Alumna killed in Moscow

By MELISSA LOU
News Writer

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 Krichelevsky, 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.

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

Beer prices worry students

By MELISSA LOU
News Writer

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 breweries did not raise the prices, which was an unusual move for them,” added Lang.

According to local 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 microbreweries 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 his 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 Alisa Driscoll 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 Driscoll. “The increase will probably push me to try the local brews, which were not affected by the boost, but I doubt I will switch completely.”

Local liquor store owners and Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s students reacted to recent price increases in beer prices.

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Conference examines Euro

By JOE TROMBELLO
News Writer

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 Nanovic 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 Ghilarducci 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 Market- 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.

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Sharing freshman experiences

While Father Sam Peters, rector of Sorin Hall, claimed that he could "make Jesus" and a Singaporean student of Sorin Hall claimed that he could make Jesus, more retreats coming up, the freshmen of Notre Dame have little felt like a month. With only three retreats might have lasted a day but charity and religious activities. The all the retreat allowed students to unwind and be fully prepared for finals. Many of us there made friends that we understood better from the monotonous dorm life and missing Notre Dame.

The retreat meant a diversion from everyday life, coming to Notre Dame life. The topics changed from relationships, God in our lives, and Father Kevin with help from student co-coordinator Kristina Deham. The discussions were initiated by four leaders or sometimes individual students 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 opportunities to worship God, be successful and happy. The retreat answered 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 challenges of another. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If we make a mistake, we will make a mistake.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Himanshu Kothari at himanshu@nd.edu.

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Notre Dame promotes 3 financial officers

Special to The Observer

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 a 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 MBA 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

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS

President Bush's midterm election magic failed in Louisiana as Democrat Sen. Mary Landrieu retained her seat Tuesday, holding off Republican runoff challenger Sen. Derrel Wallace, an oil baron from southwestern Louisiana.

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

Landrieu received the support of 51 seats.

Mary Landrieu

Senator from Louisiana

Landrieu's victory "proves the Democrats are alive and well," said Landrieu, adding that the Louisiana voters also chose Democrat Rodney Alexander over Republican Lee Fletcher for the open congressional seat in the 5th District.

"Her victory puts a happy ending on a tough year for the Democrats. Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., said on "Fox News Sunday," White House spokesman Scott McClellan said the president's words came after he met with Landrieu and some Democratic senators, including Sen. Mary Landrieu, to get things done.

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 cracked out its own mud, trying to portray Terrell as a backer of the pro-life pro-life movement.

"I think a large number of voters were so turned off by the ads," Red Enwick of the Loyola Institute of Politics said.

Terrell got some momentum in the final week with the Mexican government agreeing to import millions of tons of sugar a move she said would hurt Louisiana sugar cane farmers.

Terrell as a pro-life, anti-abortion, although she said she lived in the state's 4.4 million of the state's 4.4 million people. As a result of the Democrats who bolted and voted for Bush's tax package.

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The campaignbetween the two candidates was a tough 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 463,359 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 had launched their "72-hour plan of volunteers going on the phone and in the street to get the voters to the polls," the Democrats were more successful, particularly among blacks.

Landrieu got some momentum going in the final week as Bush visited. However, said Ed Enwick of the Loyola Institute of Politics, "That momentum was temporary, transient." Landrieu's victory, he added, took the urban areas with heavy black voter concentrations and Terrell won in most of the bedroom communities built by white flight from the cities.

In all, Landrieu carried 35 of the 64 parishes.

Landrieu was on the offensive from Republican mudslinging throughout Louisiana's unique open primary campaign in which candidates of both parties ran. The negative campaign held her to just 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 both campaigns, both sides got into negative television ads that demanded by the candidates. One thought a large number of voters were so turned off by the ads, "I don't think the Republicans in 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 labeling candidates that 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, and accused her of being one of the Democrats who bolted and voted for Bush's tax package.

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The European currency and European governance have affected so-called best practices on corporate governance in Europe and in the United States, said Raimo Vayrynen, a political science professor. He noted that the EMU is bound to have implications for corporate governance in Europe and the United States.

"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."

Vayrynen’s paper “Euros, Europeans, and Institutional Change” and presentation discussed how the monetary integration has affected European social policy. He offered his analysis that the idea of a single currency was launched nearly 50 years ago by France to restrict Germany’s hold over the European economy.

"Monetary institution is a process," Ross said. "The Euro is basically a process of changing the macroeconomic paradigm of Europe. This was a product of different interests over time [and] it was not inevitable."

Raimo Vayrynen’s paper “The Politics of the Euro: Intra-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 EMU.

"The great strength [in Ross’ paper] is its comprehensive causation," 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 contribute to the debate on EMU and institutional change.

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

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

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IRAQ

Iraq calls for evidence in U.S. weapons claims

Associated Press

BAGHDAD

A senior Iraqi official challenged Washington on Sunday to "come up" with evidence it claims proves Baghdad still holds weapons of mass destruction. "Why play this game?" asked Li. 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. If released, it will "embarrass" some countries and their companies, he said.

The general, former military production chief and now Saddam's science adviser, spoke at a news conference as the volume declaration, which runs more than 12,000 pages on Iraqi nuclear, chemical and biological programs, was being flown to U.N. headquarters in New York.

The latest U.N. resolution required Iraq to give a full declaration detailing all its chemical, biological and nuclear programs, even those it says are peaceful, and provide evidence it had gotten rid of the weapons programs it possessed in the past, as well as its programs to develop missiles to deliver the weapons. The White House underlined Sunday that the burden was on Iraq to prove that it had complied.

U.N. officials have said that Iraq's previous disclosures made since inspections first began in 1991 have been neither complete nor candid.

A U.N. inspector brought a copy of the part of the report dealing with Iraq's nuclear program to Vienna on Sunday and handed it over to the International Atomic Energy Agency, the U.N. agency overseeing nuclear inspections in Iraq.

IAEA experts were to begin examining the documents Sunday night, searching for gaps and comparing Iraq's account to information from other nations and to data from previous 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. Monitoring, Verification and 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 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.

EGYPT

Al-Qaida posts threats of further strikes on Web site

Associated Press

CAIRO

Al-Qaida threatened faster, harder strikes against the United States and Israel in a document attributed to the group that appeared on a militant Web site Sunday.

"The Crusader coalition will not be safe anywhere from the fighters' attacks," the audio statement said, using a term common among Islamic militants for what they see as a U.S.-Israel alliance.

"We will hit the most vital centers and we will strike against its strategic operations with all possible means."

The statement was attributed to al-Qaida spokesman Sulaiman Abu Ghaith. The site, which has posted previous statements attributed to the terror network, included what appeared to be a photograph taken from footage of Abu Ghaith.

The Web site also posted a text version of the statement.

The pan-Arab satellite station Al-Jazeera broadcasts parts of the audio version and said the voice sounded similar to that on past al-Qaida videotapes featuring Abu Ghaith.

In Washington, a White House official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the al-Qaida statement amounted to no more than a "same song, different day" threat.

The whereabouts of Abu Ghaith, along with al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden, have been a mystery since the terror network was chased out of its haven in Afghanistan by U.S. bombing following the Sept. 11 attacks.

"We will chase the enemy using the weapon of 'terror' by widening fighting fronts and conducting more concentrated and faster operations ... so (the enemy) feels unsafe and unstable on land, air and sea," the statement said.

The statement also said a purported al-Qaida claim of responsibility for the Nov. 28 attacks on Israel targets in Kenya was genuine. That claim was posted on several other Islamic sites last week.

The attacks in Kenya included a hotel bombing that killed 10 Kenyans, three Israelis and the bombers, and a botched attempt to shoot down an Israeli charter plane.

Sunday's statement said al-Qaida does not usually claim responsibility for attacks but would do so "according to the relevant circumstances."

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Israeli soldiers kill 1, wound 4 in Gaza

Israeli soldiers killed a Palestinian woman and wounded her three children as well as a second woman in a refugee camp Sunday, Palestinian witnesses said. Israel said soldiers shot at armed Palestinians trying to infiltrate a Jewish settlement and had no information on civilians being shot.

Early Sunday, two Israeli soldiers were wounded seriously when a bomb went off on the Israeli-Lebanese border. Two other soldiers were wounded when a bomb exploded next to their jeep near the West Bank town of Tulkarem, army officials said.

Serbia fails to elect a president

Serbia failed for a second time to elect a president on Sunday, as too few voters showed up to cast ballots, deepening a political crisis in the dominant Yugoslav republic, according to exit polls. The Center for Free Elections and Democracy, an independent group of observers, said turnout was around 45 percent.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Accused Cardinal visits Vatican

Cardinal Bernard Law, facing rekindled calls for his resignation and a rebellion of Boston-area clerics, was in Rome on Sunday for a previously unannounced visit to the Vatican, an archdiocese spokesman said. Donna Morrissey refused to discuss the purpose of Law's trip. An archdiocesan financial panel has authorized Law to file for bankruptcy on behalf of the archdiocese, but he would "not speak on that," Morrissey said.

Meanwhile, following new revelations of priest misconduct in the Boston Archdiocese, an estimated 400 people protested outside the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, the cathedral where Law typically celebrates Mass. Sunday's larger-than-usual protest was fueled by last week's release of new internal church documents containing some of the most spectacular allegations yet, suggesting church officials tolerated a wide range of clergy misconduct, and not just sexual abuse of boys.

Gore, Democrats fault Bush on economy

Democrats Al Gore and Joe Lieberman, critics of the White House's economic policy, expressed support Sunday for tax cuts aimed at the middle class and a stimulus package to revive the economy. Gore and Lieberman, possible presidential contenders in 2004, said the shake-up in the Bush administration's economic team last week would mean little without changes in economic policy.

Failing to offer new initiatives would "mean little without changes in economic policy," Gore said. "The White House and Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill and White House economic adviser Lawrence Lindsey 'fall guys for failed policies,'" Gore said. Bush will announce successors to Lindsey and O'Neill as early as Monday, a senior administration official said.

The president returned to the White House from Camp David Sunday with another key economic adviser — Commerce Secretary Don Evans.
Roxio buys Napster, changes its format

By RANDY WINDER
Pennsylvania State Daily Collegian

Napster is back with a new name, but now for a price.

Roxio purchased the famous file-sharing program for about $2.5 million last week. The Recording Industry Association of America is upset by the new look and hopes that Napster's old ways of allowing the illegal downloading of popular music will be gone for good. Roxio now will be a subscription-based service, and a percentage of its profits will go to artists and record labels.

Gary Sherman, president and general counsel of RIAA, said he thinks Roxio is a legitimate company.

Gary Augustson, Pennsylvania State University information technology professor, said that the model needed for legally acquiring Internet files.

Since Napster's demise in 2001, many students now use alternative programs like Kazaa and Morpheus that operate the same way Napster did. RIAA is calling on universities nationwide, including Penn State, to stop the large-scale use of illegal peer-to-peer Internet file sharing.

Sherman said universities such as Penn State are contributing to an increasing number of copyright law infringements that are hurting the record and entertainment industry. The RIAA has evidence of massive violations occurring at universities across the country. Sherman added, "The university wouldn't want to send mixed messages of continuing illegal filing sharing," he said.

Penn State President Graham Spanier will be convening a committee to study intellectual property issues and their effect on higher education and the entertainment industry. The committee will include the RIAA, the Motion Picture Association of America and others.

Sherman said that music consumption is at record highs, but that is not enough to pay artists. He said last year record sales decreased by 5 percent, and the overall music market went down by 10 percent.

Augustson said there is a possibility Penn State could subscribe to a service like Roxio and make the service available to students in order to ensure students are downloading material legally. That would only be if the university determines offering such a service would serve an educational purpose, he added.

Penn State does not monitor the content of what is downloaded through its network, although it does monitor users' volume of downloading. Augustson said if there is valid evidence of music piracy, the Office of Judicial Affairs would take action.

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"The students from Ashland, Geneva, Pittsburgh, and one 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 burning and resisting arrest.

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

"We'd try to follow up. We're sharing names, but we're not getting involved with the judicial process at the other universities," Gerster said.

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

"Unless the University of Toledo receives something official from Ohio State, we do not have 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 treatment of students, particularly 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 stated.

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On a service like Roxio and make the service available to students in order to ensure students are downloading material legally. That would only be if the university determines offering such a service would serve an educational purpose, he added.

Penn State does not monitor the content of what is downloaded through its network, although it does monitor users' volume of downloading. Augustson said if there is valid evidence of music piracy, the Office of Judicial Affairs would take action.

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United plans Chapter 11 filing

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 judge decided 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.

United operates about 1,700 flights a day, or about 20 percent of all U.S. airline traffic. A bankruptcy restructing is likely to result in fewer flights, thousands of additional layoffs and other extensive cost-cutting. Caught in the crossfire, the airline has pledged to keep flying.

A federal judge would put a check on overseeing the tangled financial affairs of United, which owes nearly $1 billion in overdue debt payments that would use up most of its remaining cash. United has been unable to stop more than two years of swelling Chapter 11 losses.

United spokesman Joe Hopkins declined comment and said the airline would have no announcements to make. The source close to the company, who spoke on condition of anonymity, called the filing would be in Chicago but would not provide other details.

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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.

This is 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 into a union caucus that begins here Monday, ranging debates. What’s more, this year’s landmark contract is a tinderbox.

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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.

Shippers prepare for holiday rush

ALPHABETTA, Ga. — Deep discounts driving merchandise off store shelves this month could lead to a busier-than-usual shipping rush to restock the shelves, analysts say.

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

“The retailers decided 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 Abrecht, an analyst with BB&T Capital Markets, a unit of Scott & Stringfellow Inc. in Richmond, Va. “What may end up happening is 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 day. UPS plans to deliver 19 million packages, FedEx’s 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.

The companies are also reminding people that there are fewer shipping days during the holiday season this year.
Justices to hear Va. cross-burning case

Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — Racial hatred was a factor in what abstract concept to Susan J ubilee, 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 he stowed the 4-foot cross in the garage because he didn't want her or their two sons to be scared.

"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 long­time 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 overt 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 cross­burning is constitutional.

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Country ought to be able to pro­ject their citizens," Kilgore said in an interview.

Two neighbors were convicted of attempting to burn the cross on the Jubilees' lawn one of two Virginia cases involved in the Supreme Court review.

In the other case, Barry Black of Johnstown, Pa., was convicted of burning a cross during a Klan rally on private land. His trial drew national attention when the American Civil Liberties Union hired a black lawyer, David P. Baugh, to defend Black.

University of Richmond law professor Rodney Smolla, a prominent First Amendment lawyer, took over for Baugh on appeal and will urge the Supreme Court to affirm the Virginia justices' ruling.

"Our position is that it vo­luntarily the First Amendment to apply any particular sym­bol or symbolic ritual for spe­cific punishment, even though that symbolic ritual may be highly offensive to most peo­ple," Smolla said.

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**SCOTLAND**

Fire destroys part of Edinburgh

Associated Press

A fire tore through Edinburgh’s medieval Old Town, destroying 13 buildings, as 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 16 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 far 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 Guided 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 where 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, walkie-talkies and pumping equipment. Smoke billowed from buildings as firefighters sprayed water onto roofs to stop the flames spreading.

**GERMANY**

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 Synagogue in this western city.

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The deal signed in late November calls for supplies such as food, water and fuel, and support and services, to be exchanged or transferred between the two nations’ armed forces.

American soldiers are extremely unlikely to fight under Philippine constitution bars combat by foreign troops on its soil.

Rebel spokesman Gregorio Rosal told a news conference that a Christmas cease-fire would not be held as in years past because the Macapagal Arroyo regime has demonstrated outright puppetry to the U.S. government and perpetrated fascist and anti-people measures, especially this past year.

The Philippine government also does not plan to declare a Christmas cease-fire, presidential press secretary Ignacio Bunye said Sunday. "We cannot put our troops and police forces at risk by declaring a unilateral cease-fire," he said.

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Associated Press

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The rebels generally will be on the defensive but would target soldiers and police, not malls and buses where civilians congregate.
Discovering your inner coolness

I've been getting it a lot lately: 'Dave, 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-elusive unicorn of coolness.

Appropriately, they come to me. Long have I worn the spandex-ed beard in hopes of peeling, fanning down. Now have I been unable to. Sad, sad, no recipe for cool. But if there was, I bet I would have puppets in it, and a hint of sill.

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

I'm thinking of turning to Nickleback, now. Embrace all things Jamaican, and only donate to Jewish charities. If you are a guy, and you want yourself turned into a full totemic sweater, kick anybody you see wearing one, and the person next to them. Instead, stack up on mock-turtlenecks — they are way cooler (www.landsend.com — I like the brother). Name your bike, if you haven't already, but please remember to wear a helmet and stay on the sidewalk. Re-name 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 extra exclamation point accomplish, or the question mark-exclamation point accomplish, or the question mark-exclamation point question mark sandwich????

Plant a tree. Watch it grow. Do us all a favor and hang up the rollerblades.

Like I'm thinking of the cul-de-sac, folks. Get a hover-board, or anything at all that has levitating capabilities. Get practical, study abroad ticket policy needs change.

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New intelligence tactic reeks of Cold-war-paring

By now, most people are aware of the plans 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 found in the Senate in 1976 after its investigation into intelligence activities within our borders. "We have numerous segments of our government, in their attitudes and action, adopt an ugly ideology of a 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," grow to the surveillance of political dissidents, even when their "beliefs pose no threat of violence or illegal acts."

The most frightening abuse of power was the FBI's covert counterintelligence program, or COINTELPRO, 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 himself. "You can't do it," it ended, "There is but one way out for you.

Should there be any false hopes that the Church Commission's findings bound future practice? We have recently seen 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 Justice Department's secret intelligence court (who knew we had such a thing?) was misled over 75 times by the FBI in an attempt by the Bureau to obtain wiretaps and electronic surveillance. Of course we all remember hearing about the large detention camps being maintained by Attorney General John Ashcroft. We must place these new developments in an appropriate historical context. From the Alien and Sedition Acts that neutralized politicians such as Eugene Debs and Bill Haywood, to the Farmer raids that instilled fear in the poor immigrant classes who might have otherwise become politically active, to COINTELPRO, our history reveals that the government is likely to abuse its power, and to do so in order to destroy political movements that threaten the existing order. And how much doubt can there be now, at the war in Iraq looms, as the war on terror in general expands, as hard-earned pensions dry up (or are stolen, rather), as the economy continues to falter, that movements critical of government policies will grow in size and veracity?

What will be our government's response if and when this happens? When threatened seriously in the past it resorted to criminal behavior. The difference now is that it has made much of this previously illegal behavior legal. Are we to believe that it will be less likely to pursue these means now than in the past? If so, I would be foolish and dangerous. Nor would it be wise to believe that the fabled internal checks and balances of our political system will save us from any "excesses," to put it euphemistically. One might note that to this day the Justice Department has made little to no attempt at bringing wrongdoers from the COINTELPRO era to justice, in fact, some of the perpetrators even received pardons from later presidents, Ronald Reagan most notably.

Remember, serious abuses against our rights have already begun. If they are to be prevented from becoming more widespread, and more important if they are to be eventually reversed, we must first address frankly the realist chance that a future without our most treasured rights and freedoms is possible. The idea of a less-free America is not simply a thought experiment we must all consider so that we may truly enjoy and appreciate our lives as citizens, it is a possibility we must diligently avoid, so that in a generation it will still mean some thing to be a citizen.

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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 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: leaving 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?

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.

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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 each 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 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,
in campus retreats
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incredibly spiritual experience. You go in not knowing what to expect."

The three days provide sophomores the opportunity to meet different people, as well as share and learn with others about the Notre Dame experience.

Christina Dehan commented that Sophomore Road Trip "solidified relationships made freshman year and provided a time to address problems as one encounter as a sophomore."

There are many scavenger hunts and the retreat is more outdoorsy. It involves fun activities with symbolic meanings. Being an prescriptive, Dehan compared the experience of getting on a bus, not knowing the destination, while putting faith in campus ministry to provide everything needed with the spiritual action of trusting in God and not worrying about where life is taking you. You put your life in God's hands and learn not to be in control.

The Notre Dame Encounter retreat runners to be 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 freshman 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 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 personalized," said Stagni.

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 others 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
Jan. 31-Feb. 1, 2003 - Sacred Heart Parish, 1 pm - 7 pm
Apr. 4-5, 2003 - St. Joseph Hall, 1 pm - 7 pm

Freshman Retreats
Contact: Father Kevin Russeau, 631-6633
Jan. 24-25, 2003 - Sacred Heart Parish, 1 pm - 7 pm
Feb. 21-22, 2003 - St. Joseph Hall, 1 pm - 7 pm
Feb. 28-March 2, 2003 - Fatima Retreat Center
March 28-29, 2003 - Sacred Heart Parish

Sophomore Retreats
Contact: Sister Sue Bruno, 631-6633
Jan. 31-Feb. 1, 2003 - Sacred Heart Parish
Feb. 21-22, 2003 - St. Joseph Hall, 1 pm - 7 pm
Apr. 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 outdoorsy 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
No NFL team ever played worse offensively and won. What made the difference was very few teams—maybe only one—ever have a game like this defensively.

Aaron Glenn scored twice on long interception returns and the Texans scored the first three defensive touchdowns in their history, all off Tom Hardy Maddox turnovers, to stun the Pittsburgh Steelers 21-6 Sunday.

The Steelers (7-5-1) in their previous eight games, the NFL’s best record over that span except for Atlanta’s 7-0-1, yet lost to a first-year team that completed only three passes and had only three first downs. The Texans were outgained 422-47, the fewest yards ever by a winning team in NFL history.

Remarkably, the Steelers lost to an expansion team in its first season of existence for the third time since 1933. The Steelers lost to Cleveland 16-15 in 1961, barely weeks after beating the Browns 43-0, and to expansion Jacksonville in 1995.

Pittsburgh’s unexpected loss and Cleveland’s last-play 21-20 win at Jacksonville cut the Steelers’ AFC North lead over the Browns to a halftime.

Maddox couldn’t have had a much worse day in his first game since being briefly paralyzed by a hit Nov. 17 in Tennessee, despite throwing for 325 yards. His fumble was returned 40 yards for a touchdown by Kendall Wright on Pittsburgh’s first possession, and Glenn’s 70-yard interception return for a TD the next time the Steelers had the ball made it 14-0. And Glenn wasn’t even the only hero. The Steelers couldn’t turn a Jabar Gaffney fumbled punt in the end zone into anything, and Glenn sealed it with a 65-yard interception return touchdown—the fifth of his career.

But he 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 Carolina.

All of Houston’s points came on defense or special teams. Former Steelers in their first year with the Browns, including Cleveland fans responded by throwing bottles and debris onto the field. But the Browns didn’t fumble out of Alltel Stadium in shock.

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Browns 21, Jaguars 20

The old Kardiac Kids were downing as they had yet to score to these new Cleveland Browns.

Proving once again that none of their games are over until the clock reads :00—and sometimes, not even then—the Browns beat Jacksonville 21-20 when Quincy Morgan caught a desperation heave for a touchdown with no time left Sunday.

Officials needed 90 seconds to review and call Morgan’s 50-yard catch, and when that drama was complete, Phil Dawson kicked off extra point stage for the first time.

Jacksonville coach Butch Davis sprinted off the field with his hands in the air. Jaguars coach Tom Coughlin fell flat to the ground in disbelief.

But it’s folly to count them out. Their best record over that span except for Atlanta’s 7-0-1...
Jacksons combine for 41 points: Kings victory

Associated Press

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 all four quarters.

The Kings had all of these things, and they came away with a 104-80 victory over the Spurs in their first game at the SBC 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 21 points and Bobby Jackson contributed 18 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 the Kings 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 — two of them by Bobby Jackson and the other by Jim Jackson.

San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich was ejected at halftime after picking up his second technical for arguing just after the buzzer.

Assistant P.J. Carlesimo coached the team during the second half, during which a six-point Kings lead grew to more than 20 early in the fourth quarter.

Sacramento blew the game open with a 12-2 run to open the third quarter.

San Antonio center David Robinson said the team had talked about the Kings' six first-half steals, many of which turned into easy baskets. But Christie swiped the ball twice more in the first two minutes of the third.

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

The Spurs answered with a 12-4 tear of their own to cut their deficit to 66-58, with about four minutes left in the third. But the Kings regrouped and led by Jim Jackson 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 buckets."

Lakers 130, Jazz 101

The Los Angeles Lakers parlayed the momentum from their amazing comeback against Dallas into an 110-101 victory over the Utah Jazz and put themselves into 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 more fun," Bryant said. "Right now it's just important to establish a momentum, see if we can get our rhythm going.

Bryant showed no ill effects from the hamstring injury that sustained Friday against the Mavericks when he scored 21 of his 30 points in the first 12 minutes.

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

"My groin was pretty stiff when I woke up, but I made it in for the last time. I couldn't really put it up 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 10 of his free throws. Matt Harpring added 24 points for Utah, which 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.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Freshman leads Florida to victory over intra-state rival

Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Fla. - Anthony Roberson increased his energy level and the result was a victory for Florida.

The freshman guard had 19 points and David Lee added 16 as Florida (No. 9 ESPN/USA Today, No. 8 AP) beat South Florida 68-52 Sunday.

"He has to come with energy and intensity," Florida coach Billy Donovan said of Roberson. "He made big shots."

Lee had four slams and Roberson hit two 3's to put Florida ahead 17-12 with 13.4 left in the first half.

Nebraska 80, Minnesota 60

Minnesota was playing its third 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 Drovo had career-highs of 27 points and 14 rebounds to lead the Cornhuskers.

Drovo, a transfer from Division II Morningside, 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," Drovo said. "The tendency is to let down. Minnesota made a couple runs, but we never let up." The Gophers, playing their first road game, shot a season-low 31.1 percent from the field, including just 22.2 percent from 3-point range (6-of-27). They committed 16 turnovers.

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"We obviously as coaches and players have to take responsibility that we weren't ready to play," Minnesota coach Dan Monroe 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.

Maurice Harmegrow led the Gophers with 15 points and Jerry Holman added 13.

Rickert, the Big 10 freshman of the year last season, played only 17 minutes and was held scoreless. Rickert, who came into the game averaging 18.3 points, raised the Gophers' win over Bethune-Cookman on Friday because of the flu. He was still slitting Sunday.

"Rick's weak. He's obviously not ready yet," Monroe said. "Playing at this level, he wasn't in any condition to do it, but we needed him and he tried." The Gophers, playing their first road game, shot a season-low 31.1 percent from the field, including just 22.2 percent from 3-point range (6-of-27). They committed 16 turnovers.

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Hurricanes storm to big Fiesta after defeating Hokies

Associated Press

Coker, who was doused with a bucket of water as he ran off the field, Miami's Larry Griffin, the game's most valuable player, said moments later that the team had earned its spot to a 4-27 victory over the Big 12 championship game on New Year's Day.

"Being the Big 12 champs, we're going wherever they want to take us," Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops said. "All the bowls are excellent, and it will be a great environment.

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### AROUND THE NATION

**MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL**

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**BCS**

**Western Conference, Midwest Division**

- Georgia 12-1 .837
- New York 5-13 .278
- Orlando 12-9 .571
- New Jersey 13-7 .650
- Boston 13-6 .684
- Philadelphia 15-6 .714
- New Orleans 15-6 .714
- Miami 5-15 .250
- Cleveland 3-18 .143
- Florida State 9-4 3-7 .333

**Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division**

- Washington 9-11 .450
- Indiana 15-5 .750
- New Orleans 15-6 .714
- Miami 5-15 .250
- Sacramento 18-5 .783
- Phoenix 10-9 .526
- Seattle 11-9 .550
- Portland 9-9 .500
- LA Lakers 9-13 .409
- LA Clippers 8-12 .400
- Texas 10-2 21.08
- West Virginia 9-3 .650

**Bowl Games**

- **Rose Bowl**
  - Pasadena, California
  - Jan. 1
  - Washington State (10-2) vs. Oklahoma (11-2)

- **Major League Baseball**

  **Seattle Mariners**

  - Nelson Cruz: Tied the record for home runs in a season (46) with two home runs against the Oakland Athletics. He now has 46 home runs and 128 RBIs on the year.

  **New York Mets**

  - Tom Seaver: Pitched a complete game shutout against the Philadelphia Phillies. He allowed just three hits and struck out eight batters in the 6-0 victory.

  **Houston Astros**

  - Lance Berkman: Hit his 40th home run of the season against the Los Angeles Dodgers. He now leads the American League in home runs.

- **Boston Red Sox**

  - David Ortiz: Hit his 40th home run of the season against the New York Yankees. He now has 40 home runs and 102 RBIs on the year.

- **Atlanta Braves**

  - Andrelton Simmons: Hit his 10th home run of the season against the San Diego Padres. He now has 10 home runs and 40 RBIs on the year.

- **San Francisco Giants**

  - Madison Bumgarner: Pitched a complete game shutout against the San Diego Padres. He allowed just five hits and struck out 10 batters in the 6-0 victory.

**Bowl Games**

- **NCAA Football**

  **New England Bowl**

  - Rhode Island (7-5) vs. Connecticut (7-5)

  **Holiday Bowl**

  - Boise State (11-1) vs. Washington State (10-2)

  **Botelho Bowl**

  - Stanford (10-2) vs. Oregon (9-3)

  **Alamo Bowl**

  - Texas (10-2) vs. Arizona (9-3)

  **Sun Bowl**

  - Miami (12-0) vs. Virginia (9-3)

  **Sun Bowl**

  - Florida State (12-0) vs. Oklahoma (11-2)

  **Rose Bowl**

  - Pasadena, California

- **California**

  - Stanford University

  - **Cardinal Football**

    - **Team Record**: 10-2
    - **Last 10 Games**: W-W-W-W-L-W-L-W-L-W

  - **Rutgers University**

    - **Team Record**: 10-2
    - **Last 10 Games**: W-W-W-W-L-W-L-W-L-W

  - **Washington State University**

    - **Team Record**: 10-2
    - **Last 10 Games**: W-W-W-W-L-W-L-W-L-W

  - **Ohio State University**

    - **Team Record**: 13-0
    - **Last 10 Games**: W-W-W-W-L-W-L-W-L-W

  - **Miami University**

    - **Team Record**: 12-0
    - **Last 10 Games**: W-W-W-W-L-W-L-W-L-W

- **NBA**

  **Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division**

  - Philadelphia (38-14) .700
  - New Jersey (13-7) .650
  - Boston (15-6) .714
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  - Miami (12-9) .571

  **Eastern Conference, Central Division**

  - Indiana (25-5) .833
  - Cleveland (20-14) .571
  - Chicago (12-9) .526
  - Milwaukee (25-5) .500
  - Detroit (20-14) .526

  **Western Conference, Midwest Division**

  - Dallas (20-14) .571
  - Houston (20-14) .571
  - Portland (20-14) .571
  - Memphis (20-14) .571
  - Minnesota (20-14) .571

  **Western Conference, Pacific Division**

  - Sacramento (20-14) .571
  - Seattle (20-14) .571
  - Los Angeles (20-14) .571
  - Portland (20-14) .571
  - Phoenix (20-14) .571

**NFL**

- **Chicago Bears**

  - Chicago at Miami 9 p.m., ABC

**College Basketball**

- **Vanderbilt at Indiana**

  - Vanderbilt 7 p.m., ESPN

**NBA**

- **Orlando at Boston**

  - Orlando at Boston 7 p.m., Fox Sports Net

**College Basketball**

- **Western Kentucky University**

  - Western Kentucky University 7 p.m., CBS

**Major League Baseball**

- **Atlanta Braves**

  - Atlanta'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.

**College Football**

- **Notre Dame**

  - Notre Dame 10-2 20.93

- **Washington State**

  - Washington State 10-2 16.14

**College Basketball**

- **Iowa**

  - Iowa 11-1 10.79

- **Ohio State**

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**College Basketball**

- **Boston College**

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- **Syracuse**

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**College Basketball**

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- **Memphis Grizzlies**

  - Memphis Grizzlies 10-2 20.13

- **Washington Wizards**

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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 trouncing of Rose Hulman (1-4) on Friday night. Leading the domination of the Engineers was senior standout Shaun Russell, (eight points, five assists, two steals, four rebounds), and sophomore Emily Creachbaum (14 points).

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"Chicago had excellent coverage," 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 victory, destroying the Belles' hopes of their first tournament championship 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.
ND VOLLEYBALL

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 was looking to knock the Irish out of the NCAA Tournament for the second straight year. Grabbing control of the match by winning game 1, the Spartans used that momentum to sweep the Irish 30-28, 30-20, 30-23 and prevent the Irish from advancing to the Sweet 16 for the seventh straight postseason.

"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 as 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 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 first in the country with 3.67 blocks per game. Michigan State gave the Irish some of their own medicine with 15 team blocks, including nine from sophomore Megan Wallin.

The Spartans had four players reach double digits in kills. Outside hitter Jenny Rood led the Spartans with 13 and hit .600. For the Irish, outside hitter Jessica Kinder recorded a match-high 20 digs. Sophomore Emily Loomis and freshmen Lauren Kelbley and Lauren Brewster led the Irish with 11 kills each. Kelbley hit .435 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 obviously we lost that first game by two points and it was very competitive back and forth," 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."
HOCKEY

After brief losing streak, Irish post weekend victories

By JUSTIN SCHUVER

The Observer

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.

Evan Nielsen, the senior Irish captain and top defensemen, 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 killing all six Falcon power plays.

The Falcons tied the score at 1-1 with a goal by forward Brett Pilkington after forward Brett Pilkington of position, Cey was just able to spread his stick across the mouth of the goal and block a Falcon shot from point-blank range.

"That was the turning point," Poulin said. "That's the save we've needed, and we got it."

At 12:06 of the second, Falcon forward Brian Escobedo was able to poke the rebound into the net.

The Irish scored a power play goal about midway through the second period when junior wing and CCHA leading goal scorer Rob Globke beat Sigalet following assists from Nielsen and junior defensemen Neil Komadowski.

Globke provided his team with a lift after robbing Bowling Green of a goal about 11 minutes into the period. The Irish goaltender swept Bowling Green in a two-game losing streak, reversing their fortunes with a 6-3 victory over the Falcons on Saturday and a 5-2 win Sunday.

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"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 Sigalet following assists from Globke and Wroblewski.

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.

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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 Wroblewski.

Irish center Aaron Gill gets hit with a Bowling Green stick during Notre Dame's 5-2 win Sunday at the Joyce Center. The Irish won two decisions over the Falcons over the weekend.

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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 points, the Irish were followed by Wyoming (1,227) in second and West Virginia (1,123.5) 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 Denton (1,111.50) was sent in fourth, followed by North Dakota (874.50), Wisconsin-Green Bay (603), and Louisville (508).

St. Louis (411), Shippensburg (168), and West Virginia-Green Bay (726), followed 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.

Indy's Oral finished third, followed by Moisan 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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Can You Pass OUR Driving Test?

Answer True or False to see if you are prepared to drive home after finals week.

1. Coffee overcomes the effects of drowsiness while driving.
2. I can tell when I am going to go to sleep.
3. I'm a safe driver so it doesn't matter if I am sleepy.
4. I can't take naps.
5. Being sleepy makes you misperceive things.
6. I did not just finish finals week and I am not going home for break.

Check Your Answers.
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1. FALSE. Stimulants are not substitute for sleep. Drinks containing caffeine may make you feel more alert, but the effects only last a short time. If you drink coffee and are seriously sleep deprived, you are likely to have "micro-sleeps"—brief naps that last around four or five seconds. At 55 miles per hour, driving that is more than 100 yards...while sleeping.

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.

6. FALSE. You have been stressed and sleep deprived for the past few weeks. Make sure that you get a good night's sleep before you leave for break.

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Happy Birthday! This is a great year for love and forming new friendships and partnerships. You will attract all sorts of people with your sunny nature and your ability to be colorful and witty. Your kindness and generosity could go the better of you if you don't put a limit on how much you are willing to give. Your numbers are 5, 13, 18, 22, 26.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You can make a difference if you believe in the cause you support. Be patient and support others. Your enthusiasm and energy will make the occasion memorable.★★★★

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Emotional confrontations will interfere with your performance at work. You must try to remain calm. Someone you care about will push you too far. It's time to let this person know that enough is enough.★★★★

Gemini (May 21-June 20): You need a change of pace. If you don't take a vacation, have a makeover and join an awareness group. This is definitely a time for change.★★★★

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Financial concerns relating to work can be beneficial if you mingle with superiors.★★★★

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't trust others with your belongings. Keep your thoughts and opinions to yourself and your day will run much smoother.★★★★★

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You must concern yourself with any legal or financial matters that need to be cleared up before year-end. Don't let officials keep pushing you. Make a few demands.★★★★★

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Someone around you will be emotional and reactive. Don't hold back; let this person know how you feel. Your discussion will help you to come to terms with the issues, resulting in a better relationship.★★★★

Pickman (Feb. 19-March 20): Secret information must be kept secret if you want to stay out of trouble with family members. Work by yourself so that you won't tempt to reveal secrets.★★★★★

Birthday Baby: You will be curious and ambitious. It's unlikely you'll let someone or anything stand in your way. You will be loyal to those who are worthy, and vengeful toward those who are not.

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Irish will face Wolfpack in $1.6M Gator Bowl

By ANDREW SOUKUP

What seemed certain after Washington State won Saturday became formal Sunday.

The BCS passed over Notre Dame for an at-large berth, giving the Gator Bowl first crack at the 10-2 Irish. They leap 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 nightmarish memories of a 44-13 loss to USC two weeks ago that ultimately killed any chance the Irish had at squeaking into the BCS.

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