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Alumna killed in Moscow

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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 accountancy and had worked for six years for Deloitte & Touche in New York, Chicago and London. While in Chicago, she earned a law 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 Kricoshekov, 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.

Kricoshekov will attend the memorial Mass, which will be celebrated by Father Theodore Hesburgh, 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.

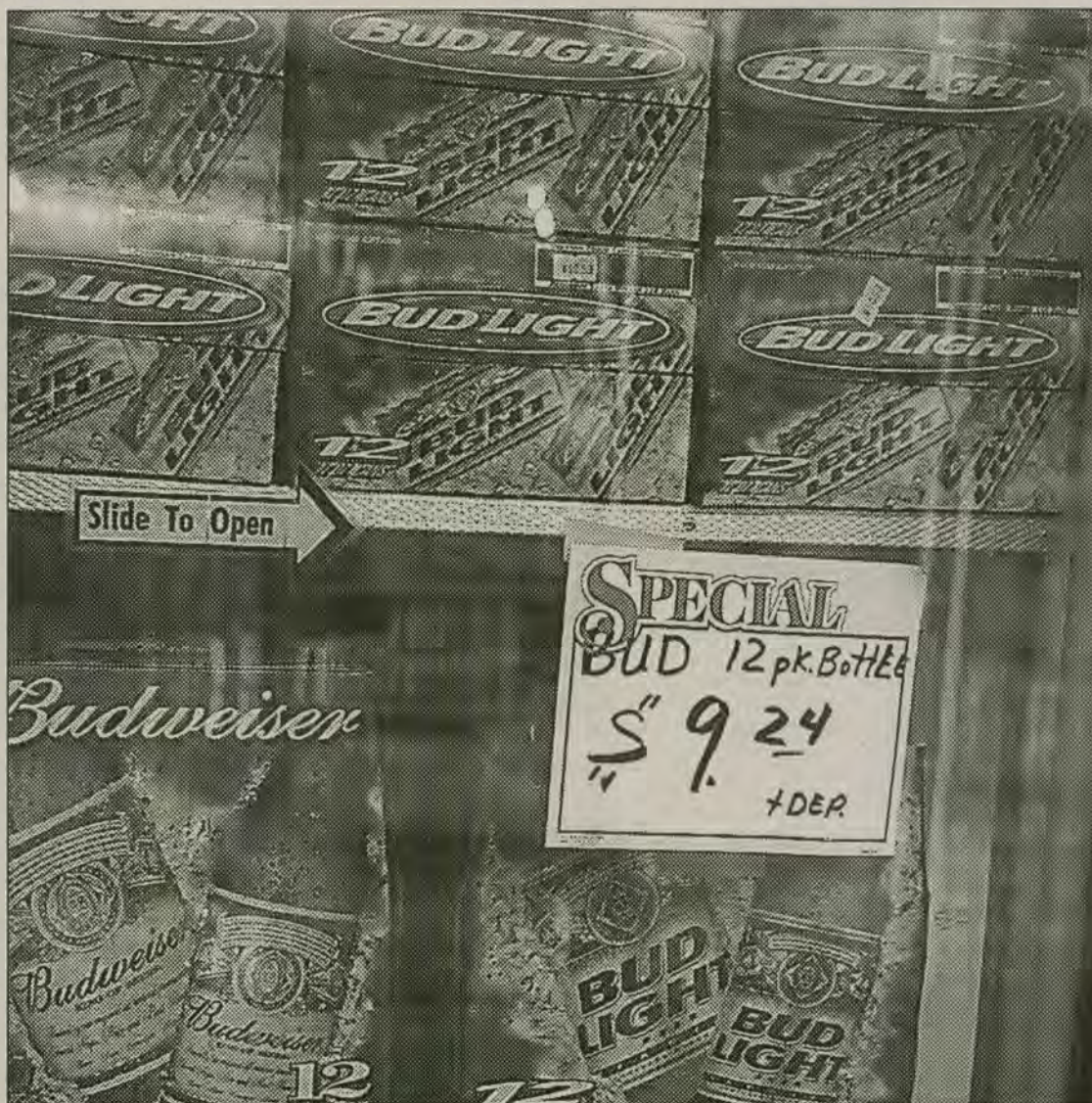
"The price increase occurs every year, always around the end of November," said Mary Beth Lang, manager of Belmont Beverage at 254 N. Dixie Way in South Bend. "Last year the breweries did not raise the prices, which was an unusual move for them," added Lang.

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,



NELLIE WILLIAMS/The Observer

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

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 pur-

chase 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."

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ROASTING REINDEER ON THE QUAD



SARAH SCHNEIDER/The Observer

Notre Dame students roast hot dogs and hamburgers in the snow on Sunday evening in front of Keenan Hall.

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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INSIDE COLUMN

Sharing
freshman
experiences

While Father Sam Peters, rector of Sorin Hall claimed that he could "make Jesus" and a Singaporean retreat leader searched for fellow nationals, close to two dozen Notre Dame freshman took part in the 44th freshman retreat of the year. The retreat organized by Campus Ministry took place at the Sacred Heart Parish center across the lake from Notre Dame this past weekend. 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 lead 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 like Frosh-O 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 and 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 help others. The students prayed 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 one day than we understood our roommate of three months. Most of all the retreat allowed students to appreciate all that Notre Dame offers and thus to get involved with charity 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."

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

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Joseph Russo, Eugene Pilawski and Courtney Swift were promoted last week to new positions in the Financial Services office.	Iraqi officials challenged the U.S. to produce evidence confirming that Iraq still possessed weapons of mass destruction.	Officials from the world's second largest carrier announced that the company will file for Chapter 11 protection Monday.	Viewpoint columnist David Barrett offers advice on how to discover your inner cool.	Scene provides the inside scoop on the Freshman Retreat, Sophomore Road Trip and the Notre Dame Encounter Retreat.	Irish womens volleyball won Saturday in round one of the NCAA tournament but lost in the second round on Sunday.
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WHAT'S HAPPENING @ ND

- ◆ Notre Dame Concert Band performance
8 p.m. at Washington Hall
- ◆ Conference on German Idealism and Analytic Philosophy
All day at McKenna Hall Auditorium
- ◆ UNICEF card and gift sale
9:30-4:30 p.m. at Hiesburgh Library Concourse

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SMC

- ◆ Board of Governance meeting
4:30 p.m. at Room 304, Hagggar College Center
- ◆ Sophomore Board meeting
8-9 p.m. at Room 304, Hagggar College Center
- ◆ Indiana Institute on disability meeting
8-4 p.m. at Welsh Parlor, Hagggar College Center

WHAT'S GOING DOWN

Speeding citation issued
NDSP issued a state citation for exceeding the posted speed limit on Edison Road around 2 a.m. Friday morning.

Employee sustains injury near Morris Inn
NDSP transported an employee to the University Health Services for treatment of a laceration sustained in an occupational injury near the Morris Inn on Thursday.

Credit fraud investigated
NDSP investigated the attempted fraudulent use of a credit card at an off campus location on Thursday.

Student's vehicle towed
A student's vehicle was towed for a parking violation from lot B1 on Thursday.

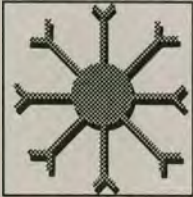
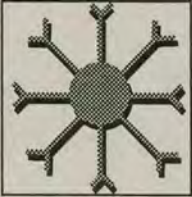




compiled from the NDSP crime blotter

WHAT'S COOKING

North Dining Hall	South Dining Hall
Today Lunch's: Meatless baked ziti, marinara sauce, supreme pizza, breadsticks, smoked creole flank steak, roasted poupon potatoes, corn, apple cobbler, pasta primavera, baked swiss spinach, oriental vegetables, cream of wheat, sausage links, scrambled eggs, apple pancakes, o'brien potatoes, philly steak sandwich, steakhouse fries	Today Lunch's: Pasta shells, primavera, fettuccine, gorgonzola sauce, french bread pizza, collard greens, turkey turnovers, London broil with wine marinade, cheddar-baked pollock, shrimp creole, potatoes au gratin, grilled turkey sandwich, crinkle fries, soft pretzel, chicken teriyaki
Today Dinner's: Meatless baked ziti, meatball stroganoff sauce, supreme pizza, breadsticks, pork loin with apples, hot applesauce, peas, apple cobbler, baked haddock jardiniere, seasoned lemon couscous, noodles romanoff, hot and spicy sea nuggets	Today Dinner's: Chicken cacciatore, fettuccine, gorgonzola sauce, french bread pizza, roast top round, oven-fried chicken, grilled polish sausage, rotini with spring vegetables, Polish-style kluski noodles, cabbage, honey-mustard chicken, seasoned fries, onion rings, fiestada beef pizza

Saint Mary's Dining Hall
Today's Lunch: Turkey noodle soup, tomato basil bisque, white pizza, cheese pizza, deli bar, grilled chicken breast, monte cristo sandwich, french fried onion rings, bratwurst cooked in beer sandwiches, wild rice blend, corn, fettuccine, garlic bread, baked potatoes, caesar bean burgers, marinated cucumber salad, Greek mixed greens

Today's Dinner: Corned beef, parsley potatoes, zucchini, wings and things bar, Mexican fried rice, rainbow vegetable medley, apple walnut and wild rice salad, pineapple upside down cake, apple brown betty, oatmeal raisin cookies, pasta pronto procedure

LOCAL WEATHER	TODAY	TONIGHT	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
						
HIGH	29	22	38	39	38	36
LOW	12	20	20	23	32	26

Atlanta 50 / 38 Boston 25 / 22 Chicago 31 / 23 Denver 53 / 30 Houston 52 / 39 Los Angeles 68 / 50 Minneapolis 34 / 24 New York 30 / 22 Philadelphia 30 / 19 Phoenix 70 / 48 Seattle 48 / 44 St. Louis 37 / 25 Tampa 73 / 65 Washington 33 / 25

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 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 an MSA 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

Associated Press

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.

National Democratic Party leaders saw Landrieu's close victory as a salute for their wounded pride after November elections that boosted Bush's numbers in Congress and gave the GOP control of the Senate with a slim majority of 51 seats.

Senate Republicans will now command committees and decide which bills the chamber debates, putting Bush's proposals on the agenda and Democrats in a defensive role.

Sen. Tom Daschle, D-S.D., soon to lose his job as Senate majority leader, said

Landrieu's victory "proves the Democrats are alive and well" and noted that 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 Democrats," 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 returning, and working in a bipartisan way with Republicans and Democrats, including Senator Landrieu, to get things done."

Terrell stayed in seclusion 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 commissioner 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 street 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, as expected, 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 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 runoff campaign, both sides got into negative television ads that dominated prime time. "I think a large number of voters were so turned off by the ads, said, 'a plague on both houses,'" and stayed home, Renwick said.

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 Landrieu as 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 Landrieu was one of the Democrats who bolted and voted for Bush's tax package.

In the final days of the campaign, one radio ad featured a Bill Clinton impersonator saying Landrieu was closer to Hillary than 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 cranked out its own mud, trying to portray Terrell as a backer of the prescription drug industry who would favor high drug prices.

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 waffling on 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 went for Terrell by only four votes. 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.

He congratulated Landrieu: "We don't always agree on the issues but I have always been able to work with her."

ANNOUNCING



OPEN STUDY

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Dec 13 10pm to 3:00am Midnight Snacks!

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Dec 15 8am to 3:00am Midnight Snacks!

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Dec 13 5:30pm to 3:00am

Dec 14 5:30pm to 3:00am

Dec 15 1:00pm to 3:00am

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Ed Renwick
Loyola Institute of Politics

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Euro

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Furthermore, whereas countries displayed wide varieties in interest-rate payouts before the new currency, the adoption of the Euro has created interest-rate convergence and near parity, said Mosley. Her description of these and other macro-economic considerations led into a brief discussion of the implications the currency will have on the future of the contemporary European welfare state.

"EMU marks a breaking point in government financial-market relations," Mosley said. "The ultimate impact of the EMU remains to be seen."

Ghilarducci's analysis of both papers focused on the influence of institutional investors and money managers with respect to the European Union as well as the aging of Europe and how these demographics will affect asset values in pension plans. She suggested that further exploration of these topics could enhance each work.

"My concern is how EU integration will affect so called best practices on corporate governance especially in the context of a rise in pension funds and the power of money managers," she said.

Another lecture session, "The Euro and Politics," chaired by history professor Doris Bergen,

explored the relationship between the Euro currency and European governance.

Panelists included political science professors Raimo Vayrynen as presenter and Daniel Philpott as discussant. Brandeis University professor of labor and social thought George Ross also served as a presenter.

Ross' paper "Euros, Europeans, and Institutions: Threats to the European Model of Society from EMU 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 30 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 macro-economic paradigm of Europe. This was a product of different interests over time [and] it was not inevitable."

Vayrynen's paper "The Politics of the Euro: Intra-

European and Trans-Atlantic Aspects" focused on the currency's effect on European institutions and inter-governmental bodies. He also assessed the debate between Europeans and skeptical Americans with respect to the Euro's future.

"There is a kind of trans-Atlantic stalemate because neither side is satisfied but almost any other agreement would be riskier."

Raimo Vayrynen
political science professor

"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 comprehensiveness," 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 record the ideas and arguments put forth by the conference's participants said who said.

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Beer

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Senior Christopher Boehnen said he is definitely worried about the increase in beer prices. "We like to throw big parties," said Boehnen. "Either this [change] will affect the amount of parties we have or the amount of beer we consume at them. It might also affect how many people we invite and who we let in."

Due to the parties, Boehnen said he purchases mostly kegs, an area where the increase is most dramatic. 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 kegs 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 Bullseye 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."

"It just means I either have to switch to a cheaper beer or compensate by working more hours."

Alisa Driscoll
Saint Mary's senior

"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 Bullseye 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

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 to have that Baghdad 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. 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 voluminous declaration, more than 12,000 pages on Iraqi nuclear, chemical and biological programs, was being flown to U.N. headquarters in New York.

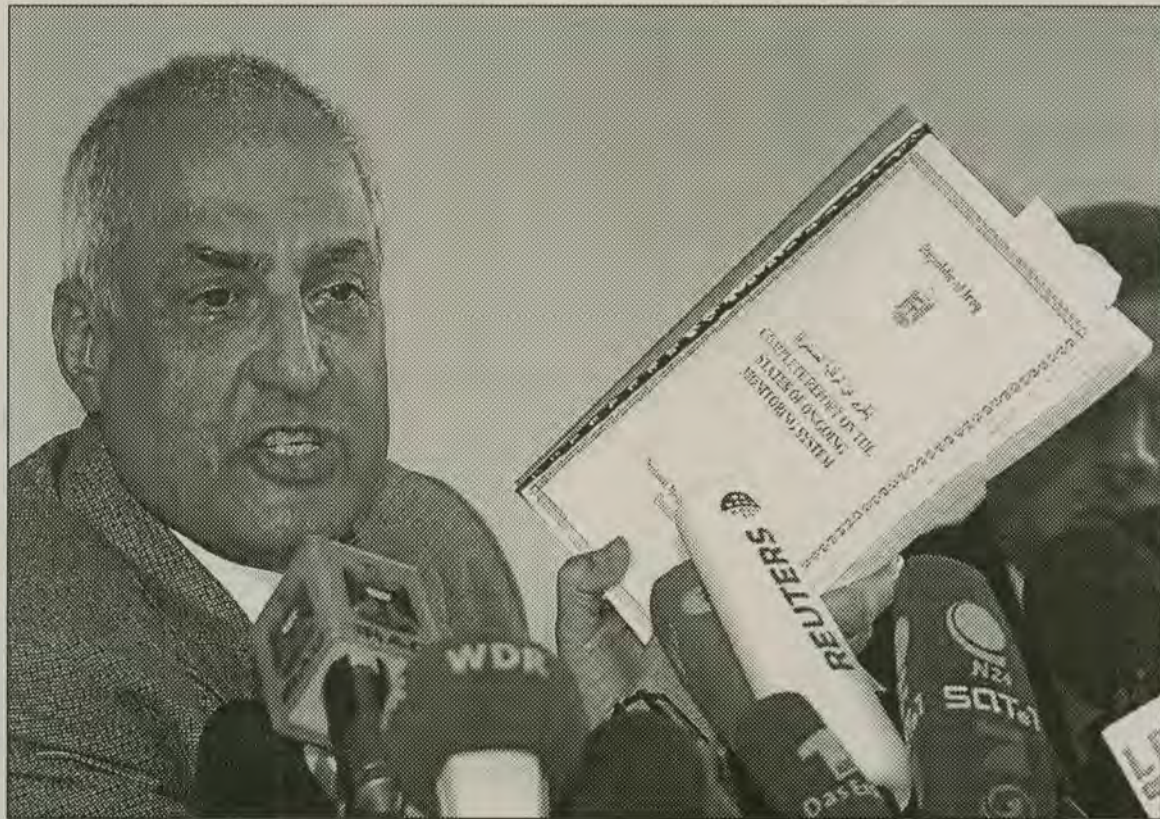
The latest U.N. resolution

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 intelligence from other nations and to data from past and present 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.



Amer al-Saadi, Iraq's government scientific adviser, presents a summary of Iraq's weapons declaration to the press on Sunday. al-Saadi claimed that the U.N. had no fresh evidence for its accusations of Iraq retaining weapons.

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 statement attributed to the group that appeared on a militant Web site Sunday.

"The Jewish 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.-Israeli 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 a video frame of Abu Ghaith.

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

The pan-Arab satellite station Al-Jazeera broadcast 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 offi-

cial, 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 Israel-Lebanon 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 Law visits Vatican

Cardinal Bernard Law, facing rekindled calls for his resignation and a rebellion of Boston-area clergy, was in Rome on Sunday for a previously unannounced visit to the Vatican, an archdiocese spokeswoman said. Donna Morrissey refused to discuss the purpose of Law's trip. An archdiocese financial panel has authorized Law to file for bankruptcy on behalf of the archdiocese, but he would need permission from the Vatican before doing so. 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, critical 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 make President Bush's replacements for 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.

The software company Roxio purchased the famous file-sharing program for about \$5.2 million last week. The Recording Industry Association of America is satisfied that Napster's old ways of allowing the illegal downloading of copyrighted material are no more. Roxio will now be a subscription-based service, and a percentage of its profits will go to artists and record labels.

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

Gary Augustson, Pennsylvania State University information technology provost, said Roxio is 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 con-

doning illegal filing sharing," he said.

Penn State President Graham Spanier will be co-chairing 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 music consumption is at record highs, but not many people are paying for it. 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. This would only be done 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.

Some students said they support Roxio.

Harold Hall (freshman-communications) said he thinks downloading copyrighted material is wrong, but said it is so easily accessible and such a widespread practice that many students do not consider the legality of the act.

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 states.

A letter, which was submitted with the charges, states, "the seriousness of [an expulsion] 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 of yet.

The press release argues that Levin has violated

bylaws requiring administrators to "preserve mutual respect and charitable relations within the Yale community."

Yale freshman Thomas Frampton said Levin has done exactly the opposite, saying his inactions with regards 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 students felt disrespected or shutdown."

Another charge states that Levin has misrepresented university policy to the student 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 happened," 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 [prohibited]," Frampton said.

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

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

Yale spokesman Tom Violante declined to comment.

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 undergraduates," the letter states.

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

Schools deal with football game riots

By RICHARD RYKENS

The Ohio State Lantern

Students involved in riots following the Ohio State-Michigan game are methodically being identified and submitted to judicial processes, not just on the Ohio State University campus 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 Ruth Gerstner, 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 determine 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 students on the summary were arrested or cited on charges of underage drinking or open container violations.

Three people identified by police as OSU students faced more serious charges — misconduct at an emergency, disorderly 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 burning and resisting arrest.

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

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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.

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 400 union jobs in the short term.

"I would be alarmed if there weren't people voicing objections, then I'd be concerned," union spokesman Steve Stallone said. "The only way for this to pass and work is that the members own it."

About 80 delegates from Seattle to San Diego will convene here to entertain their negotiating committee's explanation of the contract before they pelt them with questions. On Friday, delegates will recommend that the union's 10,500 members either reject or approve the contract. The rank and file will cast their ballots in January.

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

◆ Airline to announce bankruptcy

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.

United operates about 1,700 flights a day, or about 20 percent of all U.S. flights. A bankruptcy restructuring is likely to result in fewer flights, thousands of additional layoffs and other extensive cost-slashing, though the airline has 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 would use up most of its remaining cash. 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 Sunday.

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 United's 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



GETTY

Passengers wait at the United Airlines terminal Dec. 2 at O'Hare International Airport. Company sources expect United to file for Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

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 urged 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 year," pilots spokesman Herb Hunter said. "We don't want people to give

up on us, because we're going to come through this."

"This is going to be painful for the stockholders and the employees, but the airline's going to keep flying and we're going to come out of this stronger. The passengers shouldn't notice any difference."

Bankruptcy of United threatens 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. air-

lines that want to sell tickets into and out of the United States.

Elk Grove Village-based United, on a pace to lose an industry-record \$2.5 billion this year, had warned for months a bankruptcy filing was likely if it didn't get a \$1.8 billion federal loan guarantee. The Air Transportation Stabilization Board rejected the request Wednesday.

United proposed \$5.2 billion in labor cutbacks by 2008 in its pitch to the government board, but the three-member panel found the business plan was not financially sound.

Shippers prepare for holiday rush

Associated Press

ALPHARETTA, Ga.

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

Major shippers like United Parcel Service and FedEx are prepared for a shorter holiday shipping season — 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 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 Thom Albrecht, 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 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.

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 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 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 cross burning violated the right to free speech.

Virginia Attorney General Jerry Kilgore asked the U.S. Supreme Court to review the decision.

"We believe that when someone intentionally burns a cross for the purpose of intimidating another person, it ought to be a crime and states around the

country ought to be able to protect 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 violates the First Amendment to single out any particular symbol or symbolic ritual for special punishment, even though that symbolic ritual may be highly offensive to most people," Smolla said.

The Virginia Supreme Court relied heavily on a U.S. Supreme Court decision 10 years ago striking down a St. Paul, Minn., ordinance that outlawed cross-burning if it was aimed at others "on the basis of race, color, creed or gender." That ordinance violated the First Amendment's free-speech protection because it sought to ban only certain viewpoints, the high court said.

Kilgore said that ruling should not apply in Virginia because the state's law protected everyone, not just those of targeted because of race or other characteristics.

Ten months after the cross burning, the Jubilees moved, fearing for their children's safety.

Officials release Trade Center plans

Associated Press

As officials prepare seven alternative plans for reconstruction of the World Trade Center including a memorial in the sky and the world's tallest tower doubts about who is in charge of the process threaten to muffle the fanfare.

"Things are very unclear," said Mark Ginsberg, a leader of New York New Visions, a coalition of architects and planners. "There are all these

"There are all these different agencies coming out with different plans hopefully with some coordination."

Mark Ginsberg
architect and planner

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The Lower Manhattan Development Corp., a city-state agency created after last year's terrorist attacks to guide downtown redevelopment, plans to unveil seven new designs Dec. 18.

Several of the plans include a tower that would be the tallest in the world, said a redevelopment official who spoke on condition of anonymity. Malaysia's Petronas Twin Towers, at 1,483 feet, are now the world's tallest.

All of the plans include memorials to the victims of the Sept. 11 attack, the official said. One plan places it on top of a building, while another incorporates a formal, sunken garden.

"They're inspiring. I think they are exactly what we need," said Roland Betts, a board member of the devel-

opment agency who has seen early versions of the plans.

But as the plans near public release, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which owns the 16-acre trade center site, says it expects to produce a separate master plan early next year.

Seymour, development corporation head Louis Tomson said last week that the authority's architect would not release his own plan but would work with the development corporation's staff to review the plans that are presented by the seven architects.

Tomson acknowledged "many spirited debates" between the two agencies but said they are working together. How the two agencies' plans will be merged is unclear, although an official familiar with the rebuilding process said Sunday the agencies reached an agreement last week on a single integrated master plan process.

Some independent urban planners worry that none of the government agencies will produce a design worthy of the challenge.

Robert Yaro, president of the Regional Plan Association, said he recently joined a group of civic leaders touring comparable projects in Europe such as Berlin's Potsdamer Platz.

"Everywhere we went, business leaders, government leaders said that there are very, very high expectations for what we're going to deliver at the trade center site," he said. "The world is watching."

The agency then put out a call for new architects to produce designs with relaxed requirements for the amount of commercial space the new buildings must accommodate.

A final plan is to be chosen in February, and a design for the memorial is to be selected in a separate process by next Sept. 11, the second anniversary of the attack.

The development corporation and the Port Authority have promised several times to cooperate, only to have their efforts later diverge.

Port Authority Executive Director Joseph Seymour said last month that his agency's plan for ground zero would focus on nuts-and-bolts concerns such as transportation improvements.

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The Observer.

How to Avoid Computer Lockout Over Christmas Break

If you're a Windows 2000 or Windows XP user who logs on to a Notre Dame network domain and you plan to take your computer home to use over the holidays, please follow the steps listed here before you take off for Christmas break. Else, you may not be able to use your computer while away from campus. It isn't necessary for Macintosh users to take these precautions.

When you get home

Use exactly the same log-on procedure in Step #2 for logging on to your computer when you get home.

If you don't follow this procedure

If you don't follow this procedure, your computer may lock you out, and you won't have access to your files and applications until you return to campus and log on to the network again.

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SCOTLAND

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 18 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 alleyways, 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.

PHILIPPINES

Rebels warn against Christmas ceasefire

Associated Press

Communist guerrillas ruled out a cease-fire this Christmas and warned on Sunday that Americans would be targeted if they participate in Philippine government offensives against the insurgents.

The Marxist guerrillas also said a new logistics agreement that President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo signed with the United States could be used against the rebels, further endangering already-stalled peace talks and violating the sovereignty of the former American colony.

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 the deal. The 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.

Rosal 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 effect of U.S. support to Philippine military offensives against Muslim extremist that recent-

"We cannot put our troops and police forces at risk by declaring a unilateral ceasefire."

Ignacio Bunye
press secretary

ly was expanded to include more assaults against communist rebels.

The rebels generally will be on the defensive but would target

Americans if they join Filipino assaults, Rosal said.

"It is simple. If they join and enter our fronts, they will become a target of our offensives," Rosal said.

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

Rosal said branding the communists terrorists was a way to justify increased military operations. Rosal rejected the terrorist label, claiming communists would only target soldiers and police, not malls and buses where civilians congregate.

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 Bergsiche Synagogue 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 Rau.

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 rightist National Democratic Party called on supporters to take to the streets in several demonstrations against the Israeli president.

Authorities in Wuppertal banned a protest march planned by the party but kept 2,000 police on hand to ensure security.

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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 wrestled with the spandex-ed beast in hopes of pinning him down. Long have I been unable to. Sadly, there is no recipe for cool. But if there was, I bet it would have paprika in it, and maybe a hint of dill.

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 turtle-neck sweater. Kick anybody you see wearing one, and the person next to them. Instead, stock up on mock-turtlenecks — they are way cooler (www.landsend.com — I like the heather). Name your bike, if you haven't already, but please remember to wear a helmet and stay on the sidewalks. 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-question mark sandwich?!? Right. Nothing.

Plant a tree. Watch it grow. Do us all a favor and hang up the rollerblades. Honestly, this isn't the cul-de-sac, folks. Get a hover-board, or anything at all that has hovering capabilities. Get practical, people. Get with it.

The list goes on. Of course, you may be

unwilling to part ways with the turtle-neck sweater, or the rollerblades 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 No Fear and the Gap. Been there, wrecked that? Hey, wussy boy? We've all worn the shirts, and some of us still do. But for your own sake, stop now.

As a big brother, all I've really ever wanted was for my younger siblings to turn out cool. It breaks my heart to wake up to the sounds of my little sister rapping in the shower.

"The NORE album is sick, bro."

What? Huh?

I just don't want people to misunderstand her. We're from the Midwest — the "burbs" — raised on James Taylor and trips to the Smoky Mountains. We're VH1 and CMT. I ate breakfast opposite a little brother known by friends as the "thug-master." Maybe I shouldn't blame them, though. Maybe I should blame myself. "The Little Mermaid" is way too high on my all-time list for me to be blame-free. I had a tech-vest, once. My first album was a boot-stomping Billy Ray Cyrus success. "The Lion King" was my middle school soundtrack. I played far too much kickball and have the grass stains to prove it. I grew up, though, and moved on.

Where did I go wrong? Where were my role models? Happy hour, that's where. Everyday, I'd come home from school, relax to a snack of Fig Newtons and turn to the tube for a quick lesson in cool. We got J.T. from Step-by-Step and Eddie Winslow 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

Locksley. 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 modern. I was lost.

Just as I worry about my little brother and sister turning out cool, as I'm sure they will, my older brother and sister must have worried about me. They went through the same stages, some of them, and turned out cool enough. So maybe there is hope after all. My big brother once said, "Cool is doing your own thing, being individual, and being different." I really don't know how better to describe it. Even though I despise the year-round roller-bladers, there is something to be said for their dedication, their great skill and their unwavering individuality. Even the un-cool can be cool if that's your thing. (Though I must mention that throwing elbows in the omelet line is the exception. Don't do that.)

So my advice to you is this: If you have a younger brother or sister, maybe even an older one, who has yet to come around, just be patient. Maybe try to introduce him or her to Robin Hood. Other than that, though, it's pretty much out of your hands.

As for you, I can't keep you from listening to bad music or wearing turtle-neck sweaters, though I strongly advise against it. Just be yourself. Please, just be cool.

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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 that 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.

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

Golda Meir
former Israeli prime minister

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GUEST COLUMN

New intelligence tactics reek of Cold War-era spying

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.

Nimish Desai

Daily Texan

Contrast this view with what the Church Commission reported to the Senate in 1976 after its investigation into intelligence activities within our borders: "We have seen segments of our government, in their attitudes and action, adopt tactics unworthy 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," grew to the surveillance of political dissidents, even when their "beliefs posed 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 commit 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 ended these horrific 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 nation'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 populists such as Eugene Debs and Bill Haywood, to the Parmer 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, as 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? To believe so 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 importantly if they are to be eventually reversed, we must first address frankly the realistic 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 work diligently to avoid, so that in a generation it will still mean something to be a citizen.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Campus debates meaning of racism definitions

The phrase 'open-minded' is a questionable term

I don't wish, in particular, to respond to Tona Boyd and Shamus Rohn's Dec. 6 letter concerning racism. Rather, I'd like to ask some questions.

I am, first of all, curious about your opinions of Barry Baumbaugh and Andrew Henrick. Disregarding the lack of substantiation of your claim concerning the "undercurrent of white supremacy" that is "still seething" within what I assume is either the American or the white American culture, I'm just wondering how it is that your views are untouched by this culture. I confess to be ignorant of your respective races.

If you are not white, is it because you are not white that you have been able to avoid this closed-mindedness? If you are white, have you somehow broken out of this culture or disregarded it in a way that Baumbaugh and Henrick have not? How is it that you are unaffected? Or rather, how can you be so sure that two people you don't appear to know personally have been affected in some way that you have not?

Moving on, I have some questions about your concept of racism. Let's say that someone who is a minority owns a business. It seems reasonable to me to

call a business a social structure. Now let's say that the owner only hires people of the same race, and that these people in turn do the same. Isn't that a racist social structure, and aren't the people who are part of that business acting racist?

Or what about a social structure that exists right now: affirmative action. The express purpose of affirmative action is to discriminate in favor of minorities. Doesn't that make it a racist social structure and those who participate in it racist? Or is it somehow acceptable if 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?"

I completely agree with you when you say that racial discrimination is never permissible. However, I'm unclear about some of the points that you bring up concerning racism. But then, what do I know? After all, I'm probably just some closed-minded white guy.

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Dec. 7

Manipulated definitions do not clarify a confusing issue

I'd like to thank Tona Boyd and Shamus Rohn for clarifying the meaning of racism in their Dec. 6 letter. In a world full of such racist tracts as Mein Kampf and Webster's English Dictionary, Boyd and Rohn have provided guidance and understanding of a very confusing subject. I'm much better off for learning their definition, as well, because it allows me to express my frustration with racism on a personal level.

That's right. I'm a victim of racism. I'm tremendously glad we live in an enlightened university environment, where the "archaic status quo analyses" no longer apply, or I might never be able to properly express this. Taking Boyd and Rohn's analysis at face value, we can agree that "racism is defined as participation within [a] racist social structure, a structure designed to consolidate power for only one race."

Clearly, then, we must realize that the Notre Dame, as an academic institution, perfectly represents such a racist social structure. You see, I am not privileged, as Boyd and Rohn are, to be a member of the "race" on campus which is able to declare reference texts fundamentally

flawed and decide on their own what terms truly mean. It's really almost magical, the way they can tweak and manipulate terms to mean whatever they want them to mean.

I, as an intellectually underprivileged minority, can only refer to such things as the dictionary and rules of English grammar explain to understand what words mean. You can imagine, then, how oppressive the act of redefinition is on the part of Boyd and Rohn. It's just a typically closed-minded intellectual response to racism fostered within a culture still seething with an undercurrent of educational supremacy.

I hope this isn't looked upon as another "typically closed-minded white response." The emotional trauma I have suffered for so long has simply been too much, and I think it vital that we understand Boyd and Rohn's points before I suffer further. It's so bad I don't even know if my kids will be able to get over it. Please, think of the children.

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The inside scoop o

*Find out 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: 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. 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 hopes.

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 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.

Photo courtesy of Angela Brewka

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,

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n campus retreats

*but never really know exactly what to expect from them*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 Rousseau, 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. 2, 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 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

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 Blecher, 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 Stagni.

With a whole-hearted endorsement, Blecher 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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Photo courtesy of Angela Brewka

activities. The students spent their time at Notre Dame. Many students said

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 one encounter as a sophomore."

There are many scavenger hunts and the retreat is more outdoorsy. It involves fun activities with symbolic meaning.

Being so secretive, 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 rumors to be an upperclassmen

"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."

Matthew Blecher
 senior

NFL

Texans top Steelers with only 47 yards of total offense

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH

No NFL team ever played worse offensively and won. What made the difference was very few teams — much less an expansion one — have played 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 Tommy Maddox turnovers, to stun the Pittsburgh Steelers 24-6 Sunday.

The Steelers (7-5-1) were 6-1-1 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 1995. The Steelers lost to Cleveland 16-15 in 1999, only 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 half-game.

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 Kenny 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.

Later, after the Steelers couldn't turn a Jabar Gaffney fumbled punt in the fourth quarter into any points, 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 kicker Kris Brown kicked a 43-yard field goal that made it 17-6 after Antwaan Randle El also fumbled away a punt in the fourth quarter.

Browns 21, Jaguars 20

The old Kardiak Kids were downright boring compared 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 uphold Morgan's 50-yard catch, and when that drama was complete, Phil Dawson kicked the extra point for the one-point margin.

Cleveland coach Butch Davis sprinted off the field with his son in his arms. Jaguars coach Tom Coughlin fell flat to the ground in disbelief.

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 victory, combined with Pittsburgh's surprising loss to Houston, pulled them within a half-game of the Steelers in the AFC North.

Morgan fought off tight coverage from Fernando Bryant on the final play.

As the two fell to the ground, Morgan cradled Tim Couch's pass into his body with his right hand.

Side judge Bill Spyksma signaled touchdown. The ball looked as if it might have touched the ground as Morgan hit the turf — in fact, Coughlin insists he saw it hit the ground — but after the review, referee Ron Winter said there was no indisputable evidence to overturn the play.

It was a fitting finish to a rivalry that has served up a number of memorable moments.

Last year in Cleveland, Morgan had a catch overturned by replay on the decisive play in Jacksonville's 15-10 victory.

Cleveland fans responded by throwing bottles and debris onto the field.

Unlike the Cleveland fans, Jacksonville fans didn't throw anything onto the field. Instead, they shuffled out of Alltel Stadium in shock.

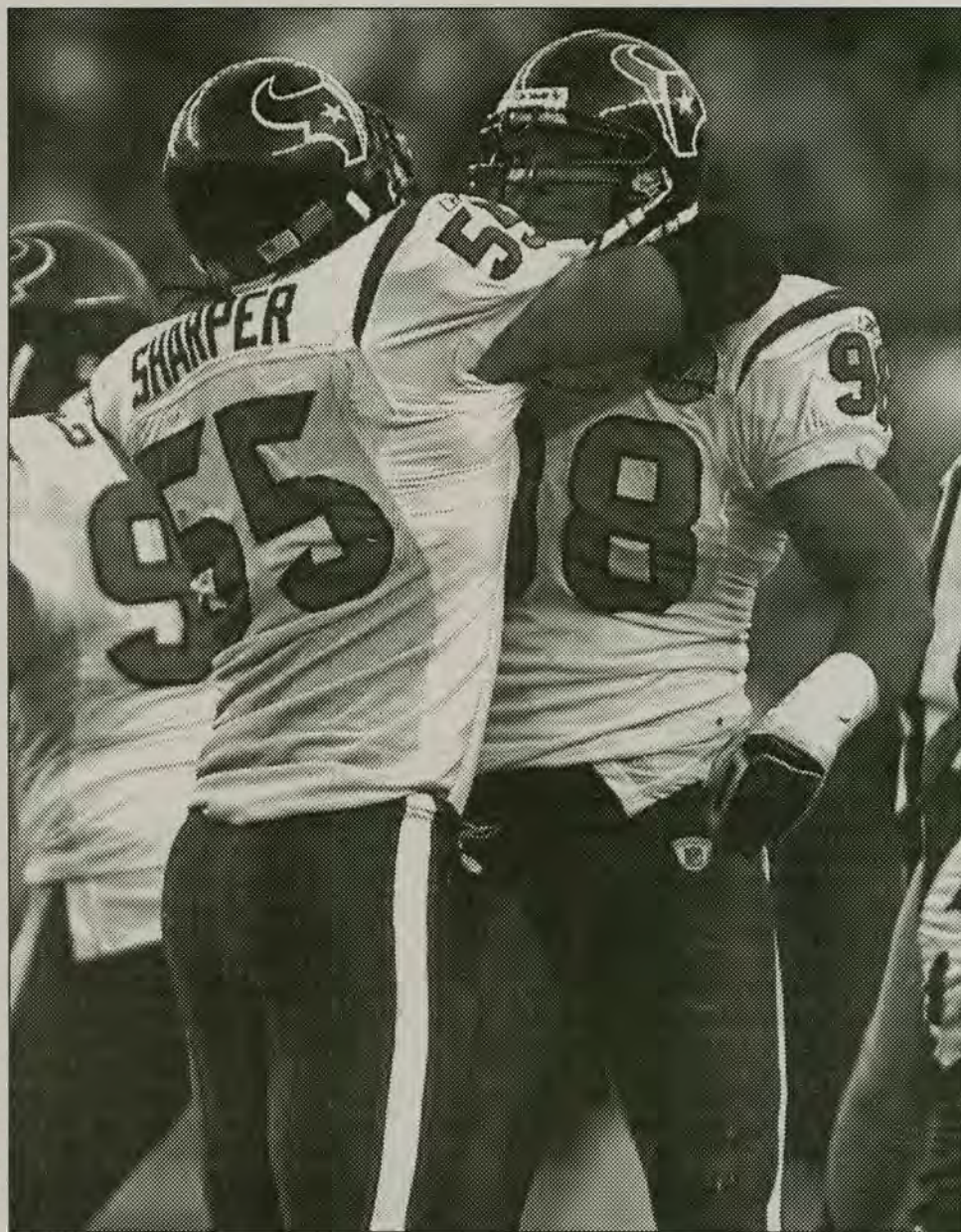
Patriots 27, Bills 17

For the second straight season, Tom Brady is pushing Drew Bledsoe toward a disappointing finish.

Bledsoe threw four interceptions, and his former understudy threw two touchdown passes as the New England Patriots beat the Buffalo Bills 27-17 Sunday.

That put the Patriots (8-5) in first place in the AFC East by a half-game over Miami, which hosts Chicago on Monday night. The Bills (6-7) trail by two games with just three to play.

This was Bledsoe's first game at New



AP Wire Photo Service

Houston linebacker Jamie Sharper celebrates with teammate Jeff Posey on his sack of Pittsburgh's Tommy Maddox Sunday afternoon at Heinz Field.

England since the team traded him following their Super Bowl win.

Bledsoe's career was revived in Buffalo, and he helped the Bills go from a 3-13 season to challenging for the playoffs. But on Sunday, he threw his most interceptions in 33 games, and the Bills lost for the fourth time in five games.

New England led 20-0 at halftime on the way to its fifth win in six games.

Bledsoe received a standing ovation before Sunday's game. One fan held a sign reading, "Hey Drew Thanks For The Memories."

Once the game started, the crowd roared for Brady, who completed 15 of 27 passes for 183 yards and no inter-

ceptions. Bledsoe went 32-for-51 for 328 yards and two touchdowns.

The Patriots dominated Buffalo for the second time in barely a month. New England won 38-7 at Buffalo on Nov. 3 to start the Patriots' current surge.

They scored on all four of their first-half possessions and could have had more, but two apparent touchdown passes were nullified by penalties in the half.

The Bills cut the lead to 20-10 in the third quarter on a 26-yard field goal by Mike Hollis and a 12-yard pass from Bledsoe to Eric Moulds, who also caught a 4-yard scoring pass with 1:05 left.

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NBA

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 23 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 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 buckets."

Lakers 110, Jazz 101

The Los Angeles Lakers parlayed the momentum from their amazing comeback against Dallas into a 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 coming back and the game is

more fun," Bryant said. "Right now it's just important to establish a momentum, see if we can put together a nice little stretch."

Bryant showed no ill effects from the pulled groin he sustained Friday against the Mavericks when he scored 21 points in the final 12 minutes.

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

"My groin was pretty stiff when I went back in there 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 Toronto Raptors just couldn't beat the Portland Trail Blazers without Antonio Davis.

Bonzi Wells scored a season-high 29 points and Rasheed Wallace added 20 to lead the Trail Blazers to a 104-91 victory over the Raptors on Sunday.

Portland outscored Toronto 44-18 in the paint.

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 knew Antonio Davis wasn't going to play. We knew it was going to be a little light on the inside. We made it 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 this 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.

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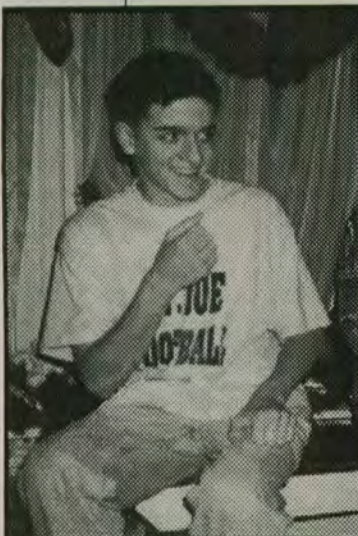
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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

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. "The last two games, he played with great energy."

Florida (6-2) has won 33 consecutive games against non-conference opponents at home. Over the past three seasons, the Gators are 24-1 in December games.

"The biggest thing right now is energy," Roberson said. "I'm trying to come in with lot of energy."

Florida had struggled in its past two 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 Baxter 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.

Roberson had 16 points as Florida took a 40-25 halftime lead.

"He really opened the game for us in the first half," Donovan said. "He was terrific."

South Florida put together a 7-0 run, including a 3-pointer by Reggie Kohn, to get within 42-32 with 17 1/2 minutes to play.

Florida responded with a 10-4 run to go up 52-36 midway through the second half as Brett Nelson 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.

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 68-50 with just under two minutes to go.

"He gave them a lift when they needed one," South Florida coach Seth Greenberg said of Roberson. "He made big shots."

Lee had four slams and Roberson hit two 3s to put Florida ahead 17-9 with 12:34 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 Drevo had career-highs of 27 points and 14 rebounds to lead the Cornhuskers.

Drevo, 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," Drevo said. "The tendency is to let down. Minnesota made a couple runs, but we never let down."

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.

"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 16-0, 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 Hargrow 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, missed the Gophers' win over Bethune-Cookman on Friday because of the flu. He still was ailing Sunday.

"Rick is weak. He's obviously not ready yet," Monson 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.

Holman's basket early in the second half got the Gophers within 46-32, but the Huskers went on a 19-3 run to lead 65-35 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.

Maryland 93, George Washington 82

When Gary Williams demanded an emotional performance to end a losing streak, the Terrapins delivered.

ered.

Blake had career-highs of 27 points and five 3-pointers, and Nicholas added 27 points to lead Maryland (No. 8 ESPN/USA Today, No. 9 AP) to a 93-82 victory over George Washington on Sunday 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-for-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).

"Against Notre Dame, none of us looked like we wanted to play basketball," Nicholas said. "I think we showed we do today."

Nicholas tied a career-best with five 3s as the defending national champions averted their first three-game losing streak since February 2001.

Chris Monroe led George Washington with 19 points.

Omar Williams scored 17 points and T.J. Thompson had 15 points and 10 assists for the Colonials, who have lost two straight. Mike Hall had 13 rebounds for GW.

Maryland, which shot only 37 percent from the field in the opening-round loss to the

effective up-tempo attack.

"We didn't press," Gary Williams said. "We just tried to get back down the court before they did. We were able to shorten the court a little bit."

George Washington coach Karl Hobbs' strategy of utilizing the transition game hit a roadblock when the Terrapins starting making shots and grabbing rebounds for second-chance baskets. In the middle of the Maryland comeback were Blake and Nicholas.

"They played like a team committed to win today," Hobbs said. "Blake and Nicholas played like seniors are supposed to play. They played like guys who have won a national championship. They played well when they found themselves in a little bit of a hole."

The Colonials used runs of 14-5 and 10-2 to take a 29-17 lead with 11:12 left in the half. But after Monroe's two free throws gave GW a 31-19 lead with 10:23 to go, Blake rallied the Terrapins.

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 outscoring GW 17-8 as Nicholas, who had 20 first-half points, knocked down three 3-pointers.

Blake's driving layup with 3:37 left in the half gave Maryland the lead for good at 38-37.

The Terrapins led by as many as 21 points on Travis Garrison's jumper midway through the second half.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Hurricanes storm to big Fiesta after defeating Hokies

Associated Press

MIAMI
From the start of the season, the goal was simple for Miami: win every time 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 earned a wild 56-45 victory over Virginia Tech (No. 14 ESPN/USA 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 Romberg. "We're not ecstatic, but we're definitely happy that the goal is coming closer and closer. It's not finished yet. We've 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., a run that matches Penn for the sixth-longest in Division I-A history. Miami's streak is the longest since Toledo won 35 straight 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 only the second team to repeat as national champions since 1980 and first since Nebraska won back-to-back crowns in 1994-95. The Hurricanes have won five national titles since 1983, under four coaches.

The 'Canes 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. Then DeAngelo Hall returned a punt 71 yards to set up a field goal, and Roynell Whitaker ran 56 yards with an interception to set up the second of Lee Suggs' three TDs — a 9-yarder.

And just like that, Virginia Tech whittled away Miami's lead to 49-37 entering the fourth quarter.

Miami regrouped, though, thanks to Heisman Trophy contenders Dorsey and McGahee, who finished with 39 carries to tie a school record. On the opening drive of the fourth quarter, McGahee ran nine times for 31 yards, and Dorsey went 2-of-2, hitting Kellen Winslow Jr. with an 11-yard TD pass with 10:06 left to give the Hurricanes breathing room.

Suggs scored from 4 yards with 1:51 left, and the Hokies added a 2-point conversion pass to close the scoring. But Miami's firepower was just too much.

Washington State 48, UCLA 27

An elated Jason Gesser stood before several hundred cheering Washington State fans Saturday, smiling and waving a single rose.

"I'm feeling no pain right now," the Cougars' quarterback said moments after leading his team to a 48-27 victory over UCLA and a berth in the Rose Bowl game on New Year's Day.

Wearing braces on his sprained right knee and ankle, Gesser didn't have one of his best days, completing 15 of 24 passes for 247 yards and two touchdowns with two interceptions.

But his performance was exceptional, considering many in his situation might not have played at all. Afterward, coach Mike Price said Gesser was 50-50 to play in the Rose Bowl game because of his injuries, even though the game is 3 1/2 weeks away.

"Just because my leg hurts now, I wasn't going to let my dream pass me by," 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 keep me out of the Rose Bowl."

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 returned for a touchdown, and another one was picked off by Emanuel in the UCLA end zone.

But the offense did its part, and the Cougars' speedy defense and special teams proved too

much for the Bruins.

WSU (10-2, 7-1 Pac-10), which played in the Rose Bowl following the 1915, 1930 and 1997 seasons, will face No. 8 Oklahoma, the Big 12 champion. The Sooners (11-2) beat No. 12 Colorado 29-7 Saturday night in the Big 12 title game.

"To go to the Rose Bowl two times in five years is really something for our program, for our players, our coaches, and really for our school," Price said.

Regarding Gesser, Price said: "I would never say I couldn't expect Jason to do something, because that's the kind of guy he is. He's got to be the MVP of Washington State history."

Georgia 30, Arkansas 3

Arkansas had already allowed two touchdowns and a field goal before officially gaining a yard, and it didn't get much better.

The No. 22 Razorbacks had no answer for No. 4 Georgia, which beat Arkansas a 30-3 Saturday night in the Southeastern Conference championship game at the Georgia Dome.

Arkansas (9-4) had a six-game winning streak snapped and lost for the second time in two appearances in the title game. Those two losses have been by a combined 64-6.

"These guys played with all their heart," Arkansas coach Houston Nutt said. "They laid it on the line."

The Razorbacks lost two yards on three plays on their first possession before Richie Butler had his punt blocked by Decory Bryant.

The block gave the Bulldogs (12-1) first-and-goal at the 2, and Musa Smith scored on the first play for a 7-0 lead.

Arkansas played mistake-free for the rest of the half but struggled to move the ball, finishing with more punts (six) than first downs (five). The Razorbacks managed to cross midfield only once in the first 30 minutes, and that 26-yard drive stalled at the Georgia 39 after an incomplete pass.

"We felt like we could come out and shut them down," Georgia defensive tackle Ken Veal said. "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-

al foul late in the first quarter — one of five in the game on the Bulldogs — and Arkansas didn't get a first down on its own until its first possession of the second quarter.

Oklahoma 29, Colorado 7

With no national championship berth on the line, Oklahoma (No. 9 ESPN/USA Today, No. 8 AP) and No. 12 Colorado didn't pack the house for Saturday night's Big 12 title game.

Oklahoma wide receiver Mark Clayton grabs the ball for an 11-yard reception on Saturday.

At least the Sooners are headed for one of college football's coveted Bowl Championship Series spots, a nice consolation prize for missing out on the Fiesta Bowl.

Nate Hybl threw two touchdowns passes and Quentin Griffin ran for a championship game-record 188 yards and two touchdowns as the Sooners beat the Buffaloes 29-7 to win the Big 12 for the second time in three years.

The victory probably will send Oklahoma (11-2) to the Rose Bowl against Washington State (10-2).

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

A disappointing announced crowd of 63,332 attended the game, although Reliant Stadium appeared far less than its 69,500 capacity.

The Sooners beat Kansas State for the Big 12 title in 2000 and went on to beat Florida State in the Orange Bowl for the national championship.

Griffin eclipsed 100 yards for the ninth straight time this season. Griffin finished the regular season No. 2 on Oklahoma's single-season rushing list with 1,740 yards; Billy Sims had 1,762 yards in 1978.

"We've been executing a lot in the running game and pass protection," said Griffin, the game's most valuable player, adding praise for his offensive line. "I can't say enough about those guys. They played really well the whole year."

Brian Calhoun, starting for injured running back Chris Brown, ran for 122 yards for the Buffaloes.

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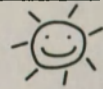
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NBA

Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Philadelphia	15-6	.714	8-2	-
Boston	13-6	.684	7-3	1
New Jersey	13-7	.658	6-4	1.5
Orlando	12-9	.571	5-4	3
Washington	9-11	.450	3-7	5.5
New York	5-13	.278	4-6	8.5
Miami	5-15	.250	3-7	9.5

Eastern Conference, Central Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Indiana	15-5	.750	6-4	-
New Orleans	15-6	.714	7-3	.5
Detroit	12-7	.632	5-5	2.5
Atlanta	10-10	.500	4-6	5
Milwaukee	8-11	.421	3-7	6.5
Toronto	7-13	.350	3-7	8
Chicago	5-16	.250	1-9	10
Cleveland	3-18	.143	1-9	12.5

Western Conference, Midwest Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Dallas	18-2	.900	8-2	-
Houston	11-6	.579	5-5	6.5
San Antonio	12-9	.571	5-5	6.5
Utah	12-9	.571	8-2	6.5
Minnesota	11-10	.524	6-4	7.5
Denver	6-14	.300	4-6	12
Memphis	3-18	.143	3-7	15.5

Western Conference, Pacific Division

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Sacramento	16-5	.763	9-1	-
Seattle	11-9	.550	3-7	5.5
Phoenix	10-9	.526	5-5	6
Portland	9-9	.500	6-4	6.5
LA Lakers	9-13	.409	6-4	8.5
LA Clippers	8-12	.400	5-5	8.5
Golden State	7-13	.350	5-5	9.5

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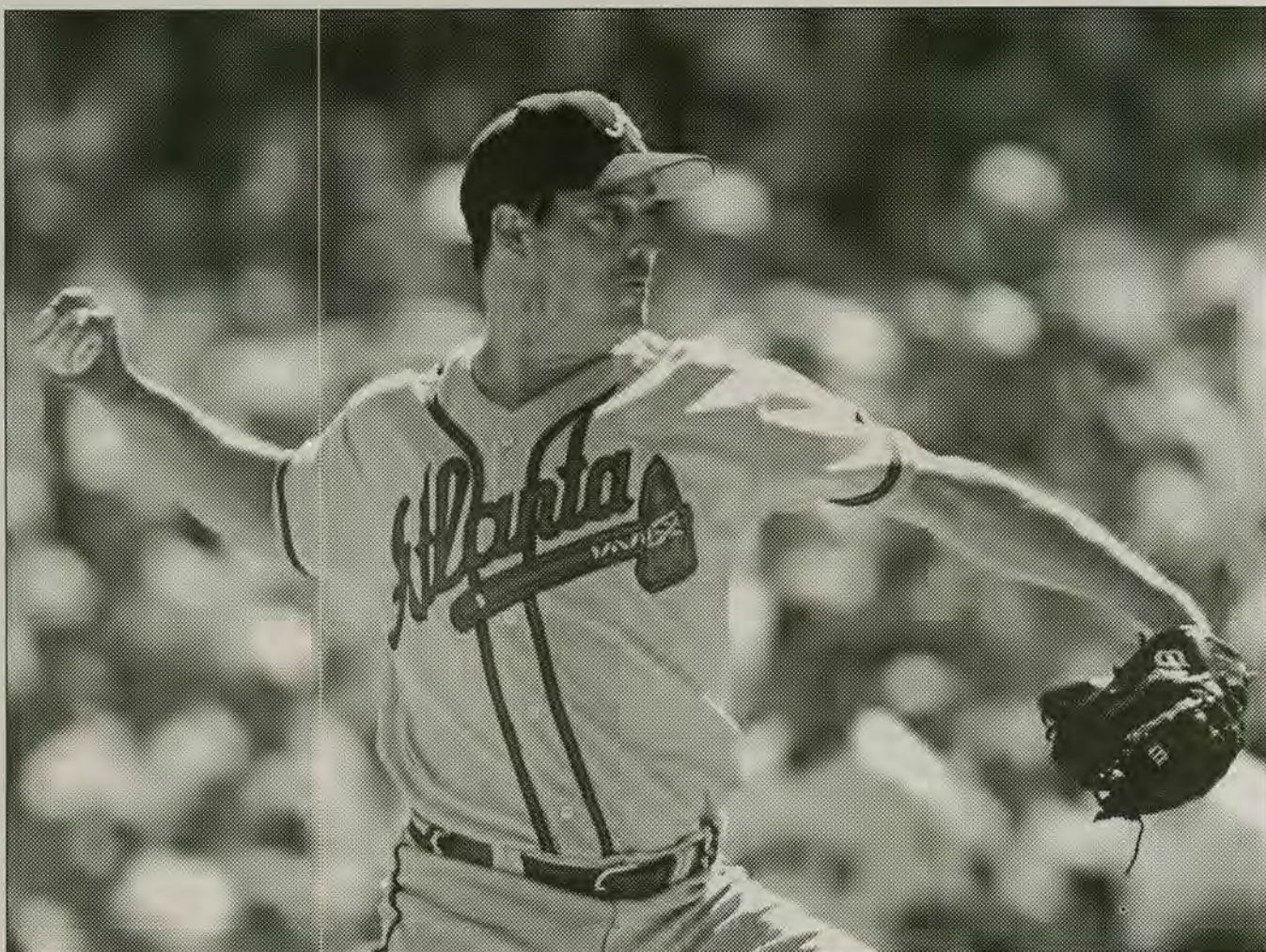
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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL



Reuters Photo

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.

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.

Left-hander Jamie Moyer got a \$15.5 million, three-year contract to stay with Seattle, an agreement that includes \$6 million in performance bonuses in the final season. The Mariners also agreed to a minor league contract with catcher Pat Borders, who would get \$500,000 if he's added to the major league roster.

The Mets agreed to an \$8 million, two-year contract

with right-hander Steve Trachsel, who joins with Glavine, Al Leiter and Pedro Astacio in a rotation the Mets hope will end Atlanta's streak of 11 straight division titles.

Philadelphia re-signed left-handed reliever Dan Plesac to a \$2 million, one-year contract, and Boston re-signed right-hander Frank Castillo to an \$800,000, one-year deal.

Arizona re-signed outfielder Steve Finley to an \$11.25 million, two-year contract and gave minor league contracts to right-hander Armando Reynoso and infielder Chris Donnels.

IN BRIEF

Portland finally gets NCAA womens 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.

"As an attacker, you like it," Sinclair said of the slick field. "Anything on net, keep it low and it could have a chance."

A Canadian national team player, Sinclair tied the game at 1-1 with a goal in the 61st minute of regulation. The game winner came when she put back a rebound of her own shot in the second overtime period.

It was Sinclair's 26th goal of the season and her 10th of the NCAA tournament. She was named the tournament's most valuable offensive

player.

OneWorld Challenge loses a point, avoids disqualification

Seattle's OneWorld Challenge avoided disqualification Monday, but will be docked a point in each of the remaining stages of the America's Cup challenger rounds after admitting to breaches of the regatta's protocol.

The America's Cups arbitration panel announced the penalties Monday and gave OneWorld until Dec. 16 to pay \$65,000 in costs.

"The panel determines that OneWorld Challenge has been in breach of the protocol in that a designer employed by OWC had in his possession a computer file, a zip disk and a computer that contained design information that was the property of Team New Zealand," the panel said in its ruling.

OneWorld could have been disqualified after admitting to holding secret

design information of a rival. However, after a two-day hearing, the panel ruled that OneWorld was eligible to continue in the semifinal series against Prada of Italy.

Hecht loses part of right ear in game

Buffalo Sabres forward Jochen Hecht lost part of his right ear after being struck in the side of the head with a puck on Saturday night.

"It's not a pretty sight," Sabres coach Lindy Ruff said 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 was hurt seven minutes into the third period after the Sabres won a faceoff deep in the Capitals zone. Hecht, who wears a protective visor, was tumbling to the ice after appearing to lose his balance, and was hit by teammate Brian Campbell's point shot.

SMC BASKETBALL

Belles fall to Chicago in final round of Roundball Classic

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN and TREY WILLIAMS
Sports Writers

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).

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 Lepka. Bleck dominated the boards, with four first half rebounds, while Tournament MVP Lepka had 14 first half points, finishing with 21 for the game, to go with 11 rebounds.

"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 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' hope 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.

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Saint Mary's player Maureen Bush dribbles past a University of Chicago defender during the Belles' loss Sunday.

Bowl

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nine years.

"To have an opportunity to have Notre Dame play in a bowl game, any bowl in America would be absolutely standing on their head to make that happen," Gator Bowl president Rick Catlett said. "Some other bowls decided not to take a 10-2 Irish [team], and we're happy they made that mistake."

The Irish, who haven't won a bowl game since the 1993 season, will face a stiff challenge from the 10-2 Wolfpack. After winning their first nine games, North Carolina State lost their next two before beating Florida State 17-7.

Their offense is led by Philip Rivers, who has thrown for an average of 240 yards a game. Yet the Wolfpack defense isn't to be taken lightly, for it has allowed an average of just 17.8 points per game.

"The little knowledge that I do have, and it's just from seeing them on nationally televised games," Willingham said, "is that they are a very potent football team ... This is an exciting and challenging team for us to play."

For the first time in its four-year history, BCS selections came and went with very little controversy. The only two Division I-A undefeated teams, Miami and Ohio State, will meet Jan. 3 in the Fiesta Bowl for the national championship.

Meanwhile, Washington State will play Big 12 champ Oklahoma in the Rose Bowl, SEC champion Georgia and ACC champion Florida State will meet in the Sugar Bowl and the two at-large teams, USC and Iowa, will play in the Orange Bowl.

Still, not all were happy with how the bowl scenario shook out. West Virginia coach Rich Rodriguez, whose team was bumped from the Gator Bowl to the Continental Tire bowl, blast-

ed Notre Dame's relationship with the Big East bowl arrangements, at one point saying Notre Dame should either "get in or get out."

Under the arrangement Notre Dame has with the Big East, a bowl can select Notre Dame based on how it would have finished in the Big East standings. In Notre Dame's case, the Irish bumped the Mountaineers, who would have earned a Gator Bowl invitation typically reserved for the second-place team in the Big East.

"I don't know if slighted is the right word," Rodriguez said. "But I do question sometimes what is Notre Dame's affiliation with our league."

"That relationship both predates Coach Willingham and myself," Notre Dame athletic director Kevin White responded. "... We've been a proud member of the Big East conference in everything else, and when this

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Rich Rodriguez
West Virginia coach

opportunity was afforded to us to be a participant of a so-called secondary package, we agreed to it in good faith."

Notre Dame's practice schedule is still not completely finalized. With most of the coaches on the road this week recruiting, Willingham said the players might hold a practice of their own during the week and then the team will practice for a few days before finals. After finals, Willingham said he expected the Irish to practice for a few days and then go home to spend time with families.

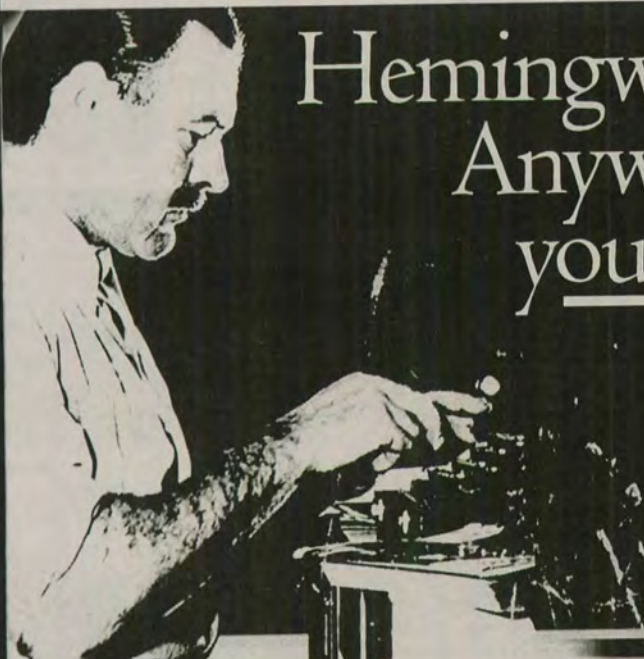
The Irish have to report to the Gator Bowl on Dec. 26.

"At the start of the season, nobody gave us a chance, losing like we did to SC has a lot of people doubting again," Sapp said. "Going out and playing a great game this game is really going to make a statement toward the program and toward the people in this program."

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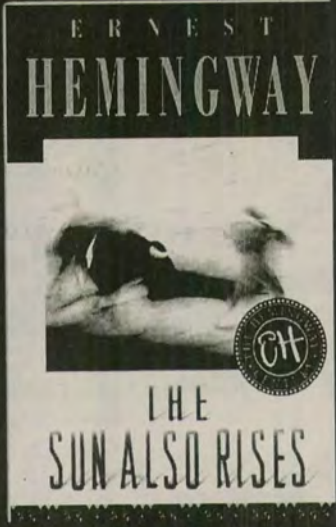
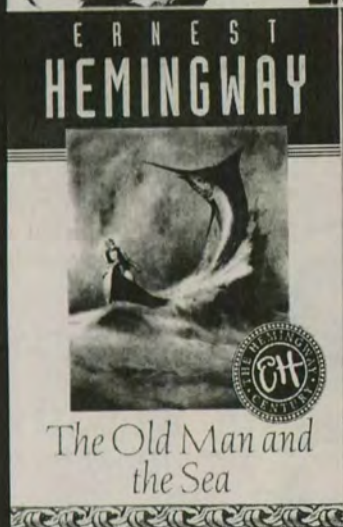


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ND VOLLEYBALL

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 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 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 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 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 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."

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."

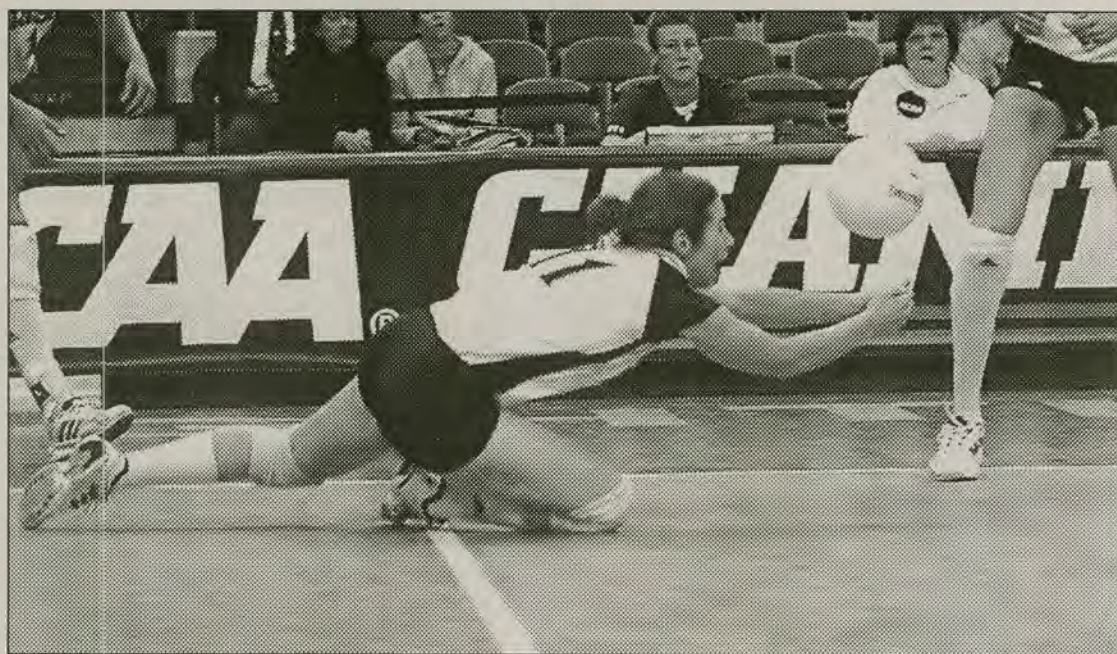
Notre Dame came into the weekend tied with Nebraska for first in the country with 3.67 blocks per game. Michigan State gave the Irish some of their own medicine with 15 team blocks, including nine from sophomore Megan Wallin.

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.

In Saturday's first round match, Notre Dame defeated the College of Charleston 30-23, 30-24, 28-30, 30-27. Loomis led the Irish with 19 kills.

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Senior defensive specialist Keara 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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HOCKEY

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.

Evan 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 Falcon goaltender Jordan Sigalet bobbled a shot from Nielsen and sophomore center Yan Stastny was able to poke the rebound into the net.

The Falcons tied the score at

17:02 of the first period, with forward Ryan Barnett beating Irish sophomore goaltender Morgan Cey top shelf.

The Irish retook the lead on 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 defenseman Neil Komadowski.

Cey provided his team with a lift after robbing Bowling Green of a goal about 11 minutes into the period. The Irish goaltender stopped a Falcon shot from the far side, but gave up a rebound right to the middle of the ice. Out 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 tie the game back up, but two straight power play goals from sophomore wing Cory McLean and junior defenseman 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 one-on-one 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 to give Notre Dame a 5-3 advantage.

"I knew somebody would get one back for us," Nielsen said. "I'm glad it ended up being me."

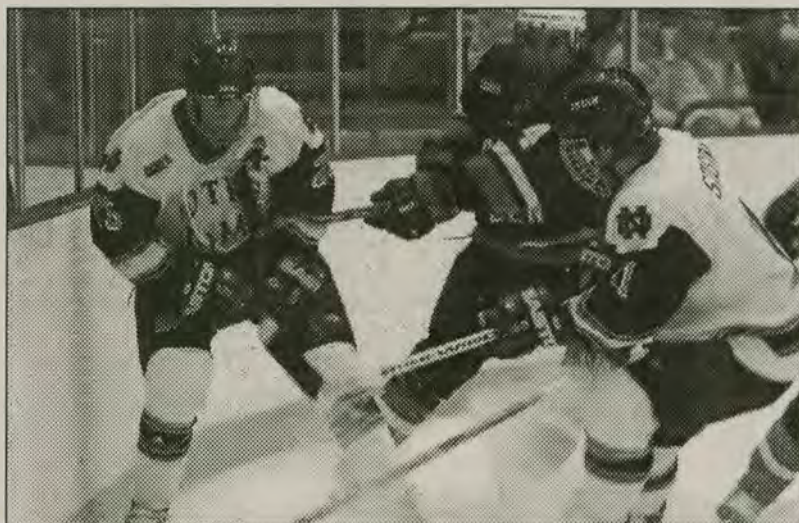
The Irish got an insurance goal at 18:04 of the final period on the power play, with McLean scoring his second of the game after assists from Globke and Wroblewski.

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.

"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



ANDY KENNA/The Observer

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.

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 Stastny," Poulin said. "Sometimes when you're going on a rush you get tunnel vision. He had a great weekend overall."

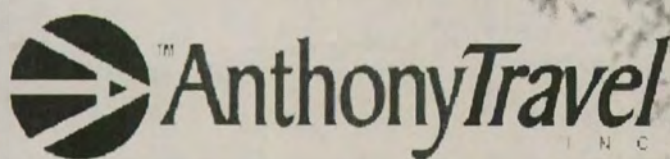
Senior wing Michael Chin gave the Irish a 3-2 lead just a minute

and a half later with his second goal of the season.

Wroblewski 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 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 Denison (1,111.50) was next in fourth, followed by North Dakota (874.50), Wisconsin-Green Bay (726), Indianapolis (605), and Louisville (508). St. Louis (411), Shippensburg (168), and Hillsdale (40) completed the field of participants.

The Irish faced tough competition, including Wyoming's Jerram Chudleigh, who set two pool and meet records on the final day. Chudleigh broke the 200 backstroke record with a NCAA B qualifying time of 1:46.95. Later that day, he set a pool and meet record in the 200 butterfly (1:47.84).

Notre Dame's Jason Fitzpatrick set a school record (55.71) in the 100 breaststroke on the second day, and later also led the 200 medley relay team to victory.

Freshman Doug Bauman won the next event for the Irish, winning the 100 backstroke with a time of 51.40. The 200 freestyle relay team also placed first, as Adam Cahill, Frank Krakowski, Tim Randolph, and Jason Fitzpatrick edged North Dakota.

In the 200 individual medley, Indianapolis' Orel Oral set a pool and meet record (1:50.14) and was closely followed by three Irish swimmers. Jamie Lutkus was second (1:53.65), David Moisan third and junior Josh Dermott placed fourth.

In diving action, Notre Dame's Tong Xie and Joe Miller were second and third, respectively, behind Louisville's Sean Wilkinson (539.40) in the three-meter board event.

In the one-meter competition, Wilkinson again took first place with 286.40 points and Xie was second for the Irish (256.85). St. Louis's Bobby Wolf was third with 245.65 points.

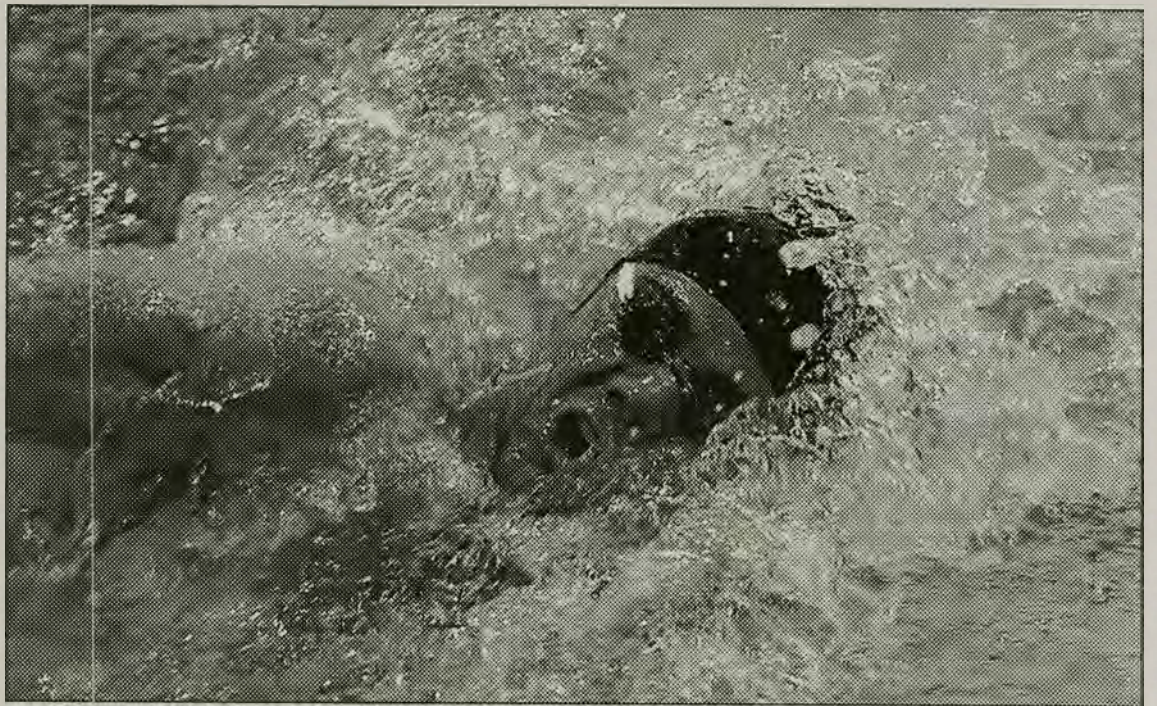
Wyoming's Scott Usher won the 200 breaststroke with an NCAA B qualifying time of 2:01.04, finishing just ahead of Notre Dame's Fitzpatrick. Usher set a meet record in the 100 breaststroke on the second day of competition, while Fitzpatrick set a new Irish record. Indianapolis' Oral finished third, followed 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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Irish swimmer Adam Cahill jets through the water in the mens 100-yard-freestyle at the Notre Dame Invitational Saturday. Notre Dame finished the three-day event in first place.

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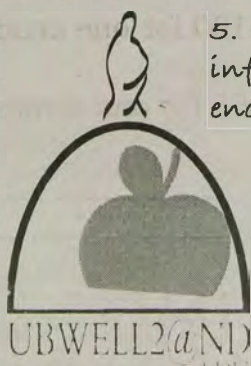
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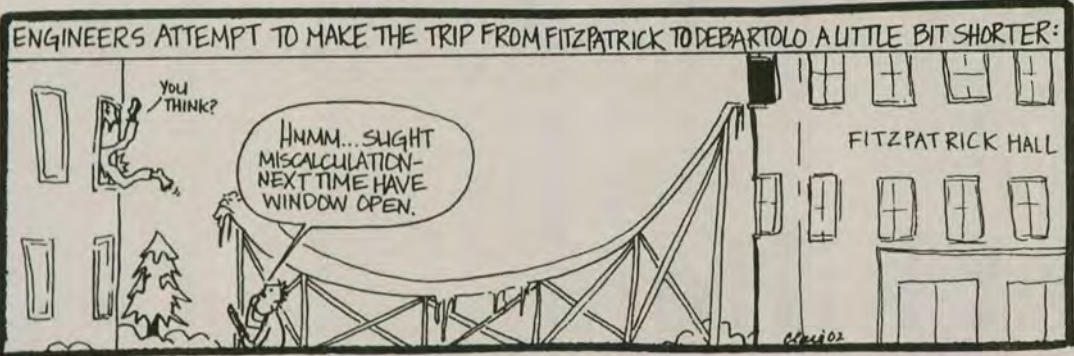
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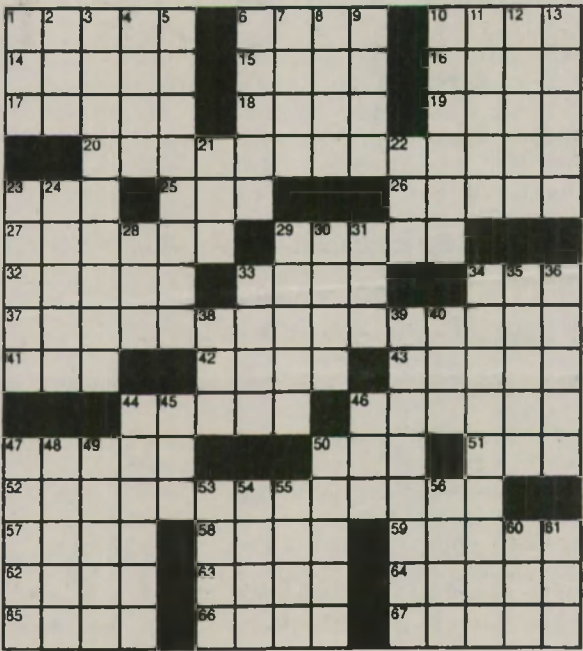
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 - 31 Sign before Virgo
 - 33 Followers of the Pied Piper of Hamelin
 - 34 Officer on the beat



- 35 Studio sign
- 36 Bo of "10"
- 38 Buddhist sect
- 39 Tony-winning actress for "The Country Girl"
- 40 Cookie holder
- 44 Feather-filled item
- 45 Navy bigwig: Abbr.
- 46 Crash sound
- 47 Glasgow residents
- 48 Composer
- 49 Academy founder
- 50 Scarlett's love
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- 55 Constellation component
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EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Allison Smith, Kirk Douglas, Emjay, Donny Osmond

Happy Birthday: This is a great year for love and forming new friendships and partnerships. You will attract all sorts of people with your outgoing nature and your ability to be colorful and witty. Your kindness and generosity could get the better of you if you don't put a limit on how much you are willing to give. Your numbers are 9, 13, 18, 22, 26, 37.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You can make a difference if you believe in the cause. Help plan social events for the festive season. Your enthusiasm and energy will make any occasion successful. ★★ ★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Emotional confrontations will interfere with your performance at work. You must try to separate situations. 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 can't take a vacation, have a makeover and join an awareness group. This is definitely a time for change. ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Investments made today will be lucrative and help you beat the tax system next year. Social activities will be enjoyable and very satisfying. Fitness programs will show favorable results. ★ ★ ★ ★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Relationships will be a bit emotional today. Refrain from saying things you'll regret later. Social events that include colleagues will be beneficial if you mingle with superiors. ★ ★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Financial concerns relating to work can be resolved. Don't be evasive about your intentions. You can get help from co-workers who believe in your ideas to improve your place of employment. ★ ★ ★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Pamper yourself. Self-improvement projects will pay off. You can gain approval from others if you use your sophisticated approach when dealing with them. This is a good time to present your ideas and recruit help. ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't trust other people with your belongings. Children may cause a problem if you haven't given them enough of your time. Make sure that you haven't neglected anyone. ★ ★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't start a family feud by saying something that you were not supposed to repeat. Keep your thoughts and opinions to yourself and your day will run much more smoothly. ★ ★ ★ ★

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 putting you off. Make a few demands. ★ ★ ★

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

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

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

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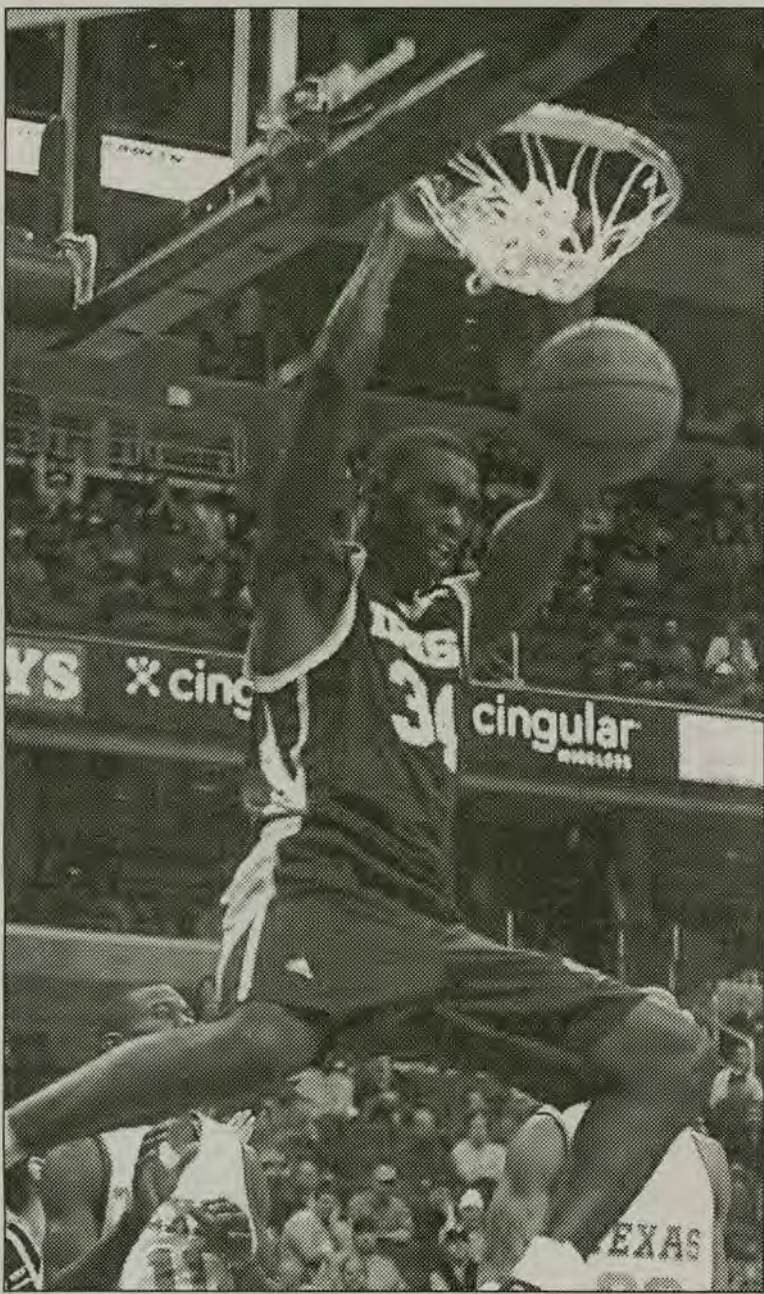
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SPORTS

Monday, December 9, 2002

MENS BASKETBALL

Giant killers



Notre Dame forward Torin Francis dunks over two Texas players in the 98-92 Irish victory over the Longhorns Sunday afternoon.

◆ Irish knock off No. 9 Maryland, No. 2 Texas to win BB&T Classic

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Editor

It was a sweet homecoming for Danny Miller and a coming out party in the nation's capital for Torin 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 upsets 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 Notre Dame's first points of the game with an early three-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 blocks short 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.

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

In Saturday's game, the Terrapins did a better job stopping themselves than 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.

Sunday's game was a much closer battle between the Irish and Longhorns. In a game that featured two of the top point guards in the nation in sophomores Thomas and Texas' T. J. Ford, it was the young guns 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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FOOTBALL

Irish will face Wolfpack in \$1.6M Gator Bowl

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

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 leapt 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.

"Now we can channel a lot of our antici-

pation 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.

"We do have that opportunity to get that bad taste out of our mouth, to try to eliminate that season-ending loss to USC," said Irish coach Tyrone Willingham, who worked as an assistant at North Carolina State from 1983-85. "You always want to

win at the end of the year, and this game provides us the opportunity to go out and win."

Notre Dame's national fan base and its dramatic turnaround under Willingham failed to convince BCS officials the Irish were worthy of an at-large berth in the BCS.

Now, Tyrone Willingham will lead the Irish onto the Gator Bowl field exactly one year after he was named Irish head coach.

During that span, the Irish doubled their win total from the previous season, beat four ranked teams and have a chance to finish in the top 10 for the first time in

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

SMC BASKETBALL

Chicago
Saint Mary's 68
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The Saint Mary's basketball team fell to the Engineers of the University of Chicago in the finals of the Roundball Classic held at SMC last weekend.

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MENS SWIMMING

Notre Dame Invitational

The Notre Dame mens swimming team cruised to victory at the Notre Dame Invitational over the weekend.

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VOLLEYBALL

Michigan St.
Notre Dame 3
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After defeating the College of Charleston in the first round of the NCAA Tournament, the Spartans swept the Irish in the second round.

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