Food services raises prices in vending machines

By HELENA PAYNE
Assistant News Writer

Students might have noticed that purchasing a caffeinated drink for late study sessions or bottled water for lectures is more expensive now that beverage prices have risen in campus vending machines.

During late November and early December, the cash operations group of Notre Dame Food Services decided to raise prices of beverages in order to offset increased costs of managing the vending machines.

"Different costs have continued to escalate and that margin has slowly gone down," said Dean Winter, operation manager of vending services. "It was necessary to do something about it."

At the beginning of the year, vending services, which operates under Food Services, undertook the process of changing the prices in the University's approximately 220 beverage machines and more vending machines containing both food and beverage.

All prices of 20-ounce bottles of beverages changed from $1 to $1.25 and 12-ounce cans from $65 to $75. "Winter said he thought the new prices were more attractive to customers because of the ease of putting quarters into the machine instead of smaller coins.

"When you get into the prices in between a dollar and a quarter — it's the psychology of the price," said Winter. He said he and others wanted to keep the price as simple for the customers as it was when it was a dollar, in the case of the former price of 20-ounce beverages. Winter said he also took a realistic approach and chose a price that would safeguard against any immediate changes in the price.

"Our number one criterion is to provide convenience," said Winter. "If I went to an intermediate price (higher than a dollar but lower than $1.25) then there would have to be a price raise quicker than there would if I went to a dollar and a quarter."

So far, Winter said he has only heard from two or three students who were curious to find out about the price changes. "Most of them have been very understanding," said Winter.

As of now, Winter said he doesn't foresee any immediate changes in the vending machine prices.

Comparing the changes in vending machine prices to the recent fluctuation in gas prices, Winter said he wouldn't completely rule out an increase in the future.

"I can see the current prices remaining a number of years, but there are so many things that are out of our control when it comes to cost," said Winter. "We're trying to maintain a decent margin."

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This winter, Food Services raised the prices of beverages in vending machines campus wide in order to compensate for the cost of maintaining the machines.
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Drop a line a

On most days, I'm never certain what to make of e-mail subject lines. I get a mail from "Jason, what are you doing with your home equity?" and "Get your free online psychic reading now!" messages. And Monday, someone was offering photos from a party I apparently missed.

Point is, I'm flooded with electronic correspondence. While the promising health, money and non-stick cookware to the point that it's almost impossible to discern an e-mail from a professor about a change in the syllabus and one from an online vendor selling dis­counted prescription drugs and weekend trips to Mexico and Peru.

So let me be clear: My position as a newspaper editor prompts even more jumble.

On the good days, the irrelevant news releases and masked offers to rebuild my credit are mini­mized. The 'reader button' takes a bit of a brushing, and the trash runner over, but I'm relatively no worse for the wear.

On the bad days, I take a beating — discontent from readers about misquotings and misspellings, and do not ever, general disgust on the public's part of the news media. Tuesday looked like a bad day. While one mes­sage urging me to send my troubled children to a Wyoming ranch that doubles as a boot camp, looked like an attempt to fill the "Readline case subject line beneath it.

By the headline, the respondent, was expelled last fall from the University, following a discipli­nary conference for his alleged sexual assault of a female Notre Dame student. He said that it only came after mounting pres­ures on The Observer staff from pro­fessors, students, and the media. The Observer (USPS 599 2-4000) is published Monday through Friday, except during major holidays and vacation periods. The Observer is a member of the Associated Press. All reproduction rights are reserved.

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The text continues further but is not relevant to the current query.
Nicholas Sparks, who recently donated $1.5 million dollars to the Creative Writing Program. Sparks also mentioned that he finds the program impressive.

"I have a great respect for the writing program Notre Dame has established," he said. Sparks' gift will award two students assistantships on the Notre Dame Review each year. Two more students will have the opportunity to work in New York literary agencies and publishing houses each summer. A third award will allow one graduate of the Creative Writing Program to spend a year in residency at the University to work on his or her writing studies.

Sparks hopes that the awards may be expanded in the future to give more students these opportunities. "That's kind of a work in progress," he said. This year, the students who win the New York internships will work at Sanford Greenburger Associates as well as Warner Books. Sparks own literary agency and publishing company.

Sparks helped to create the internship positions in the Creative Writing Program.

"I just called to find out if they would be willing to take on interns and they were," he said. Sparks said he believes that understanding the publishing side of the writing business is critically important for prospective authors.

Sparks also stated that working with publishers and agents allows writers to make the contacts necessary to get their stories read.

"A typical agent might get 400 query letters a month. Of those he'll read three or four and represent maybe one or two," Sparks said. "If you only have one chance in 100 of getting your book read, anything you can do to improve your chances is helpful."

Sparks' advice for prospective authors is simple: "Read a lot. Write a lot. "Read a lot of different types of novels, see what works, then figure out how the authors do that," he said.

By asking yourself a lot of questions, you can learn a lot about structure.

"If you're really serious, you should probably write every day," he said.

Nicholas Sparks was in the Notre Dame class of '88. His first two novels, "The Passing" and "The Royal Murders," were rejected by publishers, but his next novel, "The Notebooks," became a bestseller.

Since then, he has published "Message in a Bottle," "A Walk to Remember," "The Rescue," and "A Bend in the Road."

"Message in a Bottle" and "A Walk to Remember" have become motion pictures, and "The Notebook" and "A Bend in the Road" are in development. "The Rescue" is currently under negotiations to become a television series.

Sparks will give a speech in the Center for Continuing Education Auditorium in McKenna Hall at 4 p.m. today. He will sign books in the Hazelmes Notre Dame Bookstore from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Thursday.

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Play explores college dating

By NATALIE BAILEY
News Writer

Sex gets attention. And it drew a large crowd Tuesday to Carroll Auditorium to experience "Sex Signals," an interactive program that took the audience on a romp through the myths, rituals and confusions of the college dating scene.

"Sex Signals" urges students to explore issues that go along with the college dating scene. The final skit involved Murphy defending a date-rape charge. A man received mixed messages from his date Mr. R, who claimed, "One thing, I'd go to another and then we were having sex." Through Murphy's performance as a confused college student, the man gained the sympathy of a majority of the women in the audience. Many students felt that couples need to be more direct about their limits and expectations.

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I don't think that many men or women go out to be raped," she said. "It is an ugly extreme that happens to dating." Rape occurring in the context of dating was a key message of the event.

The duo pointed out that people say no to people they like. They said a major goal of the presentation was to teach people to speak in individual as a potential romantic interest and surveying web site. Students, who have since graduated, were involved in collecting information and surveying web site.

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Tonight!!!

Emmaus Info Night

Are you back from studying abroad and want to deepen your faith? Did you make a New Year's resolution to devote more time to prayer? Then try the Emmaus program and discover how small Christian communities of faith sharing and scripture study can turn that lukewarm faith, red-hot like the Burning Bush!

Drop in and learn all about it!!

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
1st floor of Coleman-Morse (across from 24 hr. lounge)
Ruthless kill Chechen rebels: 
Russian troops attacked in a base camp and killed 19 Chechen rebels. 
According to Russian officials, the rebels killed were 
responsible as an assault on a Russian troop 
helicopter, officials said Tuesday. The heli- 
copter was in an emergency landing after it 
was fired upon. Two Russian soldiers died in 
the attack on the helicopter.

Ritual murder stumps U.S. cops: 
The torso of a young African male was found dis- 
membered in the Thames in London. 
Recent con- 
clusions have investigators cooperating with 
Germany and Belgium, where similar cases 
have occurred.

National News Briefs

VA lawmakers keep state salute: 
Despite objections by its black members, 
Virginia's House of Delegates will still open 
sessions with a tribute to the state flag writ- 
ten by Confederate heritage group. The House 
spit 50-48 in favor of keeping the tribute. 
The tribute was written in 1946 and was adopted 
as the official salute to the flag in 1954. Some 
members, both black and white, have pledged 
to remain silent during the tribute each day.

New hotel overlooks WTC site: 
The Battery Park Ritz Carlton held a grand open- 
ning on Jan. 29, and sports rooms with a view 
to the World Trade Center site, 
after the Marriott Financial Center 
reopened two weeks ago after renovations. 
Carleton will not be the closest to the WTC 
site, even though the hotel favorites are 
looking on and the anti-terrorism cam­ 
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evening to translate that 
time support for his domes- 
tic agenda as well. "Once 
we have funded our nation- 
al security and our home- 
land security, the final 
great priority of my budget 
is economic security for the 
American people," he said 
in his speech.

But many of the domestic 
items he outlined — his 
stimulus package, his ver- 
sion of a prescription drug 
plan, his proposal to allow 
some Social Security money 
to be invested in the stock 
market — will be hard to 
pass in the closely divided 
Congress.

When Bush talked about 
making permanent the big 
tax cuts passed last year — 
cuts many Democrats con- 
ten could prolong the recession — many 
Democrats sat passively 
while Republicans stood, 
applauded and cheered.

Democrats, with an eye 
on the midterm congres- 
sional races, have little 
imcitative to help Bush leg- 
islative, even as they 
joined Republicans in 
attacking his conduct of 
foreign and defense policy. 
They need to gain just six 
seats to claim control of the 
House, and hold the Senate 
by a single vote.

The political landscape 
that confronts Bush is 
shrouded with obstacles. The 
Enron collapse is the latest, 
and potentially most dis- 
tracting.

Bush made only a glanc- 
ing reference to the build- 
ting tempest over the col- 
apse of Enron, saying "cor- 
porate America must be 
made more accountable to 
employees and sharehold- 
ers" and calling for new 
safeguards for 401(k)-style 
retirement plans. 

Bush has a history of over- 
coming low expectations. 
But his rise in the polls has 
especially ended questions 
about his ability to handle 
the presidency. 

The poll numbers also 
reflect America is a country 
that is committed to holding 
together under duress, and 
may overstate actual sup- 
port for the president.

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Panel discusses solutions to crisis in Argentina

By LIZ KAHLING

The recent political and economic crisis in Argentina brought together a panel of professors, scholars, and professionals to discuss "A Tale of Pesos and Presidents" Tuesday at the Hesburgh Center.

Having achieved stability in the 1990s after hyperinflation and political scandal, the consensus two years ago was that politics had become "boring" and that Argentina was on the road to normal politics. But the recent political and economic crisis, which has triggered violent street protests, street protests. The crisis, which has triggered violent street protests, which has triggered violent street protests, is having an impact on U.S. interests in the region. The latest crisis was triggered in December when the IMF balked at providing an additional $1.2 billion loan as part of an estimated $22 billion line of credit to the country. Argentina has been counting on the money to meet interest payments coming due on its massive $132 billion debt. Since that time, the country has been hit with violent street protests and a chaotic currency devaluation. On Monday, the heads of the IMF, the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, in a joint statement expressing their willingness "to work closely with the government and people of this country to help them overcome the daunting challenges they face."

Alumni presented with CASE professional development award

Special to The Observer

Charles Lennon Jr., executive director of Notre Dame's Alumni Association and associate vice president for University Relations, has received an Outstanding Commitment to Professional Development Award from District V of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE). Lennon is credited with establishing an organization for African-American Notre Dame graduates in order to attract student recruitment, provide mentors and support for current students, and involve graduates in alumni events. He also works closely with Notre Dame's Hispanic and Asian-Pacific Alumni groups and has been a member to numerous multicultural students and alumni on an individual basis.

Bush pushes Argentina on economic reform plan

WASHINGTON

Argentine officials expressed optimism Tuesday that their country will get up to $20 billion in new international loans next month. But the Bush administration insisted that a credible reform program must be adopted first.

Foreign Minister Carlos Ruckauf met Tuesday with Secretary of State Colin Powell and Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill to outline the economic goals of President Eduardo Duhalde, Argentina's fifth president since December.

Ruckauf presented a letter from Duhalde to President Bush that stressed the government's intention "that we will have a free economy for the benefit of our people," the foreign minister said.

O'Neill, who also included meetings with officials at the International Monetary Fund, was aimed at providing information on the month-old government's plans to deal with the country's economic crisis, which has triggered violent street protests.

"The main points that the secretary made were that we would continue to be supportive of Argentina as they work to develop a sustainable economy," Paul O'Neill, said. "They have approach the IMF with an acceptable plan to restructure their economy."

The Bush administration is supporting the position of the IMF that Duhalde's government must adopt a more credible currency regime, scrap controls on bank withdrawals, come up with an acceptable plan to restructure foreign debt and deal with soaring budget deficits.

While those demands represent sizeable hurdles the country must clear before receiving new IMF support, Diogo Gueral, Argentina's ambassador to the United States, expressed confidence that negotiations on new loans will begin next month.

Gueral told an audience at the Center for Strategic Studies, a Washington think tank, that Argentine officials hoped to negotiate for $15 billion to $20 billion in new international loans in February. He said that Economy Minister Jorge Remes Lenicov expected to arrive in Washington around Feb. 11 to negotiate for the loans. After the government wins legislative passage of its key fiscal reform proposals. The latest crisis was triggered in December when the IMF balked at providing an additional $1.2 billion loan as part of an estimated $22 billion line of credit to the country. Argentina has been counting on the money to meet interest payments coming due on its massive $132 billion debt. Since that time, the country has been hit with violent street protests and a chaotic currency devaluation. On Monday, the heads of the IMF, the World Bank and the Inter-American Development Bank issued a rare joint statement expressing their willingness "to work closely with the government and people of this country to help them overcome the daunting challenges they face."
Blood banks create donor crisis plan

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The blood industry is creating a way to ensure enough blood gets to the site of a catastrophe — be it a terrorist attack or a natural disaster — without the confusion and fending that marred blood banks' response to the Sept. 11 attacks. The proposals would establish a national chain of command that could be tapped by every local blood bank and hospital.

The task force would also tell Americans whether blood donations were really needed, said Karen Shoos Lipton of the American Association of Blood Banks.

"The whole point is to establish this up front, so if something happens, every blood center knows exactly what to do," said Lipton, whose group will explain the still-evolving plans at a federal meeting Thursday. The Red Cross doesn't regret calling for more blood donors following Sept. 11, said vice president Allan Ross. "During times of uncertainty, you can't predict what the blood needs are going to be," he said.

Blood must undergo many safety tests, so after disasters newly donated blood can't be used right away — meaning it's vital to have enough on hand every day. Parts of the nation have had recurring blood shortages in recent years.

Volunteers Needed

The Early Childhood Development Center located at Saint Mary's College and the University of Notre Dame is looking for volunteers who enjoy young children. If you would be interested in spending 2 hours per week reading to children and playing with children, please call: Kald at ECD-SCM 284-4095 or Sue at ECD-ND 531-3544 for more information. (Summer employment opportunities also available.)

Early Childhood Development Center, Inc.

284-4093 (ECD-SCM)
531-3544 (ECD-ND)

Crisis leads to troop reduction

Associated Press

ISLAMABAD

Pakistan called for talks with India in a mutual reduction of troops along their tense border, and offered on Tuesday to restore transport links cut last month because of the crisis over Kashmir.

However, India repeated its demand that Pakistan halts what the Indians call "cross-border terrorism," meaning attacks by India-based militants against Indian rule in Kashmir.

India said Tuesday that six suspected Islamic militants and a paramilitary trooper were killed during gunbattles within Indian Kashmir. There was no comment from Pakistan.

In a statement read by Foreign Ministry spokesman Aitz Ahmad Khan, Pakistan said it was willing to begin talks with India "over a phased withdrawal of troops on both sides from their forward positions to their peace-time locations."

"Once an agreement is reached, troops should be withdrawn within a specific time frame," Rao said.

Tensions appeared to have eased after President Pervez Musharraf on Jan. 12 banned the two Islamic militant groups accused of the parliament attack and declared that Pakistan would not be a base for terrorism.

Secretary of State Colin Powell visited both countries after the speech and declared that he was encouraged that a diplomatic solution to the crisis could be reached.

Since then, however, there has been little sign of progress. On Monday, Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee demanded that Pakistan withdraw from the part of Kashmir under its control before peace talks.

"If Kashmir is the central issue, then one-third of Kashmir is occupied by Pakistan illegally," Vajpayee told a meeting in the central Indian city of Bhopal.

Islamabad has called for a plebiscite in Kashmir to determine the territory's future. New Delhi rejects the proposal and calls Kashmir an integral part of its national territory.

On Tuesday, Musharraf visited Pakistani army positions along the border east of Lahore, urging troops to remain vigilant so that there can be "no misconception" about the country's defense capabilities.

Pakistan has earned a place of distinction in the community of nations as a major strategic partner in the international coalition against terrorism,

Musharraf told the troops, "But our eastern neighbor is making vain attempts to discredit it."

More than a dozen Islamic militant groups, most based in Pakistan, have been fighting since 1989 to win independence for the two-thirds of Kashmir that Pakistan controls, the rest of which is controlled by India.

The government says more than 32,000 people have died in the insurgency, while human rights groups say the death toll is twice that. About a dozen militant groups have been confirmed to be Muslim civilians in Hindu-majority India's only Muslim-majority state.

India and Pakistan have fought two wars over their competing claims to all of the Himalayan region.
East coast cities face water shortage

City reservoirs reach dangerously low levels

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Baltimore's reservoirs are so low the city plans to tap the Susquehanna River for drinking water despite complaints about its iron taste. Rivers in Maine have been reduced to a trickle. And in New Hampshire, many of the frozen waterfalls that draw ice-climbing tourists have fallen this year.

From Maryland to Maine, the East Coast is seeing some of the driest conditions in decades. More than 100 counties are under drought warnings, watches or advisories. Public officials are urging people to take shorter showers, fix plumbing leaks and wash cars with buckets instead of hoses.

"The whole system is being taxed right now," said George McKillop, a National Weather Service hydrologist in Upton, N.Y.

Precipitation is six to 10 inches below average in New England and the mid-Atlantic states over the last six months, off a third or more from the norm. In New York City, which issued a drought warning Monday, precipitation has been a mere quarter of its normal level since September.

Maryland has put the Monocacy River off-limits to protect it in the drought, cutting off a third of the potential water supply for Frederick, the state's second-largest city. Frederick has slowed new development and in considering shutting it down entirely, Mayor Jennifer Dougherty said.

Baltimore's reservoirs are at their lowest point on record for January. The city plans to tap the Susquehanna River, whose high iron content has irritated customers in the past.

"We're hoping that it will be a minimal change in taste," said Kurt Kocher, a spokesman for the city Department of Public Works.

Maine is struggling through its worst drought in 107 years of record-keeping. Dam operators are shutting gates to keep reservoirs from plunging, turning rivers and streams into relative trickles. Whitewater rafting and salmon, trout and bass fishing could be devastated.

The precipitation level could recover by the spring, but "we could have a situation where's no water to go rafting. The worst case is there's just not enough water to sustain fish spawning," said Dana Murch, dams supervisor for the Maine Department of Environmental Protection.

Maine's hydroelectric power generation has dropped, driving up costs for paper mills. The warm winter has made matters worse. Normally, snow melt and rainfall run over frozen ground to replenish reservoirs and streams. But in many spots this year, snow and rain are soaking into the still-soil earth.

In New Hampshire's White Mountains, many of the frozen waterfalls that draw ice climbers to the town of North Conway have failed to form. "We've got 30 local guides here that make their living teaching ice climbing," said Dave Kelly, a guide and assistant manager at the EMS Climbing School. "With conditions as lean as they are, you've got guides hanging around twiddling their thumbs waiting for business.'
WASHINGTON

Lawmakers who are working to reduce emissions from coal-burning power plants are frustrated by the Bush administration's determination to craft separate policies to deal with air pollution and climate change.

"The administration ought to get moving," Sen. George Voinovich, told Bush's top official for fossil fuel policy at a Senate hearing Tuesday. "We've been waiting and waiting and waiting."

Like President Bush, Voinovich says new limits to carbon dioxide emissions could hurt the economy of the Midwest, which is dependent on coal.

While the carbon dioxide from coal-fired generating plants is linked to global warming, other pollutants -- mercury, sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides -- are blamed for dirtying the air, particularly over New England.

Administration officials say Bush wants to address both climate change and air pollution. But there is discussion between the Energy Department and the Environmental Protection Agency on how to proceed.

That includes wrangling over the "proper set of numbers for the administration to come forward with," said Robert S. Kropiwetz, the Energy Department's acting assistant secretary for fossil energy.

"It's not an easy process," he said. After the hearing before the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee's clean air subcommittee, he said the major sticking point over a pollutants bill is "the amount of reductions."

When Bush abandoned an international climate treaty last year, he said he was opposed to mandatory restrictions on carbon dioxide or other greenhouse gases. Such controls, he said, would cost too much and hurt the economy.

"Unlike sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides and mercury, carbon dioxide is not a pollutant," Kropiwetz testified Tuesday. "Addressing CO2 is a question of climate change policy and separate from clean air policy, which the administration's pending multi-pollutant proposal will address.

But he said the administration recognizes the seriousness of heat-trapping gases in the atmosphere. Carbon dioxide and other gases from the burning of coal and oil have been blamed by many researchers for global warming.

Patricio Silva, a staff attorney for the National Resources Defense Council, said, "All we're seeing from the Bush administration is what they're not willing to do."

The Pew Center on Global Climate Change, an Arlington, Va.-based think tank that supports regulating carbon dioxide emissions, said in a report Tuesday that global climate change over the next century poses a serious threat to lakes, streams, rivers and wetlands throughout the United States.

Rising water temperatures would alter aquatic plant and animal species, harming their reproductive capacity if they can't migrate, the report says, and changes in precipitation would damage ecosystems and water quality.

"Public officials in that parish know the law. Unfortunately, they decided to engage in endorsement of religion," Joe Cook, executive director of the ACLU of Louisiana, said last week.

"ACLU officials threatened to sue the mayor of Franklinton, 55 miles north of New Orleans, he said.

He said he has no religious affiliation. The lawsuit names the town, its mayor and surrounding Washington Parish as defendants.

Mayor Earle Brown denied any knowledge of the signs. Parish President M.E. Taylor, however, admitted that area churches paid for the signs and parish road crews erected them. Taylor said they will be removed if judged illegal.

"Myself and some ministers and other Christians will pull them up ourselves and put them on private property," Taylor said. He added that the ACLU was "splitting hairs" but Joe Cook, executive director of the ACLU of Louisiana, said the law is clear.

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Legal drugs may harm the most

Consider that the few remaining legal drugs are perhaps the most harmful drugs. This is a difficult argument to make, but I will attempt to make it with customary civility and patience — after all, when one possesses the truth, as I most assuredly do, one must be careful to refrain from bludgeoning his fellows with it.

No, the truth should hurt more like an incessant tap on the temple than a sledgehammer to the back. This said, I must admit that the legal drugs have a strange way of keeping one aloof in this often disillusioning world: The secular trinity of caffeine, alcohol and nicotine have saved many a soul from the purposeless ennui of American life. I'm certain that many of you share my experiences with these substances. Caffeine inspires the soul or at least keeps it awake for a few extra hours. The pulse quickens, the eyes open wide and the powers of concentration spike to near divine levels. Nothing impairs the tunnel vision mentality necessary to read 500 pages of Thomas Mann better than an espresso shot or five, or a couple well-timed Vivarin capsules. All extraneous thoughts flee from the mind; any cognition that might serve to distract is buried under the monumental imperative to dedicate energy toward one's present task.

It's easy to see that caffeine is the perfect drug for post-modern humanity, the opium of the present day, corporate America's soma. We must complete a maddening variety of tasks in a day to be considered productive. Most of the time, these tasks are mind-numbing and spirit-crushing. We would rather, rightly, be doing anything else — sitting outside, taking a walk, sleeping or watching TV — another opiate. But we have oh so much to do.

Why not ingest a drug that provides instant energy and a superhuman ability to focus on the task at hand while eliminating the pesky human tendency for independent thought? Caffeine makes us stupid, perky and obedient, and for this reason it will remain legal until the end of time — when some coffee-swigging scientist accidentally breaks a test tube after being awake for 134 consecutive hours doing research at some backwoods university and looses a biochemical plague on the world. Alcohol makes us stupid and obedient, but in a freer way than caffeine. Booze is a social lubricant, a means of breaking out into the world with a zeal that we lost somewhere between the ages of two and eight. Alcohol makes us children again. The pesky, often disheartening future disappears. The memories of past failures and inadequacies evaporate into an awareness of the immediate present moment. To top it off, alcohol makes the present easier to deal with by reducing the senses to their least effective level. Yet this numb descent into immaturity is sometimes the most desirable form of distraction.

As for cigarettes? Well, they don't have enough zip to alter one's mental state, but they do ruin the body on an immense scale, but I can't seem to get enough of it.

We dope ourselves with caffeine in the morning, alcohol in the evening and cigarettes all day long. These are not self-enhancing drugs, but rather self-nullifying drugs. This is my core argument. I'm not saying that crack or hallucinogens are healthy, positive drugs that should be legalized today while cigarettes and beer should be banned. I'm simply suggesting that the criteria for making some drugs legal and others illegal are largely arbitrary.

Maybe when I'm in a conspiracy theory mood I will argue that the remaining legal drugs are still around because they allow us to survive in a culture that is entirely too demanding and decidedly inhuman. Perhaps my argument can be countered with a simple, obvious revelation: Addiction to illegal drugs has destroyed many lives. I can't deny this.

Indeed, illegal drugs are extremely harmful and debilitating. But imagine the two-pack-a-day smoker who wakes up in the morning, lights off a five-minute coughing fit and promptly lights up. His or her choice? That's the few remaining legal drugs.

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"We are fighting Germany, Austria and drink, and as far as I can see, the greatest of these three deadly foes is drink."

David Lloyd-George
English statesman
Next time you eat a peanut butter sandwich, remember Dr. George Washington Carver. Born of parents who were slaves in Dismal, Missouri, Dr. Carver almost single-handedly revolutionized southern agriculture. From his laboratory on the campus of Tuskegee Institute, from the humble peanut, Dr. Carver discovered meal, instant and dry coffee, bleach and cleaner, wood filler, metal polish, paper, ink, shaving cream, rubber, rubber and plastics.

Dr. Percy Lavan (1894-1975) did work on the soybean that George Washington Carver had done with the ordinary peanut. What George Washington Carver had done with the peanut over to the process just to show the undeniable knowledge that God gave, and extracted from it an ingredient to relieve inflammatory arthritis. Not content to sit in his lab, he founded Julian Laboratory, Inc. in 1954. With research centers in Chicago, Mexico, City and Guatemala, Dr. Julian successfully developed a synthetic cortisone, found a way to mass produce the drug physically impossible, which was used in great quantities, and perfected the mass production of sex hormones which led the way to birth control pills.

The art of shoemaking would not be the same but for Jan Ernest Matzeliger. He enriched America and other nations by billions of dollars. With no other capital other than his meager wages, he perfected a machine for producing leather around which the shoe revolutionizing shoemaking. He then founded a company, the United Shoe Machinery Company, that rapidly drove competitors out of the shoe business until a few years later it controlled 98 percent of the shoe machine business. This new invention led to a tremendous expansion in the substance of the shoe industry and contributed enormously to what is regarded as one of the distinctive features of civilization, namely, the wearing of shoes.

Conor left an indelible mark on our United States, not to be powerful, not because he had a keen sense of justice or concern for the blessings of democracy or anything else. They will say to you, 'Who are you, anyway?' Your ancestors have never controlled empires or kingdoms and most of your race have contributed little or nothing to science and philosophy and mathematics. Science, philosophy and mathematics? Most black leaders I knew had made big contributions to the civil rights movement. But to science? You have probably never heard of Benjamin Banneker (1731-1806) a self-taught mathematician and astronomer. While still in his youth, he made a calendar which was accurate for 177 years. He also published a treatise on bees, studied locusts and became an authority on President Thomas Jefferson.
The frazzled Lenny (Ryan Greene) is approached by Cassie (Tara Murphy) trying to exact revenge on her husband.

Eccentric cooking show host Cookie (Katie Mahoney) has a back spasm as her neurotic psychiatrist husband Ernie (Mike Romano) looks on.

Timing is e

Scene reviews St. Edward's Hall

By C. SPENCER BEGGS
Scene Editor

A little lie never hurt anyone. Unless, of course, it is trying to conceal a possible attempted suicide of the deputy mayor of New York from his closest friends and the police.

The St. Edward's Hall Players will open Neil Simon's critically acclaimed farce, "Rumors," tomorrow night. The show is one of frantic energy and split-second timing, a challenge to which the St. Edward's Hall Players rise with gusto.

"Rumors" takes place on the evening of the deputy mayor of New York's anniversary with his wife Myra. When the first of his guests, Ken and Kris Gorman (played by senior Kevin Dwight, and sophomore Trish Gilbert) arrive they find the deputy mayor, Charley, shot through the eardrums and barely conscious and Myra suspiciously absent from the house.

As Charley's lawyer, Ken decides it is best to conceal the incident from the other guests. Unfortunately, the next couple, Lenny and Claire Ganz (played by sophomores Ryan Greene and Cheryl Turski) stumble upon the Gormans' plan and are drawn into the deception.

The four construct a cockamamie story, trying to stall Charley's remaining guests, the high-society psychiatrist Ernie Cusack (played by sophomore Mike Romano) and his cooking show star wife Cookie (played by sophomore Katie Mahoney) as well as state senate candidate Glen Cooper (played by sophomore Joe Powers) and his suspicious quartz crystal-rubbing wife Cassie (played by junior Tara Murphy).

Lies stack upon lie until the police arrive and the group is forced to come up with a quick think to save their friend and themselves.

"Rumors" is a show that relies almost entirely on the chemistry between the cast. The production's director, senior Matt Lee, recognized the importance of cast dynamics and instituted a program to better acquaint his actors.

Lee, the first non-St. Edward's Hall resident to direct a St. Edward's Hall Players show, instituted a regime that he calls "cast dating," a program in which during each week of the seven-week rehearsal process each cast member went on a date with another cast or crew member. Although most of the dates were casual outings like coffee at Acousticafe, watching a video or the infamous dining hall date, the cast felt that the program made them more comfortable around each other.

"[Lee] helps you out where you need it, but he also gives you a lot of freedom to do the role as you see fit. But he's also very clear when he wants it done a certain way. Off stage, especially, he's really gotten the cast together," Powers said.

Powers auditioned for "Rumors" after being in a mock barbershop quartet at a Program of Liberal Studies talent show in October. Now bitten by the acting bug, Powers plans to be in a theatre show each semester until he graduates.

"The rehearsal process has been really fun, I got to meet a new group of people I wouldn't have known otherwise," Powers said.

The cast definitely has a strong rapport with each other; a quality that they attribute to Lee for bringing out.

"[Lee's directing] is the perfect combination of relaxed, easygoingness and focused directing," Greene said.

Beside the cast's chemistry, Lee feels that "Rumors" has the added advantage of having a great script. Lee, a self-described Neil Simon junkie, is no stranger to the playwright's wit and wisdom; Lee directed "Lost in Yonkers" last year for the Student Players.

"[Simon] is as deep and brilliant as Arthur Miller and as witty as they come, he might even be the greatest comic playwright of the
everything

Players production of ‘Rumors’

20th century. I think Notre Dame needs to see more of his productions because they’re easy to understand and yet they all have a profound meaning,” Lee said.

Lee thinks that Simon does more than just entertain the audience in “Rumors,” he also describes the complex nature of relationships and especially marriage.

“I think the play is about the different stages in a relationship between a man and a woman. I think you can’t necessarily see each couple in the show as having a complete relationship. I think you have to see each couple as being one of many facets that is inherent in any relationship ... I think when you’re in a relationship with somebody you go through all the stages that are presented in these couples,” Lee said.

Unfortunately, the St. Edward’s Hall Players were not allotted very much money to produce their show. The group had to borrow many costume pieces and props as well as scrounge for a set. Senior Chris Sinnott, who designed and helped build the set, could only install one door in a farce that calls for six.

The group improvised solutions for anything that was lacking in the set, but the fact that the audience can see characters before their entrances is particularly distracting. It is a shame to see such a talented group with such a good show have such limited resources with which to work.

But what the cast of “Rumors” lacks in material assets they make up for in talent. Although many of the cast members are relatively new or inexperienced actors, all have developed characters that shine through; from the maniac motions of Greene as Lenny to the charmingly drunk Officer Pudney (played by sophomore Megan Olive) and the stern reserve of Officer Welch (played by senior Ryan Kruegar).

Although the acting is effective all around, two actors standout in their roles. Gilbert has a lightning quick sense of the show’s timing and expertly places her off-handed one-liners with precision in the frantic show.

Similarly, Turski’s rapier wit and comical facial expressions make her character one of the most well developed and interesting. Turski’s snide and sarcastic comments are wickedly funny and a pleasure to watch.

Both Gilbert and Turski play to their audience well and seem to be the most flexible and adaptive to their fellow actors on stage.

The cast of “Rumors” knows the show inside and out, as is proven by their ability to rapidly push through their fast and precisely timed lines. But even the well-rehearsed timing and energy drops the ball on some of the humor Simon wrote into the show.

Simon relies heavily on a stereotype of New Yorkers, especially Jewish New Yorkers, in the script of “Rumors;” it is unfortunate that this production does not try to produce the genre of comedy in which the author intended it. A few times in the show, jokes are lost or muddied because this type of comedy is not employed, especially in some of Simon’s more creative swearwords.

Despite this short-coming, “Rumors” ends up being a strong show that will undoubtedly please audiences.

“Rumors” opens tomorrow night and plays through Saturday. All performances begin at 7:30 p.m. in Washington Hall. Admission is $5. Tickets are on sale at the LaFortune Student Center Box Office and at the door. Call or visit the Box Office at (219) 631-8128 to reserve seats.
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Olympics

Is Salt Lake City ready for the Olympics?

♦ Ashcroft says more security is needed

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY

The federal government agreed to send about 30 more security officers to the Salt Lake City Games, the top Olympic security officer said Monday night.

Attorney General John Ashcroft agreed with local law enforcement officials that more security was needed in one uninclosed area outside the venues, said Robert Flowers, the commander of the Utah Olympic Public Safety Command. "We're talking about enhancing something that is already there, not creating something new," Flowers said. "Where we have four officers it would be nice to have six."

When Ashcroft visited Salt Lake City earlier this month, Flowers said a local law enforcement person brought the area to his attention at a briefing.

Ashcroft agreed the area was of concern and agreed to find more security personnel. Flowers said he was surprised at Ashcroft's response because he had believed there were no more federal bodies available for the 17-day games.

"I'll take as many as they can give us," Flowers said. "We have open shopping areas downtown and other places people will be enjoying. It's like they're giving us another bottle of water on a long hike. We don't need it but it's nice to have."

Flowers said other than this area, Ashcroft was satisfied with the security planning effort by state, local and federal officers.

More than 60 agencies are involved in Olympic security, including city police and fire departments, statewide agencies such as the Department of Health, as well as the FBI and Secret Service.

At the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta, one person was killed when a pipe bomb exploded in Centennial Park. Flowers said that area had a large number of people — 90,000 — who were not checked for explosives. There is no comparable area in Salt Lake City.

Flowers said all Olympic-related venues are as much security as possible.

"We are talking about securing a worldwide event across four countries, with 1 million people here," he said. "It's difficult to do and we would use a few more resources."

♦ Man breaks through Olympic security perimeter

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY

A man who got inside a chain-link fence near the Olympic Village was charged Tuesday with unlawfully entering a national security site.

Sheldon Iver Goodman, 48, was trying to take a short cut across the University of Utah campus on Sunday when a Secret Service agent found him inside an outermost Olympic security perimeter.

Goodman climbed around a fence blocking one end of a 300-foot-long pedestrian bridge by dangling 20 feet over Wasatch Drive and swinging himself back onto the bridge on the other side of the fence.

The $5 million suspension bridge was built to take Olympic athletes from the village to the university stadium for opening and closing ceremonies. It spans six lanes of Wasatch Drive, which divides the university campus.

Olympic safety commanders said the arrest of Goodman, who triggered a fence sensor, proves the system works. Goodman managed to get inside just one of multiple security perimeters guarding the Olympic Village.

"This is the beginning of operational security," said Mark Camillo, the Secret Service coordinator for Olympic security.

"The bottom line is we caught him," said David Tubbs, executive director for the Utah Olympic Public Safety Command.

U.S. Attorney Paul Warner said he was taking the first violation of Olympic security seriously. Warner's office charged Goodman with the federal misdemeanor of trespassing at a national security "special event" site. The Olympic Village and ceremony stadium are considered national security sites.

"Those who try to circumvent security measures put everyone participating in the Olympics at risk and are going to find themselves facing aggressive investigation and prosecution," Warner said.

Goodman was spotted at 6:50 p.m. Sunday by Secret Service agent Angela Sheldon just inside the 8-foot-tall fence blocking the width of the Olympic bridge.

♦ Athletes begin arriving at heavily protected Olympic Village

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY

Athletes started checking into the Olympic Village on Tuesday, surrounded by three rings of armed security and 8-foot-tall fence chain link fences.

"It's exceedingly safe. Security, I would say, is tight," said Roberto Fabbrini, the leader for Italy's 120-member Olympic team.

As many as 300 athletes were expected to check in by Tuesday night, said Simon Toulson, the village representative for the International Olympic Committee.

The village will be occupied by 3,900 athletes, coaches and team officials, who will have a special guest: IOC president Jacques Rogge, who will skip the luxury of the IOC headquarters hotel for a dormitory bed.

Rogge was due to arrive in Salt Lake City on late Tuesday. Salt Lake banker Spencer Eccles, the village mayor, is his body double. Eccles and his deputies will welcome teams from 80 nations with a traditional Olympic ceremony, playing their anthems and raising their flags.

The welcome party also will stage an American Indian dance for each delegation's arrival and hand out gifts of handmade quilts.

Puerto Rico's team was among the first to arrive Tuesday and found the accommodations excellent, Toulson said.

The Olympic Village at the University of Utah has a movie theater, post office, coffee shops, Internet cafes, a bank and a general store, even a beauty salon and massage salon. Internet cafes were big hits at the Olympic Villages at Sydney and Nagano.

It also has a McDonald's and an Olympic store, "Very, very important," said Fabbrini, who arrived in advance of the Italian athletes.

Fabbrini said Calgary had the best Olympic Village for the 1988 Winter Games — a standard he's using to measure this village. "We are completely satisfied at the moment," he said.

Security was so tight Fabbrini had his vehicle checked, his bags checked, his credentials checked, even his body checked. "But it's very quick, very efficient," he said.

At the other end of the world, the Utah Olympic Public Safety Command, which includes law enforcement and security personnel, is running smoothly.

"We are talking about a very quick, very efficient," he said.
NFL

PITTSBURGH

Jay Hayes was fired Tuesday as the Pittsburgh Steelers' special teams coach following a season-long series of breakdowns capped by two touchdown-producing misplays in the AFC championship game.

Hayes was the only assistant let go following the Steelers' third AFC title game loss in eight seasons, though coach Bill Cowher gave offensive coordinator Mike Mularkey and quarterbacks coach Tom Clements permission to talk to other teams.

Mularkey, voted the NFL assistant coach of the year by the Pro Football Writers, will interview for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers' coaching vacancy.

Clements, the quarterbacks coach who worked with Mularkey to revile Kordell Stewart's career, will interview for offensive coordinators' jobs with Buffalo and Jacksonville.

Cowher also said defensive coordinator Tim Lewis, whose defense ranked first in the league, and defensive backs coach Willy Robinson have agreed to new contracts.

Hayes firing after three seasons as special teams coach was hardly a surprise. Special teams were the Steelers' one glaring weakness, and they ultimately may have cost them a trip to the Super Bowl.

The New England Patriots scored only one touchdown offensively in upsetting the Steelers 24-17 Sunday, but they also scored on Troy Brown's 55-yard punt return and Antwaan Harris' 49-yard return of a blocked field goal.

Those were among four touchdowns allowed by Steeler's special teams in their final four games -- two on punt returns and two on failed field goal attempts. Of the four touchdowns Pittsburgh allowed in the postseason, three were on special teams.

"It was a problem all year, it wasn't just Sunday," Bill Cowher
Pittsburgh head coach

"It was a problem all year, it wasn't just Sunday," Cowher said. "It's also because of where we were in our third year (with Hayes running the special teams). It was a number of things. He's a good person and a good worker, and there's never been a question about his integrity or work ethic."

Several Steelers were outspoken in their criticism following Sunday's failures, with defensive back Lee Flowers saying they didn't approach special teams "seriously enough." He also said they should use more starters on special teams.

The Steelers did not immediately hire a replacement for Hayes, a Pittsburgh native whose brother, Thomas, was a Steelers tight end from 1994-96. Hayes had a year left on his contact.

"I was a good coach when I got here," said Hayes, a former special teams coach at Wisconsin and an assistant at Notre Dame. "In my mind, I'm still a good football coach."

Meanwhile, Cowher said it is a priority to sign the only two free agent starters, All-Pro linebacker Jason Gildon and leading tackler Earl Holmes.

"I know both players want to be here, but it still has to get done," Cowher said. Cowher also has no regrets about the Steelers' preparation for New England, dismissing any suggestion they took the Patriots too lightly. The Patriots cited a team meeting called by Cowher to discuss Super Bowl plans as a sign of overconfidence.

Cowher, 1-3 in AFC title games, was asked if those losses would affect how he prepares his team for any future championship games.

"I'll discuss that when the fifth one comes -- and there will be a fifth," he said.

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Super Bowl

Warner wants to win 5 Super Bowls

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS

Usually, Kurt Warner talks a lot without saying much at all. Blah, blah, blah.

On Tuesday, he served up a headline by revealing that he wants to be remembered as the only quarterback to win five Super Bowls. That would be one more than Terry Bradshaw and Joe Montana, and four more than he has now.

"Success in my mind is based on winning championships," Warner said during media day at the Superdome, where he drew the largest crowd of any of the St. Louis Rams. "The other accomplishments are great and something you actually reflect on, but the bottom line is winning."

"I know there's never been a quarterback that won five Super Bowls, so if I have one goal and one thing I would love to be remembered for, it would be to win five."

He insisted it's not just a pipe dream.

"Anything's possible," he said. "It's realistic? I think it is. I believe every time I step on the field I can win and we can go to the Super Bowl, that's just kind of my mentality."

That's just one example of how loose Warner was while facing the Super Bowl, which he is now new to me, and coming to the Super Bowl I had to answer the same questions I had been answering for 16 weeks.

You feel a lot more relaxed. I felt more pressure trying to get to this point."

He was even looser than Monday night, when the Rams arrived in New Orleans, and he said he didn't think about winning lots of championships.

"We take advantage of what's at hand and we'll worry about winning lots of championships. It's a clear, a day later, he was already thinking about next year.

"There's good reason for his confidence. Since his starting emergence two years ago from an unin­pressive back­ground of small college, Arena League and NFL Europe competition, he's never looked back.

In 1999, he threw 41 touch­down passes on a 13-3 team that enjoyed a run of nine straight losing seasons, then threw for 424 yards in the Rams' Super Bowl victory over the Titans. This year he threw for 4,830 yards, sec­ond-most in NFL history, and won his second MVP award.

He tied an NFL record with nine consecutive 300-yard pass­ing games, including a season-high 401 yards in a 24-17 victory at New England Nov. 18. He tossed 21 percent of his passes and led the NFL in pass­ing yards, touchdown passes and passer rating.

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Warner repaid the line, taking it full, Timm­erman said, "We are in a unique situ­ation," Johnson said. "How many teams lose a quarter­back to that magnitude of a game and have a guy come in and play at that caliber?"

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"We played Atlantas earlier in the season and didn't know if Chris Chandler or Michael Vick was going to be starting," Rams line­backer London Fletcher said.

"Chandler is a pocket passer and Vick is a scrambler, but the Rams quarterbacks play similar styles.

"I want to play as bad as I ever wanted doing anything," he said. "I mean, it's the Super Bowl. It's what you play for."

Bledsoe, a nine-year veteran and second-year pro Brady has remained friends through a turbulent season. Bledsoe suffered serious chest bleeding late in the second game and Brady returned in the 10-3 loss to the Jets.

The Patriots were 0-2 when Brady came in, they are 12-3 since then.

He seemed certain to play the rest of the season. Then he sprained his left ankle late in the first half of last Sunday's 24-17 win over Pittsburgh.

Bledsoe, playing for the first time in more than four months, threw an 11-yard touchdown pass that made the halftime score 14-3, then led a field-goal drive and helped take time off the clock with clutch third-down com­pletions.

"I compare it to giving a starting running back a little taste," he said.

On the touchdown, he lofted the ball to David Patten deep in the right corner of the end zone, a pass Brady rarely makes.

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**NBA**

Cuban's next job: Globetrotter ref

As Mavericks owner trades Dairy Queen uniform for striped shirt

Mark Cuban, the outspoken Dallas Mavericks owner, will wear the striped shirt Friday when the Globetrotters play the New York Nationals at American Airlines Arena in Dallas. He will serve as an official for the first quarter of the game.

Cuban has criticized NBA officials often — and paid for it with numerous fines — in his capacity as Mavericks owner.

"Ed Rush might have been a great ref, but I wouldn't hire him to manage a Dairy Queen," Cuban said before receiving his latest fine. "His interest is not in the integrity of the game or improving the officiating."

After Cuban made his comment about Rush, a Dairy Queen official asked if Cuban would be willing to work at Dairy Queen. Cuban said yes, and subsequently worked two hours behind the counter.

"I'm excited to add officiating along with Dairy Queen on my résumé," said Cuban. "I can't think of a more exciting way to do it than with the Harlem Globetrotters!"

"We do this as good hearted fun and as fans of Mark Cuban, the NBA, and NBA officiating crews," said Harlem Globetrotters Chair man and Owner M a n n i e J a c k o n. "Our players love this guy and they are as excited as I have ever seen them."

Anticipating that Mark will call more fouls than we're accustomed to, I'm adding more players to the roster. Mark is a smart guy and has been studying and evaluating refereeing for a long time, his knowledge of how the game should be called will be a treat for everyone."

**BOXING**

Tyson denied license

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS

Mike Tyson was denied a boxing license Tuesday by the Nevada State Athletic Commission.

It means Tyson cannot challenge WBC-IBF heavyweight champion Lennox Lewis on April 6 at the MGM Grand, but the action does not kill the fight because Tyson could be licensed by another state or another country.

The commission's 4-1 vote came one week after Tyson and Lewis were involved in a melee at a New York news conference to formally announce the fight.

"I'm not Mother Theresa," Tyson said during the hearing. "I'm not Charles Manson either. Just treat me equal."

Tyson left the hearing before the vote was taken, but it was clear at that point that he was going to be rejected.

Tyson asked at the last moment to withdraw the application, but that was rejected.

Shelby Finkel, Tyson's adviser, said he would not comment on whether the fight would occur, but said he would be meeting with Lewis' promoter Wednesday.

Asked about Tyson's reaction, Finkel said, "He's not happy."
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Now, after getting back on track with a home win Saturday over Seton Hall, the Irish again face a tough Pittsburgh squad which amassed a 16-3 record and jumped up to No. 21 in the rankings.

And the Irish are looking forward to the challenge.

Swanigan is back in the lineup and looking forward tologging some minutes on the court.

"I'm very excited and ready to go," Swanigan said. "It's been very hard because I think in tough games I can come in and make a difference."

The senior has made a huge difference on the court this season as a key hustler for the Irish.

"Harold is our MVP," Graves said. "When we don't have him on the court, you miss him so much because of what he does on the floor."

Graves is finding his shot again, with some key baskets to propel the Irish to a win Saturday, and the Irish are ready for the chance to make some more waves in the Big East.

"I think a win is very important," Swanigan said. "We're still in the chase to a bye (in the Big East tournament)."

If the Irish hope to put another notch in the win column, they will have to buckle down on offense and attack the boards.

"They're going to be more aggressive this time," Graves said. "It'll be a defensive struggle. Whomever controls the defensive rebounds will win the game."

Key to the Irish defensive strategy will be containing Panther guard Brandon Knight. Knight, who scored a team-high 13 points in the squad's last meeting, averages just under 15 points a game and is a threat from outside. Knight also leads the team with almost seven assists a game.

The Irish did a good job containing Knight at Pittsburgh, forcing him out of rhythm and pressuring him to take off-balance shots most of the night.

"We need to control Brandon Knight, and if we can do that we'll be in good shape," Graves said.

In the two teams' last meeting, the Irish stopped on the court ready to play, shooting their way to a seven point halftime lead. The Panthers quickly regrouped and after a 9-2 run took the lead just three minutes into the second half. Pittsburgh led for most of the second half before Matt Carroll's two free throws tied it up and a Graves 3-pointer put the Irish ahead for good with less than a minute on the clock.

Tip-off tonight at the Joyce Center is at 7 p.m.

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FOOTBALL

Irish officially add Maryland to schedule

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame will face defending Atlantic Coast Conference football champion Maryland in the Kickoff Classic XX at 8:00 p.m. EDT) on Saturday, Aug. 31, 2002, at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J. ABC Sports will televise the game on a national basis.

This marks Notre Dame's second appearance in the Kickoff Classic. The defending national champion Irish defeated Virginia 36-13 in that event to start the 1989 season.

This marks the first-ever meeting between Notre Dame and Maryland on the football field — and it also marks the debut of new Notre Dame head coach Tyrone Willingham.

This will be Notre Dame's first appearance at Giants Stadium since a 1995 victory there over Army — and in its 10th overall at the East Rutherford, N.J., facility that also is home to the NFL's New York Giants and Jets (capacity 80,242). The Irish have never lost at the Meadowlands, thanks to five wins over Navy (1980, 1982, 1984, 1990 and 1992), three over Army (1977, 1983 and 1995) and one over Virginia (1989).

Notre Dame's allotment of tickets for this game will be made available to contributing alumni through the normal lottery process. There will be no availability to the general public through the University unless tickets remain following the lottery.

Tickets for Kickoff Classic XX are $48 and $32 and go on sale to the general public at 10:00 a.m. EDT, Monday, April 29, 2002. Tickets will be available at the Continental Airlines Arena Box Office and all Ticketmaster outlets. To charge by phone, call (201) 307-4950 or (212) 307-7171 or go to www.meadowlands.com. Group sales (25 or more) are available by calling 201-460-4370.

Kickoff Classic XX will be the final Kickoff Classic due to NCAA legislation that eliminates preseason exempt games.

Two teams that played in the Kickoff Classic have gone on to win the national championship - Florida State in 1993 and Nebraska in 1994. In addition, five defending national champions have appeared in the Classic - Penn State (1983), Miami (1984), Brigham Young (1985), Notre Dame (1989) and Georgia Tech (1991).

The Kickoff Classic is managed by the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority under the auspices of the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA). Beneficiaries of the game are the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame, the American Football Coaches Association, NCAA and the Independent College Fund of New Jersey.

In the 19-year history of the game, the NFF and College Hall of Fame have received over $7 million in Kickoff Classic proceeds, much of which has been distributed in post-graduate scholarships to deserving scholar-athletes.

Notes: 
• Willingham announced that spring practice would begin April 6. Spring drills will conclude April 27 with the Blue-Gold game.

• The kickoff for the Notre Dame-Boston College game scheduled for Nov. 2 has been changed from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

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assistant, Bednarski has worked mainly with the sabre fencers and coached two individual national champions — Luke LaValle in 1998 and Gabor Szelle in 2000. His sabre squad ranks at or near the top of the collegiate fencing world every year.

"I think the fencers will respect Janusz because he has improved and developed the sabre fencers so much," Auriol said.

Bednarski is also the head coach of the Indiana Fencing Academy in Mishawaka. This academy has produced some of the top collegiate fencers in America, including Irish All-Americans Brian Casas and Anna Carnick. Bednarski's son Andrzej also trained at the academy. Andrzej is currently a fifth-year senior at Notre Dame and has earned All-American honors three times.

Bednarski's recruiting ability is one of his major strengths. As the former coach of the Polish Olympic team, he is well respected by the international fencing community — especially in his native Poland.

"Janusz is an excellent coach and a great recruiter," De Cicco said. "Some of the top fencers we have right now are part of the respect that Janusz has in the fencing community both nationally and internationally."

Sabre captain Andre Crompton believes that being a strong international recruiter should be a key criteria in picking the next head coach.

"They need to have someone who is going to be vocal and knows how to recruit and bring people in here," he said. "If you look across the board [at the top fencing schools], they are recruiting big and fast. That's what [2001 national champion] St. John's and [2001 runner-up] Penn State are doing. We need to do the same thing."

While Bednarski may have the skills to replace Auriol as head coach, he will not be able to replace Auriol as an epee and foil coach. Bednarski has focused on coaching sabre while Auriol has concentrated on the other two weapons. Auriol, however, has also hand-picked a new foil and epee coach as well.

Zoltan Dudas, formerly of Hungary, appears to be Auriol's choice for assistant coach next year. In fact, Auriol has been trying to get Dudas on board this year to assist with coaching foil and epee, but has had problems getting past red tape and paperwork. Auriol hopes that Dudas would be approved within the next week.

"I have been trying to get him here to start helping," Auriol said. "Some people aren't getting lessons because we are short handed."

Currently Dudas is Bednarski's assistant at the Indiana Fencing Academy. Before moving to the South Bend area in October, he was a coach in the Cleveland area. In Cleveland he coached current Irish freshman Andrea Ament for the past two and a half seasons — ever since he moved to the U.S. Ament said: "I have been working with him for two years so I would love it if he moved here." Ament said: "I have been working with Hungarian coaches for years. He has a good style."

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Tennis Pavilion. The Irish beat the Blue Devils on Monday.

Notre Dame’s Matthew Scott smashes the ball during a match earlier this season at the Eck Tennis Pavilion. The Irish beat the Blue Devils on Monday.

Notre Dame’s Matthew Scott

Special to The Observer

The Notre Dame men’s tennis team used four consecutive singles victories to rally from a 2-0 deficit to defeat 10th-ranked Duke 4-3 at the Sheffield Tennis Center Tuesday afternoon.

After losing the doubles point and at No. 1 singles, the Irish posted victories at Nos. 3, 2 and 5 singles to take a 3-2 lead. Sophomore Luis Haddock-Morales, trailing Alex Bose 4-2 in the third set at No. 4 singles, then won four straight games to win his match and clinch the Irish triumph.

“We showed a lot of resolve today,” Irish head coach Bob Bayliess said. “After losing the doubles point quickly, it was great to be able to jump out and win four first sets in singles and then finish off each of those matches. A lot of credit goes to Luis Haddock-Morales for coming back to win four straight games in the third set to clinch the win for us.”

The win marked the first time the Irish defeated a top-10 team on the road since March of 1994 when No. 16 Notre Dame upset the fourth-ranked Blue Devils 4-3 in Durham, N.C. Duke drew first blood, capturing the doubles point. Philip King and Michael Yani gained a 5-4 win at No. 1 doubles and then Peter Shults and Jason Zimmerman won at No. 3 doubles to run the match score to 2-0 in favor of Duke.

Notre Dame broke through at No. 4 in singles when senior Aaron Talarico got Notre Dame on the board and improved to 5-0 in dual matches this season by registering a 6-2, 6-3 success at No. 3 singles. Classmate Javier Taborga tied the match with a 6-3, 6-2 win over 24th-ranked Yani at No. 2. Taborga’s victory avenged a loss to Yani in qualifying of last fall’s Intercollegiate Tennis Association All-American Championships.

Sophomore Matthew Scott continued the Irish success with a 6-3, 6-1 win at No. 5. Scott improved to 13-2 this season and has won 11 of his last 12 matches, dating back to fall competition.

“Aaron, Javier and Matt all played perhaps the best they have all season, which was great to see,” said Bayliess.

Haddock-Morales also stands at 13-2 in singles after his match-clinching win, which directly ensued. After the outcome was determined, Peter Shults gained a three-set win at No. 6 for the Blue Devils.

Notre Dame improves to 4-1 on the season, while Duke was playing its season opener. The Irish suffered a 4-3 loss on the road Friday to No. 32 Minnesota.

“It was great to see our guys bounce back from a disappointing loss to Minnesota, who I believe is a top 10-to-15 team, despite their ranking,” said Bayliess. The match was the 15th time in Notre Dame school history that the Irish, ranked in the top 10 at the time, took on another top-10 foe, but the first time in history that the match occurred at the opponent’s home facility. Of the previous matches, all occurring in 1992 or ’93, 13 were played at neutral sites and one was at Notre Dame. The Irish are 8-7 when ranked in the national top 10 and facing another top 10 team.

The victory snapped a 12-match losing streak for the Irish against top-10 opponents, dating back to 1997. Prior to Tuesday, Notre Dame had not defeated a top-10 team since Downing No. 10 Virginia Commonwealth 4-3 in the second round of the ’97 Blue-Gray National Tennis Classic.

The Irish will return to action this weekend when they host No. 24 Ohio State on Friday at 3:30 p.m. at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

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on the boards," said Irish head coach Mike McGraw. "Particularly in the sec-
ond half." The Orangejewon a(n early lead in the first half as starting point guard
Julie McBride hit a three-pointer less than a minute into the game. That was the last-
time Syracuse would be on top. Beatten scored the first Irish points on the first
of three of Notre Dame's assists and Tricia Haney scored shortly after an assist from
Bell. McGraw. The Orangejewon managed to pull
within two minutes into the game, but for the rest of the game, the Irish were
leading with double digits. Offensively, the shorter Syracuse team just couldn't stop Notre Dame's quick
zone.

"We like to play against a zone," McGraw said. "We haven't had a lot
of opportunity this year, but with the shooters we have — Allison,
Allison, Jackie, Kelcy — I think our eyes widen a little bit when we play
zone.

Although the Irish had a 14-point lead at halftime, they really
didn't take off until the second half. In the opening nine minutes of
that half, the Orangejewon did not
score a single basket from the field,
score their four points from the foul line.

Bustamante grabbed five of the 15
points the Irish scored in that ten
minutes and Beatten scored on her own
rebound to add five rebounds and two
points. With those points, she grabbed
the double-double, her first since a win
against Miami on Jan.

"When I wasn't in foul trouble after the first half I could go
after the ball a little bit more," Beatten said.

"So I'm glad to get another double figure
in rebounds." That run allowed
McGraw to play her
entire bench — includ-
ing freshman Jill Krause and crowd
favorite Karen Swanson. Swanson col-
llected three points and Krause added an
assist.

"It's always great to play the whole
Swanson and Jill Krause, they do such a
good job at practice."

Defensively, the Irish dominated. The Orangejewon, who were fourth in the
Big East in scoring, had a season low 46
points and 29.6 percent from the field.
The taller Notre Dame squad threw off
the Syracuse shooting game and the
team could not recover.

"I thought that this was probably the
poorest game we have played, but of
course I thought that Notre Dame had a
lot to do with that," Freeman said. "If
we don't shoot the ball very well because of our size we don't do a very
good job."

Notes:

Before the game, the Irish were tied
for third place in the Big East with
Syracuse. The win moves Notre Dame
into a tie with Boston College, while
Virginia Tech, previously in second
place, fell to Connecticut.

SMC BASKETBALL

Belles look to snap losing streak tonight

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

Details. Discipline. Defense. These three words have been
recently the key of the Saint Mary's
basketball team leading into tonight's home game versus
Alma.

After three losses in a row — all on the road — the Belles
(10-9, 3-5 MIAA) are looking for revenge against a Scots squad that beat them, 67-52 on Jan.

"We've been looking forward to playing Alma," said senior
Jasmine Duren. "I always play them well and they always give us a good game."

Alma, coming off a 71-63 win over Adrian, looks as it will provide Saint Mary's some stiff
competition. Alma's Shelly Ulfig, who was just named MIAA player of the week, put up 23 points and grabbed 15 rebounds versus Adrian.

Additionally, Janell Twietmeyer, a player of the week nominee, also scored
23 points in the same game.

But the Belles have Anne Rohr, who scored 21 points in Saint Mary's loss to Albion on
Saturday. They just need other players, like 3-point shooter Katie Miller, to help her out.

In order to win, the Belles have altered their game plan, focusing on maintaining intensity,
strengthening the defense, and improving their rebounding.

In their last two games, the Belles have been out-rebound-
ed 74-83.

"We definitely have to crash the boards more," said Duren.

"If we have to work on boxing out, going to get the rebound, and being aggressive on their
press.

"We've been talking about it in practice. We can't let our­selves lose the focus. We just have to stay mentally in the
game at all times. For the sec-
ond half we want to start out
strong like we did for the first
half."

Freshman Katie Boyce
believes that Belles have not
been losing intensity in the sec-
ond halves of their recent
games, but that their oppo-

nents have been coming out with
increased focus and deter-
mination.

"I don't think it's so much that we're losing intensity. It's just that the other team has


gotten more intense, and we have to pick it up too. We have to come out more intense the second half," Boyce said.

She believes that the defense is the key to opening up their
offense.

"We've really been working on
details. Details and disci-
pline would be the theme for
tomorrow. That's something
( Coach Suzanne Smith)
really focused on the last two
days in practice. We need to
really come out and play defense so we can get our
offense started," Boyce said.

"When we play our defense, we're unstoppable," said fresh-
man Emily Wagoner. "We just
have to get back into that
rhythm."

During the first minutes of
Saturday's game against Albion, Saint Mary's allowed
their opponents to score eleven
points before the Belles could
make their first basket. They
do not want this to happen
ever again.

"Tomorrow we have to come out and play defense right away. We can't get them got on a run anytime, but especially in the first five minutes. I think that's the major focus," added
Boyce.

After losing to Alma in early January, the Belles know what
it will take to beat this squad,
which is ranked one place above them in the conference standings.

"In the first game their guards came out and were hit-
ing a lot of shots. So we're
hoping to change that, come out and pressure their guards a lot like we did the last game, and limit the post's shots, again," Boyce said.

The Belles' record on the road this season has been somewhat shaky, and they are
looking forward to playing in
only their second home game since they've returned from
Winter Break.

Additionally, as has been the
case previously this season, a
win would be welcome.

"We just need a win. We're ready to win," Boyce said.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Unlikely hero

♦ Bustamante scores 21 off the bench in win over Syracuse

By KATIE McVOY
Assistant Sports Editor

Freshman Allison Bustamante sent Syracuse a message Tuesday night — the bench can be as dangerous as the starting line-up.

Prior to Tuesday night, junior Alicia Ratay or freshman Jackie Batteast led the Irish in scoring. On Tuesday, while the Orangewomen of Syracuse were focusing on those two Irish players, Bustamante hit the court and hit five 3-pointers to lead the Notre Dame to a 71-46 win.

"Whenever an opposing team is playing some sort of zone, I'm thrilled because I like to find the areas and take the open 3s," Bustamante said. "But you know, they left me open... I guess maybe they did forget me."

But Syracuse won't be forgetting the freshman any time soon. By half-time, Bustamante had topped her previous career best of 12 with 14 points. At the end of the game, she had topped that and tied her career-high with five rebounds in 25 minutes of play off the bench. Her 21 points accounted for half of the 44 points the bench provided.

"I think she started to enjoy her role," Bustamante said. "I don't think I expected it to happen."

Irish point guard Allison Bustamante drives through the lane during Notre Dame's 71-46 rout of Syracuse Tuesday night.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

No. 21 Pittsburgh invades JACC

♦ Irish narrowly edged Big East foe two weeks ago

By KERRY SMITH
Sports Writer

When Notre Dame traveled to Pittsburgh in mid-January, Mike Brey's team was feeling good. Walking away with a 56-53 win over the No. 23 Panthers and a 12-3 record, the Irish were confident they could be Big East conference contenders and make a splash in the NCAA tournament. The team's heart and soul, Harold Swanagan, was playing quality minutes to keep the Irish in games.

Forward David Graves hit one of his trademark 3s to give the Irish the winning edge over the Panthers. And freshman point guard Chris Thomas was just days away from earning his third Big East Rookie of the Week award.

But with three straight losses to tough teams like Syracuse, Kentucky and Georgetown in the following week and a half, the team's core threads started to unravel.

"We lost to three great teams," Graves said. "A lot of teams lost to those teams. You get into the bulk of the schedule and some things just don't happen."

Sweeney was sidelined with a left-ankle sprain. Graves, along with many of his teammates, struggled to find their shots. Thomas hit an offensive rut. And with losses to Villanova, Kentucky and Georgetown, the Irish suffered through their worst home losing streak since the 1992-93 season.

Joe Bednarski would be a good choice.

During his six years as an