Nerlinger puts Stanford victory in JEOPARDY!

SMC students express e-mail worries

Mallys says ND needs faculty senate

University president also talks about economic woes at annual senate address
A call to end mass e-mails

Imagine this: about 2,000 random people have access to your e-mail address. They canannonce 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 "out of office." The e-mail appeared under the rather innocent title of "Women's Health at Saint Mary's College." However, it was sent by a somewhat audacious group of students advertising, among other things, free access to the students' dorms, and abortion clinic escorts. It was that last one that really incensed me.

I don't deny that 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 against abortion activists, although I could easily write one. Nonetheless, I should not be forced, in my own personal email 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 absolutely no respect for their fellow students. Can they not find other, less offensive, way to advertise their questionable activities?

Why must I be forced to have my supposedly personal e-mail polluted with this trash?

We have been told time and time again that the Board of Governance is looking into the matter. But they drag their feet. They have known about this problem since the start of the year and yet have done nothing. Wednesday afternoon The Observer reported that the BOG believes they have authority to implement their Lister's plan by this January at the very earliest. Rudeness and disrespect aren't going to wait for the BOG.

I suppose one of these students might be a minority. Perhaps they would have a similar reaction to mine if I sent out an e-mail advertising free information about various racist groups in the South Bend area. I don't doubt that many people besides minority groups in arms. Is this the path we are heading down?

This matter cannot be ignored any longer.

Something must be done about the mass e-mail problem now, before someone is truly hurt. In its attempt to increase communication, this e-mail policy was created, but has been seriously abused. These audacious students have barely crossed the line between communication and outright disrespect. For the sake of the college and the dignity of its students, Saint Mary's Student Affairs Office must find a way to screen such e-mails before they reach the entire student body. Immediately.

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Teresa Fralish

Copy Editor

Correction/Clarification

Beauyond Campus

Legislature cuts U. Nebraska budget by $20M

LINCOLN, Neb. As bills that aim to cut University of Nebraska's budget by nearly $2 million over the next two years advanced through the Legislature Tuesday, speakers at the Academic Senate meeting expressed, of all things, gratitude.

"I never thought I would be happy and excited about receiving only a $20 million cut," said University of Nebraska-Lincoln Chancellor Harvey Perlman, "but I find myself oddly in that position."

The proposed cuts are pared down from Gov. Mike Johanns' originally planned cut of $38.8 million for the NU system.

Although the amount of the cut has not been finalized yet, Perlman said the university's principle governing body, the Board of Regents, will make its decision within the next few weeks, and college deans already have submitted preliminary cut scenarios.

U. Arizona

Student, wife slain in apartment

TUCSON, Ariz. The murder of a University of Arizona chemistry student and his wife Saturday night left fellow students with questions and neighbors in fear, as police continue to investigate.

Police found the bodies of chemistry doctoral student Jianping Yang, 32, and his wife, Yu Yun Chen, 33, slain on Saturday morning.

The Tucson Police Department responded to their apartment on the 2500 block of N. Country Club Road after their 6-year-old daughter called 911 and reported a disturbance in their apartment.

TPD homicide detectives are in the preliminary stages of the investigation.

Teachers at the University of Arizona chemistry department described Yang as quiet, which his advising professor said was rare in people with his determination.

Yang was also devoted to his family. His wife and child regularly visited the department.

U. Hawaii

INS requests records on foreigners

HONOLULU If the Immigration and Naturalization Service finds extensive student visa violations in their purge of the more than 600,000 international students studying in the United States, new regulations and laws could be enacted, according to a local INS official.

Don Radcliffe, INS district director, subpoenaed information on all international students at three universities in Hawaii the University of Hawaii at Manoa, Hawaii Pacific University and Chaminade University of Honolulu.

The information, requested on Oct. 26, includes the names, birth dates, places of birth, addresses and acade­mic status of the more than 1,000 foreign students enrolled at UH-Manoa. The information will be compared to current INS information, Radcliffe said, and student visa noncompliance would be investigated.

The 1,323 foreign students at UH-Manoa are from 77 countries, according to Spring 2001 International Student Services data. The majority of them are graduate students.

National Weather

The AccuWeather.com forecast for noon, Thursday, Nov. 8.

Local Weather

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AccuWeather.com forecast for December conditions and high temperatures

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This Week in at Notre Dame/Saint Mary's

Thursday

Concert: Saint Mary's women's choir, O'Laughlin Auditorium, Moreau Chapel, 8 p.m.

Ceremony: Veteran's Day Recognition, Clarke Auditorium, Moreau Chapel, 10:30 a.m.

Friday

Concert: "The Mad Backgoat," O'Laughlin Auditorium, Moreau Chapel, 8 p.m.

Saturday

Concert: "The Mad Backgoat," O'Laughlin Auditorium, Moreau Chapel, 10:30 a.m.

Sunday

Vespers: Lady Chapel of Sacred Heart Basilica, 7 p.m.
Saint Mary’s hosts Showcase of Careers today

By KATIE RAND
News Writer

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," said Saint Mary’s alumnae, explore different careers and 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 alumnae, 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 Zigel, 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 Advisers, 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 WBYT & WSBB FM.

More information and a complete listing of participating businesses is available at www.saintmarys.edu/ccdc.

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numbers continued to peak each week as a football game approached or a big decision was time to step up with a poll.

"We sent the policy to stu-
dents and asked for feedback about a month ago," said Nagle.

This past Monday, BOG dis-
cussed student reactions they received and unanimously decided to go forward with the policy.

"Most of the feedback we received was asking us to please do something about the problem," said Nagle. "Students are very, very frustrated."

Under the e-mail proposal, each student will still be sub-
scribed to a class list without the option of being unsubscribed, but the information sent out to the list will be limited and filtered through each corresponding class board. If a student wishes to read an e-mail, they will first have to e-mail it to the board. The board will then decide if the e-mail meets the guidelines defining the information it includes.

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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-
serve at any time.

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

"Not so many people are con-
cerned that the policy will change them, 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 won't directly have that anymore."

"It's hard to find the important e-mails when your inbox is cluttered with football ticket e-
mails. It's better just to put up signs so people can contact you, you don't have to go through them," said freshman Stephanie Grammens.

"I think there should be some sort of screening process because it takes up too much time to go through 50 messages and you sometimes miss the important ones," said senior Jessica Hickey.

As well as list serves, a "black message board" is currently being set up on the Saint Mary's web page for students to be able to put up messages about tickets, lost or found items, or anything else that might be of interest to the stu-
dents body.

"This will be a good tool for Saint Mary's College to use. It will pick up the slack on ticket sales, news and current events," said Cusick. "Students can pull the information they want."

These changes take time, though.

"At first there might be a lot of resistance to have a black board," said senior Drusilla Molloy. "It just takes time with technology to get used to it."

Cusick feels confident about the new policy. Now that BOG has endorsed it, they will pass it on 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's and they will take the necessary steps that the students want."

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

"We really wanted the pro-
posal to come from the stu-
dents," said Nagle.

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category. "Legendary Characters." The answer read by Trebek was: "Led by Nichols, a German boy, the Children's Crusade of 1212 may have been hereditary 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 Nerlinger.

"JEOPARDY! really comes down to whether or not you get the final question.

Andrew Nerlinger
Notre Dame senior

The College president, vice president of student affairs, Information Technology, dean of faculty, registrar's office, and the five major boards of gov-
ernment, will also have access to the class e-mails.

Students may also subscribe to as many list-serves as they wish to receive additional infor-

mation of what might interest them.

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Other contests.
"All the players were really nice," he said. "On Saturday and Sunday night we would hang out. We had a really good time."

Nerlinger also had an oppor-
tunity to talk with JEOPARDY! Host Alex Trebek both on and off camera. In yesterday's episode, Trebek asked Nerlinger about the fund he established to send disadvantaged people to Notre Dame football games.

According to Nerlinger, how-
ever, the rest of their conversa-
tion was cut out in the editing process. Nerlinger addressed the game show host as "Mr. Trebek," which the host attributed to the student's Jesuit edu-
cation.

"I said to him, "Actually, Mr. Trebek, it's [Notre Dame] a Holy Cross school," he said.

The correction was not present in the final edition.

Nerlinger, a long-time fan of the show, competed in an intensive selec-
tion process against 2000 col-
lege students from across the country for his slot.

The Notre Dame senior is working on a math and philoso-
phy double major and plans to attend medical school. Nerlinger watched last night's show with a group of students at LaFayette.

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Two gunmen kill judge in Spain: Suspected separatists shot a judge to death in northern Basque country Wednesday, police said, just one day after a Madrid car bombing injured nearly 100 people. The successive attacks, blamed on the Basque group ETA, dashed hopes that the separatists might disarm in the wake of the Sept. 11 terror attacks in the United States, following the lead of the Irish Republican Army. More than 800 people have been killed during ETA's 25-year drive for an independent Basque homeland.

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 remain 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 essentially repeals the state's assisted-suicide law. The lawsuit, filed by Attorney General Hardy Myers in U.S. District Court, seeks to temporarily overturn the federal government from implementing a new order barring doctors from prescribing federally controlled substances to hasten the deaths of terminally ill patients.

Senate panel votes on Cuba trade: A Senate committee voted Wednesday to loosen restrictions on food exports to Cuba by Wednesday by voice vote. The panel approved the trade portion on Wednesday over a federal directive that essentially repeals the state's assisted-suicide law.

INDIANA News Briefs

Officials control jail population: People arrested in Vanderburgh County on charges such as resisting arrest on a suspended license could be less likely to go immediately to jail in the future. In an effort to reduce the overcrowding, the 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.

Bush, Blair confident of victory

Associated Press
WASHINGTON
President Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair, allies in the war on terrorism, confidently offered back-to-back pledges of victory on Wednesday, no matter how long it takes.

At their joint White House news conference, Bush again cautioned patience, saying the anti-terror fight "is not one of these Kodak moments" but was steadily making progress.

"We're patient and our close friends are patient, which is bad news for the Taliban and the people they harbor," Bush said, referring to Afghanistan's ruling militia.

Blair said the objectives were to shut down the al-Qaeda terror network, oust the Taliban and replace it with "a new regime that is broad-based" and offers the people of Afghanistan a stable, progressive future. "I have absolutely no doubt at all that we will achieve them in full, and we will not let up until we do," Blair said.

Even as they predicted victory over al-Qaeda, Bush and Blair both said they were working to achieve peace in the Middle East. "There's no doubt in my mind. We'll bring al-Qaeda to justice, peace or no peace in the Middle East," said the president.

"We don't need an arms control agreement to convince us to reduce our nuclear weapons down substantially, and I'm going to do it," he said.

Bush came to office supporting development of a missile defense program and saying the Cold War-era Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty prohibiting such technology was outdated.

He said that if Putin has "some interesting suggestions on how to make the ABM treaty not outdated and not succumb, I'm more than willing to listen."

Neither the president nor the prime minister offered any specifics to support their optimism on terrorism, and there was no mention at the news conference of calls for a bombing halt in the months-long air war over Afghanistan.

Senators seek Americorps growth

Associated Press
WASHINGTON
AmeriCorps, set up eight years ago to encourage young people to do public service, should be expanded to include work on homeland defense, Sens. John McCain and Evan Bayh said Wednesday.

The senators are seeking a five-fold increase in the program, bringing the number of volunteers to 250,000 by 2010, with 100,000 of the new volunteers devoted to security needs, such as public health programs and disaster relief.

"No one argues there is going to be increased security requirements," McCain, R-Ariz., said at a news conference announcing the bill he's sponsoring with Bayh, D-Ind. "If we can fulfill part of that requirement with programs like these, I think it will save the taxpayer a significant amount of money."

The legislation also would encourage military recruiting by doubling scholarship benefits to $15,600 and offering a short-term military enlistment plan. Participants could sign up for 18 months of active duty — instead of the minimum of two years — followed by 18 months of reserve duty and earn an $18,000 bonus at the end of the service.

McCain said he envisions the short-term recruits replacing National Guard troops guarding the Capitol, nuclear power plants or water systems.

The bill also would assign a committee to find new ways for seniors to volunteer and, after 200 hours of work, offer $1,000 the volunteer can use for a child's education.

House Republicans tried to eliminate funding for AmeriCorps last summer but later restored money to the program, which was promoted by President Clinton.

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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 Dia 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 to remember all the good we were permitted to experience and listen to us and pray with us.

When we pray, what are we to think of death and those who have died? We are still connected with them through our prayers, and they may need our help now more than ever.

There are many things we can do to remember our beloved dead. A powerful way to pray for them is to have a Mass offered for them. (You can do this through the Basilica offices or you can ask your rector how to do this.) Also, you will notice an open book just in front of the sanctuary in the Basilica and in many chapels on campus as well. Feel free to inscribe the name of the dead in one of those books, and to pray for the names of those already there. Visit a cemetery and ask that God receive the souls of those whose bodies are there into Heaven. Offer small sacrifices during the day for the good of the souls in Purgatory. Most of all, call to mind the good things you shared with your friend or relative, and keep them alive in your heart.

We have to admit that death is a difficult subject. From a human point of view, it is a tragedy, a horrible loss. But death is not the final answer! The Resurrection of Jesus Christ has opened the gates of Heaven to all who follow and believe. Especially during the month of November, let us pray for the dead and for those who mourn their passing. May our prayers strengthen our faith and our communion with our brothers and sisters. And know that we will see our beloved dead again – in the Resurrection of the Just.
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Council, Malloy and the Board of Trustees.

"It shouldn't be surprising that there have been instances when the faculty has been frustrated. When administrators have been frustrated, when the faculty has been frustrated, it's my experience of relating to faculty individually that Notre Dame is a great place to be," Malloy said. "There's temperaments, personalities, people who you like more than others. But in general, this is a great place to be an administrator."

In past years, Malloy has turned to the senate for input on the University's sexual harassment policy, he said. Notre Dame professors also play key roles on an advisory committee to Provost Nathan Hatch and the faculty committee on athletics that reports to Malloy.

"It's been a very vibrant group and has historically had a good relationship with the administration," Brogan said of the senate.

"This group could be so interesting and so vital that my life could be a lot more difficult," Malloy joked. In other business, Malloy expressed concerns 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.

Malloy also issued a vague to the feasibility of future campus construction initiatives. The University has announced plans for expanded engineering and law school facilities and a new hotel.

"Each of these projects requires funding before we can move ahead. Very seldom is a building partially funded by a benefactor."

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FACULTY SENATE

Joint committee closer to reality

- Senate, Academic Council to explore faculty governance

By JASON McFARLEY
News Editor

At the recommendation of Provost Nathan Hatch, nine faculty senators and Academic Council members will explore the possibility of a joint committee between the two bodies, Senate chair Jacqueline Brogan said.

The move advanced the cause of an embattled senate to this year redefine its role in faculty governance at the University.

"The Academic Council is incredibly interested in keeping the senate going," Brogan told the senate at its regular meeting Wednesday.

At the Academic Council's meeting this week, the provost encouraged the formation of a joint committee that could look into the restructuring the senate. Seated will be the five members of the senate's executive committee, including Brogan, and the Academic Council member's who sit on both that body's executive and faculty affairs committee.

The senate at its Oct. 10 meeting announced plans for a joint committee with the Academic Council and intentions to cut the senate's membership by nearly a third.

For a body that has fought with itself over the issue of whether to continue its existence, the plans are perhaps an ambitious plan to restructure the senate and to regain power at the University.

"There are issues on which the senate needs an advocacy body for its own interests," said senator Michael Zuckert, who last summer helped outline plans for the restructuring plan. "There are lots of University issues on which a faculty perspective is needed - academic freedom, student life issues."

The senate is essential to the University's well-being, according to Zuckert, because a faculty-only body provides a far different perspective from mixed representation groups such as the Academic and Campus Life councils, which include students and administrators in their memberships.

Prevailing sentiment toward the senate, however, is that the group is powerless and ineffective. That was the impetus for the move in May to dissolve the body.

"The senate is widely received to be powerless. It only debates things and passes resolutions that are then ignored," Zuckert said.

He likened being in the senate to sitting on an elementary school student council.

Zuckert said opening the lines of communication between senators and their constituency as well as linking the senate more tightly to the Academic Council - were the cornerstones of the restructuring plan.

Drafted by a senate ad hoc committee last summer, the plan would cut the senate's membership from 53 voting members to 37. It would also add an additional four faculty representatives to the Academic Council.

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Orchestra presents concert tonight

Special to The Observer

The Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra will present its fall concert tonight at 8 p.m. in Washington Hall.

The concert is free and open to the public.

The symphony orchestra is under the direction of Daniel Stowe, assistant professional specialist in Notre Dame's Department of Music.

Stowe also is conductor of the Notre Dame Glee Club and Collegium Musicum.

For more information on this or other events sponsored by the Notre Dame Department of Music, please call 631-6201, email congoers@nd.edu or visit the Web site at http://www.nd.edu/~congoers.

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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 sift through information and, theoretically, thwart potential terrorist attacks.

"This is software that really could help the country and it's already working 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 governor 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, but White House spokesman Ken Lusin said with its re-sculpted 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. CEO Larry Ellison, who is offering to provide the software for a national identification card.

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

"This is software that really could help the country and it's already working in the wings," Bishop said.

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 opportunistic in this situation, but we want to try to do whatever we can to help," said PeopleSoft's director of marketing, Tom Pyden.

Siebel's "homeland security" software is designed to help authorities track down potential terrorists.

Motorola spends
$6.6 billion in China

Associated Press

CHICAGO - Motorola Inc. said Wednesday it plans 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 investment in 1992, according to spokeswoman Jennifer Weyrauch.

In a brief statement issued from its Schaumburg headquarters, Motorola said it intends to be a leader in wireless, Internet and broad-based 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 13,000 employees, including more than 1,000 engineers and researchers. It is involved in eight joint ventures, provides training and consults to Chinese businesses and technicians, and maintains an extensive network of local suppliers.

As part of its commitment, Motorola is also providing 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 December.

Motorola shares declined by 7 cents to close at $17.43 Wednesday on the New York Stock Exchange.
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NEW YORK

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.

Jackson's "Invincible" sold 366,272 copies in its first week of release in the United States; it also debuted at No. 1 in a dozen countries overseas. The album succeeded despite mixed to harsh criticism from music reviewers. The headline of Entertainment Weekly's review was "Jackson's "Invincible" sold far fewer than the 1.9 million copies that "N Sync's "Celebrity" moved in its debut week last summer. Even last week's No. 1 debut, from gruff rapper DMX, sold 439,957 copies.

Still, it was one of the best debuts of Jackson's career, which is filled with top-selling discs, including the all-time best-seller "Thriller." But 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 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 the 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 get a glimpse of the star, clad in a blue sweatsuit.

While no media were permitted inside, MTV's Carson Daly interviewed Jackson briefly for his "TRL" show across the street, congratulating him on having the nation's best-selling disc.

Jackson may get a boost when his much-hyped 30th anniversary concerts, held in September at Madison Square Garden, are aired as a two-hour, CBS prime-time special Tuesday.

Calderone said it's critical for Jackson to keep a high profile since more top-sellers — including Creed and Kid Rock — will debut discs in the next few weeks.

"He's gotta continue this," Calderone said. "The people that he's competing against on the chart... all these guys are out there all the time, and they're not hiding, and that's the way you maintain the sales story."

So far, Calderone said, Jackson hasn't done that. His only major interview has been with TV Guide, to promote the CBS special. And his few public outings have not been well received; the Madison Square Garden concerts were skewered by critics as boastful and tacky, while his performance at last month's United We Stand concert in Washington was marred by technical glitches.

More importantly, audiences gave a lukewarm response to his first single, "You Rock My World." After debuting high, it quickly fell out of the top 10 and now hovers in the bottom half of Billboard's Top 100 singles chart.

The video, 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 Kron, 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.

"Whether it will be enough to sustain Jackson's latest comeback is another question," Dudley said. "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 Auschwitz Day approaches I dedicate this column to the memory of those who perished there and similarly elsewhere.

In 1933 Heinrich Himmler transformed this defunct ammunition 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 had held more than 200,000. Every prisoner entered through iron gates over which hang the words, Arbeit Macht Frei — "Work Makes One Free.

Few knew they would be worked to death. The population included Catholic priests, Protestants, Jehovah's Witnesses, the homeless, gypsies, political dissenters and moral opponents. Jews comprised only 11 percent of the population, since most were sent to extermination camps in Poland.

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 drilld 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, poplars planted by the prisoners 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 depicts experiments conducted by the infamous Dr. Rascher. By exposing prisoners to subzero 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 wore expressions of curiosity as if their subject were no more than a laboratory animal. The prisoner's face, unforgettably, bore confusion 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 rows upon rows 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, even the dead, whose corpses were dragged out for a complete headcount. The rain, hard and freezing, had driven other visitors inside random buildings, emptying the exposed grounds.

A sense of desolation pervaded the compound. Soaked through and cold as ground as I trod then, feeling worlds apart from the sight of the narrow hallway. Each room contained radiators, which SS officers would often turn off during the winter to torment prisoners.

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The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

Let us never forget.
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. The one reader, or not having sex right now, unless your significant other bosses you enough that you feel compelled to read the paper while in action. And I, the author, am not having sex, unless Satan is ice-skating as we speak.

Now you’d think that my enviably perfect life as a Notre Dame student should have the ladies lined up outside my door like I was distributing U2 tickets, but oddly enough, this is not the case. Actually, I don’t want to give the impression that I’m some kind of sex-deprived Phantom of the Opera, writing my Observer opuses in horrific solitude from high atop the Fourth Floor of O’Neill Hall. I’m doing as well as any male, non-athlete, that I expect to be expected to do. It’s this campus that’s in trouble. That’s right, Notre Dame’s in trouble. I’m not talking about Bob Davie’s pending resignation. I’m not talking about the bookstore’s 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 body resembles their guns. I’m talking about sex. Or rather, the lack of it. I don’t remember reading in the brochure here that the requirements were calculus, theology, philosophy and celibacy. If I had wanted to shut myself off from sex I would have joined the seminary. Or the band.

And there is no doubt that Notre Dame, pound for pound has less sex than most colleges. Actually, pound for pound Notre Dame has less sex than most nursing homes. This is a disturbing fact for many people. And by people, I mean me. Especially because I came to college specifically to have large amounts of illicit sex.

Before I start hearing derivative comments about film and theatre majors, you should know, of course I came to college for “learning.” But the same time I came to be in close proximity to thousands of females of my own age. It was to be glorious. My parents were four hours away. Her inhibitions would be tossed away like an old Milii Vanilli T-shirt. And then I ran smack dab into du Lac. It’s obvious that the administration doesn’t want us to have sex and they show this through their rules. Parentals take care of any random sexual skirmishes that might just happen hours in private. To make sure nothing untoward happens in 24-hour spaces, girls’ dorms have Nazi war criminals sitting behind the security desks. The rectortesses just made them take off the swastikas and put on huge blue shirts. And just to be thorough, you can still technically get expelled for having premarital sex.

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First, I would like to nominate her guardsman for the Parents of the Year Award and second, the girl herself for the Most Gall Exhibited by a Spoiled Brat Certificate. This occurrence caused me to contemplate the conduct of my generation and the thought did not fill me with pride.

What my peers need to learn is so inherently simple that most 5-year-olds comprehend it: you do not take something that does not belong to you. Just because you want something does not mean that you are entitled to it.

Many members of my generation seem to feel that rules apply only to everyone but themselves, that they are somehow exempt from the basic codes of conduct that benefit us all. Ah, but it was only a poster. Or perhaps it was more than that. Perhaps it was a warning sign.

Joe Muto
Lavin’ on a Prayer

Respect your fellow man

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November 6, 2001

Demonstrate the Notre Dame spirit

I had the rare opportunity to share the experience that is Notre Dame football with my family recently. I am a senior and my father had been unable to attend a home game in previous years. So here we were.

The Notre Dame-USC game on Oct. 20 was a first for my family, and we took advantage of it. We watched the band play on the steps on Bond Hall, we ordered burgers from one of the club concession stands, we took pictures at the Library, the stadium, even my dorm room.

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.

It wasn’t raining, unlike the West Virginia game, and my family was excited to be here. I caught my father reading the football media guide a few times on Saturday morning.

No sooner had the game started, than the clogging began. “What the hell are they doing?” “Oh, he’s such a jerk!” “This is pathetic.” I looked behind me to expect, seeing, surely, a slightly less-than-super USC fan, mocking Notre Dame’s current on-field struggles.

I was wrong. Behind me stood a guy somewhere between 17 and 21, a so-called Notre Dame fan, criticizing every Irish play. I can only — and did only — regret that this was a Notre-Dame student or alum.

By choosing to associate ourselves — either as a student, member of the faculty or staff or even a non-affiliated fan — with Notre Dame, we choose to associate ourselves with class, dignity and spirit. We choose to act as representatives of a University that we believe creates “the leaders of tomorrow.” By behaving in ways that fly in the face of these concepts, we tarnish not only ourselves, but Notre Dame as well.

I understand the history that surrounds Notre Dame football, the lofty expectations of our players, both on and off the field and current disappointment with the team’s record, as well as the coaching staff. But Notre Dame transcends such things and loyal sons and daughters of Our Lady understand this.

As a senior I have seen my share of football fiascos — but I realize there is truly more to Notre Dame than our football record.

We speak often of the Notre Dame spirit, the Notre Dame way. The Sept. 11 mass on South Quad truly illustrated the Notre Dame spirit. Defending an athlete as a jerk does not.

The Irish 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 alumni 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.

Rachel Swartz
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November 7, 2001
VHS has two years to live

By MATT NANIA
Scene Movie Editor

The Bakersville Communications Corp. has found in a study that worldwide spending on VHS will overtake worldwide spending on VHS in 2003, with DVD players reaching 625 million homes. What your friend 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 when that technology is affordable for DVD, the format will plummet 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 canon 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.

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 top it 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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MOVIE REVIEW

Pixar's monstrous track record continues

By MATT NANIA
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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, ensuring that adolescent period of refinement. Pixar's films have been an evolution before our eyes, and "Monsters, Inc.," 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 Pete Docter and his supporting team of creative talent are free to streamline the process already established by Lasseter. This 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 fewer pop culture references — they aren't as crucial as they were in Pixar's previous films (or even more so in DreamWorks's "Shrek") — and with less time devoted to standup comedy, this film is by far the fastest-moving of Pixar's titles.

Indeed, "Monsters, Inc."

is the speeded-up Porsche of the bunch, ready for the open road in its non-stop delivery of images 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 demagoguery 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 afoot in the form of the serpentine Randall (Steve Buscemi), who plots to eviscerate 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 beast 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 partial to the ubiquitous pop culture references that became trendy overnight (again, watch "Shrek" to find out), then it is masterful of situational comedy. Much like "Toy Story 2," the film doesn't play out like a bunch of gags strung together, but rather a constant moving laugh-test.

Even if the Pixar features suddenly and shockingly became unfunny, they would still be first-tier entertainment because of the animated excellence. A fine example of Pixar's unparalleled skill in combining visuals, sound, adventure and creativity, is the wild roller coaster-like ride through the innards of the Monsters, Inc. factory near the end of the film. It provides the final burst of energy in a movie that is perfectly paced and timed at about 90 minutes long (the ironclad running length for current animated features), and it raises the bar for Pixar's future releases.

The constantly escalating expectations of fans may be Pixar's only challenge; they've clearly mastered the formula while managing not to seem formulaic.

The tradition that began with "Toy Story" and continued with "A Bug's Life" and "Toy Story 2" is still going in "Monsters, Inc," another superb addition to Pixar's library of priceless titles.

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Photo courtesy of Disney/Pixar

Billy Crystal and John Goodman provide the voices of Mike (left) and his big, hairfriend, Sulley.
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 instants that can only be described as “Lynchian.”

These Lynchian moments stood out as a solitary beacon of hope while the “dumbing-down” of films persisted through the 1960s and 1980s. Like the great Orson Welles, Lynch’s full recognition as master artist; that is, his brilliance and genius, still has 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.

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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 the intent of his 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 true 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 not wanting 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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T h e rashers from losin g for the th at cou n ted  in th e fin a l tw o at 12:29, taking a pass from the power play.

Holik needed only 47 seconds to lead the New Jersey Devils to his second gam e-winner of the season. Pittsburgh w as on a 2-0-0-

ed across the crease, defended by Ian M oran, and with one hand got enough of the puck to push it, in the goal. Florida took a 2-0 lead just 24 seconds into the third period. Adams, positioned in front of Holik, deflected a high shot from Niklas Hagman.

Panthers 2, Penguins 0

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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 Olympics.

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."

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 1,762 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 after 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 season went," Grossman said. "The next three games are the three biggest games I've ever been involved with."
Dave's best not good enough

For the past few weeks, the most good sport Notre Dame's campus has not been football, soccer or basketball, but rather a sport I've come to call "Bash-bashing." It seems like everyone you ask has his own expert opinion on just what Bob Davie is doing wrong and what should be done to solve the Irish team's struggles.

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

At 3-5, it is almost a foregone conclusion that this will be Davie's last season and 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 an understrength freshman quarterback deserves some respect in my book.

However, after watching Notre Dame's performance this season and reflecting on my three years here, my opinion has come to change.

Before I go any further, let me make one thing quite clear: I do not think that, given the chance, I could take Davie's head job and lead Notre Dame to a BCS berth myself (as an assertion I've heard more than one intoxicated friend make). And I certainly don't think that I'm a better person than Davie. I've only met him once, but he seems like one hell of a good guy.

That being said, I have noticed a number of symptoms that Notre Dame teams have exhibited all too frequently under Davie's watch. Let me begin with the most troubling: Bob Davie's teams lack a killer instinct. The game against West Virginia this year was a perfect example of a contest that the Irish appeared to have in hand. Then, before the second quarter, a three-and-out here and a couple of penalties there opened the door back up for the Mountaineers. Fortunately, Davie's team prevailed in the end, but not before providing its fans with plenty of undue stress. And even more frustrating was last year's game against top-ranked Nebraska. With more than a minute on the clock and the score tied, Davie chose to kick on the field rather than take a chance of winning in regulation. The Irish ended up losing in overtime, much to the dismay of fans and shocked players.

After awhile, a team comes to inherit its coach's attitude. How can fans expect the players to perform like champions when their coach shows such little faith in their abilities?

Davie's teams make big mistakes at crucial moments in games. Think back to the key play of the Tennessee game. Holiday's interception late in the fourth quarter. Remember what happened on the fake play that On first-and-10 from the Irish 25, half the blockers looked like they didn't know what was being called and Holiday was sacked for a nine-yard loss. Such confusion is unacceptable in such an important stage of the game, especially considering that the offense had an entire TV timeout to coordinate their gameplan.

The play brought back bad memories of the Purdue fiasco two years ago, when the confusion created by an infamously bad "fake option" on the 1-yard line led to a sack, and an eventual loss as time expired on the Irish.

Great coaches make sure all their players are on the same page before he sends them onto the field, especially on game-deciding drives.

Whereas I said and done, this school deserves better, the players themselves deserve better, and even Davie deserves better than what we have all experienced over the past five years. Davie is a good man I wish him the best of luck wherever he goes. I expect him to play better than he ever has.

Randle to miss first game

Associated Press

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

The defensive tackle was in pain 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 signed a $25 million, five-year contract with a $5 million signing bonus in March after he was released by Minnesota. Randle played 11 seasons with the Vikings.

He ranks eighth in the NFC with 5 1/2 sacks this season. The six-time Pro Bowl selection has 119 1/2 sacks in his career.

Seattle 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. "He is pretty sore. So we'll 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 Cal 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 Kapani, middle linebacker Levon 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 quick and strong," veteran Broncos center Tom Nalen said. "I think he's playing better than he ever 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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WASHINGTON — Before the game, "I'm the band-aid man. I'm the positive one now," Washington's four points and Mark Jackson made consecutive 3-pointers.

The Knicks 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.

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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.

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Carter converted a three-point play with 3:30 remaining to give Toronto a 16-point lead. 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.

Celtics 104, Wolves 95
Michael Jordan was unable to carry Washington in the last seven minutes as the Boston Celtics held off the Wizards with a rare balanced attack.

Carter scored 32 points, the most in the five games of his comeback, and gave Washington an 81-80 lead with a three-point play that ended an 11-0 run with 7:16 left.

But the Wizards never led again as five Celtics scored in double figures, led by Anthony 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, 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.

The Netherlands finally was stopped.

On the next possession, he drove into three Celtics and missed a shot. He got the rebound but was called for traveling. The shot clock 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 2:49 to go.

Washington closed to 98-94 on Chris Whitney's three-point shot, but Walker scored the next six points. That made Jordan's free throw with 23 seconds to play meaningless only because it allowed him to pass him by scoring a two-hand high of 31.

In the fifth game of his last comeback in 1995, after he played minor league baseball, Jordan scored 11 of his 16 points against New York.

Laetner 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 3-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 at the buzzer, but Walker blocked it.

Pacers 116, Kings 104
Al Harrington scored 22 points and Reggie Miller added 20 as the Indiana Pacers used a 14-4 fourth-quarter run to beat the Sacramento Kings. Sacramento built a 10-point lead in the third quarter as the Pacers missed their first 10 shots of the half. The Kings 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 97-81 lead early in the fourth.

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

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

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

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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 15 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 Minnesota 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."

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

The tournament, sponsored by Ikon, has raised $2 million for cancer research, a subject close to Arizona's Arizona's 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 to 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. The only starter back is point guard Jason Gardner and he applied for the draft, then decided to return.

"Our point guards through the years have been outstanding and Jason fits into that mold," Olson said. "The biggest thing he and Luke Walton and Rick Anderson have to do is provide leadership for these young players who have no clue what Division I basketball is all about."

"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 Springfield, Mass., hasn't changed him one bit."

"We don't have a lot of quality players on our ball club," he said in his usual self-deprecating manner, "We have Lynn Greer and Kevin Lyde but we'll be missing David Hawkins. We felt very good sophomore year and limited him to 14 games last year."

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Losses leave Irish with little more than pride

By ANDREW SOUCUP

At the beginning of the season, the Irish had lofty expectations. They were ranked No. 4 in the nation and the top 10. They talked about making a BCS 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 that’s exactly what the fact that we are getting better.”

“Tough to argue with Dave’s attitude,” linebacker Courtney Watson said. “A lot of times, all you can talk about is the negatives if you’re having the season like this. But there are a lot of positives.”

However, with words like tradition and respect being thrown at Irish players almost daily, players say the rest of the season is all about pride. And without being pressed, Davie said he has no problem saying that his team is playing for pride.

“I talked to our players today, and when you say you’re playing for pride, I’m fine with that,” he said after practice Monday. “That’s not a minimal thing for me. That’s a major thing. That’s really all you have to begin with. We’re playing for pride. We’re planning to have a chance to have a winning season.”

“I think from the very beginning you’re playing for pride,” Watson said. “From the beginning of the season, people put expectations on us, on the team. That’s what we’ve put expectations on ourselves, and that’s all we can live up to. You can’t come in and try to satisfy anyone else. From the beginning, you’re playing for pride. People try to come in and tell you you’re playing for pride, but that’s all you had to begin with anyway.”

The current situation is similar to the one Watson faced when he was a freshman two years ago. In 1999, the Irish finished the season 5-7, the first time since 1986 the Irish had a losing record. But the next year, the Irish finished the regular season 9-2 and earned a berth in a BCS bowl.

“When I came in, it was the same type of situation,” Watson said. “I try to tell the younger guys to keep your head up. You go from 5-7 to 9-3 and the Fiesta Bowl and we had the same players, the same coaches, and the same team.”

But as much as Watson and other upperclassmen try to prevent it from happening, players like center Jeff Faine said they see younger players getting ready to throw in the towel and look toward next season.

“There are some guys, especially the young guys, who think the season is over,” he said last week. “We can still turn this season around … You’ve got to bounce back. You can’t ever accept losing.”

At the beginning of the season, nobody could have imagined that the Irish would be starting a 3-5 record in the face. But after Boston College tailback William Green ran all over the Irish defense two weeks ago and the offense fumbled away a golden chance for an upset against Tennessee last week, the Irish are just one loss away from bowl elimination.

“We feel we should be sitting here with five straight wins,” Watson 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 BCS 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’re darned right I’d want to go play,” he said.

With the bulk of the coaches’ and players’ attention focused on Nasy 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 it — 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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Thursday, Nov. 8


7:00 p.m. Film, Taste of Cherry, Carey Auditorium, Hesburgh Library*

7:00 p.m. Sea Assault Awareness Week Question and Answer Session with Advisory Board, LaFortune Student Center Foster Room

7:00 p.m. Mr. ND Pagent, Alumni Senior Club

7:30 p.m. Men’s Basketball vs. EA Sports All-Stars, Joyce Center*

7:30 p.m. Play: “A Midsummer Night’s Dream,” by the actors from the London Stage, Riley High School*

7:30 p.m. Jim Foreman, "Bearing the Gift of Peace: Thomas Menyon’s Advice to Peacemakers," DeBartolo 102

8:00 p.m. Concert: ND Symphony Orchestra, Washington Hall

8:00 p.m. “Si lo gento quiere conocer came, If the People Want to Eat Meat, Let Them Eat Meat, The Remarkable Story of My Brother,” Performance Artist and Bilingual Storyteller, Antonio Sace, Annenburg Auditorium

8:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Drop In Lacrosse, Rolfs Sports Recreation Center

8:30 p.m. - Midnight ND Express Pool Room open, free billiards, LaFortune Student Center

8:30 p.m. - Midnight Acoustic Cafe, LaFortune Huddle

9:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Karaoke contest and dance, Alumni Senior Club

Saturday, Nov. 10

5:00 p.m. Morrisey Unplugged, Morrisey Manor (begins at 4:00 p.m.)

6:00 p.m. Lista de espera/Wait List, presented by director Juan Carlos Tabio, Carey Auditorium, Hesburgh Library

7:00 p.m. Men’s Hockey vs. Ferris State, Joyce Center Fieldhouse

7:30 p.m. Asian Allure, Washington Hall* Play: “A Midsummer Night’s Dream,” by the actors from the London Stage, Riley High School*

7:30 p.m. Movies: American Pie2 and American Pie, DeBartolo 101 and 155*

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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 National Player of the Year, Shane Battier, and still be considered the favorite to repeat as National Champions. This year's Duke squad features the best player in the country and likely future No. 1 NBA draft pick in point guard Jason Williams. Duke's starting line-up is scary considering that all of these players are potential first round draft picks in the NBA. In addition to Williams, the starting lineup will include center Carlos Boozer, forwards Mike Dunleavy, Jr. and Rutgers transfer Dahntay Jones, and guard Chris Duhon.

No. 2 Maryland
Duke's toughest competition will likely come from within its own conference. The Torps, an ACC rival, nearly beat the Blue Devils in last year's Final Four until their substantial first-half lead came crushing down in the second half. Junior point guard Steve Blake was the only player who was able to contain Duke's Williams last year. Maryland senior center Lenny Baxter and senior shooting guard Juan Dixon will form a potent inside-outside combination that will be difficult for opposing teams to stop.

No. 3 Kentucky
Tubby Smith's 2001 squad has a legitimate chance to compete for the NCAA title because of the decisions of All-Americans Tayshaun Prince and Keith Bogans to return for their senior and junior years respectively. Prince, a small forward and last year's SEC player of the year, is one of the best offensive performers in the country, while shooting guard Bogans takes it strong to the hole every time. The Wildcats received some bad news this summer when starting center Jason Parker went down with a season-ending knee 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 Jeff Boschee, the head-up play of point guard Drew Heinrich and the deft touch of last year's NCAA leading rebounder is an absolute animal on the glass, while Hecker's ability to slash to the basket is a nightmare for defenders.

No. 5 Florida
Much like the Iowa Hawkeyes, the Florida Gators have a great young coach of their own in Billy Donovan. Although the Gators lost senior guard Troy Dopay over the summer for violating NCAA rules, the Gators are still strong returning the starters in the SEC. This year's Gator team will depend on the presence of senior all-American center Shaquille O'Neal to lead the paint and the playmaking ability of flashy guard Brett Nelson.

No. 6 Illinois
The Fighting Illini have the depth they need to battle with the Big Ten's Big Ten Championship. Point 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 unwelcome news in scrappy forward small forward Lucas Johnson was lost for the season due to a knee injury suffered in practice.

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 Don Gallant can't stay out of foul trouble and if highly touted freshmen Cedric Beamer and Dion 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 junior Drew Gooden and Nick Collison. With the head-ups play of point guard Drew Heurturich and the left touch of shooting guard Jeff Benchche, the Jayhawks won't be too shabby in the backcourt either. This team will miss the athleticism of departing senior Kenny Gregory, but they are once again still the pre-season favorites to win the Big 12 Conference.

No. 9 Missouri
The Bruins won't be too shabby in the paint and if highly touted freshman forward Uka Agbai to main guard Christ Thomas lives up to his hype, UCLA could be a very dangerous team in March.

No. 10 Virginia
Virginia is once again still the pre-season favorite to win the ACC, an absolute glass cleaner, while Hall's incredibly dynamic and show-blocking ability make him one of the more exciting players to watch in college basketball.

No. 11 Memphis
With Murray State's Dusty Johnson was lost for the season due to a knee injury, the Cardinal will be a formidable force in the Pac-10.

No. 12 St. Joseph's
St. Joe's Martin O'Connor has 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 past 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 twins, 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 sophomore forward Julian Simmons to have a breakout season. When power forward Toys 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 outstanding 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 Kwan Walls to have another strong year from three point land and forward Uka Agbai to main guard Christ Thomas lives up to his hype, UCLA could be a very dangerous team in March.

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 some of five starters from last year's squad including perhaps the most athleticism of the nation's best player in forward Majestic Mapp who suffered a severe leg injury, the Cardinal will be a formidable force in the Pac-10.

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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 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.

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Bob Bayliss
Irish head coach

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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Look at your surroundings and find

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GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Socialize with friends. You may

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Don't be too sure that you'll make

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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 retains something important: Brey.

After losing former head coach Matt Doherty to the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill after just one year manning 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, hurts you," 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 that teacher has watched leadership on the Irish emerge from several of his upperclassmen — namely the three senior captains Ryan Humphrey, David Graves and Harold Swanagan.

"What helped me sleep last summer was to think of those three seniors and what they're doing and what they're saying and how they get in the 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 7:30 p.m. when the Irish take on the EA Sports All-Stars 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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Sports Writer

Men's Tennis

Taborga, Smith earn bid as top 16 team

By RACHEL BIBER

Building their reputation as one of the top doubles teams in the nation, seniors Casey Smith and Javier 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 a 13-2 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 Valkics 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 not 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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