Alumna killed in Moscow

Special to The Observer

A memorial Mass for a 1996 University of Notre Dame graduate who was murdered last month in Moscow will be celebrated at 8 p.m. Thursday in the chapel of Malloy Hall on campus.

Elizaveta "Liza" Kuznetsova, a native of Perm, Russia, was killed in her apartment Nov. 20. Moscow police are investigating and few details are available.

Kuznetsova was graduated cum laude Notre Dame with a bachelor's degree in accounting and had worked for six years for Deloitte & Touche in New York, Chicago and London. While in Chicago, she earned a low degree from the Northwestern University School of Law.

Earlier this year, Kuznetsova relocated to Moscow to work as manager of the Deloitte & Touche tax and legal department in the Russian capital.

Kuznetsova was engaged to Igor Krivoshekov, who earned a master's degree in international peace studies and a law degree from Notre Dame in 1993 and 1997, respectively. They were to be wed next year.

Krivoshekov will attend the memorial Mass, which will be celebrated by Father Theodore Hinrichs, president emeritus of the University, and Rev. Michael Husted, a priest from Scotland and current international student at Notre Dame.

Beer prices worry students

By MELISSA LOU

According to students and liquor store owners, an across-the-board increase in American beer prices has marked the last weekend before finals frenzy.

"The price increase occurs every year, always around the end of November," said Mary Beth Lang, manager of Belmont Beverage at 254 N. Dixie Way in South Bend.

"Last year the brewerries did not raise the prices, which was an unusual move for them," added Lang.

According to liquor store representatives, the change will affect retail prices by increasing them from at least $1 to $2 per case. Students who enjoy tap beer said they found that the prices for kegs went up about $4 to $6 a keg.

Ross Spore, co-owner of Bullseye Discount Liquors, commented on the possible negative impact of the timing for the increase. "They hit at the same time that the statewide hike in sales taxes occurred," he said. Consumers will find they are paying more for the beer itself, as well as more in state sales taxes, now up by 1 percent, said Spore.

Students who prefer international or specialty brews remain unaffected, as micro-breweries and imports did not change their prices. Microbreweries might still increase their prices during the upcoming year, according to Lang.

Students reacted in varying degrees to the change. Senior Dan Crowley said he was surprised to hear about the boost in prices. "It might cut back on consumption a little, since my bank account isn't exactly overflowing," said Crowley. "The increase might make me look into some of the smaller breweries as an alternative."

Senior Eric Gobel said he does not believe that this change will really affect his personal consumption habits. "Since the beers that I purchase are a little more expensive anyways, the increase probably won't affect me," said Gobel.

Saint Mary's senior Elisa Briscoll said she might consider changing which beverages she purchases, but was not overly concerned about the price increase.

"It just means I either have to switch to a cheaper beer or compensate by working more hours," said Briscoll. "The increase will probably push me to try the local beers which were not affected by the boost, but I doubt I will switch completely."

Conference examines Euro

By JOE TROMBELLO

The "Year of the Euro" conference held over the weekend in McKenna Hall assembled a variety of prominent historians, economists, sociologists and political scientists from both American and foreign universities to evaluate the effects of the single currency adopted in twelve European countries. The interdisciplinary forum was sponsored by the Nanosics Institute for European Studies and featured various opinions regarding the Euro's past, present and future effects on both economic and non-economic issues.

Eight academic sessions including, "The Euro and Transnational Migration: Managing the Politics of Change" and "Public Opinion and Political Discourse," each featured one chairperson and two to three participants who presented papers meant to analyze their respective topics. The session entitled "The Euro as a Catalyst of Economic Change" featured three Notre Dame economics professors, Jaime Ros and Teresa Ghiladucci as chair and discussant, respectively, and political science professor Layna Mosley as presenter.

University of Oklahoma political science professor Mitchell Smith rounded out the panel as the second presenter. In her paper "New Currency, New Constraints? The Euro and Financial Markets Government Relationships" and subsequent presentation, Mosley analyzed the effects that the single currency has taken on the relationships between financial markets, resident investors and European governments.

"The EMU [European Monetary Union] presents an additional restriction on physical autonomy," said Mosley. "It changes how governments can interact with financial markets."

Mosley described the economic differences between countries pre-EMU and post-EMU, including the decline of resident investment, the elimination of currency risk, and the prominence of default risk.
INSIDE COLUMN

Sharing freshman experiences

While Father Sam Peters, rector of Sorin Hall, claimed that he could "make Jesus" and a Singaporean priest take part in the 44th freshman retreat of the year. The retreat was headed by Holy Cross priests Father Sam and Father Kevin with help from student co-coordinator Kristina Deham.

The retreat involved games, small group discussions and activities meant to test students into realizing the value and changes we meet as we adapt to life at Notre Dame. The small group discussions were headed by 20 student leaders. The retreat was led by Frost-0 all over again except this time, people said more than just "Hi what's your name? Where are you from? And what's your major?" And the reply was much different from "Katie, outside of Chicago business."

The discussions were initiated by four leaders or sometimes individual speeches talking about their experience with one aspect of Notre Dame life. The topics changed from relationships, God in everyday life, coming to Notre Dame and roommates. Through the discussion we realized how similar the problems each of us faced were. Saying goodbye to our parents, going back home and then missing Notre Dame.

The retreat meant a diversion from the monotonous dorm life and conversations that revolved around basically the same things. The retreat helped one in reflecting on how life at Notre Dame had improved his or her own life and had given us an opportunities to worship God, be successful and happy.

The students praised for each other and through that learnt to be selfless in understanding the troubles of another.

The retreat was the best way to unwind and be fully prepared for finals. Many of us there made friends that we understood better in the retreat and roommates of three months. Most of the all retreat allowed students to appreciate all that Notre Dame offers and thus to get involved with charit and religious activities. The retreat might have lasted a day but felt like a month. With only three more retreats coming up, the freshmen of Notre Dame have little time left to find out how to "make Jesus."
Notre Dame promotes 3 financial officers

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Three promotions in Notre Dame's Office of Student Financial Services (OSFS) have been announced by Scott Malpass, vice-president for finance and chief investment officer for the University.

Joseph Russo, the director of financial aid since 1978, has been appointed director of the OSFS. Eugene Pilawski, assistant director of financial aid has been appointed associate director of the OSFS.

"These changes not only recognize the outstanding leadership skills and performance of these individuals," Malpass said, "but also provide for an even stronger platform for the important roles which the OSFS will be playing in the years ahead."

Now in his 25th year as the principal administrator of student financial aid at Notre Dame, Russo has received numerous honors from the University, including a special presidential award in 1984 and an honorary degree from the Notre Dame Alumni Association in 1992.

In 1998 he received the Golden Quill award from the National Association of Financial Aid Administrators for his long service as editor of the Journal of Student Financial Aid.

Pilawski, a 1989 Notre Dame graduate who received his M.S. degree from the University in 1999, has worked at Notre Dame since 1990, coordinating the University's loan programs and advising students and parents on financial aid. He is a member of the Indiana and Midwest Associations of Student Financial Aid Administrators.

Swift graduated from Notre Dame in 1998 and worked for First Source Bank for a year before returning to the University to work as a senior financial aid administrator. In addition to administering federal, state and University financial aid, she oversees the student employment program and the financial aid customer service team.

Landrieu retains La. Senate seat

NEW ORLEANS - President Bush's midterm election magic failed in Louisiana as Democrat Sen. Mary Landrieu defeated a strong challenge from Republican Suzanne Haik Terrell in an unusual December runoff.

"If there's one state that can stand up against destructive, poison partisanship, it's Louisiana." Mary Landrieu

"His victory puts a happy arrow in my tough year." Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., said on "Fox News Sunday."

White House spokesman Scott McClellan said the president "congratulates Senator Landrieu and looks forward to Congress working together in a bipartisan way with Republicans and Democrats, including Senator Landrieu, to get things done." Terrell stayed in isolation Sunday.

Landrieu, 46, agreed at a news conference Sunday that the campaign was a battle between her and Bush. "If there is one state that can stand up against destructive, poison partisanship, it's Louisiana," she said.

Complete but unofficial returns had Landrieu with 643,359 votes, or 52 percent, to 603,293 for Terrell, the state's elections commission said. Turnout was 43 percent, about two points below the primary figures.

Turnout was a key to Landrieu's victory. Although Republicans launched their "72-hour plan of volunteers going on the phone and in the streets to get the voters to the polls, the Democrats were more successful, particularly among blacks. Terrell got some momentum going in the final week as Bush visited. However, said Ed Renwick of the Loyola Institute of Politics, "That momentum was temporary, transient."

Landrieu is expected, took the urban areas with heavy black voter concentrations and Terrell won in most of the bedroom communities only built by white flight from the cities.

In all, Landrieu carried 35 of the 64 parishes. Landrieu was on the defensive from Republican mudslinging ads throughout Louisiana's unique open primary campaign in which candidates of both parties run. The negative campaigning held her to 46 percent of the vote on Nov. 5. Terrell came in second in a field of nine candidates to win the other runoff spot.

During the off campaign, both sides got into negative television ads that diminished public opinion, think a large number of voters were so turned off by the ads, "It's like both houses," and stayed home.

Both candidates are centrists and not far apart on issues such as Social Security, health care and prescription drugs.

However, national Republicans resorted to TV ads attacking Landrieu, the most liberal senator in state history, claiming she lived in a Washington mansion and had lost touch with the people back home. They also accused her of voting 120 times to raise taxes, although the votes were by a vote of the Democrats who bolted the president's tax relief package.

In the final days of the campaign the radio ad featured a Bill Clinton impersonator saying Landrieu was closed, "All you had to do was listen," he was.

During the primary, Landrieu maintained her distance and did not respond to the attacks, a tactic she later said was a mistake. Finally, her campaign took on the style of the Democrats who bolted the president's tax relief package.

Landrieu also scored with repeated accusations that the Bush administration had struck a secret deal with the Mexican government to import millions of tons of sugar a move she said would hurt Louisiana sugar cane farmers.

Abortion was an undercurrent throughout the campaign. Landrieu supports abortion rights with limits and Terrell is anti-abortion, although she was accused of waiving off her position.

Both candidates are Roman Catholic, as are 1.3 million of the state's 4.4 million people. Yard signs without any candidate's name urged people to "vote pro-life.

Republican Gov. Mike Foster's home parish of St. Mary was won for Landrieu by just 3 percent.

Foster backed Rep. John Cooksey in the Senate primary. Cooksey ran a distant third and did not endorse Terrell until the final two weeks of the runoff campaign.

Terrell was one of the candidates who had endorsed Landrieu. "We don't always agree on the issues but I have always been able to work with her."
She suggested that further analysis of both a rise in pension funds and the power of money managers remains to be

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*European and Trans-Atlantic Aspects* focused on the currency's effect on European institutions and intergovernmental bodies. He also assessed the debate between Europeans and skeptics about the euro's future.

"The basic argument by American economists is that the EMU is bound to fail," Vayrynen said. "There is a kind of trans-Atlantic stalemate because neither side is satisfied but almost any other agreement would be riskier." Philpott praised both works but also posed questions for further investigation and consideration.

"The great strength in Ross' paper is its comprehensive nature," he said. "Some scholars may want more in the area of causal generalizations. Little is said here about globalization that some scholars say leads to economic integration."

The presented papers may soon be organized into a collected volume of works that will include a comprehensive survey of the increase of a few dollars. This means that for high consumers like Boehnen an increase of a few dollars adds up and becomes a larger problem. However, Boehnen said that the change would not affect his loyalty to national brands or motivate a change toward hard alcohol.

"Beer is still cheaper than hard liquor," he said. "The higher prices make them more comparable but not cheaper and for parties kept are still the best way to purchase beer."

In general, the liquor store managers said they are not overly concerned about the hike in prices, but Bulhoye has anticipated the end-of-the-year rush and maintained some of their prices. "We held the prices per case for certain beers, such as Bud, Bud Light, Miller Light, Miller Genuine Draft and Coors Light," said Spore. "Six packs, 12-, 18- and 20-packs will reflect the increases."

According to Spore, "Students buy more [beer] in cases [and] I think this is because the weather outside is not conducive to keeping kegs."

"We are watching how the market reacts, as keeping the price per case the same has reduced our margin of profit," she said. This means that Bulhoye cannot keep prices low for a long period, according to Spore. Spore said she is confident that the increase will not affect long-term sales. "Even though we expect [the increase] to initially affect sales, people will get used to it and restructure their budgets accordingly," she said.

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Iraq calls for evidence in U.S. weapons claims

Associated Press

Iraq

A senior Iraqi official challenged Washington on Sunday to "come up with" evidence it claims the United States still holds weapons of mass destruction. "Why play this game?" asked Lt. Gen. Amer al-Saadi, a top adviser to President Saddam Hussein.

At the same time, al-Saadi told reporters that a huge, new Iraqi arms declaration, submitted to the United Nations on Saturday, doesn't offer fresh Iraqi evidence to allay U.N. suspicions that Baghdad may retain weapons in two crucial areas: VX nerve agents and biological weapons.

He did speak of sensitive evidence in another area, however: information about foreign help to Iraq's past weapons programs that he said "embarrass" some countries and their citizens.

The general, former military production chief and now Saddam's science adviser, spoke at a news conference as the ubiquitous declaration moved deepening a political crisis in the dominant Yugoslav republic, according to exit polls. The presidential vote came under pressure to allay fears that Iraq still possesses some of the world's deadliest weapons.

IAEA experts were to begin examining the documents Sunday night, searching for gaps and comparing Iraq's account to intelligence from other nations and to data from past and present satellite inspections, said IAEA chief Mohamed ElBaradei. He said he hoped to have a preliminary report in 10 days and a more detailed analysis by the end of January.

The two New York copies were earmarked for the Security Council and the U.N. Inspection Commission, whose inspectors are here checking for violations of U.N. resolutions that since the Gulf War have forbidden weapons of mass destruction to Iraq. International inspectors in Iraq in the 1990s destroyed many tons of Iraqi chemical and biological weapons and dismantled its effort to build a nuclear bomb. The Baghdad government denies it retains any such weapons.

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Schools deal with football game riots

By RICHARD RYKENS
The Ohio State Lantern

Students involved in riots fol-
lowing the Ohio State-Michigan
game are methodically being
mythologized as the violent
judicial process, not just on the
Ohio State University cam-
pus but on the campuses of
several other universities.

Ten students were previously
under interim suspension at
OSU, and eight students had
their suspensions continued
after a review of their charges,
said Brian Kadish, director of
communications for Student
Affairs.

Gerstner said the remaining
two students are free to attend
class, but all 10 will face a
judicial review board to deter-
mine their punishment.

A summary of arrests and
citations from the riots was
released Monday by the
Columbus Division of Police,
and the majority of OSU stu-
dents who were arrested were
arrested or cited on charges of
underage drinking or open
canister violations.

Three people identified by
police as OSU students faced
more serious charges — mis-
conduct at an emergency, dis-
orderly conduct, and open
burning.

The arrest record identified
six people as students from
other universities: one each
from Ashland University,
Geneva College, Pittsburgh
University and Capital
University; and two from the
University of Toledo.

The students from Ashland,
Geneva, and Pittsburgh,
and one of the students from
UT, were charged with underage
drinking or open container
violations.

The student from Capital
University was charged with
rioting, and one student from
UT was charged with open
canister and resisting arrest.

Gerstner said letters were
sent to other schools in Ohio
and the Big Ten to notify those
students of their students'
alleged participation in the
riots.

"We'll try to follow up. We're
sharing names, but we're not
getting involved with the judi-
cial process at the other uni-
versities," Gerstner said.

Lori Edgeworth, director of
Student Conduct at the
University of Toledo, said she
had received the Columbus
Police's arrest record but had
not yet contacted the students
in question.

"Unless the University of
Toledo receives something of-
icial from Ohio State, we have
no plans for a specific kind of
punishment," Edgeworth said.

Edgeworth said UT allows for
the punishment of students
even when the behavior did not
occur on the UT campus.

Activists may expel Yale president

By CHRIS GILLON
Columbia Daily Spectator

Seventy-six undergraduate
students at Yale University
filed formal charges against
Yale President Richard Levin
Thursday, claiming he violated
university bylaws in his treat-
ment of students, partic-
ularly those exercising their
freedom of speech right.

If Levin is convicted by the
University Tribunal, he could
face suspension or expulsion,
a press release by the
Undergraduate Organizing
Committee states.

The committee was submit-
ted with the charges, stat-
"the seriousness of [an expul-
sion] matches the seriousness
with which we take these
issues.'"

The letter cites the ongoing
labor strife, which has left
almost 4,000 Yale workers
without renewed contracts as
yet.

The press release argues
Levin has violated
bylaws requiring administra-
tors to "preserve mutual
respect and charitable rela-
tions within the Yale commu-
"Yale freshman Thomas
Frampton said Levin has
done exactly the opposite,
saying his inactions with
regard to workers' rights
and students' rights have led
to a crisis on campus.

'We've approached him at
open forums,' Frampton said.
"We've tried informal sit-
downs with him where stu-
dents felt disrespected or
shut down."!

Another charge states
Levin has misrepresented
university policy to the uni-
dest body. Frampton said he
and other students were
leafleting near the Woolsey
Rotunda on campus and were
harassed by police.

"Repeatedly, President
Levin was asked why it hap-
pened," Frampton said.

According to Frampton,
Levin said leafleting is not
allowed in that area, which
prompted him and others to
research Yale policies.

"Nowhere it says leafleting
is forbidden," Frampton
said.

The third and fourth
charges listed claim Levin has
violated Yale's Freedom of
Expression Policy, stifling
freedom of speech through the
use of university policy.

"There's a lot of students
that feel marginalized and
intimidated," Frampton said.

Yale spokesman Tom
Violante declined to com-
ment.

The letter from the students
says that the charges are not
a personal attack on Levin.

"We are asking nothing
more than that as University
President you will be held to
the same standards as you
would hold your own under-
graduates," the letter states.

The next step, Frampton
said, is unclear. He said an
investigator will most likely
investigate the complaints to
try to formally resolve the
problem.
MARKET RECAP

**Monday Watch December 6**

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**TOP 5 VOLUME LEADERS**

COMPANY: **%CHANGE $/SHARE PRICE**

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NASDAQ-100 INDEX: +1.03 $10.72 7.47
INTEL CORP: -1.32 $25.18 7.71
SPDR TRUST SER: +46.66 $10.69 92.82
UAL CORP: -7.00 $8.07 0.93

**IN BRIEF**

**Dockworkers to convene Friday**

The bitter contract dispute that closed West Coast ports for 10 days this fall isn't over yet.

Members of the dockworkers' union still must approve the tentative contract their representatives signed last month — and going into a union caucus that begins here Monday, signs are that's far from automatic.

That's because in the fiercely democratic International Longshore and Warehouse Union, such gatherings are traditionally raucous, ranging debates. What's more, this year's landmark contract is a tinderbox because it would usher in new cargo-tracking technology that costs about $1 billion in overdue debt payments that would use up most of its reserve fund. United has been unable to stop more than two years of swelling losses.

United spokesman Joe Hopkins declined comment and said the airline would have no announcement next week.

The source close to the company, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the filing would be in Chicago but would not provide other details.

The company's board of directors met in special weekend session to discuss the emergency. Hopkins would not confirm that the board, which recessed late Saturday, was in session again Sunday. But a union source, who declined to be named, said the board reconvened Sunday afternoon.

Union leaders have told their members a bankruptcy filing is imminent and unavoidable, and CEO Glenn Tilton has told employees it was becoming "a more likely outcome."

A spokesman for United's pilot union said passengers Sunday not to abandon the airline in the event it files for bankruptcy.

"We're going to be flying airplanes, today, tomorrow, next week and next lucrative business-class government board, but the airline's going to come out of this bankruptcy stronger. The passengers shouldn't notice any difference."

Bankruptcy of United threats to spread turbulence throughout the Star Alliance network it shares with 13 other airlines, in particular, to German airline Lufthansa and its lucrative business-class traffic across the Atlantic. United provides key connections for non-U.S. airlines that want to sell tickets into and out of the United States.

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**OPEC to urge slower production**

With OPEC pumping oil far more than its output target, the crude producers' cartel is expected this week to insist that its members tighten their taps to help prevent a glut that could send crude prices tumbling.

Saudi Arabia -- de facto leader of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries -- will argue at the same time for the group to increase the level of its targeted output, several analysts said. This would amount to moving the goal post for OPEC's production, to align it more closely with the amount of crude the group is actually producing.

United plans Chapter 11 filing

**Associated Press**

**CHICAGO**

United Airlines plans to file Monday for federal bankruptcy court protection, a source close to the company said Sunday.

The Chapter 11 filing — four days after a federal panel declined to help the world's No. 2 carrier cover its mounting debt — would be the largest airline bankruptcy in U.S. history, and one of the nation's largest bankruptcies ever.

Union operates about 1,700 flights a day, or about 20 percent of all U.S. traffic. A bankruptcy restructuring is likely to result in fewer flights, thousands of additional layoffs and other extensive cost-cutting. Smaller, struggling airlines have pledged to keep flying.

A federal judge would be put in charge of overseeing the tangled financial affairs of United, which owes nearly $1 billion in overdue debt payments.

That's because in the fiercely democratic International Longshore and Warehouse Union, such gatherings are traditionally raucous, ranging debates. What's more, this year's landmark contract is a tinderbox because it would usher in new cargo-tracking technology that costs about $1 billion in overdue debt payments that would use up most of its reserve fund. United has been unable to stop more than two years of swelling losses.

United spokesman Joe Hopkins declined comment and said the airline would have no announcement next week.

The source close to the company, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the filing would be in Chicago but would not provide other details.

The company's board of directors met in special weekend session to discuss the emergency. Hopkins would not confirm that the board, which recessed late Saturday, was in session again Sunday. But a union source, who declined to be named, said the board reconvened Sunday afternoon.

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**Shippers prepare for holiday rush**

**Associated Press**

**ALPHARETTA, Ga.**

Deep discounts driving merchandise off store shelves this month could lead to a bumper-than-normal shipping rush to restock the shelves next month, analysts say.

Major shippers like United Parcel Service and FedEx are prepared for the holiday season by shipping — only 17 instead of 21 regular shipping days between Thanksgiving and Christmas this year. But it's what happens after the holidays that could catch them by surprise, analysts say.

"The retailers decide even if they're not going to have a good period for profits, they're going to have a good period for volume," said Tom Albrecht, an analyst with BBT Capital Markets, a unit of Scott & Stringfellow Inc. in Richmond, Va. "What may end up happening in January and early February may be a little bit better than normal. Inventories were fairly lean coming in to the holiday season."

Atlanta-based UPS and Memphis, Tenn.-based FedEx expect Dec. 19 to be their peak holiday delivery days; UPS plans to deliver 19 million packages; FedEx five million. The companies are bringing in part-time seasonal workers to help; at UPS, it's 60,000 extra people.

Beyond the holiday, the companies are taking a wait-and-see approach.

"We're pretty much gearing up just for our peak season at this point," said FedEx spokeswoman Pam Roberson. "After the season, if there is a need for us to be in a peak mode, we will continue to do whatever it takes to serve the customers."

To make things go more smoothly, shipping companies are encouraging customers to use their Web sites to create address labels and pay shipping costs to eliminate the time they would have to stand in line. The packages can be dropped off at hundreds of facilities around the country, or customers can schedule to have them picked up, for an extra fee in some cases.

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RICHMOND, Va. — Racial hatred was a somewhat abstract concept to Susan Jubilee, who grew up in an open-minded white family, so the gravity of her husband's words did not sink in immediately.

James Jubilee, who is black, had just found a partially charred cross in the front yard of their Virginia Beach home. He told his wife how he stowed the 4-foot cross in the garage the night after they learned of the first attack.

"It really took me a minute to understand what he was saying," Susan Jubilee said.

Someone wanted her family out of the neighborhood, she said, and they used the long-time Ku Klux Klan symbol to deliver the message.

"That's the first warning. Next, they will come back and burn the house down," she said.

Four years after the 1998 incident, the U.S. Supreme Court will hear arguments Wednesday on whether burning a cross is constitutionally protected expression or an over-the-top threat that can be banned by the states. The justices' ruling, expected next year, could affect laws in about a dozen other states.

The Virginia Supreme Court ruled 4-3 last year that the state's 50-year-old law against cross-burning violated the right to free speech.

Attorney General Kenneth T. Cuccinelli, a prominent First Amendment lawyer, took over for Baugh on appeal and will urge the Supreme Court to affirm Virginia's ruling.

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Fire destroys part of Edinburgh

Associated Press

EDINBURGH

A fire tore through Edinburgh's medieval Old Town, destroying 13 buildings, and firefighters working to control the blaze in the neighborhood's narrow cobblestone alleys said Sunday it would likely take two more days to put it out completely.

The Old Town is the heart of Scotland's capital city and is listed as a World Heritage site. None of the damaged buildings was on the heritage listing.

Firefighters were able to bring the fire under control 12 hours after it broke out Saturday night. But they were still battling smaller blazes, trying to ensure that gusting winds did not spread the flames to historically and architecturally significant buildings.

"It is fair to say that we will be here I think for at least another two days," said Del Simpson of Lothian and Borders Fire Brigade. Police and the fire brigade were investigating the cause of the blaze.

The fire, which broke out shortly after 8 p.m. on Saturday forced local authorities to evacuate about 150 people from their homes.

The blaze caused some damage in the Grassmarket, a former market place dating back to the 15th century, which bustles with bars, cafes and restaurants. Though officials said no historic buildings were damaged, several well-known properties were, including the Guilded Balloon a comedy venue for the Edinburgh Festival.

Edinburgh University said research work on artificial intelligence was destroyed when one of its buildings was damaged. A spokesman said researchers would have back up records, however.

The cobbled Royal Mile forms the spine of the Old Town, running from Edinburgh Castle to the Palace of Holyroodhouse. Queen Elizabeth II's official residence when she stays in Scotland.

A network of cobbled alleys, medieval courtyards and lanes branch off along its length, containing historic buildings such as St. Giles Cathedral, Edinburgh University, the City Chambers and the Royal Museum of Scotland.

The brigade's senior divisional officer Graham Torrie described the blaze as "certainly the biggest fire in Edinburgh in living memory."

The air was filled with the sound of loudspeakers, walkietalkies and pumping equipment. Smoke billowed from buildings as firefighters sprayed water onto roofs to stop the flames spreading.

Germany fights anti-Semitism

Associated Press

Israeli President Moshe Katsav on Sunday urged Germans to fight anti-Semitism, warning that the influence of racist fringe groups cannot be underestimated.

Katsav became the first Israeli president to lead the dedication of a synagogue in Germany, when he participated in the opening ceremony for the new Bergische Synagoge in this western city.

"Here and there voices of anti-Semitism can be heard, also in Germany," Katsav said earlier Sunday at a news conference with his German counterpart Johannes Bauer.

He said racist groups may be small but their influence was hard to measure.

Katsav launched his three-day visit amid heightened security after the terrorist National Democratic Party called on supporters to take to the streets in several demonstrations against the German president. Authorities in Wuppertal banned a protest march planned by the party but kept 2,000 police on hand to ensure security.

The Philippine government also does not plan to declare a Christmas cease-fire, president's press secretary Ignacio Bunye said Sunday.

"We cannot put our troops and police forces at risk by declaring a unilateral cease-fire," he said.

Ronal read a statement from a laptop in a hilltop shed decorated with two M-16 rifles beside a red flag emblazoned with the hammer and sickle. A dozen young guerrillas stood guard.

Rosal said the guerrillas were assessing the impact of U.S. support to Philippine military offensives against Muslim extremists that recently was expanded to include more assaults against communist rebels.

The rebels generally will be on the defensive but would target soldiers and police, not civilians, he said.

Rosal last August in the United States placed the guerrillas and the Communist Party on a list of foreign terrorist organizations that also includes the al-Qaeda, Canada and the European Union followed suit.

Ronal said branding the communists terrorists was a way to justify increased military operations. Rosal rejected the terrorist label, claiming communists would target soldiers and police, not civilians or buses where civilians congregate.
I've been getting it a lot lately: “Daw, how can I be cooler?”

My guess is that it's the time of year when people really try to change for the better, which has them chasing the all-albino unicorn of coolness.

Appropriately, they come to me. Long have I wrestled with the spandex-ed Peabody in hopes of finding a way forward. Long have I been unable to do so. Sadly, there is no room for spandex or Peabody. Even if there was, I bet I would have paprika on me and maybe a hint of drill.

Anyway, how can you be cooler? Write this down.

Stop listening to Nickelback now. Embrace all things Jamaican, and only donate to Jamaican charities. If you are a guy, and you respect yourself, burn that turtleneck sweater. Kick anybody you see wearing one, and the person next to them. Instead of standing in mock-turtlenecks — they are way cooler (www.landsend.com — I like the beater). Name your bike, if you haven’t already, but please remember to wear a helmet and stay on the sidewalk. Because your girlfriend. Don’t come to my house claiming house beer if you don’t live in my house. Avoid excessive punctuation. Really, what does the question mark-exclamation point combination mean?

Nothing.

Plants a tree. Watch it grow. Do us all a favor and hang up the rollerblades. Bars close at midnight on the cal-de-sac, folks. Get a hover-board, or anything at all that is isn't the cul-de-sac, folks. Bad music or wearing turtleneck sweaters, there is something to be said for them.

The list goes on. Of course, you may be unwilling to part ways with the turtleneck sweater, or the rollerbladers or the Nickelback. This is really too bad. There is nothing more excruciating than watching a loved one go down that path. I've seen it a hundred times. I've seen many a great man fall victim to the charms of Nickelback and the Gap, Been there, wrecked that?

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Where did I go wrong? Where were my role models? Happy hour, that's where.

Everyday, I'd come home from school, relax in a stack of Fin Newtons and turn to the tube for a quick lesson in cool. We got J.T. from Step-by-Step and Eddie Winrom from Family Matters. We got Saved By The Bell. I looked to Belding's brother, who promised white-water rafting to Bayside, only to be disappointed. I looked to the movies and Robin of Lockley. Not only was he one cool dude who stole from the rich to give to the poor, commanded an army of woodsmen against the Sheriff of Nottingham and won the love of the fair maid Marion, but in the end I just couldn't apply his coolness to my own life. I needed something more, something... I was lost.

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Letter to the Editor

Study abroad ticket policy needs change

Studying abroad has been a great time — definitely a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for many people. I get to live in Toledo, Spain for a year of my life, meet Spaniards and immerse myself in their culture while learning their language. It is an opportunity that I am so grateful I was presented with at Notre Dame.

I am one of five students staying here in Spain for the entire school year. Included in our semester’s tuition and some room and board of approximately $16,000 per semester is the education and facilities of the American school here in Spain, a few excursions and the choice of whether to live with a Spanish family or in dormitory-type housing. Included for all students, regardless of whether they are staying the year or semester abroad, is one round trip ticket from Chicago to Madrid.

This is where my doubts arise. A student studying in Spain for a semester receives one round trip ticket. A student studying in Spain for a year, which is basically two semesters, receives one round trip ticket, as well. I consulted the foreign study department about this and they said that, basically, this is the way it has been done in the past — that the students who stay the year only receive only round trip ticket like those who are staying only a semester.

We have about a four-week break in between the fall and spring semesters and there is no housing provided. In essence, who wants to spend the holidays away from home, especially when you are already in a foreign atmosphere continuously from September to May? I am introducing this topic in hopes of provoking con­versation on campus, especially for those intending on studying in any foreign program. This is not meant at all to attack the foreign studies department because they have been very helpful with me in Toledo. However, although this has been the structure in the past, is there any way to change and progress? Perhaps this change and progression should include two round trip tickets for those staying two semesters abroad.

Joe Guina

sophomore

Toledo, Spain

Dec. 6

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"Don't be so humble — you are not that great."

Golda Meir

former Israeli prime minister

Quote of the Day
New intelligence tactics reek of Cold War-erasing

By now, most people are aware of the plains our government has made to collect information on American citizens, and most likely everyone acknowledges the dangers the Total Information Awareness Office poses to our civil liberties. Yet it appears that the majority of Americans do not seriously entertain the notion that the government will abuse this new power in any systematic manner. Perhaps some problems might arise while combating terrorists, but that will be the extent of any abuses.

Contrast this view with what the Church Committee recommended to the Senate in 1976 after its investigation into intelligence activities within our borders. "We have listed segments of our government, in their attitudes and actions, adopting tactics and approaches of a totalitarian democracy, and occasionally reminiscent of the tactics of totalitarian regimes." The Committee found, not surprisingly, that "programs initiated with limited goals...such as identifying foreign spies," grew to the surveillance of political dissenters, even when their "activities pose no threat to three of violation or illegal acts."

The most frightening abuse of power was the FBI's covert counterintelligence program, or CENTELPRO, under which the FBI employed tactics "indisputably degrading to a free society."

This included instigating gang warfare among black activist groups such as the Black Panthers, mailing anonymous letters to political activists for the purpose of breaking up their marriages, and a "war" against Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to "neutralize" him as a civil rights leader, as his rhetoric of equality and freedom did not resonate with our government.

Indeed, 34 days before King was to receive the Nobel Peace Prize, the FBI sent him a letter indicating in essence that he ought to utilize one of those 34 days to kill suicide. "You are done," it ended, "There is but one way out for you." Should there be any false hopes that the Church Commission's findings bordered they horrible practices, consider news from the even more recent past.

On Nov. 21, the American Civil Liberties Union Foundation of Colorado released documents "revealing that the Colorado Springs Police Department has collected intelligence information on the free speech activities of peaceful critics of government policy." In August, it was made public that the FBI's mass intelligence court (who knew we had such a thing?) was misled over 75 times by the FBI in an attempt to determine the virtue of the intentions behind the social structure are good? But if that's the case, whose place is it to decide the virtue of the intentions behind such a structure — the "open-minded?"

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The inside scoop on what goes on at the retreats you hear so much about

By SARAH VABULAS
Assistant Scene Editor

Campus retreats. You have heard about them, but never gone on one. Maybe because you don't know anyone that would go with you, or maybe you don't know enough about them to take the plunge and give it a shot.

Notre Dame provides numerous opportunities to go on a retreat: Freshman Retreat, Sophomore Road Trip, Notre Dame Encounter (NDE), and Senior Retreat. Most who sacrifice a weekend come out of the retreat with numerous new friends as well as being spiritually renewed.

Sophomore Christina Dehan of Badin Hall says some of "the best memories I've had at Notre Dame are from retreats. They've been huge blessings in my life and I can't imagine my experience at Notre Dame without them."

Dehan went on Freshman Retreat, Sophomore Road Trip, as well as lead the past three Freshman Retreats this year.

The first year of college presents the challenges and opportunities of transition: having the familiarity of families, schools, and communities to enter a world of new possibilities and choices. Often at the center of these transitions is a person's faith.

Freshman retreat addresses these questions: How can we sustain the faith we have come to embrace growing up? How might it be enriched?

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Who are the people around us asking the same questions? The Notre Dame Freshman Retreat is designed for all students, Catholic, and non-Catholic, to share this journey of faith with their peers and benefit from the experience and wisdom of upperclassmen who have made this transition.

Freshman retreat is a great way to get away and meet other freshman to realize that one is not alone at Notre Dame with both freshman and upperclassmen.

On freshman retreat, there is a lot of talking about what the experience at Notre Dame has been like thus far and how God can be seen across campus. Upperclassmen give talks, act out skits, and interact with freshman in small group discussions, providing a time for freshman to be open and honest. The Mass at the end of the retreat solidifies the weekend and the experience.

Freshman Julia Fitzpatrick of Welsh Family Hall says "it was a great break from work and a great time for relaxation, reflection, meeting new people. It is a great time to reflect on faith and reflect on how life will be like at Notre Dame- what your faith life will be like at Notre Dame."

Through presentations and discussions, prayer and song; as well as some fun activities, the twenty-six hour Notre Dame Freshman Retreat offers students a chance to address some important issues while making new friends.

For two days and one night, the retreat draws first-year men and women together to reflect upon what they have brought to Notre Dame and their hopes for their lives at Notre Dame and beyond. This retreat is structured around three pillars: community, faith, and hope.

The retreat provides students with the opportunity to meet men and women from other dorms who are adjusting to life at Notre Dame. It encourages them to listen and speak with other students about what Notre Dame has been like so far.

The retreat encourages students to express and explore the importance of their faith. It also provides information about various opportunities within Campus Ministry where one might seek additional sustenance for personal and communal Christian enrichment.

Students from a retreat all rest together during their weekend together as they discussed their relationships and feelings about that the experience was not only fun but spiritual as well.

Students will be invited to reflect on their hopes for their time at Notre Dame. The retreat will provide participants with a context to explore some of the ways in which their faith in God will enrich their time at Notre Dame as well as how it will contribute to the lives of others on, and beyond, campus.

But there is so much more beyond the two days spent on freshman retreat. Katie Hammond, freshman from Welsh Family Hall says it was an "awesome experience that allows you to know there is a lot more faith on campus. It is not just something for the weekend. The leaders provide ways to keep in touch with people because there is an activity at least once a week. One of the best things about freshman retreat occurs after the retreat: going to the Grotto and praying on Sunday nights."

Don't be fooled. Not only is the weekend spiritual, but there is significant time provided to socialize and play games. Mafia is a popular game played on most freshman retreats. Meeting new people in this type of atmosphere is one of a kind. Everyone is there for the same reason. Dehan said, "Freshman retreat was the first time people ever experience how they thought the Notre Dame community would be."

Sophomore Road Trip proves to be a much different type of retreat.

Junior Joshua Stagni of Morrissey Manor said, "It was an awesome,

Students for a retreat pose together near the lake on campus. Members of the retreat often bond together and develop close relationships as they discuss their experiences at Notre Dame.
The Notre Dame Encounter retreat is more an upperclassmen retreat, however, this is a fallacy. While the retreat tends to be heavily laden with juniors and seniors, a fair amount of sophomores and freshmen utilize the opportunity to go. Through presentations and discussions, songs and prayer, as well as some fun activities, NDE is a three-day retreat experience that allows students to explore more deeply the meaning of their relationship with God and their commitment to living the Christian life. NDE’s are held at the Fatima Retreat Center, which is located at the west end of campus and is large enough to house as many as 56 students. A team of 10 students and seven faculty or staff members assist on the NDE weekends.

Matthew Bleecher, a senior from Siegfried Hall, says NDE is “a deeply, personally challenging retreat. The most important part of it is that if you go there with an open mind and an open heart about your faith, then you can challenge yourself to look at how you see yourself, others, and God.”

Most who come off this retreat attest to the fact that it does make one think about themselves very much and where his or her life is headed. It is a learning experience and “Notre Dame spiritual experience personified,” said Stagno.

With a whole-hearted endorsement, Bleecher says, “If you’re a person who can challenge themselves to want to learn more about themselves and God, this retreat is for you. But everyone should do an NDE retreat before they graduate.”

The retreats are set up well. They utilize the same basic format each time, but in reality, every retreat is unique, even on an individual basis. Most who go on a retreat come back singing its praises as well as encouraging other around them to attend the next one.

Many students feel so blessed to be at a place where so many retreats are offered. Perhaps it was one of the reasons many of them decided to attend Notre Dame. Dehan says to “take advantage of the many retreats offered so frequently. There is a retreat almost every weekend in the spring. It is a wonderful way to step back and look at your life and what God has been doing in it. It is a great way to thank Him for it.”

Further information about these retreats and others as well as retreat applications can be found at http://www.nd.edu/~ministry/retreats.html.

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When to look for upcoming class retreats:

Sophomore Class Retreat
Feb. 7-8, 2003
Senior Retreat #8
Jan. 31-Feb. 1, 2003 - Sacred Heart Parish, 1 pm-7 pm
Senior Retreat Day
March 28-29, 2003 - Sacred Heart Parish

Freshman Retreats
Contact: Father Kevin Russeau, 631-6633
Freshman #45, Jan. 24-25, 2003 - Sacred Heart Parish, 1 pm-7 pm
Freshman #46, Feb. 21-22, 2003 - St. Joseph Hall, 1 pm-7 pm
Freshman #47, April 4-5, 2003 - St. Joseph Hall, 1 pm-7 pm

NDE Retreats
Contact: Sister Sue Bruno, 631-6633
NDE #74 Retreat, Jan. 31-Feb. 1, 2003 - Fatima Retreat Center
NDE #75 Retreat, Feb. 28-March 2, 2003 - Fatima Retreat Center
NDE #76 Retreat, April 11-13, 2003 - Fatima Retreat Center

What to expect from each campus retreat:

Freshman Retreat
- A lot of talking about what the experience at Notre Dame has been like thus far
- Discussions about how God can be seen across campus
- Upperclassmen give talks and act out skits
- Small group discussions between upperclassmen and freshmen
- A closing Mass

Sophomore Retreat
- Three-day road trip
- The opportunity to meet different people and discuss the Notre Dame experience
- Many scavenger hunts
- An outdoory environment
- Secretive activities that are revealed on the retreat

Notre Dame Encounter
- Three-day retreat experience
- Students explore the meaning of their relationship with God
- Discuss their commitment to living the Christian life.
- Held at the Fatima Retreat Center, which is located at the west end of campus
- Large enough to house as many as 56 students
- A team of 10 students and seven faculty or staff members assist
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Their best record over that span except for Pittsburgh's won the game like this defensively. Brady is pushing Drew Bledsoe toward meltdown. Instead, they never had a chance to play. To the second time in barely a month.

The Browns (7-6) looked all but out of the playoff chase after a disheartening 13-6 loss to Carolina last week. But it's folly to count them out. Their surprising loss to Houston, pulled them within a half-game of the AFC North. But it didn't put in Kordell Stewart, who led Pittsburgh to victories in its previous two games, and didn't say whether Stewart could start next week against Jacksonville.

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Jacksons combine for 41 points, Kings victory

SAN ANTONIO

The San Antonio Spurs might have fared better against the Sacramento Kings on Sunday if they had a pair of Jacksons. And some steals. And their coach for Center.

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Monday, December 9, 2002

The Kings had all of these, and they came away with a 104-80 victory over the Spurs in their first game at the SRC Center. The victory was the sixth in a row for Sacramento, which leads the Pacific Division with an 18-5 record.

Jim Jackson came off the bench for 23 points and Bobby Jackson contributed 14 points for the Kings. Chris Webber also finished with 23 points by shooting 6-for-8 in the second half, and he grabbed 13 rebounds. Doug Christie tied the Kings' team record with eight steals while also scoring 16 points and dishing out nine assists. "(Christie) kept getting in the passing lane and getting in their way," Bobby Jackson said. "He set the defensive tempo for us early and we just built on it."

Christie said afterward that having so many injured teammates — Sacramento had only eight players in uniform helped him keep their focus.

"Sometimes when you got a lot of people, there's a tendency — myself included — to lay back," he said. "When you don't have the people, you got to play hard."

Sacramento tied an NBA record by turning the ball over only three times in the first three quarters. The Kings controlled the ball and outscored the Spurs 26-5 in the second half.

"We were so determined to not let that happen again, and then it happened again," Robinson said.

The Spurs answered with 12-4 tear of their own to cut the deficit to 66-58, with about four minutes left in the third. But the Kings worked their lead back up to 14, 79-65, with an offensive burst led by Jim Jackson's three baskets.

"They created turnovers and shot the ball well," Popovich said. "It was a combination of our defense not being up to par and the turnovers leading to easy baskets."

Lakers 150, Jazz 101

The Los Angeles Lakers parlayed the momentum from their amazing comeback against Dallas into a 110-11 victory over the Utah Jazz and put themselves in position to win three consecutive games for the first time this season.

Shaquille O'Neal had 32 points and 11 rebounds and Kobe Bryant added 25 points and 14 assists as the Lakers posted consecutive victories for the first time in two weeks Sunday night.

"We're back to playing Lakers style of basketball which is high-intensity defense, trying to get some easy opportunities, and because of that our rhythm is coming back and the game is more fun," Bryant said. "Right now it's just important to establish a momentum, see if we can sustain it."

Bryant showed no ill effects from the pubic haired cyst he sustained Friday against the Mavericks when he scored 21 points Saturday.

He punctuated the victory Sunday with a driving dunk with four seconds left.

"My groin was pretty stiff when I woke up," Bryant said for the last time, "I couldn't really put it into fourth, fifth gear," Bryant said. "Tonight was a game I was really worried about. It seemed I was able to play pretty well. My range of motion was pretty good."

The Lakers' 27-point fourth-quarter rally was the second-biggest in NBA history. They've now won back-to-back games for just the third time this season. They'll try to get three in a row Tuesday night at Golden State.

O'Neal in particular was on his game early, scoring 16 points in the first quarter. It was one of his most productive outings since returning from foot surgery Nov. 22.

"It looks like he's getting himself in game shape. When you have a rest day between games it helps," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said. "Shaq was good and Kobe, at times, was terrific."

Andrei Kirilenko scored a career-high 30 points and made all 10 of his free throws. Matt Harpring added 24 points for Utah, which had won nine of its previous 10 games.

"We couldn't have beat anyone the way we played," Utah coach Jerry Sloan said. "I thought we played unfairly for anyone who had to pay the money to come see us play."

Trail Blazers 104, Raptors 91

The injury-plagued Raptors, who have lost nine of 12, were without Davis, who is sidelined with a swollen right knee.

"We took advantage of them not having their big man in the middle," Wells said. "We know Antonio Davis wasn't going to play. We knew it was going to be a little light on the inside. We made a focus."

Davis doesn't expect to travel with the Raptors for their game in Cleveland on Wednesday night.

"Right now there is just a lot of bleeding and swelling around the knee," Davis said. "The pictures that we saw show some aggravated cartilage. I had the same thing last year. I sat out four or five days, the swelling went down and I got back to work and everything was fine. I'm hoping that is the case this time."

Davis left a game against Chicago on Friday night in the second quarter with the injury and didn't return. Davis is averaging 13.5 points and 8.3 rebounds.

Vince Carter scored 25 points for the Raptors, but he wasn't on the court when the Trail Blazers pulled away, bridging the third and fourth quarters with a 16-4 run.\n
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Freshman leads Florida to victory over intra-state rival

After a free throw by Matt Walsh, Roberson hit a 3 for his first points of the half and Lee added a basket to make it 66-50 with just under two minutes to go. "He gave them a lift when they needed one," South Florida coach Soh Greenberg said of Roberson. "He made big shots." Lee had four slams and Roberson hit two 3s to put Florida ahead 12-9 with 12:34 left in the first half.

For the biggest thing right now is energy," Roberson said. "I'm trying to come in with lot of energy." Florida had struggled in its previous games, beating Florida State 58-57 Friday, three days after losing 68-66 at West Virginia.

"Our goal is to take every game with the most energy we can and at the same time develop a new level of toughness and a new level of confidence," Lee said. "I think if we bring energy and play the way we are capable of, we can beat anybody on any given night."

Jimmy Battle had 13 points for South Florida (4-1), which was looking to open the season with five straight wins for the fourth time in school history. Battle had 16 points as Florida took a 40-25 halftime lead. "He really opened the game for us in the first half," Dononovan said. "He was terrific." South Florida put together a 7-0 run, including a 3-pointer by Reggie Kohn, to get within 49-43 with 17:22 minutes to play. Florida responded with a 10-run to go up 52-36 midway through the second half as Rotterdam and Matt Bonner each hit a 3-pointer.

South Florida made a late run, cutting the deficit to 62-50 on Will McDonald's basket. "We obviously as coaches and players have to take responsibility that we weren't ready to play," Minnesota coach Dan Monson said. "When you get down 15-0, it's a tough chore. They're a tired team and, I think, a team that has a lot of pride. They were embarrassed today."

"Rick's weak. He's obviously not ready yet," Monson said. "Playing at this level, he wasn't in any condition to do it, we needed him and he tried." The Gophers, playing their fifth game in five days and Rick Rickert, the Big 10 preseason player of the year, was feeling the effects of the flu. Nebraska took full advantage of the situation Sunday, running away with an 80-60 victory over the Golden Gophers (No. 17 ESPN/USA Today, No. 20 AP). Andrew Drevo had career-highs of 27 points and 14 rebounds to lead the Cornhuskers. Drevo, a transfer from Division II Monroe, scored 10 points as the Cornhuskers took a 16-0 lead. "When you go on a big run, it's important to not get too excited," Drevo said. "The defense is to let down. Minnesota made a couple runs, but we never let them get close to us."

The Gophers (4-1) missed their first five shots and committed five turnovers before Michael Bauer scored 5:59 into the game to end the drought. The Huskers (3-3) scored on seven of their first 10 possessions to start the rout, with Drevo hitting two 3-pointers and dunking two putbacks.

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The Terrapins closed the 1-0 point on a 19-3 run to lead 65-55 with 11:40 left. Drevo, a 6-foot-8, 270-pound junior forward who sat out last year after transferring, is averaging 17.3 points in his last three games. This game was his first double-double.

Blake had career-highs of 27 points and five 3-pointers, and Nicholas added 27 points to lead Maryland (8 No. 5 ESPN/USA Today, No. 9 AP) to a 93-82 victory over George Washington in the third-place game of the BB&T Classic. Blake didn't score until he converted his first 3-pointer with 9:29 left in the first half and the Colonials ahead 31-24. That started a streak of 10 straight points by the senior guard.

"We were struggling a little bit and I wanted to get things going," Blake said. "I told myself there was no way we were going to lose this game. I wanted to make things happen." The Terrapins (4-2), who were only 4-of-17 on 3-point attempts in an upset loss to Notre Dame on Saturday, were 12-of-17 from beyond the arc against the Colonials (3-3).

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"Scoreless until that point, Blake had the final 10 points of a 12-0 Maryland run that tied the game at 31. After Thompson's four-point play put the Colonials up 35-31, the Terrapins closed the half by going on a 20-2 drive, including a 17-0 run by Blake to open the second half.

"Blake's driving layup with 7.8 seconds to play in the half gave Maryland the lead for good at 38-37," Hobbs said. "The Terrapins led by as many as 21 points on Travis Garrison's jumper midway through the second half.

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Hurricanes storm to big Fiesta after defeating Hokies

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MIAMI

From the start of the game, the goal was simple for Miami: win every game out and return to the national championship game.

After some twists and turns and a few closer-than-expected games, the Hurricanes accomplished their mission.

With Willis McGahee running for a school-record six touchdowns and career-best 205 yards, the top-ranked Hurricanes won a wild 56-45 victory over Virginia Tech (No. 14 ESPNU Today, No. 18 AP) on Saturday to set up a national title game of unbeaten: 12-0 Miami against 13-0 Ohio State in the Fiesta Bowl on Jan. 3.

"It feels great to go undefeated and earn our way to play for a national championship," said quarterback Ken Dorsey, who threw for 300 yards and two TDs while improving to 38-1 as a starter.

Now for the next step: repeat as champions.

"Everybody expected to be here," said center Brett Lilko.

"We're not ecstatic, but we're definitely happy that the goal is coming closer and closer. It's not finished yet. We still got one more game, and that's when we'll celebrate—when we win that game.

The Canes will take a 34-game winning streak to Tempe, Ariz., to face No. 22 Arizona on Saturday in a bowl game.

Miami's骷髅 and Crossbones Trophy for the sixth-longest in Division I-A history. Miami's streak is the longest since Tulioo's 36-game streak from 1969-71.

"I may be the luckiest coach in the world," said Miami's Larry Coker, who was doused with a bucket of water as he ran off the field.

Miami will attempt to become the second team to repeat as national champions since Nebraska did it in 1997 and 1998. Nebraska won back-to-back crowns in 1994-95. The Hurricanes have won five national titles since 1981, under four coaches.

"They put themselves in position for another title by winning a game that Coker called "quite a crazy attraction."

Miami seemingly had control with a 49-21 lead early in the third quarter, but the Hokies (9-4) came up with three big plays to pull within striking distance and then hung in until the end.

Willie Pile returned an interception 96 yards for a score — on a play in which Dorsey was the intended receiver.

DeAngelo Hall returned a punt 71 yards to set up a field goal, and Roynell Whittaker ran 56 yards with an interception to set up the second of Lee's TDs — a 9-yarder.

"Just because my legs hurt now, I wasn't going to let my heart hurt," said Gesser, whose 24-10 record as WSU's starting quarterback is the best in school history.

Although his ankle hurt the entire game, he added that "there's no way that anyone can knock me out of the Rose Bowl this year."

The seventh-ranked Cougars beat the Bruins soundly, despite botching a fake field goal and an onside kick and getting a field goal blocked. In addition, one poorly thrown pass by Gesser was intercepted by Ben Emanuel and another one was picked off on a play in which Dorsey was hit.

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WSU (10-2-1) has beaten the Rose Bowl two times in five years. The Buffaloes are 33-11 since 1997.

"We feel like we could come out and shut them down," said Georgia defensive tackle Ken Weal. "I don't know if it was our scheme or if we were just more fired up than them, but we were just able to stop them.

The Razorbacks' initial first down was the result of a person

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Atlantic’s Greg Maddux hurl’s a pitch against the Giants in the 2002 playoffs. Atlanta opted to offer arbitration to Maddux instead of agreeing to a contract. The Braves lost star pitcher Tom Glavine to the Mets earlier this year.

Maddux, 24 others offered salary arbitration

**Associated Press**

**New York**

Roger Clemens, Greg Maddux and Jeff Kent were offered salary arbitration by their old teams, Ray Durham moved across San Francisco Bay to the Giants, and Texas said goodbye to Ivan Rodriguez on a busy deadline night in baseball.

Teams had until midnight EST to re-sign their former players who became free agents or offer them arbitration. The New York Yankees made the offer to Clemens, who wants to re-sign, Atlanta made the offer to Maddux just before midnight and the NL champion San Francisco Giants made the offer to Kent.

In all, 24 players were offered arbitration, including pitcher Tom Glavine, who agreed Thursday to a tentative deal with the New York Mets. Those offered arbitration have until Dec. 19 to accept or reject the offers and can continue negotiations through Jan. 8. The 107 not offered arbitration can’t re-sign until May 1. Durham, a second baseman who was Oakland’s designated hitter, was among 13 free agents who signed Saturday. He agreed to a $20.1 million, three-year contract with the Giants, who also gave him a $7 million player option for 2006. San Francisco also signed outfielder Marquis Grissom to a $4.25 million, two-year deal.

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**In Brief**

Portland finally gets NCAA women’s soccer title

Christine Sinclair looked at the rain and soggy field and liked Portland’s chances of winning its first national championship.

Put shots on goal, she said, and something’s bound to go in.

Sinclair scored twice on Sunday, sending the Pilots to a 2-1 victory over Santa Clara with a goal in sudden-death overtime in the NCAA Women’s College Cup final.

"If we get him off the [trainer’s] table, and think he’s off yet, we’ll see how he feels," Hecht said. Hecht was hurt seven minutes into the third period after the Sabres rallied for a late 4-3 victory over Washington. "Once we get him off the [trainer’s] table, and I don’t think he’s off yet, we’ll see how he feels," Hecht said. Hecht was hurt seven minutes into the third period after the Sabres rallied for a late 4-3 victory over Washington. "Once we get him off the [trainer’s] table, and I don’t think he’s off yet, we’ll see how he feels," Hecht said. Hecht was hurt seven minutes into the third period after the Sabres rallied for a late 4-3 victory over Washington. "Once we get him off the [trainer’s] table, and I don’t think he’s off yet, we’ll see how he feels," Hecht said. Hecht was hurt seven minutes into the third period after the Sabres rallied for a late 4-3 victory over Washington. "Once we get him off the [trainer’s] table, and I don’t think he’s off yet, we’ll see how he feels," Hecht said.
Belles fall to Chicago in final round of Roundball Classic

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN and TROY WILLIAMS
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Saint Mary's (2-3) was confident in their abilities, and emotions were running high coming into Saturday's championship game following a 50-38 toun­
ning of Rose Hillman (1-4) on Friday night. Leading the domi­
nation of the Engineers was senior standout Shaun Russell, (eight points, five assists, two steals, four rebounds), and sophomore Emily Creachbaum (14 points).

Said Russell, the only senior on the team, "We are so excited to be in the championship game. We haven't won this tournament in a long time, and we have a great chance this year." However, despite Russell's wishes, the Belles couldn't get it done in the championship of the Saint Mary's Roundball Classic, as they were defeated by a quick University of Chicago team.

Saint Mary's put forth a valiant effort against the University of Chicago (2-3), but were unable to finish the job, losing 68-65 in overtime, after early domination by the Maroons. The Belles struggled early in the first half, going scoreless for nearly seven minutes. With ten minutes left in the first half, the Maroons had a commanding 18-4 lead.

St. Mary's ball handling was ripped to shreds by a relentless Chicago defense led by guards Jaime Bleck and Paula Lepta. Bleck dominated the boards, with four first half rebounds, while Tournament MVP Lepta had 14 first half points, finishing with 21 for the game, to go with 11 rebounds.

"Chicago had excellent cover­
age," said Saint Mary's head coach Suzanne Bellina of their opponents' swarming defense. "We just tried to get between them and the ball and I think the girls gave it their best shot." However, the Belles managed to turn the game around late in the first half, largely due to the play of All-Tournament forward Emily Creachbaum. Creachbaum was 9 for 15 in shooting and 5 for 8 from the line, leading the team in points and rebounds, with 25 and eight, respectively.

In spite of the slow start, the Belles ended the half with a 41-­32 lead, but ran into trouble again late in the second half, as the Maroons turned on the heat and tied the game at 61 to send the contest to overtime.

Overtime dragged on, as the game became foul-plagued, and Chicago gained the upper hand, pulling away with a 68-65 victo­
ry, destroying the Belles' hopes of their first tournament champi­
one­ship since 1992.

"There's really nowhere to put the blame," said Bellina. "Both teams played their own game." Saint Mary's looks to rebound against Goshen College Wednesday at 7 p.m. at home.

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Spartans end Irish title run, 26-match home win streak

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

Something had to give.

Notre Dame last advanced past the second round of the NCAA Tournament in 1995 and came into Sunday's second-round match with a 36-match home winning streak.

Michigan State last made it to the round of 16 in 1996 and was looking to knock the Irish from advancing to the Sweet 16 for the seventh straight post-season.

"It's always disappointing to lose. You never want your season to be over," Notre Dame coach Debbie Brown said. "...Every year that you get there, you think this is the year you are going to take it a little bit farther, and we had every reason to believe that we could do that this year."

As disappointed as the Irish were, the Spartans were equally happy.

"We are excited, proud, relieved and feel all the emotions in the world," Michigan State coach Chuck Erbe said. "This was one of their goals to get past the second round."

In a tightly-contested game one, the Irish gave the Spartans five points on bad serves and three points on hitting kills into the net. Losing the first game by only two points makes those mistakes even more agonizing.

"I think obviously we lost that first game by two points and it was very competitive and we fought hard," Brown said. "Often when you are a little bit tight or nervous serving, that is going to show up. Winning game 1 is very important and that sets the tone for the match."

With game 2 tied at six, the Spartans took control of the game by winning 14 of the next 16 points to take a commanding 20-8 lead.

That deficit proved to be too much as the Irish drew no closer than eight in losing game 2 by 10.

Notre Dame kept game 3 close despite hitting .077. Michigan State again made a run, this time the Spartans scored seven consecutive points with the game tied at 18.

Once again, that hole proved to be too deep, as the Irish lost game 3 and saw their season come to an unexpected conclusion.

"I think particularly in games 2 and 3 our passing broke down, and when that happened, our offense just wasn't as productive," Brown said. "I think they also played really good defense. We weren't getting a lot of kills and then we tried to force some shots that weren't there."

Notre Dame came into the weekend tied with Nebraska for the second straight year.

For the Irish, outside hitter Jenny Rood led the Spartans with 13 and hit .600. Outside hitter Lauren Kelbley and Lauren Brewster led the Irish with 11 kills each. Kelbley hit .435 for the match.

Senior defensive specialist Keera Coughlin dives to save the ball during the Notre Dame's second round NCAA Tournament loss to Michigan State Sunday at the Joyce Center.

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After brief losing streak, Irish post weekend victories

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Sports Writer

The Nielsen ratings were high for the Irish this weekend as they swept Bowling Green in a two-game series.

Notre Dame, who came into the series on a two-game losing streak, reversed their fortunes with a 6-3 victory over the Falcons on Saturday and a 5-2 win Sunday.

Evon Nielsen, the senior Irish captain and top defenseman, had two goals and four assists in the two games, almost doubling his season point total of seven going into the weekend.

"It's so hard to score goals 5-on-5," Irish head coach Dave Poulin said. "You have to look to special teams and defense."

Special teams were crucial in Saturday's victory, with the Irish capitalizing on four of six power plays, while killing all six Falcon power plays.

Just a week before, in a 5-4 loss at Alaska-Fairbanks, the Irish gave up four power play goals while going 0-for-4 with the man advantage.

Saturday, the Irish jumped out to an early lead at 4:54 of the first period when sophomore wing Cory McLean and junior defenseman Neil Komadowski gave Notre Dame a 4-2 lead going into the third period.

The Falcons cut the deficit to one just a minute into the third after forward Brett Pilkington wristed a shot from the blue line past an unscreened Cey.

Nielsen answered for the Irish about three minutes later with his first goal of the season. The Irish defenseman took an initial pass from Cey and broke in on-1-on-1 on Sigalet. Nielsen made a nifty move to fake his defender to the left, and then pulled back to center to rip a slap shot over the Falcon goaltender's right shoulder.

"I knew somebody would get one back for us," Nielsen said.

"I'm glad it ended up being me."

The Irish got an insurance goal at 18:04 of the final period on the power play, with McLean scoring his second of the game after assists from Globke and Wrublowski.

Cey was good in net for the Irish in Saturday's win, stopping 37 of 40 shots. Sunday, he was unbelievable. The Saskatchewan native saved 47 of 49 shots, achieving a new career high for saves.

"I felt a lot more comfortable this weekend," Cey said.

"Worked out a lot of the bad stuff."

Globke got the first goal of the game just 20 seconds into the contest. An attempted clear by Bowling Green was blocked by Nielsen in the neutral zone, who passed to senior center Connor Dunlop who then found Globke skating up the left side. Globke launched a slap shot from the left circle that beat senior Falcon goaltender Tyler Masters high on the glove side.

A power play goal by the Falcon forward Mike Falk at 9:34 of the first and a goal by forward D'Arcy McConvey at 12:23 of the second gave Bowling Green a 2-1 lead.

Nielsen tied the game back up for the Irish at 14:00 of the second, after collecting a beautiful drop pass from Stastny and flipping the puck over Masters' glove.

"That was really good vision by Cey," Poulin said. "Sometimes when you're going on a rush you get tunnel vision. He had a great weekend overall."

Senior wing Michael Chin gave the Irish a 3-2 lead just a minute and a half later with his second goal of the season.

Wrublowski scored two even strength goals in the third to seal the victory for the Irish. Stastny and Nielsen assisted on his first, but the second was a beautiful individual effort where he faked Masters to the left and crossed over to flip it into the vacated net.

The Irish travel to Detroit Saturday to take on Wayne State at Joe Louis Arena. Their next home game is not until Jan. 17.

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**MENS SWIMMING**

Irish emerge first among tough field at ND Invitational

By LISA REIJULA
Sports Writer

The Irish men's swimming and diving team won the largest Notre Dame Invitational in school history, dominating the rest of field in the three-day event.

Notre Dame never trailed in the meet and finished atop the standings each day.

Winning with a final score of 1,840.50, the Irish were followed by Wyoming (1,227) in second and West Virginia (1,132.5) in third.

"It was an effort by the team as a whole," freshman Tyler Grenda said. "We did even better than we thought we were going to do."

Division III standout Denison (1,111.50) was next in fourth, followed by North Dakota (874.50), Wisconsin-Green Bay (726), St. Louis (508), Shippensburg (411), and Louisville (605).

St. Louis (411), Indianapolis (605), and Louisville (508) set two NCAA B qualifying times of 2:01.04, 1:53.65, and 1:47.84.

Wyoming's Scott Usher won the 200 breaststroke with an NCAA B qualifying time of 2:01.04, finishing just ahead of Notre Dame's Fitzpatrick. Usher set a meet record in the 100 breaststroke on the second day of competition, while Fitzpatrick set a new Irish record.

Notre Dame's Oral finished third, followed by Ohio State and Tyler Grenda. Oral also set a meet and pool record in the 50 freestyle.

Notre Dame's victory was made certain after the Irish demolished the competition in the 400 relay. The team of Krakowski, Matt Obringer, Fitzpatrick, and Randolph took first in 3:03.40, beating second-place North Dakota handily.

Grenda also said the win showed the Irish's progress this season.

"We know that if we keep working to get where we want to go, we can do it," he said.

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2. FALSE. Most people believe they can control their sleep. In a test done by the American Sleep Association, four out of five people believed they could predict when they were going to fall asleep. They were wrong. If you are drowsy, you can fall asleep and never even know it.

3. FALSE. Even the safest drivers become confused and use poor judgment when they are sleepy. The young man who won "America's safest driver" in 1990 later fell asleep behind the wheel and was killed.

4. FALSE. Even people who say they are not tired will quickly fall asleep in a darkened room if they have not been getting enough sleep. If you think you cannot fall asleep, stop the car and recline for 15 minutes anyway. You may be surprised at how quickly you fall asleep when you give yourself the chance.

5. TRUE. Sleepy drivers misjudge their surroundings. They cannot process information as quickly or as accurately as an alert driver and may not react fast enough to avoid an accident.

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MENS BASKETBALL

GIANT KILLERS

IRISH KNOCK OFF NO. 9 MARYLAND, NO. 2 TEXAS TO WIN BB&T CLASSIC

By CHEIS FEDERICO
Sport Editor

It was a sweet homecoming for Danny Miller and a coming out party for Torri Francis and the Irish as unranked Notre Dame knocked off No. 9 Maryland and No. 2 Texas in the BB&T Classic at the MCI Center in Washington.

The pair of upssets came on the heels of Notre Dame's 92-71 victory over No. 13 Marquette in the Joyce Center Dec. 2.

"We came into Washington off the radar screen," Irish coach Mike Brey told The Associated Press after the game Sunday. "We are going to be all over the radar screen now.

Miller, a transfer from Maryland, had 17 points and seven rebounds against his former Terrapin teammates, as the Irish grabbed a convincing 79-67 victory Saturday over Maryland in the first round of the BB&T Classic in the Terps' own backyard.

The senior Irish forward was booed nearly every time he touched the ball Saturday from the hometown Maryland fans, but he quickly quieted the crowd, scoring the first five points of the game with an early triple-pointer. Miller finished 5-for-11 from behind the arc.

"Boos and stuff don't bother me," Miller told the AP. "I expected them when I came in. I just shake it off.

But the real star over the weekend for the Irish was the freshman Francis. The Irish forward was 8-for-8 shooting from the field, finishing with 20 points, eight rebounds and three blocks against Maryland.

Sunday, Francis had 21 points, 10 rebounds and eight blocked shots, falling just two shy of his first collegiate triple-double. But more importantly, the freshman finished 7-for-8 from the free-throw line, icing the game for the Irish in the waning minutes of the game to secure Notre Dame's 98-92 win.

"Torri has taken a huge step forward," Brey said.

In Saturday's game, the Terrapins did a good job stopping themselves as the Irish could have hoped to do. Maryland shot a struggling 37 percent from the field and missed its first 11 3-point attempts.

Francis hit a hot streak right before the end of the first half, when he scored 11 of his 14 first half points to lead the Irish on a 16-5 run to close out the period.

The Irish took a 10-point lead into the locker room at halftime, but Maryland returned to the court ready to play and narrowed the Irish lead to 35-30 in the opening minutes of the second half. But that was as close as the Terps would get. As Notre Dame went on an 11-4 run and never looked back.

The Irish had two other players — guards Matt Carroll and Chris Thomas — score in double digits, with 19 and 10 points, respectively.

Irish will face Wolfpack in $1.6M Gator Bowl

By ANDREW SOUKUP
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What seemed certain after Washington State won Saturday became official Sunday.

The BCS passed over Notre Dame for an at-large berth, giving the Gator Bowl first crack at the 10-2 Irish. They beat at the chance, and Notre Dame will play No. 17 North Carolina State Jan. 1.

For Notre Dame, the Gator Bowl gives the Irish an opportunity to erase the nightmare memories of a 44-13 loss to USC two weeks ago that ultimately killed any chance the Irish had at squeaking into the BCS.

"Now we can channel a lot of our anticipation and aggression toward somebody," safety Jerome Sapp said. "Walking off the field at USC, it was kinda like, 'When are we going to find out who we're playing and where we're playing? Now it's actually tangible.'

Before Saturday, the best scenario for Irish fans would have involved Washington State losing to UCLA Saturday, which would have meant USC would clinch the Pac-10 title, freeing an at-large berth for the Irish.

But Washington State won, clinching a berth in the Rose Bowl. The Orange Bowl then selected 10-2 USC, who earned an automatic at-large berth by finishing fourth in the final BCS standings, and 11-1 Iowa.

Had the Irish qualified for a BCS berth, the school could have received up to $13 million.

Instead, Notre Dame will earn $1.6 million from the Gator Bowl.

However, if the Irish were disappointed, they didn't show it. A few players said they didn't watch the Washington State game Saturday nor the BCS selection show Sunday afternoon, only learning they qualified for the Gator Bowl at a team meeting later that night.

"I haven't seen that much television to get that bad taste out of our mouth," said Irish coach Tyrone Willingham, who got the ball with the game on the line.

After Texas erased a 13-point second-half deficit and took a five-point lead with three minutes to play, Thomas nailed a key 3-pointer to give the Irish an 85-83 lead they never relinquished through the help of some timely free-throw shooting from Thomas and Francis.

Meanwhile, the superstar Ford, who had 21 points and 12 assists for the Longhorns, stumbled with the game on the line, getting a layup blocked, turning the ball over and missing a 3-pointer that could have narrowed Notre Dame's lead to a point in the game's final seconds.

Along with Francis, the Irish again had four players finish with double digit points as Miller, Carroll and Thomas had 20, 20 and 19 points, respectively.

The pair of victories moved the Irish to 8-1 on the season, as the three consecutive wins against ranked teams ought to move the unranked Irish into the national rankings when they are released today.

"I can't quite digest this week yet," Brey said. "It's been a fabulous stretch. In the three games this week we did a lot of growing up."

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