Nerlinger puts Stanford victory in JEOPARDY!

By ANDREW THAGARD
News Writer

Andrew Nerlinger “asked” his way into Wednesday’s college edition of JEOPARDY! The Notre Dame senior competed against Jaime Green, a Brown University freshman, and Vinita Kailasanath, a Stanford University junior, on a college version of the popular game show.

“I thought I would be really nervous but it was impossible to be,” Nerlinger said after the show aired. “It was just so surreal.”

Nerlinger and Kailasanath competed closely throughout the first round and second round while Green trailed the two for most of the game. First round categories included “The Lone Star State,” “Movie Taglines,” “Instant Messenger,” “Numb with Numbers,” “Banks and Titles” and “When in …” Nerlinger demonstrated the most success in the “Instant Messenger” and “When in …” categories. He betted and lost $600 in the first “Daily Double” of the game, failing to correctly identify a line from the movie “Dude, Where’s My Car?”

“There were probably three or four questions in the game I didn’t know,” Nerlinger said. “Everyone told me the trick would be the buzzers.” According to Nerlinger, contestants only have a narrow window to “buzz in.” If a player presses the buzzer before host Alex Trebek finishes reading the question, they are “locked out” for a fraction of a second giving the other contestants an opportunity to answer it.

In Double JEOPARDY! Nerlinger correctly answered both “Daily Doubles” to earn an additional $1600. “I got all three Daily Doubles but I wasn’t confident enough to bet a lot,” he said.

At the end of Double JEOPARDY, Kailasanath lead the group with $7700, Nerlinger won $650 and Green earned $1800.

The final JEOPARDY! round featured a question from the history of computers.

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SMC students express e-mail worries

By NELLE WILLIAMS
News Writer

Before heading off to class on Wednesday morning, Saint Mary’s College junior Kelly Rizzi checks her e-mail for any important messages. Her inbox comes up and indicates that she has 20 new messages. Surprised, she scans down the screen and sees that they are all from Saint Mary’s students. She opens the first one and reads it.

“Two Ga’s for sale.”

The next one she opens is from someone looking for a GA. Frustrated, she deletes the rest of the e-mails that indicate they are from someone at Saint Mary’s.

“I must get at least 10 mass e-mails a day,” Rizzi said. “More during a football week because everyone is looking for tickets or trying to sell them.”

Mass e-mailing has become a computer bug, catching almost everyone on Saint Mary’s campus. A student only needs to type in each class name and they are able to send a message to every student who uses the college e-mail. Although mass e-mailing is often used to inform the student body of current events happening on campus, it has been abused lately with students trying to buy and sell football tickets, looking for rides home or who have lost an item.

Just when she thought the mass e-mailing would settle down because football season was almost over and no one would be trying to sell tickets anymore, junior Anne Bill is still receiving many.

“Someone tried to sell a ticket for a basketball game,” said Bill. “I thought, ‘Oh gosh, this again now.’”

“I once received a mass e-mail from a girl who had lost her toenail clippers in the bathroom and was wondering if anyone found them,” said Rizzi.

Only a few hours after receiving that e-mail, Rizzi had 20 more new e-mails with the same subject of toenail clippers.

“People were complaining about that one e-mail and then someone else would complain about the next one. It just doesn’t stop. It’s like a chain reaction.”

The mass e-mailing caught on last fall when someone discovered all that was needed to reach the whole campus was to type in the class name and then add...
**INSIDE COLUMN**

A call to end mass e-mails

Imagine this: about 2,000 random people have access to your e-mail address. They can announce their support of various advertisements for makeup services, tickets and goldfish for sale or spinning classes, all very unsolicited, mind you. You can do nothing about this, but must waste 20 to 30 minutes of your day reading and deleting such aggravating messages. Of course, this is the circumstance here at Saint Mary's.

Now, until today these mass e-mails were not a major source of frustration for me, but only an annoying little task to be accomplished. However, as I checked my inbox this afternoon, I found something radically different from the usual "need 2 tent tie." The e-mail appeared under the rather innocent title "haven't done nothing at Wednesday's College." However, it was sent by a somewhat audacious group of students advertising, among other things, free access to the morning after pill, pregnancy testing, condoms (you could even pick these up from the students' dorms), and abortion clinic escorts. It was that last one that really incensed me.

I can't believe that any of these students have the right to free speech and I am a whole-hearted supporter of academic freedom. No doubt many Saint Mary's students are interested in what these women have to say and this isn't a column about these students, although I could easily write one. Nonetheless, I should not be forced, in my own personal e-mail box, to read an advertisement for something which I find extremely offensive. In any other e-mail program I would be able to block this type of e-mail. These students' action is extremely rude and discourteous. In my opinion, this group of women shows what these women have to say and this isn't a reaction to mine if I sent out an e-mail advertising free information about various racist minorities. Perhaps they would have a similar action is extremely rude and discourteous. In my opinion, this group of women shows what these women have to say and this isn't a reaction to mine if I sent out an e-mail advertising free information about various racist minorities. Perhaps they would have a similar

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Saint Mary’s hosts Showcase of Careers today

By KATIE RAND
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Saint Mary’s will host the annual Showcase of Careers today from in the LeMans Hall lobby. The event is sponsored by the Board of Governance and the Counseling & Career Development Center.

"The purpose of Showcase is to educate students about the different types of careers that are out there after graduation," Counseling Development Center.

David Wilkeson, from the Counseling and Career Development Center said. Most majors are targeted, including Biology, Chemistry, Business, Communication, Education, Nursing, Liberal Arts and Social Sciences.

Students can also find out about various internships, summer employment, educational programs of study and volunteer positions. By attending, students will have the opportunity to gain beneficial knowledge of the job market through speaking informally with employer representatives. They will also have the chance to meet successful Saint Mary’s alumni, explore different career paths and network.

Saint Mary’s student Brandi Jans attended the event last fall as a freshman.

"I think it’s important to go, especially if you have no idea what you want to do after graduation," Brandi said. "It can be beneficial because you get a chance to learn about different careers. And if you really open up and talk to the company representatives, you can find out about different opportunities that are out there and it can help you decide what you want to do." Thirty companies and organizations, including those with Saint Mary’s alumni, will be attending the program from 3 to 5 p.m. to accept resumes, distribute applications and information, and meet students.

"Showcase was helpful because it was an informal setting and laid back, so it made it easier for me to talk to the companies," said Saint Mary’s junior Katie Zigler, who attended Showcase last fall. "It gave me practice for future interviews, and was nice because a variety of different companies were there."

Some of the organizations attending are American Express Financial Advisors, ChildrenFirst, Inc., Federal Bureau of Investigation, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, Holy Cross Associates, Indiana Legal Services, Memorial Hospital of South Bend, Northwestern University Medill School of Journalism, United States Air Force, and WIVY & WSBF 95.

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numbers continued to peak each week as a football game approached, as所说. It was time to step up to a policy. “We sent the policy to students and asked for feedback about a month ago,” said Nagle. This past Monday, BOG discussed student reactions they received and unanimously decided to send the policy to the Dr. Linda Timm and the student affairs committee.

“Most of the feedback we received was asking us to please show us something about the problem. Students were very frustrated.”

Michelle Nagle student body president

Campus activities, athletics, arts and current events will all fall under list-serves. A student may unsubscribe from a list-serves at any time.

A concern that came up as BOG proposed the policy was freedom of expression. However, now students are more concerned with how they are going to communicate on campus now.

“Not so many people are concerned that the policy will take away their rights, but that they feel e-mail is a good way to communicate to the campus and it is now being taken away from them,” said Cusick. “They don’t realize that they have that benefit anymore.”

Junior Linda Pupilla feels that she has the right to e-mail her colleagues and everyone should be able to have access to the e-mails in a mature way.”

Nellie Williams senior

“I feel that I have a right to e-mail my colleagues and it is now being taken away from me. People know that people are abusing the system and it is now being taken away from them,” said Cusick. “Students can pull the information they want.

These changes take time, though. At first there might be a lot of resistance to having a blackboard, said senior Drusilla Moreno. “It just takes time with technology to get used to.”

Cusick feels confident about the new policy. Now that BOG has endorsed it, they will pass it to Dr. Linda Timm, vice president for Student Affairs.

“BOG would like to see it implemented,” said Cusick. “After it is reviewed it will be passed on to Information Technology and they will take the necessary steps that the students want.”

BOG wanted to make sure this policy reflected what the students want.

“We really wanted the proposal to come from the students,” said Nagle.

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category “Legendary Characters.” The answer read by Trebek was “Led by Nicholsa, a German boy, the Children’s Crusade of 1212 may have been the inspiration for this character.”

Kallasanath correctly answered “the Pied Piper” to retain her lead while Nerlinger incorrectly guessed “Peter Pan,” but did not bet enough money to lose her second place position. “I was trying to decide between the two [the Pied Piper and Peter Pan] but chose Peter Pan based on the word boy,” said JEEP ARDY. “I really comes down to whether or not you get the final question.”

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World population may reach 10.9B: The world's population could skyrocket to 10.9 billion people by 2050 if women do not gain better access to education and health care. Women must receive adequate reproductive health care and have equal status to men and the right to plan the size of their families if the planet is to rein in its population the U.N. Population Fund said.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Ore. sues U.S. over assisted suicide: The state of Oregon sued the U.S. government Wednesday over a federal directive that essen­
tially blocks the state's assisted-suicide law. The lawsuit, filed by Attorney General Hardy Myers in U.S. District Court, seeks to temporar­ily block the state's assisted-suicide law.

Senate panel votes on Cuba trade: A Senate committee voted Wednesday to loosen restrictions on food exports to Cuba by allowing private U.S. financing of sales.

Senate seeks new ways for seniors to volunteer: The legislation being developed by the Senate panel votes on Cuba trade:

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Officials control jail population: People arrested in Vanderburgh County on charges such as shoplifting or driving on a suspended license could be less likely to go immediately to jail in the future. In an effort to stemming overcrowding, the county's sheriff's department has drafted a memo for its deputies reminding them that they have discretion to make noncustodial arrests for cer­tain crimes. Suspects who are not taken into custody are typically given an order to appear in court later and released without a jail stay.

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Senator are seeking increased security require­ments: McCain, R-Ariz., said at a news conference announcing the bill he's sponsoring with Bayh, D­

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Life Changed, Not Ended

By Fr. Bill Wack, CSC, Director of the Freshman Retreat Program

November is the time of the year when our thoughts turn to our beloved dead. This seems appropriate, as the days are getting colder and shorter, the trees around here are starting to look barren, and the Scripture readings at Mass focus on the Second Coming of Christ. The recent celebrations of All Saints’ Day, All Souls’ Day, and El Día de los Muertos serve to remind us of our obligation to remember those who have gone before us. But death is not just something that affects us in the Fall; it is with us constantly. If you listen to the Prayers of the Faithful you almost always hear someone in the congregation praying for a relative or friend who has recently died. In a large community like this, we are bound to experience tragedy on a fairly regular basis, unfortunately.

What are we to think of death and those who have died? How do we support our friends and classmates who have lost loved ones? Is there anything we can do for the deceased?

Christians have always believed that, although the death of a loved one brings a tremendous loss to us, it is a birth into eternal life. From the Funeral Liturgy we pray, “When the body of our earthly dwelling lies in death, we gain an everlasting dwelling place in Heaven.” Yes, it is tragic that we cannot see or touch or hear our friend or relative again. Death robs us of our physical contact with the other person, it brings a tremendous amount of grief (and maybe even guilt). It sometimes makes us feel cut off from God and from others around us.

When we experience the death of someone close to us, we need to be reassured. We need to be reminded of our belief in the Resurrection and eternal life with God. We need others to console us and listen to us and pray with us. We need to remember all the good we were permitted to experience and listen to us and pray with us. We need others to console us and listen to us and pray with us. We need to remember all the good we were permitted to experience and listen to us and pray with us. We need others to console us and listen to us and pray with us.

When the person has died? We are still connected with them through our prayers, and they may need us then even more than ever. Praying for the souls of the departed unites us with them even as it aids them in their final journey to Heaven. In the book of Maccabees the faithful people offered intercessions for the dead as a way to strengthen their own belief in the Resurrection. St. Paul often mentioned in his letters (and prayers) those who have died in the peace of Christ. Almost all of us pray for those who are living, for whatever intention those people have. Why stop when the person has died? We are still connected with them through our prayers, and they may need our help now more than ever.

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The greatest assurance we can give someone is to remind them that their loved one has not ceased to exist. In fact, they are now living more fully than any of us on earth are. The souls of the just are not separated from us in our hearts, our memories, and—especially—in our prayers. Nothing can separate us from the love that we share in Christ...nothing. The dead are very much a part of the Body of Christ, and as such, are in need of our prayers even as they intercede for us.

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expressed concern about the economic impact that the Sept. 11 attacks will have on Notre Dame.

The most evident sign of the financial woes possibly in store for the University was the loss on the record-breaking endowment returns. Notre Dame's 60 percent return on its $3 billion endowment was the highest of any school last fiscal year. About 17 percent of that return has been lost.

"Even with the downturn in the economy and benchmarking other schools, we are doing reasonably well," the University president said. "We had very dramatic gains in certain kinds of investments. We were also lucky to sell them before they had dramatic drops."

Malloy said other indicators of economic decline would become clear next semester, as families and donors struggled with paying tuition and pledges, respectively. "Those are factors we will have to continue to monitor," he said.

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Siebel unveils anti-terrorism system

+ Software helps track down potential terrorists

Associated Press

SAN MATEO, Calif. — Siebel Systems Inc., a software maker that helps businesses find new customers, unveiled a product to help authorities track down potential terrorists.

The San Mateo-based company on Wednesday introduced its new anti-terrorism security system during a campaign stop by California gubernatorial candidate Richard Riordan, a Republican supported by the software maker's chief executive, Tom Siebel.

Siebel's "homeland security" software is a slightly revised version of the company's signature "customer relationship management," or CRM, software that has become a staple among many large businesses.

Just as Siebel's CRM software is designed to help companies pull together disparate customer information spread across many databases, the homeland security package is tailored to stitch together valuable data scattered in various local, state and federal government agencies.

Siebel's system then would enable authorities to more easily share information and, theoretically, thwart potential terrorist attacks.

"This is software that really could help the country and it's already waiting in the wings," said Frank Bishop, general manager of Siebel's public sector division. "We don't think building a system that takes two or three years to complete is the solution right now."

One of Siebel's directors, former Montana Gov. Marc Racicot, already pitched the anti-terrorism system to Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge in a lengthy phone conversation during the past week, Bishop said.

The Homeland Security office doesn't discuss its private meetings or conversations, said White House spokesman Ken Litsch. With its re-structured security software, Siebel becomes the latest Silicon Valley business offering a high-tech solution to the terrorist threats facing the country.

The biggest splash so far has been made by one of Siebel's rivals, Oracle Corp. CTO Larry Ellison, who is offering to provide the software for a national identification card.

Developing anti-terrorism software makes good business sense for Siebel because the government, market offers a potential antidote to a slowdown in the corporate sector, said industry analyst Brent Thill of Credit Suisse First Boston.

PeopleSoft Inc. is among the Siebel rivals expecting more demand from authorities trying to do a better job identifying potential terrorists.

"No company wants to look opportuneistic in this situation, but they want to try to do whatever we can to help," said Kimberley Williams, PeopleSoft's director of marketing.

GM expects to profit in 2002

Associated Press

DETROIT — Coming off a record sales month spurred on by no-interest financing, General Motors Corp. expects its North American operations to turn a profit in 2002 but will have to cut costs to do it.

GM reported a profit of $251 million in October, its third quarter for North American operations and increased its share of the U.S. market nearly 1 percent to 27.7 percent in the period.

And last month, GM reported record vehicle sales, rising 31 percent over those during October 2000 (basis), to 968,777.

Ford Motor Co. and the Chrysler Group of DaimlerChrysler AG saw sales increases of 36.3 percent and 5 percent, respectively.

General Motors said it expects to make up for a shrinkage in automaker's profit margins.

All three automakers intend to step that up to 4 or 5 percent in 2002, but will have to cut costs to do it.

"GM decides if they're suitable for a product, and then picks up part of the try sales for that product," said suppliers' analyst Stockley. GM's own sales of trucks, however, are expected to cool off considerably, perhaps by as much as a million vehicles next year.

Leading analysts predict total sales for 2001 will be in the mid-16 million range. GM's own estimate is 16.7 million. The automaker predicts total industry sales for 2002 will be around 15.5 million.

To make up for a shrinkage in revenue, GM is setting its sights higher for cost cutting, a spokesman said Wednesday.

"We can annualize, we're doing pretty well, 2.3 percent annually," spokesman Tom Pyden said. "Next year we'd like to step that up to 4 or 5 percent.

To accomplish that goal, GM and its suppliers work together to turn around its rising program, Pyden said. Suppliers offer their ideas for reducing costs, GM decides if they're suitable and then picks up part of the cost for implementing the ideas.

Motorola spends $6.6 billion in China

Associated Press

SCHAUMBURG, Ill. — Motorola Inc. disclosed plans Wednesday to sharply increase spending and production in China, where the company intends to invest $6.6 billion over the next five years.

A Motorola delegation led by chairman and chief executive Christopher Galvin outlined the plans to President Jiang Zemin and other government leaders in Beijing, a day after the company's board of directors met in the capital.

As the largest foreign investor in China, the cell phone and semiconductor maker has invested $3.4 billion there since its initial involvement in 1992, according to spokesman Jennifer Weyrauch.

In a brief statement issued from its Schaumburg headquarters, Motorola said it intends to be a leader in wireless, Internet and broadband in the Asian nation, where it had $4.5 billion in sales last year.

Motorola operates about 10 semiconductor wafer fabrication plants as well as other research and development facilities in China, where it has 3,000 employees, including more than 1,000 engineers and researchers. It is involved in eight joint ventures, provides training and consulting to 3,000 businesses and technicians, and maintains an extensive network of local sales offices.

As part of its commitment, it also provides funding for schools, scholarship funds, disaster relief and sports sponsorships.

Stepping up production and other efforts in China comes with the company still slashing operating costs in an effort to end a deep slump that is expected to result in a fourth straight quarterly loss. Motorola, which lost $1.4 billion in the third quarter, is in the final stages of cutting 39,000 jobs — 26 percent of its work force — since last December.

Motorola shares declined by 7 cents to close at $17.43 Tuesday, down 10 percent for the year but up 16 percent in November.

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Jackson proves ‘invincible’ as album debuts at No. 1

Associated Press

Michael Jackson proved "invincible" to negative reviews. His first new album in almost six years has debuted at the top of the charts, according to figures released Wednesday.

"Invincible," said MTV's Jim Calderone, it may be time for Jackson to give up his "King of Pop" moniker, however. "Invincible" sold far fewer than the 1.9 million copies that 'N Sync's third disc debuted in its debut week last summer.

Even last week's No. 1 debut, from gruff rapper DMX, sold 439,957 copies.

Jackson's reign at the top of the charts is likely to be brief — Britney Spears' third disc, "Britney," was released Tuesday, and is expected to post the first-week sales of near 1 million.

"I think everybody should be happy with this for a first-week number," said Alan Light, editor of Spin magazine. "The question now is: Were those die-hard fans? Now we'll see what the effect of word of mouth will be, because he's got to compete against Britney this week and everything that's coming out in the next." Perhaps mindful of his tenuous spot at No. 1, Jackson was at the Virgin Megastore at Times Square on Wednesday to do something usually reserved for new or less successful acts — sign copies of his disc for fans.

At one point, he made a grand appearance in front of the store, stepping onto a podium outside to acknowledge the huge crowd. Hundreds of people rushed to the store, congratulating him on his latest achievement.

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Jackson's "Invincible" sold 366,272 copies in its first week of release in the United States; 145,575 copies overseas. The album also debuted at No. 1 in a dozen countries overseas. The album succeeded despite mixed to negative reviews. Jackson, however, has received heavy airplay on the three major music television channels — VH1, MTV and BET. Jackson was VH1's artist of the month in October.

"Certainly speaking for the VH1 audience, it's been received in a great way," said Rick Klein, an executive vice president at the network. "Every time we put something on with Michael Jackson, our ratings go up." Another new single, "Butterflies," is already moving up the charts.

"I think what Michael really needs is an undeniable smash single," Light said. "I just don't hear a single on this record that's big like that."
While attending law courses in Austria this past summer, I made a weekend trip to the Dachau concentration camp in southern Germany. As Armistice Day approaches I dedicate this column to the memory of those who perished there and similarly elsewhere.

In 1933 Heinrich Himmler transformed this defunct annihilation factory into Germany's first concentration camp. Dachau became a model prison camp because of its strict military regime. Originally built to house 5,000 inmates, by war's end it housed two furnaces, but as the body count increased, prisoners were forced into random buildings, emptying the account were no more than a laboratory project were no more than a laboratory project.

Our tour guide brought us before a massive iron sculpture consisting of twisted forms twisted around barbed wire. The work depicted one of the more common methods of suicide, by which prisoners would hurl themselves against the high voltage fence.

Others would hang themselves in the "Bunker," or prison houses. Inside, two rows of cramped, dark cells lined each side of the narrow hallway. Each room contained radiators, which SS officers would often turn off during the winter to torment prisoners.

More than 31,000 are on record as having died at Dachau, although many thousands of nameless more met death at the execution wall, situated at one end of the Bunker. Behind the Bunker, soldiers would subject prisoners to "pole hanging."

Concrete stakes still line the grass, each drilled with holes from which hooks were placed. Prisoners' hands were tied behind their backs; their arms hooked backwards to the stakes. Blood circulation was cut off from the shoulders and if they did not die, many dislocated or otherwise permanently injured their shoulders, suffering injury similar to that inflicted by crucifixion.

One prisoner recalled being penalized with 30 minutes of pole hanging for having lost a button from his shirt. When guards discovered the missing button in his pants pocket, they assigned him 30 minutes more for theft. Outside, popsplas shunted by the Khiners line the camp, verdant and thriving testament to the work of dead men. At the opposite end of the compound, I crossed a small bridge to find the crematorium. The original one housed two furnaces, but as the body count increased, prisoners were forced to build a new crematorium housing four more furnaces.

By war's end the corpses became so numerous that guards stacked bodies three to an oven for faster elimination. Although Dachau contained a gas chamber, it was never used for the simple reason that the SS could not efficiently deal with the overwhelming number of dead.

As we crammed ourselves into the room next to the gas chamber, the guide pointed to a large photograph of corpses piled up to the window. "This photograph was taken in this very room." Apparently, when American soldiers discovered them, they were so distraught that they rounded up 60 SS officials and executed them on the spot.

The most disturbing part of the tour consisted of SS photographs hanging in the museum. One series depicted experiments conducted by the infamous Dr. Rascher. By exposing prisoners to sub-zero water temperatures, he hoped to discover why Nazi soldiers rescued from the English Channel would later die.

Some prisoners, after prolonged exposure to freezing temperatures, begged to be killed rather than continue. Other experiments included exposing prisoners to differing air pressures, simulating high altitude conditions of soldiers parachuting from planes. Many died as a result.

One photograph depicted two scientists adjusting straps on a subject sitting in a tub of freezing water. How disturbing to find the scientists only were expressions of curiosity as if their subject were no more than a laboratory animal. The prisoner's face, unforgettable, bore confession and submission. By day's end the sky had darkened ominously. Wind kicked up white dust, and a thunderstorm erupted. Alone, I headed across the camp, passing row upon row of barracks, where prisoners lived 1,600 per barrack.

The wind blew wildly as I trudged through the wet gravel of the roll-call square, where every inmate was accounted for from the dead, whose corpses were dragged out for a complete headcount. The rain, hard and freezing, had driven other visitors inside random buildings, empying the exposed grounds.

A sense of denotation pervaded the compound. Soaked through and cold as I walked from one far end of the camp to the other, I did not have the stomach to complain. Many trod the same ground as I trod then, feeling worlds more alone. May we never forget them. Rest in peace.

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The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
**Allow students to follow their instincts**

While you are reading this article, someone on campus may be having sex. I can’t tell you who. I think, however, that we can safely rule out two people.

Joe Muto

*Livin’ on a Prayer*

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Respect your fellow man

This past Saturday I witnessed an event even more disheartening than Notre Dame's loss. As I was leaving the game, I noticed that a Student employee was distributing posters in exchange for a coupon. The woman was servicing another individual when a student approached into the box of posters to obtain one for herself. I'm not talking about the bookstores' student-swindling, money-grubbing ways.

I'm not even talking about the ResLife staff's seemingly total obliviousness to the fact that the entire student bodyICA hates their guts. I'm talking about sex. Or rather, the lack of it.

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Tickets in hand, we joined the stream of people heading into the stadium, and made our way to our seats. I was a bit dismayed when I realized our relative proximity to the USC band would mean hours of "Fight On," and not the "Victory March" as well as cheers by guys in white sweaters named Tripp, or something similar, but I figured if this minor annoyance was my only gripe, I should consider myself thankful.

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No sooner had the game started, than the cajoling began. "What the hell are they doing?" "Oh, he's such a jerk!" "This is pathetic." I looked behind me, expecting to see, surely, a slightly less-than-super USC fan, mocking Notre Dame's current on-field difficulties.

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Student, senior

Rachel Swartz
McGill Hall

November 7, 2001

**Demonstrate the Notre Dame spirit**

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And I, the author, am not having sex, unless Satan is ice-skating as we speak.

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And that one person who is having sex as you read this? Well, more power to him and her inner self. I hope the alarm clock that thing is going to wake him up, but hearing that for him, too.

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**EDITORIAL**

The Notre Dame family.- The Notre Dame family.

TheJrish will take on Navy next weekend. It will be the last home game of the season, and for the seniors, it is our last game in Notre Dame Stadium as students, not the alumnae that we soon will be.

I challenge my fellow students to demonstrate the true class and spirit of Notre Dame, and to encourage - not belittle - our fellow classmates, dormmates and members of the Notre Dame family.

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The Bakersville Communications Corp. has found in a study that worldwide spending on DVD will overtake worldwide spending on VHS in 2003, with DVD players reaching 625 million homes.

What your wife is waiting for, of course, is the ability to record "Buffy the Vampire Slayer"—which he has been able to do with his VHS deck forever on discs. And because technology becomes affordable for DVD, the format will pummel VHS once and for all, the study says.

By all accounts, things have never looked better for DVD. It has been the fastest adopted consumer electronics format ever. So many of the stumbling blocks that have peppered its path to success have been overcome.

All of the major studios have joined the fray, and Steven Spielberg, who had previously been holding off putting his films on DVD, has given the industry a strong jolt recently by releasing noted cannon classics "Jaws," "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" and his "Jurassic Park" series on extras-packed discs.

Consumer reaction has been very encouraging, with hardware and software sales setting records year after year. During the first five months of 2001, sales of VCRs dropped 31 percent, compared to the 71 percent increase in DVD player sales. Indeed, by 2010, the study says, 55 percent of the world's homes that have a TV will also have a DVD player.

Major video outlets such as Blockbuster and Hollywood Video have noticed the strong shift from VHS to DVD and are devoting more shelf space to the new format.

So, single men, the early adopters who rushed out and bought the first players and titles, are now being joined by women and middle-to-upper-class families. To kick off the mainstream press, from major publications such as Time and Entertainment Weekly, has made an impact by providing article support and regular disc reviews and recommendations.

DVD is clearly becoming more of an established item. Now you can go tell your skeptical friend who refuses to pick up a DVD player that he will have one by 2003, whether he likes it or not.

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By MATT NANIA

Pixar's monsters track record continues

The interesting thing about all of the movies from Pixar Animation Studios (with the exception of 1998's "A Bug's Life") is that, unlike the rest of the offerings in the history of animated cinema, they haven't chosen to attempt the theatrics of exotic, fantastical settings and characters.

Instead, they've gone after the domestic American childhood; the stuff of such thematic elements like favorite toys and monsters under the bed.

It's a fitting choice because, like the years of innocence they portray, these computer-generated movies are still the new kids on the block, enduring that adolescent period of refinement.

Pixar's films have been an evolution before our eyes, and "Monsters, Inc." is the latest in their lineage, is, if not the best of their films, then at least the most streamlined, imaginatively packaged yet.

"Toy Story 2" is still the king of Pixar's features, mostly because the work done there by John Lasseter and company built on the foundation of "Toy Story" and achieved a level of complexity and depth that was the parallel of Hollywood's finest live-action pictures.

In some ways, "Monsters, Inc." builds on the "Toy Story" films, although in an indirect sense. Audiences will expect the same level of intelligence and wry humor coupled with physical comedy and sight gags in the same seamless fashion that has come to represent the Pixar brand of comedy.

Having already established an audience, director Peter Docter and his supporting team of creative talent are free to streamline the process already established by Lasseter. It is most obviously accomplished in the animation itself, which gets better with every outing, but also in the story and in its content: "Monsters, Inc." features far fewer pop culture references — they aren't as crucial as they were in Pixar's previous films (or even more so in DreamWorks' "Shrek") — and with less time devoted to standup comedy, this film is far more the fast-paced moving of Pixar's titles.

Indeed, "Monsters, Inc." is the souped-up Porche of the bunch, ready for the open road in its non-stop delivery of 'imagin and sounds all while serving up a surprisingly coherent story.

The premise of the film is this: Behind our world exists the world of bedtime monsters, who frighten children in order to capture the screams that will power their world. Despite this seemingly cruel-hearted plot, the monsters are actually benevolent types who are deathly afraid of any infection from the human world (a stray sock prompts a SWAT team-like response from a decontamination squad).

Most of the monsters are good-natured, like the leading "scarer" James P. Sullivan (John Goodman) and his assistant Mike Wazowski (Billy Crystal). But evil is aloft in the form of the serpentine Randall (Steve Buscemi), who plots to economize the monsters' scare collection by extracting them directly from the child.

It's a difficult call as to whether this paranoia-based comedy is enhanced by the presence of high-priced voice talent like Crystal, Goodman and Buscemi. They certainly don't have the seasoned rapport that Tom Hanks and Tim Allen developed in "Toy Story 2." Still, Crystal and Goodman have their own give-and-take, and its one that might compete with the Allen-Hanks combo by the time an eventual sequel is made.

The best thing that Crystal and Goodman have to offer is an unques­tionably fluid integration into the story world — the viewer will not find himself watching the film and pointing out Crystal's polished Jersey drawl or Goodman's rumbling bass tones. Instead, the gigantic blue-haired leader that is James P. Sullivan and the lone eyeball that is Mike emit unique voices.

As always, they have plenty of great lines to say, and if the film is less paranormal than it is masterful of situational comedy, this film is by far the fastest moving of Pixar's titles.

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**MOVI E REVIEW**

**A ‘Drive’ through Lynch's looking glass**

By JUDE SEYMOUR

Some Movie Critic

David Lynch has never played by the rules. either the ones newly created or those already well-established. Since his feature film debut, 1977's "Eraserhead," Lynch has been challenging his audiences to make sense of the surrealistic dreamscapes, nightmares and paranoia (just to name a few) that emanate from his works of art.

His personal imagination is so unique that he has seemingly created a whole new universe on film. An eccentric world of weird. Within this world, characters undergo perverse and macabre moments in the most entertaining of fashions, in instances that can only be described as "Lynchian."

These Lynchian moments stood out as a solitary beacon of hope while the "dumb- ing-down" of films persisted through the 1980s and '90s. Like the great Orson Welles, Lynch's full recognition as master of his craft by the moviegoing public may not come in his lifetime. It took film and television theoreticians years after the fact to realize that Lynch's 1990 foray into television, "Twin Peaks," was intelligent programming years ahead of its time.

In the '90s, his films became the whipping boy of a short-attention spanned public, creating box office bombs out of brilliant Lynch think-pieces such as "Wild at Heart," "Twin Peaks," "Fire Walk With Me" and "Lost Highway."

It is no surprise then that Lynch's latest film, "Mulholland Drive," comes among the rubble of rejected pilots by ABC. Television. The crucial word for Lynch is that ABC had deemed the series too violent and weird for television, but it's safe to assume, based on their slapshod treatment of "Twin Peaks," that the executives did not fully understand its potential.

After the rejection, StudioCanal, a French distributor of Lynch's previous films, "The Straight Story," battled to persuad the director to transform his open-ended pilot into a feature film. The result of that tweaking, now an exquisitely rated 135-minute film, is currently being shown at multiplexes all over the country amidst a deafening buzz of controversy and debate.

The chatter stems from Lynch's unrivaled method of storytelling: A mishmash of non-linear narrative, dreamscapes, nightmare and anarchy. "Mulholland Drive" destroys the conventional "beginning, middle, end" flow plot movement, creating dissonance and contradiction amongst its stories. Indeed, a summary of the storyline is but a ridiculous gesture.

Two thirds of the movie plays out as Nancy Drew mystery gone terribly awry. Betty (Naomi Watts) is a blonde-haired startlet from Ontario who looks like she just emerged from a corny General Electric commercials from the 1980s — bright, naive and with a smile that seems permanently applied. She comes to Los Angeles, the city of dreams, in the hopes of becoming a major actress.

Rita (Laura Harring) is a brunette that has just experienced a major trauma, resulting in the loss of her memory. She has stumbled into the apartment of Betty's aunt to rest after being disoriented by her memory loss.

When Betty discovers Rita in her new apartment, her good-girl persona and curious nature override her instincts to call the police. Instead, she suggests to Rita that they try to jog her memory, starting with what Rita remembers: a car accident on the freeway.

If Lynch's description of his own "Blue Velvet" was "the Hardy Boys gone to hell," then "Mulholland Drive" is "Velvet"'s twin. Lynch has created the perfect Nancy Drew universe. The girls peep into windows, make anonymous inquiries to gather clues and talk to neighbors.

Of course, along the way, their search for Rita's identity is filled with Lynchian twists, which is an attempt to disrupt both the girls' search and challenge the audience's patience.

By the conclusion of the first part, the Lynchian moments have begun to swallow the Nancy Drew universe on a line that teeters between the erotic and the ingeniously perverse (This first act could very well be described as "Nancy Drew gets her first Playboy").

The audience's growing confusion catalyzes the last one-third of the movie. Like "Twin Peaks: Fire Walk With Me," Lynch abandons linear narrative form and instead presents fragments, some of which could be the narrative's actual reality. Of course, the audience has just watched more than 100 minutes of what they assumed was reality before the second part introduces the notion that perhaps the first part was all just a dream. At this stage, one can almost hear the blathering of Lynch's name in some of the audience's heads.

The second part of the film does much to prove that the issue of extreme importance from the first part, the real identity of Rita, was inconsequential. The second section introduces a new problem, asking its audience to figure out the true relationship between Betty and Rita. It also asks its audiences to figure out if someone, or anyone, is dreaming or fantasizing either part of the narrative, and if so, is what context of reality?

All of the sudden, Lynch has his audience trying to uncover their own twisted mystery. But in true Lynchian fashion, the director is quite reluctant to hand over clues. He wants his audience questioning everything for the entire 150 minutes.

Some viewers, frustrated with being toyed with, will surely reject the mystery challenge that Lynch has posed to them. As the director remarked in a Salon.com interview, "Some people love getting lost and feeling their way out. Other people have more literal minds, and get angry when things are not very specific. You just hope that people get the same thrill out of 'Mulholland Drive' that you got out of 'Twin Peaks.'"

Perhaps Lynch's greatest moral victory amongst his detractors will be that, while they hate his methods, they respect his imagination.

After the film's limited release on Oct. 12, the Internet became flooded with "Mulholland Drive" theories, each attempting to decipher the director's intent. As for Lynch, he is maintaining his usual silence.

"Every translation is valid," he tells Salon.com. "In a way, ideas are like music on the page. The notes may come one at a time, but the translation of that music has to do with the ability of the musicians to play and the conductor interpreting them." While it may seem pretentious or frustrating for a director to remain silent about his new movie, it is not surprising for Lynch.

Primarily, Lynch sees himself as an artist, who, instead of putting a painting up on the wall for a host of interpretations, has slapped a 150-minute film together for the same purpose.

If he reveals his artwork's truest intents, it destroys the ability of people to use their imagination. He doesn't want people thinking his voice is the only voice that can interpret his work.

Without a doubt, "Mulholland Drive" is going to polarize audience opinion. Some will come out praising Lynch's genius, his attack on the studio system and the creation of false hopes, and the death of illusion and dreams. Others will emerge noting an abomination, expressing their disgust at Lynch for impinging on their enjoyment and being too eccentric.

Hopefully, however, these two viewpoints will engage in a dialogue. They will probably not change each other's opinions, but they will get each other thinking.

Like any worthwhile piece of art, people will gather around "Mulholland Drive" for years to come to discuss its form, style, vision and execution. In doing so, viewers will help Lynch fully realize his singular dream and the hope of any master artist: that, love it or hate it, it's impossible to tear one's eyes away from "Mulholland Drive."

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Devils burn thrashers in 3-2 victory

Bobby Holik set up a goal and shipped the puck from the point 38 seconds later. Brodeur made a diving and spectacular save to get the rebound. He was never tested in his eighth career shutout. His other five-game winning streak.

Four games with a concussion, he limped back to the lineup after missing two months. The return of 10-2-1 in the first period and finally got its lead just 24 seconds into the third period. Adams, positioned in front of Holik, deflected a high shot from the point by Niklas Hagman.

Panthers 2, Penguins 1

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Sergei Brylin also scored for the second time in six games.

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Sabres stop Satan's wish

Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. - The Buffalo Sabres will not allow forward Miroslav Satan to leave the team to play for Slovakia in the preliminary round of the Salt Lake Olympic Games.

Buffalo general manager Darcy Regier told Satan that his contract makes him a Sabre first, and that he won't be granted a leave of absence.

"This has put hockey in a very bad situation, it's very tough to resolve," Satan said. "I don't think that's fair and I don't know what should be done about it.

Satan has spoken with other Slovaks, including Washington's Peter Bondra, and said he doesn't believe anyone will break ranks from the NHL. But the idea has been floated.

The NHL will shut down Feb. 14-22, only for the medal round. The United States, Canada, Finland, Sweden, Russia and the Czech Republic (which, with Slovakia, made up the former Czechoslovakia) are automatically in. Slovakia, Austria, Belarus, France, Germany, Latvia and Ukraine must compete for two spots in the preliminary round.

The NHL, NHL Players' Association and the International Ice Hockey Federation developed the plan and left the decision of who gets to compete to the GMs, something Regier called unfortunate.

"We have a responsibility, first and foremost, to the fans," Regier told The Buffalo News. "I'll expect it's going to be a playoff race all season long, and we recognize Miro as one of our top players. Satan said Slovaks feel an immense pride in their NHL players, whom they rarely see on TV and eagerly anticipate watching in the Olympics.

Satan scored nine goals in eight games for Slovakia in the 1994 games in Lillehammer, Norway. Competing for his young country is an unforgettable experience, he said. "There is no work, no shopping, no nothing," when the national team competes, he said. "You just watch hockey. It was such a great feeling because we knew how much it meant for the people and we tried to win the games for them.

Satan says he's still holding out hope that if the Sabres are comfortably in the playoff picture by midseason, he could be allowed to make the trip to Utah. In 1998, he and other NHL players traveled to the games in Nagano, Japan, only to find his team had already been eliminated by Kazakhstan.

Slovakia showed astonishing potential by beating the United States on its way to a second-place finish in the 2000 World Championship.

"We came back from Russia at 3 a.m. and there were 20,000 people in the square" in Bratislava, Slovakia's capital, Satan said. "I know how much it means for them and they're going to be heartbroken and the players will be heartbroken, if we don't get to play."

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Heisman not on Grossman's mind

Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Fla. - Rex Grossman came clean. Turns out, he really was thinking about the Heisman Trophy.

But now, he says, he really has blocked it out of his mind - honest.

"I was pretty much lying to you about it before the Auburn game," Grossman said. "I was paying a little bit of attention to it. But now I really don't care. Honestly, it doesn't mean anything to me. It put everything into perspective as far as what was important and awards are just a distraction right now."

Grossman may have been the leading candidate heading into the Auburn game. But four interceptions in a 23-20 loss put any talk of the Heisman, or a national title for Florida, on hold.

Two games later, both goals are realistic again for Grossman and the No. 4 Gators (7-1, 5-1 SEC), who play at No. 14 South Carolina on Saturday.

Grossman has thrown for 2,942 yards, 27 touchdowns and 10 interceptions. That compares to 1,782 yards, 15 TDs and four interceptions for Miami QB Ken Dorsey and 1,257 yards passing and 847 yards rushing for Nebraska's Eric Crouch. Crouch also had a 63-yard touchdown catch against Oklahoma earlier this season.

The biggest drawback for Grossman could be Heisman voters' reluctance to give the award to a sophomore. No freshman or sophomore has ever won the award.

"He would get my vote," offensive lineman Mike Pearson said.

He'll probably get former Heisman winner Steve Spurrier's, too.

But that's all for later. The Gators have a difficult three-game stretch to worry about. They play Florida State and Tennessee before South Carolina.

"You can put up all the numbers you want to, but the bottom line is to win games and to be a factor in how well your team wins," Grossman said. "The next three games are the three biggest games I've ever been involved with."

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Dave's best not good enough

For the past few weeks, the football program's reputation at Notre Dame's campus has not been foremost in the minds of most students, but rather a sport I've come to term “Deke-bashing.”

It seems like everyone you ask has his own expert opinion about what Bob Davie is doing wrong and what should be done to solve the Irish's problems. It's a football team's struggles.

Note the way Dave grins wryly and looks to the sky after every turnover, seeming to ask, "What did I do to deserve this?" and you will understand what I mean.

4-5-1, it is almost a foregone conclusion that this will be Davie's last season and at this point, a split would seem beneficial for both parties.

I'll be honest, coming into this year I thought Davie was a solid coach. I mean, anyone who could squeeze out nine wins with two years ago, Davie's best not necessarily those of The Observer.

KIRKLAND, Wash. — John Randle's streak of never having missed a game in his 12-year NFL career is in jeopardy because of an injury.

The defensive tackle was in pads Wednesday but did not practice as the Seattle Seahawks began preparing for their Sunday night game against the Oakland Raiders.

Randle sprained his left knee in the fourth quarter of the Seahawks' loss to Washington last Sunday.

Randle, 33, has played in all 183 games of his career, starting 140 in a row. He said he was unsure if he would be ready for Sunday night although he is listed as questionable, which means he has a 50 percent chance of playing.

"I'm feeling pretty good right now," he said. "I think in the next couple of days, I'll really be able to tell if I'll be able to play or not.

Randle has been a key player in the Seahawks' rejuvenated defense this season. He has signed bonus in March after he was released by Minnesota. Randle played 11 seasons with the Vikings.

He ranks eighth in the AFC with 5 1/2 sacks this season.

The six-time Pro Bowl selection has 119 1/2 sacks in his career.

Seahawks running back Ricky Watters had his streak of 116 consecutive starts ended after he sprained his right shoulder in a loss to Oakland on Sept. 30. After the Washington game, coach Mike Holmgren thought Randle's injury might have involved ligament or cartilage damage.

That would have required arthroscopic surgery.

"It's a day-to-day thing with John," Holmgren said. "It is just sore. So well see. If anybody could prepare himself to play with an injury like this, I would put my money on John." Randle hopes he can play Sunday so he can keep his streak alive.

"It's a pretty good streak," he said. "It's not a Cai Ripken thing, but it's a nice little something I have going.

The Seahawks paid $11.8 million in signing bonuses to veterans Randle, defensive tackle Chad Eaton, middle linebacker Leroy Kirkland and free safety Marcus Robertson to help fix a defense that ranked 31st in the league last season.

Despite giving up a season-worst 230 yards rushing to the Redskins, the Seahawks' defense has been a major strength this season.

The Seahawks (3-4) rank 12th in the league in defense this season.

"I'm very proud," Randle said. "I know a lot of you guys had some doubts, but we're trying to play hard, we're trying to do a job. Kind of slowly but surely we're trying to improve things by staying with it and working hard.

Randle has been as good as ever this season, according to opponents.

"Randle's so quiet and strong," veteran linebacker Tom Nalen said. "I think he's playing better than ever he has.

If Randle can't play Sunday night, the Seahawks will go with second-year player Antonio Cochran, who has never started an NFL game.

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NEW YORK

The New York Knicks found a way to end their three-game losing streak despite giving up 16 offensive rebounds, using two 12-0 runs in the third quarter to defeat the Cleveland Cavaliers 82-64 Wednesday night.

Latrell Sprewell and Allan Houston scored 14 points each and Charlie Ward had three of New York’s eight 3-pointers.

Despite their defensive rebounding problem, the Knicks picked up an easy victory by moving the ball around and getting everyone involved — as evidenced by their 22 assists on 30 field goals.

New York outscored Cleveland 22-13 in the third quarter to take a 14-point lead into the fourth, and the Cavs got their deficit below double digits only once the rest of the way.

Andre Miller had 13 points and Lamond Murray added 12 points and 10 rebounds for the Cavs. Cleveland’s 64 points were one more than the record-low for a Knicks opponent.

The victory was a much-needed confidence boost for the Knicks, who lost at Charlotte, Chicago and Cleveland following their season-opening victory over Washington.

“I’m usually the negative one. I’m the positive one now,” coach Jeff Van Gundy said before the game. “The bandwagon is cleared. Seats are available. Tickets are going for an all-time low.”

The Cavaliers couldn’t do anything right in the early going, scoring just four points and committing six turnovers in the first six minutes.

Cleveland finished the first quarter with 10 turnovers and fell behind by double digits early in the second before rallying within 35-34 just before halftime.

The Knicks scored the final four points of the half and the first eight of the third quarter, then added another 12-0 run later in the third as Clarence Weatherspoon had four points and Mark Jackson made consecutive 3-pointers.

Raptors 109, Warriors 92

Vince Carter scored 39 points and the Toronto Raptors broke their own NBA record with 24 blocked shots in a victory over the Golden State Warriors.

Hakeem Olajuwon led Toronto with nine blocks, while Carter, Antonio Davis, Keon Clark and Tracy Murray each had three.

The Raptors set the old mark of 23 against Atlanta last March 23.

Carter, who struggled in Toronto’s first two losses of the season, was 6-of-9 from 3-point range, grabbed a season-high 10 rebounds and had five blocks for the Raptors, who have won three straight.

The NBA’s leading all-star vote-getter the past two years made five of his seven 3-point attempts in the third, when he had 20 points to tie his team record for points in a quarter. Carter last had 20 in a quarter against Phoenix on Dec. 30, 2000.

Danny Fortson’s jumper for the Golden State at the 1:42 mark early in the third, but Toronto followed with a 15-3 run as Carter made three 3-pointers.

Carter converted a three-point play with 3:30 remaining to give Toronto a 16-point lead. Carter went for a dunk, but with former North Carolina teammate Antawn Jamison going for a block, Carter stopped in midair, and made an acrobatic layup.

Jamison was called for a foul, and Carter made his free throw.

He later hit consecutive 3-pointers, giving Toronto a 21-point lead with 1:18 left in the third. The Raptors outscored Golden State 35-29 in the period.

The Warriors didn’t get closer than 13 points the rest of the way.

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But the Wizards never led again as five Celtics scored in double figures, led by Antoine Walker with 31. Paul Pierce, who usually teams with Walker to lead Boston, had 14.

Jordan, who did most of his damage on jumps, leaped across the lane to rebound Christian Laettner’s miss with Washington trailing 80-78. He then tied the game with a baseline jumper, was fouled by Joe Johnson and completed the three-point play.

Then Walker made a three-point play of his own, giving the Celtics an 83-81 lead.

But Jordan took over for Washington, scoring its next six points and tying it at 89 with 3:53 remaining. Again, Walker answered with a three-point play on which he was fouled by Jordan.

Then Jordan finally was stopped.

On the negative possession, he drove into three Celtics and missed a shot. He got the rebound but was called for traveling because the ball didn’t hit the rim.

Kenny Anderson, who had 17 points for Boston, then hit two free throws for a 94-89 lead and Jordan tried to cut that again. This time he went up for a 16-foot jumper, but Pierce blocked it, leading to Johnson’s dunk and a 96-89 Boston lead with 4:49 to go.

Washington closed to 98-94 on Chris Whitney’s 3-point shot, but Walker scored the next six points. That made Jordan’s miss throw with 23 seconds to play meaningless only because it allowed him to pass his previous season high of 31.

In the fifth game of his last comeback in 1995, after he played minor league baseball, Jordan scored 14 points against New York.

Laettner added 29 points for Washington, while Boston got 16 from Johnson and 13 from Erick Strickland.

The Celtics led 48-42 at halftime then opened their biggest lead of the game, 62-50, with an eight-point run on three-pointers by Anderson and Johnson and a basket by Johnson with 7:21 left in the quarter.

With the score 75-68, the Wizards got the ball with 4:9 seconds left. Jordan tried a jumper from the top of the key, but Walker blocked it.

Pacers 116, Kings 104

All Harrington scored 22 points and Reggie Miller added 20 as the Indiana Pacers used a 17-4-fourth-quarter run to beat the Sacramento Kings.

Sacramento built a 10-point lead early in the third quarter as the Pacers missed their first 10 shots of the half. But Indiana finished the quarter with a 25-10 run.

The Kings led 87-86 after three quarters, and Bobby Jackson’s jumper capped a 6-0 run for a 97-91 lead early in the fourth.

Miller, who had had 12 points in the first three quarters, started the Pacers’ run by hitting three free throws after being fouled on a drive. He scored the next basket to pull the Pacers within two.

Harrington put the Pacers ahead 98-97 with 7:04 to play, and they never trailed again.

Peja Stojakovic scored 36 points, shooting 6-of-12 from 3-point range, for the Kings.

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NEW YORK

The Coaches vs. Cancer Classic has become the official tipoff to the college basketball season. That four of the country's premier programs will get it all started this year at Madison Square Garden, just a few subway stops from the World Trade Center, gives this edition extra significance.

"There is a special emphasis in coming to New York to play," Maryland coach Gary Williams said. "On the basketball side, I was looking at the fourth-place finishers in this tournament the last four years, and it was Georgetown, Duke, Kentucky and Texas. They're all great programs so obviously the competition is tough and we expect to really find out something about our team. You can schedule 10 WS or play in this and see how good you are."

It is not only the chance to help New York continue its return to normal following the Sept. 11 attacks that makes this the 36th annual event important.

The tournament, sponsored by IKON, has raised $2 million for cancer research, a subject close to Arizona coach Lute Olson, who lost his wife, Bobbi, to ovarian cancer last year.

Her death became a focal point for Arizona's run to the national championship game last season, where the Wildcats lost to Duke.

"Bobbi is another reason we're glad to play in this event," he said. "Research has made great strides and we're just hopeful that we can have a part in eradicating this horrible disease."

Arizona will definitely have the most different look from last season with four starters gone, three early entries to the NBA draft and applied for the draft, then decided to return.

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Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

UCLA running back DeShaun Foster, the nation's third-leading rusher and a top Heisman Trophy candidate, has been declared ineligible for competition by the school and will miss Saturday's game against Oregon at the Rose Bowl.

The NCAA made UCLA aware of a possible "extra benefits" violation.

"We were made aware by the NCAA of a possible violation in connection with DeShaun and have had to declare him ineligible for this week's game," said UCLA athletic director Peter Dalis.

There is no timetable for reinstatement, the university said, but added the standard penalty in cases of this type is 10 percent of the season-

Foster, a 4-foot, 215-pound senior from Tustin, leads the Pac-10 in rushing with 1,109 yards on 216 carries. He is averaging 5.3 yards per carry. He also leads the conference with 13 touch-downs.

Foster didn't practice for the 17th-ranked Bruins on Wednesday, a school spokesman said.

Foster's eligibility was restored.

Foster, whose 722 career rushing attempts are the most in UCLA history, ranks third on the school's career rushing list with 3,134 yards - one yard behind Freeman McNeil. Gaston Green holds the school record with 3,731 yards.

Florida's backcourt will be key. Brett Nelson returns off a very good sophomore year and Justin Hamilton starts his comeback from major knee surgery in the preseason.

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"This was in a situation where we're starting a week or 10 days before the others start," Florida coach Billy Donovan said. "But Florida lost its two games here last season, where Kentucky and Texas," Williams said. "We'd rather be here than not ranked in the top 100, which we weren't when we got here. The ranking's nice but the preseason stops here.

Florida-Temple is a rematch of last season's NCAA second-round game that Temple won by 21 points. This will be the first game as a Hall of Famer for Temple coach John Chaney. He was inducted last month and having a plaque in Springfield, Mass., hasn't changed him one bit.

"We don't have a lot of quality players on our ball club," he said. "We've changed him one bit."

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FOOTBALL

Losses leave Irish with little more than pride

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Associate Sports Editor

At the beginning of the season, the Irish had lofty expectations. They were ranked 14th in the nation. They talked about reaching the Top 10. They talked about making it to the Fiesta Bowl. They talked about challenging for a national championship. But a 0-3 start and a 3-5 record have brought those lofty expectations crashing down to earth. Now, all the Irish are left talking about is pride.

"That’s exactly what it comes down to," Irish head coach Bob Davie said Sunday afternoon. "That’s what it is ... When you lose your first three games of the season, it takes a bunch of pride and a bunch of character to keep you going every week, and I think it is every bit the fact that we are getting better." It’s tough to argue with Dave’s attitude that the Irish are at improving.

The offense has gotten better. Carlyle Holiday is maturing at quarterback. And the defense is living up to expectations on the team. But the Irish aren’t giving up on the final three games, they acknowledge that they have a tough road. After hosting winless Navy next week, the Irish play away games against No. 16 Stanford and Purdue.

"We feel we should be sitting here with five straight wins," Davie said. "We shot ourselves in the foot." While the Irish believe they are capable of winning their final three games, they acknowledge that they have a tough road. After hosting winless Navy next week, the Irish play away games against No. 16 Stanford and Purdue. Should the Irish manage to win the rest of the their games, it’s unclear what N if any bowl the Irish will be invited to. But Davie said the Irish want to play in a bowl if they’re offered the opportunity to play in one. "If we can go 6-5 and have a chance to win a seventh game, you’ve darned right I’d want to go play," he said.

With the bulk of the coaches’ and players’ attention focused on Navy and not the possible postseason ramifications, Davie said the Irish aren’t giving up on the final three games. And if the rest of the season is spent playing for pride, Davie doesn’t have a problem with that — as long as the Irish win. "It’s win all the way," he said. "No question about that ... We’re going to do whatever we can to win."

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A preseason look at postseason favorites

March Madness may be four months away, but the question is already in the air: "Can anyone beat the Duke Blue Devils?"

With Duke's incredible talent it seems unlikely, but anything can happen during March Madness. These 15 are top on my list.

No. 1 Duke

Only a team as talented as the Duke Blue Devils could lose last year's Naismith player of the year, Shane Battier, and still be considered the starting line-up is scary considering anything can happen during the season. The Blue Devils could lose last year's Final Four until at least the winter when starting guard Bogans takes his season-ending knee injury.

No. 2 Maryland

Duke's toughest competition will likely come from within its own ACC. The Terps, an ACC rival, nearly beat the Blue Devils in last year's Final Four until their substantial first-half lead came crashing down in the second half. Junior guard Steve Blake will be the only player who was able to contain Duke's Williams last season. Maryland senior center Jason Kapono, forwards Lonny Baxter and senior shooting guard Troy Bell, but Bell may miss the first two weeks of the season due to an ankle injury. The Eagles return last year's co-Big East player of the year in shooting guard Troy Bell, but Bell may miss the first two weeks of the season due to an ankle injury.

No. 4 Iowa

The Iowa Hawkeyes boast one of the nation's best young coaches in Steve Alford and two of the nation's premier players in shooting guard Tussey and Steve Blake. The Hawkeyes are led once again by the deadly 3-point shooting of small forward Jason Kapono. If center Dan Gadzuric can stay out of foul trouble and if highly touted freshmen Cedric Bozeman and Dijon Thompson live up to their hype, UCLA could be a very dangerous team in March.

No. 5 Florida

Much like the Iowa Hawkeyes, the Florida Gators have a great young coach in their own Billy Donovan. Although the Gators lost senior guard Teddy Dupay over the summer for violating NCAA rules, the Gators are still strong because of transfer Dahntay Jones, and guard Chris Duhon.

No. 6 Illinois

The Fighting Illini have the depth they need to battle with the best in the Big Ten. Guard Frank Williams is the second best point guard in the country behind Duke's Williams. Coach Bill Self is counting on power forward Brian Cook to have a monster year in the paint. However, the Illini received some unfortunate news when starting center Jason Parker went down with a season-ending knee injury.

No. 7 UCLA

Coach Steve Lavin is looking to gain respect by leading the Bruins to the Final Four. This year Lavin has a legitimate shot to do just that with his talented Bruin squad. The Bruins are led once again by the deadly 3-point shooting of small forward Jason Kapono. If center Dan Gadzuric can stay out of foul trouble and if highly touted freshmen Cedric Bozeman and Dijon Thompson live up to their hype, UCLA could be a very dangerous team in March.

No. 8 Kansas

Coach Roy Williams may just have the most talented combination of forwards in Justin Drew Gooden and Nick Collison. With the head-up play of point guard Drew Heiron and the deep touch of shooting guard Jeff Besich, the Jayhawks should be a strong force in the backcourt either. This team will miss the athleticism of departed senior Kenny Gregory, but they are once again still the pre-season favorite to win the Big 12 Conference.

No. 9 Missouri

Kryzewski's coaching protege, Quinn Snyder, has restored the pride of the Missouri Tigers in only two years. Missouri has perhaps the most exciting player in the nation in shooting guard Kareem Rush. Rush, likely a top five pick in the NBA draft, can do it all with his unbelievable leaping ability and sharp accurate 3-pointers. If Rush can get any help from his friends, the Tigers may take Kansas.

No. 10 Virginia

Last year, Virginia surprised everybody when the Cavaliers reached the top 10 during the regular season. This year the Cavaliers will be a formidable force in the ACC.

No. 11 Memphis

Ole Miss didn't even make the NCAA tournament last year so how could they be considered a top 12 team coming into this year? The answer is very simple and his name is Dejuan Wagner. Wagner is the top freshman in the nation already drawing comparisons to Allen Iverson. Wagner, who once scored 100 points in a high-school game, coupled with center Kelly Wise's ability in the paint should make Coach John Calipari's team a very intriguing team to watch.

No. 12 St. Joseph's

St. Joe's Marvin O'Connor had the most incredible performance of last year's NCAA tournament when he dropped 39 points on the Stanford Cardinal. O'Connor, along with sophomore point guard Jameer Nelson, comprise the best starting back court in America. If Phil Martelli can get any play from his post players, St. Joe's will win the Atlantic 10 Conference and be a tough out in the NCAA tournament.

No. 13 Stanford

Yes, they lost four of their five starters from last year's squad including the Collins twinn, but they have the best pure shooter in the nation in junior Casey Jacobsen. The all-American Jacobsen is the type of player that can carry an entire team on his back. Look for sophomores forward Julius Barnes to have a breakout season. When power forward Troy Johnson returns from his duties on the Stanford football team and when center Curtis Borchardt finally recovers from injury, the Cardinal will be a formidable force in the Pac-10.

No. 14 Boston College

Last year's regular season Big East champion is out to prove that its title was no fluke. The Eagles return last year's co-Big East player of the year in shooting guard Troy Bell, but Bell may miss the first two weeks of the season due to an ankle injury. The Eagles will need Kenny Wally to have another strong year from three point land and forward Uka Agbal to maintain his billing, the Irish will make a big argument.

No. 15 Notre Dame

The Irish will surprise a lot of people in a weak Big East conference this year. Yes, they lost Troy Murphy, but they return three of five starters from last year's squad including perhaps the most athletically gifted player in the country in民营经济. The Irish have more depth this season. If freshman McDonald's All-American point guard Christ Thomas steps up, the Irish will make a run to the NCAA tournament.

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Tennis
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Smith and Taborga make a unique doubles team, featuring a righty-lefty combination that can be a real weapon. Smith, the right-handed player, and Taborga, who is left-handed, complement each other with different strengths and skills.

“You’ve got the lefty-righty combination, which is always good,” Bayliss said. “You’re getting a different look. It’s like hitting a left-handed pitcher one inning and a right-handed pitcher the next inning. That’s helpful, and also gives them the ability to do some things at the net in terms of poaching in certain situations that two righties wouldn’t have or two lefties wouldn’t have.”

Bayliss characterizes Smith as the more athletic off the two, possessing an impressive quickness, while Taborga better understands the intricacies of doubles. “Casey isn’t a pure doubles player. He’s more of an athlete and an all-court player who has learned how to use his athletic skills. He really has helped them with his athleticism,” Bayliss said. “Javier has another set of skills. He probably has the best appreciation for the game of doubles on our team. He can do everything - he can lob, he has touch, and he’s a little more natural coming to the net.”

Smith and Taborga are the first Notre Dame doubles pairing to compete in the National Indoor Championships since 1997 when Brian Patterson and Jakub Pietrowski gained an automatic bid by winning the Region IV doubles title. The tournament will open Thursday afternoon with first-round and quarterfinal matches, followed by the semifinals on Friday and the finals on Saturday afternoon.

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Casey Smith returns a volley at last weekend’s Midwest regional singles/doubles tournament in Madison, WI.
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ARIES (March 21-April 19):
your ability to see things clearly
will enable you to help others.
Look for your surroundings and
find a way to make more comfort-
able. Open your house to others
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ings of the year.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20):
your involvement in groups will
be preoccupying. You are likely
to find a great buy if you attend
an art exhibition or flea market.
Your ability to help children will
be apparent.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20):
your social circle will broaden.
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CANCER (June 21-July 22):
Creative projects will help you
feel relaxed and less stressed.
Don’t neglect unfinished
business. It needn’t be done to
perfection but put it aside for
another time. Your emotions
will be emotional.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):
Put your affairs in better financial
planning and save investments.
You may have two engagements
with friends or opportunities
to make romantic changes will
be tender.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):
You will be emotionally torn
during your associations with
friends. You may have more
emotions than you can handle.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):
you can make some extra cash
through overtime or a part-time job.
The money will come in handy and
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mind. You’ll also feel better and
accomplish more.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):
Get out shopping. You will find
items you’ve been looking for. You
are likely to find something you
love.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):
You’ll have several opportunities
that come your way. Your num-
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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan 19):
Family get-togethers will be warm
and intimate. You may meet some-
one new through a relative.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):
Don’t let your friends talk you
into something you don’t want
to do. You’ll be disappointed if
your partner doesn’t simplify
with your plans. Show a little compass-
ion and your partner may get your
way.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):
Socially, you’ll anticipate
changes. Take advantage of
opportunities that come your way.

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Men's Basketball

Taking the lead

◆ Irish find continuity in returning seniors, coach

By KERRY SMITH
Sports Writer

With one more exhibition outing left before the Irish kick off their regular season schedule, head coach Mike Brey sees a big difference in this year's squad from last season's: continuity and established leadership.

"I feel more comfortable in terms of the guys having more of a grasp of what we want," Brey said. "I think we didn't learn that until January last year. I think right out of the gate we know who we are and what our priorities are in our program."

While the Irish lost their big man down front when junior Troy Murphy elected to enter the NBA draft rather than return for his senior season, the Irish retained something important: Brey.

After losing former head coach Matt Doherty to the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill after just one year meaning the Irish bench, Brey's return for a second season gave the Irish some continuity heading into the off-season and the opportunity to establish a more-defined team identity.

"That's a huge thing for our basketball program continuity, or lack of," Brey said. "Starting with that right there helps us. My style, my personality, they will adapt to the teacher, they just need to know who that teacher is."

Over his 16-month tenure at Notre Dame, Brey has watched leadership on the Irish emerge from several of his upperclassmen — namely the three senior captains Ryan Humphrey, David Graves and Harold Swanagan along with junior Matt Carroll.

"What helped me sleep last summer was to think of those three seniors and Matt Carroll and how much college basketball they've played and how much they've won," Brey said.

The senior captains are putting all those basketball games — wins and losses — to good use in leading the younger squad members and newcomers to the team.

"It's kind of fun. You get to run things and help the team out and impose your will on everyone else," Swanagan said.

As far as Swanagan goes, that will have been hard work and determination on and off the court.

On the court, Swanagan has emerged as a non-flashy motivator who may not score the most points, but keeps the Irish on offense and in the running during close games.

That reputation has come with a lot of hard work.

"I did a lot of conditioning and running to get my weight down so I can play better and last longer," Swanagan said.

Along with Swanagan, Humphrey and Graves have shown from the gate this season that they're ready to step up into a more vocal leadership role.

"What I found was 20 minutes into the first practice, I took a deep breath and saw Humphrey helping [Jordan] Cornette and Graves helping Chris Thomas and that's what continuity is supposed to do," Brey said. "The older guys who have been in the system are helping the younger guys, and it helps us coach.

That leadership and continuity should be evident tonight at 7:00 p.m. when the Irish take on the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill at the Joyce Center. The game will be the last exhibition outing before the Irish take on the University of New Hampshire to open the regular season Nov. 16.

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Men's Tennis

Taborga, Smith earn bid as top 16 team

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Building their reputation as one of the top doubles teams in the nation, seniors Casey Smith and Eric Taborga have earned an at-large bid to participate in the 16-team field at the Omni Hotels National Intercollegiate Indoor Championships in Farmers Branch, Texas.

Smith and Taborga go into the last fall event of the Irish season boasting an 11-3 record and No. 34 national ranking.

Topping eight of their last nine opponents, the Irish duo has made clear their potential to remain serious doubles contenders throughout the rest of the season.

"They get in at-large, which is pretty good. It's pretty hard to do, because there are only 16 doubles teams in the country that get in," Notre Dame head coach Bob Bayliss said. "I think their performance at the JTA All-American Championships, their performance against Southern Cal, and their performance in the regional has shown that they have the chance to be one of the country's better doubles teams."

The pair reached the semifinals at the Omni Hotels Region IV Championships two weeks ago before being defeated by eventual champions Amer Delic and Mike Caliktes of Illinois, a team that Taborga and Smith defeated earlier in the season.

The semifinal loss snapped an eight-match winning streak for the Irish team, dating all the way back to a first-round defeat at the All-American Championships in the beginning of October.

Missing the chance to gain a bid for the National Indoors at the regional event, the Irish were one of only six teams in the nation earning an at-large berth. However, with an incredibly competitive field at this weekend's tournament, the Irish doubles team will no doubt face an uphill battle.

"They are capable of doing extremely well, but it isn't easy," Bayliss said. "They've really had to work at getting pretty good."

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