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Women's soccer wins national championship

Irish beat UCLA by 1 penalty kick; first title since 1995 season

By DAN TAPETILLO
News Writer

CARY, N.C. — Irish forward Katie Thorlakson announced her intention of remaining with the Irish on Sept. 24, foregoing the opportunity to compete for Canada at the Under-19 World Championships in Thailand.

It's a good thing she stayed.

Notre Dame won the national championship Sunday afternoon defeating UCLA 4-3 in penalty kicks after playing to a 1-1 tie in 110 minutes, the lone Irish goal scored by Thorlakson.

Against the Bruins, Thorlakson scored the game-tying goal on a penalty kick to send the contest into overtime.

It was her fourth goal of the NCAA Tournament.

In overtime, neither team scored, and the game went to a best-of-five penalty kicks, the first time ever in a women's national championship game. Both teams made three of five, and the game went into sudden victory.

Irish midfielder Jill Krivacek found the back of the net, and goalkeeper Erika Bohn stopped the Bruins to preserve the Irish win.

It was Notre Dame's second national championship ever, and the first since 1995. Thorlakson's performance in the NCAA Tournament proved to be key to the Irish title. And it was safe to say she was glad

she stayed.

"It means everything to me because you play with these people every day," Thorlakson, a Hermann Trophy candidate said.

Irish coach Randy Waldrum knew in September when Thorlakson announced that she would stay at Notre Dame that something special could happen.

"This is a huge moment for our program because it shows the commitment of an elite player willing to stay and help win a national championship," he said at the time.

And Thorlakson did just that.

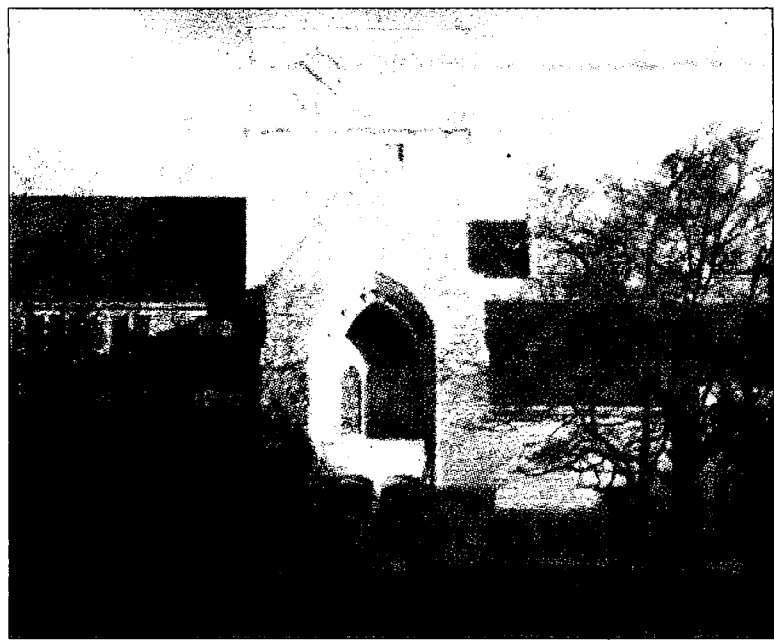
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RICHARD FRIEDMAN/The Observer

After winning against UCLA 4-3 in penalty kicks, members of the Irish soccer team celebrate their national title Sunday.

Students get early start on job search



GEOFF MATTESON/The Observer

Arts and Letters students enter into O'Shaughnessy Hall. Many are gearing up to start the job search process in the spring.

Many Arts and Letters seniors interviewed in the business sector during fall semester

By JANICE FLYNN
News Writer

Despite this fall's strong job market, most Arts and Letters seniors will wait for the spring hiring season or opt for service programs or graduate school as they have in past years, although several students with business aspirations have already secured post-graduate employment.

Students whose interests include journalism, public relations, media, advertising, public policy and government find 70 percent of their career opportunities during spring semester and the early summer months, according to a statement released by the Notre Dame

Career Center.

However, a greater number of Arts and Letters students have interviewed with companies in the business sector this fall. Several have received job offers, which is a small feat considering that poor job markets in recent years have forced companies such as consulting firms and investment banks to limit recruitment of liberal arts majors.

Interest in service programs and graduate schools remain high, but are not necessarily influenced by the economy.

Every year about 10 percent of graduates pursue one- or two-year service programs, which roughly translates into 200 stu-

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Flasher approaches student

By EILEEN DUFFY
News Writer

A young male riding a bicycle exposed himself to a female student early Friday morning, the Notre Dame Security/Police Department reported in a Crime Alert e-mail.

As the student walked back to her residence hall, she first observed the male ride past her with his lower back exposed. She then noticed that he appeared to be following her, and she turned to walk between Farley Hall and North Dining Hall. At this point, the suspect rode up to her, exposed his genital area and made a

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Procrastination on campus increases as finals approach

AIM, video games and social events provide studying alternatives

By RICKY McROSKEY
News Writer

As the semester draws to a close and Notre Dame students begin to fret over finals, most students will spend the majority of their time doing a whole lot of nothing.

With the dark cloud of finals descending over campus, now is the time for students to prepare for rigorous tests, to labor over 12-page papers, to attend study sessions or, most likely, to procrastinate.

Procrastinating — putting off until tomorrow what can be done today — has become an

art that many dabble in and some master. The daily grind of classes and working obligations leaves many with the desire to kick back, relax and wait until tomorrow. But do Notre Dame students procrastinate?

"Absolutely," junior Michael Beverley said. "In fact, I'm procrastinating right now."

The vitality and social atmosphere of campus, evident in the lounges of LaFortune, Reckers and even dorm rooms, can also serve as a major distraction to getting work done.

When asked which places on campus seem to attract procrastinators, sophomore Megan

Sweeney said, "Besides your own room, a lot of people go to LaFortune just to look like they're working."

Freshman Kevin Conroy agreed that dorm rooms are a plague on study habits.

"I find my room to be the least productive place to get work done," Conroy said.

Senior Kelly Marquez said that her biggest distraction was "friends stopping by." Other in-dorm distractions that students mentioned included instant messaging friends, watching movies or, as Sweeney put it, "sitting around doing nothing

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JOANNA PAXTON/The Observer

In the spirit of true procrastination, two Notre Dame students put off homework in order to play a video game in their room.

INSIDE COLUMN

Real student athletes

Many students will sit around in their dorm rooms today, contemplating a 6-5 football season and wondering what went wrong. Was the problem Ty, or was firing him a mistake?

Members of this year's Off Campus women's interhall football team, on the other hand, will sit around in their apartments and houses today as they pregame for Club 23, contemplating their 0-5 season and wondering what went wrong. Was the problem the excessive pregameing, or was not pregameing enough a mistake?

Some might say that the Off Campus run for the championship was a miserable failure since they didn't win any games, but those close-minded people don't understand the true meaning of being a senior, which this inspiring group of athletes epitomized. It's not about winning — it's about finding something else to drink to when you lose.

"The high point of the season was probably the second to last game," said team coaches Nate Raschke and Tim Breitbach. "What's better than drunk girls falling all over themselves and doing cartwheels on the sidelines?"

Even though it became apparent by midseason that the team's drinking habit was taking a toll on its ability to win any games, team founder and captain Lauren Blum seemed more unconcerned than discouraged by the team's dismal finish.

"I think that if we had scored more points than our opponents we probably could have won a few games," Blum said.

For both coaches, the Off Campus football experience was a little different than traditional interhall football.

"[Tim and I] played men's interhall football and won the championship the last two years; moving off campus and coaching this team was definitely a humbling experience. I think it was all part of God's plan... I guess He really wanted to stick it to us, but we're better people for it in the long run," Raschke said.

The very existence of this team might be considered a moral victory for all off-campus seniors. They are maybe the most unloved demographic in the eyes of the administration, which shows its true feelings for those keg-loving hooligans at Turtle Creek and St. Pete St. by selling their parking lots to Gurley-Leep.

With no returning players for next year, one can only hope that another enterprising group next year will take time out of their busy schedules of beer pong, Boat Club and finally taking that last theology requirement to carry on the Off Campus football legacy.

The moral of this team's storied one-year tradition is that no setback can dampen the spirits of an intoxicated Notre Dame senior.

"I'd like to be able to say that we improved," Breitbach said, "but who are we kidding here, at least we had a lot of fun."

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Christie Bolsen at cbolsen@nd.edu.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE WAY TO PROCRASTINATE?



Carolina Surla
freshman Lyons
"I hang out in WVFI's vault and listen to records."



Kevin Baker
freshman Keenan
"I play ESPN football on Xbox."



Lou Apollon
sophomore Siegfried
"Watching my Anime."



Pat Manning
sophomore Siegfried
"Wait, give me a few minutes to think about it..."



Linda Kamen
freshman Lyons
"Talking on IM with friends."



Pat Gallagher
senior off campus
"Writing sonnets to my girlfriend."



Students celebrate Christmas a little early by decorating a tree in Zahm Hall's lobby last Thursday during the dorm's Christmas party.

OFFBEAT

Woman auctions father's ghost on eBay
HOBART, Ind. — A woman's effort to assuage her 6-year-old son's fears of his grandfather's ghost by selling it on eBay has drawn more than 34 bids with a top offer of \$78.

Mary Anderson said she placed her father's "ghost" on the online auction site after her son, Collin, said he was afraid the ghost would return someday. Anderson said Collin has avoided going anywhere in the house alone since his grandfather died last year.

In a description titled

"This isn't a joke," Anderson told Collin's story on eBay:

"I always thought it was just normal kid fears until a few months ago he told me why he was so scared. He told me 'Grandpa died here, and he was mean. His ghost is still around here!'"

Anderson also put her father's metal walking cane up for auction so she would have something to actually send the winning bidder.

Police: Man sets blaze to delay hearing
SENECA FALLS, N.Y. — A suspected drunken driver

found a way to delay his court appearance: He torched the building, police said.

Christopher Chianese, 26, set the new municipal offices on fire on Nov. 19, causing at least \$300,000 in damages, just hours before he was scheduled to answer a felony charge of driving while intoxicated, village authorities alleged.


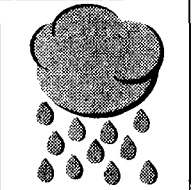
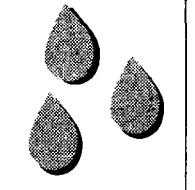
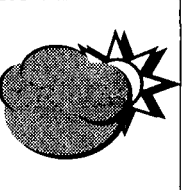
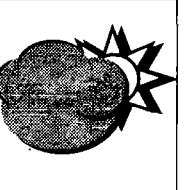
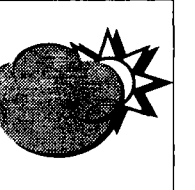
Chianese, a student at the New York Chiropractic College, was charged Tuesday night.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

- The Ladies of Notre Dame/Saint Mary's will be sponsoring a UNICEF card and gift sale in the Hesburgh Library concourse from 9:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.
 - The Saint Mary's Student Activities Board will be showing the movie *Elf* tonight in Carroll Auditorium at 7 p.m.
 - The Notre Dame Collegium Musicum will perform their Christmas concert Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the Reyes Organ and Choral Hall in DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.
 - The Saint Mary's Wind Ensemble and Moreau Chamber Wind Ensemble concert will be at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday in Little Theater.
 - The Empire Brass Christmas concert will be at 8 p.m. on Friday in Leighton Concert Hall of DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are available through the DeBartolo ticket office.
 - The Notre Dame hockey team will take on Michigan State Friday at 8 p.m. in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse.
 - The Notre Dame women's basketball team will play Washington on Saturday at noon at the Joyce Center Arena.
 - The men's basketball team will take on DePaul University at 5 p.m. at the Joyce Center Arena.
- To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu.

LOCAL WEATHER

	TODAY	TONIGHT	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
						
HIGH	53	50	55	44	47	44
LOW	50	46	33	31	36	30

Atlanta 35 / 32 Boston 33 / 30 Chicago 50 / 44 Denver 29 / 26 Houston 50 / 48 Los Angeles 62 / 45 Minneapolis 39 / 32 New York 47 / 44 Philadelphia 48 / 45 Phoenix 57 / 46 Seattle 45 / 40 St. Louis 42 / 40 Tampa 82 / 66 Washington 48 / 44

CORRECTIONS

Due to a reporting error, The Observer incorrectly identified the plane number Notre Dame personnel travelled on to Utah. The correct plane number should have read N575EW. The Observer regrets this error.

ROTC sponsors Field Day for local children

By JEN ROWLING
News Writer

The Air Force ROTC Detachment's squadron of the Arnold Air Society organized a field day event Saturday for the children of the South Bend community.

The event, which has taken place since 1999, brings Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross student cadets from Arnold Air Society and volunteers from Silver Wings, a civilian national service organization that works closely with Arnold Air, to help with the field day event.

Field Day is a gigantic Christmas party for underprivileged children from the South Bend area. Children's groups that participate in this activity include The Boys and Girls Club, St. Margaret's House, Center for the Homeless, The Family and Children's Center, The Robinson Community Center, Madison Center and Logan Center.

Ashley Shelton, Field Day organizer, said this event helps kids to enjoy the holidays when they may otherwise have nothing to look forward to.

"It's a chance for the kids, who might not usually have the opportunity to do something like this," Shelton said. "To relax and have fun for a whole day enjoying the Christmas spirit!"

The Arnold Air Society Cadets

and Silver Wings interact with the children in a variety of activities. Together they played various games, went through an obstacle course, decorated cookies, painted faces and played in inflatables. In addition, the Notre Dame Pom Squad and Troop ND performed throughout the day for the children. The day culminated with presents and a visit from Santa Claus.

"It's an amazing service project, and it's incredibly fun," Shelton said. "Everyone involved in putting it together worked extremely hard. But, I think we'd all agree that it's totally worth it. At the end of the day when you see how happy the kids are, knowing that you helped put those smiles on their faces, it really hits you how rewarding 'Service before Self' [one of the Air Force core values] can be."

Shelton said this is an event that will surely be done this year.

"Wild horses couldn't keep us from holding this again next year, or any year after that, for that matter," Shelton said. "I think everyone who worked on Field Day would agree that seeing all the kids so happy and knowing we added to their celebration of Christmas is one of the most worthwhile things in the world."

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History professor receives award

Special to The Observer

History professor George M. Marsden, Francis A. McAnaney is the 2005 recipient of the Louisville Grawemeyer Award in Religion for his biography of early American theologian Jonathan Edwards.

Given jointly by Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary and the University of Louisville, the annual award includes a cash prize of \$200,000.

Titled "Jonathan Edwards: A Life," Marsden's biography "portrays Edwards as exemplifying the tension between the Puritan evangelical heritage and the secular world and mindset then emerging out of the Enlightenment," said award coordinator Susan R. Garrett, professor of New Testament at Louisville Presbyterian

Theological Seminary. "This central cultural tension of Edwards' era surfaces today as the ongoing struggle between evangelicalism and intellectual inquiry in American Christianity and in the American political process."

An expert on the history of Christianity in America, Marsden holds bachelor's degrees from Haverford College and Westminster Theological Seminary, and master's and doctoral degrees in American studies from Yale University. He taught at Calvin College and Duke University before coming to Notre Dame in 1992. He has written or edited more than a dozen books on the history and present state of fundamentalism in America and the culture of American university education.

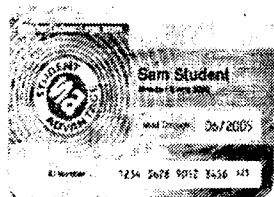
Marsden has received fel-

lowships and awards from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Pew Freedom Trust and the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation.

In addition to the Grawemeyer Award, Marsden's "Jonathan Edwards: A Life," published by Yale University Press, won a Bancroft Prize from Columbia University, the Merle Curti Award from the Organization of American Historians, and the Annibel Jenkins Prize from the American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies. It also was named one of 10 "Books of the Year" for 2003 by Atlantic Monthly, one of eight "Best Religious Books of 2003" by Publishers Weekly, and one of 12 "Notable Religious Books of 2003" by Richard Ostling of the Associated Press.

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Jobs

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dents. Arts and Letters students are always the most represented college, according to the Center for Social Concerns.

This year, Teach for America received 45 applicants from Notre Dame seniors by the first deadline, compared with 27 last year. Other service programs, including the Alliance for Catholic Education, expect a large applicant pool.

However interest in graduate school has increased over the past years for Arts and Letters students. This year, 15 percent of graduates have expressed intentions to attend graduate school, up from 11 percent last year, according to the 2004 Dean's Report released this fall.

Fall can be daunting for liberal arts seniors as they watch their business peers secure post-graduate employment, but the Career Center urges students to be patient.

"It's an unfolding story of second semester," said Lee Svete, Career Center director. Many companies appealing to liberal arts students post job openings in the spring because they want students to begin working four to six weeks after the job offer.

"It turns second semester into almost the second half kickoff," Svete said, which begins with on-campus and off-campus career fairs over winter break.

Like many Arts and Letters seniors, Lizett Martinez will weigh several options. She plans to attend the career fair, but will likely pursue a teaching service program or attend law school.

"I know that a career right now would be just to gain experience," said Martinez, a political science and FTT major. "It seems that at this point, it's the most convenient time to do [service], later on it will be much more difficult to take time out."

Months of research and preparation paid off for Kim Anderson, an economics and political science major, one of the fortunate Arts and Letters students to have secured a job with a consulting firm.

While she found that companies were open to hiring liberal arts students, proving she was qualified was not always an easy task.

"You could always tell in the interview who had been liberal arts majors and who was business," she said. "Those [recruiters] that were Arts and Letters were slightly less skeptical of your ability to do the job you were being asking to do."

Like Anderson, Kate Brennan took advantage of the fall recruitment, but realized the business world was not for her. After several frustrating weeks of researching other fields, the senior economics major is now exploring the non-profit sector.

"It was good to know I didn't want to have their job," Brennan said, referring to business recruiters. "Just having interviews was really helpful to me. I'd probably still be looking into management and consulting if I hadn't gone."

"Now I'm actually excited to finish all my schoolwork and start looking into jobs because I found a lot out there that's still pretty cool," she said.

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with a roommate."

"My favorite place to procrastinate is my bed because it's warm and soft and it never judges," Beverley said.

Ultimately, however, deadlines approach and students are faced with the unkind reality that there is schoolwork to do. Some thrive on the pressure, while others stress.

"It's not stressful. I kind of plan on it when it gets down to the wire," Sweeney said.

To Marquez, however, the encroachment of deadlines caused a little more anxiety.

"It's always a surprise to me," she said.

But why exactly do students procrastinate? According to Andrew Weis of the University Counseling Center, "Sometimes students set impossibly high standards. Often academic tasks require many steps, so they get frustrated easily and put off starting those tasks until the last minute."

Also, Weis said procrastination can be detrimental to students for two main reasons.

"First of all, there are the

obvious academic consequences," he said. "And secondly, it doesn't set a good precedent for work in the future because procrastination is tolerated less in some disciplines."

As a solution to procrastination, Weis offered several suggestions.

"First of all, it's important to set realistic expectations for yourself," Weis said. "Look at what can be done, what can be done well, and concentrate on that. Also, break things down so they don't feel so overwhelming, one step at a time."

For students looking to manage their time more effectively,

the University Counseling Center has walk-in counselors available to give advice and help students organize their schedules. However, to more thoroughly assess their individual situations, Weis encouraged students to schedule a first-time appointment to discuss organizational strategies and planning.

Whether they thrive on it or not, most students agree procrastination holds a dear place in their hearts.

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Flasher

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lewd comment.

The victim immediately ran to catch up with a friend who was also walking back to her residence hall. The suspect did not follow her and she did not notice which direction he rode after this contact.

The suspect is described as a white male of medium build in his

late 20s to early 30s with a goatee. He was wearing a dark-colored hooded sweatshirt and yellow track pants with two black stripes running down his legs.

While no similar cases have been reported since the alert was issued, all residence hall security staff and regular patrol officers have been informed of the incident, said Chuck Hurley, assistant director of NDSP.

In addition, an NDSP detective has been assigned to the case — he will make contact with the victim and the

South Bend and Mishawaka Police Departments in an attempt to nab the suspect.

NDSP investigated five separate cases of indecent exposure last spring that occurred between March 18 and April 18. The cases went unsolved.

"There are some similarities [between those cases and this most recent one]," said Hurley. "Most notably, they all took place in the same area."

The five cases last spring were

confined to North Quad, and this case followed suit. Also, one of the suspects last spring was clad in yellow pants.

NDSP reminds students not to walk across campus alone during nighttime hours. ND Safewalk is available between the hours of 8:30 p.m. and 2:30 a.m., and students may request an officer to escort them home by calling 631-5555.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Suicide car bombs kill 14

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Suicide car bombs struck Iraqi police and Kurdish militiamen in Baghdad and northern Iraq on Saturday, killing at least 14 people, wounding dozens, and again demonstrating the lethal reach of Iraq's insurgency just weeks ahead of crucial elections.

The U.S. commander in Iraq, Gen. John Abizaid, acknowledged that the country's homegrown forces aren't yet up to the task of ensuring secure elections, necessitating the planned increase in U.S. troops. More than 40 Iraqis have been killed in the last two days alone.

But U.N. special envoy Lakhdar Brahimi criticized the military's hardline approach to the insurgency and said credible elections cannot be held Jan. 30 under the current conditions.

Legislature fails to pass changes

KIEV, Ukraine — Supporters of opposition leader Viktor Yushchenko lost a round to their foes in parliament Saturday, when pro-government lawmakers helped block legal changes intended to prevent fraud in the Dec. 26 repeat of the country's presidential runoff vote.

Buoyed by a momentous Supreme Court ruling a day earlier that ordered the new vote, Yushchenko's supporters vowed to force parliament to adopt the legislation by continuing their marathon protest in Kiev's central square.

Outgoing President Leonid Kuchma tried to bring European pressure on the opposition, which he accused of reneging on its promises. Kuchma called for a new round of European-mediated talks with the opposition on Monday.

NATIONAL NEWS

Drug kingpin transported to Miami

MIAMI — A founder of a Colombian drug cartel that became the world's chief supplier of cocaine in the 1990s was transported to a Florida jail Saturday after being extradited from Colombia.

Gilberto Rodriguez Orejuela, 65, landed before dawn in a U.S. government plane and was driven to a downtown Miami jail. His first court appearance is set for Monday.

Rodriguez Orejuela is charged, along with his brother, Miguel, with running a drug network responsible for producing 80 percent of the U.S. cocaine supply in the 1990s. The brothers have been jailed in Colombia for nearly a decade.

Bush defends Pakistan's efforts

WASHINGTON — President Bush on Saturday defended Pakistan's cooperation in the hunt for Osama bin Laden despite the inability of U.S. and Pakistani troops to find the al-Qaida leader who, Bush once declared, was wanted dead or alive.

The trail has gone cold in the more than three years since U.S. forces toppled the Taliban, bin Laden's patrons in Afghanistan, after the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. Bin Laden, who masterminded the strikes, is believed to be hiding in the wild mountainous region along the border between Afghanistan and Pakistan.

The Oval Office meeting between Bush and President Pervez Musharraf came just days after Pakistan's army said it was pulling out of one important area along the border.

LOCAL NEWS

ISTEP testing may move to spring

INDIANAPOLIS — The latest effort to move ISTEP testing from the fall to the spring is gaining support and has a good chance of passing the 2005 General Assembly, says a top Republican in the Indiana Senate.

With Republicans now in control of both houses of the Legislature, the chances of moving the test seem much better given Daniels' support, said Sen. Teresa Lubbers, chairman of the Senate Education Committee.

ISRAEL

Egypt releases convicted spy

The Israeli was exchanged for six Egyptian students, the deal shows warming relations

Associated Press

EILAT — Egypt on Sunday released an Israeli man convicted of spying in exchange for Israel's release of six Egyptian students, a deal that signaled a warming of relations between the two countries, officials here said.

As part of the deal, Israel may also release Palestinian prisoners in the future, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said.

Egypt freed Azzam Azzam, an Israeli Arab sentenced in 1997 to 15 years in prison after an Egyptian court convicted him of espionage.

At the time, Azzam ran a textile factory in Egypt and Israel has denied he was an agent. The case against Azzam was based, in part, on allegations he used invisible ink to transmit information.

Israel in turn released six Egyptian students who had sneaked into the country in August and were arrested on suspicion they tried to kidnap Israeli soldiers and commander a tank.

The transfer took place at the Taba crossing between Israel and Egypt. After Azzam crossed into Israel in a van, he was taken to a nearby airport at the Red Sea resort of Eilat, apparently for a flight to central Israel.

Israeli security officials who accompanied Azzam said he cried and flashed a victory sign as he emerged from the van.

Azzam was expected to undergo a medical check at a hotel in Eilat before returning to his family in the northern Israeli village of Mughar. He briefly spoke to his wife Amal by phone from Eilat.

"Azzam, I can't believe it's you," his wife told him, looking faint and emotional as the family cheered in the back-



Um Mustafa, mother of Mustafa Mahmoud, one of the six free Egyptian students captured celebrates with her relatives and neighbours marking the release of her son.

ground.

Azzam's brother, Iftan, said the family only found out earlier Sunday that he was about to be released.

"We invite the whole state of Israel to celebrate with us," Iftan Azzam told Israel Radio.

Israel's relations with the Palestinians and with Egypt have been steadily improving since the death last month of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

Sharon said in a statement Sunday that he was considering releasing an unspecified number of Palestinian prisoners as part of the swap with Egypt. More than 7,000 Palestinians are being

held by Israel.

The swap came several days after Egypt's foreign minister and intelligence chief met with Sharon in Jerusalem. Earlier this week, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak praised Sharon, saying Palestinians should be able to strike a peace deal with the Israeli leader.

Mubarak's comments marked a significant warming of ties after an extended frosty period during more than four years of Israeli-Palestinian fighting.

Shortly after the outbreak of the conflict in 2000, Egypt had withdrawn its ambassador

from Israel.

However, Egypt expects to play a major role in Israel's planned withdrawal from the Gaza Strip in 2005. Last week, Egypt and Israel agreed on deploying 750 Egyptian troops on the Egyptian side of the border with Gaza and on Palestinian security officials being sent to Egypt for training.

Azzam was arrested by Egypt in November 1996. At the time, he was the director of a textile factory in Egypt under joint Israeli-Egyptian ownership. The case against him included women's underwear allegedly soaked in invisible ink.

Bush downplays Thompson's warnings

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush played down on Saturday a stark warning from his resigning health chief that the nation's food supply is largely unprotected from terror attack.

Bush said that the government is doing what it can to safeguard the public from threats, but much work remains.

"We're a large country, with all kinds of avenues where somebody could inflict harm," said Bush, asked about the issue after an Oval Office meeting with Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf. "We've made a lot of

progress in protecting our country, and there's more work to be done, and this administration is committed to doing it."

Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson said in a speech Friday announcing his coming departure from the Bush Cabinet that he worries "every single night" about a possible terror attack on the food supply.

Despite dramatic increases in inspections of food imports, only "a very minute amount" of food is tested at ports and airports, Thompson said.

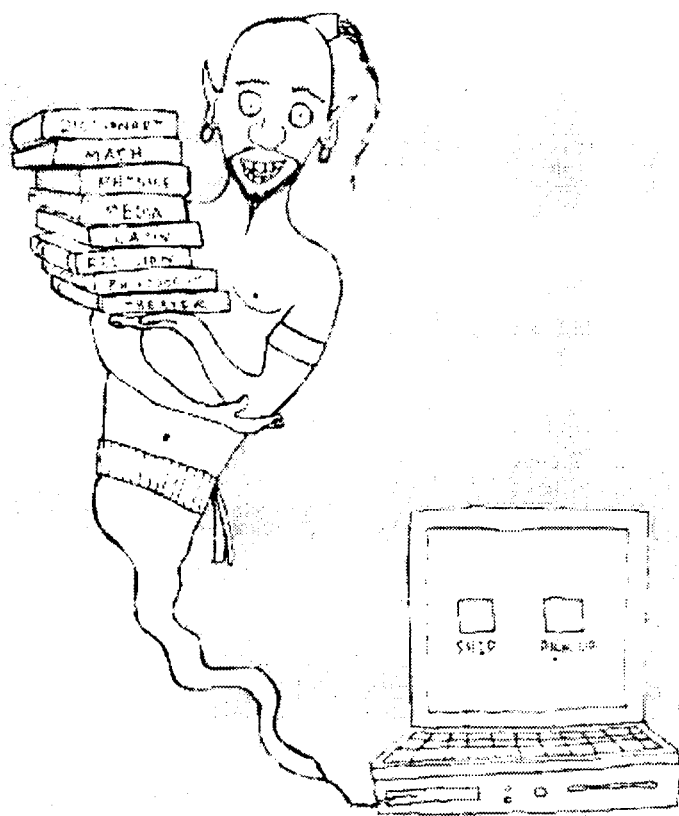
"For the life of me, I cannot understand why the terrorists have not attacked our food supply because it is so easy to do," Thompson said. "We are

importing a lot of food from the Middle East, and it would be easy to tamper with that."

Asked to respond to Thompson's comments, Bush neither criticized them nor implied that the food supply is safer than Thompson asserted.

Bush asked for Congress' help to boost domestic security, urging lawmakers to confirm quickly his choice to take over leadership of the Homeland Security Department. On Friday, Bush nominated former New York Police Chief Bernie Kerik to succeed Tom Ridge, who announced his resignation Tuesday from the department created to oversee the nation's protection from attack.

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IN BRIEF

Walt Disney world revamps pricing

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. — Walt Disney World, revamping its admissions policy for the first time in at least two decades, is offering lower prices for longer stays but raising the price of single-day tickets by 9 percent.

The pretax price of a one-day ticket to a single park will rise \$5 to \$59.75 when the changes go into effect Jan. 2 and a week's admission will cost \$199 — \$28.43 a day.

For children ages 3-9, prices range from \$48 for a day to \$160 for a week.

The system currently in use gives visitors only two choices when it comes to the length of their stay: one- or four-day passes.

Disney's "Magic Your Way" package also offers a la carte alternatives, such as a "Park Hopper," allowing guests to roam among the four theme parks for \$35 in addition to the regular admission fee.

"The No. 1 request at our ticket booths today when a guest comes up and is buying a one-day ticket is, they want to hop to another park," Walt Disney World president Al Weiss said Wednesday.

American Greetings cuts jobs

CLEVELAND — American Greetings Corp. said Thursday it is eliminating 300 jobs to cut costs.

The company said about 175 of the job cuts will occur at its Cleveland headquarters, which has 2,000 employees. American Greetings has about 20,000 employees overall.

The company announced the cuts after the New York Stock Exchange closing. On Thursday, American Greetings shares were up 45 cents, to \$27.39.

Chief Executive Officer Zev Weiss said the cuts were consistent with other cost-cutting measures.

"The decision to eliminate positions is a difficult one, but an action that is necessary given the business challenges we face," he said.

American Greetings earned \$6.9 million, or 10 cents per share, on sales of \$391.9 million in the second quarter of its fiscal year that ended Aug. 31, the most recent quarter reported. That reversed a \$9.7 million loss, or 15 cents per share, in the same quarter last year.

Interstate wine sales reach court

Maryland customers break the law when they bring home wine purchased in Virginia

Associated Press

MIDDLEBURY, Va. — It bothers Juanita Swedenburg that many of her customers are criminals in the eyes of the law.

Swedenburg sells premium handcrafted wines made from grapes she grows on her 130-acre farm in northern Virginia, and after nearly 20 years in business she has developed a loyal following.

But if a customer from Maryland crosses the Potomac River into Virginia, buys a case of Swedenburg Estate Vineyards wine and takes it home, he is breaking Maryland law regulating the sale and shipment of alcoholic beverages.

"It seems to be restraint of trade, seems to be against a basic tenet of the economy," Swedenburg said. "If we could only buy things made in Virginia, we'd all be eating just peanuts and tomatoes and drinking wine."

This week, the U.S. Supreme Court is to hear arguments in three cases, including one by Swedenburg, on whether such laws are an unconstitutional barrier to interstate commerce or are allowed under the 21st Amendment, which repealed Prohibition but left states with broad powers to regulate alcohol.

Jeremy Benson, executive director of Free the Grapes, a coalition of wineries and consumers that advocates for legal direct shipments of wine, said the various states' widely disparate laws make it difficult for consumers and wineries to know what is legal.

"It's almost like you're exporting to 49 different countries," Benson said.

Swedenburg and her late husband, Wayne, were wine enthusiasts throughout their career in the Foreign Service, serving in the Far East, Middle East and Africa.

When they retired in 1980, they bought land in Loudoun County, about 40 miles west of Washington. They first raised cattle, then decided a winery might be more prof-



Juanita Swedenburg displays one of her products in her winery in Middleburg, Va. The Supreme Court will hear her case on out of state sales.

itable — Thomas Jefferson had likened Virginia's soil to that found in France — and set out making cabernets, chardonnays and other dry, traditional wines.

Vintner was a perfect second career for Swedenburg, who is now in her late 70s, despite the hard work.

"I had been all over the world. I didn't need to go on a bunch of cruises," she said. "I'd already done the travel. I'd already done the cocktail parties."

Swedenburg began shipping wine to customers in other states who perhaps had tried her wines during a visit to Virginia, but she stopped after learning that out-of-state deliveries were illegal in many states.

The states that employ

restrictive measures argue that such laws help keep alcohol out of the hands of minors.

Opponents say that concern can be addressed by requiring an adult to sign for a shipment.

But John Fitzpatrick, a spokesman for the Wine and Spirits Wholesalers of America, said it is not reasonable to expect delivery companies and truck drivers to be law enforcers.

And while minors might not necessarily be interested in purchasing Swedenburg's cabernet sauvignon, Fitzpatrick cited a recent case in which an underage student at Virginia Tech was able to buy absinthe — a liqueur that is illegal in the United States — on the

Internet.

"As a society we need to be thinking about ways to make it harder for children to get alcohol, not easier," Fitzpatrick said.

Swedenburg got help from Clint Bolick, a wine aficionado and co-founder of the Institute for Justice, a libertarian law firm that seeks to advance property rights and economic liberty.

"When I found out what kind of work he does, I said 'Boy, do I have a case for you,'" Swedenburg said.

They fought a law that allows New York state residents to get wine shipped from vintners in that state, but not from out-of-state sources like Swedenburg, and won a lower court decision.

Surge in sales of SUVs up to \$24 million

Associated Press

DALLAS — Sales of sport utility vehicles jumped 56 percent between 1997 and 2002, a new government report says, resulting in one SUV for every eight licensed drivers.

SUVs also drove more miles than ever before — 315 billion miles in 2002, up 100 billion miles in five years, according to the report released Thursday by the Census Bureau.

"The headline news out of this is that there are now over 24 million SUVs ... up from 15 million" in 1997, said Census Bureau Director Louis Kincannon.

"That's an impressive change. ...

It's important the way that it is changing the makeup of the vehicle inventory of this country."

The 56 percent growth in SUV registrations actually marked a sharp drop from the 81 percent growth of the previous five years, according to the Census Bureau. Kincannon said that probably reflected a degree of market saturation.

Along with 24.2 million SUVs, Americans registered 38 million pickups in 2002, making the nation's vehicle fleet much larger.

Not surprisingly, the biggest states — California and Texas — had the most SUVs. Sales grew fastest in Tennessee, Georgia and Indiana.

Kincannon released the report on SUVs, trucks and minivans at a news conference at a Lincoln-Mercury dealer in Dallas. SUV critics said the location of the event amounted to a tacit endorsement of large, inefficient vehicles.

"It's disturbing that a top Bush administration official would celebrate our oil addiction by helping tout SUV sales," said Daniel Becker, a Sierra Club analyst.

Kincannon said he looks for visually interesting locales to release Census reports, citing recent examples of a day care center and World War II memorial.

The Census Bureau report covered a period when gasoline prices were comparatively low.

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Iraq in hindsight: a colossal mistake

In retrospect, invading Iraq was clearly the most irresponsible decision of U.S. foreign policy-makers in recent history. The consequences of this action are severe; thousands upon thousands of lives have been lost, taxpayers will be paying for the war for generations to come, the reach of terrorist networks has expanded, and the development of the international rule of law has regressed half a century.

A research report recently published by The Lancet, a leading academic journal for public health, pegs the number of civilian deaths in Iraq to be approximately 100,000. Researchers used Iraqi household surveys to determine the change in mortality rates once the war began, and then calculated the net effects of the spike in deaths. They estimate that a majority of the innocent life lost was due to American bombing campaigns.

This report has serious implications for the prospects for success in the reconstruction of Iraq. Think about it: the United States — already hated by Iraqis for its imperialist tendencies and unjust support for Israel — entered into a sovereign nation, destroyed its infrastructure and killed 100,000 civilians. Now, the United States expects to gain the support of all Iraqis, deeming those who do not agree to be "terrorists." Is this going to "win the hearts and minds" of Iraqis and others in the Middle East?

The war will not gain international support for American policy or even for the brand of "democracy" that the US is attempting to export. Instead, it has exacerbated global divisions and increased anti-American sentiment. By most expert accounts, the reach of terrorist networks has expanded and America is less secure

now than before.

Simply stated, the consequences of this war for America and the reality on the ground in Iraq demonstrate that the perspective of the Bush Administration is demented, often displaying a blind following of ideology and a total disregard for pragmatic considerations.

This is not a partisan observation. In 1998, following the first Gulf War, President George H.W. Bush and his national security advisor published an article in Time explaining why they did not invade Iraq to remove Hussein, writing that "Extending the war into Iraq would have incurred incalculable human and political costs. We would have been forced to occupy Baghdad and, in effect, rule Iraq. The coalition would instantly have collapsed, the Arabs deserting in anger and other allies pulling out as well. Exceeding the UN's mandate would have destroyed the precedent of international response to aggression we hoped to establish. Had we gone the invasion route, the US could still be an occupying power in a bitterly hostile land."

The costs of this occupation to American taxpayers have been astronomical. Thus far, Americans have paid 150 billion dollars for the takeover of Iraq, and that number grows each day. If you perceive the U.S. invasion to have been one to serve humanitarian purposes, think about how many more effective ways there are to save lives with that much money. According to the National Priorities Project, the money spent in Iraq could also have fully-funded all global campaigns against AIDS for the next 14 years or provided basic immunizations for every living child for the next 50 years. Furthermore, the debt run up from this war will cripple the future of our nation's ability to carry out basic social services.

Finally, the precedent set by this war turns back the clock on the international

rule of law. International laws present accountability and order for an otherwise anarchic global system, and are the only hope for the construction of a less violent global future. Ironically, it is exactly the violation of these norms that the United States used as an excuse to illegally invade Iraq. The ripple effects from this war will be observable in the actions of other nation states who choose to follow the lead of the United States.

In hindsight, what are we left with from the invasion of Iraq? We are left with an administration in power that purposefully misled the American people to serve ideological interests. We are left with a saddening loss of human life, an astronomical debt, the expansion of terrorism and a weakening of the international rule of law. These consequences almost certainly outweigh any potential for positive gains from the war, even if democratic elections in Iraq are successful.

This reality should further bring us to question the use of systematic violence to serve any political purposes, especially in this day and age. Diplomacy and economic means of pressuring nations to conform to international law are becoming more and more successful. Following Just War principles—especially in regards to the mandate that war be only a last resort—is perhaps no longer possible.

Hopefully, Americans will learn these lessons from the war in Iraq and prevent such reckless irresponsibility in the future. Otherwise, any hopes for reaching a sustainable global peace are lost. Should we be aiming for anything else?

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Speaker helped increase awareness

We would like to thank Notre Dame Right to Life for bringing Pro-Life Feminist Sally Winn to campus Wednesday. In spite of a low and almost exclusively female turnout Winn gave a powerful presentation on the history of American feminism, reminding us that our feminist foremothers, women like Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Mary Wollstonecraft, were without exception pro-woman and pro-life. These radical suffragists fought for a truly feminist society in which the basic rights of all human beings were upheld.

In the tradition of pro-life feminism, Winn urged her audience to acknowledge that abortion is not a solution but rather a symptom of a social disease that sees women as defective males who persist on getting pregnant despite the inconvenience to bosses, boyfriends, neighbors and friends.

This system does not take seriously the fertility of women, nor does it offer them real reproductive choices. Rather, it forces them to adopt a (necessarily not pregnant) male-model for their lives; coercing them into surgery, so that their condition can be cured, when they are not sick. Society has failed women. In particular, college age women, as one in five abortions is performed on a college student. Women are too often asked to choose between their offspring, their education or job, and their self-respect. What kind of choices are these?

Clearly we need to reform society, giving real choices and real support to men and women facing unplanned pregnancies, and we need to begin here at Notre Dame. Being pro-life should be about more than restricting access to abortion. It should be about

creating a community that is welcome to women and children. What is the womb if not the first and most generous welfare state?

Our culture will not be a truly life affirming one until it fully supports those who choose to parent, offering them access to daycare at work and school, maternal health coverage, time off for delivery and shame-free emotional and financial support. There is a considerable state interest in enacting pro-family policy that includes all families, not only financially secure husbands and wives. Arguments that this kind of policy encourages promiscuity have allowed the perfect to become the enemy of the good, and historically have been more oppressive to feminine sexuality than preventative of unplanned pregnancies.

The current antagonism is politically paralyzing. The Rev. Jerry Falwell's renaming of NOW, the National Organization of Women, as the "National Order of Witches" is hateful to women. However NOW's contention that abortion is "the most fundamental right" of women, is not only narrow-minded, it is capitulation to patriarchal and laissez-faire capitalistic norms — literally the antithesis of feminism.

Abortion hurts women. Partisan bickering doesn't seem to help them. Maybe a truly feminist society could.

Anna Nussbaum and Martha Patzer

junior, senior

Farley hall, off-campus

Dec. 2

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Though we travel the world over to find the beautiful, we must carry it with us or we find it not."

Ralph Waldo Emerson
author

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Administration has mismanaged football team

The administration has failed the student body, the alumni and, most importantly, our classmates on the football team that chose to play at Notre Dame over a variety of other schools. Coach Tyrone Willingham was a man of deep integrity and honor that, absent the blowout losses of this year, was progressing in his reconstruction of the Notre Dame football program. The offense had showed flashes of brilliance this year, but this was not enough for the older alumni, and certain elements of the student body, who demanded that Notre Dame win now.

Thus, we fired Willingham with the obvious goal of hiring Urban Meyer, a former Notre Dame special teams/wide receiver coach and famed rebuildier of programs, and yet we messed this opportunity up as well. Meyer will instead be replacing Ron Zook as the head coach at the University of Florida. Why? There are two reasons.

The first was that he was concerned about the academic standards at Notre Dame and our inability to win unless they were lowered, which the administration refused to do. Tony Rice, the quarterback of our last national championship team, was also Notre Dame's first Proposition 48 admit, and he graduated from Notre Dame with a degree in Psychology. The school frequently admitted individuals with lower GPAs and SAT scores than their classmates under Lou Holtz, and since this policy has changed, we have watched the gradual decay of our football program. By shrinking the pool of players that we can recruit with our high academic standards, the administration is restraining the football program from

recruiting players that instead are going to our opponents, such as USC, Tennessee and ironically, Florida.

In addition to refusing to lower our academic standards, the University allegedly offered Meyer considerably less money than the University of Florida. This truly boggles my mind. As a Floridian, one of us is acutely aware of the fiscal crisis ongoing on the institutions of higher education in my state, and yet it was able to offer more money to Meyer than Notre Dame did, a school with an endowment of well over \$2.6 billion. Notre Dame is currently paying off the millions of dollars in buyouts to two of our former coaches, and the administration refused to go the extra mile in hiring the new one?

The mismanagement of the football team, a group of individuals that represent our University in the national spotlight and has to contend with long hours of practice in addition to the rigorous coursework at Notre Dame, is inexcusable. The shameful manner in which Coach Willingham was fired, in addition to the failed attempt to hire the coach we had identified as the man that would allow us to have a true "Return to Glory" is indicative of the poor stewardship of the football team under University President Father Malloy, and a bad omen for the direction the football team will take under University President-elect, Father John Jenkins.

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Notre Dame has not lost its way

I love college football. More specifically, I love Notre Dame football. But if someone were to ask what my favorite thing about Notre Dame was, it would be not be football. Sure, it is something that brings that campus, alumni, friends and family together on Saturday afternoons in the fall. But is this the essence of Notre Dame? I don't think so. That is why I have been very upset by the reaction to the firing of head coach Tyrone Willingham.

Many people, both here in The Observer, on ESPN and numerous other media outlets, have said they are disappointed by the decision, that the decision proves that Notre Dame is just another "football factory," and that the decision tarnished the Golden Dome. People have written that Notre Dame will never be the same again.

I certainly was shocked on Tuesday upon hearing the news, and I personally really liked Willingham, as a great representative of the University. While I may not have agreed that this was the right thing to do or the right time to do it, I never thought that this decision had any

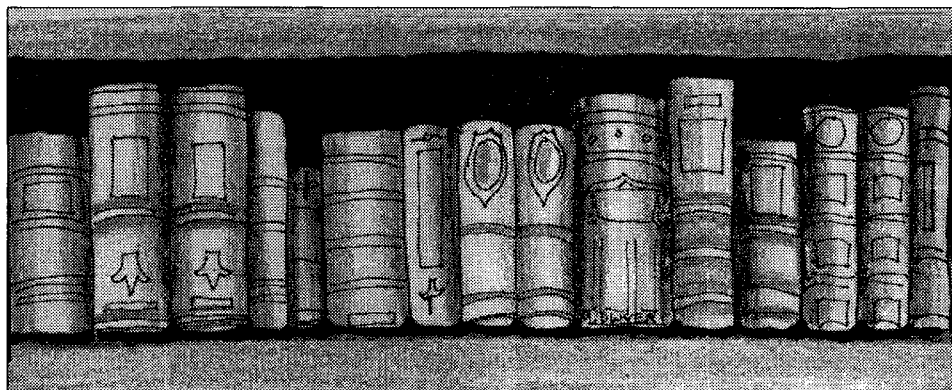
bearing on what Notre Dame stands for. All of these people act like football defines what a school is. Maybe it does at a football factory. It shouldn't and I don't think it does at Notre Dame.

When I think of Notre Dame, I think of the incredible education I received, the great teachers and mentors, lifelong friends, the absolutely beautiful campus, Mass at the Basilica, studying abroad, praying at the Grotto, the amazing support network — I could just go on and on. This is Notre Dame. Okay, some of the leaders at Notre Dame decided that Willingham wasn't the coach they wanted for our football team. We all want to win and I don't think that this makes us bad people.

Whether or not this broke with tradition, whether or not we all agree that it gave him a fair chance, none of this takes the truly amazing nature of Notre Dame away from us. Those things are what make Notre Dame special.

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Dec. 3

Writing classics and happy endings



Next year I'm due to start work on my doctoral thesis, so needless to say I've decided to start smoking.

Smoking is important for graduate students partly because it provides a regular excuse to leave the library, but also because a thesis takes at least two years to complete and you need frequent doses of carcinogenic pleasure to restore the karmic imbalance created by that much delayed gratification.

There are of course other techniques available for making the arduous task of dissertating more manageable. One tobacco-free method for relieving stress is to fantasize about tenure, taking solace in dreams of all the things one could do with a guaranteed job for life. Popular tenure fantasies include attending faculty meetings wearing a dressing gown, playing "Eye of the Tiger" at the start of every lecture, or finally coming out to one's colleagues as a Republican. My own tenure fantasy is to write a novel.

Peter Wicks

Englishman
Abroad

I should say right away that my novel will not be a daring work of postmodernist fiction, densely-packed with allusions to everything from Homer through to Quentin Tarantino. It will not feature a chapter in which the playfully erudite narrator digresses with a meditation on the existential significance of quantum physics cribbed from Stephen Hawking's Brief History of Time. There will be no cameo appearance by a character with the same name as the author, nor any other blurring of the line between fact and fiction. The novel will not hold a mirror up to society. It will not — not even remotely, not in any way — be an unflinchingly honest analysis of the way we live now.

I am going to write a Harlequin romance novel, complete with heaving bosoms, ripped bodices and a happy ending.

Part of my motivation is the childish pleasure I get from the idea that one day I might be a tenured professor with a faculty bio that includes the line "Peter's previous books include Wittgenstein's Moral Philosophy (4 vols.) and The Isle of Forbidden Passion." But the truth is I wanted to write a romance novel even before I decided I wanted to be an academic, ever since I discovered that there's a kit.

To get the Harlequin novel-writing kit you used to have to write to them, but now everything an aspiring romance novelist needs to know can be found on their website.

Before looking at the guide for writers, I decided to survey the catalogue to check out the competition. Harlequin has a truly bewildering amount of titles. The website provides a book matcher to help customers identify the novels that will best suit their needs, using pull-down menus to select their preferred time period, type of hero, heroine and theme (options range from "hero to the rescue" to the apparently self-explanatory "baby"). Since you can only select one option for each category the hero can be royalty or a bad boy but, frustratingly, not both. For those who don't want their romance to be set here in the United States there are a range of exotic locations offered, including France, Italy and — inexplicably — Canada.

I am not, I admit, a likely candidate for a romance novelist. For one thing I am a man and romance fiction is written almost exclusively by and for women, Harlequin describes itself as a purveyor of "women's fiction." Also, I'm not entirely sure what a bodice is. But with some expert guidance I was confident that these obstacles could be overcome, so I clicked on a link promisingly entitled "learn to write".

First I came across a Q&A for prospective writers. The tone was markedly defensive. It was noted that the general public fails to give romance novels the respect they deserve. The notion that writing these books is easy was considered and firmly rejected.

Reassured as to the respectability of my avocation, I turned to the writer's tips, which suggested that I "use commas between compound sentences joined by conjunctions." A conjunction — I have this on good authority — is "a joining word, such as and, but, or and because." There was also a helpful section explaining the difference between "its" and "it's," although I find that I have forgotten the details.

It's a mistake to think of romance fiction as second or even third rate literature. It's not bad literature; it's something else, with different criteria of success. Part of the art of literary writing is to give characters depth and life, but a Harlequin hero — whether he's a playboy, a sheik or a bodyguard — must be as two-dimensional as a pin-up poster.

People sometimes argue about whether love at first sight is possible. I think it's not just possible, it's easy. Anyone can fall in love with someone across a crowded room, because the unknown represents the possibility of perfection. And so it is with a romantic hero; give him eyes like dark stars, a physique reminiscent of a variety of powerful fauna, a scar in an intimate location gained playing polo or some other suitably exotic sport, and stop there. Leave it to the reader not to fill in the gaps, but to enjoy the speculation.

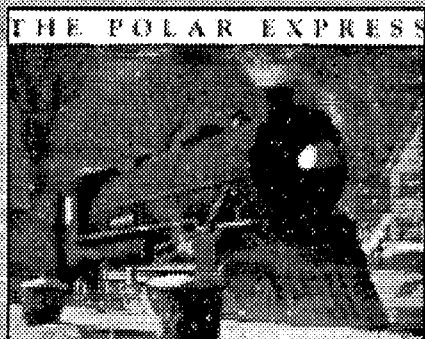
There is a love that comes after knowledge — you see it in the best marriages — but it is not the stuff of fantasy.

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Recommended
reading from the
Scene staffThe Diving
Bell and the
Butterfly
by Jean-Dominique
Bauby

The former editor-in-chief of French "Elle," who suffered a stroke to the brainstem, writes this astonishing memoir. He is paralyzed except for his left eye, and writes the book by blinking as his wife recites the alphabet. The beautiful prose and colorful descriptions of his life and memories are inspiring and vivid. Even though he is deprived of life's smallest joys, like lingering in a bathtub or ruffling his child's hair, he expresses more moments of gratitude for the life he lived than bitterness at the life he now endures. This lesson about appreciating everyday miracles is a must for the holiday season. —Recommended by Christie Bolsen

The Polar
Expressby Chris Van
Allsburg

Whether or not you see the movie version of this children's classic, the Caldecott Medal-winning illustrations and magical storyline of the book never get old. It tells the story of a boy who waits in bed to hear Santa's sleigh bells, even though his friends have stopped believing, and ends up taking a nighttime train ride on the Polar Express to the North Pole. When Santa chooses the boy to receive the first gift of Christmas, he only chooses a silver bell from Santa's sleigh, which can only be heard by true believers. This book is for Christmas lovers of all ages, because as Van Allsburg writes, "Though I've grown old, the bell still rings for me as it does for all who truly believe." —Recommended by Christie Bolsen

Nine Stories
by J.D. Salinger

If you're coming up on graduation and starting to feel a little bit old, this might be the right book to pick up. Salinger captures the intelligence, keen perception and impressionability of the minds of children in a way that is touching and powerful. After reading "Nine Stories" you might find yourself reflecting a little more deeply on the childhood that made you who you are — and changing the kind of adult you want to be. You don't have to grow up before heading out into the world, and Salinger's book shows why maybe you never should. —Recommended by Maria Smith

'Volume One' is a
rare glimpse into
DylanBy BECCA SAUNDERS
Assistant Scene Editor

When most of his fans heard that Bob Dylan, one of the most private famous men of today and recent history, was writing a memoir, they expected to finally get a glimpse into the intimate life of one of the greatest songwriters of all time. These expectations are let down in Dylan's recent memoir, "Chronicles, Volume One." However, Dylan fans should not lose heart at this announcement, because although the intimate details of his life are excluded, "Chronicles, Volume One" gives readers insight into the great mind that changed the face of music in America.

Essentially divided into three parts, or eras of Dylan's life, the memoir begins with Dylan describing his life in Greenwich Village in New York. He details his struggle to play in increasingly better known and better attended bars and clubs as he stayed on the couches of various friends and acquaintances. The young Dylan comes across as introverted and deeply inquisitive. Pages are dedicated to describing the books Dylan read at that time and the music he listened to.

Many characters are introduced, but few are expounded upon to a great extent. The first part of the memoir is rather slow, but interesting in that the pre-songwriting Dylan is introduced and becomes a bit more understood. He is a young man who sees no need to perform his own music when there are so many terrific folk songs that he can develop and play with a new twist all his own. Dylan is hard-headed, telling one record executive that he came to New York by jumping on a freight train and had a previous job as a bakery truck driver, all of which is untrue. Bob Dylan is a man who does not care what people believe is true, and the first section of "Chronicles, Volume One" makes this exceedingly clear.

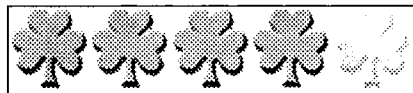
Dylan's home and life in Woodstock is explored throughout what is essentially the second section of "Chronicles, Volume One." Woodstock was a place where Dylan moved to live the American home-life, not wanting to be tracked and bothered by fans who wanted Dylan to play "Prophet, Messiah, Savior" for their various causes. Although the retreat to Woodstock is essentially attributed to a desire to live the family life, his family is only vaguely mentioned; he hardly even drops the names of his different wives or children throughout the entirety of the memoir.

The third and easily most entertaining section of "Chronicles, Volume One" covers Dylan's journey of working with producer Daniel Lanois, recommended to Dylan by U2 lead singer Bono. Set in New Orleans, the third section reveals Bob Dylan as more satisfied with the meaning of his songs. The book ties up with a visit back to the young Dylan in the early 1960's in Greenwich Village, realizing that "The folk music scene had been like a paradise that I had to leave, like Adam had to leave

the garden. It was just too perfect."

Overall, "Chronicles, Volume One" is interesting, but not immensely entertaining. It becomes clear throughout the novel that Dylan wrote this book as he wrote folk songs: to tell the story with carefully chosen words. Folk songs are not catchy or even generally very shocking, and the same rings true for Dylan's memoir. As one reads, the slow and detailed pace of Dylan's writing becomes a bit wearing at times, but generally a more revelatory second half makes up for the slow-moving and overly detailed nature of the first half of the memoir. Much of what Dylan writes sounds

like would be song lyrics. From abstract lines like, "A song is like a dream, and you have to make it come true," to beautifully descriptive lines, "A blizzard was kidnapping the city, life spinning around on a drab canvas. Ice and cold." Dylan

"Chronicles, Volume One"

Author: Bob Dylan

dives into his opinions on Roosevelt, describing how he thought Roosevelt could have "stepped out of a folk ballad" and much more. The memoir is beautifully written, but the language can get a bit bogged down in imagery at times.

Although Dylan does not give an entirely revealing account of his life, the reader is allowed glimpses into his mind and dreams, often seemingly inadvertently. Speaking of Picasso, the dreams of the young Dylan are revealed, "Picasso at seventy-nine years old had just married his thirty-five-year-old model. Wow. Picasso wasn't just loafing about on crowded sidewalks. Life hadn't flowed past him yet. Picasso had fractured the art world and cracked it wide open. He was revolutionary. I wanted to be like that."

Dylan plays down his desire to be great at points, but it is clear that he realizes what he has done to American music in general. His memoir gives insight into the mind of a man who has seen great change and saw it coming before it even got here. The language of the book is beautiful, and the man himself is intriguing. "Chronicles, Volume One" is a must read for any Dylan fan, but even for those who aren't it is an interesting journey through the last half of the twentieth century in America, led by a tour-guide who has had a part in a good deal of the development of America at that time and even now.

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This picture was taken of a young Bob Dylan in 1962.

Video games for new and old fans

By MARK BEMENDERFER
Scene Writer

"Dragon Ball Z: Budokai 3"

Fans of the show can finally rejoice, as "Dragon Ball Z: Budokai 3" has finally gotten the definitive game it deserves. With over 40 characters from the show, and countless items to unlock, this is any anime fan's dream come true.

The gameplay runs very similarly to the previous Budokai games on the market. You choose one character from the Dragon Ball Z universe to fight another. The controls are pretty intuitive, with one button being reserved each for punch, kick and block.

Unlike the other fighting games on the market, "Dragon Ball Z: Budokai 3" is quite easy for the average gamer to pick up and play. While other fighting games require a skillful hand to pull off the super moves, this one has moves that can be pulled off by even the most casual gamer. This means that everyone will be able to use even the flashiest moves, pleasing everyone.

However, this also means that the game can be easily played by simply mashing the buttons on the controller. This may turn off serious fans of fighting games, which could be a mistake. Although the super moves are intrinsically easy to accomplish, there is a wealth of abilities in the game that were absent from the previous ones.

New to the series is the ability to teleport, both offensively and defensively. Performing this move requires timing, giving experienced gamers an edge over newcomers. If used excessively, this move tires out the character, leaving him vulnerable to attack.

Another new addition to the series is the dragon rush. Less appreciated than the previous addition, this technique relies more upon luck than skill to successfully pull off. It amounts to pressing a button, and hoping that your opponent does not press the same button. A lesser addition to the series, but one that does prove to be useful in story mode.

The single player mode is where a lot of gamers will spend their time, as that is where the majority of the characters, and stages, are unlocked. Dubbed the Dragon Universe, eleven of the show's main characters can be played through unique storylines that follow the show fairly accurately. It's good for newcomers to experience the show for the first time, and fans to relive their favorite moments.

Part of what makes this an exceptional fighting game is the previously mentioned variety of characters. With the cast ranging from Goku to Broly, and the almighty Omega Shenron, it covers all of the TV shows that were released. Any

fan of anime, or cartoons in general, will appreciate the sheer variety that has been tossed into this game.

Overall, this game is one of the most fun fighters in the market. While it may not have the deepest fighting engine, it is a large improvement from the previous versions, and is worth a look by old and newcomers alike. Grade: A

"Goldeneye: Rouge Agent"

The average college student grew up with a Nintendo 64 around, either in his or her house, or a friend's. When asked about their collection, the Mario games are often mentioned, as are the Zelda. But the game that was in almost everyone's collection was "Goldeneye."

What many consider to be the defining first person shooter, "Goldeneye" was the action game of choice for someone with a Nintendo 64. With a compelling single player mode, and a fun multiplayer, it was one of the top selling games for the N64.

Now, many years later, the first direct sequel has arrived. However, it is a sequel in name only. Following in the vein of the previous game, "Goldeneye: Rouge Agent" is all about action. Those looking for a deeper game will want to check out "Halo 2," or "Killzone." "Goldeneye: Rouge Agent" is about non-stop action from start to finish.

The title "Rogue Agent" comes to bear in the storyline. Shocking as it may be, this is the first Bond game that doesn't actually star Bond. The famous 007 is only in the game for the first minute or so of gameplay, as the player assumes the role of agent Goldeneye.

After being blamed for the simulated death of a famous individual in Bond history and performing intolerable acts, Agent Goldeneye is kicked from MI-6 to become a free agent. He is quickly picked up by Goldfinger to work for the other side of the law.

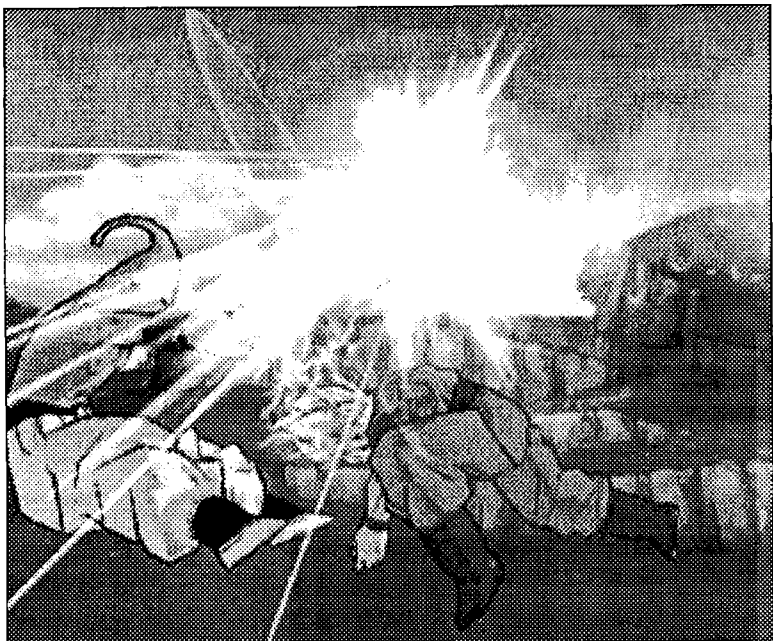
Following the interesting beginning however, the game slides into a state of tedium, as the player fights what appears to be an endless army of clones. Little variety has been included within the game. To compensate, Electronic Arts has made the game very short. This game could be finished in one study day, leaving you the rest to focus on more important tasks.

What is probably most disappointing is that the fact you are a bad guy is never capitalized on. The opportunity to fight Bond never arises, along with any other important figure in Bond history. Actually, the ability to fight anyone important only happens twice in the game, with the rest being filled with the aforementioned clones.

However, the original's main area of longevity was the multiplayer. So the question arises, does this one meet the original's expectations? The answer is yes and no.

The original had outstanding multiplayer with a variety of people to play as. The sequel both builds upon that, and subtracts at the same time. Gone is the variety of characters, causing fans of "Oddjob" to weep everywhere. They are replaced with slightly better arenas to fight in with newly introduced death traps, which add some humor to the multiplayer.

Overall, a solid and yet lacking game. Fans will be disappointed if they have played anything since the original, such as "Halo" or "Killzone." At least the multiplayer has been balanced more than the previous, so if you were a diehard fan, you may want to check this out. Grade: C+



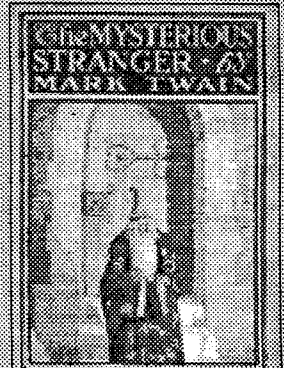
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"Dragon Ball Z: Budokai 3" can be played by both experienced and casual players alike.

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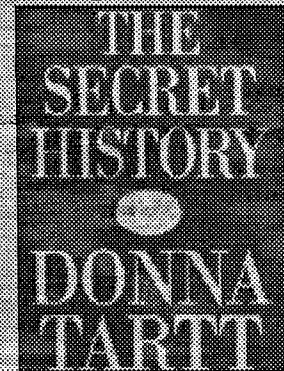
Recommended reading from the Scene staff

The Mysterious Stranger by Mark Twain



Most people remember Mark Twain for the witty and somewhat rebellious Connecticut Yankee, Huckleberry Finn or Tom Sawyer. The last story Twain wrote before his death was published posthumously, and almost seems to carry a premonition of what was to come. The story of some young boys in a sleepy vale in Austria touches on themes of good and evil which are darker, and perhaps more profound, than Twain's lighter novels. "The Mysterious Stranger" is a haunting reminder that the miraculous may not be good, and that what is powerful can sometimes be utterly wrong. —Recommended by Maria Smith

The Secret History by Donna Tartt



"The Secret History" follows Richard Pappen, a California college student who enrolls in a New England college and joins an elite group of classics students. He slowly breaks into their tightly knit band, learns about their secrets and is soon guilty by association. The group had staged a bacchanal during which they killed a man while in a trance, and the tensions within the group grow graver and tenser as the story progresses and the secrets increase. The book deals with appropriately Greek themes of death, betrayal and fate, and can be enjoyed by anyone, even without a background in the classics. —Recommended by Molly Griffin

Under the Banner of Heaven by Jon Krakauer



Following the success of his nonfiction account of a disastrous climb up Mt. Everest, "Into Thin Air," Krakauer turns to a radically different subject for "Under the Banner of Heaven: A Story of Violent Faith." The book details the story of Ron and Dan Lafferty, two members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints whose faith grows progressively towards fundamentalism and messianic delusion until it leads them to commit a double homicide in the name of their faith. Not only is the book a fascinating study of the history of the Mormon faith, but it also reveals with the dangers of fundamentalism, and particularly American fundamentalism in a clear and chilling fashion. —Recommended by Molly Griffin

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Offense must match defense's solid performance

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — The scoreboard read Michigan 27, Notre Dame 16.

Three minutes, 36 seconds remained in the first half.

Thus far, the Irish had six field goals. They also had four traveling violations.

Michigan had just scored on its first possession out of the TV timeout, but something had changed in this Notre Dame team.

It finally looked like the team everyone had been waiting to see through the first three-plus games of the regular season.

In the next 3:36, the Irish doubled their field goal total from six to 12, and when Chris Thomas dropped in his only field goal of the game with one second left in the half, all of a sudden the Irish and Wolverines were tied at 30.

Three minutes of impressive basketball erased 17 minutes of bad basketball.

The Irish came out of the locker room with that same attitude. Riding the suddenly rejuvenated Torin Francis, 3-pointers from Colin Falls and a couple of shots from Dennis Latimore, they built a 51-41 lead.

Then with 11:30 remaining in

the game, that attitude seemed to go away.

It wasn't an instant drop-off, but for the rest of the game, the Irish had four field goals.

For those scoring at home, combining the first 17:30 with the last 11:30 and the Irish got 10 field goals in 29 minutes of basketball. In the other 11 minutes, they had 14 field goals.

This is a team in transition. The defense throughout the entire 40 minutes, minus a few lapses here and there, was as good as it's been under a Mike Brey-coached team in South Bend. That off-season dedication will payoff as the season progresses.

In all of that work, the Irish lost their offense.

As surprising as that sounds, the numbers don't lie.

They average 63.25 points per game, shooting 40.1 percent from the field and connecting on 30.7 from behind the arc.

Those stats show there's a problem.

"I think we're a little behind where we expected to be offensively," Irish guard Chris Quinn said. "In the preseason with the guys we have on this team, we didn't anticipate scoring to be one of our problems. We focused a lot on the defensive end and I think it's showing that. We concentrated a lot on defense."

"With a tough team like Michigan, you think if you hold them to 61 points, you are going to win the game."

During that opening stretch, the Irish looked like a team that hadn't played for eight days and was playing its first road game of the season.

Despite the abysmal offensive start, the Irish persevered and used their defense to give themselves a golden opportunity to become 4-0 and pick up a non-conference win that would have looked great on their resume come March. Last year, a young Notre Dame team would have wilted on the road, but that experience from last season allowed them to have a chance to win at Crisler Arena.

For all the things they did wrong, the Irish learned a lot about themselves Saturday.

"Just that we can come in here and play on the road and control the game. When it comes down to the wire, we have to close the door on the game," Latimore said. "Hopefully we can do that in Indiana."

The Irish can take what they learned in Ann Arbor to Bloomington.

That's easier said than done.

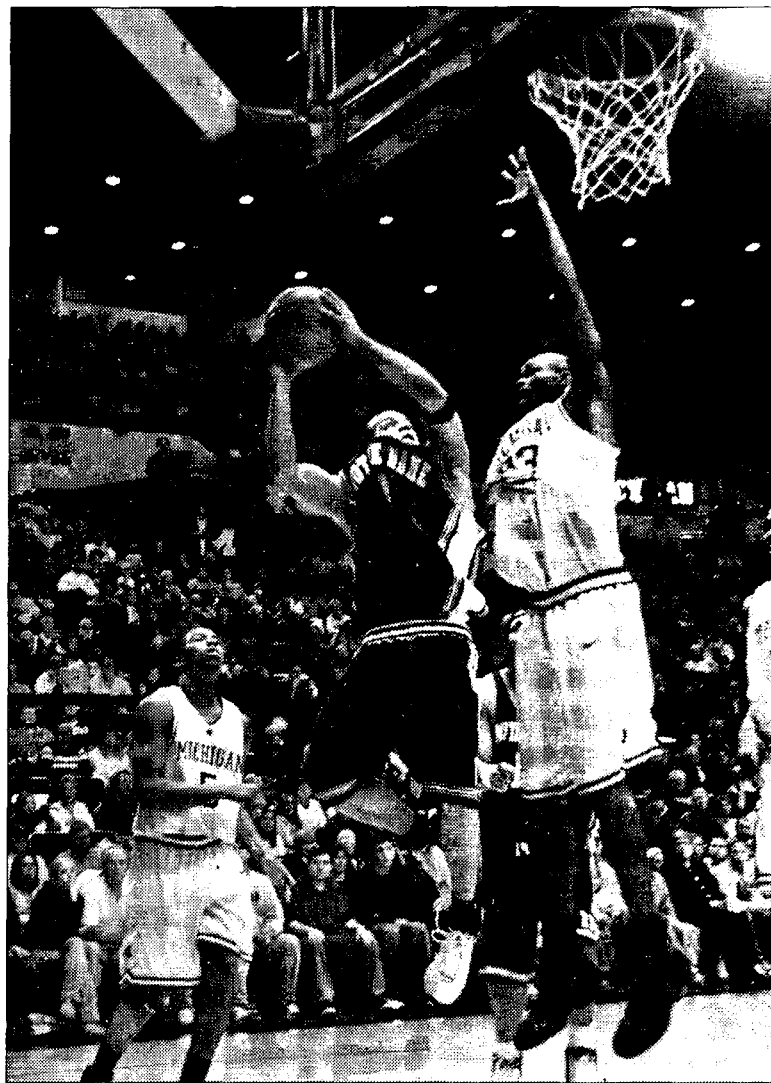
Look up the year 1973 in the Notre Dame-Indiana series to find out why — that's the last year the Irish have won on the road in the series.

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CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer

Chris Thomas attempts a layup at Saturday's game against Michigan. Despite a strong defensive effort, the Irish lost 61-60.

Bowl committee announces Irish will take on Oregon State

Baer anticipates a challenging matchup versus Beavers

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

The Insight Bowl committee announced Sunday that Notre Dame (6-5) would face Oregon State (6-5) in the Insight Bowl on Dec. 28 in Tempe, Ariz.

"Playing Oregon State is a tremendous opportunity and

challenge for our football team," Irish interim head coach Kent Baer said.

"Oregon State has been a power in the Pac-10 the last several years, and they have a lot of talent. We're looking forward to the challenge of playing them."

The Beavers

finished tied with Arizona State for third in the Pac-10

Conference, behind California and Southern California.

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Irish interim coach

Sunday, however, Texas moved ahead of California and took

the Pac-10's Rose Bowl spot.

California was invited to the Holiday Bowl, and Arizona State was invited to the Sun Bowl.

That meant that UCLA, which was long predicted to be Notre Dame's opponent in the Insight Bowl, dropped down to the Las Vegas Bowl.

The Beavers provide an interesting opponent for the Irish, as Oregon State defeated Notre Dame 41-9 in the 2001 Fiesta Bowl.

Senior linebacker Mike Goolsby was a freshman on

that Fiesta Bowl team.

"When I heard about the matchup, I had flashbacks to the [2001] Fiesta Bowl, so it's kind of ironic that my first season at Notre Dame and my last will both end against Oregon State," Goolsby said.

"I know I can speak for my teammates when I say we're looking forward to going down there and, especially, looking forward to playing and winning a bowl game."

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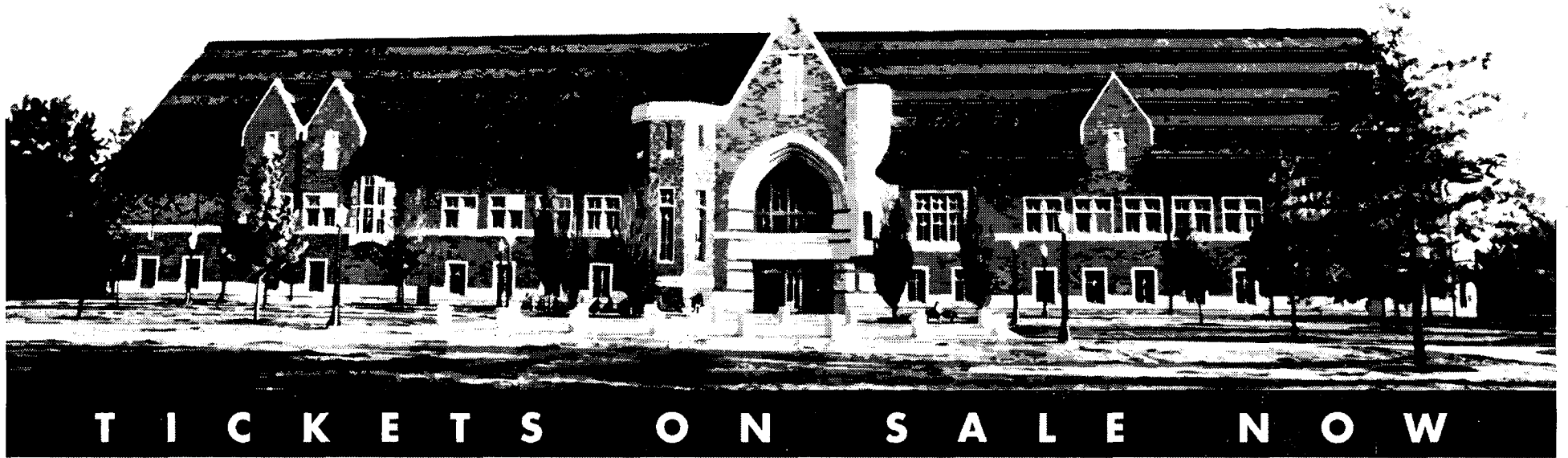
Dan, Mozart took Italian...shouldn't YOU?

Thank you, Talls, for helping me out with the lights! ~Smalls

TIDAL WAVE!!!

Tom, we should make another Target run and visit the boo-bahs! :)

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College Football

ESPN/USA Today Top 25

	team	record	points
1	USC (35 1/3)	12-0	1,490
2	Oklahoma (16 1/3)	12-0	1,459
3	Auburn (9 1/3)	12-0	1,435
4	California	10-1	1,286
5	Texas	10-1	1,281
6	Utah	11-0	1,215
7	Georgia	9-2	1,117
8	Louisville	10-1	1,066
9	Virginia Tech	10-2	1,037
10	Boise State	11-0	943
11	LSU	9-2	932
12	Michigan	9-2	874
13	Iowa	9-2	812
14	Miami	8-3	738
15	Florida State	8-3	643
16	Wisconsin	9-2	599
17	Tennessee	9-3	559
18	Virginia	8-3	455
19	Florida	7-4	324
20	Pittsburgh	8-3	318
21	Texas Tech	7-4	234
22	Ohio State	7-4	181
23	West Virginia	8-3	177
24	Arizona State	8-3	173
25	Texas A&M	7-4	147

College Football

AP Top 25

	team	record	points
1	USC (44)	12-0	1,599
2	Oklahoma (14)	12-0	1,556
3	Auburn (7)	12-0	1,525
4	California	10-1	1,399
5	Utah	11-0	1,345
6	Texas	10-1	1,337
7	Louisville	10-1	1,183
8	Georgia	9-2	1,117
9	Virginia Tech	10-2	1,111
10	Boise State	11-0	960
11	Iowa	9-2	948
12	LSU	9-2	929
13	Michigan	9-2	917
14	Miami	8-3	776
15	Tennessee	9-3	651
16	Wisconsin	9-2	648
17	Florida State	8-3	647
18	Virginia	8-3	482
19	Pittsburgh	8-3	415
20	Florida	7-4	325
21	Arizona State	8-3	222
22	Texas A&M	7-4	213
23	Texas Tech	7-4	158
24	Ohio State	7-4	155
25	Boston College	8-3	150

Men's Central College Hockey Association

team	CCHA	overall
Ohio State	9-2-1	11-4-1
Michigan	9-1-0	11-4-1
Northern Michigan	6-3-1	8-4-2
Bowling Green	5-3-2	8-4-2
Nebraska-Omaha	5-6-1	7-6-1
Alaska Fairbanks	5-5-0	6-6-0
Lake Superior	4-5-1	5-8-1
Western Michigan	4-7-1	8-7-1
Michigan State	4-6-0	7-8-1
Miami	3-6-1	7-8-1
NOTRE DAME	2-7-3	3-8-4
Ferris State	2-7-1	5-10-1

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL



Auburn's Carnell Williams, top, is upended by Tennessee's Corey Larkins, bottom, in the Southeastern Conference football championship game in Atlanta on Saturday. Auburn will play in the Sugar Bowl, not the championship bowl.

Undefeated Auburn denied berth in Orange Bowl

Associated Press

Now Auburn knows what it feels like to be the odd team out.

Southern California and Oklahoma finished atop the final Bowl Championship Series standings Sunday and will meet in the Orange Bowl on Jan. 4 in a title game that might not produce a unanimous national champion.

Auburn, which finished 12-0 just like the Trojans and Sooners, finished third in the BCS points system that relies on The Associated Press and coaches polls, plus computer ratings. So the Tigers

will have to settle for a Sugar Bowl berth against Virginia Tech on Jan. 3.

"It's not a perfect system, and if it was we'd all be happy today," Auburn coach Tommy Tuberville said during ABC's broadcast of the BCS pairings announcement.

USC finished with .9770 in the standings, and Oklahoma had .9681. Auburn, third much of the season, had .9331. Oklahoma's strong computer rankings kept the Sooners ahead of the Tigers in the BCS standings, while USC held on to first place thanks to its strong showing in the polls.

Last season, USC was left out of the BCS title game, despite being No. 1 in both the AP and coaches polls at the end of the regular season. Instead, Oklahoma played LSU in the Sugar Bowl, even though the Sooners lost the Big 12 title game.

When all the bowls were finished, LSU won the BCS championship, and USC was No. 1 in the final AP poll.

In an attempt to avoid a repeat, the BCS scaled back its formula this season, making it far more reliant on the human polls. But another problem arose, of course: For the

first time since the BCS was implemented in 1998, there were more than two unbeaten teams from major conferences.

At least Auburn is in a top bowl. California was left out altogether after Texas passed the Golden Bears and moved into fourth in the final BCS standings. The Longhorns (10-1) will play Big Ten co-champion Michigan (9-2) in the Rose Bowl.

Utah (11-0) officially became the first team from a non-BCS conference to receive a bid to one of the four \$14 million bowl games, earning a spot in the Fiesta Bowl.

IN BRIEF

Spain beats United States to win Davis Cup

SEVILLE, Spain — Andy Roddick searched out Carlos Moya in the throng of jumping, screaming Spanish tennis players, hoping to shake hands.

Moya had just beaten Roddick 6-2, 7-6 (1), 7-6 (5) Sunday to clinch Spain's second Davis Cup title — and extend the U.S. team's drought in tennis' top team competition.

"When someone accomplishes something like the Spanish team did today, you have to respect that and give them their due credit," Roddick said. "They did a great job."

Holding back tears, Moya ran over and reached up through a rail to greet Prince Felipe, heir to the Spanish throne, and his wife, Princess Letizia.

"The Davis Cup is my dream," Moya said. "I can't ask for more. There is nothing bigger than what I've lived today."

His victory over Roddick on the

slow, red clay that dulls the American's powerful serves and forehands put Spain up 3-1 in the best-of-five series.

U.S. captain Patrick McEnroe was counting on getting two wins in singles from Roddick, who won the 2003 U.S. Open and finished that year atop the rankings. Spain figured to have the edge, because of the surface and the drum-thumping din of 27,200 red-and-yellow-clad fans at Olympic Stadium.

NBA says it won't seek temporary restraining order

NEW YORK — The NBA informed the players' union Sunday it will not seek a temporary restraining order in federal court, clearing the way for a grievance hearing over suspensions for the Pacers-Pistons brawl.

Arbitrator Roger Kaplan will preside over the hearing Thursday and Friday at a Manhattan law office. Suspended players Ron Artest, Jermaine O'Neal and Stephen Jackson are expected to attend.

Artest was sidelined for the season, Jackson for 30 games, and O'Neal for 25 for fighting with fans Nov. 19.

The NBA has already filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court challenging Kaplan's authority to hear the grievance, and the league was expected to try Monday to prevent the hearing from going forward.

But in phone calls Sunday between attorneys for the two sides, the league told the union it would not be seeking a restraining order.

"Our position hasn't changed. We've started a proceeding in federal court, and it will remain pending while we see what the arbitrator does," NBA deputy commissioner Russ Granik said.

The union categorized the league's decision as a significant change of course. "Our goal all along has been to secure a hearing on the merits of the case as soon as possible. Now, the last impediment from that happening has been removed," union spokesman Dan Wasserman said.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Wolverines upend Irish 61-60

By PAT LEONARD

Associate Sports Editor

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — The crowd at Crisler Arena was at a whisper with 11 minutes remaining Saturday.

By the eight-minute mark, it was at a roar.

No. 20/19 Notre Dame relinquished a 10-point lead and Michigan guard Daniel Horton scored all 15 of his points in the second half as the Irish fell to the host Wolverines (4-3, 0-0 in the Big Ten), 61-60.

"Where you're disappointed is in game situations," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "But I like how our team played in a tough atmosphere today, and I think it's something we can really build on."

Notre Dame (3-1, 0-0 in the Big East) shot under 40 percent and made costly mistakes down the stretch, the most notable coming when the Irish had a 60-58 lead. Horton stripped Irish guard Chris Quinn from behind and streaked down the court for a lay-up and was fouled with 20 seconds remaining.

Notre Dame forward Dennis Latimore (18 points, 7-for-13 shooting) committed the foul that gave Horton the free throw and Michigan the one-point lead.

"We just had little lapses," Thomas said. "We can't give up a three-point play at the end of the game. We've got to have a hard foul. We've got to protect the ball. We've got to get open. We've got to run our play."

The Irish called a timeout and gave Latimore a chance to redeem himself, drawing a play to give him the ball on the low block.

But Michigan forced Irish guard

Chris Thomas to take a fade-away jump shot that missed off the backboard. Notre Dame's final possession — a full-court race by Thomas with four seconds remaining — was thwarted when Michigan forward Brent Petway blocked Thomas' shot to end the game.

"We didn't get into our play well [and] we should have called a timeout," Thomas said. "But those things happen. I thought for the most part our team played really well and just game situations down the last couple minutes really hurt us. A lot of that was Michigan though, too, defending us. You've got to give them some credit."

Latimore and Francis (12 points, 5-for-6 shooting) were the only two Notre Dame players in double figures. Thomas and Quinn, the starting Irish backcourt, combined to shoot 3-for-24 from the field.

Thomas finished with two points in Notre Dame's first regular season match-up with Michigan since January 16, 1993, when the Irish lost 70-55, also in Ann Arbor.

"The one thing [Thomas] did do, [though] I know you go back to his shooting, he controlled the whole tempo for us today," Brey said. "He really quarterbacked a heck of a game. He got eight rebounds, ten assists. He just distributed, and then he had to guard Horton and [Dion] Harris a lot. Sometimes you don't have legs."

Notre Dame used a 2-3 zone to hold Michigan to 11 points in the opening nine minutes of the second half. Latimore converted off a Thomas assist with 11:30 left in the second half to give Notre Dame a 51-41 lead, their largest of the game.

But Michigan adjusted to the zone and Notre Dame switched back to man-to-man, allowing Horton to score 11 points with Thomas guarding him in the final 11 minutes to secure the Michigan victory.

"A lot of times as coaches — and certainly the coach in the other locker room is one of the best — a lot of times you want to change up or switch [defenses] because maybe you're thinking the team is trying to get prepared for that last defense," Michigan head coach Tommy Amaker said. "I know we've done that, and it has worked. I'm not saying that the way we played down the stretch was because they went man, but it had a lot to do with some big-time hustle plays."

Michigan point guard Dion Harris scored 10 points and forward Ron Coleman finished with 11 points off the bench.

The Irish and Wolverines were tied 30-30 at halftime after Notre Dame closed out the final 3:36 with a 14-3 run.

Game notes

♦ Brey and Amaker were assistant coaches together at Duke from 1987-95. Both helped the Blue Devils to back-to-back national titles in 1991 and 1992.

♦ Michigan swingman Lester Abram underwent surgery on his left shoulder Sunday and will miss the rest of the season. Abram was Michigan's leading scorer last season and played nine minutes on Saturday. Wolverines' forward Graham Brown, who scored eight points in the Michigan win, will miss four to six weeks following hernia surgery.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles fall to Olivet despite early lead

By KEVIN BRENNAN

Sports Writer

Saint Mary's watched another lead slip away in the second half on Saturday. The Belles led for much of the game, but were badly outplayed down the stretch, falling 79-69 to Olivet.

Saint Mary's started the game off hot, maintaining a double-digit lead for most of the opening period thanks to excellent shooting. In the first half, the team shot 59 percent from the floor and connected on 60 percent of its 3-point attempts.

With 2:11 left before halftime, freshman forward Bernadette Broderick hit a jumper to give the Belles a 39-28 lead. The Comets surged at the end of the half, though, going on an 8-2 run. Saint Mary's entered halftime leading 41-36.

Olivet continued its hot play at the beginning of the second half. Comet guards Kari Searles and Emily Fix hit consecutive three pointers to put Olivet up 42-41 for its first lead of the game.

The Belles and Comets stayed close and traded leads for most of the second period. Sophomore point guard Bridget Lipke connected on a jumper with 4:37 left in the game to give Saint Mary's a 65-64 advantage.

This would prove to be the Belles' last lead of the game, though. The Comets immediately responded with a basket from freshman guard Amy Brackenwagen. The score sparked a 15-4 Olivet run that ended the game.

"I think that in the second half, instead of taking it to them and really being aggressive, we became a little more tentative," senior guard Katie Boyce said. "We were settling for outside

shots instead of taking it right at them."

Saint Mary's struggled to find an answer for Olivet guards Kari Searles and Emily Fix all game. Searles, the Comets' leading scorer, scored 17 points, and Fix added 20 of her own. Amy Brackenwagen had 13 points, six rebounds and six assists for Olivet in her first career start.

Senior forward Emily Creachbaum led the Belles in the losing effort, scoring 14 points and grabbing five rebounds. Center Maureen Bush added 12 points and five rebounds.

Despite the disappointing defeat, Saint Mary's can take some positives from the performance. The Belles displayed great depth, with ten different players logging minutes. Freshmen Allison Kessler and Bernadette Broderick played very well off the bench, scoring eight and nine points, respectively.

The Belles must be concerned with their inability to close out games, however. For the second straight contest, Saint Mary's gave away a big early lead.

"It is definitely a motivating factor that we will use in the future," Boyce said. "That is something that we will work on — the mentality that you have to stay with it the entire game."

Saint Mary's will look to turn things around this week with home games against Anderson and Tri-State.

"The next three days of practice are going to be really important," Boyce said. "We know that we need to win both games this week before Christmas break to get us back on the right track."

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ND WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Team finishes 5th in weekend meet

Perry-Eaton takes first place in diving at Georgia Invite

By KATE GALES
Sports Writer

It was a tale of two cities for the No. 21 Irish women this weekend as the team split between the Notre Dame Invitational and the University of Georgia Invitational in the heart of the South.

At the Notre Dame Invitational, Meghan Perry-Eaton took home the top prize in diving, with only three divers and one swimmer competing.

The Irish finished fifth at Georgia with 272 points, with the host No. 1 Bulldogs taking first overall with 1,288 points. Coach Bailey Weathers chose to take the majority of his team to Athens, Ga., because of superior competition.

"The women's teams that came to Georgia are kind of at a different level [than those at the Notre Dame Invitational]," he said. "Georgia is probably the best team in the country right now... it's good for our teams to see those kids."

No. 8 California, Minnesota and No. 22 Florida State took first, second and third, respectively, in the women's competition.

Irish swimmers put up 16 top-20 finishes at the Georgia meet's final day with a strong showing in a variety of areas.

"I think our depth was a pretty big strength," Weathers said. "Michigan State and Florida State and Cal-Berkeley were pretty rested, so that was hard

for us, but in general I think just our depth was good."

Chistel Bouvron finished sixth with a time of 2:02.69 in the 200-yard butterfly "A" final and eighth in the 100-yard butterfly A final. She competed for her native Singapore in the 2004 Athens Olympics in the 200-yard event, finishing 32nd this summer.

Jessica Stevens also competed in two A finals, taking sixth in the 200-yard breaststroke with a time of 2:18.34 after taking seventh in Friday's 2,000-yard individual medley event.

The B final of the 200 breaststroke featured both senior co-captains Kelli Barton and Georgia Healey. Barton posted a season-best 2:20.98 for an 11th-place finish and Healey followed her with a 12th-place finish and another season-best time of 2:21.05. Katie Hopkins took 19th in the C final with a collegiate-best time of 2:24.68 and junior Courtney Choura was close behind her in 21st place with a season-best 2:24.85.

"We had a lot of [swimmers'] best times, so that was really nice," Weathers said.

The personal best times continued for the 400-yard freestyle relay team, which brought home its lowest time of the fall season. The foursome of Caroline Johnson, Katie Guida, Ellen Johnson and Rebecca Grove finished tenth in 3:29.39.

In the C final of the 200-yard butterfly, three Irish swimmers swam to top-25 finishes.

"I think we're where we need to be."

Bailey Weathers
Irish coach

Hopkins finished 19th at 2:07.76, Kelly Battle took 23rd at 2:12.81 and Kiley Gooch finished directly behind her at 24th with a time of 2:14.42.

In her second season with the Irish, sophomore Abby Strang is swimming her way into the record books as one of the fastest distance swimmers in the team's history. Her time of 17:06.28 was good for the event's seventh-place finish and established her as the eighth-fastest freestyler in school history. Barton took 12th in the race with 17:24.75 and Georgia Steenberge brought home 18th with 18:13.66.

Notre Dame was well represented in the 200-yard backstroke. Ann Barton took 11th with 2:03.72, followed by Kristen Peter's 13th-place touch at 2:04.06. Caroline Johnson brought home 16th at 2:07.26, Ellen Johnson took 18th at 2:04.02 and Noemie Brand placed 24th with a time 2:10.58.

Gooch finished 26th with a time of 2:09.35.

The Irish will next see competitive waters in the Caribbean as they take part in the New Year's Invitational at St. Lucia. Weathers is confident in his team's ability to continually improve this year.

"I think we're where we need to be," Weathers said. "We'll just continue to work on technique stuff and everything."

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Florida signs Meyer as new head coach

Meyer said the opportunity was too good to pass up

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — SALT LAKE CITY — Salt Lake City is still Urban Meyer's dream job. It just isn't the one he's taking.

Meyer said Saturday the professional and financial opportunity presented to him by Florida was too good to pass up. And by the time Notre Dame called, Meyer already knew he was heading for The Swamp, not the Golden Dome.

"This was a family decision that was made prior to the other situation," Meyer said Saturday after the fifth-ranked Utes practiced.

Florida athletic director Jeremy Foley said Saturday in Gainesville, Fla., that Meyer's contract was for seven years, \$14 million.

"He's got a presence," Foley said. "You walk into a room and you can tell he has a little something about him."

Meyer said he met with Notre Dame athletic director Kevin White on Thursday night after White and the school's new president flew to Salt Lake City. But Meyer said the meeting was out of respect for the school where he spent five seasons as an assistant.

"I heard people say it was your dream job. It still is," Meyer said. "It just so happens I have three children at a young age and a situation that was well into effect before that one was even on the radar."

Meyer told his players before practice Saturday that he was taking the Florida job, confirming what they already knew. By going 10-2 in Meyer's first season and 11-0 this year, the Utes vaulted Meyer to the top of many schools' wish lists.


And Florida, which fired

Ron Zook in October, was apparently the first in line. Foley is looking good after luring Meyer, who has never lost more than three games in a season in his four years as a head coach. The Gators had been spurned three years ago by Oklahoma's Bob Stoops and Denver Broncos coach Mike Shanahan when Steve Spurrier left for the NFL.

Spurrier, who was considered an early candidate for the Florida job when Zook was fired, is the new coach at South Carolina, which plays in the same division as the Gators.

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MEN'S SWIMMING

Irish claim Invitational title

By RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA
Sports Writer

As the rest of the students on campus brace themselves for finals week, the men's swim team faced a final exam of its own this weekend.

Turning in a dominating performance at the annual Notre Dame Invitational, a three-day championship-style meet that closed out the team's fall semester campaign, the No. 21 Irish seized the top spot with 2,709.5 points, more than 1,000 points more than the next closest competitor, West Virginia.

"We knew we had to go in there early and assert our dominance," senior captain Matt Bertke said.

Sophomore Tim Kegelman performed brilliantly for the Irish, setting two pool and meet records and posting several NCAA qualification times during the meet's events. Kegelman won the 100-yard butterfly in 48.11 seconds on Friday, good enough for an NCAA "B" qualification. He followed up the performance by posting a time of 1:47.53 in the 200-yard butterfly, also good enough for a meet and pool record. On Thursday, Kegelman posted a NCAA "B" qualifying time in the 200-yard individual medley.

"[Tim Kegelman] got up there and just had some amazing swims," Bertke said. "He broke two records while swimming some extremely fast times that people haven't done before on our team. Anytime anybody steps up and has some big swims, it can be a rallying point for the rest of the team."

Senior Frank Krakowski also performed well for the Irish, winning the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 45.72 and helping the 400-yard freestyle relay close out the meet with a victory. Krakowski, Kegelman, sophomore Louis Cavadini and junior Tim Randolph took first place in the 400-yard freestyle race, posting a time of 3:01.75.

Other first-place finishers for the Irish in Saturday's events included sophomore Chris Zeches in the 1,650 freestyle (15:42.65) and junior Doug Bauman in the 200-yard backstroke (1:49.53). Bauman also notched a win in the 100-yard backstroke earlier in the meet.

"I was impressed by how we had so many guys who were rested — and guys who weren't rested — that stepped up and really had some great swims," Bertke said.

The Irish divers also performed well at the meet, as freshman Sam Stoner finished first in the

one-meter board competitions. Stoner took first place with 273.80 points. Sophomore Scott Coyle matched his efforts won the three-meter event, helping the Irish rack up valuable points from the diving competitions.

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HOCKEY

Irish swept by Michigan this weekend

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

Oh what a difference a year makes.

Notre Dame (3-8-4, 2-7-3 in the CCHA) simply did not look like it belonged on the same rink with No. 5 Michigan (11-4-1, 9-1-0) this weekend, falling by decisions of 6-1 Friday in Ann Arbor and 8-0 Saturday at the Joyce Center. Last season, the Irish swept Michigan at the Joyce Center by scores of 4-1 and 5-2.

"That was tough night at the office in every single way," Irish head coach Dave Poulin said after the 8-0 loss Saturday. "It was disappointing, difficult, unexpected from our point."

The shutout Saturday was the worst loss by a Poulin-coached team at the Joyce Center in Notre Dame history. The last time that the Irish lost at home by eight or more goals was an 11-1 drubbing by Ferris State on Dec. 21, 1988.

Poulin took over head coaching duties in the 1995-96 season.

"We have no excuses," Poulin said. "We didn't go out and execute in any part of the game. It was to a man, I can't tell you of anybody who played well — we had some guys who played hard — but we didn't play well to a man."

There were few positives for the Irish this weekend. The Irish switched goalies in the middle of both games, with David Brown starting Friday before giving way to Morgan Cey after Brown allowed four

goals on 11 shots.

Cey began in the net Saturday, but was replaced by Brown after allowing three goals on 20 shots in the first period.

"That's two straight nights [we've had to switch goalies] and neither was really too sharp," Poulin said. "They're battling to play and you want someone to stand up and grab it. We knew going in that we would have to have good goaltending in order to be successful, but these losses don't come down to goaltending alone."

"There's 20 guys in that locker room and every one is responsible."

The Irish penalty kill, which has characteristically been a strength under Poulin, was abysmal against the Wolverines. Notre Dame allowed Michigan seven power play goals on 16 power plays, including a 5-for-9 clip in Saturday's shutout.

Notre Dame's power play wasn't much better, with the Irish scoring just once in 19 opportunities in the two games.

"We allowed five power play goals tonight, and that's just not going to get it done," Poulin said.

The Irish fell behind early Friday, with Michigan's T.J. Hensick and Eric Werner each scoring goals to put the Wolverines up 2-0. Notre Dame would cut that lead in half on the power play at the 15:55 mark of the first period.

Irish forward T.J. Jindra took a shot from the left face-off circle that was deflected on the way in, but Michael

Bartlett was there to pick up the rebound and slap a shot past Michigan goalie Al Montoya. Bartlett's tally was his first goal of the season, and it would be the last goal the Irish would score on the weekend.

The Wolverines scored two goals in each of the last two periods of Friday night's game to come away with the 6-1 victory. Brandon Kaleniecki, Chad Kolarik, Milan Gajic and Brandon Rogers each found the back of the net.

Saturday wasn't much better for Notre Dame, as the Wolverines took a 3-0 lead after the first period while outshooting the Irish 20-8. Hensick, Kolarik and Werner each scored goals on Cey — with Kolarik and Werner each collecting on the power play — to put the Irish down big after one period.

Brown didn't fare much better, allowing five goals on 22 shots in the next two periods while Notre Dame would only muster a total of eight shots on goal in the last 40 minutes of the game.

Kevin Porter and Jeff Tambellini each scored two goals against Brown and Jason Ryznar scored one.

The Irish will try to bounce back this weekend as they face Michigan State in another home-and-home series. Notre Dame faces the Spartans at the Joyce Center Friday at 8:05 p.m. and in East Lansing Saturday at 7:05 p.m.

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Team drops NCAA match to Badgers

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Writer

Notre Dame's season came to an abrupt end Saturday as Wisconsin swept the Irish 36-34, 30-16, 30-16 in the second round of the NCAA volleyball tournament.

The Irish avenged an early season loss to Valparaiso Friday in the first round, beating the Crusaders 30-21, 20-30, 30-28, 30-20, setting up Saturday's showdown with the Badgers.

Team captain Meg Henican was disappointed after the Irish lost in the second round of the NCAA tournament for the second time in three years.

"We didn't get all of our goals accomplished," she said. "I wish we could have done a little better."

The Irish led by a score of 29-23 in the first game but could not convert on 10 consecutive game points against Wisconsin. Outside hitter Maria Carlini finished off the amazing Badger comeback when she spiked a kill through the Notre Dame defense for Wisconsin's first two point lead of the game and the game one win.

The 36-34 tally was the longest NCAA game the Irish have been a part of since rally scoring began in 2001.

Wisconsin's defense flustered the Irish offense, especially in game one. The Badgers had 15.5 blocks for the match, with 10 of those coming in game one. Middle blocker Sheila Shaw had eight blocks as Wisconsin held Notre Dame to a .015 hitting percentage for the match.

After the marathon Game 1 the Irish couldn't keep up with the Badgers. They only had three blocks in the final two

games combined and were forced into 33 errors by Wisconsin.

Henican was one of the bright spots for the Irish, like she has been all season, as the libero's 13 digs gave her a school-record 553 for the year. However, the accomplishment did not ease the pain of defeat.

"That's just something that goes with [playing the game]," she said. "It's a nice pay off but it's not what I focus on. I just want to win games."

Friday's win over Valparaiso gave the Irish revenge after losing in five games to the Crusaders at the Joyce Center on September 7.

It also helped Notre Dame advance to the second round of the NCAA tournament for the 10th time in the past 13 seasons.

Henican's 27 digs were the most ever for an Irish player in the NCAA tournament, passing Nicole Coates' mark of 26 set against Minnesota in the round of 16 back in 1993.

Middle blocker Lauren Brewster buoyed an Irish defense that held the Crusaders to a hitting percentage of .191. The junior matched her season-high with eleven blocks while senior Emily Loomis had ten blocks in her last victory in an Irish uniform.

Brewster also led the team in hitting against Valparaiso with a percentage of .306. An all-Big East first team performer, she will lead an Irish squad next season that loses only one starter from this year's team in Loomis.

"I have huge expectations for next season," Henican said. "We have a ton of returners and having another year of experience will be huge."

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Meg Henican
Irish captain

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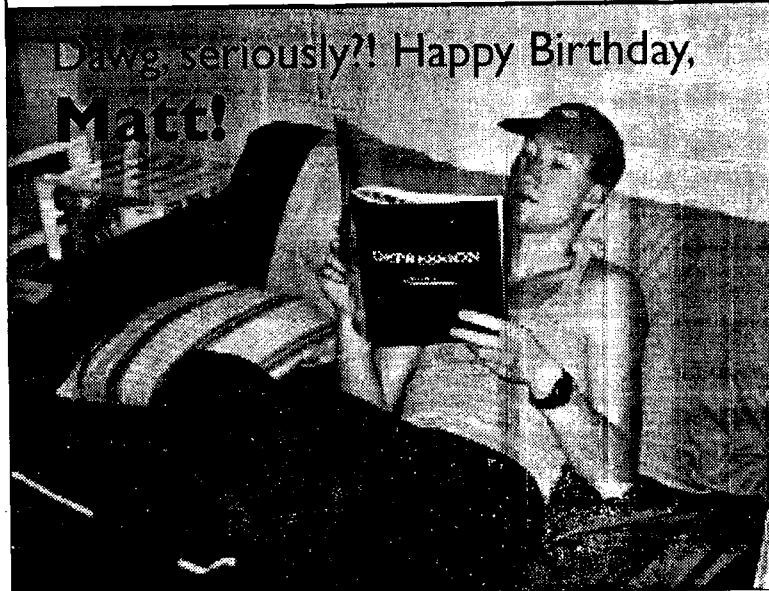
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myself but I called for it. With the big crowd, the other players probably couldn't hear it. It was just a miscommunication."

The Irish then looked for several opportunities to tie the score. The opportunity finally came off a controversial call made during the 73rd minute of play. Katie Thorlakson ran towards the ball as she neared the top of the box and was knocked down by UCLA defender Mary Castelanelli. Thorlakson fell within the box and was given a penalty shot. However, Castelanelli placed a hand on the ball outside of the box prior to the penalty, which would have resulted in a free kick from that spot. Instead, a penalty kick was called and Thorlakson took advantage by placing the ball in the back left corner of the net for the 1-1 tie.

"I didn't even know all of what happened [with the controversial call]," Thorlakson said. "I just knew [the penalty shot] was going in, I didn't have any doubt in my mind."

After the goal by Thorlakson, UCLA continued to play aggressively and received a penalty

kick during the 85th minute of play when Irish senior defender Melissa Tancredi was called for the foul after tripping Castelanelli inside the box.

The Bruins Kendal Billingsley sent the penalty kick to the right side of the goal, but Bohn was there to block the ball from entering the net for her second save of the game. However, the ball was sent past the right end line, setting up a corner kick from the Bruins.

The Bruins nearly took advantage of the opportunity and almost scored their second goal of the game, before senior Candace Chapman, on the goal line, kicked the ball to the right end line, setting up another corner kick for UCLA. However, the Bruins once again missed their chance for the lead in the closing minutes of regulation.

"[After Bohn blocked the shot] I knew we were going to win the game," Chapman said. "[After the corner kick] I was just in the right spot at the right time."

After regulation ended in a 1-1 tie, the two teams were unable to score after two 10-minute overtimes. The game went to penalty kicks and required a best-of-five penalty shots for the victory.

Thorlakson was the first for the Irish to attempt a penalty kick. Her shot was blocked by a

leg-save from Bruins goalie Valerie Henderson. The Bruins then sent Caitlin Ursini for their first attempt at a penalty shot. Ursini capitalized giving the Bruins a 1-0 lead in penalty kicks.

Sarah Halpenny was the next player to attempt a shot. This game was only her sixth appearance for Notre Dame this season and her second throughout the tournament. She took advantage of the opportunity by scoring the first goal for the Irish and tying penalty kicks at one apiece.

"We let the players decide the order," Waldrum said. "Sarah Halpenny just stepped in cold."

The next Bruins player was Brynn McGrath who sent her shot wide right of the goal, leaving the score 1-1.

Irish midfielder Jen Buczkowski then stepped in and scored for the 2-1 advantage. Her goal was followed by a miss from the Bruins Kim Devine — Bohn's fifth save of the game. Annie Scheffter was the next Irish player to score a penalty shot, giving the Irish a 3-1 advantage. Her goal was followed by the Bruins Jill Oakes to make the score 3-2.

The fifth Irish player to take a penalty shot was Christie Shaner who failed to convert her opportunity into a goal. UCLA followed

with a goal from the Danesha Adams, evening the score 3-3, after the five shots for each team were taken. The game then went into sudden death.

The sixth penalty shot was the difference in the game, and the NCAA Championship, as Krivacek knocked her shot through and Bohn was able to make the save on Greco for her sixth, and most important, save.

After the win, the Irish celebrated their emotional victory.

"I'm not an emotional person," Thorlakson said. "But I just started crying."

Notre Dame 1, Santa Clara 0

Despite sending No. 1 seed North Carolina home in the first round of the NCAA tournament, Santa Clara could not come up with an answer for Notre Dame (24-1-1) during the semi-finals Friday afternoon.

Despite facing a first half stalemate against Santa Clara, the Irish took advantage of a key opportunity with only 18 minutes remaining in the second half. Senior Candace Chapman worked the ball towards the net as she sent the ball to Katie Thorlakson right above the box. Thorlakson then sent the ball back to Chapman who was surprised to have the ball sent back to her.

"I wasn't expecting to get it

back," Chapman said.

After taking a second to get control of the ball, she sent the ball to the right of the goal past Broncos goalkeeper Julie Ryder.

As the game began coming to a close, Santa Clara could not take advantage of its late game opportunities including a header made by Leslie Osborne during the closing minutes of the game. Osborne tried to knock the ball towards the left side of the goal for Irish goalkeeper Erika Bohn to grab to end the NCAA tournament run for the Broncos.

"We put away zero of our dangerous chances and they put away one of theirs," Santa Clara coach Jerry Smith said. "And that was the difference."

Notes:

♦ The Irish had four players named to the All-Tournament Team.

♦ Forward Katie Thorlakson was named the most outstanding offensive player and goalkeeper Erika Bohn was named the most outstanding defensive player.

♦ Also named to the team were Melissa Tancredi and Candace Chapman. UCLA had five members on the team, and Princeton and Santa Clara each had one honoree.

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Erika Bohn to step up. She blocked a potential game-winning penalty kick from the Bruins with 5:09 remaining.

After the tremendous save by Bohn, it was forward Candace Chapman's turn.

She kicked a ball inches away from entering the goal, preventing UCLA's dream of a national title.

After showing impressive teamwork to pull the team back into contention of the victory, the deciding factor came down to penalty kicks.

However, after Thorlakson failed to convert the first attempted penalty kick into a goal, the Irish did not break-down.

Instead, they relied upon Sarah Halpenny, a player who only totaled 108 minutes of playing time this season. Her last appearance was Nov. 12 in the first round of the NCAA tournament against Eastern Illinois. She didn't falter, hitting her penalty kick.

But it wasn't just Halpenny, either.

It took goals from Jen Buczkowski, Annie Scheffter and Jill Krivacek to secure the win in addition to the six saves Bohn made throughout the contest, including two saved penalty shots.

But it wasn't just the unselfish

play of Sunday's final that brought Notre Dame the national title.

This team relied upon every individual every game throughout the entire season.

In the first game of the season against Baylor, the Irish expected big things from their veterans. However, it was freshman forward Amanda Cinalli who proved to be pivotal in the win with two goals and an assist.

The team even depended upon Tancredi, the Big East defender of the year, to score the game-winning shot against No. 11 Arizona State.

It wasn't always the players who could earn the end-of-the-season awards or scored the game-winning shots.

Irish coach Randy Waldrum has stressed throughout the season the importance of unsung heroes such as Annie Scheffter, Kim Lorenzen and Claire Gallerano, who are all necessary components to a championship-winning program.

After a season of continuous dedication and unselfish play, the Irish finally earned their ultimate goal of claiming the national title.

And just like they had the entire season, it wasn't just one player who made it happen.

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She suffered a broken wrist her junior year. Despite these misfortunes, it's been these injuries that have inspired her to compete to her full potential this season.

"When you're on the sideline, you want to play so bad," Gunnarsdottir said. "So when you get the chance, you appreciate it more and it is a lot more fun, so you play much harder."

This season, Gunnarsdottir has been a true inspiration for the team — chosen as a co-captain for the 2004 season.

Her teammates attribute the honor to her talent and dedication she has given to the program the last three seasons.

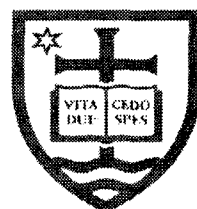
"She is such a great defender and one I would not want to go against [as a forward]," senior co-captain Mary Boland said. "She has a tremendous work ethic and she is a person who doesn't have to say a lot because her actions speak so loudly. She is the perfect

teammate."

What has also made this season special for Gunnarsdottir is her parents watching her play in the United States for the first time as she claimed the national title.

"She has had such a great year as she finishes her year as a captain. I know they have to be extremely proud of her," Waldrum said. "It couldn't have happened to a better kid to be finishing her career out this way."

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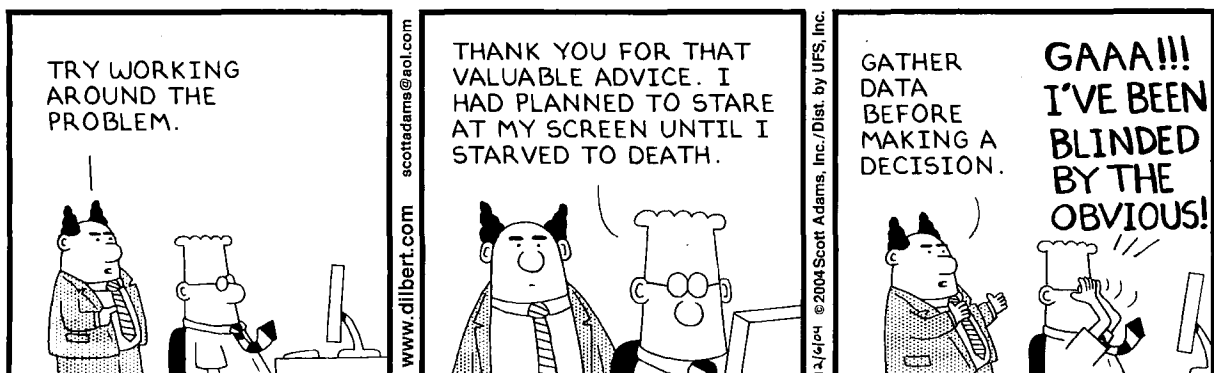
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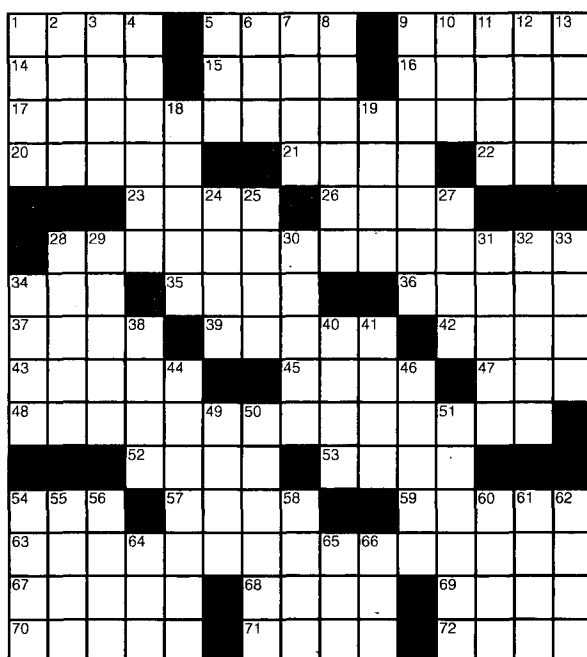
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GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Criticism will drive you crazy today. Avoid those who just don't understand what you are trying to do. It's your life -- protect it. **

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Family outings should be on your agenda. A conversation you have will spark a great idea to explore in the new year. ****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You can make some alterations to your life that will lead to a better future. Consider what you want to do and what skills you'll need to follow through. ***

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

National champs!

Irish win second national title; defeat UCLA 4-3 on extra penalty kicks

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

CARY, N.C. — Notre Dame won its second national championship in women's soccer Sunday in sudden victory penalty kicks over UCLA, after playing to a 1-1 tie at the end of regulation and double overtime.

Notre Dame secured the 4-3 penalty kick victory after Irish midfielder Jill Krivacek made the deciding kick and Irish goalkeeper Erika Bohn deflected UCLA's Lindsey Greco's shot wide to secure the Irish win.

"[The win will] sink in a little later and how exciting the final was," Waldrum said. "It had a little bit of everything in it."

Despite a scoreless first half, the Irish nearly cost themselves their chances of a national title early in the second after an own-goal was scored during the 61st minute of play. Bruins forward Crystal James sent a leap pass beyond the midfield point towards the Irish goal. Irish senior Gudrun Gunnarsdottir looked to have control of the ball as she sent the ball back to Bohn. She came out charging towards the ball, but it went right past her and into the goal, giving the Bruins the 1-0 lead.

"It was just a miscommunication," Bohn said. "The ball came through as I came out to clear it

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The Irish celebrated their first national championship since 1995, defeating UCLA 4-3 on penalties after a 1-1 tie in regulation.

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FRIEDMAN

Entire team plays a role in championship season for Notre Dame

CARY, N.C. — Sure they had national player of the year candidates. Sure, they had two players who were asked to play for their respective countries. But there were no "stars" on this Notre Dame team.

Sunday's final against UCLA was to be the culmination of an entire season of selfless play.

During the NCAA final, the Irish found themselves trailing the Bruins 1-0 with 22 minutes remaining in regulation. The tally was scored off an own-goal, a UCLA goal scored by Notre Dame.

Did the Irish panic? No.

Did the team rely solely upon Hermann Trophy player-of-the-year candidates Katie Thorlakson and Melissa Tancredi to pull them out? No.

It took 90 minutes of regulation and two overtimes of selfless play, four penalty kick goals and a bench ready to step up at any given time, but the Irish got the 1-1, 4-3 penalty kick win. And with it came a national title.

To begin the Irish comeback, Thorlakson took advantage of a penalty kick to tie the score 1-1. The team then looked to goalie



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Despite mishap, Gunnarsdottir and Irish 'D' stay strong

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

CARY, N.C. — UCLA's Crystal James sent the ball up field toward the Irish goal. As Irish central defender Gudrun Gunnarsdottir looked to control the ball, she kicked it lightly in the direction of the Irish goal, where keeper Erika Bohn awaited. But the kick sailed wide of Bohn and right into the goal, giving UCLA the lead with 22 minutes remaining in the national championship game.

At the time, Gunnarsdottir looked to be the goat for the potentially devastating national championship loss for the Irish. However, lost in it all was the out-

standing play of the Irish defense not only this season, but on Sunday as well.

During Sunday's win, Notre Dame only allowed six shots on goal and none found the net.

Kim Lorenzen, Melissa Tancredi and Christie Shaner may have received most of the attention this season, but without Gunnarsdottir, this defense would not have been as effective as it was.

Her talent stems from her international experience of playing with the Icelandic National Team. Prior to joining the Irish four years ago, Gunnarsdottir had already competed against players such as Mia Hamm and developed a keen sense of the sport that is not always found from American play-

ers.

"Soccer in America is a lot more physical," Gunnarsdottir said. "In Europe it is more about making the plays. So I've been able to learn a lot on how to play both styles."

After training against world competition with Iceland, Gunnarsdottir wanted to challenge herself with the physical and more aggressive play of college soccer. When deciding upon which college to play for, Notre Dame was the clear choice.

"I wanted to play harder games and go to a good school," Gunnarsdottir said. "They organize very well here, they help you with school and you get better at your soccer. That is very important

to me."

It was important as well for Irish coach Randy Waldrum to find a player with years of experience against high-level competition.

"When [the coaching staff] saw her play with her national team, I liked her technical abilities. Her level was higher and much more athletic than most of her teammates, Waldrum said. "Here in the States, we are more athletic and she had a mixture of both. She had so many games under her belt and I thought that experience was going to really help us, especially at the time we were recruiting her."

Gunnarsdottir's maturity level also set her apart from most college freshmen.

"She had a maturity about her and that only comes from a kid willing to move thousands of miles away to live [in the United States] and play soccer," Waldrum said. "She was ready."

Gunnarsdottir quickly made an impact for the Irish her freshman year as she made 17 appearances, including four starts at central defender.

However, she suffered a string of injuries her sophomore and junior years that limited her playing time.

Gunnarsdottir only competed in seven games her sophomore year after enduring a stress fracture and a season-ending ankle injury.

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

HOCKEY

No. 5 Michigan sweeps Irish

Notre Dame fell by scores of 6-1 and 8-0 to the Wolverines this weekend.

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Wisconsin knocks ND out of NCAA's

The Irish fell to the Badgers in three games in a second-round NCAA matchup.

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No. 21 Irish win Notre Dame Invite

The men's team turned in a dominating performance on the way to the victory.

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Team places fifth at Georgia Invite

The Irish had 16 top-20 finishes on the last day of the meet in Athens, Ga.

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Michigan 61, Notre Dame 60

Notre Dame let a late lead slip away as the Irish lost their first game of the season.

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Olivet 79, Saint Mary's 69

The Belles blew a five-point halftime lead on the way to their loss to the Comets.

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