Porn site pulls ND logo following University order

By MICHELLE KRUPA

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 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 Hoye, 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 Hoye 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.” Hoye’s letter is posted on Lucki’s page.

While he could not discuss specifics of the case because of the attorney-client privilege, Hoye said that in typical cases of trademark infringement, the party illegally using the trademark has to confirm in writing that 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.

CD-ROM used to recruit students, faculty members

By ANNE MARIE MATTINGLY

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 education.

“Out of five shamrocks) (Out of five shamrocks)

This is Notre Dame:

By ANNE MARIE MATTINGLY

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 baggage memory drain make this virtual tour no substitute for a personal visit.

The disc’s opening screen provides the user...
Christmas Conspiracy

Winter in South Florida. The daytime high temperatures plunge into the upper sixties, parking garage 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 read the newspaper, whose headline screams, “Brrr...Jack Frost hits the beach!

But 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 cards 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 cards so that our children can spend more time being children and less time wondering what in the hell we’re doing in Christkind, in which 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 card that didn’t confuse us was “We Wish You a Merry Christmas,” simply because at some point there are only eight days to remember, and 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 “storms.”

The weather forecast for tomorrow shows the high temperature in West Palm Beach rising to 76°F, 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 Nebraska to see an explicit policy adopted, “It’s Beginning to Look A Lot Like Christmas,” who then proceeds to ask whether or not the children are married. They say, “no, we’re going to see Santa!”

I’ll finally get a White Christmas after all...
Circle K sponsors weekend toy drive

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 St. Mary’s to discuss a crucial issue in higher education today. It is especially ground-breaking 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 students Margaret Callahan, Joanna Fee, Katie Keller, Ian Mackenzie and Christian Sahella 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 invite 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.

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Notre Dame is swamped with SYR’s and forms 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 dorms on Dec. 4 or 5. The campus-wide service group will put the presents to use by visiting the South Bend community. The presents will go to impoverished families in South Bend.

“On Sunday afternoon, Circle K will collect the gifts and distribute them to different charitable organizations throughout South Bend,” said Julia Douthwaite, associate professor of French and organizer of the symposium.

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 1989 when the station was head­quarted at the current Center for Social Concerns. Copper wires and cables in the tunnels carried video and audio transmissions for the broadcast of events from Notre Dame Stadium, the Center for Continuing Education and the field house, where basketball games were held. In the late 1980s cable television was 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 Channels 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 to the tunnels to the station building where they are 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 any repair, according to Kempf. WNDU television and cable TV technology is currently being installed in its new station building on U.S. 31.

"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 if you can make 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 this fashion, he said.

"As for this winter, the closest students could get was to the northwest part of the campus, because of snow that will melt from the tunnels' heat coming up through the ground. It's impossible to make these walking tunnels," he said.

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.

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

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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.

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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 sitings instead of all at once. "I think it has a good range of... senior administrator, faculty members and students which I think is a good thing for people to look at," he continued.

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Utah pipeline blast injures construction workers

A 10-inch natural gas pipeline exploded north of Moab this morning, damaging a roadway and sending up a mushroom-cloud shape, but nearby workers managed to escape in time.

Grand County administrator, confirmed that only one person suffered minor injuries. KUTV reporter Jim Mattison, who was on the scene, described the blast as a "similar to a usual nuclear explosion" which sent the cloud aloft that drifted outward. A spokesman 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.

Orphanage fire kills 28; most victims children

MANILA, Philippines. Trapped behind metal window grates, children screamed for help as the flames consumed their home. It was the padlocked main gate but could not break in. The result was a tragedy. A pre-dawn fire tore through an orphanage in Manila on Thursday, killing at least 28 people, mostly children, the Singaporean police said.

Investigators say the fire started itself. 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 Triad's police said Wednesday. "They found evidence that the yacht was beneath a bridge on Wednesday. It was found about 5:30 a.m. Thursday. By the time controllers traced the problem to a primary drive, the cause was not yet determined. We were too close." One second or two.

"Sure, it's frustrating," said Bill Beard, 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 crowded 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, by 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, NASA's one of a million's partners in building the international space station. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) announced on Thursday that it will spend $600,000, mostly in fuel and overtime pay, to meet up with the first space station module, which was put in orbit two weeks ago by the Russian. The shuttle contains the second station component.

The master alarm alarmed and red lights flashed just before the shuttle was in lift off around 4 a.m. Thursday. By the time controllers traced the problem to a primary hydraulic line, the pressure and decided to press ahead, it was too late — they had cut the boost from a second or two.

The space shuttle Endeavour sat on the launch pad in a light rain Thursday as a NASA employee serviced remote cameras. The shuttle's easy morning launch was postponed nineteen seconds before lift-off at Kennedy Space Center. The launch team's decision to hold the launch was based on a report from the space shuttle's navigation system that it was flying too low. The launch was delayed until the system was checked.

The work project, where inmates make cloth goods for the corrections system, was put on hold. The reward was offered through the governor's office and the Corrections Department to spare. The reward was offered through the governor's office and the Corrections Department to spice up interest in the investigation of the escape.

Prison officials locate escapee's body

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 found about four miles from the prison unit that houses death row inmates in Huntsville, was the body of the inmate who was reported missing.

The inmate, whose name is not being released, was last seen leaving the Huntsville Unit late Thanksgiving night. The brothers had been charged in the shooting of a prison guard. The brothers were charged with a capital murder. The brothers were charged with a capital murder.

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Huntsville prison officials said Gurule was handcuffed at the time of the arrest. Gurule was handcuffed at the time of the arrest. 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.
and about which people claim to know her.

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Unions fight U.S. apple farms

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

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 workers 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.

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

Pinochet judge faces world-wide spotlight

Spain

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 a 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 an individual. 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 dropping 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 send off-duty police 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 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 biggest-profile case was a probe into a bungled effort by Spain’s then-Socialist government to kill Basque separatist hitmen during the 1980s.”

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 cases in which suspects passed by Garzon who later got off scot-free. Some say he botched those investigations.

But whether he is right or wrong against him, Spaniards can’t ignore the dapper judge with the steady gaze who has come very, very fast.

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

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WASHINGTON

Republicans' judicial campaign fund raising from their impeachment inquiry Thursday, likely clearing the way for a historic House Judiciary Committee vote next week on President Clinton's relationship with Monica Lewinsky.

"This has got to be a cruel joke," Phoenix attorney Dan Cracchiolo said. "It's like being asked to teach 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 to date.

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THE BEAT

'The Spirit of Christmas is a Powerful One'

Brittany Morehouse

It's amazing that I still do.

When I scheduled my Thanksgiving break flight back in August, I never would have guessed that they would lose an engine on the plane. I called my aunt, Aunt Suzy, and all of her airline adorers can say that she's gone through quite a lot, and that my name came up on November 25, it seemed to take off casually. I was immediately upon 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 on a plane. Minutes later, I saw many pairs of frightened eyes. But I was not yet out of danger. The left wing flap 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 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 New York 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 experienced a near-disaster in the air and all the agonizing, soul-searching moments of this suspension in space and time created, one would think that life would be different somehow when we landed. Yet, as soon as I stepped off the plane, my mental capacities once again switched back to normal. Dreams 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 dramatic effect the rest of my day's plans. I resisted the undeniable truth of our reality, even after a close brush with mortality, I proceeded along the normal guidelines of behavior and just carried on.

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

Unpublished Thoughts:

"...and I'm like, "I'M LIKE AGH!""

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

'Has any one supposed it 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

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

The image of 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 nature, I was surprised that I have always loved to fly.
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 becuase of the cigarette she was smoking — "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). We treat 'em pretty nice, if you ask me.

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The best place to start a review of the year,

They all said the same: "This picture looks just like me."

(Note to the guy who keeps the sprinklers going:

Sometimes to a rally the chalk points the way,

Next up to explore is a new use of chalk,

To go a step further, we put animals in flight,

The sheep in Zahm last year was happy because of the cigarette she was smoking — "twas her first buzz."

Of the cigarette she was smoking — 'twas her first buzz. 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 Lucky you seek,

Leave the poor girl alone, the shameless geek.

We all deserve privacy, and she deserves hers,

You wouldn't have found her if you weren't in years.

And some boring day if you're sitting around Zahm,

And decide to jump on-line and maybe e-mail Mom.

But look up Lucky because you think she's De Bomb,

Just get the address right — in it there's "91.com."

And that brings us in 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 that brings us to the Campus Clowns of the Fortnight:

He'll live in our minds as the marine-life Orville Wright.

But let's end on a good note — the first semester was fun,

And for our bookbags to join us at table we're hoping.

But let's end on a good note — the first semester was fun,

And to be sure to never listen to "The Man."

The very same guys who protected the coward.

But let's end on a good note — the first semester was fun,

No Jim Beam, no Mad Dog, surely no Busch Light.

What happened next, proves the lead singer's a ...

He told the students to ignore every bouncer —

Because he's such a tough-guy he promoted disquasi.

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Administration Must Fully Proclaim Church's Teaching on Homosexual Acts

Friday, December 4, 1998

Lula's Lamen

WHAT YOU MISSED

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

Phil Donahue gets a handful of students, and he makes it the front page of The Observer. Notre Dame football bowl game thousands a day and nobody notices, but it better explains why nobody reads Common Sense, Right Reason or pro-priest articles in 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, psychotic. They're busy. In theory, students are interested in what their professors have to say. They have open minds, they're too busy to worry about what fills them. What do you expect when attending a class, reading a book and writing a paper are a few more things to do among 347?

In a typical week a student has 18 hours of classes, six to eight hours of exercise, 6.482 people a day use the Ruby Fish Bowl alone, 6 hours of basketball (4,297 guys play basketball at least twice a week), 21 hours of eating, 18 hours of partying, 18 hours of studying, 18 hours of sleeping, 3.5 hours of service or other spiritual activities, 6.5 hours of trying 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). This is the coping of the college. In addition, there are student groups to join, dances to attend, e-mail to check, the need to ask for homework help, see a health care provider, go to classes with some interest, attend a game, do some shopping.

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The letter, issued with the approval of President Edward A. Malloy, S. C., stated, "Sexual orientation is not to be considered a quality comparable to race, ethnic background, etc. in respect to non-discrimination. Unlike these, homosexual orientation is an objective disorder because it makes sexual orientation into account, for example, the placement of children for adoption or foster care, in employment of teachers or athletic coaches and in military recruitment."...To make the change...would mean that our decisions...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 a higher standard—Christ's call to inclusiveness, coupled with the universal call to the prophetic message...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.

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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 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.

Nothing 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 WittM 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.

Nothing 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.
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 the cranial bone. 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 hysteria. Your brain. How much fun could that be?

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 if 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 Garin 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 Call. “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.

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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 Dyling’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)
Number 20 Pittsburgh shuts down Prairie View A&M

PITTSBURGH—Isaac Hawkins overpowered smaller and painfully inexperienced Prairie View A&M (0-5) on Thursday that could have meant an off-year for No. 25 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 20-second standing ovation when they were introduced. Arm in arm, they walked to center court and waved to the crowd at Littlejohn Coliseum in Greenville.

Solomon scored all 16 points in the second. Terrrell Mcineley led the way with 10 points, Vincent Whitfield had 11, Jamlon Jackson and Andraus Jurkunas scored 10 points each. Jamison also had a game-high 12 rebounds.

The Tigers hit just 3 of 11 on the glass in the first half, but still held a comfortable 36-26 lead.

East Tennessee State pulled to within 11 early in the second half, but that's when Clemson started hitting from the outside.

In the first half they were 3-for-10 from beyond the 3-point line.

The Tigers held their eighth straight opponent to 60 points or fewer.

This runaway victory came to a team that had beaten the Terps eight 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 lost its last two games by an average of 34.2 points. It's only got worse for the Demon Deacons, whose repeated turnovers were quickly turned into Maryland baskets.

Steve Francis scored four straight points, and Profit followed with an easy layup to ignite a 15-point run that made it 12-8 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 final seven points to go up by 32. The Terrapins led 47-20 before the reserves finished up.

Terrell 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.

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

Tech athletic director Dave Braine said the contract to keep O'Leary looking at other jobs and with the Yellow Jackets threw out the remainder of his career.
Former USC coach Robinson takes job at UNLV

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. “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.”

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He admitted he was taking a chance by returning to the game, but said he was enthusiastic about moving to a city that draws only a few thousand fans to its games.

Robinson said he plans to turn around the fortunes of a Rebel team that went 0-11 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.”

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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 returning to USC in late December date as a dead line for naming a coach, and said even he was surprised by how quickly the deal came together.

“We两周 ago, I had no idea how incredibly fast this procedure would lead to this afternoon,” he said.

Robinson replaces Jeff Horton, fired last month after a one-year record at 1-11-1. Robinson brings a 104-35-4 career 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. Horton is the nation’s third-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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Jordan returns to labor talks

Associated Press

Jordan has made it clear that he wants to return to the Chicago Bulls this season. The Associated Press reports that Jordan has been in talks with the NBA owners over the past few weeks. The players have also been in talks with the owners, and a settlement appears to be close. However, there are still some issues to be resolved, including the issue of how much money the players will make.

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Fans should be proud of 1998 football squad

By TED FOX

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'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 looking up a spot in a New Year's Day bowl.

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.
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 defeated St. Louis Rams 17-14 behind Detmer’s 3-yard pass to Solomon. But that was the final score of the Eagles’ first game at Veterans Stadium since he first reached the Eagles in 1982. Like Vermeil’s old Eagles teams, the Rams didn’t quite make enough plays for Fryar to find his way back to the end zone.

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Tony Banks hit T.J. Thomas — one of a hodgepodge of receivers being loaded up by injured Isaac Bruce — for 41 yards to the Eagles’ 16. Jameson Henley scored from the 1, and Banks hit Ricky Proehl for a 2-yard TD attempt wide left. Though most of the fans had left after Philadelphia put Banks hit Thomas again with a 30-yard pass to Solomon. But that was the final score of the Eagles’ first game at Veterans Stadium since he first reached the Eagles in 1982. Like Vermeil’s old Eagles teams, the Rams didn’t quite make enough plays for Fryar to find his way back to the end zone.

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Irish schedule includes home series with Miami

By Mark Hehir

The Observer

Easter doubleheaders against Providence (April 11) 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 championship with a three-game series at Georgetown (May 8-9) and top contender St. John's (May 15-16), which is set to return home 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 scheduled to play host to non-conference games with Western Michigan (March 23), Wisconsin-Milwaukee (March 30), former Midwest Collegiate Conference for Detroit (April 5), Bowling Green (April 7), Cleveland State (April 14), Marquette (April 15), Illinois-Chicago (April 27), Chicago State (April 28) and Oakland (April 30, May 1). The April 20 game between Notre Dame and Michigan will be played for the third straight season at Kent Park in Grand Rapids, Mich. - home of the AA West Michigan Whitecaps. Notre Dame also will make a midweek trip 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 double-elimination event claiming the Big East's automatic berth in the NCAAs.

For the fourth consecutive season, Notre Dame will spend Spring break at Wolfpen 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 on 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.

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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 on 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 Private Park.

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 piled up 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 regional tournaments, four teams competing at each regional, and two spots going to the at-large and elimination formats. In addition, the NCAA has announced its preference for double-elimination formats this season, 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 two home-intra conference games in a best-of-2-of-3 series. The

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State. Two key wins in that series 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 layoffs of a week and a half. Fortunately for the Irish, all of their key injuries have healed, as Aniket Bhagdahale, Ryan Clark and Joe Dubiski will be regular again this week.
"We haven’t played in a while and the guys are anxious to get out on the ice again," said captain Brian Urick. "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 of the season. Winning on the road in the CCHA is a big enough challenge, but facing a hot Buckeye team with their 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 Urick.

One key player in the Buckeye lineup is junior center hoop Rouwet, who won the CCHA scoring title last season, and currently leads his team with 15 points. Last season, he was a U.S. College Hockey Online front-runner 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 in the Ohio State squad is Rouwet’s linemate, junior wing Eric Meloche. In addition to his top two 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 4-0 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, and their chemistry has helped create one of the most lethal scoring combinations in college hockey.

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 collegiate 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 in this weekend’s games.

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 why Ohio State’s first nine games of the year were played away from home.

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

"These four defendants fumbled their opportunity to participate in intercollegiate athletics and to maintain the integrity of athletic competition," U.S. Attorney Scott Lassar said in 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.

"I also am 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," Lassar said. "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.

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Two football coaches have been_summoned to appear for an arraignment, prosecutors said. If convicted, each perjury count 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.

The charges were based on an investigation possible point-shaving by Northwestern players.

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 day of the 1998 NCAA Championship at the Rolfs Aquatic Center.

The Irish lead with 391 points after two days of competition. The Michigan women are in first place with 327 points. Florida State (269), Ball State (252), Michigan State (226), West Virginia (216) and Ohio State (213) round out the women's field.

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.

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
7) Northern Michigan

Individual medley, 100 butterfly, 100 breaststroke, 100 backstroke, women's three-meter diving and 800 freestyle relay.

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, "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 end 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.
CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Susan Sarandon; Jean-Claude Van Damme; Mark Hamill.

Happy Birthday! Opportunities are plentiful, but you must be willing to take some chances. Your practical side has always saved you in the past, but you may want to break with tradition because of your reluctance to break the mold in areas of life you find excessive. You will find new challenges that will lead you in a positive direction. It's finally time for you to become who you've always wanted to be. Your numbers: 5, 14, 23, 32, 41.

ARIES (March 21-April 20): You should not be concerned with co-workers who insist on upstaging many rumors. Every time your mind tries to jump ahead of itself, you ask yourself, "What if...?" The day of the if-you've-been-rich-who-shoeing-tale TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Opportunities for you to get ahead will make themselves evident. You should balance with others or those in the upper echelons of your industry. It could take a while. GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Ambilateral states are not in your favor. You are most compatible with a close-knit, athletic, devoted member of your family. Your temper will be short if someone criticizes your effort. CANCER (June 21-July 22): Stalled opportunities must be taken advantage of. You will have the opportunity to meet new romantic partners if you get involved in romance or travel.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Sports, outdoors, and leisure activities in general will make you feel better about yourself. They will show some pretty quick physical results. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your partner may be somewhat volatile today. Try not to make waves. Offer good conversation and a nice something-lunch. You may want to plan to take a vacation together.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You may have a problem with a best friend. Don't let your emotions interfere with your disney. Be sure to take care of any minor physical ailments.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Opportunities to expand your circle of friends will materialize 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 to temperament elements. Try to be as mellow as possible. Danger of fighting, but you will increase with the mood.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 21): Travel opportunities should be your first priority. Try to make arrangements with close friends or relatives to spend a few days away. Relative trouble.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Financial difficulties have been a brewing you. Talk with someone with experience about a new budget in ways of consolidating your debts. You can come up with ways of earning extra cash.

PISCES (March 21-April 20): Don't blow situations out of proportion. Your need to use emotional blackmail will only cause more friction. Your partner should stop pushing you around and you will soon normalize.

■ OF INTEREST

Student Chamber Music class-The graduates andundergraduates of the student chamber music class present a recital at 7 p.m. today in the Annexburg Auditorium of the Armory Music Hall. The recital features works by Mozart, Persson, Pavol, 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 Collrégium Musicum presents a story tonight at 8 p.m. in the Church of Loretto, located on the main Mary's College campus. The concert is free and open to the public. Please call 631-6201 for more information.

ND Gospel Choir—The ND Gospel Choir is holding its annual Christmas concert this Sunday in Washington Hall. Prizes will be raffled off.

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BASKETBALL

Improving Irish prepare to take on Central Michigan

By ALAN WASIELIEWSKI
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 Boilermakers to clinch the game in a tight overtime period. Now, the team needs to record which performance will define the season.

The Central Michigan Chippewas are coming off a 5-20 season. Second-year coach Jay Smith has overhauled his roster with 11 underclassmen and nine entirely new players to the program. Smith’s team brings 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 Manziel. Manziel 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’ plan 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 Rasmusen this week puts even greater pressure on Phil Hickey and Harold Swangan 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.

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 79-72. 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 Marksell’s squad got off to a rough beginning this year. Ohio State found games in Columbus against Ohio State with two wrapping up its season series.

The Dame hockey team will play the team disappointed its up-and-coming program, standings along with Michigan

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

An Irish legend moves on to Gamecocks

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 spokeswoman 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 310 years of football, and fired coach Scott on Nov.

at Butler vs. Georgia Tech, Jan. 1

vs. Connecticut, Tuesday, 7 p.m.

vs. Central Michigan, Tomorrow, 2 p.m.

vs. Eastern Michigan at NCAA Tournament Today, 5:30 p.m.

at Ohio State, Today, 7 p.m.

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

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