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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Members approve future budget

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Writer

Members of the Council of Representatives exerted their most powerful authority when they approved the Student Union budget for the 2005-06 school year at Monday's meeting.

This year's discretionary allocations totaled nearly \$361,000, a figure slightly higher than last year's allocation of nearly \$357,000.

But funding requests far exceeded the amount of money available. Student Union organizations requested over \$577,100 in funds, almost double the total amount allocated.

The Club Coordination Council appealed for more funds for cam-

pus clubs and organizations as a response to an increase in the number of clubs from 166 to 174 and a twofold increase in the number of active members.

Clubs and organizations were guaranteed \$252,987 for the year, but they appealed for additional funds totaling \$98,632 over the hard-line allocation. The Financial Management Board agreed to allocate \$30,000 more than the guaranteed allocation, cutting down the original appeal by 20 percent.

The budget passed unanimously.

In addition to passing next year's budget, members debated Monday between two possible options for improving online book

Office of the Treasurer	2004-2005	\$4,438	Total Allocation Funds:	Class of 2007	2004-2005	\$8,000
	2005-2006	\$3,500		2005-2006	\$8,000	
Judicial Council	2004-2005	\$2,000	2004-2005	Class of 2008	2004-2005	N/A
	2005-2006	\$2,000		2005-2006	\$7,000	
Club Coordination Council	2004-2005	\$7,500	2005-2006	Off-Campus Council	2004-2005	\$2,480
	2005-2006	\$7,500		2005-2006	\$2,500	
Clubs and Organizations	2004-2005	\$25,000	2004-2005	Student Government	2004-2005	\$29,240
	2005-2006	\$30,000		2005-2006	\$28,000	
Hall Presidents Council	2004-2005	\$55,000	2005-2006	Presidential Committee	2004-2005	\$10,500
	2005-2006	\$45,000		2005-2006	\$11,000	
Class of 2006	2004-2005	\$7,000	2004-2005	Council of Representatives	2004-2005	\$570
	2005-2006	\$8,000		2005-2006	\$500	
Senior Week	2004-2005	\$12,000	2005-2006	Student Union Board	2004-2005	\$189,360
	2005-2006	\$11,000		2005-2006	\$208,314	

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SOURCE: Financial Management Board

GRAHAM EBETSCH/Observer Graphic

Faculty receive national honors

By LISA SCHULTZ
News Writer

It may seem strange that a reward for teachers producing outstanding work is the opportunity to take a break from teaching. However, fellowship awards enable Notre Dame professors Asma Afsaruddin, Ke-Hai Yuan and Theresa Delgadillo to do just that.

A Carnegie Scholars Fellowship of \$100,000 from the Carnegie Corporation of New York will allow Afsaruddin, associate professor of Arabic and Islamic studies in the classics department and fellow in the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, to conduct 18 months of research. She plans to spend the 2006-07 school year writing the manuscript for her book "Striving in the Path of God: Discursive Traditions on Jihad and the Cult of Martyrdom."

"By putting my research out in the public sphere, I hope to further empower those voices which have protested the annexation of the term 'jihad' by radical militants and denounced it as a gross departure from the classical tradition," Afsaruddin said.

Delgadillo, who is an assistant professor of English with a specialization in Latino literary and cultural studies, entered into a national competition to win the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Award.

Administered by the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation (WNNFF), the award honored Delgadillo for assisting "talented junior faculty to pursue scholarly research and writing over a year's time so they can attain tenure more eas-

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Notre Dame prays for conclave, guidance



Father Peter Rocca, center, led Mass Monday at Sacred Heart Basilica. The Mass, which drew students, faculty and members of the South Bend community, celebrated the opening of the papal conclave.

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By JULIE BENDER
Senior Staff Writer

Black smoke unfurled from the roof of the Sistine Chapel Monday, signaling to the crowds gathered in St. Peter's Square in Rome that deliberation about the next pope will continue beyond the first day's vote. As the 115 cardinals isolated themselves in the conclave for more prayer and silent voting, over an ocean away, the Notre Dame community joined them in prayer.

Students and other members of the Notre Dame community gathered in the Basilica yesterday for a Mass led by Father Peter Rocca to celebrate the opening of the conclave and to pray for guidance from the Holy Spirit for the deciding cardinals.

"The conclave to elect the next pope which began [yesterday] is no doubt the most

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Ken Jennings defends trivia, generates laughs

By EILEEN DUFFY
Assistant News Editor

This "Jeopardy!" champion visited Notre Dame Monday night, packed DeBartolo 101 with 500 people and sparked laughter and raucous cheering among the crowd throughout his speech.

Who is Ken Jennings?

The Utah software engineer who earned \$2,522,700 during a 74-episode, five-month run on the popular game show entertained students with a talk on the value of trivia and a simulated quiz game as part of the Student

Union Board's AnTostal Week.

As Jennings descended the stairs of the classroom he was greeted with cries of "Yeah, Ken Jennings!" He chuckled and shook his head when he reached the podium.

"It's like Charlie Brown ... it's always Ken Jennings, first and last name," he said. He went on to say that he would be speaking "in defense of trivia," something he said he didn't realize needed a defense until his first day taping "Jeopardy!"

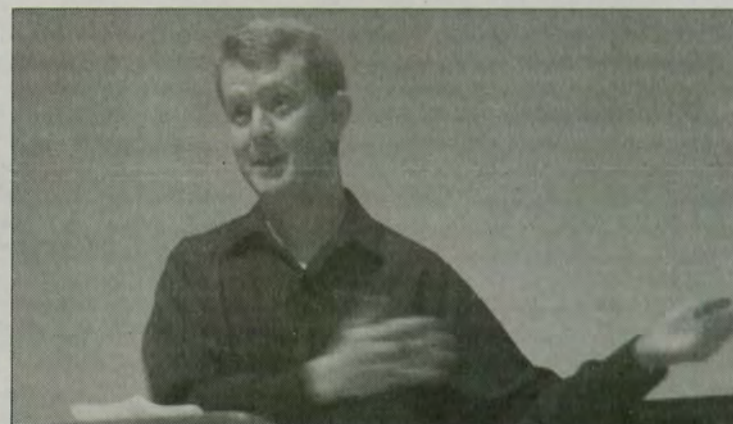
"You cannot say the t-word on the 'Jeopardy!' set," Jennings said gravely, explaining that to

Jeopardy! contestants, nothing on their show is trivial.

The word trivia comes from the Latin trivium, Jennings said, meaning three roads. In history, it was used to describe the three central courses that made up the ancient curriculum; however, it was also used to describe a crossroads, or a vulgar, common place. Thus, trivial has come to mean something basic or, literally, commonplace.

"I think trivia gets a bad rap," Jennings said. "I know it's easy for me to say that, what with the

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DUSTIN MENNELLA/The Observer

Jeopardy! champion Ken Jennings speaks to Notre Dame students Monday night, mocking host Alex Trebek in the process.

INSIDE COLUMN

The mystique of the TC gate

The University of Notre Dame. Prestigious in every sense of the word, face of American Catholicism the world over, bastion for athletic talent (what post-Lou Holtz years?). Yet sometimes I wonder if I'm surrounded by a campus crazier than the locker room of the Portland Trail Blazers.

Kyle Cassily
Sports Writer

The gate on the road to Turtle Creek. You all know it, and some of you love it. Almost as much as the University loves its attractive fluorescent orange and yellow patterns as well, it appears. It appears so often it seems the University would die without its presence.

Honestly, some sort of University department needs to start keeping statistics on how many times this gate is torn down. These are the kinds of things the student body craves to know — forget which fencer stabbed which with a dull stick at Northeast Southern Springfield State.

Sometimes I wonder if there is a room in the bowels of some campus building with an inconspicuous sign on the door that reads "TC Gate Room." And every Saturday morning, a hapless NDSP officer must trudge down a twisting set of stairs to reveal a treasure chest of orange and gold two-by-fours staring back at him.

With the number of PhDs running amok through campus, one would think at least one would have a brainstorm and realize that maybe they don't build things from steel just for fun. That man would deserve his own Bud Light Real Men of Genius commercial.

For those of you who cannot recognize the TC Gate, I have one of two explanations for this. The first is that you have never had the great fortune to stumble across one fully intact. Seeing the gate in its natural state on a weekend is like sighting Sasquatch at dinner (the line of girls at the yogurt machine does not count).

The second is that fun is as foreign to you as the desert walls of Abu Dhabi. We've all seen your kind, working studiously just before close in the library on a weekend night. And don't use the "I have a huge paper due Monday" excuse — you are there every weekend.

The Princeton Review should collar your kind with homing beacons like they do orcas, in an effort to create a new national ranking detailing schools with the largest populations of tools. But then again that would only attract more of your people, dragging an already depleted ND Fun Index farther into the cellar.

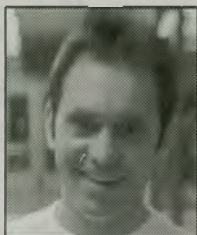
But despite my recommendation to the opposite effect, the day the wooden TC Gate disappears will be a day of victory for the weekend moles huddled in Hesburgh cubicles. I will forever honor my right to stumble past the library, gate held high in hand, waving it as a beacon of freedom for generations to come ... and to make a really sweet TC Gate beer pong table.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHO DO YOU THINK THE NEXT POPE SHOULD BE AND WHY?



Aaron Thomas
senior
off-campus

"Charlie Weis, because he's Notre Dame's savior."



Tim Rohman
freshman
Stanford

"Juan Pablo Garcia, because of the name."



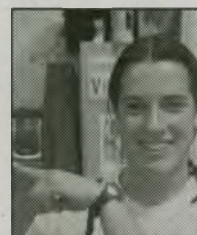
Anna Pursley
freshman
Farley

"Monk, because he's out of a job."



Molly Sullivan
freshman
Farley

"Kim, so she can put in a word for me with the big guy."



Kim Crehan
freshman
Farley

"Molly, because she told me I had to."



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Megan Hixson, right, and Nicole McKown check out their tie-dye shirts as other students find a place to hang their creations on the drying line. The event was sponsored by Student Union Board as a part of AnTostal.

IN BRIEF

The conference "The Exorbitant: Emmanuel Levinas between Jews and Christians" will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. today in McKenna Hall. The event is sponsored by the College of Arts and Letters' Program for Religion and Literature.

ND Percussion Ensemble will give a free concert Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in Leighton Concert Hall in the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts.

Director of the College of Engineering Cathy Pieronek will give a talk on science, math, engineering and Title IX Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in Welsh Family Hall. Food will be provided.

The Invention Convention, a student-led competition, will take place Thursday from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 in the Giovanini Commons in the Mendoza College of Business. The competition will be judged by the Entrepreneurship Club of Notre Dame.

The women's softball team will play a doubleheader Thursday against Akron at Ivy Field beginning at 3 p.m.

The men's baseball team will face Valparaiso at Eck Stadium at 6:05 p.m. Thursday.

Farley Hall Players will present "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown" Thursday to Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in Washington Hall. Tickets may be purchased at the LaFortune box office or at the door.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu

OFFBEAT

Arizona police department considers training monkey

MESA, Ariz. — The Mesa Police Department is looking to add some primal instinct to its SWAT team. And to do that, it's looking to a monkey.

"Everybody laughs about it until they really start thinking about it," said Mesa Officer Sean Truelove, who builds and operates tactical robots for the suburban Phoenix SWAT team. "It would change the way we do business."

Truelove is spearheading the department's request to purchase and train a capuchin monkey, considered the second smartest primate

to the chimpanzee. The department is seeking about \$100,000 in federal grant money to put the idea to use in Mesa SWAT operations.

The monkey, which costs \$15,000, is what Truelove envisions as the ultimate SWAT reconnaissance tool.

Motorist injured by flying frozen sausage

LONDON — A British motorist, driving home from work with his car window wound down, had his nose broken by a flying frozen sausage, an official said Monday.

The 46-year-old man was driving near his home in

South Woodham Ferrers, Essex, east of London, when the sausage came through the window and hit him on the nose, a spokesman for the Essex Ambulance Service said on condition of anonymity.

"The man said he was making his way home after work and had the window down because it was such a nice afternoon," the ambulance spokesman said.

"He said he saw a car coming the other way and felt a searing pain in his nose."

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 78 LOW 70	HIGH 66 LOW 58	HIGH 63 LOW 39	HIGH 62 LOW 35	HIGH 62 LOW 33	HIGH 55 LOW 32

Atlanta 79 / 56 Boston 72 / 56 Chicago 79 / 61 Denver 73 / 45 Houston 76 / 65 Los Angeles 66 / 50 Minneapolis 71 / 48 New York 76 / 59 Philadelphia 82 / 59 Phoenix 89 / 64 Seattle 50 / 40 St. Louis 81 / 57 Tampa 79 / 50 Washington 71 / 56

BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Members discuss spring events

By COLLEEN KIELTY
News Writer

The 2005-2006 Saint Mary's College Board of Governance (BOG) met Monday to discuss the events planned for the remainder of the school year and to begin planning events for the Saint Mary's community next year.

Student body president Kellye Mitros thanked the Board for its help with Spring Day on Campus Sunday. Admissions commissioner Annie Davis said Spring Day was a success, noting the College had received a lot of positive feedback on the panels and tours from visiting students and parents.

Mitros also informed the Board that Saint Mary's College will host its second Down the Avenue Fundraiser this Wednesday. This event will benefit the Office for Civic and Social Engagement and will honor Kathy Malone Beeler, Class of 1969, and Ginger Francis, Class of 2006, for their dedication to service.

Thursday, the College will be hosting SMC Tostal, an all-day event planned to coincide with the much-anticipated dedication of the new Student Center.

The Student Center will be having an open house, and tours of the new facilities will be available from 1 to 5 p.m. The Saint Mary's Board of Trustees will be on campus



KELLY HIGGINS/The Observer

BOG representatives reflect on this year's successes while looking ahead to future plans during Monday's meeting.

for the event, and there will be a mass at 4:15 p.m. in the Regina Chapel.

The Blessing of the Student Center, Noble Family Dining Hall and Alumnae Green will take place at 5:15 p.m. After the comedian, movies, games and the picnic planned for the day, the festivities will conclude with a fireworks show that evening.

President of the Student Diversity Board (SDB) Amanda Shropshire reminded the Board that SDB will be hosting speaker Maura Weis Friday in the Student Center at 5:30 pm.

Maura Weis, wife of incoming Notre Dame football coach Charlie Weis, will give a talk on autism. Their daughter, Hannah Weis, is globally developmentally delayed.

Sophomore class president Heidi Goepfing announced her board has already begun to meet and to work on distributing a survey to determine their class' interest for events next year. The Class of 2007 is also co-sponsoring Battle of the Bands Friday at 6 p.m. at Legends.

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Professor named first successor to position

By LAURA BAUMGARTNER
News Writer

Humanistic studies professor Gail Mandell made Saint Mary's history Monday after being named the second Bruno P. Schlesinger Chair in Humanistic Studies during her inauguration lecture "Belize Revisited: Readings from a Work-in-Progress."

Mandell is the College's first successor in an endowed chair. Vice President and dean of faculty Patrick White commented on the importance of the occasion, noting the progression from having no endowed chairs 21 years ago to now naming a successor.

"Endowed chairs are in some way a sign of the strength of the College because this is money that has been set aside to support these members of faculty and their teaching and research," he said.

Although the inaugural lecture honored Mandell, much of the focus was on recognizing and thanking the College's first endowed chair, professor emeritus Bruno Schlesinger, who retired in December after 60 years of teaching at Saint Mary's. Schlesinger was unable to attend the lecture due to illness, but he requested that associate professor and department chair Phil Hicks read a statement he prepared.

"I offer Gail warm congratulations for this honor so richly deserved," Schlesinger said in the statement.

Schlesinger also offered some advice to Mandell in his state-

ment. "When I received the endowed chair in 1988, Dr. Hickey asked if I would like a dinner in recognition," he said, "but I replied I would prefer a reserved parking spot in the Madaleva lot to protect me from the South Bend winters." Schlesinger went on to say that he hoped Mandell would demand the same perks with her appointment.

White and Saint Mary's President Carol Ann Mooney selected Mandell as the next Bruno P. Schlesinger endowed chair based on recommendations from faculty in the humanistic studies department as well as advice from other endowed chairs.

Mandell began the lecture by expressing her gratitude and admiration of Schlesinger.

"He knew it was the job for me, even before I did," she said, recalling how Schlesinger recruited her in 1978 to be the second professor in the humanistic studies department.

Some of the work that Mandell has done over the years was showcased at the lecture, where she read selections from a book she is currently writing about experiences she had teaching for the Peace Corps in Belize during the 1960s and from her recent return trip.

Schlesinger created the department in 1956 as the Christian culture program, and it was eventually developed into humanistic studies.

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BATTLE OF THE BANDS

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whole two and a half million [dollars] thing. Still, I think there are reasons why this stuff is cool."

He described a recent encounter with A.J. Jacobs, editor of "Esquire" and author of "The Know-It-All," a book documenting his experience of reading every volume of Encyclopedia Britannica. When Jennings asked Jacobs what his favorite facts were, Jennings recalled, Jacobs answered that opossums have 13 nipples and that René Descartes had a thing for cross-eyed women.

Jennings laughed along with the crowd.

"Seriously, though, why does he love facts like this?" Jennings then asked. "The same reason I do. One, they're strange. Second, they're true ... a great, weird fact like that can break up a humdrum life."

"Even the most trivial-sounding trivia can bring us joy."

He talked about various places in his life where trivia has had an impact. Recently, Jennings said, he was about to skip an article on the tsunami, having read so many already. However, the story began with an unusual trivia fact about the magnitude of the wave, which sparked his interest — so he kept reading. In the end, he said, he was compelled to click on a link to donate to the Red Cross.

"We are living in the age of information, Jennings said, a "time of increasing specialization." People of different trades are finding it harder and harder to communicate, Jennings said. This, he said, is where trivia comes in.

"The things we call trivia are not trivia at all," Jennings said. "This is good old general knowledge ... the common web of cultural allusions anyone can understand. This helps us communicate."

Jennings then recalled one question from the "million" interviews he's given since his



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Host Mark Healy, right, reads the answer to the last question as Eric Powers motions he was close to the correct answer.

run on the show ended: how did he do it? The reporters are always disappointed, he said, to find out he doesn't have a secret.

"I'm just always curious to know stuff," he said. "Not everything I learned came from a classroom. In fact, I don't think most things I learned came from a classroom."

He pointed out that he's learned about D-Day while watching a movie, global warming while reading a magazine at the dentist, the French and Italian languages while cooking with his wife, and even trains while watching "Thomas the Tank Engine" with his two-year-old son.

"People are worried about the information Age, but for someone like me, who loves learning new things, there's never been a more exciting time to be alive," Jennings said, telling audience members they should be "learning something new every day."

He reminded the audience that answers on "Jeopardy!" come in the form of a question.

"I think we should live our lives in the form of a question," Jennings said. "Even if it's just the number of nipples on an opossum, if it makes the world seem a little more strange, or wonderful, there's nothing trivial to me about that."

After the speech, Jennings answered questions from the audience, admitting that one of his favorite facts is that the mother of Mike Nesmith, member of the "Monkees," invented Wite-Out. He also joked that the reason he wagered enough to remain just under the single-day earnings record for so long was "just to [annoy] Trebek," who, Jennings added, "is always acting like he knows all the answers."

Jennings also participated in a mock game show versus sophomore Erik Powers and senior Mike Draz, which Jennings won handily.

Notre Dame is the third of four universities that Jennings is visiting this week, he said after the events. The crowd here was "very big and enthusiastic" and more "into it," he said, than any other place he's been to thus far.

Jennings said that when the Speaker's Bureau contacted him to make this tour of college campuses, he seized the opportunity.

"There are not a lot of people who get famous for this short amount of time and for this kind of school type of knowledge," Jennings said. "I figured, why not take advantage of it?"

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Faculty

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ily." Delgadillo is working on a book entitled "Spiritual Mestizaje: Religion, Race, Gender and (Trans)Nation in Contemporary Chicana Narrative."

According to Delgadillo, this work "examines transnational feminism and memory in the spiritual mestizaje of Chicana fiction, documentary film and digital murals."

Associate professor of quantitative psychology Yuan was awarded a

\$32,000 fellowship by the James McKeen Cattell Fund, which will be used to accomplish Yuan's goal to "develop better methodology for dealing with missing data and messy data" in psychology.

Yuan's focus on psychometric theory and multivariate statistics ultimately aims to "make the measuring and analyzing of psychological phenomenon more precise so that human characteristics are better understood" and "make the psychology more like a science, not just fortune tellers."

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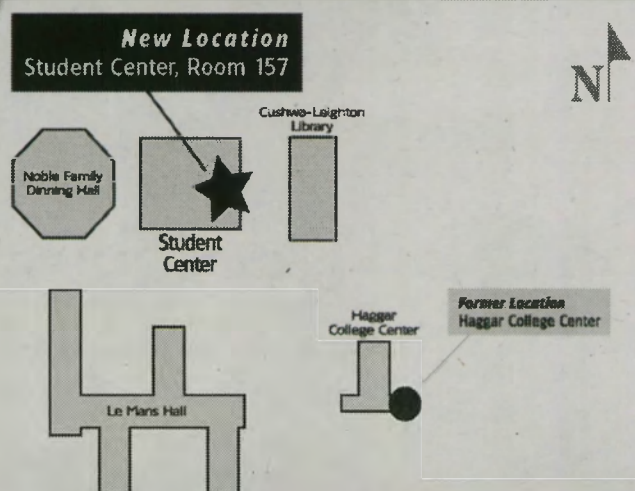


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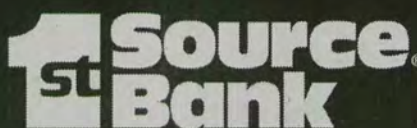


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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Sharon favors delay in pullout

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said Monday he favors a three-week delay in Israel's planned pullout from the Gaza Strip and four West Bank settlements this summer, ostensibly because of a Jewish mourning period marking the destruction of the biblical temples.

A postponement could give the ill-prepared government more room to plan for the withdrawal, but would also give Jewish extremists more time to organize resistance.

"I'm positively inclined toward this. We simply have to make it as easy as possible," Sharon told reporters during a train ride Monday. Israel TV — without citing any sources — said Sharon had decided to delay the pullout; Sharon made no announcement on Monday.

Israel, meanwhile, announced plans to build 50 more homes in a West Bank settlement — a week after President Bush said such construction should stop.

Iran suspends Al-Jazeera broadcasts

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran suspended the nationwide operations of Arab TV broadcaster Al-Jazeera on Monday, accusing it of inflaming violent protests by the Arab minority in its southwest, state-run TV reported.

Also, the government said two more protesters along the border with Iraq, raising the three-day toll to three dead and at least eight injured. Iran's intelligence chief told the country's official news agency that said 200 opposition-linked leaders of the demonstrations had been arrested.

RNA quoted Ali Yunesi as saying government opponents had provoked the unrest, which began in the city of Ahvaz and on Sunday spread southward to Mahshahr.

NATIONAL NEWS

Study doubts safety of pain killers

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Smokers who regularly took certain pain killers cut their risk of developing oral cancer but increased their chances of dying from heart-related problems, according to a study that raises fresh questions about the long-term use of such drugs.

The findings add to the suspicion that the heart risk extends beyond medications like Bextra, Vioxx and Celebrex to the larger family of pain relievers known as non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, or NSAIDs. These include Advil, Motrin, Aleve and virtually all other over-the-counter pain pills except acetaminophen or Tylenol.

Short-term use of these medications — two weeks or less — for headaches or other pain is still considered safe.

DeLay says he violated no laws

WASHINGTON — In a fresh counterattack, House Majority Leader Tom DeLay told supporters in a mailing made public Monday that he has "never been found to have violated any law or rule by anyone" despite numerous allegations.

"Democrats have made clear that their only agenda is the politics of personal destruction, and the criminalization of politics," the Texan's campaign added in a defiant rebuttal.

"They hate Ronald Reagan conservatives like DeLay and they hate that he is an effective leader who succeeds in passing the Republican agenda."

LOCAL NEWS

Father wants reason for son's death

INDIANAPOLIS — The father of a soldier from northwestern Indiana wants the Army to tell him more about how his son died in Iraq.

Army Pfc. Steven Hirko, 20, of Portage died of non-combat related injuries Sunday in Muqdadiyah, about 60 miles north of Baghdad, the military said Monday in a press release. He was assigned to the First Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, Third Brigade, Third Infantry Division, based at Fort Benning, Ga.

No more details were provided in the press release.

ITALY

No new pope after first day in conclave

Black smoke from Sistine Chapel signals that cardinals have more deliberating to do

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Black smoke streamed from the Sistine Chapel's chimney Monday to signal that cardinals failed to select a new pope in their first round of voting, held just hours after they began their historic task: finding a leader capable of building on John Paul II's spiritual energy while keeping modern rifts from tearing deeper into the church.

"It seems white ... no, no, it's black!" reported Vatican Radio as the first pale wisps slipped out from the narrow pipe and then quickly darkened.

As millions around the world watched on television, at least 40,000 people waited in St. Peter's Square with all eyes on the chimney, where smoke from the burned ballots would give the first word of the conclave: white meaning a new pontiff, black showing that the secret gathering will continue Tuesday.

In the last moments of twilight, the pilgrims began to point and gasp. "What is it? White? Black?" hundreds cried out. In a few seconds — at about 8:05 p.m. — it was clear the 115 cardinals from six continents could not find the two-thirds majority needed to elect the new leader for the world's 1.1 billion Roman Catholics. Only one vote was held Monday.

Few expected a quick decision. The cardinals have a staggering range of issues to juggle. In the West, they must deal with the fallout from priest sex-abuse scandals and a chronic shortage of priests and nuns. Elsewhere, the Church is facing calls for sharper activism against poverty and an easing of its ban on condoms to help combat AIDS.

The next pontiff also must maintain the global ministry of John Paul, who took 104 international trips in his 26-year papacy and is already being hailed as a saint by



A crowd gathers at St. Peter's Square to watch the smoke billowing from the roof of the Sistine Chapel at the Vatican on Monday. The black smoke that appeared indicated that cardinals in the conclave had not yet elected a new pope.

many faithful.

"Keep praying for the new pope," said 82-year-old Cardinal Luis Aponte Martinez of Puerto Rico, who was too old to join the conclave, open to cardinals only under age 80.

It was the first time in more than a generation that crowds stared at the chimney for the famous smoke and word of a new pope. In that time, the Church has been pulled in two directions: a spiritual renaissance under John Paul but battered by scandals and a flock pressing for less rigid teachings.

But in chilly St. Peter's Square, thoughts were only on who will next appear under the crimson drapes at

the basilica's central window as the 265th pontiff.

"We thought it was white, then it went black. I had a feeling of exhilaration followed by disappointment," said Harold Reeves, a 35-year-old theology student from Washington.

Added 20-year-old Italian student Silvia Mariano: "You can't describe the feeling. When the smoke came out it looked white and I got chills."

Even before the conclave began, one of the possible candidates — German Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger — tried to set a tone of urgency.

His homily in a special memorial Mass for the pope warned that the Church

must take a strict line about moral drift and "a dictatorship of relativism" that fights the idea of absolute truths.

"Having a clear faith, based on the creed of the church, is often labeled today as a fundamentalism," said Ratzinger, 78, who has been the Vatican's chief overseer of doctrine since 1981. "Whereas relativism, which is letting oneself be tossed and 'swept along by every wind of teaching,' looks like the only attitude acceptable to today's standards."

Only after listing a series of perceived threats to the church — from Marxism to "radical individualism" — did he note the duty ahead for the cardinals.

IRAQ

Security forces find weapons, no hostages

Associated Press

MADAIN — Hundreds of Iraqi security forces launched an operation Monday to root out Sunni insurgents at the tip of Iraq's "Triangle of Death," finding weapons and car bombs but no hostages despite reports that up to 100 Shiites may have been seized.

In Baghdad, gunmen ambushed a senior Defense Ministry advisor as he drove home late Monday, killing him and his son, the Interior Ministry said. Officials identified the man as Maj. Gen. Adnan al-Qaraghulli.

Iraqi forces fanned through the dusty streets of Madain and took posi-

tions on rooftops in the town south of Baghdad, while Sunni leaders dismissed the reports of a hostage crisis as a hoax.

The U.S. military, whose forces only stood by in case they were needed, called the operation in Madain a significant step forward in the training of Iraqi forces, which is key to America's exit strategy in the 2-year-old war. Also Monday, Iraq's most powerful Shiite bloc said it wants ousted leader Saddam Hussein put to death if he is convicted of war crimes. If the interim president won't sign the execution order, he should resign, an alliance spokesman told The Associated Press.

"This is something that cannot be

discussed at all," said Ali al-Dabagh, a lawmaker from the Shiite clergy-led United Iraqi Alliance. "We feel he is a criminal. He is the No. 1 criminal in the world. He is a murderer."

Interim President Jalal Talabani was quoted by the British Broadcasting Corp. on Monday as saying he likely would abstain from signing any execution order because of his opposition to the death penalty.

"I personally signed a call for ending execution throughout the world, and I'm respecting my signature," Talabani told the BBC. He conceded, however, that he was probably alone in the government in holding this view.

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exchange between students.

Seniors Chris Kelly and Aaron Wenger, founders of NDBay, were invited to the meeting to speak to members about the possible purchase of the book-buying Web site by student government.

The two founders, who will be in different cities after graduation and have been considering selling the site, said they would likely ask between \$5,000 and \$8,000 for it.

"Student government should look at this as an investment. This is something you can make money on," Kelly said.

Currently, there are no fees to join NDBay. Profits are made by selling advertising space, which Kelly said could provide student government with more funds.

"We don't take a cent from the students. All the revenue comes from advertising," Kelly said.

NDBay, founded in December 2002, is a Web site that allows Notre Dame students to buy and sell used textbooks at lower prices than those charged by the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore. Last year, students saved a total of \$13,000 after using the site, Kelly said.

Should student government decide to purchase the site, Kelly and Wenger said one staff member could maintain the site by putting in 20 to 30 hours a semester.

"When we created the site, we tried to make it as self-sufficient as possible," Wenger said. "Only a small amount of time is needed to maintain it. And that time is usually just for small administrative details."

Council members posed questions about copyright infringement with EBay, but Kelly said his lawyers had reassured him that no laws had been violated with the use of the NDBay domain name.

"Our lawyers tell us that for us to be infringing, people would have to be confusing our products — they're not," Kelly said.

Kelly and Wenger also noted that Georgetown University's GBay, a Web site similar to NDBay which is operated by their student government, has never faced any opposition from EBay.

Entrepreneurial Club president Ryan Eggenberger and club member Nate LaFerle then took the floor and presented representatives with the second option,

which would allow the club to create its own book exchange Web site that would be a direct competitor with NDBay, should Wenger and Kelly decide to continue with it after graduation.

This option would decrease the cost to student government, which has allocated \$600 to be used for the cost of labor for creating a Web site.

Eggenberger said his club could create and maintain a Web site that would be superior to NDBay.

"NDBay has one fundamental flaw, and that is that once two students agree on a transaction, it is up to them to figure out how to actually exchange the books," LaFerle said. "Our Web site would facilitate credit card transactions."

Eggenberger and LaFerle said they would likely use Pay Pal, an online credit card transaction system, to facilitate the transactions between students. This would cut staffing costs and be more reliable than a self-created credit card system.

Furthermore, Eggenberger and LaFerle said their Web site would include prices from other online bookselling Web sites like Amazon.com, and also facilitate changes between the Hammes bookstore and students — though representatives doubted the feasibility of this.

"We can make it so you never have to leave your desk. That is the fundamental difference between our site and NDBay," Eggenberger said.

Student Union treasurer Mike Marshall noticed a paradox in the discussion. Should student government decide to purchase NDBay, he said, the Entrepreneurial Club could still pursue its Web site plans and become direct competitors with the student government-funded Web site, using funds allocated to them by student government.

"We'll pay X dollars for NDBay while also condoning a club to compete with us. But if I'm in the Entrepreneurial Club, I would not try to go up against the Student Union," Marshall said.

The representatives then voted to close the meeting before discussion continued any further.

Council members also approved Stephen Friend and Taria Graves as assistant student union treasurers and Matt Adams as student business board manager.

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Conclave

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momentous event in recent Church history. We all know the impact that the pope, as the universal pastor of the Church, has on all of us both as Catholic Christians and as

students, faculty and staff at a premier Catholic University like Notre Dame," said Brett Perkins, the director of the Catholic Peer Ministry & Protestant Student Resources at Notre Dame.

Perkins said the next pope would face many challenges — an important reason for prayer.

"The proverbial shoes that the next pope will have to fill are enormous, and the great moral issues that he will face are daunting," Perkins said. "For this reason, we gather to pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the cardinals at the conclave, for their guidance in selecting a pope that will have the faith, courage and endurance to continue the work of John Paul II in leading the Church on into the 21st century."

Those who attended the Mass not only prayed for the guidance of the cardinals selecting the new pope but also reflected on the life of the late Pope John Paul II and the contributions he made to the Church. Attendees were treated to history about the conclave's purpose and the pope selection process during

Rocca's homily.

The conclave process — "conclave" meaning "with a key" in Latin — began due to the formerly slow process of selecting a new pope, Rocca said. At some periods in Catholic history it took up to three years to select a successor. In order to remedy the process, the tradition began of locking the deciding cardinals

into a conclave — sometimes with only bread and water on which to survive — until a decision was made.

Today, of course, the cardinals receive more than bread and water, but

amenities are still limited, Rocca said. Any form of outside communication is strictly prohibited, including telephones, radios, televisions, the Internet, letters and newspapers.

Smoke is sent up at least daily from the conclave, signaling whether a pope has been selected or not. Black smoke means that deliberation will continue, while white smoke means the pope has been chosen. Monday's black smoke signifies that the 115 cardinals are still in the process of obtaining a two-thirds majority vote for the next pope.

"One cannot predict when the next pope will be elected," Perkins said. "It's all up to the cardinals, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Many scholars, however, anticipate an election within the first few days of this conclave."

Whether the pope is chosen

in the next few days or three years like it did in the 13th century, this papal succession is a new experience for those in the Notre Dame community who have only known one pope during their lives.

"I think the majority of students do realize how important this time is," Perkins said. "No one in the history of the Church has ever made greater efforts [than Pope John Paul II] to be more present to the Christian people and more dedicated to tending his flock, no matter where in the world they lived. The new pope will have his work cut out for him, and it is essential that we obtain a shepherd who will provide the unifying leadership that is needed to guide a billion-member organization like the Catholic Church."

In the coming days, Notre Dame will remain in spirit and prayer with the cardinals in Rome, as well as with the larger world community.

"The 'Mass of the Holy Spirit' reflects Notre Dame's participation in the larger Catholic Christian community around the world," Perkins said. "We take time out of our hectic day to pray for those cardinals who will be electing our next universal pastor and shepherd."

He said the significance of the Mass stretched far beyond the Basilica.

"It is important to all of us because we are members of a faith community that reaches far beyond the boundaries of this campus, the city of South Bend, the state of Indiana, and the United States of America," Perkins said. "We are a part of a universal faith, and the decisions made in Rome this week will affect all of us in one way or another."

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Merck will discount drugs for uninsured

Card is the latest move from companies seeking to assuage criticism over prices

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Merck & Co. said Tuesday it will launch a card that will discount its drugs for uninsured Americans regardless of their age or income.

The card will become available April 25 and is aimed at providing uninsured Americans with discounts of 15 percent to 40 percent for many Merck medicines. An ad campaign including print and radio spots to promote the card is slated to begin in May.

Merck's card is the latest move from drug makers — which have faced criticism that their products are too expensive — to provide some aid to those struggling to buy medicines. The U.S. Census Bureau estimates there are 45 million Americans without health insurance.

Merck, which is based in Whitehouse Station, N.J., decided to offer the card because many drug discount programs have age and income requirements that exclude the uninsured, many of whom have jobs that lack health care coverage, said Margaret McGlynn, Merck's president of U.S. Human Health.

"There are gaps. Some people just aren't eligible [for discounts]," said McGlynn.

A rival discount card for the uninsured from 10 drug companies announced earlier this year has age and income requirements. Called the Together Rx Access Card, it provides savings of 25 percent to 40 percent on more than 275 brand-name and generic drugs.

McGlynn said Merck aims to make the card as easy to get as possible. There are no fees and no one needs to prove they are uninsured. McGlynn said people with



An employee walks past a stained-glass window bearing Merck & Co.'s name at the company's headquarters in Whitehouse Station, N.J. The company has announced plans to launch a discount card for uninsured Americans.

drug coverage wouldn't really need the card.

To get the card, individuals have to provide basic information such as name, address and number of dependents. People can receive a card by logging on to www.merckuninsured.com, calling 1-800-50MERCK or filling out forms that will be available at doctors' offices and pharmacies.

Many of Merck's best sellers are included including cholesterol-lowering agent Zocor, asthma drug

Singulair and osteoporosis treatment Fosamax. AIDS drug Crixivan is excluded, as are cholesterol medicines Zetia and Vytorin. Those drugs are marketed through a joint venture with Schering-Plough Corp. The venture has its own patient assistant program.

McGlynn declined to say how much it may cost Merck to provide the discounts, and that the budget for the ad campaign was still being finalized.

Americans are more worried about losing their pre-

scription drug coverage and health insurance than their job or home, according to a nationwide poll of 1,001 adults conducted by Zogby International and commissioned by Merck. The survey found that 49 percent of Americans fear losing their drug or health insurance. Meanwhile, 37 percent said they are worried about losing their home while 30 percent worried about job loss.

Two in five of those surveyed said they "strongly" agreed.

IN BRIEF

LexisNexis begins notifying victims

DAYTON, Ohio — LexisNexis said on Monday that it has begun notifying about 280,000 people whose personal information may have been accessed by unauthorized individuals using stolen passwords and IDs.

Last week, LexisNexis disclosed that criminals may have breached computer files containing the personal information of 310,000 people, a tenfold increase over a previous estimate of how much data was stolen.

The Dayton-based company, a subsidiary of London-based publisher Reed Elsevier Group PLC, had previously identified 32,000 potential victims and has notified them already.

The first batch of breaches was uncovered during a review and integration of the systems of Seisint Inc. shortly after LexisNexis bought the Boca Raton, Fla.-based unit for \$775 million in August.

Seisint's databases store millions of personal records including individuals' addresses and Social Security numbers. Customers include police and legal professionals and public and private sector organizations.

Jury: investment company not at fault

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — An investment company did nothing wrong when it put state employee pension fund money in falling Enron stock and lost more than \$280 million, a jury said Monday.

Alliance Capital Management was one of several companies hired to make investment decisions for Florida's \$100 billion retirement fund.

The state Board of Administration, which oversees the pension fund, alleged that Alliance breached its contract by putting money into Enron even as the company spiraled toward bankruptcy in 2001. The board was seeking more than \$1 billion in damages.

Alliance said the bad investment was a result of something it could not have known about — accounting fraud that hid problems at the energy giant. Enron's former finance chief has since pleaded guilty to running schemes to prop up the company's appearance.

The more than \$280 million in losses amounted to less than one-third of 1 percent of the pension fund's total assets.

Target will restrict over-the-counter medicines

Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Target Corp. will no longer allow unfettered access to cold medicines that are used to make methamphetamine.

Target stores nationwide will pull many cold, allergy and cough remedies from their regular shelves and sell them only from pharmacy counters, the Minneapolis-based company announced Monday.

Target is believed to be the first national retailer to take the step.

The restrictions apply to all over-the-counter drugs containing pseudoephedrine, including children's medicines, tablets, liquids and gel-caps, spokeswoman Carolyn Brookter said. Pseudoephedrine is a key ingredient for meth, which can be made in makeshift labs.

The products won't be sold at all by about 300 Target stores that don't have pharmacies. Target operates 1,330 stores in 47 states and is the

nation's second largest discount retailer after Wal-Mart.

In Minneapolis, Target shopper LaVonne Best said she understands the move because her neighborhood has had its share of drug-related crimes.

"It's just too sad that the world's come to this, that they have to hide the cold pills," Best said.

Brookter said the shift, which will take effect in two to three months, was in response to a growing number of state and local restrictions on the sale of the medications.

Target's move won praise from Minnesota lawmakers pushing for tougher measures to fight meth, which can be made using a variety of household chemicals and pseudoephedrine.

"For them to take this lead I would assume that Wal-Marts and all the rest of them will have to follow them very shortly," said state Sen. Julie Rosen, a Republican who has been

pushing strict restrictions on the sale of meth ingredients. "There is a certain amount of community responsibility these retailers should assume."

Target already had limited purchases of pseudoephedrine-containing drugs to two packages at a time, Brookter said.

Similar policies are in place at rivals Wal-Mart, Walgreen Co., Rite-Aid Corp. and Kmart Corp. Representatives of those companies said they had no immediate plans to take the cold medications off store shelves, except in states where it is required.

A number of states are following the example of Oklahoma, where restrictions on sales of some cold medicines were followed by a dramatic drop in the number of meth lab seizures.

Six states require that only pharmacies sell drugs with pseudoephedrine, and seven others make retailers lock up the products or sell them from staffed counters.

Family of missing DA pleads for details

Associated Press

BELLEFONTE, Pa. — Her voice cracking at times, the daughter of a missing district attorney made an impassioned plea for her father to call home Monday and asked for fresh clues from the public to find the man.

Centre County District Attorney Ray F. Gricar, 59, has been missing since Friday. At a news conference Monday, authorities said they had called the FBI for help and that no leads have emerged since the prosecutor's car was found over the weekend in Lewisburg, about 45 miles east of his home in Bellefonte.

Then, Lara Gricar stepped to the podium and said in a statement directed at her father, "My heart aches deeply, very deeply, for your presence."

"I want more than anything to hear your voice and for you to hug me. Maybe we can go for a hike — go hike up a mountain and sit and talk," said Lara Gricar. "Please call. To everyone else out there, if you have seen my father, please contact police."

Patty Fornicola, Ray Gricar's longtime girlfriend and a clerk at the DA's office, also spoke.

"Ray, I love you very much, and I miss you. I want you to come home. Please call us. We will wait for as long as we need," Fornicola said.

Neither woman took questions.

Bellefonte Police Chief Duane Dixon said he had contacted the FBI on Monday to help analyze Ray Gricar's credit card and phone records. Authorities were also studying Ray Gricar's calendar and files on his computer.

Authorities have said there were no signs of foul play and that they did not think the disappearance was related to any of his cases.

"I don't have a logical theory at this point," Dixon said.

Police also said they were aware that that Gricar's brother, Roy J. Gricar, had vanished under similar circumstances in Ohio in May 1996.

The 53-year-old Ohio resident told his wife he was going out to buy some mulch and never returned, according to an account at the time in the Dayton Daily News. His car was found two days later abandoned at a park near a river and a bridge.

Weeks later, investigators pulled his body from the water. His death was ruled a suicide by drowning, the county coroner's office in Dayton said Monday.

VIETNAM

Postwar generation changes Vietnam

Associated Press

HO CHI MINH CITY — "She Loves You ...," the Beatles imitators sing. "Yeah! Yeah! Yeah!" the swaying, gyrating crowd roars back.

The concert by "The Beatels," a band of Fab Four lookalikes from Australia, is reminiscent of Shea Stadium circa 1965, but the year is 2005 and the venue is the former Saigon, wartime capital of U.S.-backed South Vietnam.

In a country where 56 percent of the populace was born after the Vietnam War ended in a communist victory 30 years ago Saturday, this is the face of the future: dancing teenagers singing rock 'n' roll in English instead of the revolutionary music that fueled their parents' fight for independence.

Today's generation chats on cell phones, wears designer jeans, surfs the Web, rides the hottest new motorcycles, and firmly believes that with hard work and education — preferably at an American college — young Vietnamese can make their nation great.

Vu Hai Minh's grandfathers fought on separate sides of the war. Now the 17-year-old plans to study economics in Singapore. "Vietnamese young people are very talented. They want to show they can rebuild the country," he says. "If Vietnam can defeat the biggest power in the world, it shows that it has huge potential."

And just as the beat and flavor of music have changed over the years, so have the country's goals and ideals.

After more than two decades of war to oust the French and then the Americans, Vietnam was reunited as an independent com-



Vietnamese teenagers practice breakdancing in Ho Chi Minh City. Today's Vietnam is a nation of determined youth who have grown up as the first generation in peace.

munist country in 1975, but still suffered isolation and extreme poverty before it began opening its economy to the world in the mid-1980s.

Now it has a peacetime generation that has gone from rice fields to universities, determined to push Vietnam onto the international stage.

"Everyone wants to contribute to the country and to see the country change, be prosperous and healthy and have more freedoms," says Bao Chau, 16. The 10th grader, who speaks perfect English and likes Jennifer Lopez and Britney Spears, plans to follow her older sister to college in California to become a doctor.

Chau's dreams are typical of many young Vietnamese who yearn to be educated in the United States or Europe. But few

are that lucky: The annual national income averages only about \$550 a year, and only 3,000 new Vietnamese students enrolled in American colleges last year.

Others study closer to home in Singapore or Australia, and more and more are enrolling at colleges within Vietnam — a privilege once reserved for the rich and well-connected.

While eagerly embracing capitalism and nurturing a middle class, Vietnam remains a one-party system where political dissent is sharply curtailed. The party, run largely by old-guard conservatives, shows no sign of abandoning its monopoly on power and has been urging new members to join.

But the mere fact that the communist leadership is allowing

youngsters to be exposed to Western ideas of democracy and free speech shows that the regime is loosening up.

"You cannot say whatever you want to say and do whatever you want to do in Vietnam because there are laws and regulations that govern this kind of thing. But once the young generation takes power ... I think they will have a good way to govern the country," said Hoai Thanh, 24, who runs an underground rock magazine in Hanoi.

Thanh returned to Vietnam from Sweden with a master's degree in journalism and is eager to see faster change. "I'm not talking about whether Vietnam would follow the path of capitalism or communism ... but I think in the next 20 years, Vietnam will be an open and modern country."

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Ship hit by wave returns to NY

Associated Press

NEW YORK — When a "Boom!" on a cruise ship awoke him, the first thing that crossed passenger Robert Clark's mind was "the Titanic."

In a panic, he and his wife and 7-year-old daughter ran to a reception area and found passengers from flooded cabins, bunched together and wearing life preservers — some of them crying hysterically. They soon discovered that the thunderous disruption was a freak 70-foot wave that smashed windows, sent furniture flying and ripped out whirlpools on the Norwegian Dawn.

"We were going back and forth, up and down. And then, 'Boom!'" Clark said.

Clark and his family discussed their ordeal Monday after the Norwegian Dawn, carrying about 2,000 passengers, returned to New York Harbor and docked at its berth on the Hudson River. About 300 other passengers — many from the affected cabins — decided to leave the ship early in Charleston, S.C., and drive or fly home.

The 965-foot white ocean liner left New York on April 10 and was sailing back to New York from the Bahamas when it was pounded with heavy seas over the weekend. The Norwegian Dawn docked at Charleston for repairs and a Coast Guard inspection before continuing its voyage to New York.



Passengers disembark the Norwegian Dawn cruise ship Monday. A freak seven-story wave damaged the ship on Saturday.

Norwegian Cruise Line said 62 cabins were flooded and four passengers had cuts and bruises. The wave reached seven stories, as high as deck 10 on the ship, company spokeswoman Susan Robison said.

The cruise line said passenger safety "was in no way compromised by this incident."

Still, Clark said he was anxious to leave the ship and return to his home in New York City.

"Why would you go through a storm? Can't they see it coming? I'm trying not to be angry," said Clark, a radio production manager.

Bill and Ellen Tesauro of Wayne, N.J., went to the ship's casino when the storm began to

take their minds off the weather. "That's when the captain announced that drinks are free all night," Bill Tesauro told the Daily News. "But then there was another horrendous slap on the water."

The couple returned to their suite, where a glass table toppled and a desk went flying across the room. Others woke up to find shoes and magazines floating in a foot of water.

"I thought I heard water sloshing around, and then I woke up and saw it, and it was surreal," Stacy Maryland of Hamilton, N.J., told the newspaper.

Passengers got a refund of half the trip's cost and a voucher for half the price of a future cruise, Robison said.

'Good Morning America' putting heat on 'Today'

Associated Press

NEW YORK — For 487 weeks, viewers have made NBC's "Today" show team of Katie Couric and Matt Lauer their favorites in the morning. The steady rise of ABC's "Good Morning America" is threatening that dominance.

So far this season, the "Today" ratings lead has averaged 662,000 viewers, down from almost 1.3 million last year at the same time, according to Nielsen Media Research. Five years ago, "Today" regularly won by nearly 2 million.

There have even been a few days — the Monday after Pope John Paul II died and last Tuesday's Mariah Carey concert — when the ABC team of Charles Gibson and Diane Sawyer came in first.

"The program has momentum and momentum that has been building for six years," said Ben Sherwood, executive producer of "GMA" since taking over from Shelley Ross last year.

Over nine years the gap has been big and small, but "Today" has never lost its status as the top morning show, said its spokeswoman, Lauren Kapp.

"Since when is another loss considered a success?" she said. "The strength of 'Today' speaks for itself."

"Today" has averaged just over 6 million viewers this season, "Good Morning America" 5.36 million, Nielsen said.

It would be a huge psychic blow

to NBC if "Today" were eclipsed. It is NBC's most profitable show, and the primary architect of its winning streak — former executive producer Jeff Zucker — has ascended to NBC Universal Television Group president.

Andrew Tyndall, a consultant who monitors the content of network news programs, said "GMA" has picked up its pace and sharpened its focus.

All of the morning news shows are newsy and move quickly during their first half-hour, a Zucker innovation. Sherwood said he's trying to bring that philosophy to the rest of the show, even for feature-oriented segments.

"We're trying to make a program that connects with the hurried pace of most American mornings," Sherwood said. "Every choice is aimed at how our typical viewer is living — making breakfast, making lunches for school and trying to get out the door. You want to be connected with what's going on in the world and what people are talking about that day."

ABC seems to be doing fewer celebrity interviews and more taped reports, Tyndall said. Sherwood said he just tries for something that people can connect to: a segment with Hillary Duff focused on giving a fan a chance to meet her instead of a straight interview.

News anchor Robin Roberts has proven popular and will soon be given an even bigger role in the show, Sherwood said.

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Reeling in the years

It's that time of year again. South Bend weather becomes miraculously beautiful, your professor actually lets your class meet on DeBartolo Quad and the main building is encapsulated in prison-like scaffolding. Well, maybe leave out that last one.

As you all know, however, 'tis the season of teary Viewpoints, expressing how much

Notre Dame has meant to the columnist over the past four years or even — for those born and bred Domers — over an entire lifetime. As a graduating senior, please bear with me, because this column is no exception.

Before you came to Notre Dame, you heard about the Notre Dame mystique. Maybe you grew up watching Notre Dame football. Maybe you were strange like my family and instead grew up watching NCAA track and field.

Regardless of whether you were born with blue and gold running through your veins or acquired it after consuming an unearthly number of Blazing Sea Nuggets from the dining hall, after four years here you begin to understand.

Before you came you heard about Notre Dame's nationally renowned academics. You read about the storied history of the football team. People who have never attended Notre Dame told you how much they love your school.

When you applied, you saw the admissions packet with that shining picture of the dome. Underneath the image it said, "Nowhere else but Notre Dame."

Arguably, you could have found schools with comparable academics. You could have attended schools with better football teams. But these schools would not have

been Notre Dame.

In "The Brothers Karamazov," Dostoevsky writes, "And whether you are absorbed in the most important pursuits, reaching out for the highest honors, or struck down by the cruelest griefs, always remember how good it felt when we were all here together, united by a good and decent feeling, which made us, for a time ... better people, probably, than we would otherwise have been."

To me, this quote symbolizes what can be found "nowhere else but Notre Dame." As the weeks wind down and graduation approaches, the absolutely amazing individuals who are your classmates surround you.

Many schools graduate leaders in business, doctors, lawyers, scholars and participants in service. Notre Dame is not an exception. But I believe the community of students found at our school is like none other in the country.

Of course no school is perfect. There may have been one, two or even several aspects of Notre Dame you wished had been different. Many students would cite parietales, the introduction of the hard alcohol policy and lack of student voice in administrative decisions.

But if you think back on these four years, while you may not have agreed with every University decision, it has been worth it.

William Butler Yeats wrote, "Think where man's glory most begins and ends, and say my glory was I had such friends." I believe in this quote lies the core of my Notre Dame experience.

I came to Notre Dame thinking of the school in the most cliché of terms, as a "top twenty university." I leave dwelling not so much on the University's academic prowess, achievements in sports and international reputation as on the people I will miss every

day after I leave this place.

My dad, a Boston College graduate, asked me upon my acceptance to the University, "How do you know someone went to Notre Dame?"

"Why?" I asked, already anticipating a punch line.

"They'll tell you," he replied. (Here, four years later, I'm calling him out. He was thrilled I chose the Fighting Irish.)

We're all proud to have been a part of Notre Dame, and Domers are notorious for talking about their school.

In my opinion, however, no one is trying to brag. They know the Notre Dame family extends the world over and, after leaving South Bend, are always looking for others who share their sense of connection.

Notre Dame is everywhere. I found it on a high school summer service project in inner-city Worcester, when an eleven-year-old member of my small group proudly showed me his Notre Dame hat and told me he was going to go to school here some day.

I've found Notre Dame in my high school college counselor, Mr. Cattanach, who spoke with me about how much he loved the school.

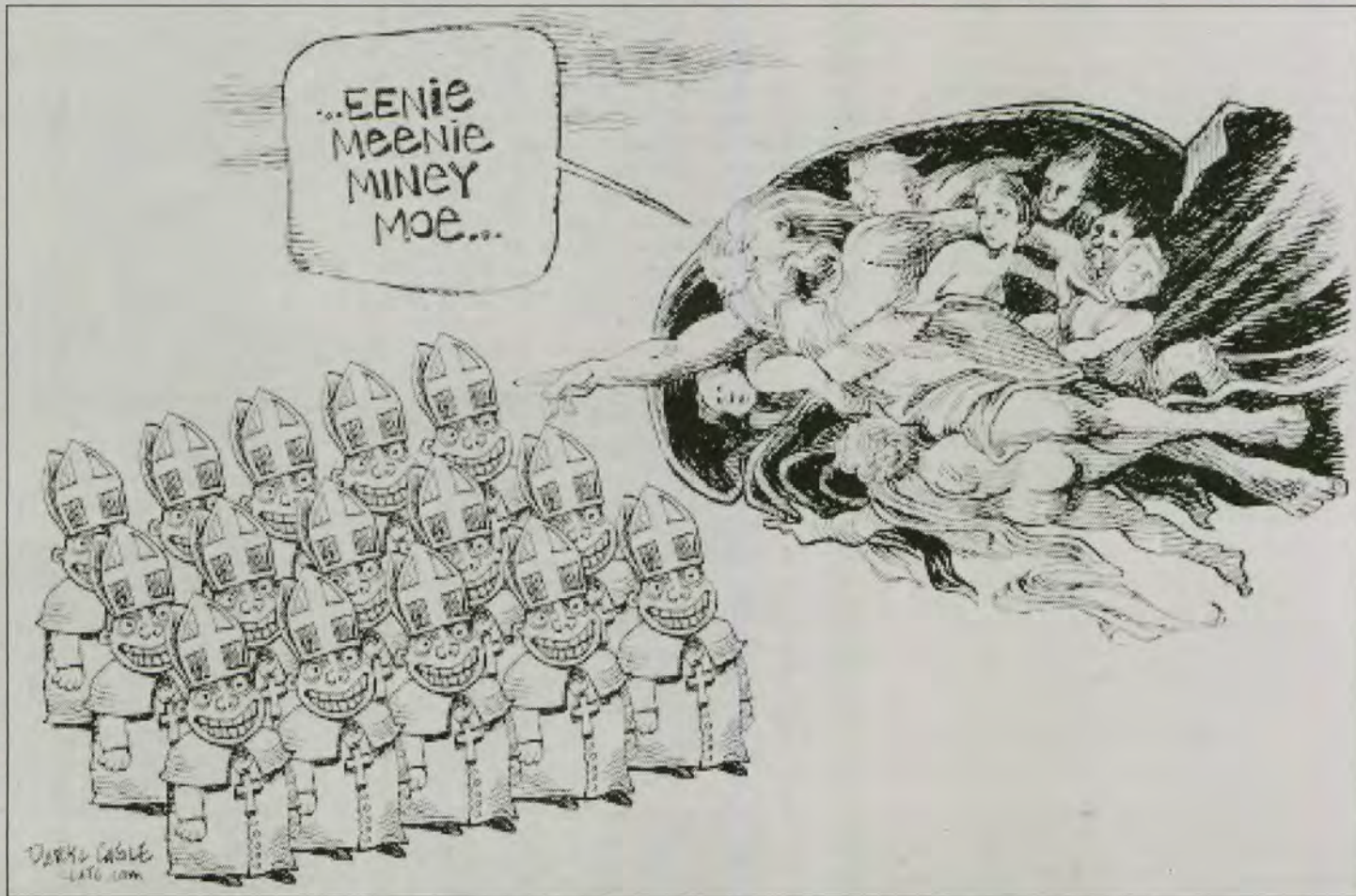
I've found Notre Dame in academic journals, architectural wonders and technological innovations.

But most of all I've found Notre Dame in my fellow members of the class of 2005. To my friends, thank you for the past four years. It wouldn't have been Notre Dame without you.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"When I find myself fading, I close my eyes and realize my friends are my energy."

anonymous

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Great performance,
 bad manners

I had the pleasure of attending the musical "Cinderella" at Saint Mary's College last Friday with friends and family. We all enjoyed a fine performance by the cast, musicians and crew.

However, I must note that the audience was unusually rude to the orchestra. During the overture, the audience completely drowned out the music with conversations and cell phones. The conductor graciously attempted to remedy this by introducing the orchestra to applause before the second act. In response, the audience increased its volume.

Music is central to a musical! Please, keep silent during the overture and entr'acte. At the least, do so out of respect for your friends in the orchestra and the audience. Even better, keep silent so that you may enjoy the rare treat that you have paid money to attend.

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U-WIRE

'Sesame Street' should allow
 Cookie Monster to eat sweets

I like to think of myself as a fairly tolerant, open-minded person. I'm pretty sure I have my PBS-filled childhood afternoons to thank for that.

After returning home from school each day, I would anxiously wait until 4:30, when, for 30 precious minutes, I found myself immersed in a more caring, accepting world — a world in which kind-hearted people of different backgrounds, races and even species lived together in harmony.

The utopian village of "Sesame Street" — probably the one street in New York City lacking a crazy, trashbag-wearing dope-fiend running around prophesizing the Armageddon — taught kids that everyone, no matter how different or eccentric, was a valued addition to society.

On "Sesame Street," the silly quirks that defined each character were appreciated and lauded, not criticized and swept under the rug.

Ernie's unnatural love for his rubber ducky was celebrated with a song, the Count's mild obsessive-compulsive disorder bothered no one and Cookie Monster's penchant for gobbling up cookies while getting crumbs everywhere except in his mouth was exactly what made him so loveable.

Times, they are a-changing. The decision-makers at "Sesame Street" have decided to back away from the very diversity that makes the show so valuable for children. Citing concerns over skyrocketing cases of childhood obesity, they are now snatching away the one source of joy in Cookie Monster's life — the cookie.

Gone are the days of wanton cookie-benders. Instead of singing, "C is for cookie / That's good enough for me," Cookie Monster will now explain to kids the difference between a "sometimes food" and an "anytime food."

The show's goal of combating childhood obesity is certainly commendable, and I suppose there's nothing wrong with encouraging kids to munch on some carrot sticks every now and then.

But if Cookie Monster gets a makeover today,

who knows what tomorrow will have in store? Where do we draw the line between encouraging healthy lifestyles and trying to squeeze everyone into the same cookie-cutter mold?

Instead of celebrating diversity and the quirks that make us individuals, we're teaching kids they need to be thin, beautiful and normal to fit into a world where shows about plastic surgery are on every channel and even the oldest female celebrity still gets carded at liquor stores.

Cookie Monster isn't the first victim of this movement toward perfection. It's been over a year since Barbie divorced Ken to pursue the swingin' singles life with an Australian boogie-boarder. Never mind she's pushing 60.

Even the Care Bears have gotten into the act with a line of aerobics instructor bears, as if we needed more aerobics instructors in this world.

Standing tall amidst this sea of conformity should be the one show that has always taught kids it's OK to be different, but sadly, "Sesame Street" is bending to societal pressures, as well.

If it's not OK for Cookie Monster to eat cookies, who will be targeted next? Will city health codes force Oscar to pack up and leave his trash can in favor of more suitable housing? Will Bert and Ernie, after 30 years of happy cohabitation, be outed by the hostile conservatives of Sesame Street? And how long will it be before the legislature passes a constitutional amendment prohibiting them from marrying?

Oops, that's Kansas, not "Sesame Street."

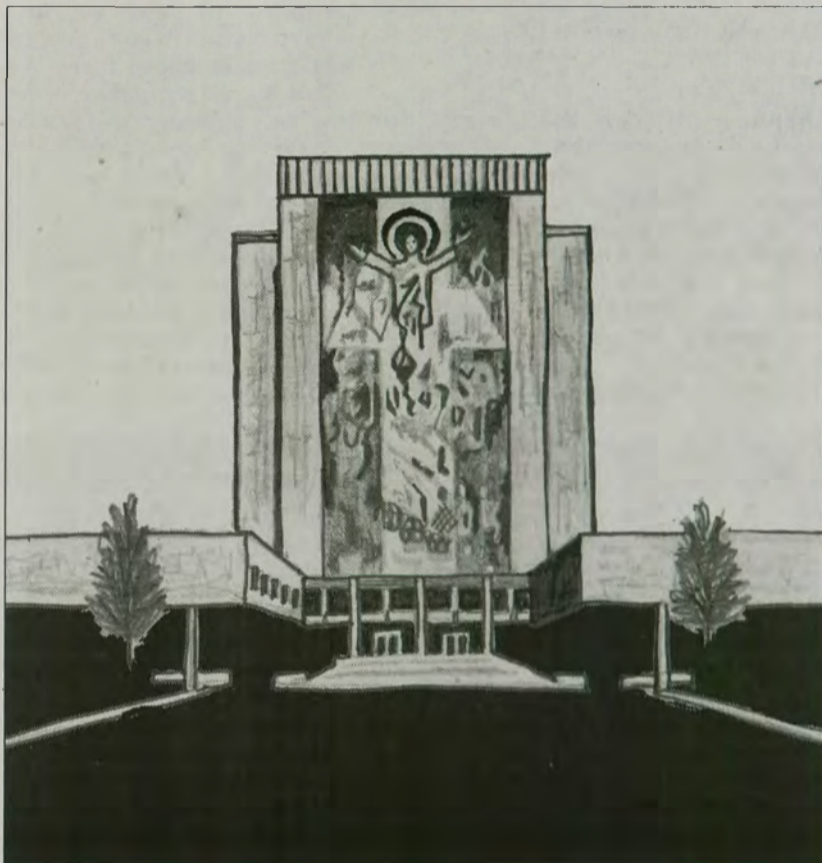
For the past 35 years, "Sesame Street" has shown kids a world filled with diversity and kindness. Everyone — big, small, furry, feathered, grouchy, gay or gluttonous — was appreciated and valued on that magical, utopian street. Taking away Cookie Monster's cookies is chipping away at the diversity that made the show so great.

Please, let him eat cookies.

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Fond recollections
 of Hesburgh Library



For generations, researchers have been dependent on books for their scholarship. They have used libraries in order to gain and transmit new knowledge.

This dependence on libraries

applied especially to university

research, and thus the

library has always been at the intellectual center of the university. In the case of Notre Dame, "the intellectual citadel of American Catholicism," of course the cathedral with its divine service can certainly be called the spiritual center as well. Yet along side it is the center of secular knowledge, the library.

As Max Kade distinguished visiting professor in the department of German and Russian at Notre Dame, I had the good fortune of teaching 19 century German literature for a period of four months. Being with the students was intellectually and emotionally uplifting, as was the interaction with my faculty colleagues. Yet in all honesty, the greatest joy was afforded me by the library. At first I was not at all acquainted with the library at Notre Dame. Yet no sooner did I ask than I was greeted with the quickest and most cordial assistance by the staff and librarians who provide service to students and faculty. While not all books I needed were available there, the staff made every effort to meet the needs of the researcher. Whatever wasn't owned locally was acquired through Interlibrary Loan. In one instance, an item that could not be photocopied due to awkward size was digitized in the Special Collections Department. Robert Kusmer, the bibliographer for German literature, was instrumental in acquiring needed resources and acquainting me with the collections and services. Indeed, the most striking experience in my many

encounters with employees of the Library was that my requests were taken seriously: I was respected as a scholar. Nor will I ever forget how late one evening I discovered to my dismay that I did not have my library card with me, thus preventing me from being able to use the machine to check out a much needed book. I mentioned this dilemma to the monitor on duty whom I had come to know. She proceeded to check out the book on the machine using her own card, thus taking on the responsibility for it. (I can assure you that within a few days I returned the book.)

I have now returned to Germany and have resumed using the university library where I live. However, the spirit of pleasant cooperation and friendly support is lacking. Of course I am able to get the books I need expeditiously. Yet when I do not know something or am not familiar with something, then assistance is given grudgingly. No one smiles at me when I return books I have borrowed. And while the American does not lack for a word of greeting, in Germany silence reigns. I am not disputing the competence of the German library, but rather its humane atmosphere: it is cold. And my standards have changed. Since my stay at Notre Dame, I know that research within a pleasant setting is more fun. During my time in America I have researched and written productively because I was happy going to the library. For this I am thankful.

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VIDEO GAME REVIEWS

'Doom 3' makes use of great sound, realistic graphics

By MARK BEMENDERFER
Scene Writer

Science will be the downfall of mankind. At least, that is what video games tell us. From the evil Dr. Wily to the late Dr. Betrigger, scientists are usually the villains behind most video game plots of world domination.

"Doom 3" is no different. The player enters the game as a faceless Marine grunt assuming his new position on Mars. The first task that he must complete upon landing on Mars is to

report to the Union Areospace Corporation base and the division of Marines stationed there. After doing so, and meeting random suspicious people while completing trivial tasks, the player is sent to recover a missing scientist in an older part of the base.

Upon finding the scientist, the player soon discovers his post on Mars may be a little less boring than originally anticipated. The corporation had been conducting experiments in teleportation and through their efforts had managed to open a hole into what could only be described as hell. Once the player finds the missing scien-

tist, the teleporters go haywire, and horrors begin to pour through.

"Doom 3" is one wild ride. Creatures attack from the walls, ceilings, basically any angle that the player would not expect. Growls and hisses are heard emanating from the vents and from behind closed doors. The pacing of the game is nearly flawless, with bigger and more disturbing creatures attacking as the game progresses.

The monsters range from the paranormal to twisted creations of flesh and machine.

The cherub-like creatures that attack the player are particularly creepy. Instead of feathered wings, they have insect wings. Since they have no legs, they crawl along the floor and leap at the player when they get within range. The noise they make is one the player learns to dread.

The sound in "Doom 3" is used to very good effect. Each creature makes a unique noise that is often the only warning the player receives. Since portions of the game are played with little to no visibility, sound is often the player's greatest asset.

The Union Aerospace facility is one of the best-looking, most impressive video game environments to date. Many video games fail to depict a realistic environ-

ment, but "Doom 3" excels. The game really feels as though it is what it pretends to be. The facility was a cheap, under-staffed and poorly-maintained place before the teleporters went haywire, and afterward even more of the lights malfunction, as well as the random machinery throughout the complex.

The illumination within the game is some of the best to be seen in any game, on any console. The shadows and illuminating factors are all cast in

real-time. Shadows cover the creatures, and move over them as the creatures move. The shading moves and contorts as lights in the environment also move. Some of the best parts of the game are when the developers make use of darkness. When the player has to escort a man through a pitch-black segment of the base with his lamp as the only illumination, movements within the shadows, or hostile noises can cause any player to jump.

The only downfall "Doom 3" experiences is the lack of a splitscreen mode. All multiplayer segments are playable only over Live or a system link. Beyond those minor shortcomings, "Doom 3" is a must for any first-person shooter fan.

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In "Doom 3," players face off against a variety of creative hell-spawned monsters. The game is one of the most realistic of its genre.

Doom 3
Available for xBox
Activision

'God of War' worth renting, definitely not buying

By MARK BEMENDERFER
Scene Writer

"Whom the gods would destroy, they first make mad."

Those are the words that start "God of War" and are spoken as the player is introduced to Kratos. In a very well-rendered cinematic, Kratos leaps from a cliff in an apparent act of suicide. Then the game flashes back to a previous time with a younger Kratos, and the gamer assumes control.

Learning how events cascaded to where the game begins is part of the

game's charm. Kratos's ability as a warrior is apparent from the moment the player assumes control over him.

The game begins on the Aegean Sea, with the hydra attacking a number of beached ships. Kratos is there at the bidding of the Greek gods, and it has become his job to slay the hydra. But first he is attacked by the zombies of the soldiers who had drowned and of other assorted men. To slay the hydra, he only has his blades and his bare hands.

Upon fulfilling his task, he learns that the god Ares has begun an assault on Athens. Athena and the rest of the gods

send him on a task to stop Ares. Thus begins the meat of "God of War," as Kratos begins his quest to stop Ares. His quest takes him through an Athens under siege, deserts, temples and other assorted locales.

Fortunately, Kratos has some interesting weapons. He initially has the Blades of Chaos, two swords attached to a length of chain. He uses the chains to sling the two blades around in a spectacular display. The gods also give him special magical powers, which Kratos can complement by attaining new weapons. All of the weapons and spells can be leveled up, similar to other games in the market. Leveling up the weapons gives the player access to new combos and abilities.

The gameplay itself is very smooth. Controlling Kratos and his many functions couldn't be easier. The game is easy enough, and anyone of any ability can hop in and play it. However, there are enough hidden challenges and unlockables to please someone looking for a challenge. For gamers seeking a true challenge, there is "Challenge of the Gods," a feature unlocked once the game is first beaten.

Length, however, is one of the issues this game faces. It can be beat in one

lengthy sitting or over a weekend. The game is also almost too easy on all but the hardest setting. Gamers looking for a real challenge might be better off trying the new "Devil May Cry 3," a game similar in genre.

"God of War" seems to rely heavily on jumping and timing puzzles towards the end, a trait that detracts from the heavy action of the game. Sure, it gives the game variety, but how many times should someone be forced to avoid a spinning blade of doom?

Scholars of ancient Greek mythology may find themselves offended by some of the events that unfold. By

having Kratos's initial act be to slay the Hydra, the developers ignore a lot of the mythology and thereby also the mythological characters. However, the creatures do appear to be modernized, more realistic mythical creatures, giving the game some credence with scholars.

"God of War" is a fun game, but certainly not worth the \$50 for most people. With study days coming up, rent this game for a nice distraction. It won't take too long to breeze through, and you'll leave feeling satisfied.

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In "God of War," players control Kratos in his quest to overcome Ares, the Greek god of war. The game makes use of several modernized Greek myths.

God of War
Available for PlayStation 2
Sony Computer Entertainment

'Donkey Kong Jungle Beat' brings a visceral innovation

By MARIA SMITH
Senior Staff Writer

Looking for a totally original gaming experience?

"Donkey Kong Jungle Beat" definitely meets the order. Only Nintendo would think to harness the power of the bongo drum in controlling their well-loved cartoon ape. The result is fantastic — nothing in the world of video games is quite as visceral as beating bongos and clapping your way to becoming the new king of the jungle.

You can play "Jungle Beat" with a regular controller instead of the bongo drums, but don't bother. Playing with a controller does not even approach playing with the bongos. It can be difficult to master the controls of a new game, and "Jungle Beat" can certainly be tricky.

But unlike multi-player shooter games, in which not knowing the controls can mean dying three times in two minutes, putzing around in "Jungle Beat" is almost as fun as playing when you actually know what you're doing. The early levels are forgiving of players

who are still figuring out what combination of beats makes Donkey Kong jump, explode enemies or scale walls.

You might be tempted to take a break when your hands start to sting from clapping and your shoulders get sore from trying to collect bananas or explode warthogs as fast as possible. Hand the drums off and enjoy the spectacle of your friends intently bongo-drumming — it's almost as fun as playing the game yourself.

If you feel like goofing around more than speeding through the levels, you can even try a unique two-player arrangement. Put one person

on drum duty while the other takes care of the clapping, and see what you can get done.

Some modern incarnations of older characters are put into 3-D and look so different from the originals that they lose some of their nostalgic value. "Jungle Beat" latches onto the nostalgic value of the 2-D Donkey Kong at the same time that it latches onto the appeal of innovation with the controller. The resulting graphics aren't fabulous, but they certainly do the job.

Ironically, one of the biggest problems with this game is that once you've really mastered the controls, there's not all that much challenge to the game. It's

fun to see how long you can stay airborne, especially since longer air time jumping from walls to vines to oversized flowers earns you bonus bananas, but if you've worked your way through the lower levels, there's not much chance of sustaining serious damage in the higher ones.

Hopefully Nintendo will come out with a more challenging sequel to "Jungle Beat" soon, so that the new drumming

skills of gamers won't go to waste.

"Jungle Beat" is likely to find a wide audience of kids — this is about as harmless

as games come and is one of the few that will actually get your heart-rate going. But "Jungle Beat" is also a great novelty for older gamers and a fun foray for dabblers who want to play something exciting without mastering the more complicated 3-D games and controls. This is also a great party game — almost anyone will enjoy picking it up for at least a brief try.

So if you're one of the loyal Nintendo fans who owns a GameCube, make sure you pick up Nintendo's most creative recent innovation.


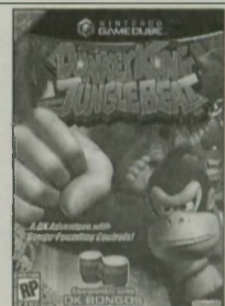
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"Donkey Kong Jungle Beat" uses bongo-drum controllers instead of the normal hand-held controller to allow Donkey Kong to grab bananas and smash enemies.

**Donkey Kong
Jungle Beat**
Available for GameCube
Nintendo

'Splinter Cell Chaos Theory' is a reason to own an xBox

By MARK BEMENDERFER
Scene Writer

Political thrillers are hard to come by in video games, let alone ones with decent plots.

The average video game feels as if it were penned by a teenager, with all the angst and illogical trappings that follow. So it is a rare treat that a famous author like Tom Clancy has helmed the plot behind the "Splinter Cell" theories.

Tom Clancy is no stranger to political thrillers or video games for that matter. Having already written many books on

politics, he has branched out into video games. Initially, he fostered the "Rainbow Six" series of games, which were well received and critically acclaimed. Now Clancy is lending his name and talents to "Splinter Cell" — and what a series it has become.

"Splinter Cell" is now in its third installment and has grown to define the modern stealth action game. The plots always revolve around the standard Clancy formula, with the protagonist traveling around the world and foiling the bad guys. Usually there is someone who needs to be rescued, or someone else needs to be interrogated. However, the mission

plotlines are not what stand out. A typical mission would seem at home in a couple of different games.

Unlike previous versions, the player is given more of an option on how to proceed through each level. Sam Fisher, the hero of "Splinter Cell," is a covert operative with many lethal skills. However, players did not previously get to see much of those skills, since Fisher had to remain in the shadows and avoid detection.

The third installment has taken a different route. While it is recommended that Fisher stay in the shadows, this is not always necessary.

For example — the rebels have a hostage in their camp, and only the hero can rescue him. Slinking

through the shadows, you notice a spotlight you can't avoid. Taking out your pistol, you shoot out the light, and proceed forward. A guard suddenly appears, drawn by the noise. In a few seconds he might see you, and raise the alarm. However, taking him out might expose your position. Such is one of the many choices given to the player.

In a scene like this, players can use more aggressive routes and heavier weapons to move through the level.

It is in the multiplayer setting that this game truly shines. For the first time, a cooperative mode has been added to "Splinter Cell." This mode is standalone, separate from the main game. Two play-

ers can be operatives in training and help each other through many levels of espionage. It can also be done on a split-screen, so people without Live or a system link can still play together.

The deathmatch style of multiplayer is still very good as well. Introduced in the second "Splinter Cell," the deathmatch revolves approximately four players. Splinter Cell took a more thoughtful route than other games in doing away with the frenetic multiplayer.

The four players are broken into two

teams — the mercenaries and the spies. The spies play a lot like the single player campaign. Their view is in the third person, and

they can perform all the acrobatic tricks Sam Fisher could. The mercenaries play a bit more like the standard deathmatch. Given a first person view similar to Halo's, they are given weapons and must prevent the spies from achieving their objective. The combination of the two teams can lead to some intense deathmatches, as both sides are given some nasty little tricks.

Overall, this is a very fun game. When in need of a stealth fix, look no further. "Splinter Cell Chaos Theory" is one of the reasons to own an X-Box.


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"Splinter Cell Chaos Theory" is an excellent game in single-player mode and also makes unique use of multiplayer and deathmatch modes.

**Splinter Cell:
Chaos Theory**
Available for xBox and
PlayStation 2
UBI Soft




MLB — AMERICAN LEAGUE

Yankees score 13 runs in second inning and end slide

Red Sox win Patriots' Day game; Tigers beat O's

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The New York Yankees responded quickly following George Steinbrenner's criticism.

Alex Rodriguez, Tino Martinez and the Yankees broke out for 13 runs in a record-setting second inning Monday night on the way to a 19-8 rout of the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

One day after Steinbrenner lashed out at his \$200 million team for its 4-8 start, the Yankees quickly showed just how powerful they can be when the offense is clicking.

Rodriguez homered twice, doubled twice and finished with five hits. He drove in six runs and scored five times. Martinez hit a grand slam and knocked in six runs. Bernie Williams had three hits and Jason Giambi scored three runs, making a winner of Jaret Wright (2-1) despite his poor outing.

It all started in the second, New York's biggest inning ever at Yankee Stadium. The Yankees sent 17 batters to the plate during an incredible outburst that lasted 34 minutes. They got 11 hits, including seven in a row, and 10 consecutive hitters reached safely.

Hideki Matsui drew a leadoff walk before Rodriguez hit a two-run shot off Rob Bell (1-1).

Giambi doubled, Jorge Posada grounded out and Martinez hit an RBI single. Tony Womack followed with a single off the first-base bag, and Derek Jeter drove in a run with a single.

Williams and Gary Sheffield followed with consecutive RBI singles, and Matsui singled to load the bases.

Rodriguez hit a two-run double to left, making it 8-0 and chasing Bell.

Giambi was walked intentionally by reliever Lance Carter, and Posada hit an RBI single. Martinez then hit a 3-1 pitch over the right-field fence for his 11th career slam and a 13-0 lead.

With one out in the second inning, every New York starter had a hit and a run scored.

The last time the Yankees scored 13 runs in an inning was June 21, 1945, in the fifth inning of a 14-4 victory at Boston. The franchise record is 14 runs in the fifth inning on July 6, 1920, against the Senators in Washington.

The last time New York got 11 hits in an inning was April 11, 1987, against Kansas City. And the Devil Rays set a team record for most runs allowed in an

inning.

Rodriguez added a two-run homer off Carter in the third and just missed his third career three-homer game when he doubled off the right-center fence in the seventh.

Tampa Bay fought back against Wright, who barely lasted long enough to earn the easy win. He was charged with eight runs and 11 hits in 5 1-3 innings.

Aubrey Huff hit a three-run homer for Tampa Bay, which has lost 11 straight at Yankee Stadium and four in a row overall. Julio Lugo had three hits and two RBIs.

Bell gave up 10 runs and nine hits in 1 1-3 innings.

Tigers 13, Orioles 3

Dmitri Young and the Detroit Tigers did an effective job of obliterating the euphoria the Baltimore Orioles derived from their uplifting three-game sweep of the New York Yankees.

Young went 3-for-5 with a homer and three RBIs, leading a 16-hit attack that carried Detroit to a victory Monday night.

Jay Gibbons homered for the Orioles, who climbed into first place in the AL East with their weekend sweep of the New York Yankees. Each of those three games was a sellout, but only 16,301 showed up for this one — the smallest crowd in the 14-year history of Camden Yards.

Orioles manager Lee Mazzilli gathered his players before the game and stressed the importance of playing with the same intensity they showed against the Yankees, but his speech went for naught.

"We were a little flat," he said afterward. "We don't like it, but we'll deal with it."

The Tigers, on the other hand, sustained the momentum created by winning the final two games of their series in Kansas City.

Omar Infante hit his first homer of the season to help Detroit cruise to its first win against Baltimore since May 7, 2003. The Tigers went 0-6 against the Orioles last season, scoring a total of 17 runs.

Every Detroit starter except Carlos Pena got at least one hit. Brandon Inge went 3-for-3 with two walks, two RBIs and three runs scored, and Nook Logan got three hits and twice robbed the Orioles of homers with leaping catches in center field.

"It's a lot of fun when things go well. This is a great lineup to be part of, and we can do a lot of damage out there," Logan said. "Tonight everyone was swinging

the bats well."

Logan did the job in the field, too, reaching far over the 7-foot wall to take away home runs from Gibbons and Brian Roberts.

"I just let my natural ability take over," he said.

Jason Johnson (2-1) was the beneficiary of the Tigers' most productive offensive showing of the season. The former Orioles pitcher gave up two runs and seven hits in seven innings.

"I was real comfortable, and the guys were making some serious plays behind me," the right-hander said. "That makes it easy, and it was great that they gave me some runs to work with."

In his previous start, Johnson was lifted after giving up five runs against Minnesota and getting only one out.

Roberts extended his hitting streak to 13 games, but Miguel Tejada's run of nine straight games with an RBI ended.

Erik Bedard (0-1) gave up eight runs and nine hits in 4 2-3 innings, a performance that raised his ERA from 1.50 to 5.40.

"I threw some good pitches and they hit them," Bedard said, "and I threw some bad pitches and they hit them."

Detroit used a three-run fifth inning to go up 8-2. Inge walked and Ivan Rodriguez and Young hit successive RBI doubles before Craig Monroe greeted Rick Bauer with an RBI single.

A two-run single by Inge and a two-run homer by Young — his first since hitting three on opening day — made it 12-2 in the sixth, and backup catcher Vance Wilson hit an RBI single in the eighth.

"We'll win some games if we can hit like this," Logan said.

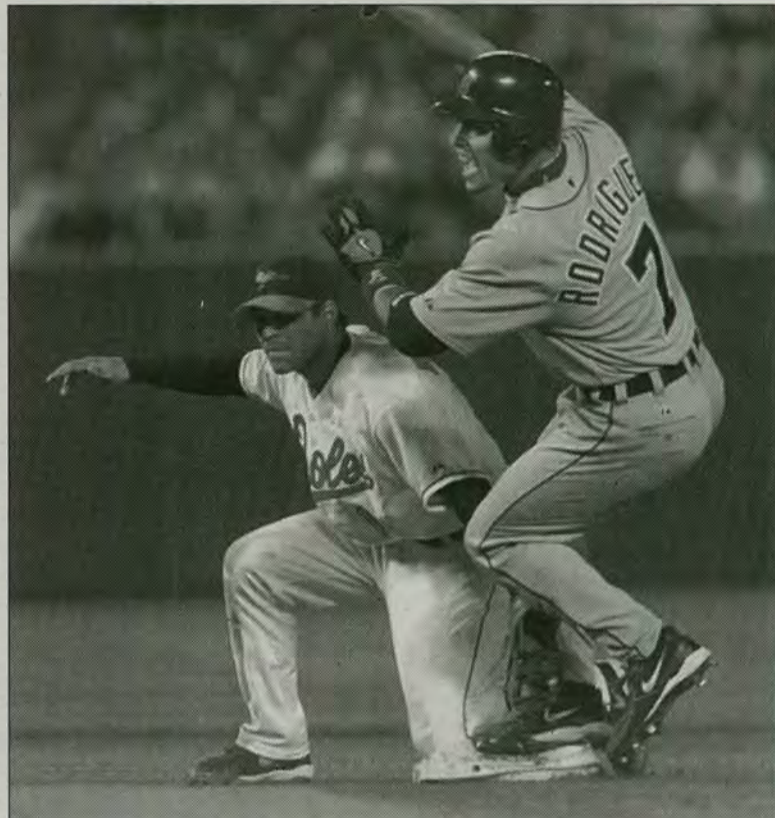
The barrage started with the very first batter. Inge opened the game with a double, took third on a groundout and scored on Rodriguez's fly ball to the warning track in left.

In the bottom half, Sammy Sosa hit into a double play with runners at the corners and one out. But Gibbons put the Orioles up 2-1 in the second with his first homer, a shot to right after a single by Javy Lopez.

After Infante led off the third with a home run, Logan singled and scored on a double-play grounder. A run-scoring grounder by Pena and a two-out RBI single by Infante made it 5-2 in the fourth.

Red Sox 12, Blue Jays 7

Manny Ramirez spent an adventurous day in left field, hitting two homers over the Green



Tigers catcher Ivan Rodriguez slides safely under the tag of Orioles second baseman Brian Roberts on a double in the fifth inning Monday.

Monster and losing two fly balls in the sun, and Curt Schilling got his first win as the Boston Red Sox beat the Toronto Blue Jays Monday.

It was a strange day at Fenway Park, from the 11:08 a.m. start for the Patriots Day holiday to a flyover by two jets marking the start of the Boston Marathon while Schilling was on the mound to the ejection of Toronto manager John Gibbons.

Schilling and Ramirez were in the center of it all as Boston won its fifth in a row.

Boston's ace labored in his second start of the season and barely made it through the fifth inning to qualify for the win with 118 pitches and a 9-3 lead. He got out of two bases-loaded jams, one when he struck out Frank Catalanatto to end the second inning moments after the flyover.

With two outs, Schilling allowed Catalanatto's two-run single in the fifth, then struck out Gregg Zaun. Schilling (1-1), who started the season on the disabled list after undergoing ankle surgery last Nov. 8, allowed five runs in 5 2-3 innings against the New York Yankees in his other start.

Ramirez drove in five runs and had his second two-homer game in three days and 41st multiple homer game of his career.

There was no doubt about the first one, a three-run shot in the second that cleared the left-field seats. There was plenty of uncer-

tainty about the second homer in the sixth that drove in two runs.

That drive hit just above the red line on the wall for a homer, but bounced back onto the field. Third-base umpire Bob Davidson originally ruled the ball was in play and Ramirez stopped at second. Then the umpires conferred and changed the call to a homer, Ramirez's fourth of the season.

Gibbons rushed onto the field to argue and was ejected.

Boston scored seven runs off Dave Bush (0-2), who left with no outs in the third. Kevin Millar singled in a run in the first, Trot Nixon got an RBI single and Ramirez hit his homer in the second. Mark Bellhorn added a two-run double in the third.

Johnny Damon also drove in two runs with a third-inning single for a 9-1 lead.

The Blue Jays scored on Vernon Wells' double in the third, and Ramirez helped them score two unearned runs in the fourth.

With one out, he fought the sun — perhaps unaccustomed to its position so early in the day — and was charged with a two-base error on Orlando Hudson's fly near the wall. Russ Adams singled in a run before Catalanatto hit another fly to left that Ramirez struggled with, and the ball fell for a double and another run.

Zaun then hit a ball that Ramirez caught for a sacrifice fly and the crowd cheered and chanted, "Man-ny, Man-ny."

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ND WOMEN'S TRACK

Irish have successful weekend in California

Another part of the team performs well in Indianapolis' Big East qualifications

By RYAN KIEFER
Sports Writer

Maryann Erigha struck gold in California this weekend.

The Irish sprinter won two events and set a school record in the 100-meters, highlighting a busy weekend for the Notre Dame Women's track team.

Notre Dame took nine athletes to the Mt. San Antonio College Relays in Walnut, Calif., while the rest of the team competed in the Indy Relays hosted by Butler University.

Competing against the best the collegiate track circuit has to offer, the Irish shined in California, highlighted by Erigha's victories. The sophomore, who was hampered by injuries last spring, had her best meet as a collegian.

Her narrow victory in the 100 in 11.28 seconds broke Notre Dame's eight-year-old school record by two tenths of a second. She also won the 200-meters in 23.28 seconds.

Her times rank among the top 10 in both events in the NCAA.

Coach Tim Connelly was impressed with Erigha, but not entirely surprised.

"She's been getting better all season," Connelly said. "Her injury last year really set her back, but now we are seeing her potential."

Stephanie Madia was solid in

finishing fourth in the 5,000-meter run. Her training partner Sunni Olding struggled. After jumping out with the lead pack early, the freshman faltered in the final 500 meters and finished in 17th place.

Connelly attributed the mistake to inexperience.

"They [Olding and Madia] went out faster than they did at Stanford [earlier this season] and Sunni paid for it. She just couldn't keep up, but she's only a freshman," Connelly said. "Sunni knew what happened, and she'll learn from this. Soon enough she'll be able to go out fast and keep that pace."

Erigha, Madia and Olding have all qualified for the NCAA Mid-east regional with their times. Joining them as regional qualifiers were

Lauren King in the 10,000 meters, Okechi Ogbuokiri in the 400 meter run, and Kerry Meagher in the 1500 meter run. Meagher finished seventh in just her sec-

ond race of the season.

Connelly said Meagher's strong finish encouraged him, adding that he felt Meagher would be much more competitive after running a few more races.

In Indianapolis, the remainder of the Irish squad took advantage of the lesser competition to notch nine Big East qualifications and seven event victories.

Meghan Horn qualified for conference in three field events — the discus, hammer throw and shot put. Her 13.96-meter throw in the shot put was enough for a victory and qualification in the Big East and NCAA regional meets.

Other event winners included Jennifer Leong in the 400 meters, Jackie Carter in the 800 meters, Dominique Manning in the 100 meter hurdles, Julie Opet in the steeplechase

and Dee Dee Bryant in the pole vault.

After a busy weekend, Connelly reflected on his team's progress.

"[Erigha's] injury last year really set her back, but now we are seeing her potential."

Tim Connelly
Irish coach

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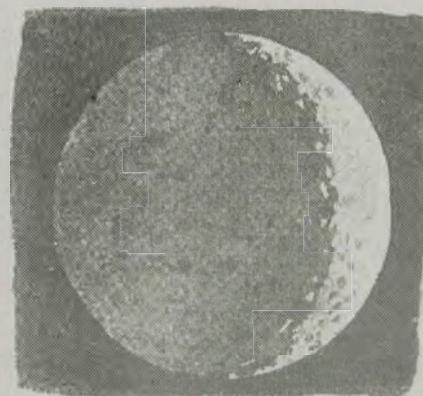
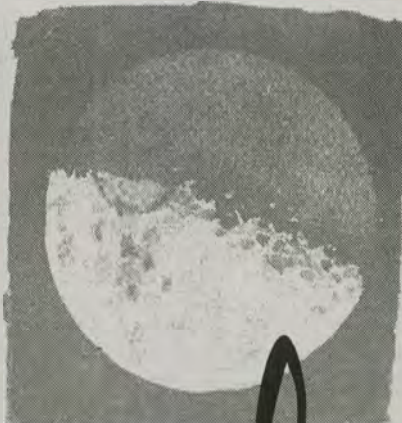
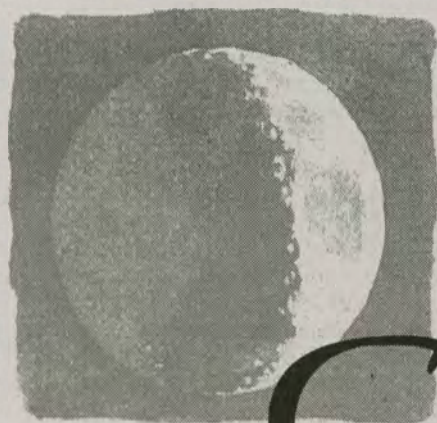
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Maryann Erigha runs in the Feb. 5 Meyo Invitational. Erigha performed well this weekend in California.

"This weekend showed us who has a decent shot at the Big East and who will be pushing for NCAA's," Connelly said. "The kids are getting to the point where they are fit. Now it's just a matter of turning fitness into racing performance." Next weekend will again be

busy for the team as the Irish are scheduled to compete at three meets — the Indiana Intercollegiate, the Eastern Michigan Invitational and the Central Collegiate.

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NBA

Eastern Conference, Atlantic

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Boston	45-35	.563	7-3	-
Philadelphia	42-39	.519	7-3	3.5
New Jersey	40-40	.500	8-2	5.0
Toronto	32-48	.400	3-7	13.0
New York	32-48	.400	3-7	13.0

Eastern Conference, Central

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Detroit	53-27	.663	10-0	-
Chicago	46-34	.575	7-3	7.0
Indiana	43-38	.531	6-4	10.5
Cleveland	40-40	.500	3-7	13.0
Milwaukee	30-51	.370	3-7	23.5

Eastern Conference, Southeast

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Miami	57-23	.713	4-6	-
Washington	45-35	.563	5-5	12.0
Orlando	36-45	.444	2-8	21.5
Charlotte	17-63	.213	2-8	40.0
Atlanta	13-67	.163	2-8	40.0

Western Conference, Northwest

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Seattle	52-28	.650	3-7	-
Denver	48-32	.600	9-1	4.0
Minnesota	43-38	.531	6-4	9.5
Portland	26-54	.325	2-8	26.0
Utah	26-55	.321	4-6	26.5

Western Conference, Pacific

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Phoenix	61-19	.763	8-2	-
Sacramento	49-32	.605	6-4	12.5
L.A. Clippers	36-45	.444	4-6	25.5
L.A. Lakers	34-46	.425	1-9	27.0
Golden State	32-48	.400	7-3	29.0

Western Conference, Southwest

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
San Antonio	59-22	.728	6-4	-
Dallas	56-24	.700	9-1	2.5
Houston	50-31	.617	7-3	9.0
Memphis	45-36	.556	5-5	14.0
New Orleans	18-63	.222	1-9	41.0

NCAA Baseball

Big East Conference

team	record	previous
1 Texas	32-6	1
2 Cal State Fullerton	26-9	2
3 Tulane	32-6	3
4 Georgia Tech	29-7	4
5 Florida	27-9	5
6 Arizona	26-11	6
7 Miami	29-9	9
8 Baylor	25-13	12
9 Oregon State	27-7	11
10 Long Beach State	27-12	16
11 Nebraska	31-7	17
12 North Carolina	28-8	7
13 South Carolina	29-8	8
14 Arkansas	30-8	10
15 Rice	26-13	15
16 Tennessee	25-10	23
17 Missouri	27-9	13
18 Alabama	26-12	18
19 College of Charleston	29-6	19
20 Louisiana State	26-12	22
21 Arizona State	25-15	NR
22 Louisiana-Lafayette	32-7	NR
23 Florida State	33-11	20
24 Stanford	20-14	14
25 Southern California	22-10	25

CYCLING



Six-time Tour de France champion Lance Armstrong poses before a training ride in Austin, Texas on May 17, 1998. Armstrong announced Monday that he would retire following this year's Tour de France.

Armstrong to retire following final Tour

Associated Press

One of the greatest athletes of this era, or any other, ended months of speculation Monday by announcing his retirement. Staying in character, Lance Armstrong saved the biggest mountain to climb for last.

"Whenever I watch sport, whatever sport it may happen to be, I love to see the guy go out on top," he said. "I would love to do that."

No one, not even Armstrong, knows at the moment what it will take to win a seventh Tour de France. Just don't try telling his rivals that. Until Armstrong rolled smoothly

onto the wide boulevard of the Champs-Elysees wearing the yellow jersey last summer, no cyclist had ever won six Tours, never mind all six in a row. He's won them easy and early, won them sick and hanging on with both hands, once after crashing and another time when he was barely jostled.

But to win the next one, Armstrong will have to prepare once more for all those things, and do it an age when all the other great champions, with their cautionary tales strewn all around him, were effectively finished. He turns 34 in September.

"The body just doesn't keep going and going,"

Armstrong said. Which conveniently leaves out that at least until now, his has been the exception to the rule.

Considering the size and topography of the stage — 21 stages, actually, covering 2,222 miles — you bet against the grandest of exalts by one of the greatest competitors ever at your own risk. Either way, the final lap of Armstrong's career should prove every bit as fascinating as his breakthrough win at the Tour in 1999 — and that one came after outlasting a deadly form of testicular cancer.

It was also before the spotlight found Armstrong, and he found out what a

costly, uncomfortable place it can be. Intense as the scrutiny is over here, it pales in comparison to what he faces on the other side of the Atlantic. Over there, Armstrong is Barry Bonds on wheels. Every appearance resembles an interrogation, and every thing he says is parsed and then plumbed for hidden meanings. Worse, some of those appearances actually are interrogations.

According to the Scotsman newspaper, Armstrong is facing at least eight legal battles at the moment, several stemming from allegations he used performance-enhancing drugs.

IN BRIEF

Hamilton suspended from cycling for blood-doping

DENVER — Olympic gold medalist Tyler Hamilton was suspended Monday from competitive cycling for two years for a blood-doping violation discovered at a race in September.

The suspension was handed down by the independent American Arbitration Association-North American Court of Arbitration for Sport.

He can return to competition April 17, 2007, but he forfeits all competitive results since Sept. 11, 2004, the day of the positive test at the Spanish Vuelta.

The positive test occurred the month after Hamilton won the time trial at the Athens Olympics. Hamilton first tested positive in Athens, but that case was dropped after his backup sample was frozen, leaving too few red blood cells to analyze. The Russian Olympic Committee filed an appeal with the Court of Arbitration for Sport seeking to strip Hamilton of his gold medal and give it to Vyacheslav Ekimov.

Neither the U.S. Olympic Committee nor Hamilton immediately returned phone calls for comment.

Agassi and Courier to team up at the United States Clay Court Championships

HOUSTON — Andre Agassi, playing doubles for just the second time since 2001, teamed with former world No. 1 Jim Courier later against Martin Garcia of Argentina and Luis Horna of Peru.

Andy Roddick, the tournament's top seed, will play Matias Boeker on Tuesday afternoon, and the second-seeded Agassi will follow against Michal Tabara.

Melzer broke Puerta in the first game of the second set but fell behind two break points in the sixth game. After the third deuce, consecutive service return errors by Puerta gave Melzer the game and a 4-2 lead.

Melzer broke Puerta again to take the match in the ninth game on the second match point.

Agassi last played doubles on June 7,

2004, with Roddick in a second-round loss to Australians Paul Hanley and Wayne Arthurs at the Queen's Club tournament in London. Courier has not played on the ATP tour in five years.

Pacers' Johnson suspended for throwing punch

NEW YORK — Indiana guard Anthony Johnson was suspended one game by the NBA on Monday for throwing a punch at Miami center Alonzo Mourning.

Johnson threw the punch with 1:41 left in the fourth quarter of the Pacers' 84-80 loss at Miami on Sunday. Johnson was fouled by the Heat's Dwyane Wade, and he and Mourning appeared to collide.

Johnson threw a punch that did not strike Mourning and was apparently unnoticed by referees, since he was not ejected. He was whistled for a technical foul.

Johnson, who averages 8.3 points and 4.8 assists, served his suspension Monday night against the Orlando Magic.

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MLB

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to go deep into the tournament. "A scrappy team can go a long way in Bookstore if things are going their way," he said. "They can go as far as their energy can take them."

Looking For a Sponsor at the Moment 21, Brady, Where'd You Get That Tan? 8

Jerome Collins is hoping to hear his name announced this weekend at the NFL Draft. But for now, the tight end is focusing his attention on winning Bookstore Basketball.

Collins came one step closer to his goal Monday night as he led Looking For a Sponsor at the Moment to a 21-8 victory over Brady, Where'd You Get That Tan?.

Collins asserted himself early, controlling the glass and preventing Brady, Where'd You Get That Tan? from getting anything going offensively on the inside. Rhema McKnight's quickness and outside shooting also proved very difficult to defend.

Brady, Where'd You Get That Tan? hustled to keep the game competitive against the much bigger third-seeded team. The passing of captain Steve Patton and defensive intensity of guard Mike Manzo impressed the crowd and caused some problems for Looking For a Sponsor at the Moment.

"I think I had the obvious athletic advantage over Rhema, but he just had too much heart," Patton said.

Collins was impressed with

the play of his opponents.

"I thought they were pretty good," he said. "It wasn't like this was an easy game. They played well tonight."

Looking For a Sponsor at the Moment captain Joe McClyde agreed with Collins, saying he respected Brady, Where'd You Get That Tan? for how hard the team played Monday night.

McClyde also stressed that his team needed to work on its chemistry as it advances deeper into the tournament.

"This is the second game we have had everyone together for, so it was a good chance to get used to playing with each other," McClyde said. "If we can play hard and gel as a team, we are going to be pretty hard to stop."

Manzo was disappointed in his team's loss, but maintained that a smaller victory had been won over Looking For a Sponsor at the Moment.

"At least our team name was funny," he said.

Collins agreed with Manzo wholeheartedly.

"I actually like that name a lot because I'd like to know where Brady got that tan too," Collins said. "If they find out, they should definitely let me know."

CoCoo Butter 21 - Nausea, Indigestion, Heartburn, Upset Stomach, Matt Biscaia 8

Ron Dokes continued his dominance of Bookstore Basketball Monday night, leading CoCoo Butter to another lopsided win. The former Duquesne center who recently finished a professional season in Turkey had seven points, six of them coming on dunks.

"This guy played professional

basketball in Europe," Nausea center Eamonn Bahnsón said. "We have been to Europe, that's about as far as the comparison goes."

Nausea felt good about its chances early on, though.

"We were playing them close," Matt Biscaia said. "It was 0-0 and then 1-1. I think our main problem was Matt Biscaia didn't get enough touches."

CoCoo Butter quickly ran away with the game, however, behind the inside dominance of Dokes and superior perimeter play of Bobby Brown and captain Lance Wescher. The crowd erupted when, midway through the first half, Dokes stole the ball from Drew Donovan and promptly threw down a tomahawk dunk on the other end of the court.

"I think one of the big factors was that they had about a foot and 100 pounds on each of us ... and the dunks," Bahnsón said.

CoCoo Butter, the 11th-seeded team in the tournament, moves on to the round of 32 but has yet to face a significant challenge. While Wescher is happy with the team's success, he is worried that the team might get surprised at some point when the level of play is heightened.

"The teams we have played so far haven't been bad, just small," Wescher said. "I'm afraid of running into a team down the line that is much better than the teams we have played so far."

Dokes shares Wescher's concern and feels the team must continue to come together as a group to go deep into the tournament.



DUSTIN MENELLA/The Observer

Tim Cremieux takes a jump shot during his Bookstore Basketball game on Sunday. The men's tournament began the round of 64 Monday afternoon.

"There's a couple teams out here that play really well together," Dokes said. "They are scary matchups. We could lose any night."

"As we go further in the tour-

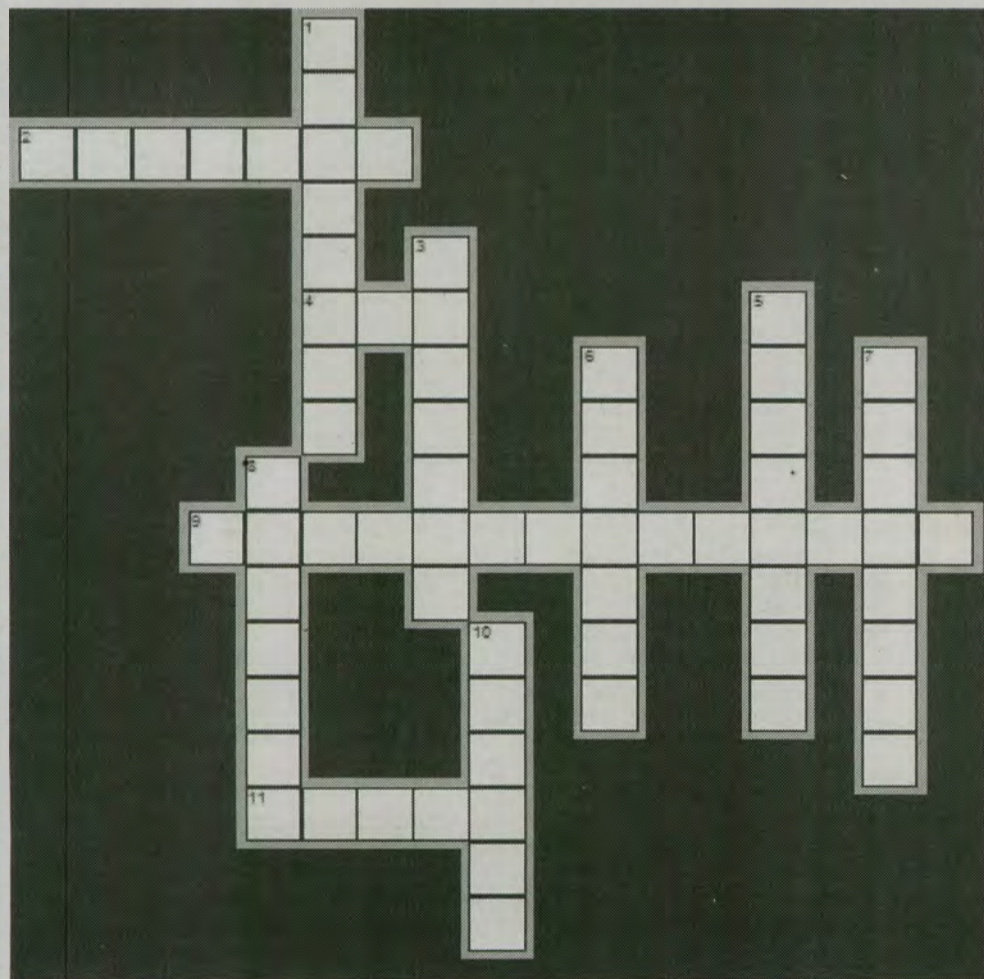
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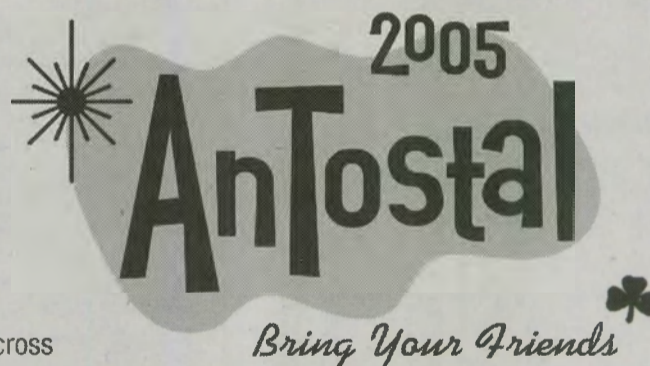
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NFL

Linebacker dies at 45 from intestinal cancer

Sam Mills went to five Pro Bowls in his 12-year pro career

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Small in stature, Sam Mills was a giant both on and off the football field.

Told 5-foot-9 was too small to be a professional linebacker, teams didn't give him tryouts and agents refused to represent him. None of it stopped Mills, who went on to make five Pro Bowls in a stellar 12-year NFL career.

Mills couldn't beat cancer, though. He died at his home Monday after a two-year battle with intestinal cancer. He was 45.

"Sam was one of the finest people you will ever meet. You would never know that he was a player who made Pro Bowls and had all this attention because he treated everybody the same no matter who they were," Carolina general manager Marty Hurney said. "He never had a bad thing to say about anybody and had a great ability to laugh at himself."

"He was the type of guy you want your kids to grow up to be."

There is a statue of him outside Bank of America Stadium and he is the only player in the

team's Hall of Honor.

An undersized linebacker out of Montclair (N.J.) State who failed several times to catch on with NFL and Canadian Football League teams, Mills gave professional football one last shot when the USFL debuted in 1983. After starring in that league for the Philadelphia Stars for three years, coach Jim Mora brought Mills along to the Saints in 1986.

Mills spent nine NFL seasons with the Saints, then joined the expansion Panthers. He finished his career with 1,319 tackles while starting 173 of 181 games.

Mills was elected to Louisiana's Sports Hall of Fame. He is also a member of New Jersey's Sports Hall of Fame.

"I remember him being the toughest little man I've ever seen in my life," said former Saints linebacker Rickey Jackson. "He was mighty mouse — he'd hit you hard as he could every time he hit you."

"When he had a bum knee one time, he still showed up every day. He pushed you. Looking at him doing it made you know you better put out. If a little man like that worked so hard and put out, you better put out for all you were worth. He always inspired me to do better, to work harder, to be better."

Steelers look ahead to draft

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — One year after choosing Ben Roethlisberger, the Pittsburgh Steelers are faced with this perplexing problem heading into the NFL draft: How do they top that?

The answer: They don't. The Steelers don't choose until 30th in the first round, 19 spots lower than when they selected Roethlisberger with one of the most successful picks in their history. If they had passed on the quarterback who became the NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year, it can be argued they might be selecting a lot sooner Saturday.

Choosing just three picks before the second round begins, the Steelers aren't looking to hit another home run. Rather, they'd like to add at least one player who can play immediately — perhaps a linebacker or an offensive lineman — then add depth at the numerous positions where they're thin.

The Steelers aren't dismissing the possibility their first-rounder can start now. After all, No. 30 pick Kendall Simmons started every game at guard as a 2002 rookie.

"We see reports that the draft's soft and not deep, but we're pretty optimistic," director of football operations Kevin Colbert said Monday. "There's guys definitely available on the first day that can help our team."

Recent history shows the No. 30 pick can be very productive. The Lions took 1,000-yard back Kevin Jones a year ago, and the Titans got Pro Bowl linebacker Keith Bulluck at No. 30 in 2000. The Colts took productive wide receiver Reggie Wayne in 2001.

Colbert and coach Bill Cowher consider this draft deep at wide receiver, cornerback and the offensive line, all areas where the Steelers need more players. They lost three former starters — wide receiver Plaxico Burress, guard Keydrick Vincent and tackle Oliver Ross — to free agency, thus weakening the depth of



The Steelers used their 2004 first round pick on Ben Roethlisberger, shown above scrambling against the Ravens.

the team that went 15-1 and was a victory away from the Super Bowl.

Their only major offseason acquisition so far is former 49ers receiver Cedrick Wilson, who will compete with Antwaan Randle El to start at Burress' spot. Neither has the 6-foot-5 Burress' size, so a tall, rangy receiver might be a draft day fit. So might a linebacker for their 3-4 defense or a cornerback to challenge holdover Willie Williams.

"This is the fastest group of wide receivers and cornerbacks I've witnessed," Colbert said. "It was real exciting to see. It was impressive. It's why we think it's a pretty good draft."

They would seem to need help at tight end, and either Virginia's Heath Miller or Stanford's Alex Smith could be available. But the Steelers rarely throw to their tight end, who is effectively a sixth offensive lineman in their system, and Cowher doesn't seem eager to rewrite the position's job description.

"We've been talking about the tight end position since I've been here," Cowher said. "It's never been one that's been used much in the passing game."

Because the Steelers aren't in urgent need at any one position, Cowher said they have the freedom to draft the player they judge the best available.

"I really think we do have the luxury of not having to reach," Cowher said. "When you're picking on the first round, you want to take the best player and let the draft board work itself."

The Steelers will rank the top players from No. 1 to 30 then, in theory, choose the player they rank the highest. It worked last year, when Roethlisberger easily was the highest-ranked player left at No. 11.

The Steelers will stage their own mock drafts Thursday and Friday, but Colbert said drafting so low obviously creates far more possibilities than picking 11th did.

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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Doherty to take over FAU

Associated Press

BOCA RATON, Fla. — Matt Doherty's relationship with Florida Atlantic began a couple weeks ago, when he called to recommend Rex Walters to fill the school's vacant men's basketball coaching job.

They ignored his advice. The Owls wanted Doherty — and the former North Carolina and Notre Dame coach decided it was time to return to work.

Doherty was hired Monday as Florida Atlantic's coach, starting more than two years after he resigned from North Carolina. Doherty, a former national coach of the year, replaces Sidney Green, who was fired last month after three consecutive losing seasons, including a 10-17 mark this year.

"At every place there's different problems, different issues," Doherty said. "And I thought, 'How cool would it be to come here and build this program?'"

"I was going to say brick by brick, but I don't think as a basketball coach that's a good term to use, so piece by piece, swish by swish. How cool would that be?"

After seven seasons as an assistant at Kansas under current Tar Heels coach Roy Williams, Doherty went to Notre Dame for the 1999-00 season, going 22-15.

Doherty agreed to a seven-year contract that pays him a base salary of \$171,000 annually; he could also earn bonuses based on ticket sales, and he'll profit from summer camps and endorsements. Doherty will pay FAU \$200,000 if he leaves after one season, \$100,000 after two, and progressively less each following year.

"He's a coach. He wants to coach. He's not going to go to a place where he doesn't feel he can be successful," said Walters, the former Kansas standout who'll leave his assistant job at Valparaiso to join Doherty's staff. "He believes and I believe this can be a program to be reckoned with. We can win here."



Matt Doherty, who coached Notre Dame and North Carolina, will now take over the Florida Atlantic head coaching job.

History suggests that will be tough at FAU, which will play one more season in the mid-major Atlantic Sun Conference before joining the Sun Belt for the 2006-07 campaign.

The 2004-05 team played seven home games before fewer than 500 fans. In 12 seasons in Division I, the Owls are a combined 102-234, with only two winning seasons and one trip to the NCAA tournament.

"It wasn't about money. It wasn't about level," Doherty said. "If you have a passion for coaching basketball, you'll coach in front of 20,000 people or 2,000 people."

His new players are excited. "He's a big name and clearly a great coach. And I think he brings our dream a lot closer," said guard Tywain McTyer, who'll be a sophomore next season.

In the 2000-01 season,

Doherty's first Carolina team went 26-7, was ranked No. 1 in the country late in the year and won a share of the ACC's regular-season title. He was named The Associated Press' coach of the year.

But he missed the NCAA tournament in each of his final two seasons in Chapel Hill, and resigned under pressure in April 2003. Many of the players he recruited to Chapel Hill — including Sean May, Raymond Felton and Rashad McCants — helped lead the Tar Heels to this year's national championship.

"I joke, saying I got to buy the groceries and start the meal, but I didn't get to enjoy it," Doherty said. "So that was a little frustrating, but I was very proud of what they accomplished and felt a part of it. And as a result, got some credit for it too."

RUNNING

Ndereba victorious in 2005 Boston Marathon

'Catherine the Great' becomes a four-time winner in the event

Associated Press

BOSTON — Twenty-five years after Rosie Ruiz came out of nowhere to "win" the Boston Marathon, Catherine Ndereba staged a rally almost as improbable.

Trailing by four football fields at the halfway point, the Kenyan known as "Catherine the Great" caught Elfenesh Alemu to win an unprecedented fourth women's title Monday, finishing in two hours, 25 minutes, 13 seconds.

Ethiopia's Hailu Negussie covered the 26.2-mile course from Hopkinton to Boston's Back Bay in a heat-slowed 2:11:45 for the men's title, earning \$100,000 and breaking Kenya's stranglehold on the event. Alan Culpepper gave the U.S. something to celebrate, placing fourth in the best finish for an American since Dave Gordon was fourth in 1987.

Ndereba made sure the Kenyans weren't shut out.

"In Kenya we all celebrate as a group, so when someone wins we all celebrate," said Benson Cheronu, who was third in the men's race behind Negussie and Kenyan Wilson Onsare. "I gave my congratulations to her for winning. I thank God for what she did."

Ruiz became one of the most notorious cheaters in sports history when she was declared the winner of the 1980 Boston

Marathon despite running only about a mile. The real winner, Jacqueline Gareau, was brought back on Monday to claim some of her usurped spoils.

Ndereba didn't need any trickery to beat Alemu for the second consecutive year. Last year's 16-second gap tied the closest in the history of the women's race, but Ndereba won this year by 1:50.

"It is more than a thrill," Ndereba said. "I felt like my legs were kind of heavy when we started. As I kept on pushing the pace, I felt like my body was moving and I felt like, 'Wow! I can do it.'"

Alemu was in the lead pack from the fifth mile in Framingham, pulling away at Wellesley College to open an 80-second lead at the 13.1-mile mark. Ndereba pulled even with the Ethiopian at the crest of Heartbreak Hill, about two hours into the race.

They ran side-by-side past Boston College onto Beacon Street before Alemu fell back at Cleveland Circle in Brookline.

Alemu has finished second two times in a row. In 2002, her only other Boston appearance, she finished third to Ndereba's second.

"I am not disappointed because there is winning, and there is not winning," Alemu said. "It happens. I am not worried about that."

Kenyans had won 13 of the previous 14 men's races, but this year they'll have to settle for Ndereba's victory.

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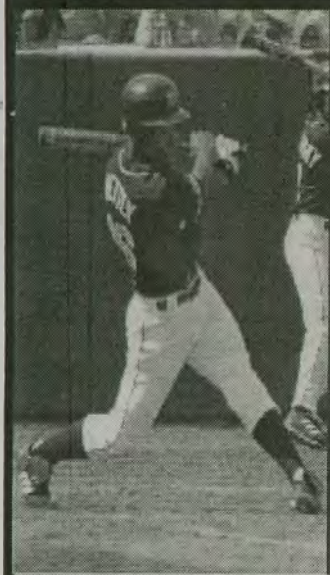
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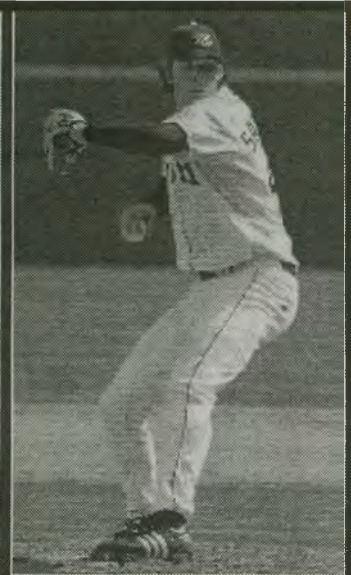
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Kapala

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against Connecticut, leading his team to a 3-2 victory. He pitched the game of his career in turning in a complete-game, two-run performance in the eight-inning duel and earning — fitting as it may seem — his second win of the season.

"I was just so proud of Kapala," Mainieri said. "[I] just thought he pitched so courageously."

Junior lefty Tom Thornton was not to be outdone. So, Thornton delivered yet another complete game for the Irish — his second in a row — in the late game Saturday afternoon against the Huskies in a milestone game for coach Mainieri. The Irish won 7-1. For the first time since Heilman and teammate Danny

Tamayo completed the feat in 2001, two Irish starters combined for complete games in a Big East doubleheader.

Mainieri got his 800th career victory. On the landmark day, all the ever-humble coach could do was praise his players.

"[Thornton], what can you say, he's been our leader all year on the mound. He did a tremendous job for us.

"It has nothing to do with me," Mainieri added. "It's all about the kids — them playing the game. I haven't won one game in my career. Believe me, I haven't hit one ball or thrown one ball or fielded one ball or scored one run."

Thornton improved to 4-4 on the year. In his last start, he pitched a complete game in his home state of Massachusetts against Boston College.

Heading into the final game of the series, the Irish had used only

two pitchers due to the nearly flawless outings of Kapala and Thornton.

Sophomore Jeff Manship appeared poised for another solid start but was nailed on the hand by a comebacker in the first inning of the Sunday game. He left the game, and Mainieri said he would be examined and his pitching status would be day-to-day.

Luckily, the Irish could turn to sophomore Jeff Samardzija.

Samardzija picked up his fifth win of the season in a gutsy performance, improving his mark to 5-0. He pitched 6.1 innings and faced 25 batters — a day after enduring an exhausting football practice.

"The guy goes through a grueling football scrimmage yesterday and then comes over here and competes his rear end off for six and a third innings," Mainieri said. "That's just a tremendous

athlete. [He] gave us a chance to win the game."

With the starters and middle relievers shaping up, pre-season and 2004 All-American closer junior Ryan Doherty did his job as well.

Doherty entered the game in the eighth and retired all four batters he faced through the ninth, earning his fifth save of the season. The Irish won 9-7 to sweep the Huskies.

After the series sweep, there was a certain buzz in the Irish clubhouse. The Irish had just jumped two spots in the Big East standings — from fifth to third place — sitting only one and a half games behind conference leader St. John's.

"We won three big games this weekend; we put ourselves right back in the hunt for this thing [the Big East title]," Mainieri said.

The buzz was not only the sound of an excited, victorious

team, but also the replay of the zip of a 90 mph Ryan Doherty fastball, the break of a slicing Tom Thornton curveball, the hum of a Dan Kapala heater or the precision of a Jeff Samardzija payoff pitch resonating through the clubhouse.

The hitting has begun to hit stride, and the pitching isn't far behind.

"We can talk about the disadvantage of being in the north and going south, but for some guys it takes a half a season or more before they can find their timing or their groove," Mainieri said. "You've got to play games."

Against Connecticut, the early-season struggles vanished for the Irish pitching staff — whose ultimate test might come later this week with five straight games Wednesday through Sunday.

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SMC SOFTBALL

Belles to face MIAA foe Calvin Knights before tourney

Team needs a big win to help salvage season

By PATRICK McCABE
Sports Writer

Down but not despondent after three consecutive losses, the 4-8 (1-3) Belles travel to Grand Rapids, Mich., to play the 7-4 (2-1) Calvin Knights in an attempt to salvage the Saint Mary's season. A clutch win would prime the team for a conference tournament charge and bolster its spirits.

"This match is really crucial," co-captain Kristen Palombo said. "We need some good singles wins, especially after losing three straight to tough opponents. We

want to attain at least the fourth seed in the conference to secure a first-round bye in the tournament."

Coach Dee Stevenson reaffirmed the team's goals.

"This match determines whether we finish in the top or bottom half of the conference. If we win, we can complete the season over .500," Stevenson said.

Under Coach Jerry Bergsma, Calvin amassed a 6-1 conference record (14-4 overall) in 2004 and has tenaciously but capriciously contended with the perennial conference elite. No. 1 singles player Amy Zeilstra (12-6 last year) and No. 2 Rachel Pater (13-8 last year) spear the Knights' chaotic onslaught.

"They came out of nowhere last

year," Palombo said. "It was so weird. They beat us and Albion last year, but didn't do anything in the tournament. We're still prepared for a tough match. They're an on-and-off team."

Stevenson echoed Palombo's thought.

"They beat us on our home court last season in the final regular-season game and threw the conference into a three-way tie for first [with Albion and the Belles]," Stevenson said. "But they did have a tough tourney."

Stevenson feels that his team did not play for revenge.

"Most of our players are new and didn't experience the loss," Stevenson said.

But Palombo, one of the few returnees from last year's squad,

remembers vividly and now seeks vengeance, but emphasizes the boost a win would provide.

"Oh yeah, it's a revenge match. But this is a confidence match, too — it's tough when you lose three straight matches," Palombo said. "We've played an unusually stacked schedule, facing the toughest teams consecutively. We'll compete against the easier teams next week."

Palombo revealed the team's mentality to propel a push to the postseason.

"We're feeling okay. We're not bouncing around, but everyday is a new day and each match is a new one," Palombo said. "We are reminding ourselves, 'We can definitely come from behind and do this.' We haven't ruled any-

thing out."

"Our team's morale is pretty good. It's been a tough year due to graduation and injury. We're somewhat disappointed and wished we could have done better," Stevenson said. "Ninety percent of points are lost on someone's errors, not an opponent's winners. If Calvin plays well tomorrow, we will have a tough day. Their entire squad from last year returns, so we have to play our best."

However, Stevenson also acknowledged Calvin's explosive, arbitrary play.

"If they don't play at their best ... it's hard to say what to expect."

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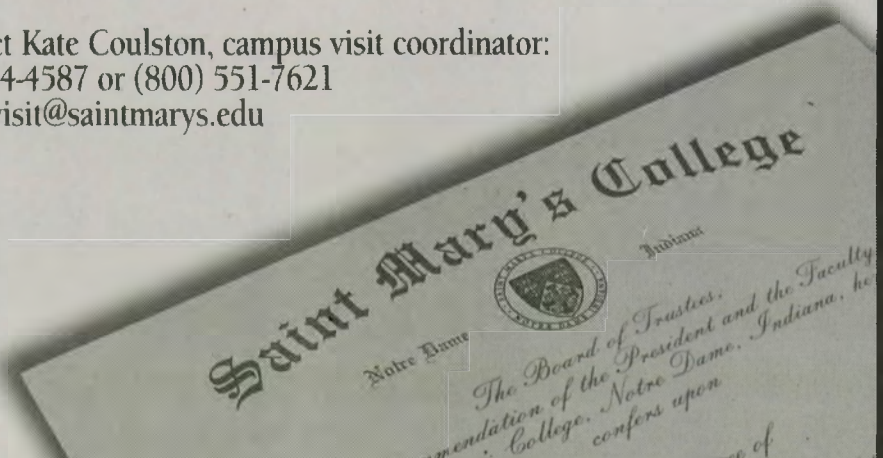
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Latimore

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practices during his redshirt season.

Former Irish coach Digger Phelps even repeatedly said Latimore was the best player on the team last season.

But Irish coach Mike Brey said Monday the possibility of Latimore wearing an Irish uniform for only one season wasn't something that just came up recently.

"This was actually discussed on the front end of Dennis'

recruiting — the chance that he would play just one year for us," Brey said in a statement. "Given the fact that he has graduated and we have a lot of younger big guys we want to develop, we are moving forward with the decision Dennis and I have made together.

"I've enjoyed the past two years that I have spent here at Notre Dame both as a student and an athlete."

**Dennis Latimore
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"I am very proud of how Dennis represented us academically and athletically."

Latimore said in the statement that he plans to pursue a professional career next year either in the United States or abroad.

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Dennis Latimore, right, defends Boston College's Jared Dudley during Notre Dame's 68-65 victory over the Eagles Feb. 8. Latimore will not return to the team next season.

DePaul

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Gumpf took over and would become the second longest in school history if Notre Dame could take both games of the doubleheader.

"Wins like the ones we've been getting are always helpful," Gumpf said. "The girls have a lot of confidence, which we need. They feel like they can come from behind and win when the going gets tough, and that's very important for this team."

Notre Dame will be led by its dominant starting pitching, featuring senior Steffany Stenglein.

Stenglein was named the Big East Pitcher of the Week on Monday after striking out 36 batters in 19.2 innings last week on her way to recording four victories and two complete-game shutouts.

Stenglein's dominant week lowered her ERA to 1.29, and she has now compiled 177 strikeouts in 113.2 innings, a rate of almost 11 strikeouts per game.

Along with junior Heather Booth, the Irish pitching has been practically unhittable as of late.

"Steffany and Heather have gotten better and better as the season has progressed," Gumpf said.

"They're both pitching very well; they just need to stay solid and always keep us in the ballgame."

With the pitching carrying the Irish, the offense has not produced spectacular stats,

but plenty of clutch hits throughout the course of the win streak.

"I don't think we've hit phenomenally," Gumpf said. "Our numbers aren't incredible, but we're taking care of business. We're doing enough to make sure we're winning, and in the big picture, that's what we have to do."

After today's doubleheader, Notre Dame plays 12 consecutive home games to close out

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**Deanna Gumpf
Irish coach**

the season, making it all the more important to close out their last road trip of the season strongly.

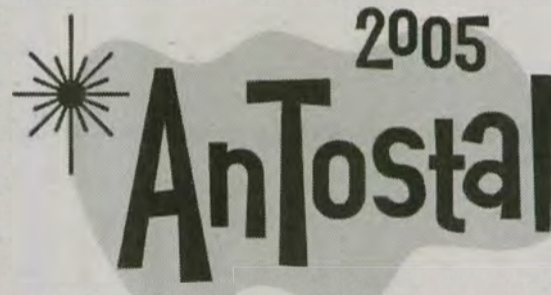
"We're a confident team right now," Gumpf said. "This year we're winning the tough games. It says a lot about the character of the team, and they're going to need that coming down the stretch."

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First baseman Meagan Ruthrauff tags out a Western Michigan baserunner on March 24.



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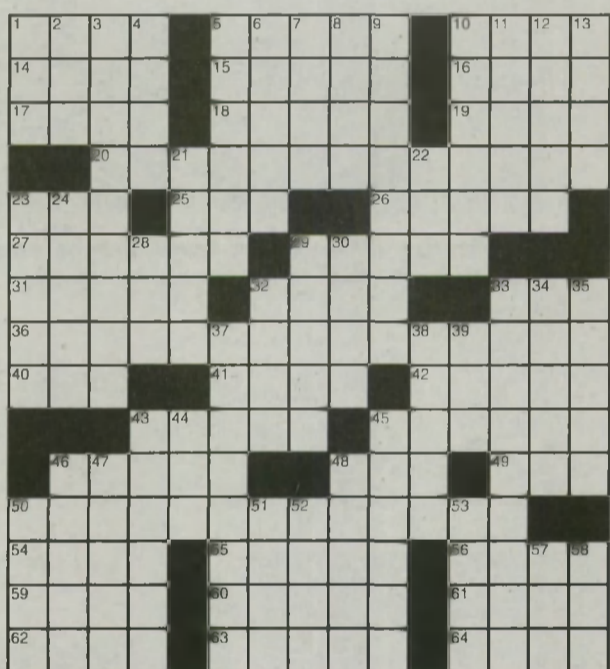
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Yesterday's Jumbles: OLDER TWEAK FAMISH EFFORT
Answer: Why the door-to-door salesman was spurned - HE "ASKED" FOR IT

CROSSWORD

WILL SHORTZ

- ACROSS**
- 1 Actor Damon
 - 5 Great buy, slangily
 - 10 Go yachting
 - 14 Met solo
 - 15 Inventor Nikola
 - 16 Ides of March utterance
 - 17 Timid creature
 - 18 Big name in chips
 - 19 "Hud" Oscar winner
 - 20 Actor Ben with the gang?
 - 23 ___-mo
 - 25 Cornhusker State: Abbr.
 - 26 Like good soil
 - 27 Chops to bits
 - 29 Best Actress winner for "Million Dollar Baby"
 - 31 Really enjoyed
 - 32 Democratic honcho Howard
 - 33 Roadside sign
 - 36 Marathoner Frank with candy?
 - 40 Layer?
 - 41 Richly adorn
 - 42 Easy mark
 - 43 Nutty as a fruitcake
 - 45 Motor City hoopster
 - 46 Mel Ott, notably
 - 48 Several eras
 - 49 Unlock, poetically
 - 50 Novelist Evan with a small smooch?
 - 54 Man Friday, e.g.
 - 55 Publicist's concern
 - 56 Workbook segment
- DOWN**
- 1 "Spy vs. Spy" magazine
 - 2 "You ___ here"
 - 3 Gets soused
 - 4 Pucker-producing
 - 5 Metro entrances
 - 6 Potato sack wt., maybe
 - 7 Renaissance family name
 - 8 K.C. Royal, e.g.
 - 9 Space cadet's place
 - 10 Author/illustrator Maurice
 - 11 First-stringers
 - 12 Europe's "boot"
 - 13 Quiet time
 - 21 Like a stumblebum
 - 22 ___ compos mentis
 - 23 Not just a success
 - 24 Like a ballerina
 - 28 Despicable sort
 - 29 Serta competitor
 - 30 Harry Potter accessory
 - 32 Icicle former
 - 59 Puts into play
 - 60 "Our Gang" dog
 - 61 Mower maker
 - 62 Document content
 - 63 Dorm annoyance
 - 64 Cashless deal

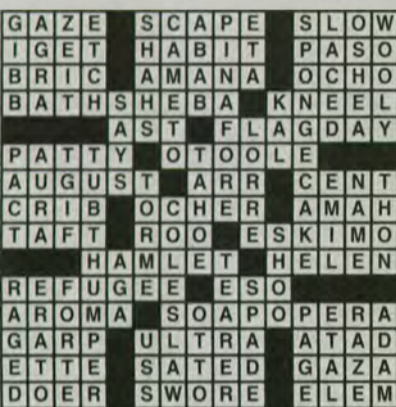


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- 33 Become familiar with
- 34 Fabulous author
- 35 "Funny Girl" composer Jule
- 37 Voyages in vain?
- 38 Place for a title
- 39 Used to be
- 43 Up-to-the-minute
- 44 White Monopoly bill
- 45 "I yam what I yam" speaker
- 46 False front
- 47 Encyclopedia volume
- 48 Landscaper's tool
- 50 ___ monde
- 51 "You said it!"
- 52 Defense grp.
- 53 Roster removals
- 57 Lyrical Gershwin
- 58 Blouse, e.g.

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Melissa Joan Hart, 29; Maria Bello, 38; James Woods, 58; Hayley Mills, 59

Happy Birthday: Don't take the easy route this year. Let your imagination lead the way. Something unique could lead to some money this year. Take control if you want favorable changes in your life. Someone from your past may try to waltz back into your life. Proceed with caution. Your numbers are 3, 8, 15, 22, 28, 35

ARIES (March 21-April 19): The more in tune you are with what you like and what you want, the further ahead you will be. This is a perfect time to set your goals high. Love will blossom if you are receptive to advances being made. ****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Someone may disappoint you with his or her reactions today. Try not to show how you feel, but file what happened for future reference. A time will come when the very person who let you down will need something in return. **

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): There appears to be an opportunity to make a personal change. Your involvement in an event or activity will bring you interesting information. Travel should be with the intent of discovering something new. ****

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Someone may not be as convinced as you are about how to do things. Don't push your luck. Focus on your own concerns and what you have to do to keep moving forward. Opposition can be expected. ***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You will find yourself jumping from one thing to another, but with all the energy you have today, you can accomplish twice as much as you expected. You may not be lucky in love today. Highlighted will be money and business. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): It's time for you to get serious about your life, your love and your future. A commitment can be made, and a decision to move forward will put your mind at ease. Someone you work with may not be upfront with you. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Take care of a minor health matter. Whether it involves a creative idea or making personal changes, this is the perfect time to proceed. Love is in a high cycle, so make your move. ****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Be careful not to let your true feelings be known today. Someone may lead you on or intentionally give you false information. Keep a close watch over what everyone else is doing and act accordingly. **

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You've got it made in the shade, my friend, so don't skip a beat. Get moving on all the projects you've been dreaming about. You can make many good changes today if you are straightforward, aggressive and responsive. ****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A relationship that you are in may be holding you back. Try not to get bogged down with someone else's responsibilities. A love interest has the potential to blossom if you are receptive. ***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Be honest about the way you feel and what you really want. The longer you keep trying to fool those around you, the harder it will be to go in the direction best for you. Stop fearing other people's reactions. ***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Being unpredictable may be your saving grace today. Hard work and an element of surprise will capture the attention of someone who can help you. A new direction will result in greater enthusiasm. ***

Birthday Baby: You are inventive, unique and quick to respond. You have a built-in sense of quality. You are observant and intuitively know what will or won't work.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Latimore opts to leave the Irish

Notre Dame forward will forego his final year of athletic eligibility

By MATT LOZAR
Senior Staff Writer

Dennis Latimore's announcement came as much less of a surprise.

Four days after junior Torin Francis made himself eligible for the NBA Draft, the senior Latimore announced Monday he won't be returning for the 2005-06 season at Notre Dame, electing not to use his final year of eligibility.



Latimore

"I've enjoyed the past two years that I have spent here at Notre Dame both as a student and an athlete," Latimore said in a statement. "I am very grateful for the educational opportunity that I have experienced and feel that my degree has prepared me for my future both on and off the court. I am extremely appreciative of the support from the community during my time here."

At the basketball banquet on Wednesday night, Latimore won the Notre Dame Club of St. Joseph Valley Rockne Student-Athlete Award given annually to the member of the men's basketball team with the highest grade point average. Latimore will be graduating in May with a degree in English and African-American studies.

Rumored to possibly not be returning for the past couple of weeks, Latimore transferred to Notre Dame in June 2003 and sat out the 2003-04 season due to NCAA transfer rules.

Latimore averaged 7.0 points and 4.3 rebounds last season when he played 20.6 minutes per game. He made 14 starts and appeared in all 29 games.

Latimore spent his first two seasons at Arizona, where he played in 57 games, averaging 2.4 points and 2.0 rebounds per game.

The only season Latimore spent playing for the Irish could be classified as a disappointment after he gained a lot of hype as playing well in

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GEOFF MATTESON/The Observer

Forward Dennis Latimore takes a hook shot during Notre Dame's 85-77 loss to Pittsburgh March 15.

ND SOFTBALL

Win streak on the line at Depaul

By RYAN DUFFY
Sports Writer

The last time the Irish lost, most of the student body was still recovering from St. Patrick's Day.

After dismantling team after team on their way to 19 consecutive wins since March 19, Notre Dame now faces its biggest challenge since the beginning of the season when the Irish take on DePaul (27-12) in a doubleheader today in Chicago.

"DePaul is a very good team and a huge regional rival," coach Deanna Gumpf said. "They're well-coached and the kind of team that just makes things happen. I don't expect this to be easy by any means. DePaul knows how to win."

Fortunately, knowing how to win is something the Irish have shown a talent for recently as well. The 19-game win streak marks the second longest win streak since

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BASEBALL

No catch-22 for Irish aces

Kapala fills the shoes of previous pitchers

By TOM DORWART
Sports Writer

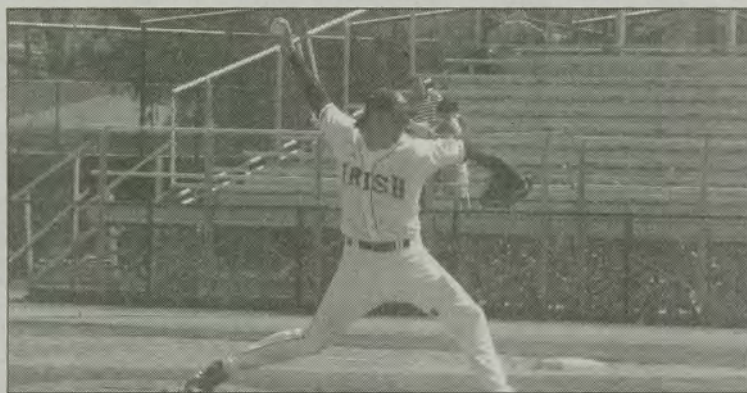
For the Notre Dame baseball team, there's something special about the number 22.

By now, when opposing teams see the soon-to-be legendary digits embroidered across the chests of the Irish jerseys, they might as well call it a day — especially if the player wearing the uniform is a pitcher.

From 1998 to 2001, four-time All-American and first-round draft pick Aaron Heilman donned the double two. He compiled an astounding 425 strikeouts and racked up 43 wins and 12 saves in his four-year career with the Irish.

Heilman — now with the New York Mets — threw a complete game, one-hit shutout Friday against the Florida Marlins.

And from 2002 to 2004, All-American Grant Johnson also sported a "22" across his jersey. The Irish ace was a two-time



BETH WERNET/The Observer

Sophomore pitcher Dan Kapala delivers a pitch against Connecticut Saturday. Kapala led the Irish to a 3-2 win.

All-American and a second round pick of the Chicago Cubs in 2004. Johnson went undefeated in his junior season and ran up a team-leading 51 strikeouts.

This year, it's up to sophomore Dan Kapala to continue the tradition of the number 22's pitching dominance.

"This year I was looking to assign number 22 to one of the freshmen, and Dan Kapala came to me and said, 'I want to wear number 22.'" coach Paul Mainieri said. "The last two guys

that wore number 22 were No. 1 draft picks and All-Americans, and they both won a lot of games for us.

"So, today when he [Kapala] showed up to the field, I said, 'Did you see what Heilman did last night — pitched a one-hit shutout.' I said, 'You want to wear that number 22, you better wear it with pride today, boy.'"

Kapala did just that Saturday in the opening game of a Big East conference doubleheader

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BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL XXXIV

Quality Dining falls to Mean Girls in stunner

Looking for a Sponsor at the Moment and Cocoa Butter win big

By KEVIN BRENNAN
Sports Writer

There's always an upset in the round of 64, but it's not always this big or this exciting.

JJ Warren of Mean Girls spotted Eric Tark open under the basket and fired a crisp pass in his teammate's direction. Tark nailed the layup to complete the dramatic, 21-19 upset of sixth-ranked Quality Dining.

"I think we knew we could win," Mean Girls captain Mike Ortiz said. "They are a great team, though."

Early on, Quality Dining looked to be in control. Big man Mark Levoir dominated the boards and scored almost at will on the inside.

"He's a great player," Ortiz said. "We just tried to double

down on him."

But in the second half, Mean Girls created several turnovers on defense and started nailing shots from the outside. Quality Dining had trouble getting out on Mean Girls' perimeter players.

"That one kid was just on fire," Quality Dining captain D.J. Fitzpatrick said of Ortiz, who drained several key jumpers in the second half.

With momentum shifting and an increasingly boisterous crowd on its side, Mean Girls seized control of the game down the stretch and pulled off the upset despite clutch free throw shooting from Fitzpatrick.

"They were making shots, we weren't," Fitzpatrick said. "That stuff just happens in Bookstore."

Mean Girls hopes to continue its Cinderella run through the tournament tomorrow in the round of 32. Fitzpatrick feels that the team has a great shot

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Belles look for a big win against conference foe Calvin before MIAA tournament.

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Former Notre Dame and North Carolina coach Matt Doherty takes over at Florida Atlantic.

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Former Packers line-backer Sam Mills dies from intestinal cancer at age 45.

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Boston bans the fan who hit Gary Sheffield during last week's game with the Yankees.

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The Irish return from Claifornia with Maryann Erigha and others performing exceptionally well.

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