Members approve future budget

By MARY KATE MALONE

Members of the Council of Representatives executed 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 $377,100 in funds, almost double the total amount allocated.

The Club Coordination Council appealed for more funds for campus 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 sales: see COR/page 6

Notre Dame prays for conclave, guidance

By JULIE BENDER

Black smoke unfurled from the roof of the Sixtine 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 conclaves 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 conclaves and to pray for guidance from the Holy Spirit for the deciding cardinals.

"The conclaves to elect the next pope which began yesterday is no doubt the most serious, the most worrisome, the most important question facing the world right now," Rocca said.

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Ken Jennings defends trivia, generates laughs

By EILEEN DUFFY

The Utah software engineer who earned $2,522,700 during a 74-episode, five-month run on the popular game show entered students with a talk on the value of trivia and a simulated quiz game as part of the Student Union Board's A to Z Total 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 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 literal, communally.

"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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Faculty receive national honors

By LISA SCHULTZ

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

A Carnegie Scholars Fellowship of $100,000 from the Carnegie Corporation of New York will allow Asfurudin, 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 misinterpretation of the term 'jihad' by radical militants and denounced it as a gross departure from the classical tradition," Asfurudin 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, 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 easily.

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Ken Jennings defends trivia, generates laughs

Photo by DUSTIN MENNEN/ The Observer

Ken Jennings, champion Ken Jennings speaks to Notre Dame students Monday night, mock 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 (or world over, bastion for athletic talent what post-Lou Holtz years?). Yet sometimes wonder if I’m surrounded by a campus crazier than the locker room of the Portland Trail Blazers.

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, sun-drenched orange and yellow patinas as well, it appears. It appears so often it seems the University itself dies 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 student body craves to know — forget which fencer stabbed which with a doll stick at Northeast Southern Springfield State.

Sometimes wonder if there is a room in the bowels of some campus building with an inconspicuous sign on the door that reads “TC Gate.” And every Saturday morning, a hapless NDSF 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 Phils 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 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.

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The second is that fun is as foreign to you as the desert walls of Abu Simbel. 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 hooting 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 Purley**
  - 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
  - "Molly, because she told me I had to.”

**OFFBEAT**

Arizona police department considers training monkey

MESA, Ariz. — The Mesa Police Department is looking to add some primate 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 Police 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 with the idea to use it 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.

**LOCAL WEATHER**

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**IN BRIEF**

The conference "The Exhortation: 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.

The Invention Convention, a student-led competition, will take place Thursday from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 in the Giovannini Commons in the Mondello 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 Bay 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 Papers 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 observer@nd.edu.
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 Kelly 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 Beiler, Class of 1969, and Ginger Franks, Class of 2006, for their dedication to service.

Thursday, the College will be hosting SMC Total, 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 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 Maara Weis Friday in the Student Center at 5:30 pm.

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

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 "Italian Renaissance: Reading 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 of history Phil Hacky read a statement 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 statement.

"When I received the endowed chair in 1988, it wasickey naked if I would like a dinner in recognition," he said, "but I replied I would prefer a reserved parking spot in the Madison lot to protect me from the South Bend winters."
whole two and a half million dollars thing. Still, I think there are reasons why this stuff is good.

He described a recent encounter in which a contestant, Eric Powers, motions he was close to the correct answer.

"I'm just always curious to know stuff," he said. "Not every thing 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, a 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 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 Wilt-shit. He also joked that the reason he wagered enough to remain just under the single­day 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 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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$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 psychome­trical 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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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. The conclave meeting in secret voting, held just hours after they began their historic task, is intended to fill the breach capa- ble of building on John Paul II’s legacy by keeping modern rifts from tearing deeper into the church.

"It seems white... 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 — the meaning of the pope, black showing that the secret gathering will continue Tuesday.

In the last moments of twilight, the pilgrims began to point and gesture. What is it? White? Black? Hundreds cried out. In a few seconds — about 8:05 p.m. — it was clear the 116 cardinals from six continents could not find the two-thirds majority needed to elect the new leader for the world’s 1.1 bil- lion Roman Catholics. Only one vote was held Monday.

Few expected a quick decision. The cardinals know that a staggering range of issues is at stake. In the West, every nation 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 action against poverty and an increasing number of nations have on hands to 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 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 con- clave, open to cardinals only under age 80. It was the first time in more than a generation that crowds stared at the chim- ney for the famous smoke and word of a new pope. In that time, the Church has been pulled in two direc- tions: a spiritual renaissance under John Paul but har- mpered by scandals and a flock pressing for less rigid teach- ings.

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 Mariani: "You can’t describe the feeling. When the smoke came out it looked white and I got chilli."

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 "dictator- ship 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," Ratzinger said.

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 stan- dards."

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.

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.

IRAQ

Security forces find weapons, no hostages

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Hundreds of Iraqi security forces launched an operation Monday morning that netted four Sunnis linked to Sadr who have been wanted by the government in connection with the death of the Iranian general Qassem Soleimani, who was killed in a U.S. drone strike in January.

Iraqi security forces conducted the sweep in the sprawling Sadr district of eastern Baghdad, killing two of the suspects and taking the other two into custody.

The government forces found a cache of weapons, including assault rifles and ammunition, at the site of the assassination, which marked the beginning of a wider operation aimed at disrupting the Islamic State group's hold on the city.

The operation followed a series of recent raids by Iraq's Intelligence Coordination Body, which has been leading efforts to disrupt the group's operations in the city. The group has been active in the city since the Islamic State was driven out of the area in 2017.

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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.

Brett Perkins Catholic Peer Ministry & Protestant Student Resources director

"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 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. "One student representative doubted the feasibility of the conclave, stating a Web site will continue to exist until a decision is made.

Today, of course, the cards receive more than bread and water, but amenities are still limited, according to Perkins. "Our form of outside communication is strictly prohibited, including telephones, radios, televisions, the Internet, letters and newspapers," said Perkins.

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 signifies that the Holy Spirit has chosen a pope. Monday’s black smoke signifies that the 128 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 five 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 unique and special event for students. "No one else in the history of the Church has ever made greater efforts to bring Paul II to more present to the Christian people and more powerful to bedazzle the world," according to Perkins. "We take time out of our hectic day to pray for those cardinals, while also electing our next universal pastor and shepherd."

He said the significance of the Mass stretched far beyond the boundaries of the Church’s walls. "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. We are all part of a universal faith, and the decisions made 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 offers a discount on some of its drugs for uninsured Americans, regardless of their age or income.

The card will be available beginning April 25 and is aimed at providing uninsured Americans with discounts of 15 percent to 40 percent for many Merck medications.

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, all of which have faced criticism that their products are too expensive, to provide some aid to those struggling to afford medications.

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 [discount cards],” 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 about 275 brand-name and generic drugs.

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

McGlynn said people with 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.merckkinderined.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 medications Zetia and Vytorin. Those drugs are marketed through a joint venture with Schering-Plough Corp.

The venture has its own patient assistance 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 prescription drug coverage and health insurance than their job, or home, according to a nationwide poll of 1,091 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.

Target will restrict over-the-counter medicines

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.

Rivals have called the plan a “game changer” and a “public relations coup.”

Target’s move will not only affect those with insurance but also affect those who are self-employed or are independent contractors.

The discount card will also be available to people who are on government programs such as Medicare.

The discount card will be available to customers at Target stores that don’t offer Medicare Advantage or Medicare Part D plans, and customers can use it to pay for prescription drugs at any pharmacy.

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In Brief

LexisNexis begins notifying victims

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LexisNexis said on Monday that it has begun notifying about 300,000 people whose personal information may have been accessed by unauthorized individuals using stolen passwords and IDs.

Last week, LexisNexis disclosed that criminals may have hacked contractor files containing the personal information of 310,000 people and potentially increased by a previous estimate of how much data was stolen.

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

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

LexisNexis 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.

Justice investment company not at fault

TAIPEI, Taiwan — The investment company that did nothing wrong when it put state employee pension fund money in failing 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 “reverberating shock” that was never known about — accounting fraud that hid problems at the energy giant. Enron’s former finance chief, Andrew Fastow, pleaded guilty to putting 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.

In Brief
Vietnam

Postwar generation changes Vietnam

Associated Press

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

The concert by "The Beatles," a band of Fab Four lookalikes from Australia, is reminiscent of Shea Stadium circa 1965, but the year is 2000 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 grandparents fought on opposite 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 the world," he says, "the Vietnamese can defeat the biggest power in the world, it shows that it is 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 communist 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 peace-time generation that has grown up in its own country to see the country change, be prosperous and healthy and have more freedoms," says Rao 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 have 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 state 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 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.
Ship hit by wave returns to NY

Associated Press

NEW YORK — When a “Boom!” on a cruise ship woke 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 nearby window and found passengers from flooded cabins huddled together and wearing life preservers — none of them crying hysterically.

They were 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,” Clark said.

Clark and his family dismissed 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 of them affected by 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 by 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 splash 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 457 weeks, viewers have made ABC’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 662,800 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, Annette Luber. "Since when is another less 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 newsworn 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 reportorial , Tyndall said. "They’re not giving the opportunity 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.
Reeling in the years

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

As you all know, however, "in the season of the voyeur Viewpoints, expressing how much Notre Dame has meant to the columnist over the past four years or even — for those born and bred Brutons — 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 NCAAm basketball and the Notre Dame women's basketball team. Regardless of whether you were born with blue and gold running through your veins or acquired it after consuming an unwavering number of Holzing Hill videos from the dining hall, after four years here you begin to understand.

Before you came you heard about Notre Dame's nationally renowned academies. 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 academies. You could have attended schools with better football teams. But these schools would not have been Notre Dame.

In "The Brothers Karamazov," Dostoievsky writes, "And whether you are absorbed in the most important pursuits, reaching out for the highest honors, or struck down by the cruellest 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 you had different. Many students would cite the partials, the introduction of the basketball 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 mar's glory lies in being here, 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 it not so much the University's academic prowess, achievements in sports and international reputation as on the people we will miss in the days after I leave this place.

My dad, a Boston College graduate, asked me on 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. I was thrilled I chose the Fighting Irish.)

We're all proud to have been a part of Notre Dame, and Donors are notorious for talking about their school. In my opinion, however, no one is trying to bring. 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. Catanza, 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. I wouldn't have been Notre Dame without you.

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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, much to 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 en'act. 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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‘Sesame Street’ should allow Cookie Monster to eat sweets

I like to think of myself as a fairly odorant, 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 previous minutes, I found myself immersed in a more cursing, 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, trash-hung-wearing-dope-finding running around precipitating the Armageddon—taught kids that everyone, no matter what different or eccentric, was a valuable addition to society.

The “Sesame Street,” the silly quirks that defined each character were appreciated and admired, 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 eating crumbs everywhere except in his mouth was exactly what made him so lovable.

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 skating away the one source of joy in Cookie Monster’s life—the cookie.

Gone are the days of wanting 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, that the road to perfection is 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 Bartie divorced Ken to pursue the ‘swingle’s’ single life with an Australian boogie-­hater. Never mind she’s pushing 30.

Even the Care Bears have gotten into the act with a line of antidepressants to eat, as we needed more anxieties 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 swept under the rug 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, grotty, gay or glutinous—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 dependency 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 capital 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 great fortune of teaching 19th 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 than I was greeted with the quickened 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 treated 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 Shine 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 expediently. 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. 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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‘Doom 3’ makes use of great sound, realistic graphics

By MARK BEMENDERFER
Scene Writer

The game begins on the Aegean Sea, where the player is introduced to Kratos. In a very well-rendered cinematic, Kratos leaps from a cliff in an apparent act of suicide. The sounds of the waves and the wind moaning through the trees fill the player’s ears. The sound is eerie, and it sets the tone for what is to come.

The gameplay itself is very smooth. The controls are responsive, and the camera angles are always appropriate. The game is also almost too easy on all but the hardest setting. Garners looking for a real challenge might be better off trying the new “Devil May Cry 3,” a game similar in style and difficulty.

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 environment, 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 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 contours as lights in the environment also move. Some of the best parts of the game are when the developers decided to play with darkness. When the player has to escort a man through a pitch-black segment of the facility, it is a real heart-pounding experience. 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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‘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,” as Kratos begins his quest to stop Ares. His quest takes him through an amazing variety of locales. The gods also give Kratos his first weapon, the Blades of Chaos, two swords attached to a length of chain. He uses the chains to fling the two blades around in a spectacular display. The gods also give him special powers, such as the ability to walk on water.

On 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 rest of “God of War,” as Kratos becomes the hero to stop Ares. His quest takes him through an Athens under siege, deserts, temples and other assorted locales.

Fortunately, Kratos has some interesting enemies. He initially has the Blades of Chaos, two swords attached to a length of chain. He uses the chains to fling the two blades around in a spectacular display. The gods also give him special powers, such as the ability to walk on water.

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. The gameplay is very smooth. The controls are responsive, and the camera angles are always appropriate.

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. Characters looking for a real challenge might be better off trying the new “Devil May Cry 3,” a game similar in style and difficulty.

“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 unfolding. 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 credibility 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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‘Donkey Kong Jungle Beat’ brings a visceral innovation

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Scene 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 - making in the world of video games is quite as visceral as beating bongs 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 bongs. 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, putting 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 wasthogs as fast as possible. Iland the drums off and enjoy the спеціалисти и the on-screen characters instantly become drumming - it’s almost as fun playing the game you're watching.

If you feel like goofing around more than speedling 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" hitches 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.

Finally, one of the biggest problems with this game is that once you’re 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, escape enemies without mastering jumping from walls to vines to oversized flowers or earn bonus bananas, but if you’ve worked your way to the lower levels, there’s not much chance of sustaining serious damage in the higher ones.

Hopefully Nintendo will come out with a more exciting sequel longer time jumping from walls to vines to oversized flowers earns you bonus bananas, but if you’ve worked your way to the lower levels, there’s not much chance of sustaining serious damage in the higher ones.

‘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

plotters 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 opera­tor with stealthy 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 players stick to their guns and move through the shadows, this is not always necessary. For example, the rebels have a hostage in their camp, and the hero can rescue him. Stalking 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 players

ers can be operatives in training and help each other through many levels of espi­onage. It can also be done on a split­screen, 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 game, "Splinter Cell: Chaos Theory," the competitive deathmatch revolves approximately four players. Splinter Cell took a more thoughtful route than other games in doing away with the frantic multiplayer.

The four players are broken into two teams - the mercen­aries and the spies. The spies play a little like the single­player 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 leads to some interesting matches, as both sides are given some纳米 level 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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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 scored 16 runs in seven innings Monday night on the way to a 19-6 rout of the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

The Yankees' 19-6 victory matches the largest score in a seven-inning game, established by the Detroit Tigers against the Boston Red Sox on April 11, 1987, against Kansas City.

It all started in the second, the ninth inning of the Yankees' 4-8 start, the team for its 4-8 start, the letter 

in the sun, and the New York Yankees. It was the first time the Yankees had scored 13 runs in an inning.

Rodriguez added a two-run homer off Carter in the third and the AL West with its third 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 nine hits in 5 2-3 innings.

Aubrey Huff hit a three-run homer for Tampa Bay, which has 11 runs at Yankee Stadium and four in a row over.

Logan 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 interrupting the euphoria 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.

Jays bowled the Baltimore Orioles, who climbed into first place in the AL East with their weekend sweep of the New York Yankees.

Each of those three singles came without a hit, but only 365 stole second and was out at third.

Orioles manager Lee Mazzilli greeted his team with the ball 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 victory of the final two games of their series in Kansas City.

Omar Infante hit his first homer of the season to help Detroit win by its first win against Baltimore since May 7, 2003. The Tigers went 6-10 against the Orioles last season, scoring a total of 17 runs.

With one out in the second inning, every New York starter had a hit and a run scored. The Tigers scored 13 runs in 6 1-2 innings of June 21, 1945, in the fifth inning of a 14-4 victory at Boston. The franchise record is 14 runs in an inning.

There was no doubt about the outcome of a two-run single by the Orioles' Carlos Pena got at least one hit, Brandon Inge went 3-for-3 with two walks, 2 RBIs and two runs scored, and Nook Logan got three hits and two RBIs.

Dmitri Young hit a three-run single in the fifth and scored on a double-play ground into a three-out rally.

Tony Womack followed with a single off the first baseman, making it 8-0, and Jason Giambi hit a grand slam and knocked in three runs and two RBIs.

Mike Mussina gave up nine runs and nine hits in 4 2-3 innings against the New York Yankees.

The Blue Jays scored on an RBI single by the Orioles. Nick Swisher's two-run double in the second gave the O's its fifth in a row.

In the bottom half, Manny Ramirez went 3-for-5 with a two-run double, but his four RBIs came after his third hit and second robbed the Orioles of homers with leaping catches in center field.

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

Logan did the job in the field, too, reaching far over the 7-foot red line on the wall for a homer, but bounced back on the field.

Jason Johnson (2-1) gave up a bases-loaded walk and an RBI single by designated hitter Scott Podsednik to end theinning. It was the first time the Tigers had scored 13 runs in two innings and 4-2 in 4 2-3 innings, a performance that raised his ERA from 1.50 to 5.40.

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Detroit used a three-run fifth and a seven-run seventh inning to take advantage of the Orioles' mistakes.

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Detroit scored 13 runs in an inning for the first time since hitting three on opening day — made it 12-2 in the sixth, and backup catcher Vance Wilson drove in 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. Hogue opened the fifth inning with a double, took third on a ground out and scored on Willis' two-out single to break the winning streak in left.

In the bottom half, Manny Ramirez hit his third home run in as many starts and his second of the season and batted one for the Patriots Day holiday to a Configure.

With two outs, Chadd. 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 3-9 lead. He gave up two baseloaded jams, one when he struck out Frank Castillo to end the second inning moments after the.

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 toward the wall. Russ Adams singled in a run before Castillo hit another fly to left and Ramirez struggled with, and the ball fell for a double and another run.

Aubrey Huff hit a three-run single in the third inning into the left-field seats. There was no doubt about the first one, a three-run shot in the bottom of the fifth inning ended the left-field seats.

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Tigers catcher Ivan Rodriguez slides safely under the tag of Orioles second baseman Brian Roberts on a double in the fifth inning Monday.
**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 Erigba 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 San Antonio College relays in Walnut, Calif., while the rest of the team competed in the body relays hosted by Butler University.

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

Her narrow victory in the 100 in 11.24 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 Erigba, 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 Sunny 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 Sunny paid for it. She just couldn’t keep up, but she’s only a freshman.” Connelly said. “Sunny knew what was up, and she’ll learn from this. Soon enough she’ll be able to go out fast and keep that pace.”

Erigba, Madia and Olding have all qualified for the NCAA Mideast regional with their times. Joining them as regional qualifiers were Lauren King in the 10,000 meters, Obiokwe Nwosu in the 400 meter run, and Kerry Meagher in the 1500 meter run. Meagher finished seventh in just her second 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.

This weekend showed us who has a decent shot at the Big East and who will be pushing for NCAA’s.”

Tim Connelly  
Irish coach

Maryann Erigba runs in the Feb. 5 Mayo Invitational. Erigba performed well this weekend in California.

“Tirgha’s injury last year really set her back, but now we are seeing her potential.”

Tim Connelly  
Irish coach

“Tirgha is a young one, she’s given us a lot of excitement.”

“Tirgha is giving us some versatility for the future.”

“This weekend showed us who has a decent shot at the Big East and who will be pushing for NCAA’s.”

Tim Connelly  
Irish coach

“Tirgha has a decent shot at the Big East and who will be pushing for NCAA’s.”

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Boston fan banned from Fenway Park

MLB

Boston fan banned from Fenway Park

Joe Torre speaks with Gary Sheffield before Monday's game in Tampa Bay. Sheffield was involved in the altercation in Boston.

Associated Press

BOSTON — The spectator who interfered with New York Yankees right fielder Gary Sheffield had his season tickets for 2005 revoked Monday by the Boston Red Sox.

A fan who spilled beer on Sheffield was prohibited from buying tickets for the rest of the season.

"That just proves I wasn't in the wrong, and that's what this is all about," Sheffield said in New York. "Yeah, you try to represent the game the right way, but then being told you're in the wrong for reacting to something you didn't start, that's kind of disturbing. That just makes me feel like it's a hypocritical society."

The resolution announced by the Red Sox does not ban the man from Fenway Park this year and leaves it up to the club to decide whether the season ticket holder, Chris House, will get those tickets reinstated for 2006.

"We selected a course of action that we thought was appropriate and enforceable, club spokesman Glenn Geffner said. House, in a statement issued through his lawyer, David T. Norton, said he had "no intention" of striking Sheffield and that he does not believe he made contact with the outfielder.

"It is ridiculous for anyone to ever suggest that I punched him or even attempted to," House said, describing himself as a 12-year season ticket holder.

"I was shocked and disappointed by his [Sheffield's] reaction, and I thank Red Sox security and Boston Police for quickly coming to my assistance."

New York manager Joe Torre was pleased with the team's decision, as was owner George Steinbrenner.

"We applauded the Red Sox for decisively dealing with this matter," Steinbrenner said in a statement issued through spokesman Howard Rubenstein.

Boston acted after a four-day investigation following the play last Thursday night at Fenway Park in which Sheffield was chasing a ball along the right-field wall that Jason Varitek hit for a triple.

House reached over the 3-foot high fence, and Sheffield said he was struck in the face. Sheffield picked up the ball, pushed House, then threw the ball to the infield. Sheffield turned toward House but did not make contact or even try to. As a security guard jumped over the wall and stood between House and Sheffield.

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NFL

ESPN gets Monday Night Football

ESPN will now pick up Sunday night prime time coverage

Associated Press

NEW YORK — "Monday Night Football," a television institution that over 35 years has helped transform the NFL into a prime-time ratings draw, is leaving ABC and moving to ESPN beginning with the 2006 season.

The new broadcast deal also brings the NFL to NBC for the first time since 1997. The network gets Sunday night football — which the league now considers its marquee television showcase — and will employ a flexible scheduling model.

"In the current media environment, Sunday is now the better night for our prime-time broadcast package," commissioner Paul Tagliabue said Monday.

Moving "Monday Night Football" to ESPN, which currently broadcasts Sunday night games, keeps the brand under the Disney Company umbrella. Disney owns both ESPN and ABC.

After the coming season, ABC — which pioneered modern television sports in bringing pre-season football to prime time — will be the only major network not to carry the NFL. "Monday Night Football" has been a pillar of ABC since it began in 1970, when Howard Cosell anchored the show that now stands as the second-longest running prime time network series, trailing CBS's 60 Minutes by two years.

NBC will start its Sunday broadcasts with a pregame show at 7 p.m. eastern; games will begin at 8:15. The network plans to use a flexible scheduling model in the last seven weeks, allowing it to shift afternoon games to prime time to ensure more meaningful games are shown on national TV.

Monday night games will shift to the earlier start time of 8:40 p.m. eastern on ESPN.

"The earlier kickoff times for both packages, NBC's Sunday night programming devoted to the NFL and flexible scheduling for Sunday night are all positive changes," Tagliabue said.

ESPN, which has been broadcasting Sunday night games since 1998, will pay $1.1 billion a year over eight years for Monday night games, two sources familiar with the deal told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

Under its current eight-year, $4.4 billion contract, ABC has paid an average of $540 million per year to broadcast "Monday Night Football" — exactly one-half of the annual average that ESPN has agreed to pay.

NBC will get the Sunday night package for $600 million a year over six years, according to the sources. That annual figure is the same price ESPN paid for Sunday night football over the course of its current eight-year deal. NBC will also get the Super Bowl in 2009 and 2012.

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team | record | perc. | last 10 GB
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Boston | 49-36 | .583 | 7-3
Philadelphia | 42-39 | .519 | 7-3
New Jersey | 40-40 | .500 | 8-2
Toronto | 32-48 | .406 | 7-3
New York | 32-48 | .406 | 7-3

Eastern Conference, Central
year | record | perc. | last 10 GB
--- | --- | --- | ---
Detroit | 53-27 | .663 | 10-0
Chicago | 46-34 | .556 | 10-0
Indiana | 43-38 | .521 | 6-4
Cleveland | 40-40 | .500 | 3-7
Milwaukee | 37-30 | .531 | 5-5

Eastern Conference, Southeast
year | record | perc. | last 10 GB
--- | --- | --- | ---
Miami | 57-23 | .713 | 4-6
Washington | 49-35 | .563 | 4-6
Charlotte | 43-39 | .536 | 4-6
Atlanta | 36-45 | .444 | 4-6
Tulane | 32-6 | 0.533 | 4-6

Western Conference, Northwest
year | record | perc. | last 10 GB
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Golden State | 32-6 | .500 | 7-3
Seattle | 52-29 | .650 | 3-7
Denver | 49-32 | .580 | 9-1
Minneapolis | 43-39 | .536 | 6-4
Portland | 36-34 | .521 | 2-8
Utah | 26-54 | .325 | 2-8

Western Conference, Pacific
year | record | perc. | last 10 GB
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Phoenix | 61-19 | .786 | 7-3
Sacramento | 49-32 | .580 | 6-4
L.A. Clippers | 36-45 | .444 | 6-4
L.A. Lakers | 34-46 | .425 | 1-9
Golden State | 32-48 | .406 | 7-3

Western Conference, Southwest
year | record | perc. | last 10 GB
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San Antonio | 59-27 | .738 | 7-3
Dallas | 56-24 | .700 | 9-1
Houston | 50-31 | .617 | 7-3
Memphis | 49-32 | .500 | 9-1
New Orleans | 19-63 | .222 | 1-9

NCAA Baseball

Big East Conference
year | record | previous
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2 | 26-6 | 26-6
3 | 32-6 | 32-6
4 | 29-7 | 29-7
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In Brief

Hamiltom 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 Vaqueria.

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 Vaclavsky 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 Matsuyama Boecker on Tuesday afternoon, and the second-seeded Agassi will follow against Michael Tabara.

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

Methzer 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 on 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 Dwayne 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 whisked for a technical foul.

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

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 way, 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 barelyjaveled. But in to win the next one, Armstrong will have to prepare once more for all those things, and do it again 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 us out that at least until now, he 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 exits 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 planished for hidden meanings. Worse, some of these appearances actually are interrogations.

According to the Sportsline newsletter, Armstrong is facing at least eight legal battles at the moment, several spawning from allegations he used performance-enhancing drugs.

MLB

Cubs at Reds, 7:10 p.m., ESPN

Braves at Astros, 8:05 p.m., TBS

NBA

Bucks at 76ers, 7 p.m., UPN

Pacers at Magic, 7 p.m., WB
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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 pre­
venting Brady, Where'd You
Get That Tan? from getting any­
thing. Rhema McKnight's
outside shooting
That Tan? hustled to keep the game
going their
thing going offensive.ly on the
venturing Brady, Where'd You
Get That Tan?.
That Tan? was very difficult to
defend. Thompson was
agreed with
them."
"I think one of the big factors
was that they had about a foot
and 100 pounds on each of us
... and the dunks," Bahnson
said.
CoCoa Butter quickly ran
away with the game, however,
behind the inside dominance of
Dokes and superior perimeter
play of Bobby Brown and cap­
tain Lance Wescger. 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," Bahnson
said.
CoCoa Butter, the 11th-seeded
team, played well
about as far as the comparison
wasn't like
collusion. The passing of captain Steve
Paiton and defensive intensity of guard
Dave Manzo impressed the
crowd and caused some prob­
lems for Looking For a Sponsor at the
Moment.
"I think I had the obvious ath­
etic advantage over Rhema, but
he just had too much heart," Paton
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
expected 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 get 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."
CoCoa Butter 21 - Nausea
Indigestion, Heartburn, Upset
Stomach, Matt Biscaia 8
Ron Dokes continued his dom­
nance of Bookstore Basketball
Monday night, leading CoCoa
Butter to another lopsided win.
The former Duesene center
who recently finished a profes­
sional season in Turkey had
seven points, six of them com­
ing on dunks.
"This guy played professional
basketball in Europe," Nausea
center Eamonn Bahnson said.
"We have been to Europe, that's
about as far as the comparison
goes."
Nausea felt good about its
c 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 touch­
es."
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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

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Small in stature, Sam Mills was a giant behind the line of scrimmage.

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 Morn 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 the Louisiana 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 Ricky 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 are worth. He always inspired me to do better, to work harder, to be better."

Steelers look ahead to draft

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 20th in the first round. They go 19th the same day 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 positions where they're thin.

The Steelers aren't dismissing the possibility their first-round pick 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 going to go out and find a guy," 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 look 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 considered 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 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.

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

"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 that 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 Cowher said drafting so low obviously decreases far more possibilities than picking 11th did.

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BOCA RATON, Fla. — Matt Doherty has a contract with Florida Atlantic that is virtually sure to be reckoned with. We must be 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 2003-04 season, going 22-15. Doherty will pay FAU $200,000 his first year, going 22-15 the second season in the mid-Atlantic Sun Conference.

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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.”

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

Doherty to take over FAU

In the 2003-04 season,

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

Associated Press

BOSTON — Twenty-five years after Rosie Ruiz ran out of Boston a few miles to "win" the Boston Marathon, Catherine Ndereba became the first woman in the history of the race to win twice.

"It's 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.'"

Ndereba was in the lead pack from the fifth mile in Framingham, pulling away at Wellesley College to open a 20-second lead and 13-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 Ndereba fell back at Cleveland Circle in Brookline.

Ndereba 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," Ndereba said. "It happens. I am not worried about that."

Ndereba said she would like to enter at least 13 of the previous 14 men’s races, but this year’s event will have to settle for Ndereba’s victory.

Ndereba victorious in 2005 Boston Marathon

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.”

Ndereba’s 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,
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 running — as if it may seem — his second win of the season.

"I was just so proud of Kapala," Mainieri said. "I'll 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.

"I'm very happy with the way his 500th career victory. On the landmark day, all the ever-humble coach could do was praise his pitcher.

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

"He has nothing to do with me," Mainieri added. "It's all about the kids — when they're playing the game. I haven't won one game in my career. Believe me, I haven't had 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 allowed the first home run of the season for an opponent. In the 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 agreed penned for another solid start but was nixed 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 was 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 1-1 with 7 innings pitched. He 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 compiles his rear end off for six and a third innings," Mainieri said. "That's just a tremendous job. Hey, gave us a chance to win the game."

With two starters and middle relievers shaping up, pre-season American classic rolled 2004. All-American closer Ryan Doherty.

Junior Ryan Doherty did his job as well.

Doherty entered the game in the eighth and retired all four batters he faced through six; 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 No. 3 to No. 1. Placing one and only 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 best of the Irish Moments Tom Thornton curveball, the heart-stopping run of a Dan Kapala base hit or the provision of a Jeff Samardzija pay-off pitch resonating through the clubhouse.

The hitting has begun to hit series, 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 been to play games.

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

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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 on strong 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.

"Steffany and Heather have 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 exceptionally," 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 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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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 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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**Saturday 4/16**

fisher regatta 11am holy cross hill
howard duck hunt 5pm Coleman-Morse
knott on the knoll 4pm
sub movie oceans 12:430pm 7pm DeBartolo 101

**Sunday 4/17**

free laundry 11am-6pm LaFortune laundry center
closing mass for father malloy 9pm Joyce center
followed by celebration 10:30pm

**Monday 4/18**

panera delivery to classes
ty dye t-shirt 11:30am east south quad
speaker ken jennings 7:30pm DeBartolo 101

**Tuesday 4/19**

panera delivery to classes
big wheel racing 11:00am north entrance dbrt quarter dog eating contest 12am lafortune

**Wednesday 4/20**

big red chair & mini golf 2pm east south quad
punt pass & kick qualifying contest 2pm fieldhouse mall
late night grille 8pm north quad
drive-in movie billy madison 9pm north quad

**Thursday 4/21**

carnival 3pm south quad and west quad
comedian jim gaffigan 8pm legends
best of acoustic Cafe 10pm legends
sub movie finding neverland 10pm DeBartolo 101

**Friday 4/22**

recess noon west quad trees
unveiling of "the shirt" noon hammes notre dame bookstore
battle of the bands 6pm legends
sub movie finding neverland 8pm and 10:30pm DeBartolo 101

**Saturday 4/23**

Antostal concert 9pm legends
sub movie finding neverland 4:30pm and 7pm DeBartolo 101

**Sunday 4/24**

cubs trip (tickets sold out)

all events are free*

*sub movies are 53

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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.

"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."

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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.

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

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 over 115 innings, 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 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.

"He's a great player," Ortiz said. "They are a great team, though." Early on, Quality Dining looked to be in control. Big man Mark LeVier dominated the boards and scored almost at will on the inside. "We have 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 plays.

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