Women's soccer wins national championship

By DAN TAPETILLO

CAIRY N.C. — Irish forward Katie Thorlakson announced her intention of remaining with Notre Dame to compete for Canada at the Under-19 World Championships in Thailand.

Thorlakson scored the game-winning 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 death.

Irish midfielder Jill Krivacek found the back of the net, and goalkeeper Erika Bobo 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.

“They were 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.

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

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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.

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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 prognosticate for Club 23, contemplating what went wrong. Was the problem the pregame megalomania, or was not pregaming enough a mistake?

Some might say that the Off Campus off-campus football 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 is 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 co-captain Andrew Anderson. "I'd like to be able to say that we won, but we didn't."

"We lost," said senior co-captain Tim Brothbush. "What's better than drunk girls falling all over themselves and doing cartwheels on the sidelines?"

Even though it became apparent by midway through the season that the team was not well enough to carry on the Off Campus football legacy, team founder and card-carrying senior Pat Gallagher said he had no intention of giving in. "If anything, I think it was all part of God's plan... I guess He really had something in mind for us," Gallagher said.

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

For both coach Blum and the Off Campus football experience, there was a little difference 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 had something in mind for us," Gallagher said.

"I really wanted to stick it to us, but we're better people for it in the long run," said Tim Brothbush.

Some might say that the Off Campus students celebrate Christmas a little early by decorating a tree in Zahn Hall's lobby last Thursday during the dorm's Christmas party.

In Brief

The Ladies of Notre Dame/Saint Mary's will be sponsoring a UNFEP 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 Collegiate Musicum will perform their Christmas concert Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the Heys Organ and Choral Hall in DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

The Saint Mary's Wind Ensemble and Morrow 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 Liturgical 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 Monday 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 obnews@nd.edu.
The 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, the Center for Children of the South Bend Community, The Robinson Community Center, Madison Center and Logan Center.

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**History professor receives award**

**By JEN ROWLING**

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History professor George M. Marsden, Francis A. Mclnnesy 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."

Award coordinator Susan R. Garrett, professor of New Testament at the University of Minnesota, said award coordinator Susan R. Garrett, professor of New Testament at the University of Minnesota, said "The fire of Edwards' genius shines like a new star, perhaps the most astonishing figure in the West since St. Margaret's Center, St. Margaret's House, Center for the Hopeless, The Family and Children's Center, The Robinson Community Center, Madison Center and Logan Center.

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In addition, an NPD detective has been assigned to the case — he will make contact with the victim and the obvious academic consequences," he said. "And secondly, it doesn't set a good precedent for work that might be expected in the future because procrastination is tolerated less in some disciplines."

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Suicide car bombs kill 14
BAGHDAD, Iraq — Suicide car bombs struck Iraqi police and Kurdish militias in Baghdad and northern Iraq on Saturday, killing at least 14 people, wounding dozens, and raising questions about the legitimacy of each 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 security, necessitating the planned increase in U.S. troops. More than 40 Iraqis have been killed in the last two days alone.

But U.S. special envoy Lakhdar Brahimi criticized the military's hasty 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 blocked legal changes intended to prevent fraud in the Dec. 26 repeat of the country's presidential vote.

Boycotted by a monstrous 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.

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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 downtown Miami jail. His first hearing before a judge was set for Thursday.

Gilberto Rodriguez Orejuela, 65, landed in Colombia for nearly a decade after being arrested in the U.S. in 1998 and 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, who had sneaked into the country in August and were arrested on suspicion they tried to kidnap Israeli soldiers and commander-a-tank.

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Bush defends Pakistan's efforts
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However, Egypt expects international pressure 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 an Egyptian security official was being sent to Egypt for training.

Azzam was arrested by Israel 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
WASHINGTON — President Bush played down a Saturday stark warning from his resigning health chief that the nation's food supply is largely unsanctioned and riddled with terrorism.

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

"We've got a large country, with all kinds of avenues where somebody could inflict harm," said Bush, asked about the terrorist threat. "The food supply is a particular concern and we're working with the 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.'"
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INTERSTATE WINE SALES COURT

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

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

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 to $53.75 in addition to the regular admission fee.

The $2.20 increase comes on top of a freeze that ended last year when a guest comes up and is buying a one-day ticket to a single park, Walt Disney World president Al Weiss said Wednesday.

Disney's "Magic Your Way" package also offers a la carte alternatives, such as a "Park Hopper," which included two 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," Weiss said.

AmericanGreetings cuts jobs

CRAIG VOGEL — 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 closed. On Thursday, American Greetings shares were up 45 cents, to $20.00, in the same quarter last year.

Interstate wine sales court

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

Associated Press

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"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 $9.2 million loss, or 15 cents per share, in the same quarter last year.

Surge in sales of SUVs up to $24 million

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.

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.

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

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

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

Kincannon said he looks for vitiably interesting localities 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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"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.

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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 out SUV sales," said Daniel Becker, a Sierra Club analyst.

Kincannon said he looks for vitably interesting localities 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.
Iraq in hindsight: a colossal mistake

We would like to thank Notre Dame Flight 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. Winn also brought to light the irony of a social disease that sees women as defective males who are forced by government policy to sacrifice the lives of their offspring, their education or job, and their self-image in order to save the lives of their partner's children. She argued that our feminist foremothers, women like Susan B. Anthony, 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 their 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 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 power to women. As Winn stated, "We need to be willing to start again with women as full participants in society."

Let us consider the following: when the United States declared war, even if democratic elections in the future allowed the perfect to become the enemy of the good, there was a meaningful choice. The parents whose children died in the invasion route, the US could still have been 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 war on Iraq, and that number grows every day. If you perceive the U.S. invasion to have been used to serve humanitarian purposes, think about how many more effective ways there are to save lives without this action. According to the National Priorities Project, the money spent in Iraq could have fully-funded all global campaigns against AIDS for the next 14 years or provided basic immunizations for the world's children for 10 years. Furthermore, the debt run up from this war will cripple the future of our nation's ability to carry out its international missions. By most expert accounts, the reach of terrorist networks has expanded, and America is less secure now than before.

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A recent 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 over the war began, and then calculated the net effects of the spike in deaths due to war and violence. In other words, 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. The United States — already bailed out by Iraqis for its imperialist tendencies and unjust support for Saddam Hussein — has committed to a foreign occupation that is destroying its infrastructure and killing 100,000 civilians. Now, the United States expects to gain the support of all Iraqis, deeming those who do not agree to "liberation" as "collaborators." This violation of the innocent life won was due to American bombing campaigns.

We are left with no gain international support for American policy or even for the brash declaration of "victory" 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.
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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. But those expectations are let down in Dylan’s recent memoir, “Chronicles, Volume One.” However, Dylan fans should not lose hope, because although the intimate details of his life aren’t included, “Chronicles, Volume One” gives readers insight into the music that changed the face of music in America.

Dylan divided his memoir into three parts, or eras of Dylan, which begins with Dylan describing his life in Greenwich Village in New York. He details his struggles with fame and his growing distaste for crowds. Dylan often seems in a contradictory stance, and 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 developed. Dylan does not care what people believe is true, and although Dylan fans should not lose hope, it is clear that he realizes what he does not care. 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, and he introduces and becomes a bit more understood.

Dylan’s homestead 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. The names of his different wives or children throughout the story, which seems like the early 1960’s in Greenwich Village, realizing that “The folk music scene has become 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 beautiful descriptive lines, “A blizzard was kidnapping the city, life spinning around on a drab canvas. Icy and cold.” Dylan dives into his opinions on Roosevelt, describing how he thought Roosevelt could have “stopped out of a folk ballad” and much more. The memoir is beautifully written, but the language can get a bit bogged down in imagery. 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 a master of his own songs; he was the master of his own 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. The memoir gains 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.

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By MARK BEMENDERFER

"Dragon Ball Z: Budokai 3" Fans of the show can finally rejoice, as "Dragon Ball Z: Budokai 3" has finally given 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 for each 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 in 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 it off. It amounts to a flashmove, with one button being pressed, and hoping that your opponent does not press the same button. A lesser known move requires timing, giving experienced gamers an edge over newcomers.

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, elements 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

"Goldeneeye: Rouge Agent" The average college student grew up with a Nintendo 64 hand, 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 "Goldeneeye."

What many consider to be the defining first person shooter, "Goldeneeye" was the action game of choice for someone with a Nintendo 64. With a combination of planets to play through, 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, "Goldeneeye: Rouge Agent" is all about action. Those looking for a deeper game will want to check out "Halo 2," or "Killzone."

"Goldeneeye: 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 have the 007 label. The famous 007 is only in the game for the first minute or so of gameplay, as the player assumes the role of agent Goldeneeye.

After being blamed for the simulated death of a famous individual in Bond history and performing intolerable acts, Agent Goldeneeye 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 of the night to do your homework.

What is probably most disappointing is that the fact you are a bad guy is never capitalized upon. The opportunity to fight anyone is missed, with the rest being filled with the aforementioned clones.

However, the original game'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 series is built upon that, and subtracts at the same time. Gone is the variety of characters, causing fans of "Oddjob" to weep everywhere. The opportunity to fight Bond never arrives, along with any other important figure in Bond history. Actually, the ability to fight anyone is important in this game, with the rest being filled with the aforementioned clones.

"The Secret History" (1992) by Donna Tartt

The Secret History follows Richard Papen, a California college student who gets caught up in a small group of classics students. He slowly breaks into their tightly knit circle, learns about their secrets and is slowly given by them a taste of the other side of life. The book deals with appropriately sleek themes of death, betrayal and hate, and can be enjoyed by anyone, even without a background in the classics.

Reviewed by Molly Griffin

"Under the Banner of Heaven" (1999) by Jon Krakauer

Following the success of his nonfiction account of a mysterious murder in the northwest, Krakauer turns to a radically different subject for "Under the Banner of Heaven: A Story of Violent Faith." The book tells the story of Rand and Dusty Lynn, two members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints whose faith grew to pervasively overshadow fundamentalism and monarchy. As such, it helps them to commit a double homicide in the name of their faith. Not only is the book a fascinating study of the history of Mormon faith, but it also delves into the dangers of fundamentalism, and particularly American fundamentalism, in a clear and chilling fashion.

Reviewed by Molly Griffin
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) will 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 10 seasons. They have a lot of talent. We're looking forward to the challenge of playing them."

The Beavers finished with Arizona Pac-10 Conference, behind California and Southern California. Typically based on the bowl hierarchy, the Insight Bowl receives the highest remaining Pac-10 team after the Rose, Holiday and Sun Bowls are filled.

When the new BCS rankings came out 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 Bowl, and 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 45-9 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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Empire Brass Christmas Concert
Friday, December 10 at 8 p.m.
http://performingarts.nd.edu/empire.shtml
Start your holiday season at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center with a Christmas Concert by The Empire Brass in the Leighton Concert Hall. These fabulous musicians will play some familiar holiday favorites as well as some music from Christmases past. There will even be a sing-along. The Empire Brass enjoys an international reputation as North America’s finest brass quintet, renowned for its brilliant virtuosity and the unparalleled diversity of its repertoire.
Tickets $44, $35 faculty/staff, $15 all students

Lost Boys of Sudan (2003)
90 minutes
Saturday, December 11
7 p.m. and 10 p.m.
http://performingarts.nd.edu/sudan.shtml
"This tidy and fascinating documentary follows the plight of two young African refugees transplanted to the U.S. to make a better life."
- Elvis Mitchell, NEW YORK TIMES
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ND Collegium Musicum
Wednesday, December 8 at 8 p.m.
www.nd.edu/~music/ensembles/collegium.html
Reyes Organ and Choral Hall
Free and open to the public
ND Collegium Musicum performs music for the Christmas season. The Collegium is a small vocal ensemble specializing in sacred and secular music from the Medieval, Renaissance, and Baroque eras.
Concerts that are free and open to the public require tickets that may be obtained by calling or visiting the ticket office.

The Chieftains
Sunday, January 30 at 8 p.m.
http://performingarts.nd.edu/chieftains.shtml
Leighton Concert Hall
The first word in Irish Music is the Chieftains. In 1989 the Republic of Ireland appointed them the official musical ambassadors for Ireland. They have exported Irish music to every corner of the world and finally they come to Notre Dame. Their appearance is a must. There are a lot of groups who play traditional Celtic music, but they all owe a great debt to the Chieftains who paved the way for them. There are few concert experiences as completely fulfilling as an evening spent in their company.
Tickets $48, $38 faculty/staff, $15 all students
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**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.'s team 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.

"Our position hasn't changed," NBA deputy commissioner Ross Granik said.

The union cataloged 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," NBA spokesman Dan Wasserstein said.

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**Around the Dial**

**College Basketball**

Virginia at Iowa State 7 p.m., ESPN2

**NFL**

Cowboys at Seahawks 9 p.m., ABC

**NBA**

Bobcats at Kings 10:30 p.m., FSN2

Pistons at Mavericks 8:30 p.m., NBA TV
Wolverines upend Irish 61-60

By PAT LEONARD
Ann Arbor - The crowd at Crisler Arena was at a roar as Michigan forced a one-point lead back to the Wolverines.

"We've got to have a hard tempo for us today," Brey said. "It's a lot of times a coach has to do. But those things happen. I thought our most part our team played really well and just game situations down the last couple minutes real hurt us. A lot of that was Michigan though, too, defending us. You've got to give them some credit."

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ND WOMEN’S SWIMMING

Team finishes 5th in weekend meet at Georgia Invite

By KATE GALES
Sports Writer

It was a tale of two cities for the Irish this weekend as the team split between the Notre Dame Invitational in South Bend and the Georgia Invitational in the heart of the Sunshine State.

At the Notre Dame Invitational, Meghan Peery-Enke won the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 22.62 and the 100-yard butterfly A final with a time of 54.35. Peery-Enke was the only member of the Irish team to place in the top-10 this weekend in South Bend.

At the Georgia Invitational, Sophomore Tim Kegelman performed brilliantly for the Irish, setting two pool and meet records and posting several NCAA qualification times during the meet’s five sessions. Kegelman won the 100-yard butterfly in 48.11 seconds on Friday, good enough for an NCAA “B” cut and for 10th overall. He followed up the performance by posting a time of 1:47.23 in the 200-yard individual medley on Saturday, good enough for a meet and pool record. On Thursday, Kegelman posted a NCAA “B” qualifying time in the 200-yard individual medley race.

Kegelman’s performance was a significant milestone in the team’s overall performance at the Georgia Invitational. He closed out the team’s fall season at the annual Notre Dame Invitational, winning the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 22.62 and the 100-yard butterfly A final with a time of 54.35. Peery-Enke was the only member of the Irish team to place in the top-10 this weekend in South Bend.

The Irish swimmers put up 16 top-20 finishes at the Georgia meet, finishing 10th overall. The team performed well on the 100-yard butterfly, with only three divers among them: Tim Randolph took first place in the 200-yard backstroke (1:49.53), while Patrick Gough finished second in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 22.60.

The Irish women’s team finished 12th overall with 1,288 points. Sophomore Scott Eaton took home the top prize for the team with a time of 2:04.06. Caroline Johnson brought home 16th at 2:07.26, while Ellen Johnson finished 18th at 2:04.02. The team performed well in the 400-yard freestyle race, posting a time of 3:30.08. Gough finished 26th with a time of 2:09.35.

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

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NCAA FOOTBALL

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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.

Men's Swimming

Irish claim Invitational title

By RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA
Sports Writer

At the request of the students on campus brace themselves for finals week, the men’s swim team faced an exam of its own this weekend.

Turning in a dominating performance at the annual Notre Dame Invitational, a three-day-championship meet that closed out the team’s fall season, the No. 21 Irish won both days with strong showing in a variety of events.

“I think for one we pulled a pretty big strength,” Weathers said. “He broke people haven’t done before on our team. Anybody anybody steps up and has Keate Barton and Georgia Healey. Barton posted a time of 2:18.34 after taking the 10th-place finish in the 1,650 freestyle (15:42.65).

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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.
Irish swept by Michigan this weekend

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
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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 Saturday and 8-0 Monday, Dec. 6, 2004.

"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 give it our best every 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, and 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, but you knew in the back 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-on-3 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. Both goals would lead to the 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 1-1 victory. Brandon Kaleniuck, 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, 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 Team captain Meg Henican scored one.

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myself but I called for it. With the big crowd, the other players probably didn’t hear it. It was just a misconception.”

The Irish then looked for several opportunities to increase the score. The opportunity finally came in the 85th minute on a free kick made during the 73rd minute of play. Katie Thorlakson ran towards the near post with the top of the box and was knocked down by UCLA defender Mary Cadelphia. Thorlakson fell within the box and was given a penalty kick. Shortly after, Cadelphia 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 know all of what happened (with the controversial call),” Thorlakson said. “I just knew that I was going in, I didn’t have any doubt about it.”

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 Cadelphia. The Bruins Kendal Bissellley 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 sixth save of the game. However, the ball was sent past the right end line, giving UCLA another corner kick from the Bruins.

The Bruins nearly took advantage of this opportunity and almost scored their second goal of the game, before senior Candace Chapman, on the goal line, kicked the ball to the right of the net for another corner kick for UCLA. However, the Bruins defense 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 10-12 minute overtimes. The game went to penalty kicks and required a best-of-five penalty shootout for the victory.

“Thorlakson then sent the ball into the top of the box and was given the penalty kick,” Bohn said. “I knew we were going to win the game.”

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 Bruins goalkeeper Julie Ryden. 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 four 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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By DAN TAPETILLO

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

Notre Dame scored the 4-3 penalty kick victory after Irish midfielder Kellie Krivacek made the deciding kick and Irish goalkeeper Erika Bohn deflected the deciding kick and Irish goal. As Irish central defender Gudrun Gunnarsdottir looked wide of Bohn and right into the Irish goal, where keeper Erika Bohn deflected the deciding kick and Irish goalkeeper Erika Bohn deflected.

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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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 Happiness Tony such players? No. The team relied on the strength of the entire team.

It took 90 minutes of regulation and two overtimes of selfless play, four penalty kick goals and a berth ready to step up at any given time, but the Irish got the first 1-4, 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

CARY, N.C. — U.C.L.A. Crystal James sent the ball back to Bohn. She came on charging towards the ball, but it went past her and into the goal, giving the Irish the 1-0 lead.

“It was just a miscommunication,” Bohn said. “The ball came through as I came out to clear 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 63rd minute of play. Bruin forward Crystal James sent a loop 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 on charging towards the ball, but it went past her and into the goal, giving the Irish the 1-0 lead.

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

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MEN’S SWIMMING

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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WOMEN’S SWIMMING

Team places fifth at Georgia invite

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

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MEN’S BASKETBALL

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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