 on Tuesday.

Notre Dame falls to 8-3 with the loss, while Vanderbilt improves to 3-7. The Irish return to action on Friday, when second-ranked Duke travels to Notre Dame for a 4 p.m. game.

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The inexperience of the offensive line will pose greater concern for Jarous Jackson at quarterback.

O-Line

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“T here’s a lot of skill and technique included in both (pass blocking and run blocking). Pass protection is a little bit more of an unnatural thing to do so it takes more time to teach,” he said.

Davis echoed his sentiments, saying “Anytime you have youth you’re concerned particularly in pass protection — that’s always the toughest thing for young guys to learn.”

The true test for the linemen will come during live game situations in front of 80,000-plus screaming fans, but for now, Borbely said the most important thing is to work together as a unit and learn the intricate blocking schemes.

Borbely said that there are talented players here that can make a contribution in the fall and he has seen the improvement of them this spring.

“T hink we’ve gotten better every day — that’s the goal right now,” the second-year coach said. “We’re really trying hard to focus on different guys and the things we need to work with the ou. I think we’re better today than we were Saturday at the scrimmage. Hopefully that will continue throughout the spring.”
Sophomore attackman Tom Glatzel and his team-leading 19 goals will be counted on to kick start the offense and develop quality scoring opportunities against the Buckeyes today.

"We have played extremely well at times," Corrigan said. "But we haven't played 60 solid minutes from beginning to end in one game. We have a number of guys who are freshmen and sophomores playing for us, but at this point, that isn't an excuse.

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Police arrest UConn's El-Amin for drug possession

HARTFORD, Conn. — Khalid El-Amin, a junior guard who helped Connecticut win its first national championship just 15 days ago, was arrested Tuesday and charged with possession of marijuana.

The sophomore point guard was in a car when he was arrested and charged with possession of less than four ounces of marijuana, police said. He was also charged with a minor traffic infraction.

Another UConn star, junior Richard Hamilton, was with El-Amin when he was arrested, said Lt. Mike Manzi, a police spokesman.

Hamilton, a first-team All-America, was not charged. But members of the Statewide Narcotics Task Force, who made the arrest, impounded the late-model red Cadillac the players were in.

El-Amin was handled out of a police substation in the city’s North End, just after 6 p.m., and taken to the main police station where he was booked and released on a written promise to appear in Hartford Community Court later this month.

About a dozen teenagers had gathered at the substation on news of the arrest. They cheered as El-Amin eluded reporters and dived into the backseat of the waiting cruiser.

Richard Johnson, an attorney who represented El-Amin at the booking, said the player would have no comment.

Tim Tolokan, UConn's sports information director, said the school had no knowledge of the arrest, and made no further comment.

El-Amin, a 5-foot-10 point guard, led the Huskies (36-2) to a 77-74 victory over top-ranked Duke in the national championship game on March 29. It was the school's first trip to the Final Four.

El-Amin announced last week that he would return to UConn for his junior season rather than make himself eligible for the NBA draft.

He has started 71 games and became the third UConn player to score 1,000 points as a sophomore.

For the past two seasons, he has averaged 14.9 points and 4.1 assists. He finished second in scoring this season at 13.8 points and led the team in assists with 140.

El-Amin was voted to the Final Four all-tournament team after scoring 10 points and handing out 10 assists in the wins over Ohio State and Duke.

El-Amin's arrest came one day after Minnesota North Collegiate School's Khalid El-Amin retired his jersey. El-Amin graduated from North in 1997 after leading the Polars to three consecutive state high school basketball championships.

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Irish look to gain momentum

By BRIAN KESSLER
Sports Editor

The 33rd-ranked Notre Dame's men's tennis team closes out the regular season today with a 3 p.m. home dual match against 43rd-ranked Michigan at the Courtney Tennis Center.

This will be the final preparation before next week's Big East championships in Miami, Fla.

"We're definitely looking to gain some momentum heading into the Big East," said sophomore Matt Daly. "I think there is definitely a rivalry there and we'll step it up for this match."

Today's match marks the 58th time the two teams have squared off against each other with Michigan leading the all-time series 29-18.

The Irish, however, have owned the '90s, winning nine of the last 10 matches with the Wolverines and sweeping all five home matches.

The Irish are coming off two consecutive victories over non-conference opponents. They stormed back from a 3-0 deficit against No. 47 Purdue and followed that up with a dominating 6-1 win over Ball State.

"The Purdue win was really good for us," said Daly. "We've lost a lot of close matches all season, so it felt good to finally win one. I think we've put in some extra time and it's paid off. The whole team played well against Ball State."

Against Purdue, Notre Dame dropped the doubles point and suffered losses at No. 4 and No. 5 singles, but staged a late rally to defeat the Boilermakers for the ninth straight time. The Irish swept the top three singles matches and Andy Warford sealed the victory with a 6-1, 7-5, 7-6 (4) win at No. 6 singles.

After securing the doubles point against Ball State, Notre Dame won on to win five singles matches and cruised to an easy victory.

No. 2 singles player Brian Patterson has been red hot for the team and has won 11 consecutive matches and every dual match against Region IV opponents.

Junior All-American Ryan Sachire is currently ranked second in the nation in singles and boasts an impressive 33-7 record in 1999.

"Ryan and Brian have both been playing really well for us," said Daly. "When you can count on those two and No. 1 and No. 2 singles, it really gives the team a confidence boost. Brian has really stepped up his play since we've moved outside."

The Wolverines will try to cool off Patterson and the Irish. Michigan is 14-1 on the season and has won 11 straight matches.

Matt Wright leads the way for Big Ten leading Wolverines. He is 16-6 on the season at No. 1 singles.

Following the Michigan match, Notre Dame will turn its attention to the Big East championships, which get underway on April 22. The Irish will draw the top-seed after knocking off last year's champion Miami earlier this season.

Men's Tennis

The Irish will build their play against Michigan in their last matchup of the regular season, preparing for the Big East championships.
Heilman's heat earns him third Big East pitching honors

By ANGELA FOX
Sports Writer

Sophomore right-hander Aaron Heilman's two wins this week helped earn him his third conference pitcher of the week honors this season.

At No. 6 singles, Eastburn lost to Megan Inman, 6-3, 6-1. At No. 5, Jarrin defeated Emily Berger (6-1, 6-4).

Notre Dame sophomore right-hander Aaron Heilman earned his third Big East Conference pitcher of the week award, after posting two victories last week.

Heilman, who shared the award with St. John's sophomore right-hander Keith Stamler, recorded wins during the week over Detroit (6-4) and Pittsburgh (4-1), the third-place team in the Big East. His other statistics for the week included 12.40 ERA in 15 innings, 17 strikeouts, 19 groundouts, seven hits, three walks and a 137 opponent batting average. He allowed just four of 15 leadoff batters to reach base, allowed just one hit in 15 at-bats with two outs and two hits in 17 at bats with runners on base.

In the midweek win over Detroit, Heilman logged eight innings while allowing four runs (three earned) on five hits and two walks. He had nine strikeouts and 10 groundouts, while permitting 126 pitches.

Heilman later beat surging Pittsburgh with its fifth complete-game of the season and his seventh straight victory. He faced just 25 Panthers batters in the 81-pitch outing while allowing one run that was unearned, as it was set up when center fielder Steve Stanley misjudged a fly ball that ended up being a triple the runner scored on an ensuing groundout.

Heilman posted eight strikeouts and nine groundouts while allowing two hits and one walk, shutting down a Pittsburgh team that came in with a .327 team batting average and was averaging 8.34 runs per nine innings.

He retired the final nine

Belles improved lineup keeps them on top of MIAA

By ANGELA FOX
Sports Writer

Although Saint Mary's lost to Alma College last year, the Belles defeated them this year 6-3, improving their Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association standings to 4-1 on the season.

The Belles were able to pull off the victory due to improvements in the lineup. The win was an even greater achievement because Alma has been some of the better teams in the conference this season.

The individual single scores were No. 1 Katie Vales over Kari Sederburg (4-6, 3-6), No. 2 Annie Kruh against Taylor Campbell (6-4, 6-3), No. 3 Becky Kremer versus Mariol Diaz (6-1, 7-5), No. 4 Becky Gemmer versus Betsie Keeler (6-2, 6-7, 6-3), No. 5 Taylor Jarrin versus Emily Brookhouse (2-6, 6-0, 3-6), and No. 6 Krista Eastburn versus Amy LaGuire (6-3, 6-2). In doubles the competition was just as tough.

The No. 2 team of Kremer-Gemmer defeated Campbell-Diaz in a tie breaker the first set 7-6 and 7-5 in the second set. No. 3 Vales-Kruh beat Sederburg-Kremer 6-3, 6-0, and No. 3 Jarrin-Eastburn lost to Brookhouse-LaGuire, 1-6, 2-6.

Monday, Saint Mary's recorded a victory over University of Chicago, 3-4. Saint Mary's had not defeated them in years, and it took a total team effort by the Belles to get the win.

At No. 4 singles, Eastburn was in the same situation and helped carry the team to victory, team captain Vales said. At No. 4 singles, Gemmer, after winning the first set 6-3, then went on to Megan Inman, lost in the second set, 4-6, but regained her composure to win the third set, 6-2.

At No. 6 singles, Eastburn was in the same situation and was able to defeat Christy Wolfe, 6-2, 3-6, and 6-1. No. 1 Vales lost to Karen Lui (6-6), just as the No. 2, Katie Vales, did. June 14, 1999, by John Calhoun (5-1, 6-5). The Irish have produced at least one award winner during each of the past five seasons.

Heilman is positioned for a run at No. 6 East pitch for the 1999 season. Heilman and Kalita (60) both played eight-game pro weeks. The No. 1 team of Vales-Kruh lost to Lui-Calhoun, 6-8, 8-6.

Heilman and Gemmer won 8-1 and the No. 3 team of Jarrin-Eastburn won 8-6.

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Spread the word to the class of '99: The USA has been posted in the Career Resource Center of Career and Placement Services (114 Flanner) to aid in your hunt for that apartment/house you'll be looking for when you leave school in May and head out into the real world. Stop in to check it out, listen often and leave a self-addressed, stamped envelope to have the lists sent to you at the end of May.

Law and Human Rights in Brazil — Sr. Michael Mary Nolan, a human rights lawyer in Brazil who has been featured on "Sixty Minutes," will share reflections on her work Thursday from 12:15 to 1:15 in Haggard Parlor. Co-sponsored by SURV, Campus Ministry and the Human Rights COLT.

The Notre Dame Chorale and Chamber Orchestra, under the direction of Alexander Blachly, present their spring concert this evening at 8 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. The concert is free and open to the public. The concert is sponsored by the ND Department of Music. Call 1-6201 for more information.
SPORTS

FOOTBALL

By TIM CASEY
Sports Writer

While Jarious Jackson, his receivers and the battle for the starting tailback position have been the major stories of the spring season, the most pressing issue for Kevin Rogers and his offense is the guys in the trenches.

After losing four starters from last year's unit, there is a lack of experience along the line. According to head coach Rob Davie, there is plenty of talented linemen who are eager to see some action next fall, however.

"What I see in our offensive line is some athletic ability," Davie said after Tuesday's practice. "We've got enough talent, it's just that we're awfully young. We're in a footrace, trying to use every minute we can to develop those guys.

As of now, center John Merandi and right guard Mike Gandy are the only two linemen that have seen significant minutes.

Joining them on the tentative first-team line are left tackle Jordan Blakr, left guard Jim Jones and right tackle John Teasdale.

Matt Brennan, Kurt Volmers, Jeff Roehl and Ryan Scarola have all been impressive in the spring and look to challenge for a starting spot. Offensive line coach Dave Borbely would like to get his unit established by the end of the spring but said he realizes that this may not be the case.

"I'd like to get the front set by the end of spring and start [summer] camp with that front, however, that could change in the preseason camp," Borbely said. "Part of the key for the offensive line is continuity and those young players playing together and knowing how each other will react in different situations against different looks."

Merandi, as of now, comes into the season as the lone returning starter and will act as a leader of this young group. According to Davie, Merandi will not be a leader by default but rather because the intangibles he brings to the squad.

John Merandi, at this time last year, was the new guy. All of a sudden you look up and he's the guy. Davie said: "There's no question that he has the potential to be a leader. He's a very aggressive guy and he has a lot of confidence because he played well last year. He may have graded out as our top offensive lineman."

In Saturday's scrimmage, the Irish return only two linemen with significant playing time.

Although current senior fullback Jamie Spencer (with ball) had the luxury this season of a veteran offensive line to help punch holes in defenses, next year's backs will be without four Irish return only two linemen with significant playing time.

By M I K E C O N N O L L Y

The University of Minnesota Academic All-Star Team may have looked funny with its Spandex and underwear outfits, but it was serious about winning its first Bookstore Basketball game Tuesday.

Players Kevyn Jones, Matt Budde, Chris Fanella, Ira Brown and Frank Helgesen took on Team 187 in a fast-paced match-up at St. Peter's. "I think the Spandex really helped our game," said Budde. "It gave us an extra feeling of confidence."

Playing the first few minutes of the game down a man, the University of Minnesota Academic All-Star Team had to battle to keep up with its opponent. Upon the late arrival of Brown, they were at full force and secured a spot in the round of 256, winning 21-9.

"The Spandex kept our muscles tight and heated," Jones said. "And the lacy underwear was definitely key to our success."

In Saturday's match-up, the Irish defeated the Bookstore Basketball team 21-9.

Men's LACROSSE

Cracking Buckeyes key to postseason

By MIKE CONNOLLY

As the thermometer rises through mid-April, so does the pressure for the University of Minnesota men's lacrosse team as it enters the final four games of the season. The Buckeyes won't have to run through but had some trouble in giving Jackson enough time to throw the football.

Borbely said that this is the key issue for Kevin Rogers and the Buckeyes, their 4-0 record in the Great Western Lacrosse League should lock a bid in the NCAA tournament. In order to be sure of a bid, however, the Buckeyes must also play strong in all their games. "We need to win this game," Corrigan said. "It certainly puts us in the driver's seat for a bid but we still have to win some games."

The Buckeyes have been plagued by inconsistency all year. They have played No. 1 Loyola (Md.) at Ohio State

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