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Porn site pulls ND logo following University order

By MICHELLE KRUPA
News Editor

An Internet pornography site which featured a Notre Dame logo changed its format Thursday in response to a cease-and-desist letter from the University's General Counsel office, which alleged that the site committed trademark infringement.

The site features nude photos of a young woman called Lucki who claims she is a Notre Dame sophomore living in either Lewis or Lyons Hall. The logo appeared prominently with Lucki on the Web page.

The administrator of the site was not authorized to use the name or logo, according to Bill Kirk, assistant vice president for Residence Life. As of Thursday, the "ND" had been replaced

with an "SD" logo, presumably an abbreviation for the "Sexy Dame" theme which is the focus of the revised page.

"It has been brought to the General Counsel's attention," Kirk confirmed. "The use of the University logo is a violation of the trademark law."

Assistant vice president for the General Counsel's office Bill Hoyer said that a "cease and desist" letter was sent to the site's administrator "informing

them that we know they're using our trademark and ordering them to remove the trademark." Hoyer's letter is posted on Lucki's page.



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BILL KIRK

ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT FOR RESIDENCE LIFE

trademark has to confirm it has done so.

Now that the site has been changed, the General Counsel's office will assess its satisfaction with the change and decide if it will take legal action.

Kirk would not comment on whether the University is seeking confirmation of the woman's status as a Notre Dame student, nor did he say if the University is investigating her identity.

"I truly hope that this young lady is not a student at the University. I look at this as a real pastoral concern," Kirk said.

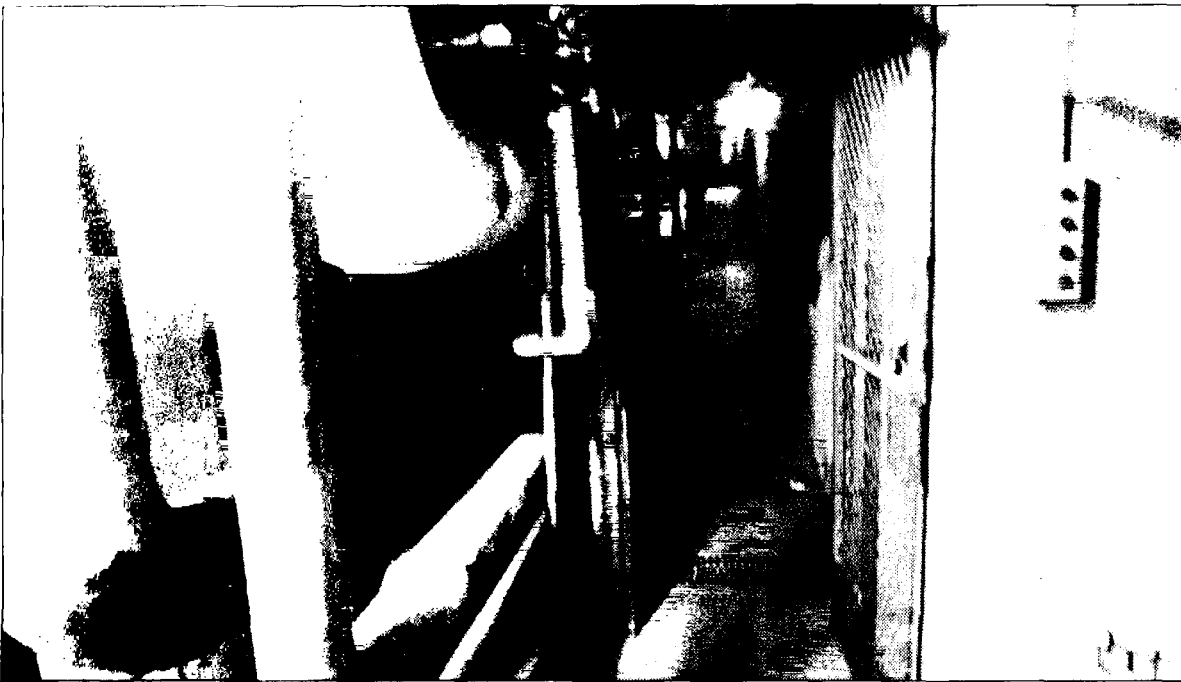
He refused to speculate about the potential ramifications for Lucki if she does attend Notre Dame.

Lucki was contacted via e-mail but as of press time, she made no statement to The Observer. But rumors are already flying around campus as to her identity

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FRIDAY FEATURE

Down in the trenches: the tunnel system



The Observer/Kevin Dalum

The more than five miles of tunnels under the Notre Dame campus house various pipes to heat buildings and fiber-optic wires used in phone lines and cable television connections. The oldest tunnels have existed since the 1800s.

By MICHELLE KRUPA
News Editor

When Paul Kempf was a Notre Dame undergraduate in the 1970s, he had a key. Thanks to his dad, the director of Utilities at the time, Kempf had access to the five-mile long series of twisting, turning tunnels that runs under Notre Dame's campus.

"You'd think in the winter time it would be a great place to go to and from class," said Kempf, now the chief electrical engineer for Utilities, the department mainly responsible for the tunnels. "But it's dirty, dark, dingy. It's not made for people to go through."

In fact, the six-foot-wide by seven-foot-high tunnels were never intended for people to use to traverse the campus in the dead of winter. With tempera-

tures typically around 100 degrees and pipes and wires taking up almost two-thirds of the space, "there's hardly enough room for two people to pass each other," Kempf said.

"The tunnels were put in as a means of distributing steam to campus — to heat campus," he explained. They serve as a constant path for the exchange of steam — to heat buildings — and condensate, the liquid by-product of steam.

In addition, all campus phone lines, fiber-optic wires for OIT and telecommunication services, WNDU fiber-optics, the fire alarm system, soft-water pipes and pipes that hold compressed air to make thermostats work are all contained in the tunnels.

"You could bury this stuff directly into the ground, but it's a lot harder to maintain and its

expected life is much shorter," Kempf said. "It's a slightly higher first cost [putting in tunnels], but it's an infrastructure thing that goes in early when they develop a new building."

Kempf noted that some tunnels near the Main Building date back to the 1800s. Many of these older prototypes, which were made of brick with arched ceilings, had been abandoned and were filled this summer since bricks have a tendency to cave in and cause sinkholes in the land above them. More modern tunnels are made from concrete and reinforced steel and carry a \$1,000-per-foot price tag.

Four main tunnels spawn other smaller ones that eventually reach almost 90 percent of Notre Dame buildings. While

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CD-ROM used to recruit students, faculty members

By ANNE MARIE MATTINGLY
Assistant News Editor

Prospective members of the Notre Dame community — including graduate students and professors — are now able to get a taste of the University through an informational CD-ROM disk that has been available since the fall of 1997, according to Bob Mundy, director of Admissions operations.

"It wasn't a strictly admissions effort — we were just a part of it," Mundy said. "The intent wasn't just to use it for prospective students, but also for graduate students and professors."

The disc features six main categories on the opening screen — academics, athletics, international, student life, spirituality and "Why Notre Dame?" There is also a virtual tour of campus and video clips of students, professors and administrators speaking on aspects like diversity, the first year of studies and the quality of edu-

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'This is Notre Dame':



(Out of five shamrocks)

By ANNE MARIE MATTINGLY
Assistant News Editor

The words fade in from the darkness, as the theme song from "Rudy" plays in the background: This Is Notre Dame.

The CD-ROM designed to recruit both students and faculty contains a vast array of information on almost anything a prospective may be looking for — from University president Edward Malloy's comments on the value of his freshman seminar course to student traditions like the Fisher Hall Regatta.

It is a visually stunning software package replete with specifics about academic and student life at Notre Dame. But the program's irritating sound glitches, misleading visual links and huge memory drain make this virtual tour no substitute for a personal visit.

The disc's opening screen provides the user

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■ INSIDE COLUMN

Christmas Conspiracy

Winter in South Florida. The daytime high temperatures plunge into the upper sixties, paralyzing cities and closing schools. People all over the state dust off their sweatshirts and cover their plants with garbage bags to ward off a frost. Those lucky enough to have heaters turn them on, filling the house with the dry musty smell of a year's worth of accumulated dust. Children bundled up like the Michelin Man go outside just long enough to pick up the newspaper, whose headline screams, "Brrr ... Jack Frost hits the beach!"

It's also the time of year when the annual Christmas Conspiracy goes into effect. My theory is that the rest of the nation has conspired against Floridians, Hawaiians, and Southern Californians by writing dozens of snow-related Christmas carols that are bound to confuse our children, hence leading them to a life of violent crime.

So, I propose that we band together and write our own warm-weather-friendly Christmas carols so that our children can spend more time being children and less time wondering what a chestnut is and why you would purposely set an open fire in your house. I think we need songs along the lines of "It's Beginning to Look A lot Like Christmas (Which Looks A lot Like June)."

The only Christmas carol that didn't confuse us was "We Wish You a Merry Christmas," simply because: a) there are only eleven words to remember, and b) it doesn't involve riding a horse-drawn mode of transportation through a field covered with a mythical ice-like substance that falls from the sky during one of these so-called "seasons." The only time we Floridians brush with anything close to the Four Seasons is when the oldies station plays "Oh What a Night (December 1963)."

Actually, that's not true. We have seasons every once in a while. Take 1976, for instance, when we had a raging snowstorm that lasted literally dozens of seconds. This was the last time it snowed in West Palm Beach, and quite a momentous occasion at that. Two years ago, there was a full front-page spread devoted to remembering the twentieth anniversary of the "Blizzard of '76," which, judging by the photos, accumulated as much ice as a carton of ice cream does in a malfunctioning Frigidaire.

As for myself, I had to wait until I came to Notre Dame to experience snow. I even got to make a snowman, which wasn't nearly as terrifying as "Frosty the Snowman" makes it seem. Think about it. A mysterious white substance falls from the sky, causing children to run outside and sculpt idols out of said material. These idols then come to life, and despite their obvious lack of legs, manage to shuffle around town causing all sorts of wacky misadventures. The snowman theme recurs in several songs. The one I found most disturbing was the verse in "Winter Wonderland" where children pretend a snowman is something called a "parson," who then proceeds to ask whether or not the children are married. They say, "no, man, but you can do the job when you're in town," whatever that means.

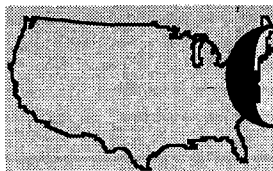
Meanwhile, as temperatures inexplicably climb higher and higher here, weather forecasters back home are boldly predicting the Blizzard of '98 may not be so far off. Maybe I'll finally get a White Christmas after all ...

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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Outside the Dome

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Anti-discrimination initiative gains support

TAMPA, Fla. It's been less than two months since Betty Castor, president of the University of South Florida, proposed a statewide anti-discrimination policy on the basis of sexual orientation to Chancellor Adam Herbert. Although no official action has been taken, educators, administrators and students across the state seemingly support the adoption of such policy language.

Last week, University of Florida president John Lombardi publicly endorsed Castor's letter, a 43-page report sent Oct. 19, to Herbert. The package asked the chancellor if such policy language could be adopted at either the university level or throughout the State University System.

"I think people would sincerely like to see an explicit policy adopted," Castor said. "The question now is whether there's enough authority for the institutions or the system to do

University of South Florida



that."

Castor sent the letter immediately following the death of Matthew Shepard, a University of Wyoming student who was beaten and tied to a fence. He died a week after the attack from his injuries. Shepard was gay.

"No one should be killed over their sexual orientation, that's just awful," said Regent Welcom Watson, who spoke to student leaders at November's Board of Regents meeting about Castor's initiative.

Though he said there has been no

official dialogue between the regents, Watson said he thinks Castor's initiative is worth investigating.

"I certainly think it ought to be considered," Watson said. "We did not discuss it on a board level yet. But I think they're justified and we should move forward."

Though Florida statutes include sexual orientation within hate crime legislation, no language exists in the SUS anti-discrimination policy.

Watson said he did not think discrimination based on sexual orientation was a widespread problem.

"I don't think we've ever had a problem like that in Florida," Watson said. "But if it would prevent ever having one, I'm certainly for it."

The university does not track instances of discrimination based on sexual orientation because there are no rules against it, said student body vice president Joenathan Jones.

■ UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

Gambling site ends use of Husker image

LINCOLN, Neb. After hounding from the University of Nebraska and an Atlanta licensing lawyer, an Internet-based company in Costa Rica ceased illegal use of the Husker name to market its Internet gambling operation. The university had accused the company, GoTo Entertainment, of cashing in on NU Husker fans' commitment to their team by offering Husker Casino — an Internet gambling site that improperly used the name so dear to many Nebraskans' hearts. But Wednesday, after receiving letters from the University, GoTo Entertainment closed down its Husker Casino Web site, changed the name and moved it to another site. Company officials would not return calls to the Daily Nebraskan, but they did return an e-mail with the following comment: "Based on the response from University of Nebraska, we have closed the huskercasino.com Web site. ... Do us a favor and apologize to the university — we did not mean any harm."

■ UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

Underage drinkers may face parents

AUSTIN, Texas The University of Texas is considering a policy change that would allow UT officials to contact the parents of underage students caught drinking on campus. The possibility of a change comes in response to an amendment in the Higher Education Act signed into law in October. The act amended the 1974 Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, stating that colleges and universities now cannot be prohibited from "disclosing the final results of any disciplinary proceeding." Previously, schools could only release a student's records in a small number of cases. James Vick, vice president for student affairs, said the administration may inform parents about certain violations — including drinking violations. "... if a student has problems and future ones can be avoided by contacting the parents then this is a factor we will consider," he said.

■ BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Expensive lobbying lands grants

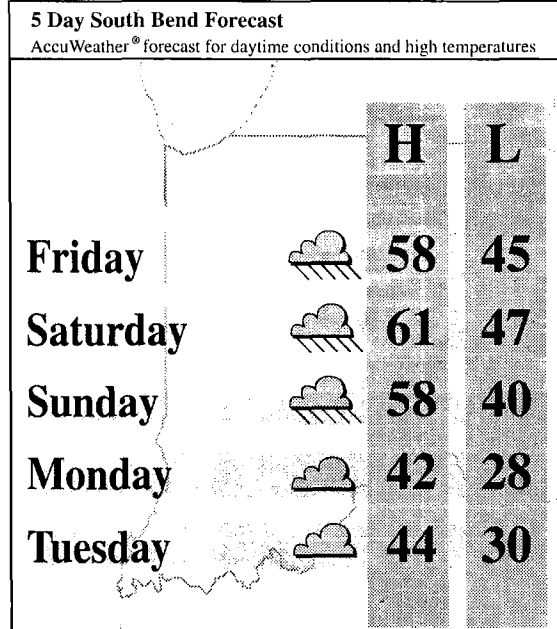
BOSTON, Mass. Boston University spends more money on lobbying than any college in the country, according to government statistics. BU spent almost \$850,000 on lobbying in 1997, up 12 percent from \$760,000 in 1996, according to the Center for Responsible Politics. "Lobbyists have worked for us principally for direct grants to benefit the university," said BU spokesman Kevin Carleton. BU tied Kraft Foods and USA Waste Systems, Inc., for the 11th spot on the list of top 59 contributors that contract out lobbying. No other college made the list. RJR Nabisco was No. 1. BU contracts out lobbying to Washington-based Cassidy Associates, the second-largest firm in the country. The university spent more than any of Cassidy's other 102 clients in 1997. Cassidy has secured about \$56.5 million in grants for BU over the last 13 years, Carleton said. The most recent grant was for \$29 million from the Department of Defense to build and staff the Photonics Center, Carleton said.

■ WABASH COLLEGE

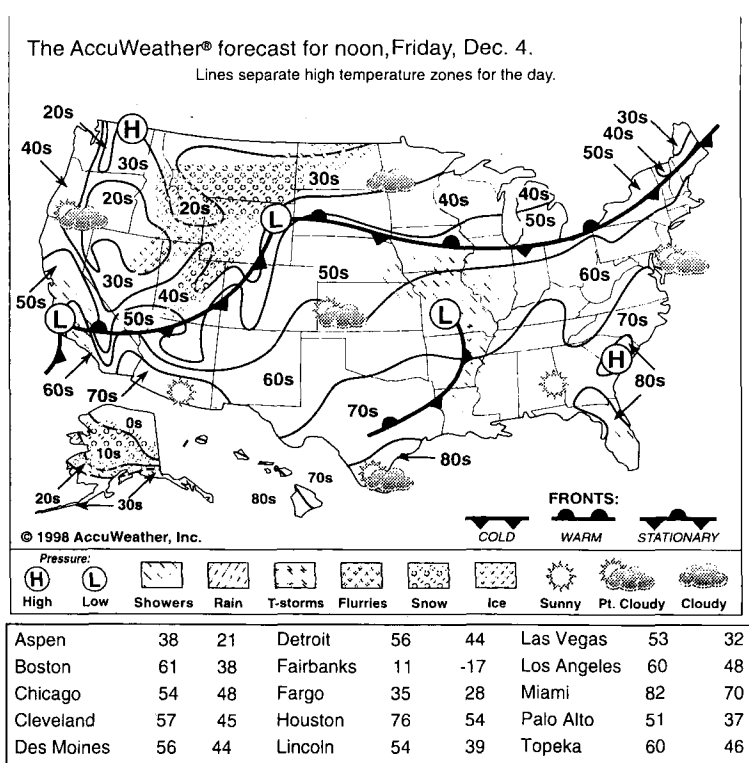
Junior slain in Paris telephone booth

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind. Junior Blair Collings was brutally murdered in the early hours of Friday morning outside of his Paris apartment. The 20-year-old student from Rockville, Indiana, was studying in an off-campus studies program in France was stabbed in the throat while making Thanksgiving telephone calls. Collings, a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, was participating in a year-long Abroad-Paris program sponsored by Hollins University. After calling his grandparents and then his father to wish them a happy Thanksgiving, he was speaking to a friend in Indianapolis when the attack occurred. Paris police, who were alerted to the incident by someone screaming, found Collings lying dead in a public telephone booth. Police found a kitchen knife nearby which they believe to have been the murder-weapon. The FBI is investigating with French authorities, but currently no suspect has been arrested.

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ND to host humanities symposium

By KATIE SANDERS
News Writer

Notre Dame will host a day-long symposium Saturday on research and learning in the humanities.

This symposium, the first of its kind at Notre Dame, will allow faculty and students from Notre Dame, Indiana University-South Bend (IUSB) and Saint Mary's to discuss a crucial issue in higher education today. It is especially groundbreaking in its effort to create a community atmosphere between Notre Dame and IUSB, said Julia Douthwaite, associate professor of French and organizer of the symposium.

"The two universities have not had much dialogue in the past," said Douthwaite. "We want to end that."

The symposium will gather professors, students and community members to discuss how to best keep the humanities afloat in a time of budget cuts and student apathy. Liberal education is under attack in today's society, as evidenced by the number of students turning to a more marketable degree such as business, Douthwaite said.

The symposium consists of two sessions. The morning session, "Cultural Approaches to Eighteenth-Century

French Studies," will have a scholarly approach with professors of different disciplines discussing eighteenth-century France.

The afternoon session, which runs from 1 to 5 p.m., will hold more interest for students. In addition to insights from top professors, undergraduates will present their views on the topic. Notre Dame stu-

'WE WELCOME STUDENT INPUT. WE ARE TRYING TO RESPOND TO STUDENT INTERESTS. HOW CAN WE RESPOND TO YOUR INTERESTS IF YOU DON'T TELL US WHAT THEY ARE?'

JULIA DOUTHWAITE
PROFESSOR OF FRENCH

dents Margaret Colleton, Joanna Fee, Katie Keller, Ian MacKenzie and Christian Sabella will speak about their class, "The French Revolution: A Cultural Approach," at 1:45 p.m. There will also be a roundtable discussion for other students to express their views.

"We welcome student input,"

Douthwaite says. "We are trying to respond to student interests. How can we respond to your interests if you don't tell us what they are?"

The last hour and fifteen minutes of the symposium will be reserved for additional roundtable discussion.

In addition to Douthwaite, other symposium organizers include David Lee Rubin, professor of French at the University of Virginia, Anne Vila, associate professor of French at the University of Wisconsin, and Kate Jensen, associate professor of French at Louisiana State University.

Douthwaite and Rubin began collaborating on the symposium last summer when they edited a journal, "EMF: Studies in Early Modern France, Volume 6." They wrote to professors asking them to express their views on the decline of culture studies and the lack of funds for the humanities. After editing this journal, they decided to stage a discussion on the topic and involve undergraduates.

"We hope students attend," Douthwaite says. "It is a unique situation in which professors and undergraduates interact on an equal plane and discuss something that involves all of them."

The symposium runs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Center for Continuing Education.

Group to sponsor 'Allure'

Special to The Observer

The University of Notre Dame's Asian American Association will present its annual fashion and cultural show, "Asian Allure '98" Saturday (Dec. 5) at 7:30 p.m. in Washington Hall.

This year's show will include performances of traditional dances by the Filipino American Student Organization and the India Association. Wearing costumes by contemporary designers, the dancers "will explore the intersection between traditional and modern styles," according to Jason Leung, president of the Asian American Association.

Tickets for the show, \$5 for general admission and \$3 for students, may be purchased in advance at the LaFortune Information Desk (631-8128). Tickets also may be purchased on the night of the show for \$5 (both general admission and students).

Circle K sponsors weekend toy drive

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame is swamped with SYR's and formals this weekend, and that means one thing: lots of gifts.

Notre Dame Circle K is sponsoring an SYR Toy Drive at all the dorms that have dances on Dec. 4 or 5. The campus-wide service group will put donation boxes in each dorm and encourages dancegoers to put the gifts that they would normally give to their dates into the boxes. These gifts can be either

wrapped or unwrapped.

Those who choose to contribute should not feel put-out by the gesture or awkward about donating their date's gift, according to J. Doyle, the club's public relations officer.

"It's not like you're not getting anything out of it— you're giving a kid a better Christmas," he said. Instead of receiving something that they probably will not remember in a month, participants in the toy drive will gain a "sense of self-fulfillment and Christmas Spirit."

On Sunday afternoon, Circle K will collect the gifts and distribute them to different charitable organizations throughout South Bend. The presents will go to impoverished children to make their Christmas a little brighter.

Circle K is a campus organization dedicated to service to the South Bend community. It is the largest club on campus with 210 active members and 25 weekly projects. Last year, it was the largest of the 590 Circle K clubs in the world.

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some only contain pipe access, other buildings have direct access to the underground maze of tunnels, creating a safety issue for the Utilities department.

"For us, [direct access] is a major concern. You can get lost down there. There's hot pipes. Locks are checked, and we've made more efforts to secure hatches, but there has been evidence of students who get in," Kempf said. "It's one of those things that people say, 'I ran around in the tunnels when I was at Notre Dame.'"

George Molner, chief engineer at WNDU, recalled a situation in which a group of Cavanaugh men were discovered to have wired cable television to their room via copper wires attached to TV wires in the tunnels that the station uses to provide campus with cable.

"We followed the cable all the way from our wires out a basement window, up a drain pipe and into these young men's room," Molner said. "When we found them, the Security department confiscated the copper wire and it was used in their Student Affairs hearing. Anyone who does it, we'll find you because there's always a trail."

WNDU began using the tunnels in 1955 when the station was headquartered at the current Center for Social Concerns. Copper wires and cables in the tunnels carried video and audio transmissions for the broadcasting of events from Notre Dame Stadium, the Center for Continuing Education and the fieldhouse, where basketball games were held. In the late 1960s cable television wires were also installed courtesy of the station to nearly every building on campus.

In 1981, when WNDU moved to its new station building on U.S. 31, fiber-optic wires were installed to

upgrade the inferior copper. Classrooms and dorm social rooms are directly linked to WNDU Channel 16, cable TV services and closed-circuit programming through wall jacks in campus buildings.

Now thanks to new technology, signals can be transmitted from anywhere in the South Bend area to a satellite receiver on the roof of the Hesburgh Library. From there, they are sent via fiber-optic wires down through the building and the tunnels to the station building where they are

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CHIEF ENGINEER FOR UTILITIES

received as pictures and sound.

"We're always in the tunnels since our technology is constantly being expanded and upgraded," Molner said. "And whenever somebody loses their cable TV, we have to go down. Knowing where in the campus the problem is can be hard with the close to five miles of tunnels down there."

Station workers or contractors are responsible for installing and maintaining all WNDU tunnel wires and cables. The station foots the bill for those systems that it uses for broadcasting purposes while individual building budgets include funds to keep telecommunication wires in working order. WNDU television and cable TV technology is currently being installed in Eck Center and Holy Cross House on Douglas Road.

The Notre Dame tunnels also house

other technologies, including most new ResNet and inter-building computer and Internet connections administrated by the Office of Information Technologies.

"We have miles and miles of fiber-optics down there, but we don't really spend a lot of time down there," said OIT engineer Joe Macura. "Once we install our wires, they're passive devices."

Explaining that the tunnels provide a safer haven for computer wires than ground-burying would, Macura also noted his department's cost efficiency in utilizing the already constructed tunnels.

"Where there were no tunnels, for example, we had to put conduits through the buildings, which is much more expensive. Plus conduits are more subject to construction damage," he said.

When workers do go down into the tunnels, according to Kempf, "we take pretty good precautions."

"You don't go down there without letting somebody know that you're going down there. And you always carry a radio that can transmit out of the tunnels, so if you get in trouble — break a leg or something — someone will get help to you," he said.

With the current state of the tunnels, using them as human walkways in the dead of winter is unlikely, according to Kempf. While Notre Dame does have one underground walking tunnel from the Morris Inn to the Center for Continuing Education, the existing ones that transport steam heat and hold miles of wires will continue to be used in the current fashion.

"With the current infrastructure, it's impossible to make these walking tunnels," he said.

As for this winter, the closest students could get to traipsing to and from classes in the tunnels will be relegated to crossing over the patches of snow that will melt from the tunnels' heat coming up through the ground.

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cation.

Associate director of Admissions Paul Carney notes that the University already has a videotape tour and a virtual World Wide Web tour but sees the program, which he refers to as "the third part of the package," as a way to reach more prospective students and faculty.

"It's another way to get information to the people who otherwise wouldn't get our message," he said. "What you gain is another audience that doesn't have access to the Internet or video."

The department of admissions sends the CD to prospective students and faculty on request, to high schools and to students who visit the University, according to Carney.

"Our counselors know it's available. Some take it on the road to high schools," he said. "We ask them to view it .. and move it along so we can multiply the number of people who see it."

Carney believes that the major advantages of the program are its vast amount of information and the ability of individuals to learn about what interests them.

"You can kind of wind your way through your own little tour of Notre Dame," he said, noting that people like being able to view the CD at several sittings instead of all at once. "I think it has a good range of ... senior administrators, faculty members and students which I think is a good thing for people to look at," he continued.

"You can get a tremendous amount of information on there," Mundy agreed.

But Carney noted that once the CD is produced, it cannot be updated like an internet site can be.

"You're trying to recycle the information, but it does get out of date. It's not like the web, which can be updated constantly."

He does not, however, see this disadvantage as a major problem.

"People don't expect it to be 100 percent accurate," he said.

The program runs on both Macintosh systems and PCs using Windows 95/NT or Windows 3.1, and all required software (including QuickTime and Adobe Acrobat) is included.



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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Utah pipeline blast injures construction workers

MOAB
A 10-inch natural gas pipeline exploded north of Moab this morning, damaging a roadway and sending up a mushroom-shaped cloud, but nearby workers managed to escape serious injury. Dave Hutchinson, Grand County administrator, confirmed that only one person suffered minor injuries. KUTV reporter Jim Mattingly, who was on the scene, described the blast as "similar to a small nuclear explosion" which sent the cloud aloft that drifted eastward. A spokeswoman for Four-Four Construction, who declined to give her name, said the company was installing a natural gas line for D. Williams Companies when the explosion happened. She said she was not authorized to give a cause for the explosion or say how many employees were involved, but did say the workers were all accounted for afterward. Moab police initially said at least 20 people were injured.

Yacht takes off on its own

DAVIE, Fla.
It wasn't vandals or bumbling boat thieves who fired up the engines on a 70-foot yacht and sent it zooming across the harbor, smashing several other vessels and a marina. No, investigators say, the yacht started itself up. The incident caused \$7 million in damage. "A vast array of experts carefully inspected the yacht's engines and mechanical components," Kirk Englehardt of the Broward County Sheriff's Office said Wednesday. "They found evidence that the engines started on their own and sent the boat careening across the channel." Police originally assumed the Nov. 15 smash-up was a theft gone wrong.

Orphanage fire kills 28; most victims children

MANILA, Philippines
Trapped behind metal window grates, children screamed for help as the flames drew closer. Neighbors frantically tugged at the padlocked main gate but could not break in. The result was a tragedy. A pre-dawn fire tore through an aging orphanage in Manila on Thursday, killing at least 28 people, mostly children. Two other children were missing and presumed dead. Investigators said faulty electrical wiring may have triggered the blaze. The dozens of children at the Catholic-run Bahay Kalinga orphanage had been looking forward to a Christmas party on Friday. Instead, the Christmas decorations were scattered, along with toys and children's clothes, among the burned debris.

NASA postpones space shuttle launch

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A loud, flashing alarm went off in the cockpit of space shuttle Endeavour with just 4 1/2 minutes to go in the countdown Thursday, forcing the postponement of NASA's first space station construction flight.

The launch team began fueling the shuttle later in the day for another try early Friday, though rain and cloudy skies were possible.

NASA has only five minutes or less each day to launch Endeavour in order to meet up with the first space station part, which was put in orbit two weeks ago by the Russians. The shuttle contains the second station component.

The master alarm blared and red lights flashed just before the shuttle was to lift off around 4 a.m. Thursday. By the time controllers traced the problem to a momentary drop in hydraulic pressure and decided to press ahead, it was too late — they had missed the cutoff by a second or two.

"Sure, it's frustrating," said Bill Readdy, shuttle program director and a veteran shuttle commander. "But we do things right. We do things by the book, and we're not going to cut any corners even if it means just shaving a second or two."

The six astronauts crawled out of the shuttle, and two threw up their hands. Commander Robert Cabana held up his thumb and index finger a half-inch apart: "We were that close."

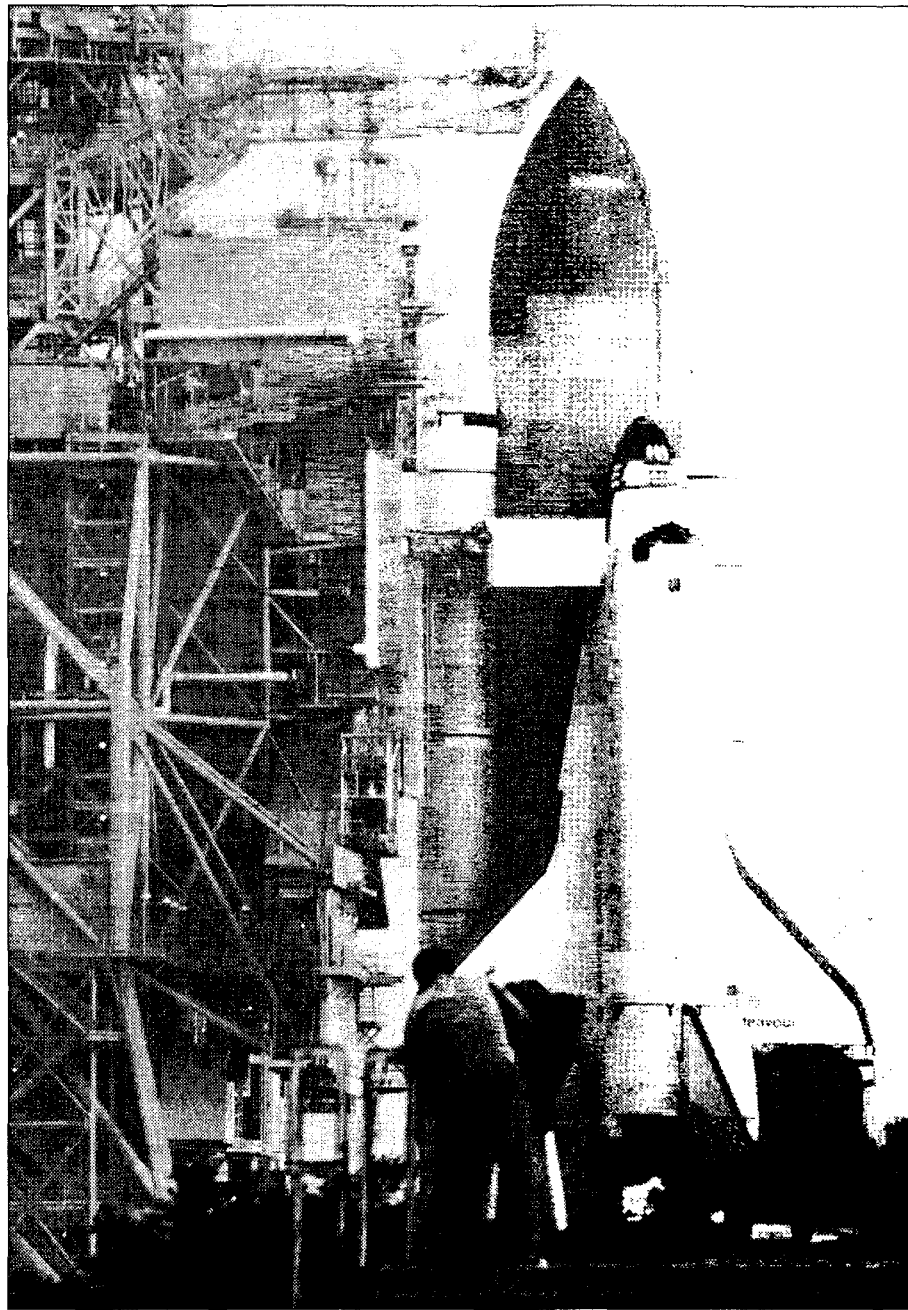
The problem was confined to one of Endeavour's three hydraulic pressure units. The pressure dropped just long enough to trigger the alarm, evidently because of a sensitive switch, then returned to normal. NASA engineers spent the day examining the problem, but found nothing wrong with any of the systems and were confident it would not reoccur.

Endeavour's flight is already a year late because of a cash crunch in Russia, one of NASA's partners in building the international space station.

The one-day delay cost NASA about \$600,000, mostly in fuel and overtime pay.

Aboard Endeavour is an American-made connecting passageway named Unity. The astronauts will use the shuttle robot arm to capture the Russian space station piece and attach it to Unity.

Then, two spacewalkers will hook up all the electrical connections and cables



AFP Photo

The space shuttle Endeavour sat on the launch pad in a light rain Thursday as a NASA employee services remote cameras. The shuttle's early morning launch was postponed nineteen seconds before lift-off at Kennedy Space Center.

between the two cylinders, and attach handrails and tools for future crews.

Until the alarm sounded, it looked as though the weather would be the only problem. Rain and clouds moved in from the Atlantic 1 1/2 hours before liftoff, but drifted away with minutes to spare.

Secretary of State Madeleine

Albright and other dignitaries from around the world had gathered in the drizzle to see Endeavour and its crew off.

"Here we have 16 countries cooperating on a venture to the future," said Albright, who couldn't stay for Friday's attempt. "This is a good investment."

Prison officials locate escapee's body

ASSOCIATED PRESS

HUNTSVILLE, Tex.

A body was found floating in a river Thursday and prison officials said it resembled a killer who escaped from death row on Thanksgiving.

There was no confirmation that the body, which was beneath a bridge on the Trinity River, about four miles from the prison unit that houses death row, was that of Martin Gurule said Texas prison spokesman Larry Todd.

It was found about 5:30 p.m. by two off-duty correctional officers who were fishing, Todd said. He said the man bore a

resemblance to the escapee and wore "inmate-style shoes and inmate clothing."

Gurule, 29, was among seven condemned killers who tried to break out of the Ellis Unit 15 miles northeast of Huntsville late Thanksgiving night.

The other six surrendered as guards in towers opened fire after spotting them, but Gurule managed to get over a pair of 10-foot chainlink fences topped with razor wire and scamper into the fog and darkness, making him the first Texas inmate to escape death row since 1934.

Tracking dogs lost Gurule's scent on a road

near the prison.

A massive search that focused on the area immediately surrounding the prison failed to turn up any leads, and authorities on Thursday posted a \$5,000 reward for Gurule's capture.

All seven inmates, who used a hacksaw blade to cut a hole in a death row recreation area fence, were part of the nation's only prison work program that uses death row inmates.

The work project, where inmates make cloth goods for the corrections system, has been suspended by prison administrators.

The reward was offered through the governor's

office and Gov. George Bush demanded answers to how Gurule was able to escape.

"I'm upset about it," said Bush, who just returned from a Middle East trip.

"I've asked the Texas Rangers to step in and answer the question for me and for Texas."

The Rangers are the investigative arm of the Department of Public Safety. A panel of the Texas Board of Criminal Justice, which runs Texas prisons, already is investigating the escape.

Huntsville prison officials said Gurule may have been helped by the Mexican Mafia prison gang.

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Lucki

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and about which people claim to know her.

"I can't believe the amount of attention that I'm receiving from you guys on campus," Lucki wrote on the new Internet site. "As far as why you haven't seen me around, I try to keep a low profile and wear the typical ND-girl 'uniform'... the last thing I need is for someone to recognize me — especially the administration's nazis."

The response from Notre Dame students has been intense. On her site, Lucki posts excerpts from e-mails sent to her through the Web page. Many support her decision to pose nude as a Notre Dame student, some are requests for interviews from various media outlets — and a few students wrote in the hopes of snaring a formal date.

Photos on the page are affiliated with Digital Dreamgirls Inc. The company did not respond to Observer questions via e-mail on Thursday. No phone number could be obtained for the organization.

Florida investigations change after girl's death

Associated Press

ORLANDO

The beating death of a 6-year-old girl and mistakes by child welfare workers who didn't realize she was being harmed have led to immediate changes in Florida's system of investigating child abuse.

Disciplinary action also is likely against some of the welfare workers involved in Kayla McKean's case, said Edward Feaver, secretary of the state Department of Children and Families.

"I think this is a horrendous case," Feaver said Thursday. "No child should suffer like this child suffered."

State documents show that child welfare workers missed several chances to intervene and perhaps save Kayla's life in the months before she was allegedly beaten to death by her father.

The documents show that in one instance, welfare investigators withheld information that could have led to Kayla's removal from her father's home. They apparently failed to interview a doctor who said the girl's life was in "imminent danger." And they didn't challenge her father's contention that bicycle accidents or the family dog caused her injuries.

"They all had pieces of the jigsaw puzzle, and no one had all of the pieces to see what was going on," said Janice Johnson of the child welfare agency.

Under changes announced Thursday, state officials will make sure that doctors and nurses who are part of child protection teams examine the child instead of making a judgment by telephone on whether a child is being abused.

And judges deciding whether to remove a child from a home will have access to the child's entire case file instead of just a petition prepared by an attorney and investigator.

Kayla's father, Richard Adams, confessed Monday to the Nov. 25 killing, according to investigators. He remains in jail on charges of murder and aggravated child abuse. Bond was denied.

Prosecutors said Adams, 24, slammed Kayla against a wall and struck her with a paddle after she soiled her underwear. He buried her in a forest some 50 miles from his home, police said.

In October, an agency supervisor said in a report that Adams could benefit from parenting and anger-management classes. No one told Adams about the recommendation.

Lake County child welfare workers first investigated when Adams took Kayla to a hospital in May. He had assumed custody of the girl weeks earlier after her mother, Adams' former girlfriend, entered a battered woman's shelter. Kayla had two black eyes and a broken nose and left hand.

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with a number of clear options. Using a simple point-and-click system the viewer chooses from the categories of academics, "Why Notre Dame?," athletics, student life, spirituality and international. To the side are two additional options: "Voices" includes scores of QuickTime video clips of professors, administrators and students commenting on topics ranging from athletics to diversity to the first year of studies; a second sidebar leads users to a virtual tour of campus.

Virtual Tour

The tour is, by far, the most impressive aspect of the program. The images are recorded in 360 degrees of video; viewers can turn in a full circle and see the scenery around them on all sides, finally returning to their original starting point. Though virtual "walking" around campus is difficult and frustrating — the computer will only go in a limited number of directions — the images are of near-video quality in thousands of colors. Interior views of the Basilica, Notre Dame Stadium and several classroom buildings are available.

But the tour has some obvious omissions. While views of the stadium from all four sides and three scenes of DeBartolo classrooms are included, as well as images of the Decio Faculty building and the Main gate, some hubs of student life such as the LaFortune Student Center, North Dining Hall and most notably the Grotto are

not stops on the route.

Another difficulty is that often the image that appears upon clicking on a particular location is not actually the listed destination. Users must maneuver to locate the desired spot, which is a breeze for those well-acquainted with the campus, but the program's intended audience would presumably not know the difference.

For example, a click on "War Veterans' Memorial" reveals an image of Cavanaugh Hall; selecting the label "Main Circle" shows viewers a field. Each of these sites can be seen by turning left or right on the screen, but the immediate image that appears can be misleading.

Major Categories

Within the six major categories of the opening screen, the information is well-organized and it is easy and aesthetically pleasing to hone in on the desired subjects. Pointing and clicking leads the user to progressively more specific categories until he or she arrives at a column of text on the subject of interest. For example, clicking on the category of Academics offered several options, including colleges and educational media, among others. Selecting "colleges" then allows the user to choose a college — perhaps Arts and Letters or Science — and then to reach information on each specific major program.

Voices

The "voices" section of the program leaves something to be desired. Sound and video images are not synchronized, and often the lips of the speaker are moving after the

sound has ended. At times the sound cracks like a scratched CD.

Data Accuracy

All images of the stadium show it under construction and text on the Rolfs Sports Center states that it is projected to be completed during the 1997-98 academic year. This demonstrates the problem of this permanent format: rapidly outdated material.

Computer Requirements

The program does not require a state-of-the-art computer system to operate; minimum system requirements include a 133 MHz processor, 6X CD-ROM, sound card, speakers, mouse and keyboard.

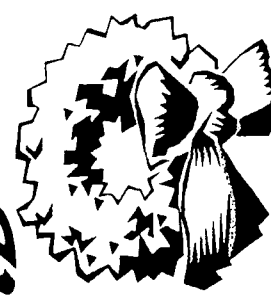
One disc contains all software needed to run the program, including QuickTime and Adobe Acrobat, in versions for the PC platforms Windows 95/NT and Windows 3.1 as well as Macintosh software. Easy-to-follow directions on the back of the box make starting the program a snap, though the quit command (Alt-F4) is something one wouldn't figure out without consulting the directions.

Because of the large amounts of memory required to run the program (32MB of RAM are recommended), users must shut down nearly all other programs to operate it. The back of the box suggests: "Make sure there are no other programs (including screen savers, startup programs, power management or desktop accessories) running before starting 'This Is Notre Dame,' as the program demands a lot of the system resources while running."

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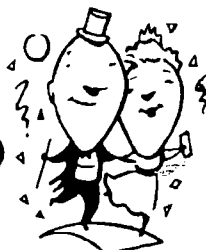


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■ MEXICO

Unions fight U.S. apple farms

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY

Eight apple workers from Washington state met Thursday with Mexican officials as part of a labor-rights investigation against the United States under the North American Free Trade Agreement.

A coalition of Mexican unions filed a 30-page complaint in May accusing the Washington apple industry of routinely violating the rights and threatening the health and safety of mainly Mexican apple pickers.

The Teamsters, the United Farm Workers of America and the International Labor Rights Fund have supported the complaint, which Mexico recently agreed to investigate.

"We don't expect a resolution through this process," said John August, a Teamsters representative

accompanying the Washington workers. But as a result of the complaint, he said, "more and more work-

'WE DON'T EXPECT A RESOLUTION THROUGH THIS PROCESS.'

JOHN AUGUST
TEAMSTERS REPRESENTATIVE

ers are going to become vigilant of labor violations that involve cross-border disputes."

The Teamsters are trying to organize apple orchard workers, and part of the complaint centers on alleged efforts by growers to discourage workers from joining the union.

During their visit to Mexico City, the Washington delegation met with Rafael Aranda

Vollmer, head of Mexico's NAFTA Administrative Office, which investigates labor complaints.

August said the workers testified about low pay, inadequate or nonexistent benefits, unsafe working conditions, abusive supervisors and actions taken by the companies to prevent workers from organizing unions.

Apple company officials in Washington have said the complaints are baseless and that workers are protected by U.S. labor laws, but August said such laws are difficult to enforce.

The majority of the 45,000 workers who pick and sort apples in Washington state's Yakima and Chelan counties are Mexican immigrants.

The Mexican complaint eventually could be heard by an arbitration panel that has the power to impose sanctions.

■ SPAIN

Pinochet judge faces world-wide spotlight

Associated Press

MADRID

The judge who wants to put former Chilean dictator Augusto Pinochet on trial is a quiet but relentless sleuth.

Working out of drab offices at the National Court, Baltasar Garzon, Spain's top investigative magistrate, has spent more than a decade tackling everything from drug lords to death squads.

At 43, he has established himself as the wunderkind of the legal world — but has done it in such a tight-lipped fashion that many Spaniards probably have never heard his voice.

Now Garzon has embarked on his biggest case yet, one sure to have current and former despots everywhere looking over their shoulders — a bid to extradite Pinochet from

Britain for trial in Spain over human rights crimes committed during his reign in Chile.

Garzon, who issued a warrant that led to Pinochet's arrest in London on Oct. 16, is not without critics. Government officials and prosecutors at his own court challenged his case against Pinochet, arguing in vain that he lacked jurisdiction.

Detractors also point to high-profile drug and weapons-trafficking cases in which suspects fingered by Garzon ultimately got off scot-free. Some say he botched those investigations.

But whether they are for or against him, Spaniards can't ignore the dapper judge with the steely gaze who has come very far, very fast.

Born in the olive-growing heartland of Andalusia, Garzon pulled night shifts at the gas station where his father worked in order to get through law school.

He got a position as a provincial judge at the age of 23. Like all Spanish judges, he won it by passing an examination rather than through experience. He quickly worked his way up, passing another grueling test to become a National Court judge at age 32.

Garzon is one of six examining magistrates who conduct investigations, issue search warrants and order suspects detained but do not try cases.

Under Spain's legal system, any private party can seek to bring criminal charges against another. The National Court assigns these cases to judges like Garzon who decide whether to open a formal investigation.

By all accounts, Garzon has the biggest caseload at the National Court. Court sources said this is because he is a dogged investigator who shies from dumping cases.

The Pinochet affair began two years ago when, at the request of a communist-led party called United Left and lawyers representing victims, Garzon agreed to probe human rights abuses committed by military juntas that ruled Argentina in the 1970s and '80s.

The probe spilled over into Chile because of Operation Condor, a scheme by Pinochet and other South American despots to crush a perceived communist threat through cross-border cooperation among their secret police.

Garzon has charged Pinochet with genocide, torture and terrorism in what Garzon says was a systematic effort to snuff out dissent during 17 years in power. A Chilean government report puts the number of dead and missing under Pinochet's regime at 3,197.

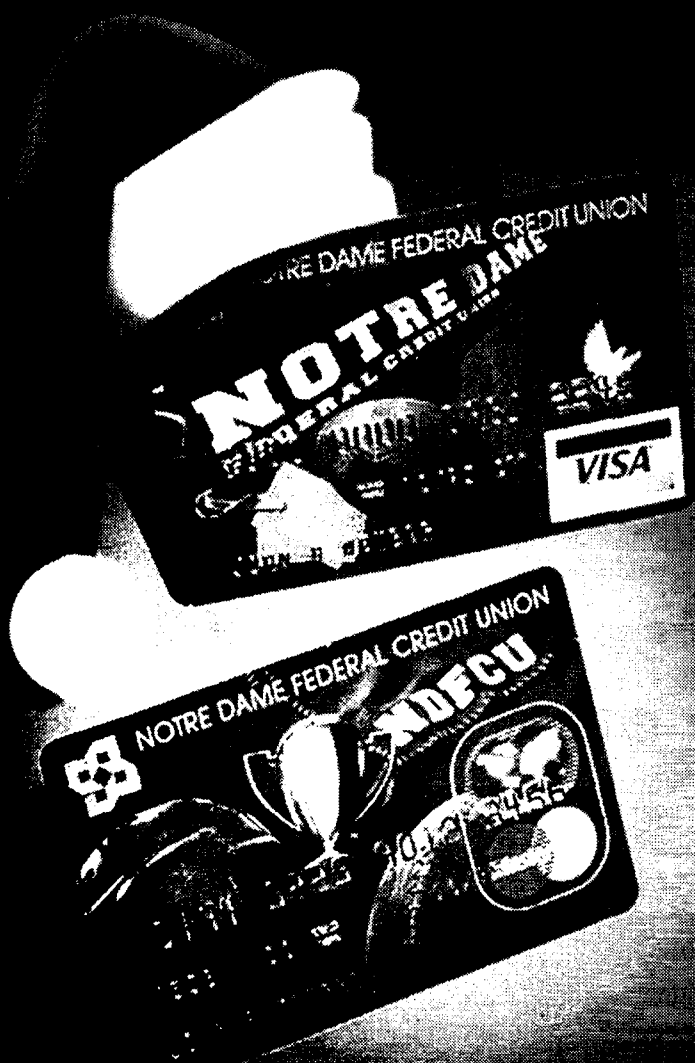
Pinochet stepped down in 1990, but first granted himself legal immunity from prosecution.

Lawyers who have presented Garzon with thousands of pages of testimony in the Pinochet case say he has displayed a dazzling command of facts even while juggling other big cases.

"He strives for efficiency," says Juan Garces, a lawyer for victims of the Pinochet regime.

Until now, Garzon's highest-profile case was a probe into a bungled effort by Spain's then-Socialist government to kill Basque separatist hitmen during the 1980s.

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Murderer dumped from teaching post

Associated Press

PHOENIX
Complaints raised when a convicted murderer was hired to teach criminal justice at Arizona State University convinced school officials to reverse themselves Thursday.

James Hamm, who shot and killed someone when he was a teenager, will not teach classes this spring semester as planned, officials said Thursday, the same day The Arizona Republic had reported Hamm's hiring.

"The debate surrounding Mr. Hamm's employment in the classroom at ASU would be too disruptive to the educational environment, as evidenced by the reaction to his hiring," said Milton Glick, ASU provost and senior vice president.

Some members of the legal community had been critical of the idea.

"This has got to be a cruel joke," Phoenix attorney Dan Cracchiolo said. "It's like Hannibal Lecter inviting Jodie Foster to a tea party."

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DAN CRACCHIOLO
PHOENIX ATTORNEY

Hamm said he was disappointed with the school's decision but not entirely surprised.

"I would prefer to teach, but that's just not in the cards and that's not the way it's going to happen," Hamm told The Associated Press. Earlier, he told the paper "I never had any problems with the students or faculty in law school. ... It was just a problem with the politicians and newspapers."

Hamm pleaded guilty in 1974 to shooting Willard J. Morely Jr. during a drug deal in Tucson. He was sentenced to 25 years to life in prison.

GOP drops fund-raising probe

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Republicans jettisoned campaign fund raising from their impeachment inquiry Thursday, likely clearing the way for a historic House Judiciary Committee vote next week over President Clinton's relationship with Monica Lewinsky and his effort to cover it up.



Livingston

At the same time, incoming Speaker Bob Livingston signaled a desire for the full House to convene in a pre-Christmas session to vote on any articles of impeachment that win committee approval.

"If the Judiciary Committee could complete its work next week, it would be my expectation that we could have a vote on the following week," the Louisiana Republican said in his first public remarks on the subject in more than a week.

Taken together, the developments amounted to strong signals that majority Republicans

— chastened by disappointing election results — intend to swiftly wrap up the third presidential impeachment inquiry in the nation's history. Even so, while the GOP-controlled panel is expected to approve at least one article of impeachment on a party line vote, the outcome on the House floor remains in doubt.

Democrats, as well as Republicans including Peter King of New York, intensified efforts during the day to craft an alternative that would stop short of impeachment.

Spokesman Kevin Fogarty said King and several other GOP lawmakers were laboring over a proposal that would "include a strong condemnation of Clinton and require him to pay a financial penalty and issue a statement acknowledging wrongdoing."

Key Democrats met privately with the party's leader, Rep. Dick Gephardt, and — according to two sources speaking on condition of anonymity — they will soon begin contacting Republican lawmakers outside the Judiciary Committee to see what bipartisan cooperation might be possible in the full House. These sources added

that while Democrats are willing to join in efforts to wrap up the issue by year's end, they will insist on a lengthy period for debate on the House floor and demand that consideration be given to censure as an alternative to impeachment.

There was no end to the skirmishing between the White House and the Judiciary Committee.

In a letter to top White House lawyers, the committee's general counsel, Thomas E. Mooney Sr., said that whoever delivers the formal defense of the president before the committee will be "subject to at least one full round of questioning" by the lawmakers on the panel and staff.

Mooney also wrote that the committee does not have some documents the White House requested in preparation for the defense, noting in particular that internal Justice Department memos related to alleged campaign finance irregularities are in the possession of department officials. Other documents the White House sought, he wrote, will be made available only in the confines of the committee's heavily guarded document room.

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■ THE BEAT

'The Spirit of Christmas is a Powerful One'

My Aunt Suzy used to fly for Continental Airlines. I've always adored Aunt Suzy. It amazes me how she can be very hip and vibrant but, at the same time, exceptionally sophisticated and wise. Because of her influence, it is not surprising that I have always loved to fly.

Brittany Morehouse

It's amazing that I still do. When I scheduled my Thanksgiving break flight back in August, I never would have guessed at how profound an effect it would come to have on me. Not even my Aunt Suzy with all of her airborne adventures can say that she's gone through what I experienced on November 25. I awaited take-off casually.

Immediately upon full boarding, the Captain warned us that we might have to "switch planes" because they were "checking the hydraulics". A chorus of groans arose at the thought of repositioning carry-on bags. Having had only two hours sleep in the past two nights, I was quite anxious to get going.

So, my fellow passengers and I were thankful when the pilot announced that the problem had been fixed. The flight attendants performed their oxygen demonstration and, as on every other flight, nobody paid attention. After a brief conversation with the woman next to me about destinations and holiday plans, I dozed, relieved to finally close my eyes.

I didn't know what exactly woke me, whether it was a jolt or heavy turbulence, but my first sensation was of the plane violently shaking in a loud series of consistent beats, as in the firing of a machine gun.

When the shaking did not stop, I lis-

tened for a message of information and/or reassurance from the cockpit. I was surprised to hear the flight attendant instead.

"The Captain is talking to the control tower in Chicago." In the meantime, the man sitting behind me had been listening to channel nine on his earphones and could hear the pilot's entire conversation. Just as he began to repeat it to those of us sitting nearby, the pilot came over the intercom to announce that we were heading back to Chicago.

We had lost an engine. Perhaps I did not fully grasp the concept of losing a whole engine on a 737-300 (that is, a two engine plane). It is possible that I was just too tired from the lack of sleep, papers, and exams; hilariously, my imagination pictured an engine falling through the sky. In any case, the severity of our situation didn't completely sink in until the moment our plane did something I thought was only possible in movies. Suddenly, my head was thrown back as we started to steeply ascend. Then, the plane plummeted straight down, and halted with an abrupt clunk. I noticed my hands were shaking. I looked around me and saw many pairs of frightened eyes. I swallowed.

By the time the man with the headset informed us that the pilot had just declared an emergency, I was truly terrified. Seconds later, communication from channel nine was cut off. The remainder of the flight was torturous, as the aircraft cycled between bumpy coasting and raucous tipping sideways from one wing to the other. A woman holding an infant a couple rows in front of me sobbed. Helpless, unable to influence the fate of the aircraft and its occupants, I prayed.

As I prayed, I found myself engaged in the exquisite pain of thinking upon family and friends whom I love dearly.

In what seemed like centuries later, the pilot announced that we were situated above the Chicago airport but would not be landing for another twenty minutes or so. Those were long minutes.



All aircraft had been instructed to wait until we had landed before attempting take-off or landing. Even as our wheels touched the ground and the sight of four fire trucks and two ambulances, lights flashing in preparation for our arrival, appeared through the windows, we were not yet out of danger. The left wing flap was broken and the plane was given the longest runway possible to land; still, I seriously thought we were going to crash into the airport terminal.

It's funny how one's mind can move swiftly from the most mundane to the most profound thoughts, and then back again to the banal. When I departed Chicago a couple of hours earlier, I was concerned with schoolwork and my schedule for the weekend. I didn't even consider the possibility of my not making it to my destinations. After having experi-

enced a near-disaster in the air and all the agonizing, soul-searching moments this suspending in space and time created, one would think that life would be different somehow when we landed. Yet, as soon as my feet hit the floor of the airport, my mental capacities once again switched back to simple concerns. Prayers and reflections on how precious everyone is to me were replaced by planning how to reach everyone by phone to let them know I would be late in arriving, and to the domino-effect this delay would have upon the rest of the day's plans. I resist the undeniable truth of our reality: even after a close brush with mortality, we proceed along the normal guidelines of behavior and just carry on.

The key is that life is in fact different, changed, altered forever, but not the observable motions of our lives. The change, the difference, is on the inside.

Every minute counts. Every gesture, conversation, trip, gift, smile or frown, prayer, idea...basically every everything counts. It's easy to recognize and surely easy to say but so much more difficult to do, to live. We must live so that every moment is valued.

In just a few hours, I was able to realize a valuable message easily forgotten. Now, I carry this message with me as we approach another holiday. The spirit of Christmas is a powerful one. The opportunities inherent in this time of year are rich. I truly wish everyone the best in finding a way to make it count.

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■ DOONESBURY

GARRY TRUDEAU



■ QUOTE OF THE DAY

'Has any one supposed
hit to be lucky to be
born? I hasten to inform
him or her it is just as lucky
to die, and I know it.'

— Walt Whitman

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■ SUPER HIGH INTENSITY TRAINING FOR THE MIND

Lice, I-Con, Sprinklers and Mountain Dew: The First Semester Revisited



The best place to start a review of the year,
Might be with the animal issues, I fear.
The PSA yells "oppression," but I don't agree,
We treat 'em pretty nice, if you ask me.

The sheep in Zahm last year was happy becuz'
Of the cigarette she was smokin' — 'twas her first buzz.
But that happened last year — what's happening now?
We're being hospitable — I'll show you how:

Spencer Stefko



If you look closely, we're being quite nice.
All the McGlinners (they of the head lice),
Could easily kill it, they do have the power,
But just to be nice, they have yet to shower.

To go a step further, we put animals in flight,
Thanks to a Zahmbie that PETA* dislikes.
But not the flying octopus — his memory burns bright,
He'll live in our minds as the marine-life Orville Wright.

At LaFortune's new Burger King PETA would holler,
Some say Notre Dame sold out to the dollar.
I like it: living in Zahm, it's real close and nifty,
But the "freshman 15" is now "freshman 50."

That's just one of the new places to eat,
You can also stop by Reckers to treat.
And South Dining Hall, too, finally did open,
For our bookbags to join us at table we're hopin'.

Also to "Southie" moved the student publications,
Who apparently don't like their new situation.
They claim it's secluded, in fact downright crummy,
But some things never change: The Gipper's still unfunny.

Next up to explore is a new use of chalk,
The PSA has deployed it to color sidewalks.
Sometimes to a rally the chalk points the way,
Thanks to non-stop sprinklers, it washes away.

(Note to the guy who keeps the sprinklers going:
Point them away from the cement — it's not growing.)

When the cops raided I-Con, all the young'uns had ID's,
They all said the same: "This picture looks just like me."
"I know all the info on there — ask and you'll see."
They asked one guy: "Height?" and he said "6-foot-3."
The next question was, "Weight?" "Um, 'bout one-ninety-one."
Just one more question and the questions were done.
He was on fire, he thought he'd never get caught,
'Till the cops asked for eye color and he answered, "Bloodshot?"

I offer Right Reason peace and a Christmas gift:
Something, after which, there'll be no more rifts.
If someone would send them a warhead of uranium —
Then the paper can end up like Kurt Cobain's cranium.

No alcohol in the hallways — that seems about right,
No Jim Beam, no Mad Dog, surely no Busch Light.
But Mountain Dew? Oh my God — the horror,
Just ask my friend Keith who's 10 dollars poorer.

If you don't understand the next stanza you're blessed,
Just skip right over it and go on to the rest.

If you're online and it's Lucki you seek,
Leave the poor girl alone, you shameless geek.
We all deserve privacy, and she deserves hers,
You wouldn't have found her if you weren't in yours.

And some boring day if you're sitting around Zahm,
And decide to jump on-line and maybe e-mail Mom,
But look up Lucki because you think she's Da Bomb,
Just get the address right — in it there's no "91.com."

And that brings us to the Campus Clowns of the Fortnight:
A band here a week ago wins this one outright.
Third Eye Blind is their name, and anarchy their game,
And if they weren't clueless, of themselves they'd be ashamed.

They told the crowd to be as rowdy as they can,
And to be sure to never listen to "The Man."
And while they were right in ripping Abercrombie and Fitch,
What happened next, proves the lead singer's a ...

He got all gutsy and incited a riot.
Because he's such a tough-guy he promoted disquiet.
He told the students to ignore every bouncer —
The very same guys who protected the coward.

In the summer I was a bouncer at a place called Metropol.
I met some great people and some bands who were cool.
During a Reel Big Fish concert a kid was almost crushed,
Until the rowdiness of the crowd was subsequently hushed.
With some calm words from the stage a crisis was averted,
At a Third Eye Blind concert the kid would have been hurt.

If he was singing at Metropol and I was protecting this ace,
Upon hearing his words I would have altered his face.
I'd put his eyes over here — inside of his ears,
Then I'd give him a wedgie and kick his whole rear.

But let's end on a good note — the first semester was fun,
But with one great big dark spot that's now bright as the sun.
I don't much like Keenan, but that's for another day,
I'm glad to see a healthy Brent Moberg, their third-floor RA.

* — PETA is the animal rights group People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, formerly known as PHTDMTHRNH, People who Have Too Damn Much Time on Their Hands and Really Need Hobbies — which didn't seem to have the same succinct ring. And no, I'm not kidding, there really is a group called the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

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■ LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Holiday Bliss

"Excuse me! Excuse me! I was wondering if you could help me to find ..."
Strike one. Already snubbed, and it's only three days after Thanksgiving.

The happy Christmas rush has already come and gone and now people just want to get the damn Holiday over with.

I wish that there was some way to return to the days when Christmas was sincere and joyful. The days when the line for Santa wasn't too long, just highly anticipated. I wonder when it was that I actually crossed the line into the adulthood of dreading Christmas. Was it when I stopped putting my name on the gifts for my family that my Mom had bought? I am not saying that I am not excited for Christmas to come — I am thrilled! But somewhere around this point in my excitement, I realize it's time to shop and immediately the thrill vanishes. I have grandiose dreams of entering a mall and seeing everyone being polite, patient and singing and dancing along with the Christmas Muzak ... okay maybe that's pushing it, but is it too much to ask for a little consideration and politeness during this time of giving? Last time I checked Christmas was supposed to be a selfless Holiday. "Ow! Damn you!"

Strike two. I glare at the hypnotized moppy haired bitch that just ran over my heels with her shopping cart. She doesn't even turn around to apologize and continues towards the Depends aisle. Maybe it was an emergency ... or maybe she was shopping for grandma's Christmas gift. Who knows. All I do know is that even shopping for normal day to day things during the Christmas season is a stressful voyage — no matter where you go you are bound to run into that "Holiday Rush." I stressed out buying tampons the other day fearing that, like Tickle Me Elmo, I'd be put on back order and then what would I do?

Thankfully there were more than a few boxes left and I even got asked if I wanted them gift wrapped.

Sometimes I try to force a happy cheerful Holiday attitude upon other people. The other day as I was leaving Target I noticed a plump woman with bulging bags of gifts and wrapping paper. So I opened the door for her. I smiled and declared, "Wow ... looks like you're going to have a Merry Christmas!"

She scoffed in return and said "Yeah." Which was attached to a "Humph."

Strike three.

I dream of returning to the days of the black and white movies when Christmas really meant something and it was a time when families came together. Today we make Holiday movies about large families leaving their homes to a tropical destination and forgetting their eight year old son at home! To make matters worse, we even have sequels for these jovial Holiday movie-goers.

So all I'm asking is just a little patience and love this Christmas ... it's time that everyone remember the true meaning of the Holiday and that we're all shopping to make it an enjoyable time for the people we love. While we're thinking of those we love, let's not forget about the people we pass every day and snub. In other words — stop running me over with your carts.

Suzanne Weber
Sophomore, Saint Mary's
December 3, 1998

■ RIGHT OR WRONG?

Administration Must Fully Proclaim Church's Teaching on Homosexual Acts

It is a daunting task to voice reservations about a proposal endorsed by such arbiters of culture as Phil Donahue and the South Bend

Charles Rice



Tribune. But it may be useful here to note some reasons that militate against the addition of sexual orientation to the University's nondiscrimination clause.

In his 1997 statement explaining the University's position, President Edward A. Malloy, C.S.C., said, "The phrase 'sexual orientation' sometimes ... does not admit a distinction between sexual orientation and the manner in which people live out their sexual orientation — a distinction that is critical to us as a Catholic institution ... Institutional non-discrimination clauses are ... legally binding. Neither federal nor state law mandates that sexual orientation be included in non-discrimination clauses ... To make the change ... would mean that our decisions ... would be measured by civil courts that may interpret this change through the lens of the broader societal milieu ... This ... might jeopardize our ability to make decisions that we believe necessary to support Church teaching. We wish to continue to speak to this issue in the Catholic context that is normative for this community. Civil law does not constitute the exclusive basis for commitments made within this community. We choose not to change our legal non-discrimination clause, but we call ourselves to act in accordance with ... a higher standard — Christ's call to inclusiveness, coupled with the gospels' call to live chaste lives. In some senses both of these messages are counter-cultural. It is this dual call that is so deeply rooted in our religious tradition to which we commit ourselves."

The legal issues possibly involved are not clearly defined. The proposal would invite indeterminate litigation, especially in light of the reality that homosexual activists tend to seek the validation of homosexual practice as a legitimate alternative lifestyle entitled to treatment as the legal and social equivalent of marriage.

The proposal, for example, would probably require Notre Dame to treat the acknowledged homosexual orientation of an applicant as irrelevant in filling Resident Assistant and Assistant Rector positions in the residence halls. It would be very difficult to maintain the distinction between orientation and practice under the proposal. It may fairly be doubted that the University could legally deny any position to a person who concededly engages in homosexual practice, if the objection were made that the practice is an outcome of the orientation and therefore that the supposed denial on the grounds of practice is really a denial on the grounds of orientation. Similarly, it is not clear that the University could legally deny use of the Basilica or other chapels for a "commitment ceremony" between two homosexuals. One might ask, So what? Why should the University discriminate on sexual orientation with respect to such matters? Let's go back to the basics.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that "homosexual acts are intrinsically disordered." They are contrary to the natural law. They close the sexual act to the gift of life" (No. 2357). But it also affirms, in its final text, that the inclination to those acts is itself disordered: "The number of men and women who have deep-seated homosexual tendencies is not negligible. This inclination, which is objectively disordered, constitutes for most of them a trial. They must be accepted with respect, compassion and sensitivity. Every sign of unjust discrimination in their regard should be avoided"

(No. 2358) (emphasis added).

In 1992, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith sent a letter to the bishops of the United States. It was a "background resource" rather than "an official and public instruction." The letter, *Responding to Legislative Proposals on Discrimination against Homosexuals*, said: "'Sexual orientation' does not constitute a quality comparable to race, ethnic background, etc. in respect to non-discrimination. Unlike these, homosexual orientation is an objective disorder ... "[I]t is not unjust discrimination to take sexual orientation into account, for example, in the placement of children for adoption or foster care, in employment of teachers or athletic coaches and in military recruitment."

The University has a right and an obligation to take into account, in appointing to sensitive positions, an applicant's acknowledged inclination toward morally disordered acts. The proposed amendment would require the University to forswear that right and default on that obligation. It could hardly be argued that the University, in choosing Resident Assistants,

Assistant Rectors and other appointees, should not take into account an applicant's acknowledged inclination to other morally disordered acts such as thievery, excessive drinking, etc. Why should the inclination to homosexual acts be accorded privileged treatment? Moreover, for the University to accept such a limitation would convey to students the

message that the homosexual inclination is not disordered and that homosexual acts are themselves not intrinsically disordered but rather are prohibited only by an arbitrary edict of an insensitive Church.

The University, in denying recognition to GLND/SMC (now called OUTreachND), stated that homosexual acts are clearly contrary to "official Church teaching." But the University refuses to acknowledge that the inclination toward those acts is itself disordered. If, as the Catechism states, the acts are "objectively disordered," how could the inclination to those acts be anything but disordered? And if, as the Administration maintains, the inclination is not disordered, why may it not be acted upon? No wonder that students and others resent the Administration position as arbitrary and incoherent. If "sexual orientation" were added to the clause, it would be likely to prevent Notre Dame from ever changing its position so as to affirm, in accord with the entire teaching of the Church, that the homosexual inclination is itself disordered.

The 1986 Letter, issued with the approval of John Paul II, on *The Pastoral Care of Homosexual Persons* said, "It is deplorable that homosexual persons ... are the object of violent malice in speech or in action. Such treatment deserves condemnation ... It reveals a ... disregard for others which endangers the most fundamental principles of a healthy society. The intrinsic dignity of each person must always be respected in word, in action and in law. But the proper reaction to crimes committed against homosexual persons should not be to claim that the homosexual condition is not disordered ... [D]eparture from the Church's teaching or silence about it, in an effort to provide pastoral care, is neither caring nor pastoral. Only what is true can ultimately be pastoral. The neglect of the Church's position prevents homosexual men and women from receiving the care they need and deserve."

The reasons advanced by Fr. Malloy for adopting the Spirit of Inclusion rather than accepting the legally binding proposal were valid when he stated them. And they are no less valid today.

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■ WHAT YOU MISSED

Lula's Lament

Conservatives and liberals alike decry the apathy at Notre Dame. On one level they're right. Nobody seems interested in their causes, but there is one cause, or cult, around here that gets lots of support, even if it doesn't get much coverage, the body, and I'm not talking wrestling.

Phil Donahue gets a handful of students, and it makes the front page of The

Observer. Rolfs athletic fish bowl gets thousands a day and nobody notices, but it better explains why nobody reads Common Sense, Right Reason or pays much attention to the ranting and raving of liberal and conservative faculty. It takes a lot of effort to keep the body in shape, and with all the food an beer consumed, it takes even more.

Students are not, strictly speaking, apathetic. They're busy. In theory, students are interested in what their professors have to say. They have open minds, but they're too busy to worry about what fills them. What do you expect when attending a class, reading a book or writing a paper are a few more things to do among 34?

In a typical week a student has 18 hours of classes, six to eight hours of exercise, (2,482 people a day use the Rolfs Fish Bowl alone), six hours of basketball (4,297 guys play basketball at least twice a week), 21 hours of eating, 18 hours of partying, 18 hours of recovering from partying, 3.5 hours of service or other spiritually oriented activity to ease the guilty conscience from things done at parties and dances and to top it off, 22.4 hours of studying (if you believe sociologists). But this is the tip of the iceberg. In addition, there are student groups to join, dances to attend, e-mail to check, the net to surf, TV to watch (can't miss Friends), interhall and intrahall sports to play, football and basketball games to attend (don't forget the tailgating), road trips to plan, jobs to seek and papers to write. I'm sure I'm missing something. Oh yes, concerts, and from what I gather, professional wrestling is now part of the list of things to do. I can see the headlines now, "The Body Bounces Bradley."

In short, there are too many things to do. It's not that Joe and Jane Six Pack (notice the inclusive language) are not interested in higher ideals, it's that they don't have the time. An ideal is another thing, another time commitment, and there's no time for more of those. If the typical Joe Six Pack has a problem, it is not apathy. It is what philosophers call acedia, a state in which endless activity hides an inner sadness or a fear to ask deep, life-changing kind of questions. Joe and Jane are not uninterested or inactive. They're busy. They're restless. The unending activity hides sadness or guilt. This condition is convenient for people in authority because, when acedia sets in, the subjects go about life without taking the time to stop and think about what it is that they are doing. Because Joe and Jane are involved in so much activity, they don't have

time to think, and even if they do think, or have some sentimental notions about committing themselves to some higher ideal, they do not act on it because it does not fit in with all the other things that Joe and Jane have to do.

Conservatives, moderates, liberals, spiritualists, animists, feminists, Buddhas, radicals and Hindus alike at Notre Dame are united in their commitment to unending

activity, noise and distraction. Joe Six Pack gets up in the morning to the sound of his radio alarm. (For ease of writing, during the rest of this article I will alternate between the proper noun, Joe, and the proper noun, Jane, when referring to the Six Packs.) He leaves it on and adds the TV for harmony. He prob-

ably has things rigged so he can listen to it in the shower. Once showered, Jane Six Pack puts on her headphones, her real best friends, to accompany her to the dining hall, class, LaFortune, the

computer clusters, Second Floor Hesburgh and back to the dorm again. These faithful friends never leave her side.

Every cafe on campus has a TV or radio playing. Molly McGuire's has violated cafe rule No. 1, no TVs. What audacity! The TVs are strategically placed to draw our eyes away from anybody we happen to be eating with and could potentially have a conversation with. In any given section, in any given dorm, Joe has to contend with sounds from TV's, Nintendo, computers, radios and CD players that reverberate through the halls. In fact, I bet you that Spencer is listening to the radio as he edits this column. Not even the chapels are quiet. When Jane Six Pack enters any given chapel in any given dorm, she has to contend with musicians and other groups.

In short, we are confronted with endless activity and endless noise. We do get plenty of food, plenty of exercise and plenty of beer. Joe's god is his belly. Jane has "gotta keep moving on" (Steve Miller Band, Jet Airliner, chorus. I hope this meets scholarly standards). With all the time that goes into these things, there is little time for anything else. There is no room for silence. There is no room for thought. There is no chance to give expression to that desire expressed by an 18 year old Albert Camus, "I know only one thing, my mystical soul is burning to give itself with enthusiasm, faith and fervor," With all the noise, we do not have the time to think about what we can give our souls to, and with all the things to do, we just don't have the time.

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Jeff Langan

'IT'S NOT THAT JOE AND JANE SIX PACK (NOTICE THE INCLUSIVE LANGUAGE) ARE NOT INTERESTED IN HIGHER IDEALS, IT'S THAT THEY DON'T HAVE THE TIME.'



USE YOUR BRAIN FOR

ABOUT THE GAME

Are you a star performer? A creative cat? How about a word worm or a data head? *Cranium*, the new board game from Cranium, Inc. can help you find out.

Released just in time for the holiday season, *Cranium* requires teams of players to hum, whistle, sculpt, sketch, act, solve word puzzles and spell while trying to advance around the board into *Cranium Central*. This variety of activities allows each player to contribute in his strongest skill area and combines individual talents into a team effort, according to the company.

The game takes about an hour to play and costs \$34.95. It can be ordered online at www.playcranium.com, or by calling 1-877-CRANIUM. As of Nov. 19, 1998, the game also became available in Starbucks Coffee Co. stores and Amazon.com's new holiday gift store. Barnes and Noble has selected *Cranium* to be

To win this SelectoQuest, your team must agree on the correct answer to the multiple-choice question below. I'll read the question and choices, then start the timer after I print the card to you.

question

In which country do cars drive on the right-hand side of the road?

- a) Japan
- b) Jamaica
- c) Australia
- d) France

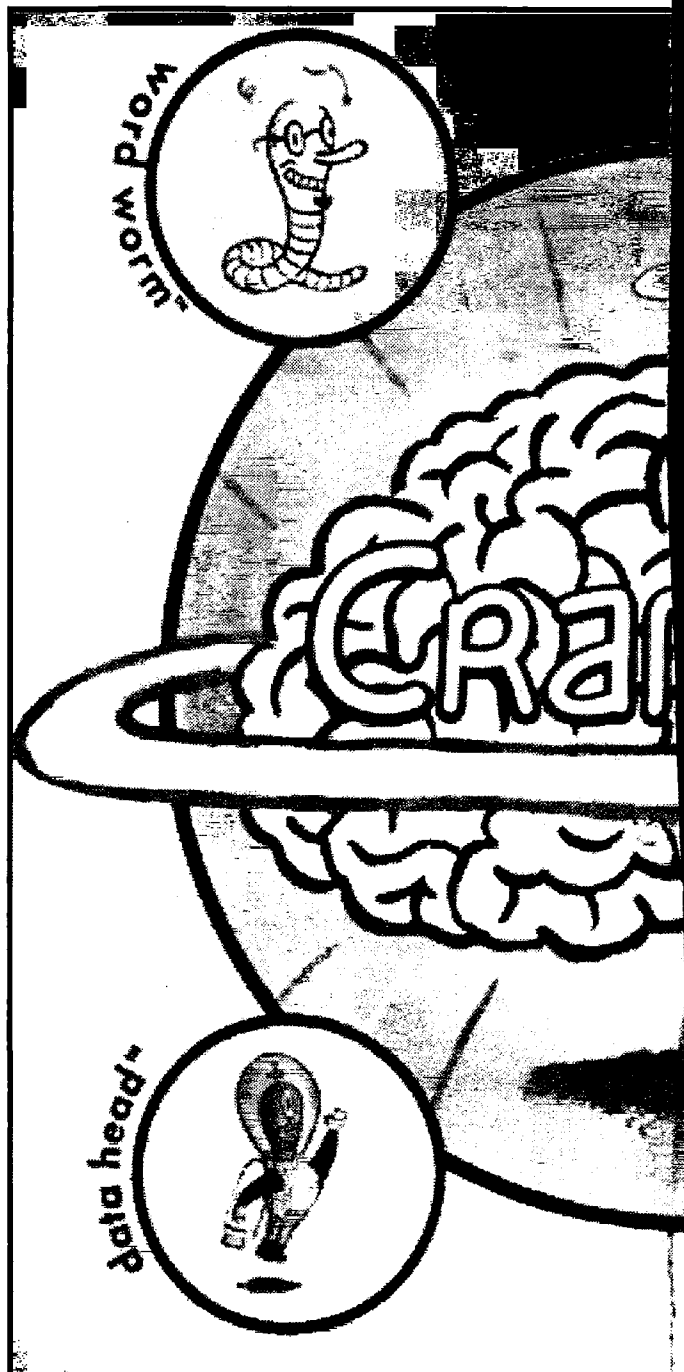
the first game sold nationally in its stores since it offered *Trivial Pursuit* more than a decade ago. For every game purchased, Cranium, Inc. is donating a dollar to charities promoting arts education for children.

Cranium, Inc. was founded in Nov. 1997 by former Microsoft executives Richard Tait and Whit Alexander.

"Searching for reality outside the virtual, Tait and Alexander decided the time had come to try something completely different, to build a brand for the brain," according to the company.

Identifying three new trends — the brain is cool, adult creativity is thriving and board games are back in style — Cranium, Inc. wants to challenge brain power while giving everyone a chance to laugh.

By combining trivia skills with goofy charade-like challenges, *Cranium* does just that.



THE CREATORS

Whit Alexander

Hometown:

Same as Jerry Ford's, so you know it's good.

Past employment:

Founder, career of the month club; ecologist, teacher, software developer, urban planner, policy wonk and data processing wizard in Africa. I also produced the maps for the first version of Microsoft's Encarta encyclopedia.

Biggest achievement:

Reaching the day that my wife, Shelly, and I had been together for more of our lives than not. Also, shipping the most detailed world atlas ever created after Bill Gates told me it couldn't be done.

Why create a board game?

Richard [Tait] talked me into it. Seriously, when Richard came to me with his broad vision for the next hit board game it was an easy decision for me to jump on board.

What are you doing when you're not doing this?

Imagining that I contribute my fair share to raising two beautiful children.

Experience in the board game industry:

More games of *Candyland* with my two young children than I'd like to admit.

Something no one else knew about you until now:

I once wanted to be Secretary General of the United Nations.

Professional credo:

Nobody owes you anything except honesty.

Information about the creators is courtesy of WHaM Communications.

Richard Tait

Hometown:

John Logie Baird's birthplace which is, of course, Helensburgh, Scotland.

Past Employment:

Shepherd, technology evangelist, intrapreneur.

Biggest achievement:

Elevation-wise: climbing Mount Kilimanjaro
Professionally: never lost a sheep. That, or Microsoft employee of the year.

Why create a board game?

It's a great idea. There hasn't been a revolutionary one in more than 15 years, and people are crying out for new connections with friends and family.

What are you doing when you're not doing this?

Playing soccer as a weekend warrior. Convincing everyone that Scottish people invented everything.

Experience in the board game industry:

None. And that's an advantage. Everything we do, we approach in a best-of-breed fashion. We have no preconceived notions, just a focus on being the best.

Something no one else knew about you until now:

I have a motorcycle named Jasper.

Professional credo:

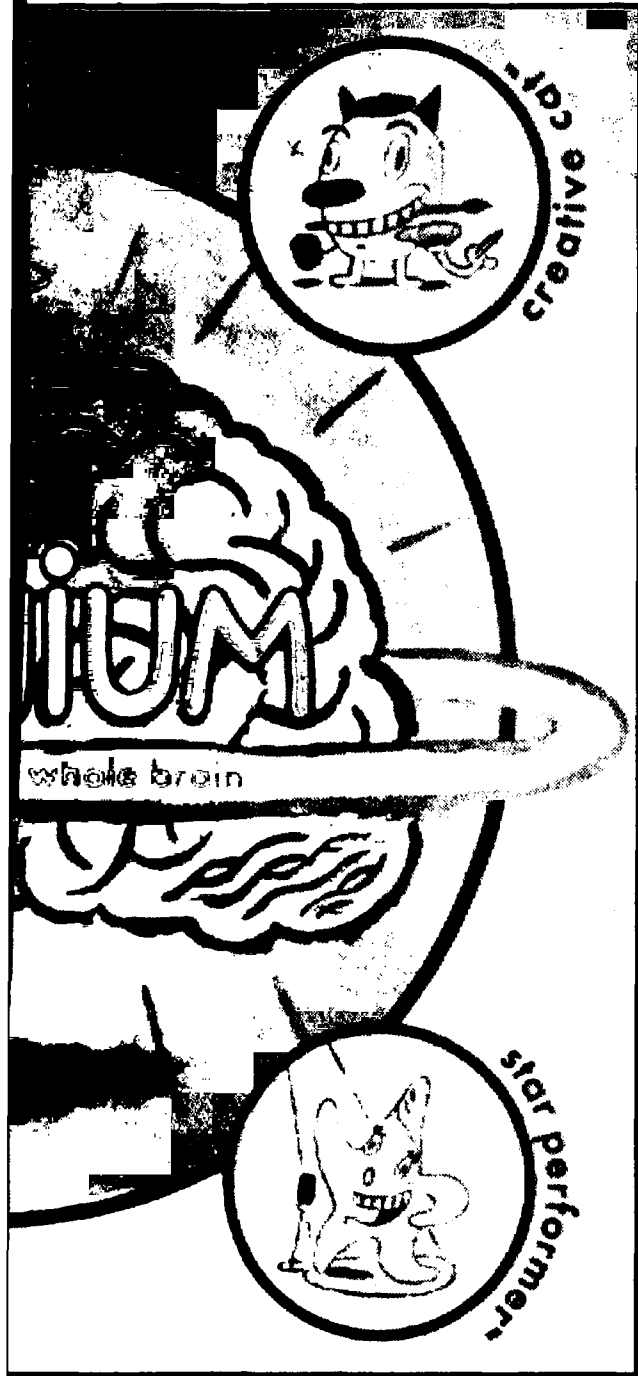
Orville Wright did not have a pilot's license.



To win the SelectoQuest, your team must choose one person who can get you to guess the answer or back by drawing clues on paper with no speaking, talking, letters, or symbols. The artist must stay closed. I'll start the timer after the card is to the artist.

hint
Place

MORE THAN STUDYING



DIFFERENT CARDS

Creative Cat:

- Sensosketch: drawing with your eyes closed.
- Sculptorades: sculpting with Cranium Clay.
- Cloodle: just like *Pictionary*.

Star Performer:

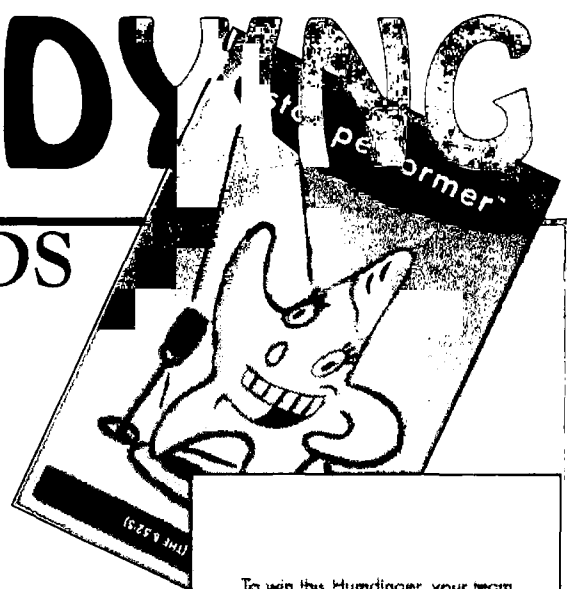
- Humdinger: one person hums or whistles the tune and the other team members must guess the song.
- Copycat: one person mimics a famous person and the other team members guess who.
- Cameo: just like Charades.

Word Worm:

- Zelpuz: rearrange the letters to find the answer.
- Gnilleps: one team member must spell the given word backwards.
- Lexicon: team members must agree on the correct definition of the given word.
- Blankout: fill in the missing letters to complete the puzzle.
- Spellbound: one team member must spell the given word.

Data Head:

- Polygraph: true false trivia.
- Selectaquest: multiple choice trivia.
- Factoid: answer the question of uncommon knowledge.



To win this Humdinger, your team must choose one person who can get you to guess the answer on back by humming or whistling the song with no lyrics or gestures. I'll start the timer after I pass the card to the performer.

CRACKING OPEN YOUR HEAD WITH CRANIUM

By SARAH DYLAG and KRISTI KLITSCH
Scene Editors

It's not Charades. It's not *Trivial Pursuit*. It's not *Pictionary*. And it's not a crossword puzzle. It's *Cranium*, and it's coming to crack open your head.

When *Cranium* arrived on our desk, we were a little skeptical at first. It is, after all, named after your brain. How much fun could that be?

After two-and-a-half hours of humming, drawing, impersonating and spelling, our craniums were cracked, and our sides were splitting from hysterical fun.

Cranium is a great game for a large group of people, a family engagement or just your closest friends. It combines all the classic games of our time into one clever challenge.

The object of the game is to advance your team's game piece around the board by correctly completing *Cranium* card challenges. What separates *Cranium* from other games is the fact that each team only gets one card per turn, regardless of it gets the answer right or wrong. This makes for fair and even competition.

"I like that you only get one turn

at a time," said Notre Dame senior Carin Pankros. "That way neither team can completely dominate the board."

In addition to this rule, the *Cranium* board offers three chances for each team to advance to the "Fast Track," a shorter path to the finish line.

"I liked the 'Fast Track,'" said South Bend resident Jason Callicot. "It makes it easier to catch up when you are behind."

Before you sit down to play, all camera-shy participants must know a few things.

First, be prepared to make a fool out of yourself. Whether you are silently trying to act out the action "reproduce," humming the tune to "Staying Alive," or sculpting a banana split out of clay, many laughs are shared at other player's expense.

Secondly, some of the card's activities are harder than you might imagine. Take, for instance, drawing with your eyes closed, or spelling the word "psychology" backwards.

Third, the time it takes to play can vary from game to game. Our first game lasted almost one-and-a-half hours. Our second game was faster, at 40 minutes.

"We won too fast the second time," said Pankros, Sarah Dylag's teammate.

Our only criticism of the game is that some of the cards were too easy. For instance, some of the word puzzles posed no challenge and mimicking the action of a bench-press was a no-brainer.

Club *Cranium* cards were an especially fun part of the game. These group participation cards required all teams to complete the activity, and the provided the winning team with a chance for a bonus roll.

The end of the game, called *Cranium Central*, resembles the ending of *Trivial Pursuit*, and took the shape of a tournament round. Each team that lands in *Cranium Central* must complete one card

in each of the four activity types. After doing so, the other teams choose one final card from any deck that the front-runner team must complete.

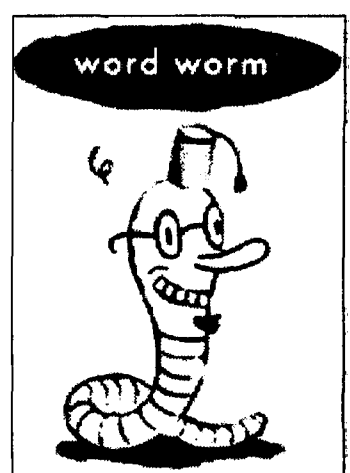
If the front-runner team is successful, they are crowned the *Cranium* champions.

Overall, the game kept us entertained, and with more than 800 different cards, it can provide hours and hours of wholesome fun. We would recommend putting it on the top of anyone's Christmas list and as a perfect present for that hard-to-buy for teen or young adult.

"It [*Cranium*] takes me back to my childhood," Pankros said. "I just really like it."

So did we. And we promise it will crack your head open. Just don't come to us with your doctor bill.

(Five out of five brain cells)



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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Number 20 Pittsburgh shuts down Prairie View A&M

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH Isaac Hawkins overpowered smaller and painfully inexperienced Prairie View A&M for 22 points and 17 rebounds, and No. 20 Pittsburgh shrugged off a sluggish first half to win 78-64 Thursday night.

The Panthers (7-1), back in the Top 25 for the first time since 1993, overcame an off-night by scoring star Vontee Cummings to rebound from a 35-point loss to No. 2 Maryland in the Puerto Rico Shootout finals.

Cummings, averaging 22.2 points and the leader of Pitt's upset wins last week over Xavier and Kentucky, was held to 10 points on 3-of-14 shooting and didn't score in the second half until 2:52 remained.

But it didn't matter, even on a night when Pittsburgh shot only 32.6 percent in the first half, 34.9 percent overall and was 6-of-29 from 3-point range despite breezing to early leads of 16-7 and 23-10.

Jocquinn Arch scored 23 points for Prairie View (0-5), a surprise NCAA qualifier last season but one of the nation's youngest teams this season with eight freshmen among its top 12 players.

Prairie View stayed much closer than it did in a recent 46-point loss to Tulane, closing to 23-21 midway through the first half and to 55-48 with 11 minutes remaining.

But, in a game matching two teams nicknamed Panthers, Prairie View couldn't keep up on the boards as Pitt held a 60-43 rebounding edge, with Ricardo Greer adding 12 rebounds.

Continuing its best start in Ralph Willard's five seasons as coach, Pittsburgh finally pulled away with a 10-0 run midway through the second half started by Hawkins' dunk and finished by his jumper that made it 65-

48.

But it was likely the last easy game in a while for Pitt, which plays Tennessee, No. 25 St. John's and No. 1 Connecticut in the next nine days and has three Big East Conference games before New Year's.

No. 24 Clemson 82, East Tennessee State 54

Freshman guard Will Solomon made three 3-pointers during a second-half surge Thursday night that sent No. 24 Clemson past East Tennessee State 82-54.

The Tigers (7-1) shot 8-for-14 from 3-point range in the second half. Solomon's shots came in a 24-9 run that pushed Clemson's lead to 72-43.

Clemson finished 11-for-25 from long range, with six different players making 3-pointers. The Tigers held their eighth straight opponent to 60 points or less, and posted their 34th consecutive home victory against a nonconference opponent.

Dimeco Childress led East Tennessee State (4-1) with 11 points and Kyle Keeton added 10.

At halftime, new Clemson football coach Tommy Bowden and his wife, Linda, got a 30-second standing ovation when they were introduced. Arm in arm, they walked to center court and waved to the crowd at Littlejohn Coliseum.

Solomon scored all 11 of his points in the second half. Terrell McIntyre led the way with 13 points, Vincent Whitt had 11 and Harold Jamison and Andrius Jurkunas scored 10 points each. Jamison also had a game-high 10 rebounds.

The Tigers hit just 3-of-11 on 3-pointers in the first half, but still held a comfortable 36-21 lead.

East Tennessee State pulled to within 11 early in the second

half, but that's when Clemson started hitting from the outside.

No. 2 Maryland 92, Wake Forest 69

It was an amazing exhibition, even by Maryland's suddenly lofty standards.

Second-ranked Maryland made its first 14 shots Thursday night and built a 22-point lead in the opening eight minutes en route to its eighth straight blowout victory, 92-69 over Wake Forest.

Obinna Ekezie had 19 points and the Terrapins (8-0, 1-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) placed four players in double figures in the first half while taking a 54-29 lead against the stunned Demon Deacons.

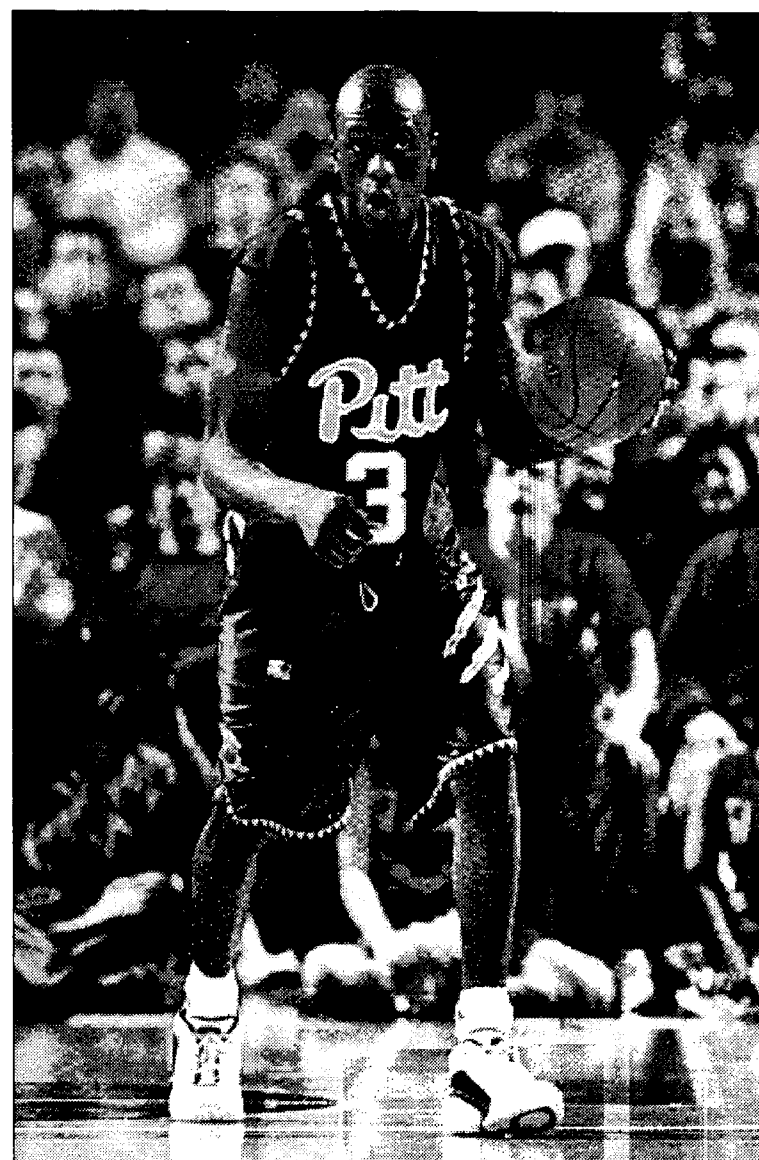
Steve Francis scored 18 points and Laron Profit 16 for Maryland, which was coming off a rout of Pittsburgh in the finals of Puerto Rico Shootout and had won its first seven games by an average of 34.2 points.

This runaway victory came against a team that had beaten the Terrapins six of seven times, including twice last year. Maryland led by 38 points before coach Gary Williams cleared his bench with five minutes left.

Darius Songaila scored 15 for Wake Forest (6-2, 0-1), which had 11 turnovers in the first eight minutes in falling behind 32-10. By halftime, the Demon Deacons — who start four sophomores — had 18 turnovers compared to 11 baskets.

Fueled by the sellout crowd of 14,500 and utilizing a relentless pressing defense from the opening tip, the Terrapins had four steals in the opening three minutes and raced to a 15-5 lead.

It only got worse for the Demon Deacons, whose repeated turnovers were quickly



Pitt Senior guard Vontee Cummings dribbles the ball upcourt. Cummings had 10 points, 7 rebounds and 8 assists in Pitt's 78-64 win.

turned into Maryland baskets. Francis scored four straight points, and Profit followed with a dunk and an easy layup to ignite a 13-point run that made it 28-8 before the game was 7 minutes old.

The Terrapins made 20 of their 28 field goal attempts by halftime, including five of eight from 3-point range.

The assault continued in the second half, as Maryland scored the first seven points to go up by 32. The Terrapins led 89-51 before the reserves finished up.

Terence Morris scored 15 points and Juan Dixon added 14 for the Terrapins, who hadn't beaten Wake Forest at home since the 1994-95 season.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Georgia Tech signs Coach O'Leary to new contract

Associated Press

ATLANTA Coach George O'Leary signed a new contract with Georgia Tech on Thursday that could keep him at the school until he ends his career.

The deal is a six-year rollover, meaning O'Leary always has six years remain-

ing on the deal unless Georgia Tech decides against it.

In that case, the school would have to either buy the coach out of his contract or pay him the remainder of his deal.

Under the new terms, O'Leary will earn \$600,000 a year, including \$200,000 in base salary and \$400,000 in

incentives including television and radio shows and shoe and clothing deals.

"At my age, this gives me some security," said O'Leary, 52. "It's a six-year rollover with a buyout which really means I'm here until they don't want me anymore. It gives stability to your program, to the recruiting base and to

the coaches and that's what's essential to winning."

O'Leary, who guided the No. 12 Yellow Jackets to a 9-2 record this season and chosen Atlantic Coast Conference coach of the year, talked with Auburn about its vacancy before that school hired Tommy Tuberville of Mississippi.

On Tuesday, South Carolina received permission to discuss its coaching vacancy with O'Leary.

Tech athletic director Dave Braine said the contract should keep O'Leary from looking at other jobs and with the Yellow Jackets "throughout the remainder of his career."

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■ COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Former USC coach Robinson takes job at UNLV

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS

John Robinson knows something about coaching one of the elite teams in college football. He's about to get an education on coaching one of the worst.

Robinson returned to college football Thursday after a one-year absence, taking charge of a UNLV football program that is about as bad as any of the door mats Robinson's Southern California teams played over the years.

"We have to create a miracle or a sense of passion first off," Robinson said. "We've lost a lot of football games and we have to be willing to change."

The 63-year-old former USC and Los Angeles Rams coach was given a three-year contract at \$350,000 per season to turn around the fortunes of a Rebel team that went winless this year and has lost its last 16 games.

He admitted the job looms large, but said changes in the depth of college football programs have changed the odds of turning around programs

from when he first started coaching.

"In college football now it can happen. Twenty years ago, it couldn't happen," Robinson said. "The powers then were the powers and the have-nots were the have-nots. That's not true now. Every time I look around I see programs making rapid changes."

Robinson capped a whirlwind two-week courtship with UNLV by agreeing to a contract that will return him to coaching a year after he was fired from USC after a final two years in which his teams went a combined 12-11.

He appeared at a news conference with UNLV president Carol Harter and athletic director Charles Cavagnaro with the enthusiasm he will need to turn around a program that not only loses but draws only a few thousand fans to its games.

"It's ridiculous for us to make some lofty predictions," Robinson said. "But UNLV football will be on the move. We are going to be second to none and we're going to recruit the best players possi-

ble."

The new coach inherits a team with no proven quarterback and little depth on either side of the ball. But the university is renovating its 40,000-seat stadium, and is one of the founders of the new Mountain West football conference that begins play next season.

Robinson, whose wife, Linda, sat next to him, said his recruiting connections in the Southern California area should pay dividends at UNLV, which focused without success on Los Angeles-area players in the past.

He admitted he was taking a chance by returning to the game, but said he was enthusiastic about moving to a city he visits often and finds exciting.

"Anytime you have the opportunity to gamble on yourself, it is the best thing you can do," Robinson said. "It gives us a chance to put ourselves on the line. We're all at our best when we put ourselves on the line."

Robinson, who will not be retaining any of UNLV's for-

mer staff, said he has talked to some possible assistant coaches but has not made any hires yet.

Cavagnaro said he spent the last few days negotiating a contract with Robinson, the only coach given serious consideration by a selection committee. Cavagnaro had earlier set a late December date as a deadline for naming a coach, and said even he was surprised by how quickly the deal came together.

"Two weeks ago, I had no idea how incredibly fast this procedure would lead to this afternoon," he said.

Robinson replaces Jeff

Courtesy of USC Sports Info

Robinson brings a 104-35-4 collegiate record to UNLV and will replace Jeff Horton, whose UNLV team went 0-11 this season.

Horton, fired last month after an 0-11 season that put his five-year record at 13-44.

Robinson is the nation's sixth-winningest active coach with a career record in college of 104-35-4. Ironically, he won his 100th college game against UNLV last year.

Robinson first coached at USC in 1976, and his Trojans won the national title in 1978. He left for the NFL in 1983 and coached the Rams to two NFC championship games in nine years.

Robinson returned to USC in 1993, and his team won the Rose Bowl over Northwestern two years later. But he was fired from the university after two mediocre seasons and reported problems with the school's athletic director.

Robinson said he plans to meet with team members next week, after going to Florida to be a radio analyst for the UCLA-Miami game on Saturday. He said he and his wife were looking for a home to buy in Las Vegas.

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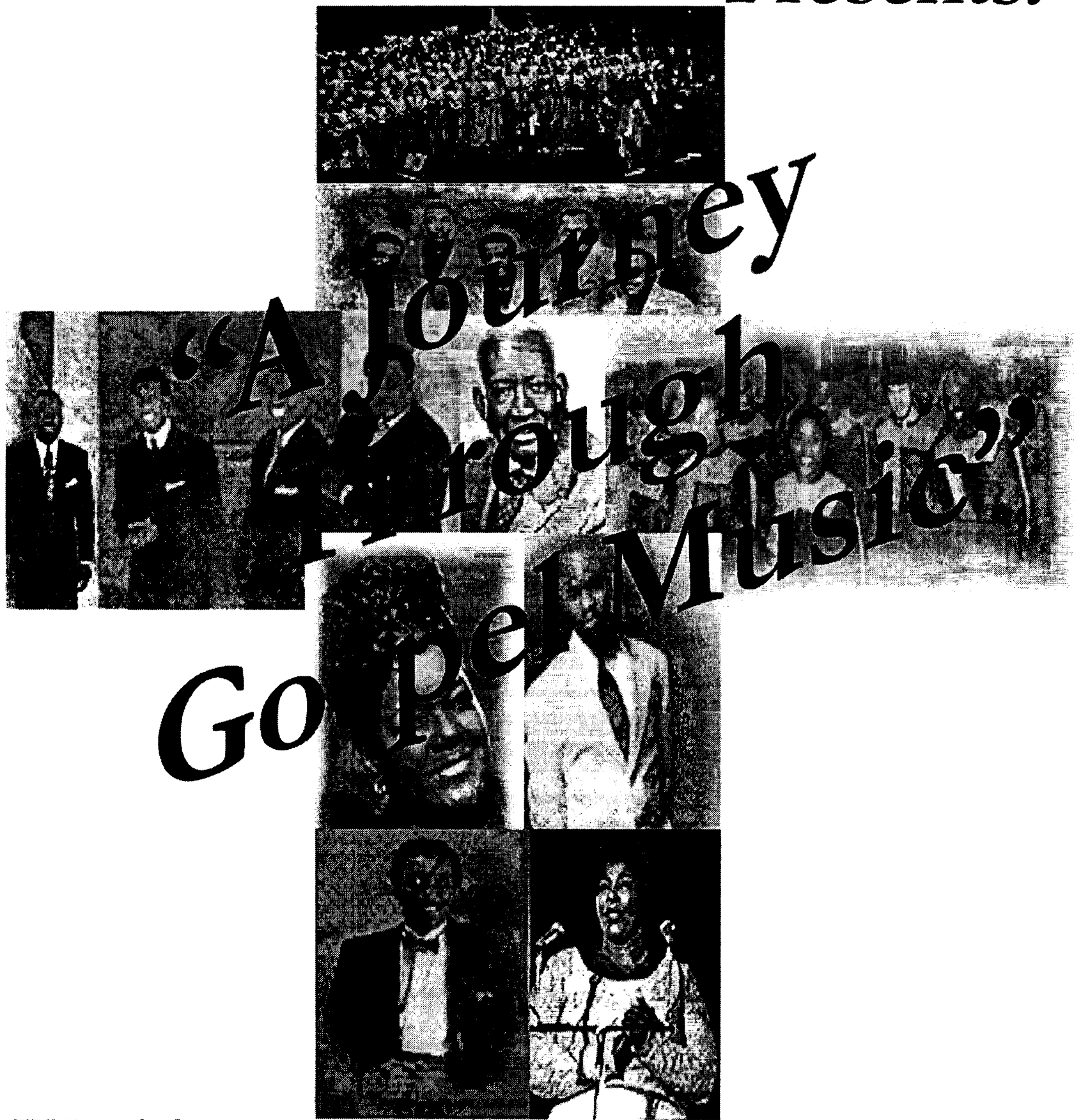
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■ NBA

Jordan returns to labor talks

Associated Press

NEW YORK Michael Jordan was back at the bargaining table Thursday as NBA labor talks resumed. Whether his magic touch could save the season remained to be seen.

Jordan's presence was promising, however, since his agent said he wouldn't get involved again until discussions got serious.

"His understanding was that a new proposal was going to be made" by the owners, agent David Falk said, "and he wanted to be there to listen to it. You can read into it that he's continuing to be involved and supportive of the union leadership."

During the first few hours of one of the longest sessions yet, commissioner David Stern made another plea to save the season.

Also, according to a player who was in the meeting, Madison Square Garden president David Checketts sparred with union lawyers, and Jordan did not get as involved as he did when he attended Oct. 28.

No new formal proposals were put forward as the sides mostly covered old ground. Still, they kept talking past 11 p.m., making it their longest session yet of the five-month lockout.

Jordan left early in the evening, and returned about three hours later to the glee of a small crowd gathered outside a hotel across from NBA headquarters.

Just a few hours earlier, strangely enough, hardly noticed when one of the greatest peacemakers in American history — former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger — walked across the very same

stretch of sidewalk.

Trying to end the dispute that threatens to wipe out the entire season, the sides spent the first two hours merely "feeling each other out," Stern said, then went back to work after a lunch break. The bargaining session was the first in 13 days with both full negotiating committees in attendance.

If the owners and players can't come up with a solution in the next few weeks, the entire 1998-99 season likely will be canceled.

Jordan's arrival marked the first time he had joined the talks since Oct. 28, when he spent about 8 1/2 hours at the bargaining table and tried to help broker a deal.

The sides met one other time since then, on Nov. 20, and called it their most productive session to date. But things quickly unraveled.

Pressure for a settlement and panic over the fate of the season increased in recent days, with former union president Isiah Thomas suggesting that Billy Hunter and Patrick Ewing be replaced as the union's lead negotiators.

"The one message I know he (Jordan) is delivering emphatically is that people like Isiah can sit on the sidelines and criticize, but when you are in the game it's harder," Falk said.

The first order of major business was to decide whether to continue negotiating under the framework that the sides had discussed in two previous sessions — a six- or seven-year agreement with a complicated "escrow tax" system in the final three or four years.

The proposals put on the table Nov. 20 would include players having 10 or 15 percent of their paychecks withheld if spending on overall player

salaries exceeded a targeted percentage of revenues.

The owners have asked for a 50-50 split, while the players have tied many of their concessions to receiving 60 percent.

The owners moved to 53 percent on Nov. 20 and the players dropped to 57 percent, but those concessions became void under the ground rules that have been set for the new talks. That is, everything discussed at the Nov. 20 meeting is disregarded.

"This lockout won't end until the owners get as much as they can out of the players," Alonzo Mourning of the Miami Heat said as he arrived for the renewed talks. "It comes down to greed on their part."

"I think we've given up way more than enough and we've compromised way more than enough. It's time for us to dig our heels into the ground and make a stand. It's time for them to try to meet us halfway, and I don't think they've done that at all," Mourning said.

Hunter said he was hoping to continue working within the same proposed framework, but deputy commissioner Russ Granik, the owners' lead negotiator, has suggested it may be time to throw it out and start from scratch.

"Maybe something has changed, but right now I can't be very optimistic," Granik said upon his arrival. "We've taken a few (steps) back since our last meeting, so we'll see. There's a sense of urgency, but the owners have said they won't operate our business in a way that makes no financial sense."

So far, the first two months of the season have been scrapped while the sides tried to decide how to divide about \$2 billion in projected annual revenues.

■ MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Molitor hangs it up after 21-year career

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS

Paul Molitor couldn't bring himself to say the word: retirement.

That's what he meant, he just wouldn't say it. Linda Molitor actually was the first to use the precise word, letting it slip out between sips of expensive champagne Thursday long after her husband had announced the end of his 21-year playing career.

The word eventually settled on Molitor, though, but he admitted it will take longer to get used to the idea.

"When you stop playing is one thing," he said. "When you emotionally let go of the game usually is another time removed."

At 42, Molitor reluctantly put an end to a sparkling career that spanned exactly half his life and left him to be remembered as one of the greatest hitters in baseball history.

His wife wanted him to play another year. His agent tried to convince him to play another year. But Molitor decided to take his 3,319 hits — eighth on the career list — and find out what else the game has to offer someone who appears certain of election to the Hall of Fame.

"My heart tells me I've done what I can do on the field and in this game," Molitor said. "I'm happy to leave it playing my last season in a Twins uniform. ... Now I'm going to redirect my efforts to find out what else the future holds."

One of three St. Paul natives to star in the majors at the same time — Dave Winfield and Jack Morris were the others — Molitor turned down playing offers from Milwaukee and Toronto before deciding to retire.

Now he is weighing front-office offers from the Brewers, the team he spent his first 15 seasons with, and Minnesota, where he played his final three years after spending three in Toronto.

Whatever job he takes for 1999, Molitor wants to try a little bit of everything.

"Almost an apprentice-type situation," he said, comparing it to the role Minnesota native Kevin McHale filled with the NBA's Timberwolves before taking over the team's basketball operations in 1995.

"That just makes a lot of sense to me," Molitor said, "to be in a situation where

you can have somebody teach you the roles, so to speak, and then climb if you desire."

Twins general manager Terry Ryan has drawn up a monthly breakdown of duties Molitor would handle. If he stays home, Molitor would join another retired Twins star — executive vice president Kirby Puckett — in specially tailored front-office jobs.

Molitor has no time frame for his decision, although he said he might wait until next season is underway, giving the Twins time to sort out their uncertain future. Molitor also said his wife has casually started to look for a home in the Milwaukee area.

The Twins want a new stadium and agreed last summer to a new lease at the Metrodome that could expire after the 2000 season. If the Twins can't resolve that uncertainty, Molitor said he probably would go elsewhere.

"Maybe if all things were equal, I would decide to stay here," he said. "But the vulnerability and the possibility of that breaking down in the next few years is a concern."

For most of his career, it seemed it was Molitor's body that was on the verge of breaking down.

He missed more than 500 games during his career, nearly all of them during his years with the Brewers. But he finally won a World Series with Toronto in 1993 — he was the Series MVP — and retires alongside Ty Cobb and Honus Wagner as the only players with 3,000 hits, 600 doubles and 500 steals.

Fittingly, Molitor singled in his final at-bat last season.

"I think I've done what I can do on the field in terms of fulfilling everything I possibly could have dreamed of in major league baseball," he said.

Although Molitor came to announce his retirement — and although he eventually even allowed himself to use the word — he still joked about returning.

Asked one last time if it could accurately be reported that he said he had retired, Molitor said, "As long as you don't rip me if I come back next September for a contender."

Still, he did what he intended to do Thursday. He said goodbye.

"It's been a great ride," he said. "I'm thankful, and thanks for the memories."

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■ IRISH INSIGHT

Fans should be proud of 1998 football squad

By TED FOX
Sports Writer

We were so close, and yet, according to some, still so far away.

Heading into last Saturday night's regular season finale against arch-rival USC on the Trojans' home turf, the Notre Dame football team still entertained hopes of a Bowl Championship Series (BCS) bid. Unfortunately for the Irish, the team's 9-1 record did not improve to 10-1, as USC prevailed in a defensive battle, 10-0.

Despite ABC commentator Bob Griese's optimism, saying that the Irish could still make plans to travel to the land of the BCS even with the loss, most everyone knew that this opportunity no longer existed. Sure enough, the Irish accepted a bid to the Gator Bowl earlier this week, setting up a New Year's Day matchup against Georgia Tech. And while this means less money for the University and the loss of a top-10 finish, perhaps even the loss of a national title for some dreamers out there, it's not all doom and gloom, as some would like us to believe.

Reading the Dec. 7 issue of Sports Illustrated, I came across Tim Layden's article "Plight of the Irish," which spoke of a decline in Notre Dame football in recent years. For him, the USC loss was just another blow to a suffering program.

I don't think so. Yeah, we we're all disappointed with missing a big bowl, with losing to a longtime rival, with some close calls against some below-average teams. I was just as frustrated as anyone else. But look at what this team did do. It came into the season ranked at the bottom of, or not even in, the top 25. Around these parts, that's simply not acceptable. The response?

Beating defending national champion Michigan, 36-20, in the season opener in the biggest win at Notre Dame Stadium since Florida State in 1993. Growing up a Notre Dame fan in the Ann Arbor area, this was especially sweet for me. Thanks, guys.

Posting a record of 9-2, with a fluky loss to Michigan State (hey, they beat Ohio State too, so something funny must have been going on) and one to the Trojans without starting quarterback Jarious Jackson. Insert an eight-game winning streak into that period.

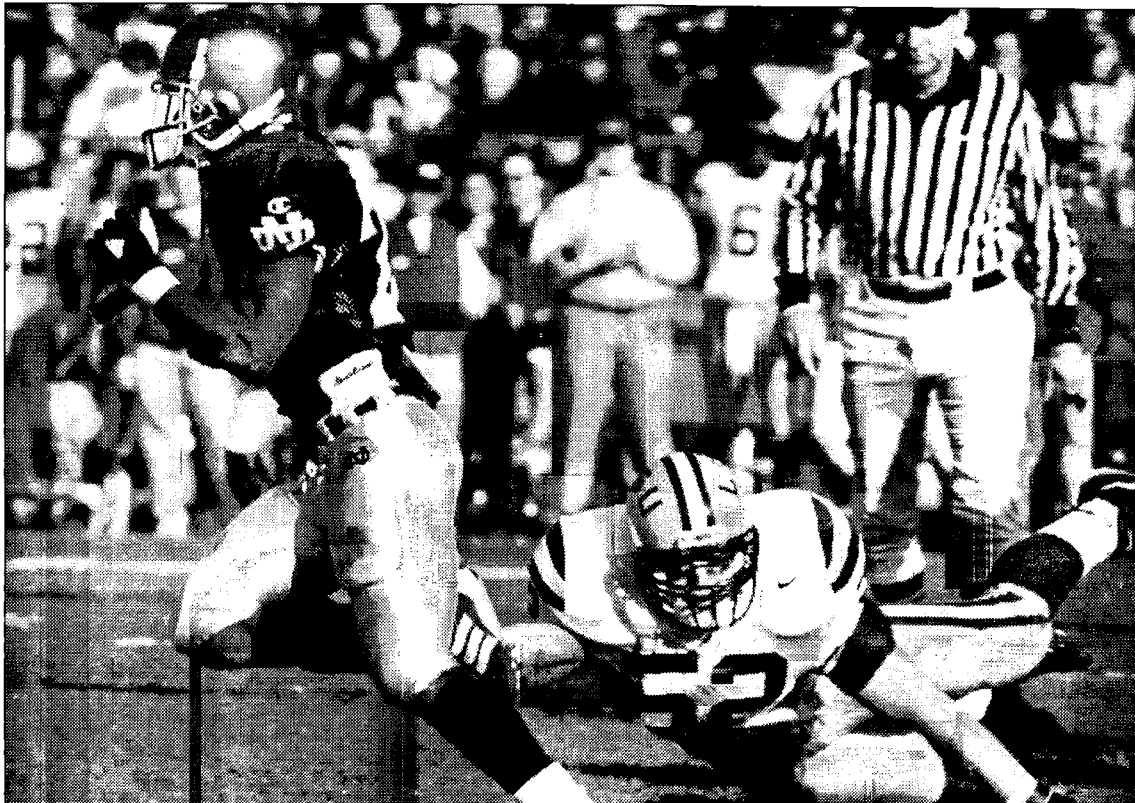
Going the entire season undefeated at home, despite flying amphibians in the

stands and the crackdown on beach balls and inflatable Goldberg dolls.

Featuring Autry Denson and his quest to set the Notre Dame career rushing record, which he did by passing Allen Pinkett in a 30-0 win over Navy.

Sporting a defense that made incredible stands throughout the year, highlighted by the stymieing of Boston College on four-straight plays inside the five in the waning seconds to secure a 31-26 victory.

Being in the running for a BCS bid until the last quarter of the last game of the season, and even when falling short, still locking up a spot in a New Year's Day bowl game. Establishing a firm foundation for the future with a solid freshman class, headed by defensive end Anthony Weaver. In short, these Irish stepped up to the challenge and responded with a successful season, accomplishing a lot more than many people expected.



Notre Dame all-time leading rusher Autry Denson breaks free from LSU defenders during the Nov. 21 game at home. The Irish take on Georgia Tech at the Gator Bowl Jan. 1.

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■ NFL

Eagles edge Rams 17-14 behind Detmer

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA

On a night when Dick Vermeil came back to the Vet, Irving Fryar found his way back to the end zone.

Fryar caught his first touchdown pass in nearly a year, a 61-yarder from Koy Detmer in the third quarter as the Philadelphia Eagles beat Vermeil's St. Louis Rams 17-14 Thursday night.

It was Vermeil's first game at Veterans Stadium since he last coached the Eagles in 1982. Like Vermeil's old Eagles teams, the Rams didn't quit when Fryar's TD gave Philadelphia (3-10) a 17-6 lead with 7:18 left in the third.

Tony Banks hit J.T. Thomas — one of a hodgepodge of receivers carrying the load for injured Isaac Bruce — for 41 yards to the Eagles 10. June Henley scored from the 1, and Banks hit Ricky Proehl for a 2-point conversion that cut it to 17-14 with 11:04 left.

After Philadelphia punted, Banks hit Thomas again with a 17-yard completion on third-and-12. But the drive stalled, and Jeff Wilkins' 52-yard field goal attempt was wide left with 4:15 to go.

Though most of the fans had left Veterans Stadium, the game still meant something to Vermeil. The 62-year-old coach slapped his clipboard against his legs when the ball fluttered wide.

In a final march, Banks hit Thomas for 17 yards to the Philadelphia 35 on a fourth-and-2 play as time expired.

Detmer, who had the Eagles' first two TD passes to wide receivers last week in a 24-16 loss at Green Bay, was 17-for-33 for 169 yards and two more TDs.

He hit Freddie Solomon for a 7-yard score to make it 7-0 early in the first.

Duce Staley rushed 28 times for 99 yards for Philadelphia, which snapped a seven-game losing streak on national TV.

Banks was 22-for-37 for 255 yards, and Amp Lee had five catches for 71 yards. The Rams (3-10) lost their fourth straight and seventh in eight games.

Fryar, who had the longest rush of his career on a 32-yard end-around in the first quarter, got open down the right sideline on third-and-9 from the Rams 39 midway through the third quarter. The 36-year-old receiver broke a tackle, got a block from receiver Jeff Graham and sprinted down the sideline.

Fans stood amid thousands

of empty seats at the Vet to cheer Fryar, who hadn't scored a touchdown since Dec. 7, 1997 against the New York Giants. One last surge got No. 80 over the goal line.

With the long-awaited TD, Fryar tied Fred Biletnikoff and Harold Jackson for 15th on the career list with 76.

Fryar lay on his stomach for a moment in the end zone, then sat on the bench with shoulders heaving as teammates George Hegamin and Kevin Turner congratulated him.

It was a long, long wait.

Inspired, the Eagles made two fourth-down conversions on their next possession, including a gutsy fourth-and-1 from their own 35 on Detmer's 5-yard pass to Solomon. But Chris Boniol, whose 50-yard field goal at the end of the first quarter made it 10-0, had a 46-yard attempt blocked by Kevin Carter.

Former Eagles owner Leonard Tose stood on the Rams sideline with Vermeil. Tose hired Vermeil to coach the Eagles in 1976 and was still the owner when Vermeil led Philadelphia to the Super Bowl in 1980.

Vermeil is 8-21 since as coach of the Rams. Across the sideline, Ray Rhodes improved to 10-18-1 since his 20-12 start — but still is virtually assured of being gone after the season.

■ SAINT MARY'S BASKETBALL

Saint Mary's to face Kendell

Belles host inaugural Roundball tournament

By MOLLY MCVOY
Sports Writer

It's not the Final Four, but the four-team basketball tournament Saint Mary's is hosting this weekend holds major importance for the Belles' season.

The First Annual Inn at Saint Mary's Roundball Classic marks the first time in the college's history that there has been a major basketball tournament with corporate sponsors.

Four teams will enter the tournament, Kendell College, Bethel College, Doane College and Saint Mary's.

Only one will leave the champion.

The Belles enter this tournament ranked ninth in the MIAA with a record of 2-4. This tournament offers a variety of opponents and an opportunity for Saint Mary's to kick off a winning streak.

"I think a lot of what happens this weekend depends on what kind of attitude we have coming in," assistant coach Denny Atkins said. "This is our first big home matchup and that will be a big motivator."

The first game is at 6 p.m.

tonight when Doane faces Bethel in the first round of the tournament. Saint Mary's will also play tonight, facing Kendell at 8 p.m.

"We just want to win the first game," head coach Dave Roeder said. "After that, other things will happen."

The Belles are not coming into this game without any history or background on their opponents.

Saint Mary's played Bethel last season and won by 20 points. They have not faced Kendell or Doane in recent history. Doane was ranked second in the nation at the end of last season.

The winners of the first round will play each other in the championship game on Saturday at 3 p.m. The consolation game will be at 1 p.m.

The players are looking forward to this tournament and playing in their home gym.

"This weekend will be exciting," sophomore starter Julie Norman said. "We have a new floor, new lights and a new scoreboard."

After this weekend, the Belles return to regular season play.

They have a home conference game versus Olivet on Wednesday and then return to the road.

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■ BASEBALL

Irish schedule includes home series with Miami

Special to the Observer

The University of Notre Dame baseball team has released its 1999 spring schedule, fifth-year Irish head coach Paul Mainieri announced on Tuesday.

The Irish are limited to playing 55 games in the spring of '99, one below the NCAA maximum, due to the Sept. 12 game versus Michigan State. That 9-3 win over the Spartans counted against the spring game total for both teams but the result will not count to either team's win-loss record or be factored into NCAA tournament consideration.

Notre Dame's 1999 home highlights at Frank Eck Stadium will include the home opener versus Western Michigan on March 23, a three-game series with perennial Big East Conference Tournament participant Seton Hall (April 24-25) and a pair of late-season games with national power University of Miami (Fla.) on May 11-12.

Road highlights include extended return visits to Miami, Fla., New Orleans, La. and San Antonio, Texas, a game versus the University of Dallas at The Ballpark at Arlington (home of the major-league Texas Rangers), challenging Big East series at West Virginia and St. John's and a third straight matchup with Michigan at Old Kent Park in Grand Rapids, Mich.

The ultimate highlight of the 1999 season could come at the end, as the NCAA tournament field will expand from 48 to 64 teams. Notre Dame has posted 40-plus wins in each of the past 10 seasons, advancing to the NCAAs during five of those seasons while just missing out on postseason play following the other five campaigns.

The expanded NCAA field, which will free up more at-large spots, will include 16 regionals on May 28-30, with four teams competing at each regional in double-elimination format. In addition, the NCAA has announced its preference for more geographical diversity during the regional round, thus increasing the possibility of NCAA postseason play in the midwest and eastern parts of the country.

The 16 NCAA regional winners then will advance to the "super-regional" round (June 4-6), with eight teams each playing host to one other team in a best 2-of-3 series. The

super-regional winners then will head to Omaha, Neb. for the annual College World Series (June 11-19).

Notre Dame's 1999 season is scheduled to open on Feb. 19 in Miami, Fla. with a neutral-site game versus James Madison at Florida International. The Irish then will face host FIU during a three-game series, from Feb. 19-21.

The Irish, who played three games last season at the University of Miami, also will make a return trip to the state of Louisiana, as a participant in the University of New Orleans Invitational, with games versus Missouri (Feb. 26), the host Privateers (Feb. 27) and Southern Illinois (Feb. 28). Notre Dame faced UNO and Loyola (La.) last season at Privateer Park.

For the fourth consecutive season, Notre Dame will spend spring break at Wolff Municipal Stadium in San Antonio, Texas. The Irish again will move into the clubhouse of the AA San Antonio Missions and will open the week with games versus Penn State (March 6-7) and Yale (March 7). Those two teams then will join local team St. Mary's (TX) as participants in the annual Irish Baseball Classic, with the Irish facing St. Mary's on March 10, Creighton on March 11 and Penn State on March 12. The consolation and championship games will be held on March 13.

One of the season's highlight games is scheduled for the middle of Spring Break, as Notre Dame and the University of Dallas are slated to play on March 8 at The Ballpark at Arlington - the state-of-the-art home stadium of the Texas Rangers.

Notre Dame's challenging Big East road slate begins with a three-game series at perennial conference power West Virginia (March 20-21) and will continue with a challenging pair of doubleheaders at Villanova (March 27) and defending Big East champion Rutgers (March 28).

The Irish then will then spend the next four weekends at Frank Eck Stadium for Big East series, beginning with

Easter doubleheaders against Providence (April 1) and Connecticut (April 3), followed by three-game series versus Pittsburgh (April 10-11), Boston College (April 17-18) and Seton Hall (April 24-25).

Notre Dame will conclude its quest for the Big East regular-season title with three-game series at Georgetown (May 8-9) and top contender St. John's (May 15-16), which is set to return many of the top arms from one of the nation's leading pitching staffs in 1998.

In addition to the final home games versus Miami (May 11-12), Notre Dame also is sched-

uled to play host to non-conference games with Western Michigan (March 23), Wisconsin-Milwaukee (March 30), former Midwestern Collegiate Conference foe Detroit (April 5), Bowling Green (April 7), Cleveland State (April 14), Valparaiso (April 15), Illinois-Chicago (April 27), Chicago State (April 28) and Oakland (MI) University (April 30, May 1).

The April 20 game between Notre Dame and Michigan will be played for the third straight season at Old Kent Park in Grand Rapids, Mich. — home of the AA West Michigan

Whitecaps.

Notre Dame also will make a midweek roadtrip to Northwestern on April 6.

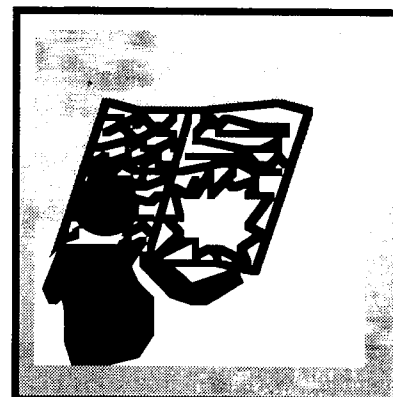
The annual Big East tournament will move to Mercer County Waterfront Stadium in Trenton, N.J. — home of the Trenton Thunder (the AA affiliate of the Boston Red Sox). The tournament - which was held at minor-league Dodd Stadium in Norwich, Conn. for the previous three seasons - will run from May 19-22, with the winner of the six-team, double-elimination event claiming the Big East's automatic berth in the NCAAs.

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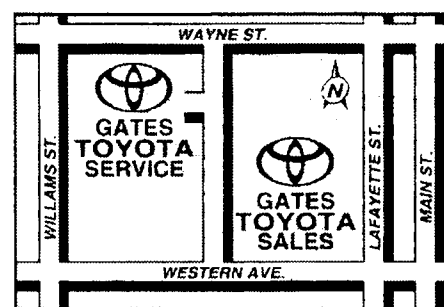


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State. Two key wins in that stretch came against Northern Michigan and No. 8 Michigan State.

Currently, Notre Dame stands tied for second in the CCHA standings, and are coming off a layoff of a week and a half. Fortunately for the Irish, all of their key injuries have healed, as Aniket Dhadphale, Ryan Clark and Joe Dusbabek will all see regular ice time this weekend.

"We haven't played in a while and the guys are anxious to get out on the ice again," said captain Brian Urlick. "We're excited because everyone is healthy again."

The main emphasis of the team's practice this past week

has been the penalty kill. So far this season, the penalty killing unit has been inconsistent if not disappointing; Notre Dame currently ranks last in the CCHA, operating at 81.5 percent efficiency.

"We should be better at penalty killing than we are, with our personnel," said coach Poulin. "We've given up some key power play goals...We've focused on the penalty kill more this week than any other time in my four years here."

The Irish will look to implement a new system on the penalty kill this weekend. The new system calls for a more aggressive style of play, accentuating hard forechecking like the kind the team saw against Michigan earlier this year.

"We have a lot of speed up front, but we're not utilizing it as much as we can by attacking deeper in their zone," Poulin

said.

This weekend's games are arguably the biggest ones of the first half for Notre Dame. Winning on the road in the CCHA is a big enough challenge, but facing a hot Buckeye team with its eyes on revenge makes it even tougher. Plus, the Irish need to win in Columbus to show the nation that they are a bona fide contender for the NCAA Tournament.

"Of course every [CCHA] game is big, but these are key games for us to win and make a jump in the standings and show people we're for real," said Urlick.

One key player in the Buckeye lineup is junior center Hugo Boisvert. Boisvert won the CCHA scoring title last season, and currently leads his team with 15 points. Last season, he was one of U.S. College Hockey Online's 25 finalists for the Hobey Baker Award, the most prestigious award in college hockey (roughly equivalent to the Heisman Trophy). He is also considered one of the front-runners for this year's award as well.

Perhaps an even more important player on the Ohio State squad is Boisvert's linemate, junior wing Eric Meloche. In addition to playing their first nine games of the season on the road, many of those first nine games were played without Meloche, who suffered an early-season injury. One of those losses was a 3-0 loss to Notre Dame on Oct. 23 at the Joyce Center.

Meloche is a finesse player who is one of the most feared goal scorers in the CCHA. In fact, he has played on the same line with teammate Hugo Boisvert for the last four years of his playing career, which includes two years in junior hockey (Cornwall Colts). Indeed, the two players feed off each other's playmaking abilities, as their chemistry has helped create one of the most lethal scoring combinations in college hockey.



Irish center Brett Henning moves the puck around opposing defenders in a recent game. Notre Dame is currently ranked second in the CHAA standings.

Ohio State's roster boasts of size, speed, and most importantly, depth. But Irish coach Dave Poulin said one of Ohio State's lesser known players may be one of its best.

"One of their more interesting players is Chris Richards," Poulin said. "He was fifth in the league in scoring last year and he was a second line center. That gives you some idea of the depth of their team."

One thing to note about the dilapidated Ohio State Ice Arena is its size, or lack thereof. The standard rink size in [college] hockey is 200 feet by 85 feet, and the Ohio State Ice Arena's sheet measures out at 185 feet by 85 feet. Obviously, open ice will be at a premium this weekend as the two teams will be forced to play a more physical game.

Coach Poulin described the ice surface as similar in size to the one he played on in Boston

when he played for the Bruins. He said the games played on such a surface are ones of "constant contact," further accentuating the physical play to come this weekend.

This weekend's games will be the last two ever played at the Ohio State Ice Rink, as the Buckeyes prepare to move into the Jerome Schottenstein Center in 1999. The Schottenstein Center was supposed to be ready for the first half of this season, which is why Ohio State's first nine games of the year were played away from home.

In other team news, freshman sensation David Inman has been named to the U.S. Junior National team along with teammate sophomore Dan Carlson. Carlson and Inman will follow in the footsteps of current teammates Ben Simon and Joe Dusbabek, who played for the squad the last two years.



Irish defender Sean Molina steals the puck in a recent game. The team plays its last games of 1998 this weekend in Ohio.

■ MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Diamondbacks close to signing Steve Finley

Associated Press

PHOENIX

Arizona just doesn't stop spreading the big bucks around. After spending \$95.6 million

to overhaul their pitching staff, the Diamondbacks had more money left and were on the verge of signing center fielder Steve Finley to a four-year contract worth at least \$20 million.

"Maybe this was supposed to happen," Finley said Thursday. "Arizona wanted me over there real bad."

Finley's agent, Tommy Tanzer, said San Diego's offer was a little more than half of Arizona's — and the lowest of the six he received. A source said Thursday night that the Padres' offer was three years plus a vesting option, which would have paid a total of \$16 million if the fourth year kicked in.

"I think San Diego wanted me here, but they wanted me under their terms," Finley said from his home. "It was unfortunate that it's the way it happened,

but the game's a business."

After helping San Diego reach the World Series for the first time since 1984, Finley was surprised the Padres offered him only a three-year contract worth about \$12 million.

"If I can't be in San Diego, Arizona is the next-best option," Finley said. "If San Diego doesn't contend the next few years and Arizona does, I want to play for a winner. That's where I'll be."

Tanzer said the deal was pretty much together but details couldn't be completed Thursday. Owner Jerry Colangelo was at the NBA labor talks in New York (he also owns

the Phoenix Suns) and general manager Joe Garagiola Jr. was at the baseball owners' meeting in Chicago.

Finley hit a career-low .249 this year with 14 homers and 67 RBIs. Two years ago, Finley set career highs in batting average (.297), doubles (45), home runs (30) and RBIs (95) and won his second straight Gold Glove.

"My year was not a bad year, it was inconsistent," Finley said of 1998. "I expect to be back up to my peak level. I do a good job of keeping my body in shape."

Arizona was looking to replace the hole created when Devon White agreed to a \$12.4 million, three-year contract with the Los Angeles Dodgers.

The Diamondbacks' offseason improvements caught the eye of Finley, who visited Arizona on Nov. 23 but expected to stay with San Diego. On Tuesday, he called Tanzer and said, "Did you see what Arizona did?"

Arizona reshaped its rotation by signing Randy Johnson to a \$52.4 million, four-year contract, Todd Stottlemyre to a \$32 million, four-year deal and Armando Reynoso to a \$5.5 million, two-year contract.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Former Northwestern players indicted for gambling

Associated Press

CHICAGO

Four former Northwestern University football players, including star tailback Dennis Lundy, were indicted Thursday on charges of lying to federal grand juries investigating sports betting at the school.

Lundy, Christopher Gamble, Michael Senters and Gregory Gill were charged with perjury for lying about their relationship with student bookie Brian Ballarini.

"These four defendants fumbled their opportunity to participate in intercollegiate

athletics and to maintain the integrity of athletic competition," U.S. Attorney Scott Lassar told a news conference.

"Then they fumbled again and again when they had the opportunity to come clean and testify truthfully before the grand jury," Lassar said.

Lundy, Gamble and Senters are accused of lying about bets they allegedly placed on Northwestern's 1994 game against Ohio State. Prosecutors did not specify which games Gill was accused of betting on.

Lundy also was accused of lying when he denied that he deliberately fumbled in the

1994 game against Iowa to make certain the team failed to cover the point spread. Prosecutors said Lundy had bet on that game and on the Wildcats' game that season against Notre Dame.

Northwestern coach Gary Barnett said he was shocked by the accusations.

"It is a sad day when a football coach has to stand up in a press conference and comment on student-athletes who played for him and were charged with breaking the law," Barnett said. "I had always believed in these individuals' commitment to our team, both on and off

the field."

Athletic Director Rick Taylor said that if the allegations are true, "those involved will have betrayed the very fabric of sport."

All four defendants will be summoned to appear for an arraignment, prosecutors said. If convicted, each perjury court carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. Lundy and Senters are charged with one count; Gamble and Gill are charged with two.

Lundy's alleged deliberate fumble came midway through the third quarter of the Iowa

game. Northwestern was inside the 1-yard line with a chance to cut into Iowa's 35-13 lead when Lundy fumbled a handoff from quarterback Steve Schnur.

A teammate, defensive Rodney Ray, knew Lundy had a gambling habit and complained openly that Lundy fumbled intentionally. A coach overheard Ray's accusation and an internal investigation was launched. The findings were turned over to federal authorities who began the investigation possible point-shaving by Northwestern players.

■ SWIMMING

Irish men's squad holds lead at Notre Dame Invite

Special to the Observer

The Notre Dame men's swimming and diving team and the Michigan women's team lead their divisions after the first of three days at the Notre Dame Invitational at the Rolfs Aquatic Center.

The Irish lead with 391 points with Western Kentucky second with 327 and Florida State third with 289. Ball State (252), Michigan State (226), West Virginia (170) and Ohio University (149) round out the men's final.

Michigan leads the women's competition with 360 points with Florida State second with 274 and Colorado State third with 269. Notre Dame (244), Ohio University (197), West Virginia (195), Michigan State (192), Western Kentucky (148) and Northern Michigan (115) round out the women's field.

Second-place Western Kentucky swept both men's

relays in pool record times. The Hilltoppers won the 200-yard freestyle in 1:22.85 and the 400-yard medley relay in 3:20.69. Florida State took second in the 200-yard freestyle relay with Notre Dame second in the 400-yard medley relay.

Notre Dame built its lead by winning four of the top six places in the 200-yard individual medley, led by senior Scott Zumbach's winning time of 1:51.67. The Irish also took three of the top five spots and four of the top nine in 500-yard freestyle, won by Michigan State's John Munley in 4:23.77. Florida State's Julio Santos won the 50-yard freestyle in 20.81.

Michigan opened the women's meet by winning the 200-yard freestyle relay in pool record time of 1:32.61 and followed that up with two more pool-record performances. Shannon Shakespeare won the 200-yard individual medley in



Irish swimmer Scott Zumbach placed first in the 200-yard individual medley relay at the Notre Dame Invitational. The Notre Dame men are in first place with 391 points after two days of competition.

1:59.73, and Jenny Crisman won 50-yard freestyle in 23.08.

Ohio University's Kim Van Selm swam 4:53.10 to claim the 500-yard freestyle race. Notre Dame capped off the night by winning the 400-yard medley relay in 3:49.94, with

Colorado State second in 3:50.37.

The meet continues on Friday morning at the Rolfs Aquatic Center at 10:00 a.m. with preliminary competitions in the 200-yard medley relay, men's one-meter diving, 400

individual medley, 100 butterfly, 200 freestyle, 100 breaststroke, 100 backstroke, women's three-meter diving and 800 freestyle relay. Finals in all events with begin at 6:30 p.m. Friday evening.

Notre Dame Swimming Invitational

Results After Day 1

MEN

- 1) Notre Dame
- 2) Western University
- 3) Florida State
- 4) Ball State
- 5) Michigan State
- 6) West Virginia
- 7) Ohio University

WOMEN

- 1) Michigan
- 2) Florida State
- 3) Colorado State
- 4) Notre Dame
- 5) Ohio University
- 6) West Virginia
- 8) Western Kentucky
- 9) Northern Michigan

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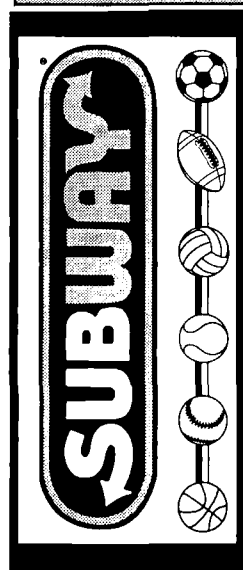
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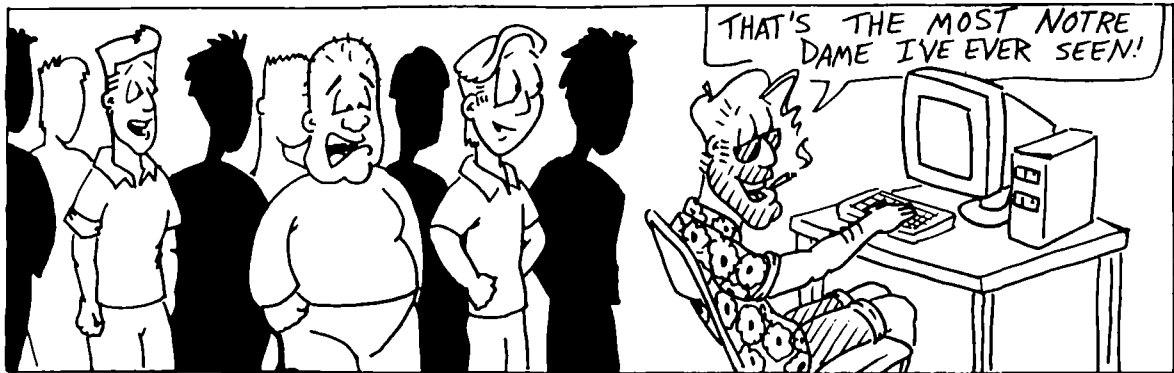
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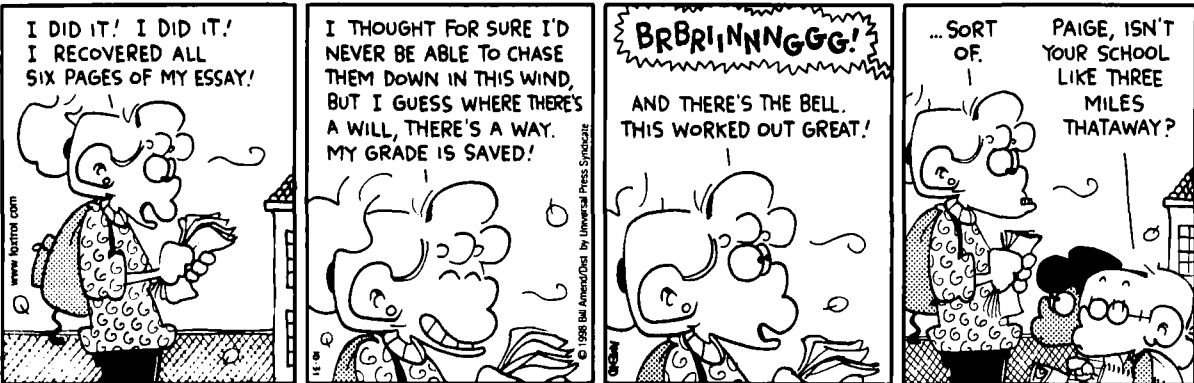
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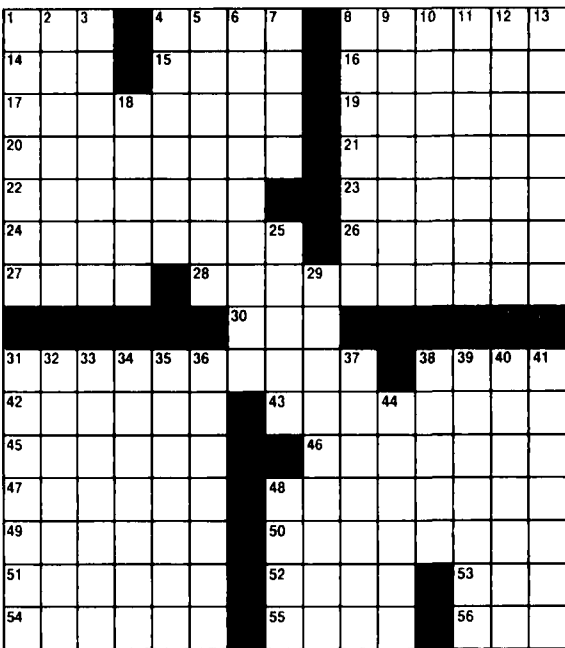
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- ACROSS**
1 One may be red, white or silver
4 Bar placed across a guitar fingerboard
8 Buttonhole
14 Osaka-to-Tokyo dir.
15 Neisse River's outlet
16 Mambo's cousin
17 Light, one-seated carriage
19 Night-blooming cactus
20 Coal tar derivatives
21 One may be terrible
- 22 Approve, in a way
23 Oscar winner Wiest
24 Robe rooms
26 More mysterious
27 Host
28 Rips through pages?
30 Melted glaze
31 Beastly blower
38 Opera "The Tale of — Saltan"
42 Antarctica's — Coast
43 "Tsk!"
45 Cruise destination
46 Statue brought to life, in myth
47 Kind of plan
- DOWN**
1 A Ford
2 One who does voice-overs
3 Style of the Ashcan School
4 Beneficiary's brother, perhaps
5 Keats, to Shelley
6 Cartoon character who debuted in 1944
7 They're found in the ground
8 Assumed, with "to"
9 Guillotined French poet André de —
10 Dough to go?
11 About 3½ million square miles
12 Didn't go near
- 48 Studying secondarily
49 Musicians' treasures
50 Almost any Three Stooges movie
51 Heed John the Baptist's advice
52 "The Girl With the Hatbox" star
53 "Taps" time
54 Electroplating terminals
55 Kettle sound
56 It starts in April in D.C.



Puzzle by Frank Longo

- 13 Some test participants
18 Cracked
25 Words before "Love" on screen and in song
29 Lauders
31 Nancy's successor
32 Creative types
33 Heavy-handed group
34 Obscured, with "out"
- 35 Travel agent's suggestion
36 Can't take
37 1973 Pulitzer winner Fitzgerald
38 "Amadeus" choreographer
- 39 Gorge
40 Fixed up
41 Chromatography spray
44 Popular liniment brand
48 Mare's-nest

Answers to any three clues in this puzzle are available by touch-tone phone: 1-900-420-5656 (75¢ per minute). Annual subscriptions are available for the best of Sunday crosswords from the last 50 years: 1-888-7-ACROSS.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): You should not be concerned with co-workers who insist on spreading nasty rumors. Keep your mind on your own projects and by the end of the day you'll be the one who's shining. **☀☀☀**
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Opportunities for you to get ahead will make themselves evident. You should socialize with clients or those in the upper echelons of your industry if at all possible. **☀☀☀**
GEMINI (May 21-June 20): A residential move may be in order. You should be careful when dealing with female members of your family. Your temper will be short if someone criticizes your efforts. **☀☀**
CANCER (June 21-July 22): Travel opportunities must be taken advantage of. You will have the opportunity to meet new romantic partners if you get involved in seminars or travel. **☀☀☀**
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Sports, physical fitness programs and exercise in general will make you feel better about yourself. They will also show some pretty quick physical results. **☀☀☀**
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your partner may be somewhat irritable today. Try not to make waves. Offer good conversation and a nice soothing lunch. You may want to make plans to take a vacation together. **☀☀☀**
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You may have a problem with a female friend. Don't let your emotions interfere with your efficiency. Be sure to take care of any minor physical ailments. **☀☀☀**
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Opportunities to expand your circle of friends will result in the possibility of new romantic encounters. You will enjoy socializing and unusual forms of entertainment. **☀☀☀☀**
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): There could be opposition or temper tantrums on the home front. Try to be as mellow as possible. Danger of minor accidents will increase with the turmoil. **☀☀**
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Travel opportunities should be your first priority. Try to make arrangements with close friends or relatives to spend a few days away. Relatives will be cordial. **☀☀☀**
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Financial difficulties have been worrying you. Talk to someone with experience about a new budget or ways of consolidating your debts. You can come up with ways of earning extra cash. **☀☀☀**
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't blow situations out of proportion. Your need to use emotional blackmail will only cause more discord. If you put your energy into physical outlets, you will avoid confrontations. **☀☀☀**

Of Interest

Student Chamber Music class- The graduates and undergraduates of the student chamber music class present a recital at 2 p.m. today in the Annenberg Auditorium of the Snite Museum of Art. The recital features works by Mozart, Beethoven, Purcell, Handel, Brahms, Smetana, and others. The concert is free and open to the public. Please call 631-6201 for more information.
Notre Dame Jazz Band- The Notre Dame Jazz Band will perform Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. in the Band Building. The concert is free and open to the public. Please call 631-7136 for more information.
Collegium Musicum- Under the direction of Daniel Stowe, the Collegium Musicum presents a story tonight at 8 pm at the Church of Loretto, located on the Saint Mary's College campus. The concert is free and open to the public. Please call 631-6201 for more information.
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■ BASKETBALL

Improving Irish prepare to take on Central Michigan

By ALAN WASIELEWSKI
Sports Writer

Saturday's game against Central Michigan will be an important measuring stick in the development of the Notre Dame men's basketball program.

After showing lethargic form at the Great Alaskan Shoot-out, the Irish played a spirited game against Indiana, forcing the Hoosiers to clinch the game in a tight overtime period. Now, the team needs to discover which performance will define its season.

The Central Michigan Chippewas are coming off a five-win season. Second-year coach Jay Smith has overhauled his roster with 11 underclassmen and nine entirely new players to the program. Smith's team will bring a 3-3 record into the Joyce Center on Saturday, boasting wins over Rochester College, Wright State and Robert Morris. The Chippewas' three losses

to Wisconsin-Milwaukee, South Florida and Fairfield are by a total of just 10 points.

The big match-up of the game should be Notre Dame freshman Troy Murphy against Central Michigan freshman Mike Manciel. Manciel has caught fire lately, leading the team in points the last three games and averaging 13 points per contest this year. Murphy leads the Irish in scoring and rebounding, trying to fill the shoes of Pat Garrity as the go-to man on the Notre Dame roster.

Central Michigan will show some pressure defense and push the ball up the court. Notre Dame point guards Jimmy Dillon and Martin Ingelsby will dictate just how effective the Chippewas' plans will be.

"We want to pick up early on defense, play a multiple of defenses and trap a little more," said Smith. "On offense, we'd like to spread the floor, run some motion and try to isolate some of

our players in one-on-one situations. We'll also try to run at every opportunity."

Smith's design for the game is similar to John MacLeod's.

But when the Big East conference schedule kicks in, the Irish need to develop a consistent transition game to overcome their lack of height. The transfer of Hans Rasmussen this week puts even greater pressure on Phil Hickey and Harold Swanagan to control the offensive and defensive rebounding, something they succeeded at against Indiana.

For once, Notre Dame will have a height advantage against Central Michigan. Hickey and Murphy should be able to score inside against six-foot-eight Rudy Gayton, the tallest player on the Chippewas' roster.

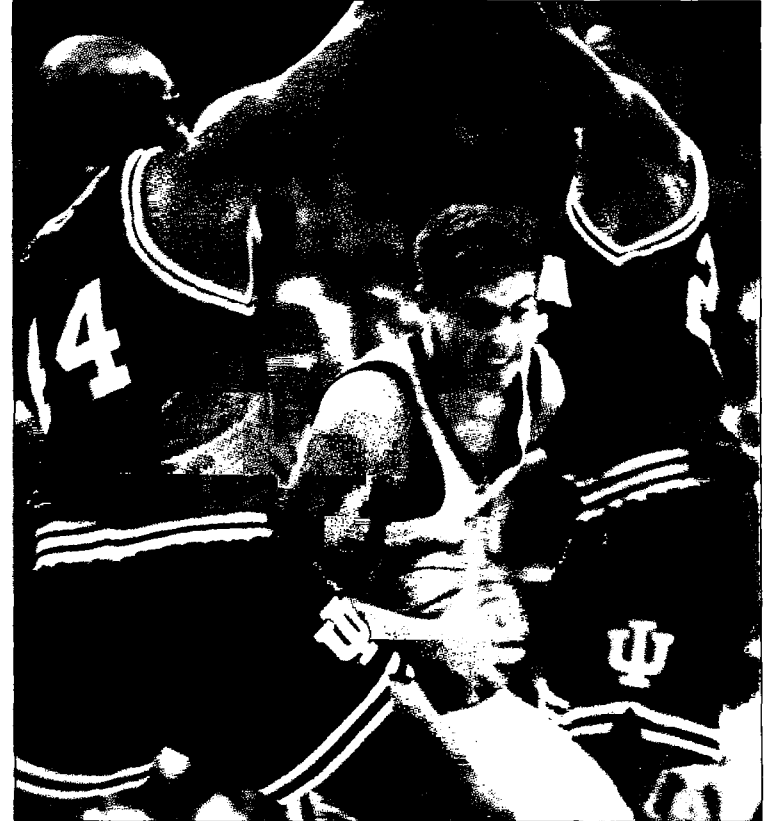
MacLeod and his team are just starting to form an identity for themselves; Saturday is another step on that journey.

■ The Arizona Diamondbacks are close to signing another free agent, Steve Finley.

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■ The Irish men's swimming team is in first place at the Notre Dame Invitational.

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The Observer/John Daily
Irish guard Martin Ingelsby drives to the hoop in Tuesday night's game against Indiana. Ingelsby scored 11 points as the Irish fell to Indiana 76-72. Notre Dame hosts Central Michigan Saturday afternoon.

■ HOCKEY

Irish ready for Ohio St.

By TED BASSANI
Sports Writer

This weekend, the Notre Dame hockey team will play its last two games of 1998, wrapping up its season series against Ohio State with two games in Columbus.

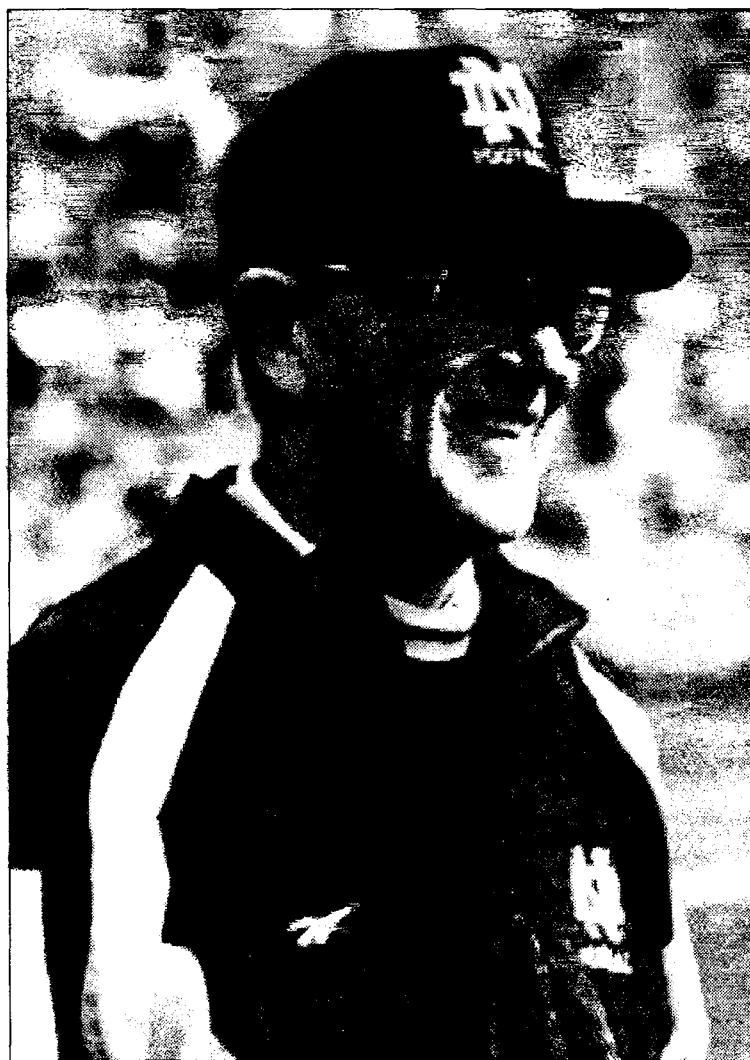
Following the first NCAA Tournament appearance in school history last year, head coach John Markell's squad got off to a rough beginning this year. Ohio State found itself in the NCAA semifinals last year after knocking off No. 1 Michigan State in an overtime thriller at Yost Arena. With expectations so high for this up-and-coming program, the team disappointed its faithful with a 1-6-2 start away from home.

Recently, however, the Buckeyes have once again shown why they were ranked in the preseason top 10, as they have won five of their last six games. With its recent surge, Ohio State has moved all the way up to a tie for fourth place in the CCHA standings along with Michigan

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■ COLLEGE FOOTBALL

An Irish legend moves on to Gamecocks



Notre Dame Program/Don Stacy
Lou Holtz, the last head coach to lead Notre Dame to a national championship, accepted the head coaching position at the University of South Carolina yesterday. The deal is believed to be worth \$1 million per season.

Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C.

Former Notre Dame coach Lou Holtz is leaving his CBS football analyst position to take the head coaching job at struggling South Carolina.

CBS Sportsline reported Thursday that Holtz would join the Gamecocks, and a source close to the university who spoke on condition of anonymity confirmed it.

"I've heard the reports and those are accurate," the source said.

South Carolina athletic director Mike McGee would not confirm a deal had been made, but official word was expected later Thursday, the source said.

A man who answered the phone at Holtz's Orlando, Fla., home who would not give his name said he was not aware of any deal. Several later calls to Holtz's home got busy signals.

Two spokeswomen for CBS Sports did not immediately return phone calls.

Previous reports have said South Carolina was prepared to offer Holtz as much as \$1 million per year.

South Carolina went 1-10 this year, its worst season in 106 years of football, and fired Coach Scott on Nov.

23.

Holtz left Notre Dame in 1996 after 11 years at the school. He won a national championship with the Irish and his overall record there was 100-30-2.

Holtz said recently that his wife's health was a primary concern before he would take another job. Beth Holtz is undergoing treatment for throat cancer.

In late November, he said: "I feel that God wants me to coach, otherwise he wouldn't have put the desire in me. I do enjoy coaching at the college level, but will not be active until my wife is well."

Holtz was an assistant at South Carolina from 1966-67.

Holtz and McGee are good friends and Holtz's name surfaced for the South Carolina job even before Scott was fired.

McGee met with Holtz at least twice, including last Sunday and Monday in Columbia. While Holtz was in town, Gov.-elect Jim Hodges, a South Carolina graduate, called to encourage him to take over the Gamecocks, Hodges' spokeswoman Nina Brook said.

"He called him and said, 'We really need you. Please come,'" she said.

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