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Food services raises prices in vending machines

By HELENA PAYNE
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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 the new prices are 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 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 criteria 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 costs of servicing the machines.

ND profs study rapid increase of MP3s

By MEGHANNE DOWNES
News Writer

Walk into any dorm on campus and undoubtedly music will be playing. This music will most likely be coming from the student's collection of MP3s on his or her computer. In recent years, downloading music has become an alternative to paying competitive prices for CDs at the local record store.

According to Professor Robert Easley, a study was conducted stating that although the music market was growing on a national level, the sales in record stores near universities were declining.

"It's there. It's accessible. That is why I download. It takes little to no effort and it's less expensive," said junior Chad Kohorst.

Professors Easley and John Michel conducted a research project analyzing the effects that MP3s have on the recording industry. Their paper, "Open Standards, IS Strategy, and Adoption of Innovative Technology: The Case of the Recording Industry and the MP3 standard" won the Best Theme-Related Paper award at the recent 22nd Annual International Conference on Information Systems.

The study concluded that as a result of the rapid increase in use of MP3s, the record labels, which have suffered from piracy, were compelled to take certain actions. These labels established an Internet presence and their web site were user friendly and offered more information and features. Some even opted to

offer complementary e-distribution of music, which often times was only a clip of the song at a lower quality. Sony offered MP3 singles, but at a price that was similar to the cost of the entire CD at the store, Easley said.

"Obviously I would prefer to download MP3s for free, but if the record companies offered an internet site for downloading MP3s that would be more convenient I would be willing to pay a minimal cost," said freshman Kelly Marquez.

Recently, some record labels have tried to establish a subscription policy where individuals can download MP3s, however, they place a limit of 100 songs and in some instances security measures are put in place so that the music can only be listened to on the computer it was downloaded.

"The biggest implications of the MP3 coding standard are in the copyright protection and distribution. The leading record labels achieve much of their market power through distribution and MP3s call for an entirely new distribution channel," said Michel. "College and university students are key players in this discontinuous technological change."

Students on college and university college campuses have access to fast connections and can download MP3s with rela-

tive ease, Michel said. Although Notre Dame has only firewalled one MP3 search engine, Napster, it is against university policy to download file transfer programs. At Saint Mary's, nearly all MP3 sites have been firewalled. Packet shaping is used to ensure that a majority of the available bandwidth is used for browsing, surfing, and e-mail. In one instance, Sony contacted Notre Dame officials to alert them that a student was downloading an excessive amount of MP3s and threatened legal action if the student did not stop. The Office of Information Technology was able to trace the identity of the student.

There are both positives and negative aspects of MP3 downloading for musicians, Easley said. Some musicians are losing money and join record labels in their fight against piracy and MP3s. There

are some musicians who profit more from touring where they improvise their songs, and they benefit from the exposure that MP3s provide.

While some students are avid MP3 downloaders with extensive collections, there are those who download because they benefit from saving money when they wish to download an obscure song or only a song from a particular album.

"I have 400 MP3s, but I still buy albums because I really like them. For the artists

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Graduation speaker still to be named

By ALLY JAY
News Writer

From the political to pop culture, Notre Dame seniors have their own ideas for who they'd like to speak at graduation.

"Britney Spears would be great," said senior Andrew Nerlinger.

Senior Elizabeth Cryan had a different take on who should be the commencement speaker. "The Vicor of Christ would be amazing," said Cryan.

Other interesting suggestions included a fireman that aided in the September 11 tragedy, J.K. Rowling, George O'Leary, Alan Greenspan, and Rudy Giuliani.

According to Denny Moore, director of public relations, it will be sooner rather than later when the commencement speaker and the honorary degree recipients will be announced. In the past, commencement speakers have been announced as early as November and as late as April.

"At this stage in the game, we have a sense of who will be here," Moore said.

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Chad Kohorst
ND junior

INSIDE COLUMN

Drop me a line

On most days, I'm never certain what to make of e-mail subject lines.

I get my share of "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 promising health, money and non-stick cookware to the point that it's almost impossible to discard 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 ... Indiana. My position as a newspaper editor prompts even more junk.

On the good days, the irrelevant news releases and masked offers to rebuild my credit are minimal. The "delete" button takes a bit of a bruising, and the trash runneth 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, criticism of what I do and do not cover, 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 promising, I was more concerned with the "Hoadley case" subject line beneath it.

Ryan Hoadley, you'll remember, was expelled last fall from the University, following a disciplinary conference for his alleged sexual assault of a female Notre Dame student. He sued the University to have the decision overturned on grounds that officials conducted the conference unfairly.

I feared the e-mail contained the worst — condemnation. I hoped that it conferred the best — commendation. It did neither.

It came from a 1940s Notre Dame graduate who wasn't interested in either bashing or praising The Observer's coverage of the lawsuit and alleged assault. He was more concerned with giving me a little perspective.

I was glad to hear it.

"Things like that never happened in our time," he wrote in regards to the relationship Hoadley admitted to having with the alleged victim. "You could be thrown out of school for saying any four-letter word. One guy was caught in the sack in Howard Hall, and the rector told him he 'has exactly 25 minutes to clear the campus and to never come back.'"

The writer amused me. He said I probably could hardly imagine a Notre Dame without female students.

Sitting in my air-conditioned, carpeted O'Neill Hall room, it was harder to imagine the scant lodging he described. "We actually never lived in rooms in Brownson. We had lockers in the basement where our clothing was kept ... Across the main basement corridor, we had lavatories where we washed, shaved and brushed our teeth in the morning — or whenever," he wrote.

They retired for the night then at 10 p.m. sharp, he said, in beds surrounded on all four sides with sheets. At one point, he roomed with the school's "hotshot magician."

I thought the writer had worked a little magic himself. He had singlehandedly given my work a little more depth, some history.

Sure, the subject line of his e-mail had fooled me. I had fallen for it as quickly as I had been taken in by the "get your pet in commercials" line.

But it was catchy. And from time to time, we need a line like that to reel us in and in some cases, to pick us up.

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Jason McFarley

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THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

Wednesday

◆ **Audition:** "The Vagina Monologues," LaFortune Ballroom, 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.
◆ **Meeting:** Emmaus Information Night, Coleman-Morse Center, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday

◆ **Fair:** Winter Career and Internship Fair, Joyce Center North Dome, 4 to 8 p.m.
◆ **Lecture:** "Faith, Justice and Education," Father Theodore Hesburgh, Hesburgh Center, 4:15 p.m.

Friday

◆ **Karaoke:** Coleman-Morse Center, 9:30 p.m.
◆ **Concert:** Pianist Tamari Gurevich, Annenburg Auditorium, 8 p.m.
◆ **Event:** Harlem Globetrotters, Joyce Center, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday

◆ **Event:** Multicultural Comedy Show, South Dining Hall, 8 p.m.
◆ **Show:** Keenan Revue, O'Laughlin Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

BEYOND CAMPUS

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Texas A & M's newspaper publishes apology

COLLEGE STATION, Texas

The public uproar over a cartoon called racist published in the Jan. 14 edition of The Battalion, subsided Monday after the Texas A&M University student newspaper printed an apology.

The African-American Student Coalition went ahead with planned protests outside The Battalion, and said the long-overdue apology was only the first step in correcting what they consider to be the publication's pattern of insensitivity toward minorities.

"The Battalion, in its obstinance, made a huge miscalculation by refusing to apologize for so long," said Bereket Bisrat, spokesperson for the African-American Student Coalition and a sophomore international studies

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African-American Student Coalition
spokesman

major. "We feel they have not been responsive to issues regarding inclusiveness of minorities, and there needs to be an ongoing dialogue to solve these problems," he said.

Bisrat said black students welcomed the apology, but were disappointed that it only came after mounting pressure on The Battalion staff from students, administrators and the media.

In a note to readers published Monday, Editor in Chief Mariano Castillo said the cartoon was insensitive and should not have run. The cartoon portrayed a black mother, wearing an apron and curlers, scolding her son for receiving a bad grade, saying "If you ain't careful, you gonna end up doing airport security."

"Our silence has been misconstrued as defending racism, and I have an obligation to make clear that we realize the cartoon was offensive and that The Battalion does not condone racism," said Castillo, a senior international studies and journalism major.

Castillo said the controversy has been a learning experience and that he is now scrutinizing cartoons more carefully.

OKLAHOMA UNIVERSITY

Researchers study anthrax cure

NORMAN, Okla.

There is no cure for anthrax in its later stages. But two University of Oklahoma researchers might discover one soon. Since August, microbiology associate professor Jimmy Ballard and his partner, Rodney Tweten, have been experimenting with a new technique that could lead to a cure for the currently incurable disease. "We are about a year ahead of schedule," Ballard said. Tweten, microbiology and immunology professor at the OU Health Sciences Center, said the project was funded for two years by a \$2.5 million grant from the Memorial Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism, an Oklahoma City-based organization founded after the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah building in 1995. Tweten now expects the first phase of his research might be completed as early as this summer and could lead to a vaccine that might stop an anthrax infection even in its latest stages. Anthrax is caused by the bacterium *Bacillus anthracis*.

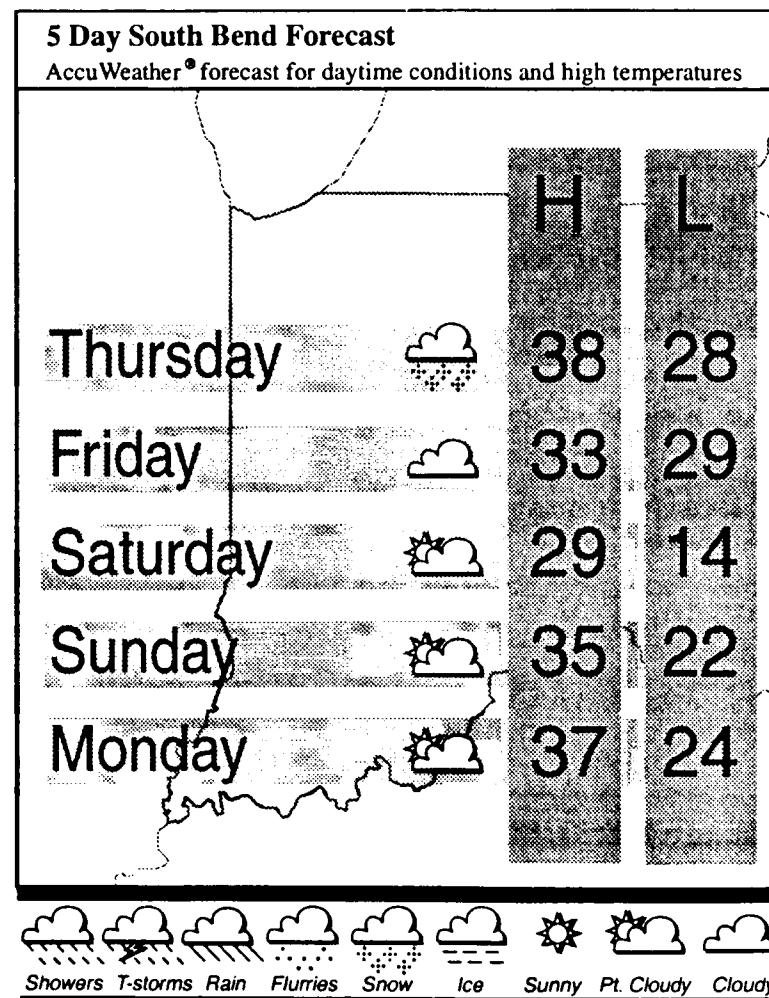
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Assailants attack Indian student

SALT LAKE CITY

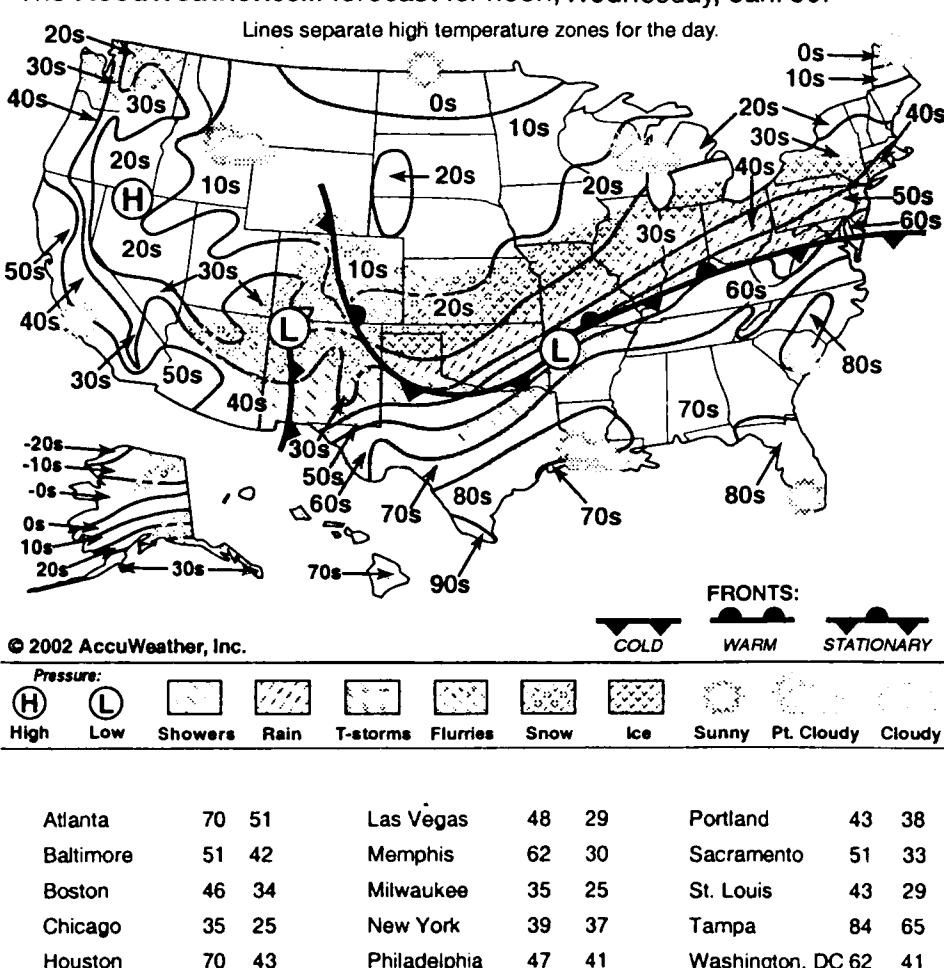
Three individuals attacked a University of Utah student Friday night while he was walking home. Mohan Viswanathan, an international student getting his master's degree in mechanical engineering, was jumped from behind. Assailants apparently hit him on the head, knocking him out. "Witnesses said they saw the attackers hitting and kicking me even after I was unconscious," Viswanathan said. He only remembers the initial blow and then waking up in an ambulance. After the paramedics took Viswanathan to the hospital, they called his roommate, Kaushik Gandhi, and told him to come to the emergency room. During the attack, he suffered a serious concussion, a broken nose and lost a few teeth. "The doctors said it might take some time for him to recall the attack because of the concussion," Gandhi said. While many students on the campus feel it was a hate crime, the attack was filed as an aggravated assault.

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The AccuWeather.com forecast for noon, Wednesday, Jan. 30.



Best-selling author advises aspiring writers

♦ ND alumnus award will provide internships

By GEREY CARNES
News Writer

Best-selling author and Notre Dame alumnus Nicolas Sparks

is helping Creative Writing Program students get experience in the publishing world.

"I'm very fond of Notre Dame,"



Sparks

said 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 stu-

dents 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 Notebook," 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 Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Thursday.

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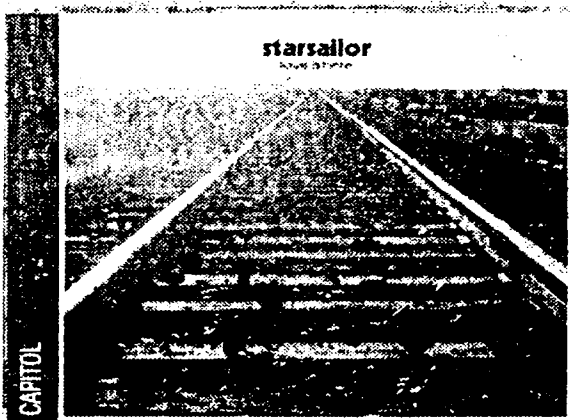
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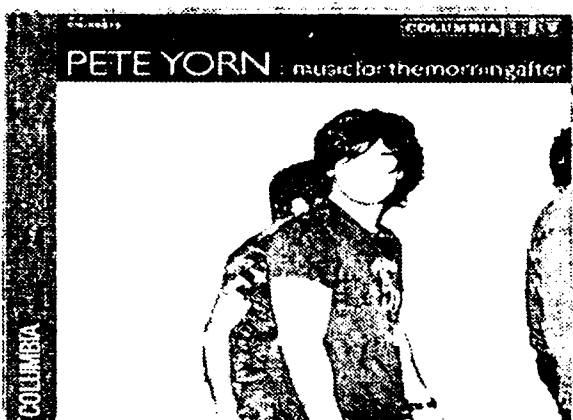
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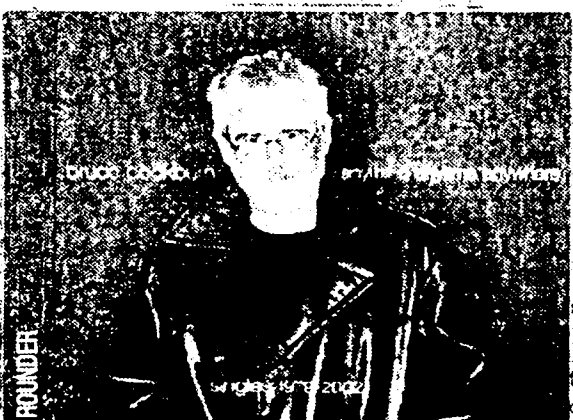
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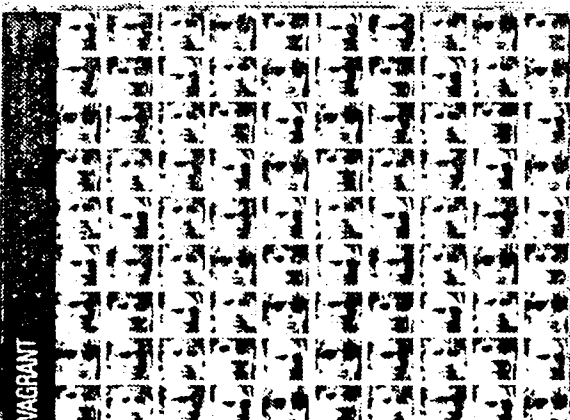
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Play explores college dating

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.

The event paired 1992 Notre Dame graduate Christian Murphy with Gail Stern, a rape crisis counselor and stand-up comedian, to perform several improvisational and rehearsed skits that mimicked common stereotypes and misunderstandings about the opposite sex.

Linda Timm, Saint Mary's vice president for Student Affairs, organized the event. She hoped that both single students and couples would attend to learn more about communication in relationships.

"Communication seems to be a very important part of dating and relationships," Timm said. "We need to be very much aware of the signals we send and interpret. Too often we are not clear on this."

Murphy and Stern acted out comedic dating scenarios ranging from a couple meeting at a bar to talking at a party. The women made the program interactive, asking for advice from the audience when characters faced dilemmas. At one point, the audience was able to hold up stop signs whenever characters entered uncomfortable situations.

Following the role-playing, Stern explained the skits.

"We deliberately communicate vague and obscure messages in our pursuit of the opposite sex," Stern said.

The final skit involved Murphy defending a date-rape charge. A man receiving mixed messages from his date Murphy claimed, "One thing led 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.

One male audience member advised, "Be up front about what is going to happen, most guys appreciate it."

While sex may attract attention, rape is usually buried under the rug, Murphy and Stern noted in their performances. The women said they aim to travel the country bringing this sensitive subject to light, clearing misconceptions and dealing with the issues. Murphy said she hopes the show "explores the psyche behind relationships and rape."

"I don't think that many men or



MEGAN LAFFERTY/The Observer

"Sex Signals" urges students to explore issues that go along with the college dating scene.

women go out to be raped," she said. "It is an ugly extreme that happens in dating." Rape occurring in the context of dating was a key message of the event.

The duo pointed out that people typically date others whom they like. They said a major goal of the presentation was to teach people to say no to people they like.

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Speaker

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attracting a high-profile commencement speaker?

"There isn't a firm timeline for choosing a commencement speaker, rather there's a general time table. The officers of the University have a summer meeting, planning session, where they begin thinking about possibilities. As soon as there is consensus, an invitation is sent," said Denny Moore.

Officers of the University include President Edward Malloy, provost Nathan Hatch, and eleven vice-presidents of the University. While they are the principal individuals who are responsible for brainstorming ideas for the commencement speaker, theoretically any member of the University can contribute an idea for the commencement speaker. Ideas and names can surface any time to reflect changing current national and international events.

"Before the presidential elections last year, the idea was that we would approach the winner," said Moore.

Moore observed that at this point the University does not wish to reveal the possibilities for the commencement speaker until a firm commitment is established by the individual. He also noted that whether or not the University has good contacts with a given individual impacts whether they decide to go after that individual as a potential speaker.

"To use last year's example, you know if you send a letter off to the White

House you're looking at pretty long odds. We can't change the graduate date or change our schedules so what determines the length of the process is partly the volatility of the schedules and the prominence of the people we're talking with. For heads of state and heads of government, they may want to be here, but it might not rise to the importance of an international event they have to be at," said Moore.

"With the president last year, we had for sometime an idea that he wanted to come. But we had to wait quite awhile until we knew for a fact that it was on his official schedule and that he would be here barring some unforeseen circumstance," added Moore.

In the event than an unforeseen circumstance does come up which prevents the designated speaker from attending graduation, an honorary degree recipient is asked to give the commencement speech. As with the commencement speaker, the officers of the University are involved in approving award winners but any member of the University can contribute a name.

"Basically anyone part of the University can come up with names, and over time names accumulate. A name can be in people's minds for years before they receive an honorary degree. There's no prescribed number of people who receive honorary degrees each year. Typically it's about 11, and each college advances a candidate," said Moore.

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I really like, like Bob Dylan or Phish, I like to see what the artist is getting at through the course of the album," said senior Dave Burkavage.

Easley and Michel began this project in 1998 because it combined their interests in management information systems and

strategy. Easley was interested in how an open standard would affect the changing music industry. Over a 14 month period, between 1998 and 1999, data was collected from Billboard Magazine, two highly rated MP3 search engines, and recording label web site. Students, who have since graduated, were involved in collecting information and surveying web site.

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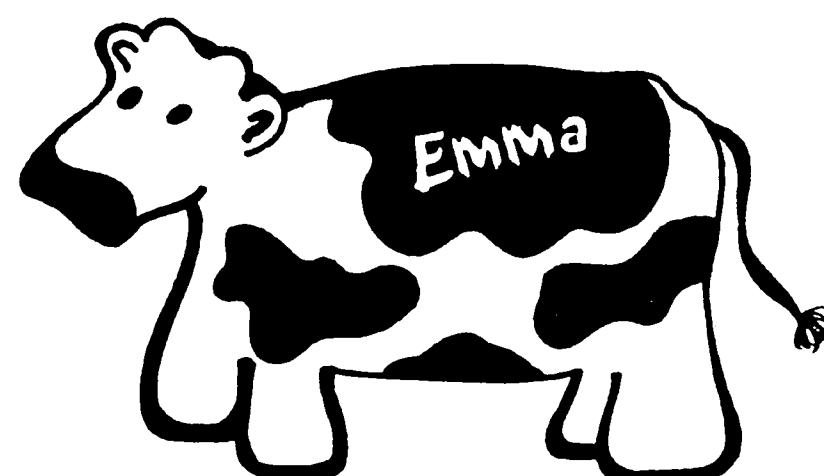
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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Russians kill Chechen rebels:

Russian troops attacked a rebel base camp and killed 19 Chechen rebels. According to Russian officials, the rebels killed were responsible for an assault on a Russian troop helicopter, officials said Tuesday. The helicopter made an emergency landing after it was fired upon. Two Russian soldiers died in the attack on the helicopter.

Ritual murder stumps U.K. cops:

The torso of a young African male found dismembered in the Thames in August was the victim of a ritual murder, expert says after second autopsy. Candles and a sheet with an African name were found nearby. Recent conclusions 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 written by Confederate heritage group. The House split 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 senators, both black and white, have pledged to remain silent during the tribute each day.

New hotel overlooks WTC site: The Battery Park Ritz Carleton held a grand opening on Jan. 29, and sports rooms with a view of the ruins, five blocks away. The new Ritz Carleton will not be the closest to the WTC site, after the Marriot Financial Center reopened two weeks ago after renovations. Although rooms start at 465 dollars per night, Jena Gardner, director of marketing and sales for the hotel, reports that bookings through the weekend are solid.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Officer cleared in shooting:

St. Joseph County Prosecutor Chris Toth said Tuesday that the shooting of Ricki Wiltfong was justified and the officer who shot and killed Wiltfong will not be charged. Police were responding to a domestic violence call made by Wiltfong's wife, who claimed that he was armed, intoxicated, and had threatened her life. When Wiltfong continued to advance on officers and refused to drop his weapon, Cpl. Steve Spadafora, a member of the Swat team, shot Wiltfong in the head. Wiltfong's two children and wife escaped unharmed.

Market Watch January 29

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AMEX:	826.69	-7.13
NASDAQ:	1,892.99	-50.92
NYSE:	564.93	-14.70
S&P 500:	1,100.64	-32.42

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CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)	-3.50	-0.69	19.01



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President George W. Bush delivered his State of the Union address Tuesday night on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. He urged the nation to rebuild the struggling economy and continue the war against terrorism.

Bush challenges U.S. to prevail

Associated Press

WASHINGTON, D.C.

President Bush's challenge is twofold: Prevail as a wartime leader and resurrect the economy. Right now, with the anti-terror fight going well, his popularity is soaring. And he clearly played to that acclaim in his State of the Union address.

But come November, pocketbook issues could sway voters' decisions in congressional and gubernatorial races. Democrats are counting on it, in fact, and are angling to separate the war effort from economic issues.

In his address, Bush sought to weld them together. "We will win this war, we will protect our homeland, and we will revive our economy," he said.

Bush's advisers were buoyed by his astronomical standing with voters as he

delivered his first State of the Union speech on Tuesday. But they also were mindful that Americans' expectations were high this time — and poll numbers can defy gravity for only so long.

The first President Bush saw his high ratings collapse amid a slumping economy, contributing to his 1992 defeat.

The president's command of the war in Afghanistan and the anti-terrorism campaign at home have driven his popularity to sustained levels of 80 percent and higher in major national polls, the highest of any president since World War II.

Bush worked Tuesday evening to translate that into support for his domestic agenda as well. "Once we have funded our national security and our homeland 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 version 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 contend could prolong the recession — many Democrats sat passively while Republicans stood, applauded and cheered.

Democrats, with an eye on the midterm congressional races, have little incentive to help Bush legislatively, even as they joined Republicans in applauding 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 strewn with obstacles. The Enron collapse is the latest, and potentially most distracting.

Bush made only a glancing reference to the building tempest over the collapse of Enron, saying "corporate America must be made more accountable to employees and shareholders" and calling for new safeguards for 401(k)-style retirement plans.

He has a history of overcoming low expectations. But his rise in the polls has essentially 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 support for the president.

Catholic diocese settles lawsuits

Associated Press

TUCSON

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Tucson announced a settlement Tuesday of 11 lawsuits alleging that four priests had molested children.

The settlement includes apologies to victims and their families, Bishop Manuel Moreno said. Financial terms were kept confidential.

"The settlement has vindicated the victims," the plaintiffs' attorneys said in a statement. "The apologies and acknowledgments by the diocese ... will hopefully ensure that

this abuse will never happen again."

The first suit was filed in 1997 in Yuma by a victim who had been an altar boy. The plaintiffs, who eventually totaled 16, contended molestations occurred from 1967 to 1989. Several cases involved repressed memory.

Two defendants, Father Michael Teta and Monsignor Robert Trupia, have been suspended from priestly activities. Moreno said proceedings have begun to have Teta defrocked, while Trupia faces continuing discipline.

"The diocese will continue to do all

in its power to make sure that Msgr. Trupia ... will never be employed in active ministry," the bishop said.

The other priests named in the suits have died.

Besides the priests and the diocese, defendants included the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, the Diocese of Phoenix and several parishes.

While the Tucson diocese declined to say how much the settlement will cost, Moreno in a report to parishioners forecast "very painful consequences to our diocese and its finances."

Panel discusses solutions to crisis in Argentina

By LIZ KAHLING
News Writer

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 years of 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, said panelist Gretchen Helmke, a government professor.

"It seems now that abnormality has returned with a vengeance," Helmke said.

Only two years into office, President Fernando de La Rúa was forced to resign Dec. 20 after rioting and pot-banging erupted in the streets of Buenos Aires. Helmke described the six months prior to his resignation as a "slow motion freefall," with de La Rúa losing

much of his support. In the three weeks following his resignation, three interim presidents stood until President Eduardo Duhalde was finally appointed by the congress on Jan. 2, vowing to leave the "immoral" economic model that de La Rúa followed.

A currency board in 1991 pegged the Argentine peso one-for-one with the dollar to end the chronic problem of hyperinflation and price volatility, said panelist Jaime Ros, an economics professor. Prices stabilized and positive GDP growths were experienced until the Russian economic crisis in 1998, beginning a four-year recession in Argentina. Ros said that overvaluation of the peso and a growing external debt were the two major contributors to what went wrong.

While acknowledging that economic policy is a factor, Sciarano concluded that there is a fundamental sociological issue that is more responsible than political or economic.

"Everyone knew that

the currency board required fiscal discipline," he said. "Why did they run fiscal deficit? Why would a country this rich with so many intelligent people act in this manner?"

Louis Sciarano, a Notre Dame alum working in international banking consulting, said the country is in a time warp in which thought processes have not changed. Few attempts were made to eliminate the 4 percent fiscal deficit run every year since 1991. Sciarano said that Argentina should be wary of banks, investors and creditors withdrawing any capital still remaining, giving little possibility of financial faith returning to Argentina markets.

According to the panelists, the currency board should have floated the exchange rate once inflation was brought down despite the negative macroeconomic policies that contributed to the crisis.

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Bush pushes Argentina on economic reform plan

♦ Bush insists on economic reform for loan support

Associated Press

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.

Ruckauf's visit, which 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.

O'Neill listened with interest to Ruckauf's presentation, a Treasury official said, but the two had not discussed any timetable for when assistance might begin to flow.

"The main points that the secretary made were that we would continue to be supportive of Argentina as they work to develop a sustainable economic plan," said the Treasury official, who briefed reporters on condition of anonymity. "When they develop that plan, we will support them through the international financial

institutions."

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 sizable hurdles the country must clear before receiving new IMF support, Diego Guelar, Argentina's ambassador designate to the United States, expressed confidence that negotiations on new loans will begin next month.

Guelar 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 new 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 existing \$22 billion line of credit to the country. Argentina had 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 help the Argentine people overcome the daunting challenges they face."

"There were no attacks on U.S. interests in Argentina, and for that reason we asked for a review of that measure."

Martin Redrado
Argentinian economic official

Alumnus 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 facilitate 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 served as a mentor to numerous multicultural students and alumni on an individual basis. A 1961 Notre Dame graduate, Lennon earned his master's degree in guidance and counseling. He has served since 1981 as executive director of the Alumni Association and teaches management at Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business.

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Blood banks create donor disaster 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 feuding 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 public got conflicting messages in the days following the Sept. 11 attacks. Although there were few survivors, the American Red Cross urged continuing donations. America's Blood Centers, a competing group of independent blood banks, said they had more than they needed and asked would-be donors to return in a few weeks. Because blood lasts only 42 days, the Red Cross ultimately

threw away 49,000 pints of extra blood. Under the new plan, the Red Cross, America's Blood Centers and federal health officials have formed a task force that Lipton's group will direct during a disaster. The hope is that the competing blood banks will work together — on calling for donations and getting blood shipped into a disaster zone quickly — although they won't be required to.

"The whole point is to establish this upfront 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.

PAKISTAN

Crisis leads to troop reduction

Associated Press

ISLAMABAD

Pakistan called for talks with India on 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 halt what the Indians call "cross-border terrorism," meaning attacks by Pakistani-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 Aziz Ahmed 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 peacetime locations."

"Once an agreement is reached, troops should be withdrawn within a specific time frame," the statement said. Once the two sides agreed on a mutual withdrawal, they could begin a "comprehensive dialogue on the Kashmir dispute as well as all other issues."

Khan also said Pakistan was willing to restore road, air and rail links that were severed last month by India after the Dec. 13 attack on its parliament. India blamed two Pakistani-based Islamic extremist groups for the attack, in which 14 people

were killed.

The attack led to the biggest buildup of forces along the border between the two nuclear-armed rivals since 1971.

In New Delhi, the United News of India news agency quoted Indian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Nirupama Rao as saying India would agree to talks only after Islamabad took concrete action against cross-border terrorism.

"There is no question of starting any dialogue unless Pakistan translated into action

its commitment on suppressing terrorism," Rao said.

Tensions appeared to have eased after

President Pervez Musharraf on Jan. 12 banned the two Islamic 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 Raipur.

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 controlled by India or to join it to Pakistan, which controls the other third.

The government says more than 32,000 people have died in the insurgency, while human rights groups say the death toll is twice that. Most of the victims are Muslim civilians in Hindu-majority India's only Muslim-majority state.

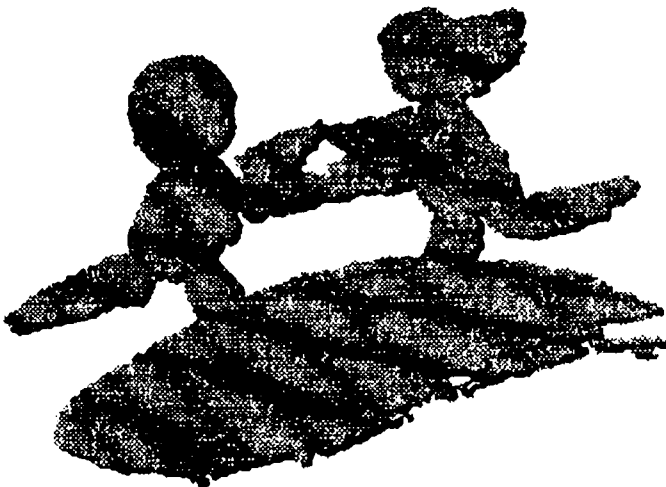
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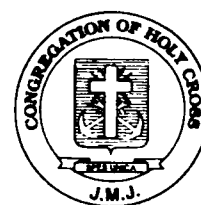
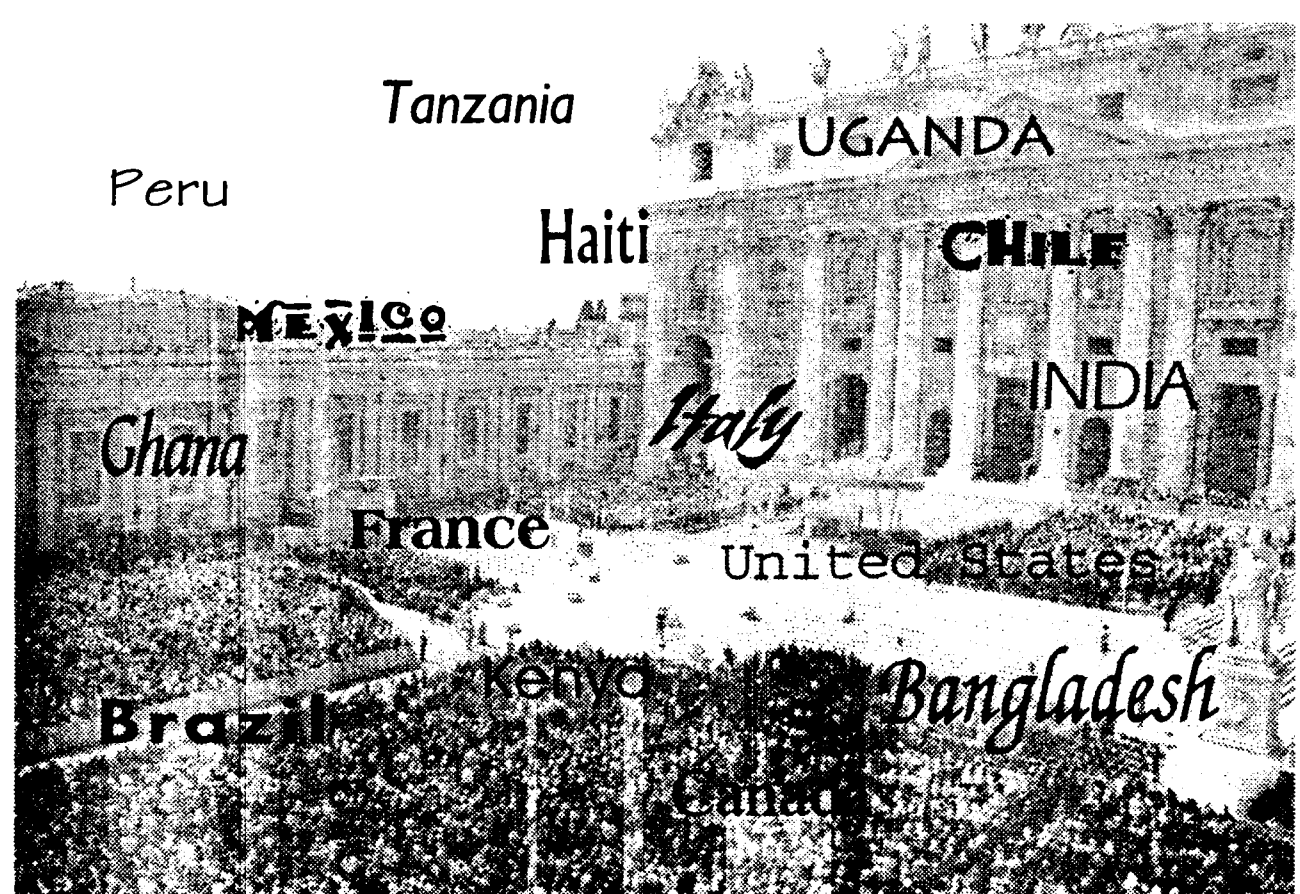
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East coast cities face water shortage

♦ 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 haven't formed 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 is 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 opera-

tors 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. As many as 2,000 people have seen their wells dry up.

While New England and the mid-Atlantic states are hard hit, drought conditions of varying severity exist as far south

as Florida.

Rainfall began to decline at the end of the summer as the East Coast saw sharp drop-offs in the two main ingredients of storms — cold air surging down from the north and moisture coming in from the south.

"In essence, we're just not seeing these storms coming through," McKillop said. "We know that part of this is a global pattern."

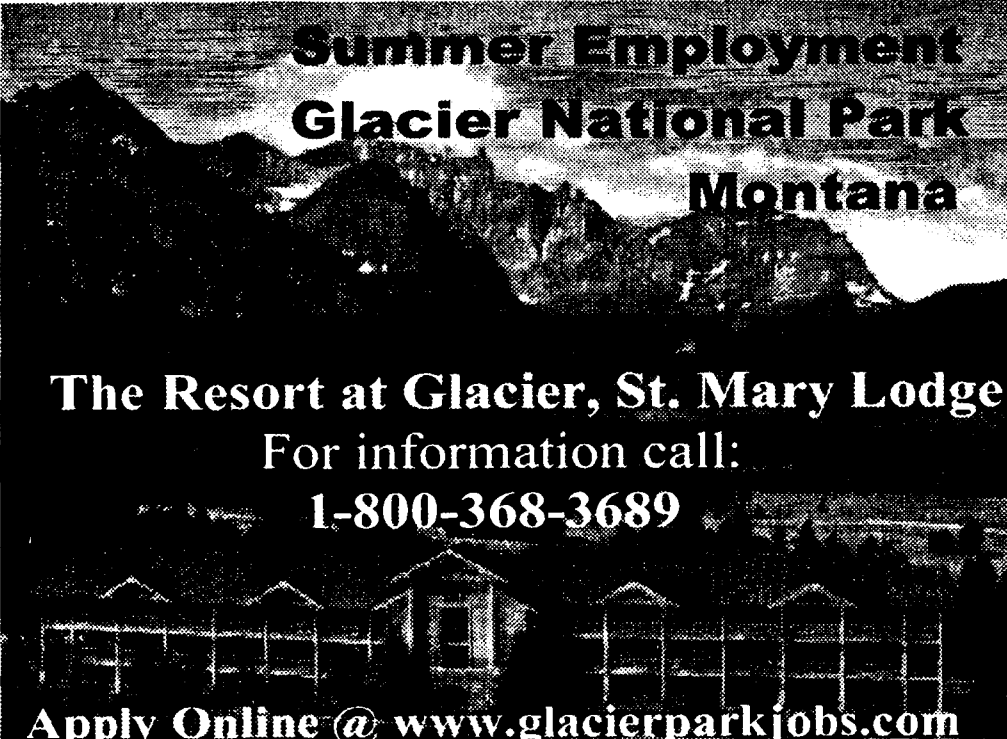
The warm winter has made matters worse. Normally, snow melt and rainfall run over frozen ground to replenish reservoirs and streams. But in

many spots this year, snow and rain are soaking into the still-soft 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."

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EPA at odds over pollution

◆ Lawmakers frustrated by Bush administration

Associated Press

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 energy 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 dissension 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 for-

ward with," said Robert S. Kripowicz, 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 or regulation of 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," Kripowicz 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 Natural Resources Defense Council, said, "All we're seeing from the Bush administration is what they're not willing to do."

The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, chaired by Sen. James Jeffords, plans to put the finishing touches on a bill next month to dealing with multiple pollutants, including carbon dioxide.

Sen. Bob Smith, said he hoped lawmakers could agree on a bill that would not "demand the impossible of the utilities" and shut them down.

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 reproductivity if they can't migrate, the report says, and changes in precipitation would damage ecosystems and water quality.

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ACLU wants Jesus signs taken down

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS

The American Civil Liberties Union filed a federal lawsuit Tuesday demanding the removal of signs outside a southeastern Louisiana town that proclaim: "Jesus is Lord over Franklinton."

ACLU officials said public money was used to put up the signs on state roads, violating the constitutional separation of church and state.

"Can you imagine the hostility that Jews, Muslims, members of other minority faiths and non-believers must feel when living in or passing through that community?" asked Linton Carney, who first saw the signs in July while driving through Franklinton, 55 miles north of New Orleans.

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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Last week, ACLU officials threatened to sue the mayor of Inglis, Fla., unless she removes her proclamation banning Satan within the town limits from posts at the town's entrances.

The mayor, a devout Christian, wrote the proclamation on Halloween night. It was typed on town stationary and affixed with the town seal.

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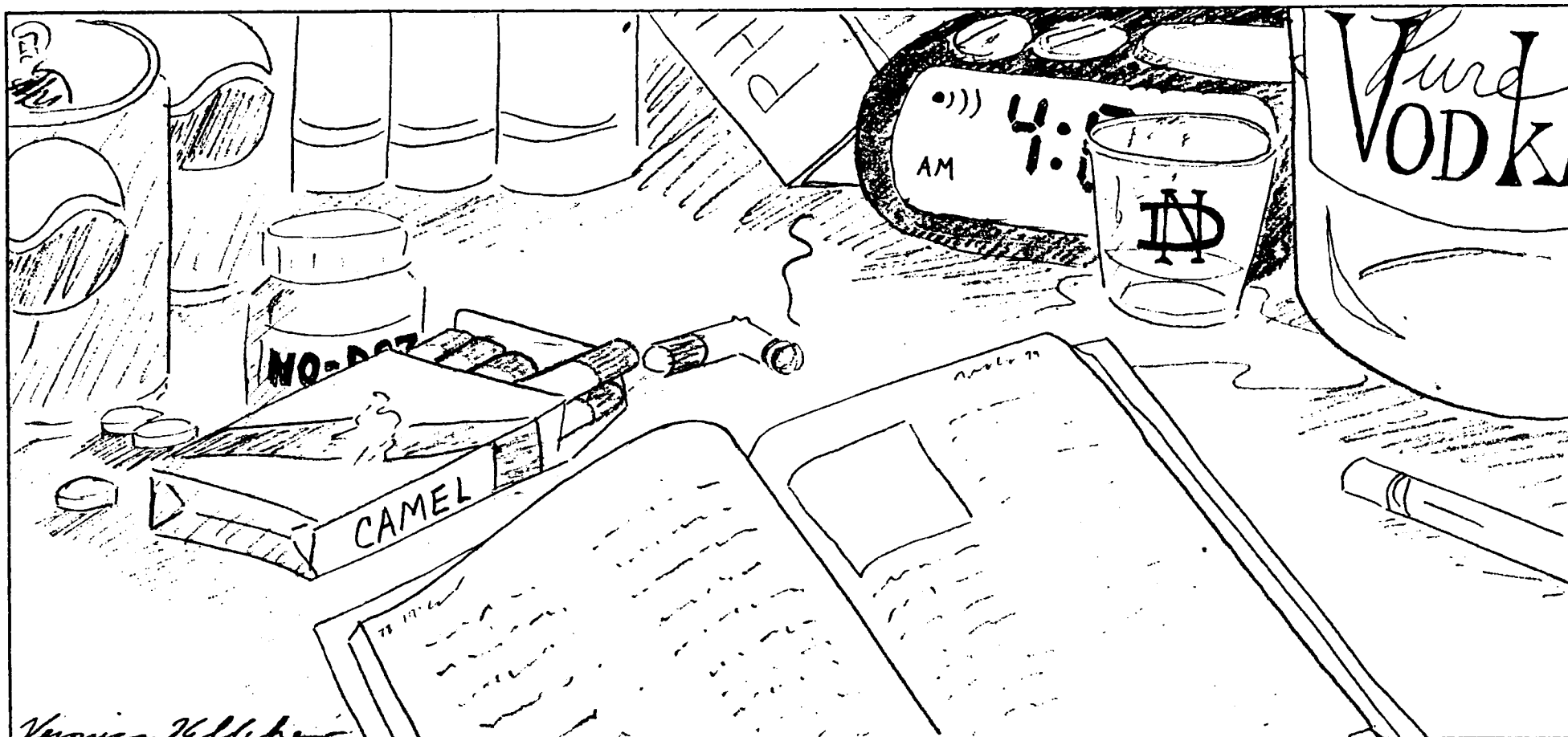
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Legal drugs may harm the most

Consider that the few remaining legal drugs are 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.

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Happier

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 afloat 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 imparts 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 swilling 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 even easier to deal with by reducing the senses to their least effective level. Yet this numb descent into immediacy 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 overarching, global level. Cigarettes are bad, bad, bad. They cause cancer, they wrinkle and stain the skin, they weaken the immune system and they are actually on fire and capable of burning things, like car seats and hair.

But I keep buying them, along with millions of my fellow Americans. Cigarettes provide a one-two punch of psychological and biochemical comfort. I'm not sure what nicotine does, 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, fights off a five-minute coughing fit and promptly lights up. His or her choice? That's something a non-smoker would say. Imagine the lives lost to alcohol-related accidents and violence. Consider, if you will, the horrible tragedies associated with caffeine — skip that, please.

As I leave you, about to end a coffee and cigarette riddled 36-hour protest against sleep, keep this question in mind: Are some drugs dangerous because they are legal, or legal because they are dangerous?

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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

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Black history provides confidence and pride

Martin Luther King Day would have passed me by had I not stumbled upon a special edition of Oprah covering his life and work. I then realized that Black History Month would indeed go quietly unless I deliberately reflected on it and on what it meant for the African-American. Why is there a Black History Month in the first place? Why is it important for African-Americans to know their history? Carter Woodson, a Harvard-trained academic who is credited with founding Black History Month, believed that the knowledge and dissemination of African history would build self-esteem among blacks and help eliminate prejudice among whites.

Arthur Oduma

What's Your Shade?

It was Dr. Woodson who said, "We have a wonderful history behind us ... if you are unable to demonstrate to the world that you have this record, the world will say to you, 'You are not worthy to enjoy 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 wooden clock which kept accurate time until past the date of this death. This is believed to be the first clock wholly made in America. A man of many talents and interests, he also published a treatise on bees, studied locusts and became an advisor to President Thomas Jefferson.

Next time you eat a peanut butter sandwich, remember Dr. George Washington Carver. Born of slave parents in 1860 in Diamond, Missouri, Dr. Carver almost single-handedly revolutionized southern agriculture from his small laboratory on the campus of Tuskegee Institute. From the humble peanut, Dr. Carver discovered meal, instant and dry coffee, bleach, tar remover, wood filler, metal polish, paper, ink, shaving cream, rubbing oil, linoleum, synthetic rubber and plastics.

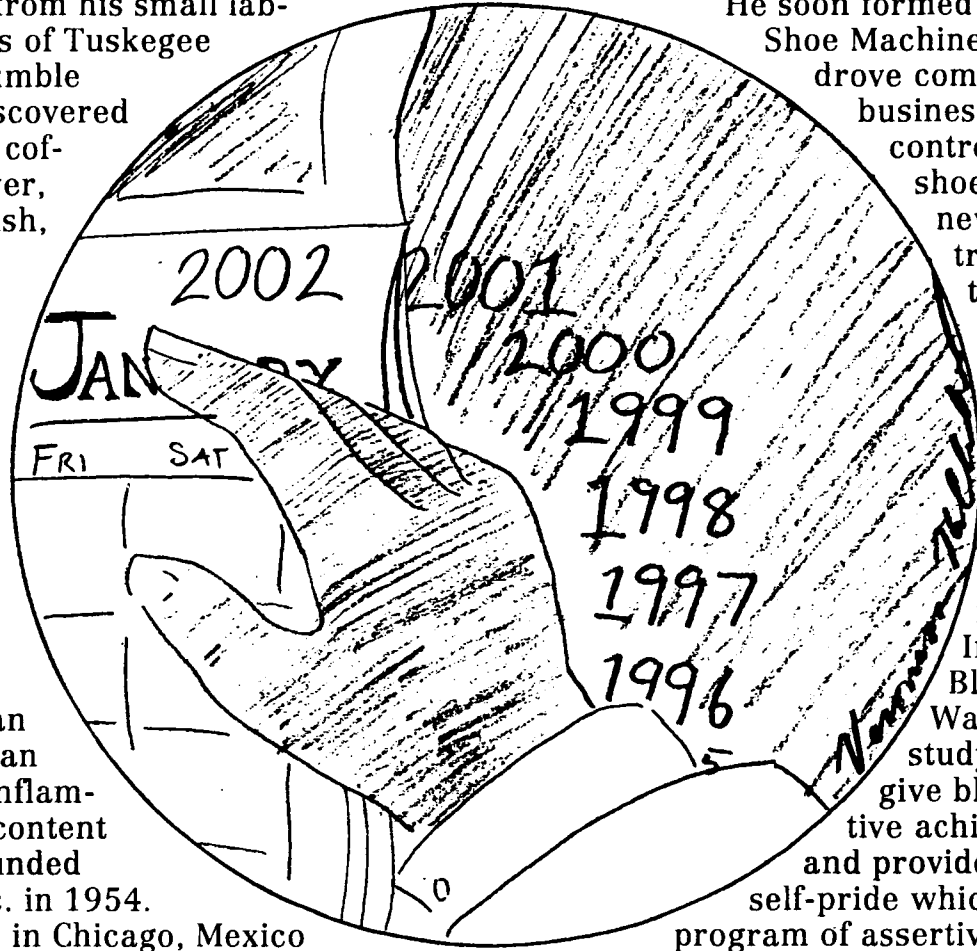
Dr. Percy Lavon Julian (1899-1975) did with the soybean what George Washington Carver had done with the ordinary peanut. A scientist and medical researcher, Dr. Percy Julian took the soybean and extracted from it an ingredient to relieve inflammatory arthritis. Not content to sit in his lab, he founded Silit Laboratory, Inc. in 1954. With research centers in Chicago, Mexico City and Guatemala, Dr. Julian successfully developed synthetic cortisone, found a way to mass produce the drug physostigmine, which is used to treat glaucoma, 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 Matzeler. He enriched America and

other nations by billions of dollars. With no other capital other than his meager wages, he perfected a machine for pleating leather around the toe thus revolutionizing shoemaking.

He soon formed 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 shoe industry and contributed enormously to what is regarded as one of the distinct features of civilization, namely, the wearing of shoes.

Why do we need a Black History Month? I need not go any further. In his book, "A History of Blacks in Canada," James Walker notes that "the study of black history can give blacks a sense of the positive achievements of their people and provide self-confidence and self-pride which are essential to any program of assertiveness."



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Remember Conor Murphy's courage and spirit

Tomorrow we celebrate the first anniversary of the birth of our friend, Conor Murphy, into eternal life. Through amazing Christian witness, Conor left an indelible mark on our lives. In the simple hope that some amount of glory may be brought to God through remembering his life and his example of holiness, I humbly offer a brief reminder of the man that affected so many.

Conor's personality drew people in through jokes, through debate or through beautifully uncomplicated heart-to-heart conversations. Conor's commitment to show Christ's love to all he encountered was evident in his every breath. In so many ways, he made you want to be around him and he made you want to be like him. Yet a distinguishing characteristic of Conor was that he did not desire people to follow him for his own acclamation, rather he simply wanted others to know and to feel what he felt and the love of Christ.

Conor wanted to be President of the United States, not to be powerful, not to be the leader of the free world, but because he had a keen sense of justice and righteousness, a sense of the teachings of Christ. Conor wanted to invite the world into right relationships and to respect life in all its stages, to provide people the tools to improve their lives, to eliminate the obstacles that prevented many people from doing so and on and on. Conor believed that through these goals for government, he could bring some of God's glory to this earth.

It was in our nation's capital that Conor's path changed. Upon his diag-

nosis with leukemia, Conor immediately accepted the challenge to aid God in bringing good out of the situation. Conor began this journey by inviting all of his friends from the Washington program to his hospital room so that he could be the one to tell of his diagnosis. We gathered and prayed for the worst. There was much crying and many hugs were exchanged.

But most importantly, before we left, there was prayer. We joined hands around Conor's bed and asked the Lord to be with him during the struggle. In that sad, chaotic time, within a few moments of prayer, there was a peace and stillness that I have yet to experience again. I left that room with the undeniable knowledge that God would bring a positive from this pain and that Conor would give his entire self over to the process just to show the world the goodness and the glory of God.

In subsequent correspondence and visits, God and Conor revealed to me the breadth of what they could do. Conor's unbreakable faith and his unconquerable stamina not only against illness, but also against bitterness and despair forced me to evaluate my own life and my relationship with God.

Through witnessing firsthand what God was doing with Conor and his life, my heart was awakened to the still small voice of the in my own life and a voice that I had attempted to quiet with other distractions.

Lying in a hospital bed, Conor had few alternatives than to turn to God. Still there were options and there have been many that have not taken the

path that Conor did. Conor chose God. Conor helped and continues to help me do the same. Indeed, Conor Murphy brought me closer to God.

I imagine that I was not the only one. I would venture that each and every individual that encountered Conor either before or during his struggle experienced some amount of God's glory. I contend that through Conor's witness of faith, many people became closer to God. Conor encouraged others to desire the peace of Christ that he had even amidst the storm of leukemia. For if Conor was faithful through this trial, how could we not turn to God for that same consolation in our simple day-to-day lives?

We should be thankful for the blessing of Conor Murphy. Rarely do we encounter a human being that is able to bring so many people into right relationship with God. Certainly, we are all called to such a holy task. How we accomplish this is left to our own discernment.

Conor once thought that God might need him to lead people closer to God through good governance. Plans change. Conor's ultimate work on this earth manifested God's glory and love to a magnitude that a scant few dare even dream. Imagine all this from a 20-year-old man.

Certainly, God gave Conor many gifts and blessings in order to achieve the feat. While we fondly remember Conor and his great work on earth, we can become sad that he is no longer with us to celebrate the joy that he brought. But the awesome beauty of the Resurrection, the mystery of the Body of Christ and the inspiration of the

Communion of Saints tell us that Conor's eternal soul lives in heaven.

Our faith informs us that his effort to bring about God's glory continues in every way as before and in even more astounding and unfathomable ways than when his life was confined to this world. Our faith comforts us with the fact that Conor rejoices today and he rejoices in unending praise for God and for the wonder and awe that God's glory enflames in our hearts. If you thought Conor had taken the past year off to just lounge on a cloud, you probably never met him.

So on his special day and always, pray for Conor. But more importantly, just as we did in his hospital room that Saturday and as many did at other times, pray with Conor. Pray with him not simply because you can, but pray with him because he wants to pray with you. Pray with him for his intentions.

Pray with him for his family. Pray with him that you may come to know the peace and love of Christ in your heart. Finally, pray with him that you may also participate in the glorification of God during your time on earth. In so doing, you will pay tribute to Conor's memory and will ultimately pay homage to God and to God's work as accomplished through our brother, Conor.

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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 earlobe 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).

Lie stacks upon lie until the police arrive and the group is forced to do some quick thinking 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 dynamic 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 Player's 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 give 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



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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 manic 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 stand out in their roles: Gilbert has a lightening 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 muddled 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.

"The student body desperately needs to laugh ... this is a nice contemporary, easy to understand piece that will just capture you and draw you in. You'll leave laughing," said Lee.

He couldn't be more right.

"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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Kris (Trish Gilbert) and Ken (Kevin Dwight) Gorman trying to work up a good story to fool Ernie, Cookie, Glen and Cassie.



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The boys argue over who will impersonate Charley for the police. From left to right they are: Glen (Joe Powers), Lenny (Ryan Greene), Ernie (Mike Romano) and Ken (Kevin Dwight).

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NBA

Robinson's jumper propells Pistons past Wizards

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Clifford Robinson hit a 19-foot jump shot over Popeye Jones with 18.8 seconds remaining as the Detroit Pistons beat the Washington Wizards 89-86 on Tuesday night.

Jerry Stackhouse, disappointed he wasn't selected for the All-Star game earlier in the day, had 24 points, six rebounds and six assists, but was 1-for-6 in the final quarter as the Wizards overcame a 12-point deficit.

Robinson's shot made it 88-86, and both Chris Whitney and Hubert Davis missed jumpers that could have tied it for the Wizards in the final seconds. The Wizards wanted Michael Jordan, who scored 32 points, to take the shot, but Jordan was smothered with good defense by Michael Curry and never touched the ball.

After Davis' miss, the Wizards were forced to foul, and Chuckie Atkins made one of two free throws with less than a second to play for the game's final point.

Robinson finished with 14 points, and Atkins had 20 as the Pistons won their third straight and ended the Wizards' two-game winning streak.

Jordan scored 14 of his points in the final quarter and finished 13-for-30 from the field with seven assists, five rebounds and two turnovers and 42 minutes. He scored all but four of the Wizards' points in the final 12 minutes, although he missed an off-balance 20-footer that would have given the Wizards the lead before Robinson's big shot.

With 1:24 to play, Jordan, after a foul that sent Robinson crashing to the floor, made two free throws to give the Wizards an 86-84 lead. Robinson, who scored the Pistons' last five points, tied it with a jumper with 1:08 remaining.

Jones had a season-high 17 points. Whitney scored 15.

The Pistons built a 76-64 lead late in the third quarter, a run spurred when Jordan had the ball slip out of his hands and saw it converted into a 2-on-1 fast break with Stackhouse feeding Atkins for the basket.

But the Wizards erased the deficit with a 12-0 run that included Jordan's banked-in

18-foot running jump shot at the third-quarter buzzer. Jordan also made the first two baskets of the fourth, and his jumper tied it at 76 with 10:04 to play.

Stackhouse tried to respond but missed his next four shots, the last of which was blocked by rookie Brendan Haywood. The game remained tight the rest of the way, with Robinson making the deciding shots.

Neither team led by more than seven in a first half that ended tied at 49. Jordan had a turnover on the Wizards' first possession, missed his first four shots and was 4-for-14 at halftime, while Jones was 5-for-6 with 11 points.

Suns 91, Bulls 90

Shawn Marion had 24 points and 10 rebounds, including a 20-foot jumper that proved to be the winning basket, as the Phoenix Suns escaped with a victory over the Chicago Bulls on Tuesday night.

Chicago had a chance for its second road victory of the season, but A.J. Guyton threw up an airball under defensive pressure from 20 feet with less than a second to play.

Ron Artest, in a head-to-head match up with Marion most of the night, had 26 points for the Bulls, who fell to 1-20 on the road.

Rodney Rogers had 13 points for Phoenix but missed twice to give Chicago the final shot. Penny Hardaway was 6-for-8 from the field and had 12 points and seven assists.

Marcus Fizer added 14 for the Bulls, while Eddie Robinson and Guyton had 11 apiece.

Marion's 20-footer with 1:10 to play, his 11th basket in 18 shots, gave Phoenix a 91-88 lead, but Artest sank two free throws to cut it to 91-90 with 55.8 seconds to go.

Rogers missed inside, but the Bulls knocked the rebound out of bounds. Rogers then missed from 20, and Chicago's Trenton Hassell grabbed the rebound, then the Bulls called timeout with 22.5 seconds to play.

The Suns used a 17-4 run to go up 72-63 on Hardaway's 10-footer from the baseline with 3:21 left in the third quarter. Stephon Marbury scored six of his nine points, while Hardaway and Marion had four apiece during the run. Chicago

had three 24-second violations in the third quarter, and Phoenix led 76-68 entering fourth.

The Bulls scored the first seven points of the fourth quarter to cut it to 76-75 on Tyson Chandler's inside basket with 8:39 to play. Chicago regained the lead 83-82 on Fred Hoiberg's 15-foot baseline jumper with 4:53 remaining.

Bo Outlaw's three-point play capped a 7-2 surge that put Phoenix up 89-85 with 3:07 remaining, but Artest's 3-pointer cut it to 89-88 2:10 from the finish.

Phoenix shot 54 percent but committed 22 turnovers, resulting in 23 points for Chicago.

Lakers 127, Hawks 93

Kobe Bryant scored 20 of his 32 points in the first quarter and the Los Angeles Lakers routed the Atlanta Hawks on Tuesday night.

The defending NBA champions stopped a mini-slump — they had lost three of four — with a dominating performance against the league's worst defensive team.

Los Angeles had a season high in points, racing to a 68-41 lead at halftime and reaching triple digits on Derek Fisher's layup with 1:08 remaining in the third quarter.

Bryant was unstoppable in the opening period as the Hawks tried to guard him with Jason Terry, who is 5 inches shorter. Wowing the sellout crowd with spins and head fakes, Bryant hit 10-of-12 shots to give the Lakers a 32-20 lead.

Bryant had as many points as the entire Hawks team, eclipsing Michael Jordan's 18-point performance on Dec. 19 that had been the previous high surrendered by Atlanta in a quarter.

Shaquille O'Neal added 23 points and Fisher 20 for the Lakers, who shot a staggering 57.5 percent (50-of-87) from the field.

The score really could have gotten out of hand if not for the compassion of Lakers coach Phil Jackson. Bryant played only 15 minutes after going the entire first quarter, and O'Neal was on the court for just 26 minutes.

Five reserves played at least 17 minutes apiece, led by Fisher's team-high 30 minutes.

The Hawks shot just 41.8 percent (41-of-98). Shareef Abdur-Rahim, named to his first All-Star team earlier in the day, was about the only bright spot with 21 points.

The Hawks, who were allowing 100.8 points per game, managed one moral victory: They didn't eclipse their previous high for points surrendered, a 129-94 loss to Orlando last month.

Rockets 100, Warriors 96

Steve Francis had 33 points and 12 rebounds and Kenny Thomas added 23 points as the Houston Rockets rallied from 13 points down to beat the Golden State Warriors in overtime on Tuesday night.

Thomas scored six points in overtime. Moochie Norris hit two free throws with 29 seconds left to wrap up the victory as the Rockets won consecutive games for the first time since Nov. 6-8. They beat Charlotte in overtime Saturday.

Golden State, which has lost 12 of 14, blew a 10-point lead with three minutes to play in regulation. Francis scored 13 points in the fourth quarter to rally the Rockets.

The Warriors were ahead 86-76 on a basket by Erick Dampier with three minutes to play in regulation. Houston then went on a 10-0 run that tied it at 86 with 13 seconds to play on Norris' 3-pointer from the corner.

Thomas, playing his first game after sitting out a three-game suspension for fighting, had eight rebounds.

Larry Hughes scored 17 and Jason Richardson 16 for the Warriors, who have lost 14 of 15 on the road.

Thomas scored seven unanswered points in the first quarter to lift the Rockets to a 21-15 lead with 3:01 to play. Richardson's eight points helped Golden State keep it close as Houston led 27-23 after one.

Richardson and Chris Mills each had eight at the half as Golden State pulled ahead 47-46 on a follow shot by Hughes with six seconds remaining. Francis had 10 at the half.

The Warriors outscored the Rockets 11-2 midway through the third quarter to take their

biggest lead at 65-56 with 2:41 remaining in the period. Entering the fourth quarter, Golden State was on top 67-60 and Richardson led the way with 14 points.

Heat 100, Nuggets 94

Eddie Jones scored 37 points, including a crucial three-point play in overtime, as the Miami Heat held off the Denver Nuggets 100-94 on Tuesday night.

Jones dunked the ball and made the free throw after drawing a foul, putting the Heat up 94-92 at 2:03 in overtime.

Ryan Bowen then fouled Brian Grant, who made the two free throws. After Calbert Cheaney scored to get the Nuggets within two, Kendall Gill drained two jumpers, the last with six seconds left.

Nick Van Exel, who had 15 points, made a 3-pointer with 19 seconds left to put the Nuggets up 89-87, but Jones came back with a layup to tie and Van Exel missed a jumper in the final seconds in regulation.

Grant had 11 points and 14 rebounds for Miami, which beat Denver for the 12th straight time.

Raef LaFrentz led Denver with 30 points.

Heat center Alonzo Mourning, selected as a reserve for the Eastern Conference All-Star team, missed his second straight game with flu symptoms.

Clippers 117, Mavericks 100

Jeff McInnis scored a season-high 31 points, including three straight 3-pointers in the closing minutes, as the Los Angeles Clippers beat Dallas 117-100, ending the Mavericks' seven-game winning streak.

The Clippers led 104-100 with 3:58 left, then scored the final 13 points. McInnis had the first eight and Darius Miles the last five, including a 3-pointer with 1.6 seconds left while the Mavericks stood with slumped shoulders and sagging faces.

Dallas had won 20 of 23 — including a 133-112 victory over the Clippers in the previous game — and was welcoming Michael Finley back to the lineup after an 11-game absence. Dallas was 10-1 in that stretch and 12-1 in the 13 games he's missed this season.

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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 50 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 undisclosed 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 have as much security as possible.

"We are talking about securing a worldwide event across four countries, with a million people here," he said. "It's difficult to do and we would could 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 chain link fences.

"It's exceedingly safe. Security, I would say, is tight," said Roberto Fabricini, 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, cut a ribbon Tuesday and promptly designated his daughter, Lisa, deputy mayor for the day. 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 restaurants for finer fare. "That is very important," said Fabricini, who arrived in advance of the Italian athletes.

Fabricini 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 Fabricini had his vehicle checked, his bags checked, his credentials checked, even his body checked. "But it's very quick, very efficient," he said.

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NFL

Special teams breakdowns lead to firing

◆ Hayes only coach fired by Cowher after season-ending loss

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH Jay Hayes was fired Tuesday as the Pittsburgh Steelers' special teams coach following a season-long series of breakdowns capped by two touchdowns-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 revive 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 Antwan Harris' 49-yard return of a blocked field goal.

Those were among four touchdowns allowed by Steelers' 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.

The kick coverage and return teams were erratic all season, and kicker K r i s B r o w n missed a league-high 14 field goals attempts and three extra points, plus two more field goals in the playoffs.

Cowher insisted Sunday's failures alone didn't cost Hayes his job and cited other reasons, including Hayes' handling of team meetings.

"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, Jonathan, was a Steelers tight end from 1994-96. Hayes had a year left on his contract.

"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.

"It was a problem all year, it wasn't just Sunday."

Bill Cowher
Pittsburgh head coach

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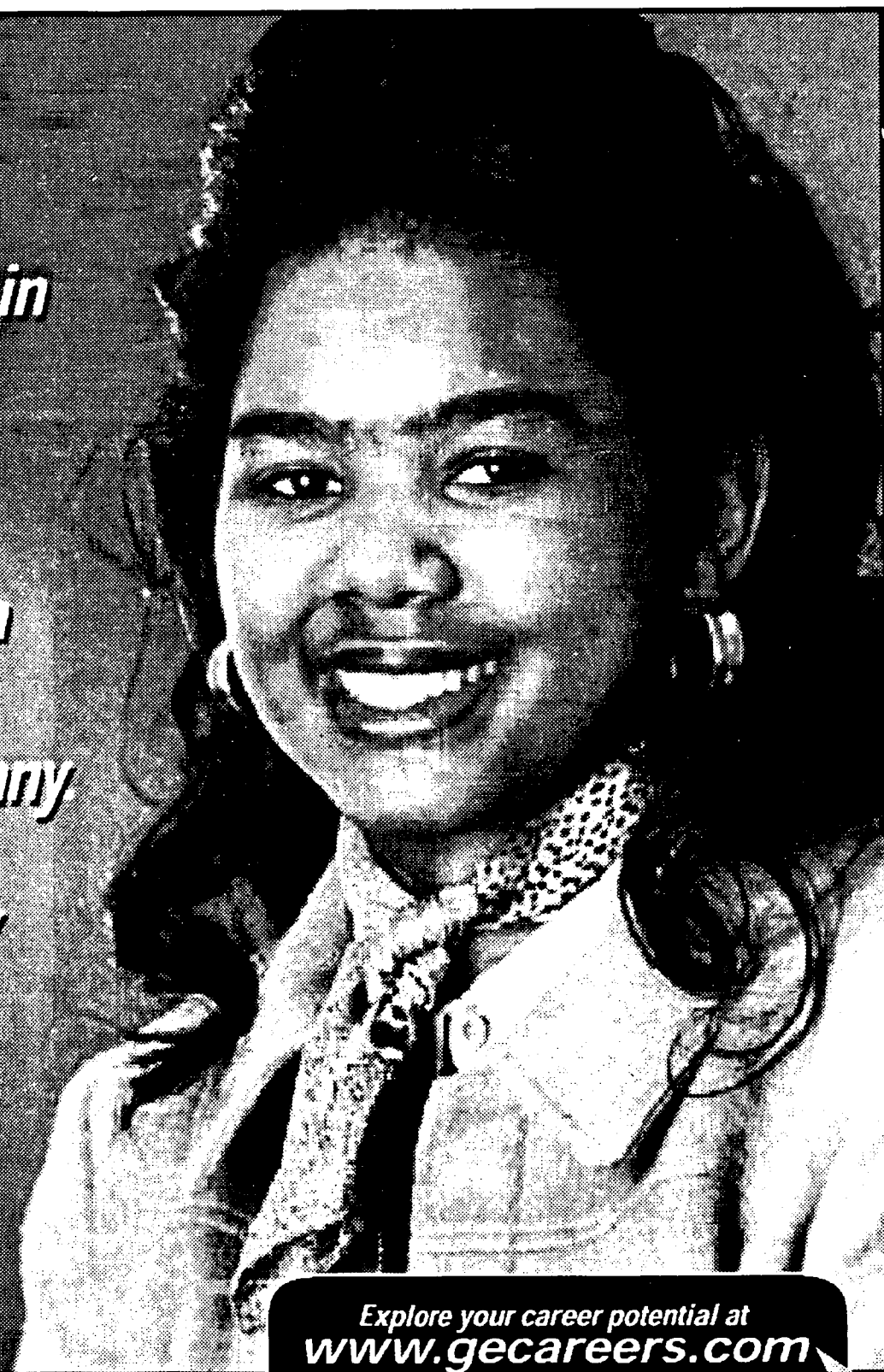
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SUPER BOWL

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 always 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 pipedream.

"Anything's possible," he said. "Is it 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 what could have been an hour-long siege by reporters and broadcasters. Having been in the same spot two years ago helped considerably, along with not having to answer questions about his days as a grocery store clerk.

"1999 was a completely different deal," Warner said. "I was

new on the scene and everything was new to me, and coming to the Super Bowl I had to answer the same questions I had been answering for 16 weeks.

"Now, I 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 next year, next year."

It's clear, a day later, he was already thinking about next year.

There's good reason for his confidence.

Since his startling emergence two years ago from an unimpressive 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 ended 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 completed 68.7 percent of his passes and led the NFL in passing yards, touchdown passes and passer rating.

Patriots wide receiver David Patten remembers watching Warner throw eight touchdown passes for the Iowa Barnstormers during an Arena League playoff game in 1996.

"When I was on the sideline, I was thinking about how accurate the quarterback was," Patten said. "He was hitting everybody, putting it right on the chest."

Warner is the rock of the Rams' offense, producing a franchise-record 14-2 season and playoff victories over the Packers and Eagles. Unlike the New England Patriots, who could go with either Tom Brady or Drew Bledsoe, the Rams have no quarterback controversy.

Backup J a m i e M a r t i n threw three p a s s e s , total. Martin was briefly a hot interview subject

"Success in my mind is based on winning championships."

Kurt Warner
Rams quarterback

last week after Warner's bruised ribs caused him to miss most of one practice.

Not anymore. The Rams' offensive line kept a dangerous Eagles defense out of Warner's face in the NFC championship game. Warner was sacked once, and unofficially, he was hit only three times.

"I don't think we could have expected anything that great," offensive guard Adam Timmerman said. "We knew we had to keep them off of him."

Warner repaid the line, taking them out to dinner Monday night.

"We got full," Timmerman said. "I'd hate to see the bill."

Patriots will reveal QB starter today

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS

Tom Brady is younger, nimbler and throws short, quick passes. Drew Bledsoe is experienced, stands taller in the pocket and throws deep.

"There are differences, but one similarity in our favor is they're both winners," New England Patriots wide receiver Charles Johnson said.

That may make Wednesday's planned announcement of who will start in the Super Bowl on Sunday less monumental than anticipated.

Players don't think they'd play much differently no matter who gets the call against the St. Louis Rams. Besides, both teams will have several days of practice knowing who will be quarterbacking the Patriots.

Patriots coach Bill Belichick was no more forthcoming Tuesday than he was a day earlier.

"There is nothing really new there," he said during media day, when players and head coaches from both teams met with reporters and broadcasters.

But Brady showed up without crutches or a limp.

Asked if he expected to play in the big game, he said, "Yeah, darn right I am."

He hasn't tested the strength of his injured left ankle, but said it isn't swollen and he'll put his full weight on it Wednesday at the Patriots' first practice.

But Bledsoe will get most of the practice plays if he's the starter.

"I want to play as bad as I ever wanted 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 have remained friends through a turbulent season. Bledsoe suffered serious chest bleeding late in the second game and Brady took over in the 10-3 loss to the Jets.

The Patriots were 0-2 when Brady came in; they are 13-3 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 starving man 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.

"We are in a unique situation," Johnson said. "How many teams lose a quarterback in that magnitude of a game and have a guy come in and play at that caliber?"

With two quarterbacks who aren't threats to run, the Rams wouldn't have to make major adjustments.

"We played Atlanta earlier in the season and did not 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 Patriots quarterbacks play similar styles.

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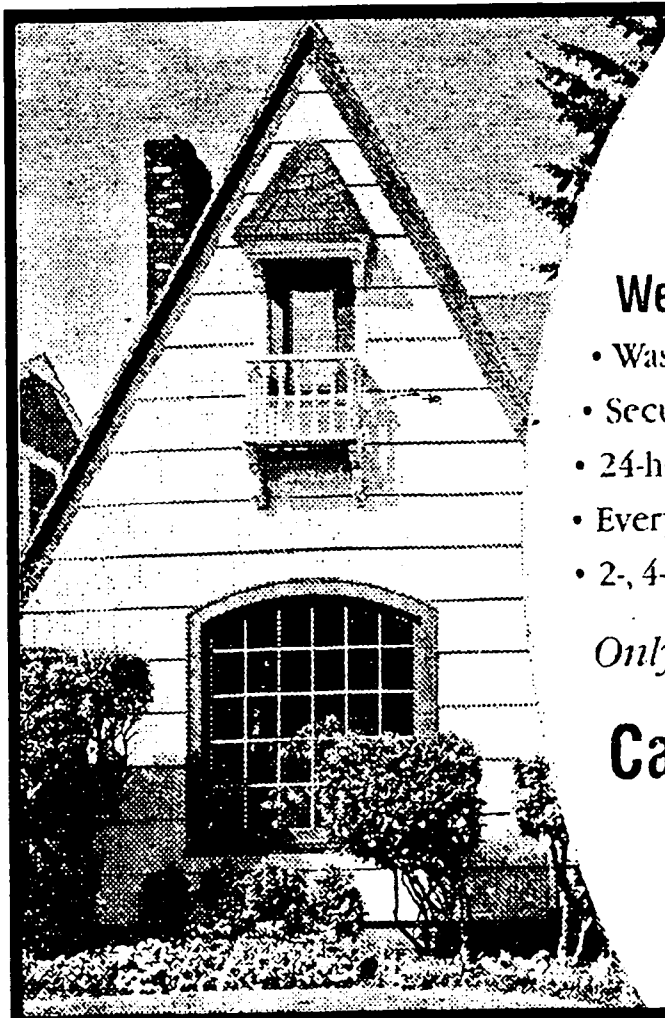
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NBA

Cuban's next job: Globetrotter ref

♦ Mavericks owner trades Dairy Queen uniform for striped shirt

Associated Press

DALLAS Before it was serving ice cream. Now it will be serving as a referee at a Harlem Globetrotters' game.

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 gret 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 Chairman and Owner M a n n i e J a c k s o n . "Our players love this guy and they are as excited as

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Mark Cuban
Mavericks owner

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 heavy-weight 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.

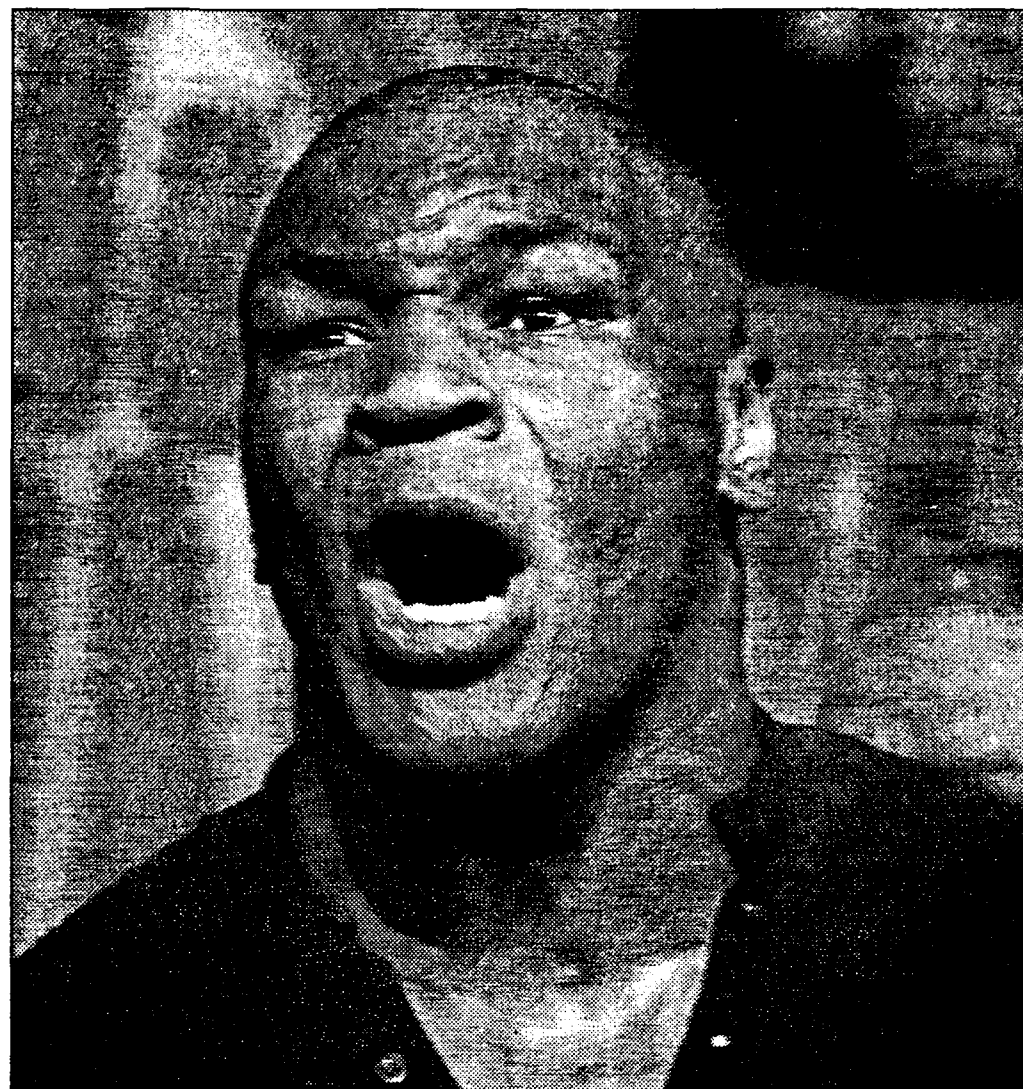
"I'm not Mother Theresa," Tyson said during the hearing. "I'm not Charles Manson either. Just treat me equal."

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.

Shelly 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.

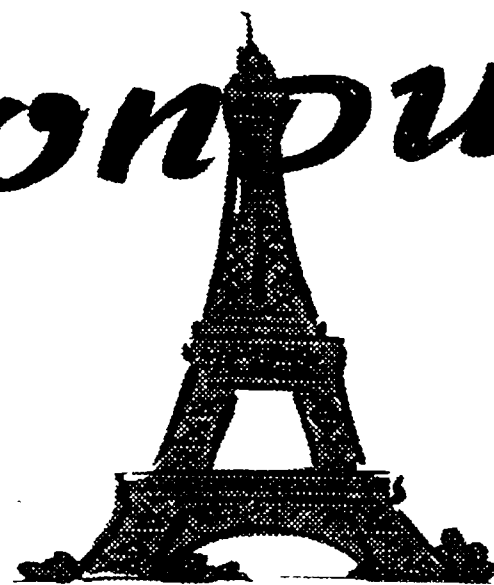
Asked about Tyson's reaction, Finkel said, "He's not happy."



Boxer Mike Tyson expresses his displeasure at a reporter after he and Lennox Lewis traded punches Wednesday. Tyson's request to gain a boxing license in Nevada failed Tuesday.

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Men

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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.

Swanagan is back in the line-up and looking forward to logging some minutes on the court.

"I'm very excited and ready to go," Swanagan 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," Swanagan 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 defense and attack the boards.

"They're going to be more aggressive this time," Graves said. "It'll be a defensive struggle. Whoever 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 squads' last meeting, averages just under 15 points a game and is

a threat from outside. Knight also leads his team with almost seven assists a game.

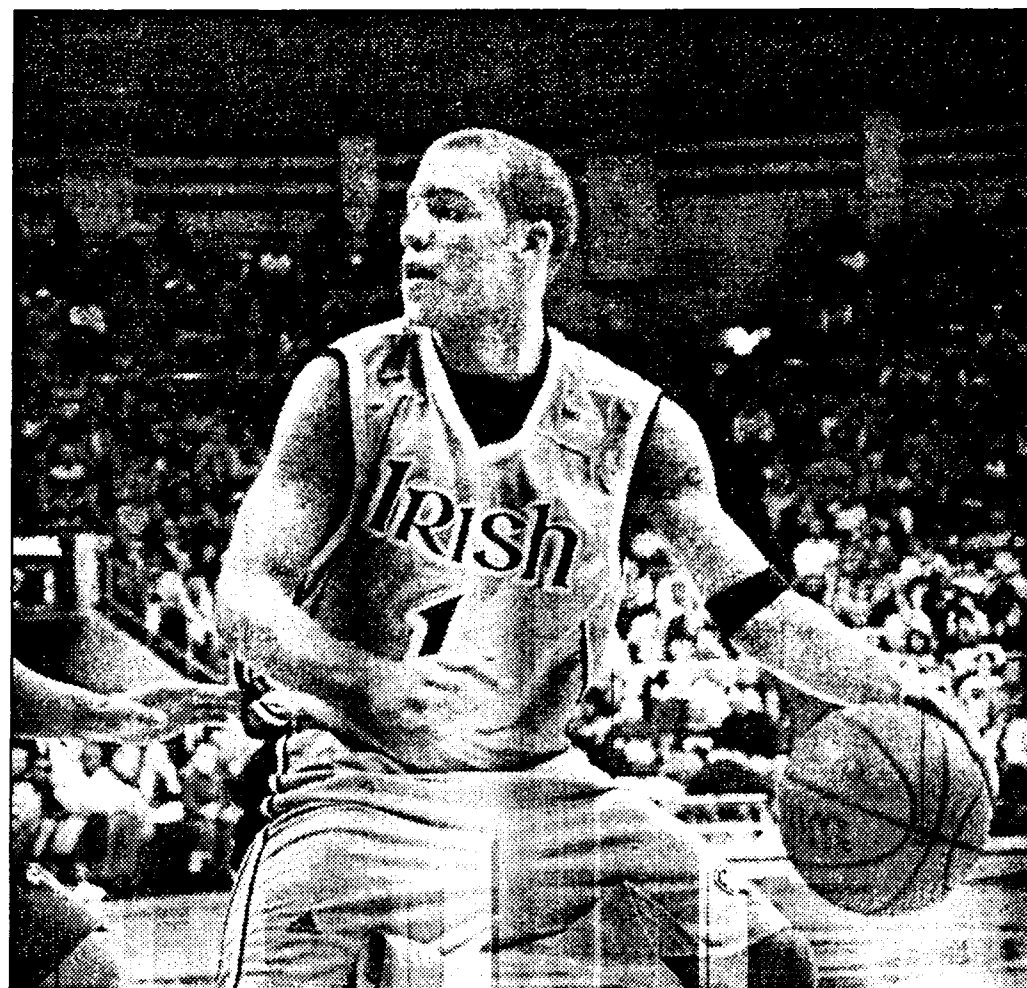
The Irish did a good job containing Knight at Pittsburgh, forcing him out of rhythm and pressing him to take off-balance shots most of the night.

"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 stepped on the court ready to play, shooting their way to a seven point half-time 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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Irish point guard Chris Thomas dribbles the ball during the first half of Notre Dame's win against Seton Hall Saturday.

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 its 10th overall at the East Rutherford, N.J., facility that also is home to the NFL 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.

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The Kickoff Classic is managed by the New Jersey Sports

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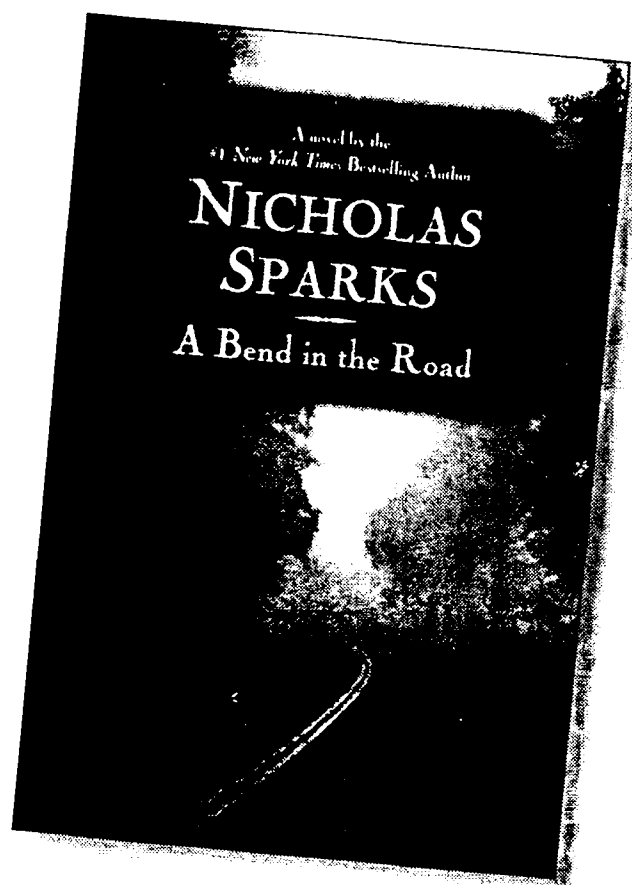
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Notes:

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

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Fencing

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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. He was key in bringing top freshman recruits like Alicja Kryczalo and Michal Soberaj to Notre Dame.

"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], that's what they are doing now. They are recruiting big and not spending the time to fine tune a fencer. 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 bring Dudas on board this year to assist with coaching foil and epee, but has had problems getting past red tape and paper work. Auriol hoped 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.

"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."

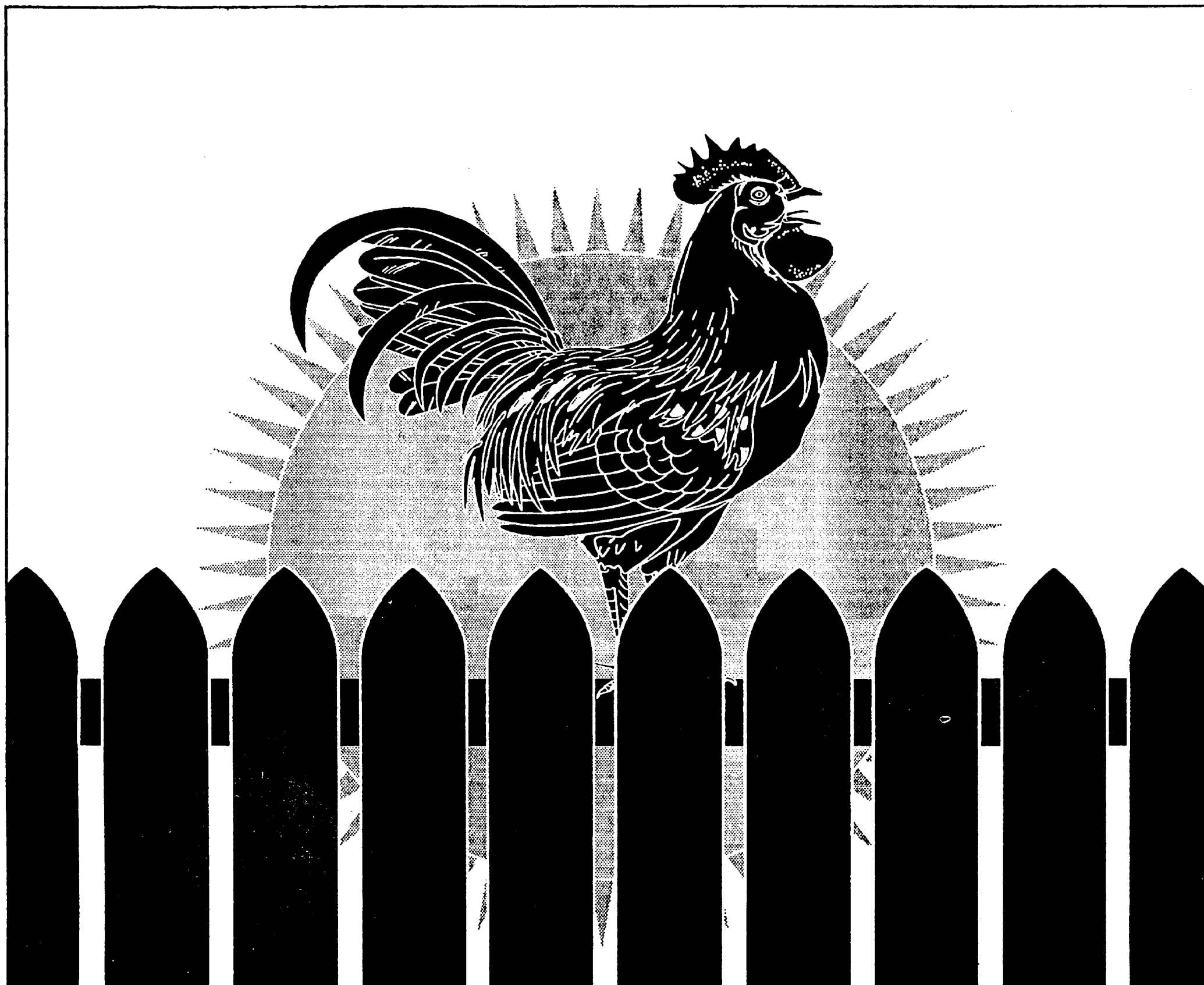
Although Auriol has made his

choice known and appears to have addressed the need for a foil and epee specialist as well, the final decision in hiring a head coach rests with University President Father Edward Malloy.

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that a new coach would be in place by the NCAA Championships on March 21-24.

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MEN'S TENNIS

No. 7 Notre Dame edges No. 10 Duke



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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.

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 Bayliss 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 an 8-4 win at No. 1 doubles and then Peter Shults and Jason Zimmerman won at No. 3 doubles by the same score. The No. 2 doubles match was abandoned with the Irish leading 7-6.

King, ranked 17th nationally in singles after being No. 2 in the preseason rankings, gave Duke a 2-0 lead with a 6-3, 6-2 victory at No. 1 singles. But the Irish responded with four straight victories.

Senior Aaron Talarico got Notre Dame on the board and improved to 5-0 in dual matches this season by registering a 6-2, 6-2 win at No. 3 singles.

Classmate Javier Taborga tied the match with a 6-3, 6-3 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, 6-3 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 Bayliss.

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 Bayliss. 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 Muffet McGraw. "Particularly in the second half."

The Orangewomen took an early lead in the first half as starting point guard Julie McBride hit a 3-pointer less than a minute into the game. That was the last time Syracuse would be on top. Batteast scored the first Irish points on the first of Severe's nine assists and Ericka Haney scored shortly after on an assist from Batteast.

The Orangewomen managed to pull within two five minutes into the game, but for most 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, Alicia, Jackie, Kelsey — 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 Orangewomen did not make a single basket from the field, scoring their four points from the foul line.

Bustamante grabbed five of the 15 points the Irish scored in that nine minutes and Batteast 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. 2.

"Quite frankly, we were away of [Bustamante], but we weren't aware she could shoot the ball as well as she shot."

Marianna Freeman
Syracuse head coach

"When I wasn't in foul trouble after the first half I could go after the ball a little bit more," Batteast said. "So I'm glad to get another double figure in rebounds."

That run allowed McGraw to play her entire bench — including freshman Jill Krause and crowd favorite Karen Swanson. Swanson collected three points and Krause added an assist.

"It's always great to play the whole bench," McGraw said. "Especially Karen Swanson and Jill Krause, they do such a

great job at practice."

Defensively, the Irish dominated. The Orangewomen, 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 the focus 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 66-52 on Jan. 5.

"We've been looking forward to playing Alma," said senior Jamie Dineen. "We 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 Blair, who scored 21 points in Saint Mary's lost 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 the past two games, the Belles have been out-rebounded 78-53.

"We definitely have to crash the boards more," said Dineen. "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 second 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 second halves of their recent games, but that their opponents have been coming out with increased focus and determination.

"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 discipline would be the theme for tomorrow. That's something [Coach Suzanne Smith] has 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. "If our defense starts out well, then our offense picks up."

"When we play our defense, we're unstoppable," said freshman 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 again.

"Tomorrow we have to come out and play defense right away. We can't get them get 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 hitting 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," 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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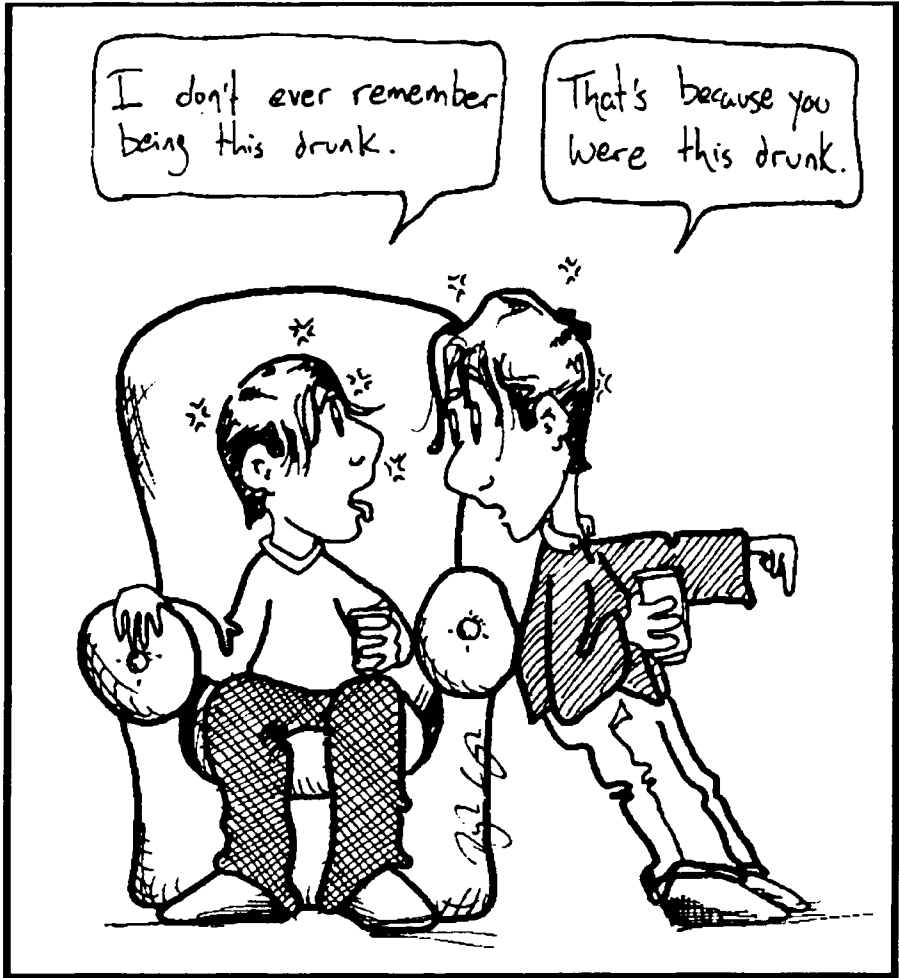
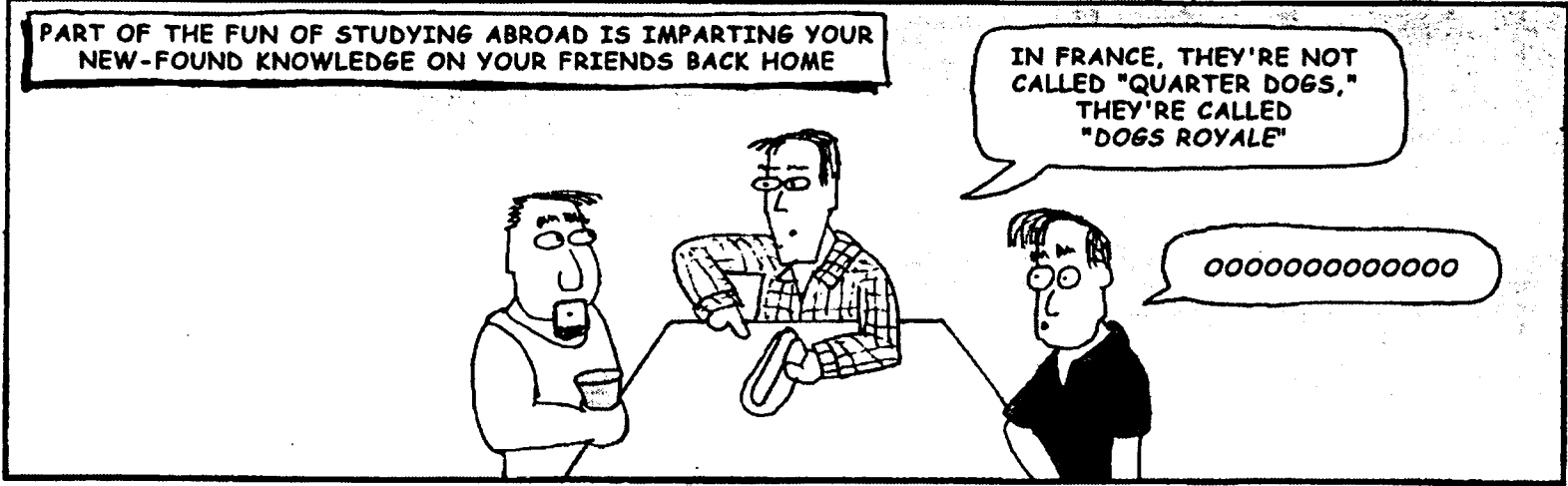
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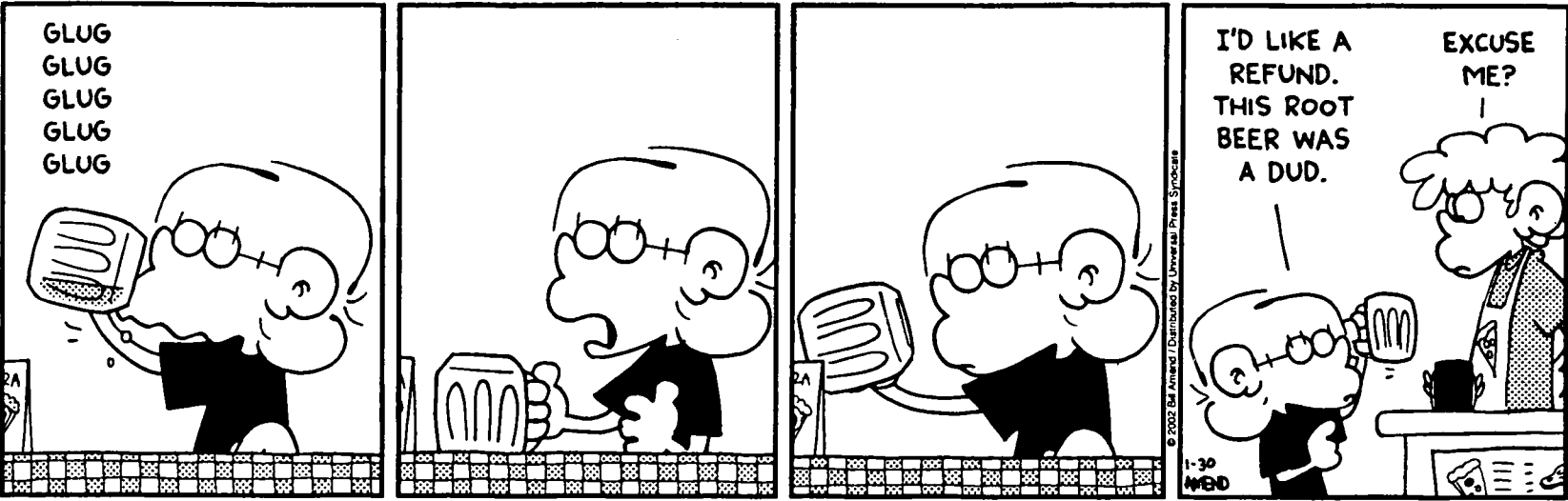
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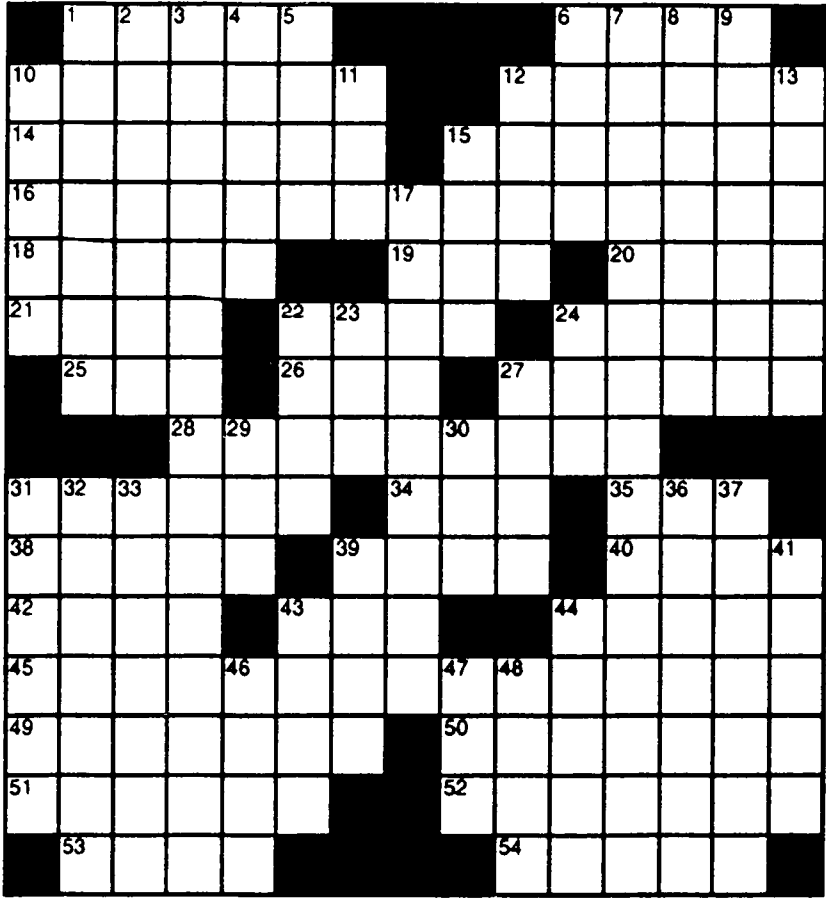
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 - 6 Prompt
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 - 16 Do regularly
 - 18 ___ omen (God forbid)
 - 19 Block boundaries: Abbr.
 - 20 Vigorous
 - 21 Kind of skirt
 - 22 Words of comparison
 - 24 Look closely
- DOWN**
- 25 "Another Green World" composer
 - 26 Satirical play of 1921
 - 27 Displayed displeasure
 - 28 Hollins University loc.
 - 31 Propels shells
 - 34 Not brilliant
 - 35 Kind of charge: Abbr.
 - 38 Uttered shrilly
 - 39 Gratis
 - 40 U.S. Olympic swimming gold medalist Torres
 - 42 Razor brand
 - 43 "Pink Panther" films actor
 - 44 Represent
- DOWN**
- 45 Make a person crazy
 - 49 Arrived effortlessly
 - 50 Somewhat hard
 - 51 Rathskeller stock
 - 52 Like some fans
 - 53 Form of Spanish "to be"
 - 54 Iron clothes?



Puzzle by Robert H. Wolfe

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- ACROSS**
- 27 Natural narcotic
 - 29 Follower or preceder of age
 - 30 Former Canadian P.M. Campbell
 - 31 Trump, possibly
 - 32 Sildenafil (Viagra's active ingredient)
 - 33 Rebels
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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Unlikely hero

◆ Bustamante scores 21 off the bench in win over Syracuse

By KATIE McVOY
Associate 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.

"Quite frankly, we were aware of [Bustamante] but we weren't aware she could shoot the ball as well as she shot," said Syracuse head coach Marianna Freeman.

Although she led the team in scoring, Bustamante had some help. Sophomore guard Le'Tania Severe added a spark to the Irish offense with a career-high nine assists while Batteast racked up her eighth double-double with 10 points and 15 rebounds.

"I think [Batteast] did a great job



NELLIE WILLIAMS/The Observer

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

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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."

Swanagan 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.

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FENCING

Auriol tabs next choice

◆ Current assistant gets retiring coach's recommendation

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

If all goes according to current fencing head coach Yves Auriol's plan, Janusz Bednarski will become the next head coach of Notre Dame's storied fencing program.

Bednarski currently serves as an assistant coach on the team and seems to be the natural choice to replace Auriol when he retires. He is also Auriol's recommendation for the next head coach.

"Hopefully Janusz will be the head coach here," Auriol said. "I am confident that Janusz will keep the program at a high level. He is a top coach."

Although Auriol has already made his preference known, assistant athletic director Bernard Muir, who oversees the fencing team, said no decision about the next head coach has been made. The search for the next head coach has not even officially begun yet.

"We haven't really set a firm time line," Muir said. "Our hope is that sometime around the [NCAA] championship we will know."

The athletic department has yet to determine who will even be involved in the search for a new coach, according to Muir. But Muir said any recommendation Auriol made would be taken seriously.

Between 20 and 30 different coaches have expressed interest in becoming Notre Dame's next head coach, according to former head fencing coach Mike De Cicco. Included on that list, according to De Cicco, is Tim Glass, a former Irish epee two time All-American who helped the Irish win the national title in 1977 and qualified for the 1980 Olympic games.

When De Cicco retired in 1995, he hand-picked Auriol as his successor. This time, however, he said he will not play a major role in choosing the next head coach.

He did, however, say Bednarski would be a good choice.

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