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## ND Stadium undergoes repairs tied to lawsuit



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A worker removes snow from the grounds of Notre Dame Stadium to allow for repairs to inside areas of the stadium. The repairs, which began in mid-December, are linked to a 1999 lawsuit the University filed against Ellerbe Becket Inc., alleging shoddy workmanship.

By SCOTT BRODFUEHRER  
News Writer

Responding to structural problems resulting from the 1997 expansion and renovation of Notre Dame Stadium, the University began repairs to the upper concourse floor, concrete toppings, joints, railings and sealants during holiday break.

According to Dennis Moore, director of public relations and information, the majority of the repairs will be completed by the next football season, but repairs may continue afterwards.

"The principal repairs will be completed by next August. The bulk of the repairs has been scheduled for this time period," Moore said.

While the stadium is being repaired, meeting and training rooms are still available for use. The repairs became necessary after concrete in the expanded section began to crack following the expansion. Although the expanded stadium has been in use since the 1997 football season, the problems did not present a safety hazard for fans.

"We would not have used the stadium if it was a risk, but there are substantial repairs that have to be made," Moore commented.

While the University is currently footing the bill for the stadium renovations, legal action against the stadium's architect and engineer will decide who ultimately pays the tab.

The University filed suit in August 1999 against Ellerbe Becket Inc. of Minneapolis, the project's architect, Casteel Construction Co. of South Bend, the construction manager and general contractor and Ideal Consolidated Inc. of South Bend, the plumbing and mechanical contractor, alleging major construction and engineering flaws in the expanded stadium.

The University first became aware of design flaws after the opening game on Sept. 6, 1997 against Georgia Tech, when water and sewage began flooding the stadium prior to the start of the game. The suit alleges Ellerbe

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### STUDENT SENATE

## Senators take care of housekeeping matters

By LAURA ROMPF  
Assistant News Editor

In a housekeeping meeting, senate discussed accomplishments of last semester and set goals for this semester.

"I encourage you to stick to it and get those things done we said we would," said Vice President Brooke Norton. "Each committee should choose a few things it really wants to accomplish for the student body."

The committees are hoping to continue working on projects such as online DARTing, tutoring for sophomores, getting a full time counselor for eating disorders, Freshman Orientation recommendations, stopping phone soliciting and excused absences for senior for job hunting.

#### In other senate news:

♦ The senate unanimously confirmed the executive mem-

bers of the election council that were appointed at their Dec. 6, 2000, meeting. The members will be Paul Ybarra, Eric Hedin, Son Nguyen, Anne Traylor, Alysse Latour and Michelle Bottitta.

The senate unanimously elected St. Edward's Hall senator Seth Wetzel as the senate liaison to the Judicial Council. Chief of staff Jay Smith informed the state that the office of the president is sponsoring a panel discussion in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. week next week on Wed. at 6 p.m. in the Library Auditorium.

♦ At its Dec. 6, 2000, meeting, Melissa Rauch, McGlinn senator, informed the senate that the Undergraduate Committee of the Student Advisory Council denied the request for four study days next fall. Students will have two study days, followed by two

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## Time honors ND theology prof

### ♦ Elizondo earns recognition as spiritual innovator

By ANDREW THAGARD  
News Writer

Time magazine recently recognized Father Virgilio Elizondo as a spiritual innovator in its series "Time 100: The Next Wave."

Elizondo, the associate director of the Institute for Latino Studies and a visiting theology professor earned the nomination for his attempts to unite the Mexican-American community of San Antonio. Through his work in the San Antonio diocese, Elizondo helped integrate aspects of the Latino culture into church services.

Elizondo views the achievement as a challenge to his ministry that brings new obligations.

"I was very honored, especially when I saw the company [in the issue]. I certainly value my own thought, but to see it

recognized in Time was different," he said.

The essence of Elizondo's ministry is the mestizaje theology, a call to ethnic unity. The term "mestizo" is a Spanish word that describes a person of European and Native-American ancestry. He commented that his goal is to help elevate the term mestizo from an ugly connotation to one of beauty. His theology calls for a new ethnic unity.

"If we don't work together to unite differences in a positive way we'll get into territorial fighting," Elizondo said.

However, he does not encourage the blind assimilation of people into society or the rejection of cultural beliefs and practices.

"Jesus never said we should all be the same but he calls us to be one," he said.

Elizondo's mestizaje theology is partially shaped from his

childhood experiences growing up in the west-side barrio of San Antonio.

"I have a Mexican heritage but grew up American. There was a time growing up that speaking Spanish was looked down upon. I didn't experience it as much as my friends because I was light-skinned," he said.

Still, Elizondo has faced problems adapting to each of his two cultures.

*"I certainly value my own thought, but to see it recognized in Time was different."*

**Father Virgilio Elizondo**  
visiting theology professor

Mestizaje theology is also shaped by Elizondo's prayers and spiritual reflections and through studying Our Lady of Guadalupe and scripture.

"Jesus' message proclaims that everyone is welcome," he

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INSIDE COLUMN

20 candles on the cake

You guessed it, it's my birthday this Saturday. Actually, it's my golden birthday. Twenty on the twentieth. Yup, that's me.

Many times during the past I have listened to older and wiser friends discuss the weirdness of being that age. The in-between age where you are no longer a teenager and you're not exactly a full time adult yet. Some even call it the "year of confusion." And to me, that analogy makes great sense.



Kelly Hager

Copy Editor

The year of being age 20, split between sophomore and junior year. It is the year before a person makes the final decision to take those entrance tests, begin applying for the continuation of their education, practice posing for a new ID. Very stressful times. So stressful, that I fear some people may get lost and not enjoy each day. It is a stress that I am trying to avoid at all costs.

Too often, I see people break out the 365-day countdown on the evening of their 20th birthday. My question: Why are you so eager to grow older? Enjoy each year. Putting a line through each day for a year until you turn a year older is no way to spend a life. It is wasteful. Instead, enjoy each day, and live each moment.

What happens if for some tragic reason you don't see your 21st birthday? Will your life be any less successful because you failed to cross off all 365 days? Will anyone remember you as a failure if you only make it through a couple of them? I think not. I would hope that everyday you lived held memories and learning experiences that shaped and made being twenty worth living for.

I will admit, I have been scared of growing older with past birthdays. I was a little worried at 16, feeling I was the only teenager in the world without a car of her own. I was a little frightened at 18 when I officially became my own legal guardian, breaking away from the parental security blanket that had covered me through problems of the past. I was a little scared at 19 when I started thinking about the fact that things happen to people everyday and that I might not live to see my next birthday.

But things are different this year. I am not scared of turning 20. I am actually kind of proud. I look at what I have become, and I look forward to becoming what I aspire to be — or not to be. Either way, I choose to live, and enjoy every moment of everyday as a twenty-year-old daughter, student, and friend.

Twenty years old. One fifth of a hundred years. I am thankful for every single minute of that one fifth. I wouldn't exchange any second. So, what am I trying to say? Turning 20 is just another notch in the belt. Funny enough, 21 will be too. With the exception that I'll need to have someone else hold my drink while I furiously chip away.

But until that day comes, I will enjoy it all. Twenty is a wonderful age. A year full of growth and enlightenment. I only hope that people realize this and live for this instead of looking forward to waking up and crossing one more day off on their calendar.

Yes. The confusion, the wonderment, 365 days of being 20.

I am ready for what the year unfolds.  
Bring it on. I'm 20, and I can handle it.

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

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THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
◆ <b>Lecture:</b> Gerry Matatics "How the Bible Converted Me to Catholicism: One Protestant Minister's Pilgrimage," 7:30 p.m.	◆ <b>Movie:</b> "The Virgin Suicides," 7:30 p.m., DeBartolo	◆ <b>Event:</b> "Mark Reedy Comedy Show," 10:00 p.m., Comedy Show with free food and entertainment, LaFortune	◆ <b>Mass:</b> Spanish Mass, 1:30 p.m., Chapel of the Holy Cross, Keenan/Stanford Chapel
◆ <b>Movie:</b> "Almost Famous," 10:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m, DeBartolo	◆ <b>Event:</b> "Rick Kelley: Bahama Beach Party," a one man interactive show, 10 p.m., LaFortune	◆ <b>Movie:</b> Cool Runnings, 10:30 p.m., DeBartolo	◆ <b>Event:</b> Georgine Resick, soprano faculty recital, 2:00 p.m., Annenburg Auditorium

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Ohio State rioters suspended from class

COLUMBUS

As a result of their actions during the Nov. 19 riots, three Ohio State University students have been prohibited from attending classes or participating in any official student activities this quarter.

The three suspended students are among eight others who also received sanctions from the university for their behavior during the riots. Bill Hall, interim vice president for Student Affairs, imposed the sanctions after reviewing arrest reports and interviewing each of the students involved before making a judgment on appropriate penalties.

All of the sanctioned students, except one, were arrested by the Columbus Division of Police on charges ranging from air pollution to



an open container of alcohol. The other student was pinpointed due to an anonymous tip from CrimeStoppers.

The Student Code of Conduct gave the students the right to appeal, which had to be submitted no later than 14 days after the sanctions were determined. An appeal officer then made a decision whether to dismiss the case or refer a new hearing.

Of the three students who were suspended for this quarter, Hall said only two of them appealed the suspensions and both appeals were denied. All three suspended students will also serve two quarters of probation upon their return to the university and will be required to participate in alcohol assessments.

"I think the university did the right thing in suspending students involved in the riots," said Dave Spehek, a senior in engineering.

Out of the other 8 students, four were placed on probation, three of whom must also serve 40 hours of community service each and undergo alcohol assessment. Three others were given written warnings and will also be assessed.

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

Court rejects newspaper appeal

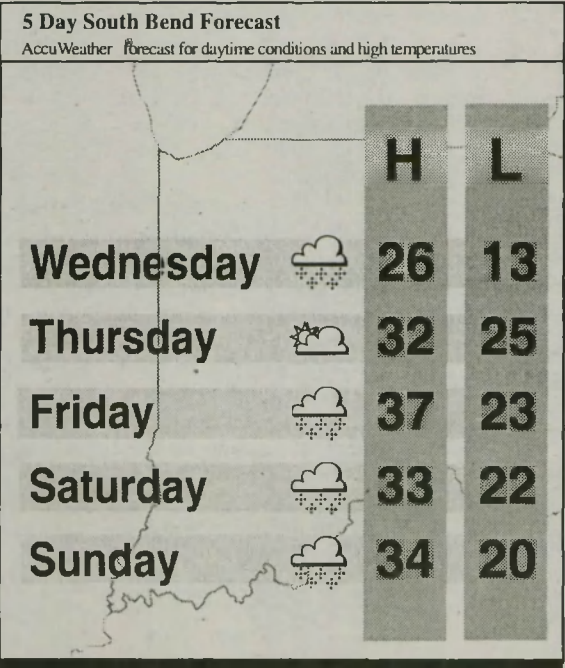
Tuesday, The U.S. Supreme court denied a petition filed by The Pitt News. The case, which focuses on the constitutionality of a law enacted by the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, will return to District Court in the coming months. The Pennsylvania law at the heart of the case is Act 199, a statute that prohibits any school-related publications from printing "all alcoholic beverage and malt beverage advertising." The prohibition effectively illegitimizes alcoholic advertising through school-affiliated mediums including radio or television broadcasts, newspapers, periodicals, outdoor advertising, booklets, fliers or "any other printed or graphic matter." Vic Walczak, the executive director of the Pittsburgh American Civil Liberties Union, is The Pitt News' lead counsel in the case. Walczak said he was disappointed, but not surprised by the high court's refusal to hear the case. "Personally, I'm not surprised," he said. "We were not real hopeful that they would take our case."

TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

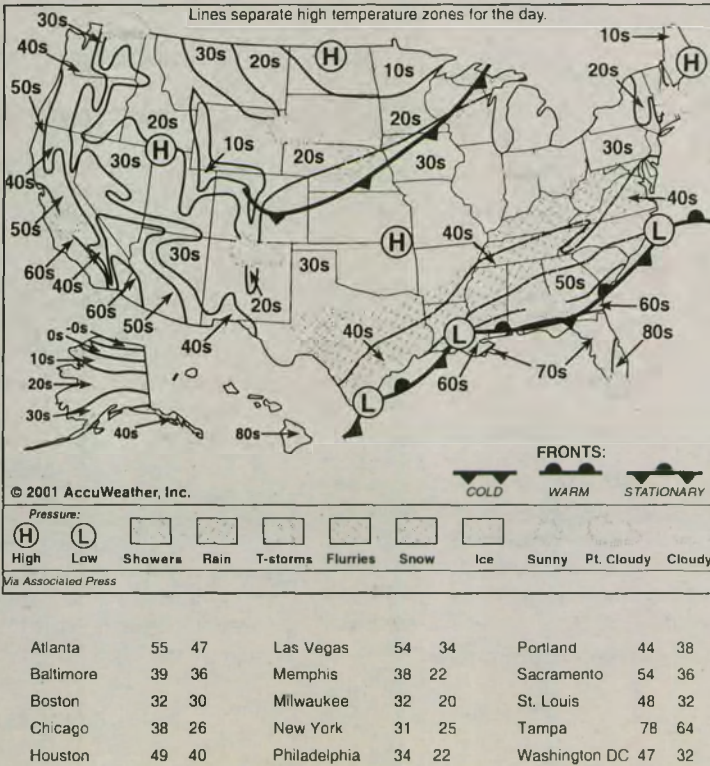
Coach accused of discrimination

Despite head coach Dennis Franchione's departure from TCU more than six weeks ago, the impact of his tenure is more evident than ever. Two weeks before Franchione and part of his coaching staff left for Alabama, he and ex-TCU linebackers coach Mark Parks were formally accused of racial discrimination and harassment by two TCU football players. Both coaches deny the allegations. According to the Houston Chronicle, juniors Adrian and Allen Lewis filed the complaint with the U.S. Department of Education claiming the coaches used "racial slurs and stereotypical comments." The Lewises refused to comment Tuesday under advice from their counsel. According to the Associated Press, the Lewis' complaint describes three years of mistreatment and racist comments by Parks, including his alleged comments: "I am glad we finally have some white players on the team instead of the team being all black," and "All you people care about is chasing (women), fine clothes, fancy cars and good times."

LOCAL WEATHER



NATIONAL WEATHER





# GE to fund ND engineering grant

Special to The Observer

The General Electric Fund has awarded a \$300,000, two-year grant to the University of Notre Dame in support of an innovative, multidisciplinary approach to engineering instruction.

The grant was presented as part of the GE Fund's Learning Excellence Initiative, a competitive program that invests in the development of innovative, interdisciplinary curricula and teaching methods in engineering and business.

The fund's gift will allow Notre Dame faculty to develop multidisciplinary learning modules for use in the college's new Engineering Learning Center. Notre Dame was awarded the maximum grant allowed by the program.

"We are especially pleased to receive this gift because it

endorses our aspirations for reinventing the curriculum in the engineering disciplines," said Notre Dame's President Father Edward Malloy. Opened in fall, the Learning Center provides hands-on opportunities to explore an understanding of the interrelationships among the varying disciplines of engineering — civil, chemical, electrical, mechanical, computer, and aerospace.

"Every day we see the tremendous changes and opportunities brought about by technology, globalization, and other forces that require creativity and the ability to think in a boundaryless fashion," said Keith Sherin, GE's chief financial officer, member of the GE Fund board of directors, and a 1981 Notre Dame graduate.

"Learning Excellence grants support the same kind of transformation of the teach-

ing and learning process, with clear results in terms of student learning."

"Competition for this grant is extremely intense, and we're delighted to have our vision for new directions in engineering education affirmed by the GE Fund," said Frank Incropera, Matthew H. McCloskey Dean of Engineering and H.C. and E.A. Brosey Professor of Mechanical Engineering at Notre Dame.

The intent of Notre Dame's Engineering Learning Center is to bridge traditional disciplinary boundaries, providing students with experiences at the interfaces between disciplines.

"It is at these interfaces where important new technologies emerge," said Stephen Batill, associate dean in the College of Engineering and professor of aerospace and mechanical engineering.

# Saint Mary's students endorse admissions applications

By AMY GREENE  
News Writer

Students now have the opportunity to endorse candidates for admission at Saint Mary's as a result of the newly-enacted student endorsed application process.

The admissions department decided to launch a student endorsed application program this past December. The program, which allows students to pass on the application to a potential Saint Mary's applicant, was inspired by the alumnae endorsed application program.

"Both the alumnae and student endorsed applications were launched at Christmas time to parallel the gift-giving season," said Nolan. "As we did five years ago with our alumnae, we wanted to give our current students the opportunity to share a gift with a student who may be a good match for Saint Mary's by waiving the application fee," she said.

Saint Mary's enrolled 52 alumnae endorsed students in 1996, the first year the alumnae endorsed applications were distributed. Nolan estimates that Saint Mary's might enroll 15 student endorsed applicants for the first year of the student endorsed application program.

"To date we have received nine student endorsed applications. I suspect that in the next few weeks that that number will grow," Nolan said.

She also expects that number to increase in the future.

"This year, for example, over 41 percent of entering first year students were endorsed by an alumnae ... It definitely speaks well of the Saint Mary's experience," she said.

In late summer or early next fall, new application forms specifically designed as student endorsed applications will be made available. Several Saint Mary's students have decided to utilize the student endorsed application program. Sophomore Liz Bailey is the second woman in her family to attend Saint Mary's College, and her application was used to keep the tradition in the family.

"I gave my application to my sister to apply to the College. Maybe she will decide to continue our family tradition at Saint Mary's," said Bailey.

Allyson Palombaro, also a sophomore, believes the program is beneficial.

"The student endorsed applications are a great idea to get current students involved in the College," said Palombaro.

"More prospective students who would be a good match for the college will most likely apply to Saint Mary's," she said.

The number of applicants to Saint Mary's has steadily increased over the years. Nolan believes that with both the alumnae and student endorsed application programs the numbers will continue to grow.

"We believe that our current students will rise to the occasion, like our alumnae have, and will help us to continue to increase the number of applications for this class, (the class of 2005), and those to follow in future years," said Nolan.

*"The student endorsed applications are a great way to get current students involved in the College."*

**Allyson Palombaro**  
sophomore

## NEWS IN BRIEF

There will be a mandatory meeting for anyone interested in running for student body president on Thursday, Jan. 18 at 7:45 p.m. in the Student Government Office.

Petitions for the office are available at noon

on Tuesday, Jan. 16 in the Student Government Office.

If anyone is unable to attend the meeting or has any questions, they should contact Judicial Council at 631-4556.

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## Why would an anti-Catholic Protestant minister become a Roman Catholic?



Come hear an eye-opening, humor-filled talk by

**Gerry Matatics**

Internationally known as one of the most exciting and intellectually gifted defenders of the Faith in our time, Gerry has been praised and endorsed by many cardinals, bishops, and other Catholic leaders. While an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church in America he spent 3 years researching and attempting to refute Catholicism to prevent friend & former seminary classmate Scott Hahn from becoming Catholic, but ended up converting before Scott, the first PCA minister ever to become Roman Catholic. Gerry has spoken to hundreds of thousands of people throughout the English-speaking world at major conferences, Catholic & Protestant churches, seminaries, and universities, including Oxford, Boston College, Harvard, Princeton, and Yale, as well as on radio and TV, including EWTN. A graduate of Phillips Exeter Academy, UNH (BA, Phi Beta Kappa), Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (M.Div.), and ABD for a Ph.D. in Biblical Interpretation from Westminster Theological Seminary, he has taught at St. Joseph's University, the University of San Diego, the Notre Dame Pontifical Catechetical Institute, Aquinas College, Christendom College, and Our Lady of Guadalupe International Seminary of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter. He & his wife Leslie homeschool their 8 children.

**Thursday, Jan 18**

7:30 pm

**Hesburgh Library Lounge**

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**Fri Jan 19** 7:15 pm: "The Myth of Evolution vs. the Truth of Sacred Scripture"  
8:30 pm: "A-Mary-Ca: The Lost Link Between Our Land and Our Lady"

**Sat Jan 20** 10 am - 9 pm "The Week That Changed The World: How Christ's Passion Would Fashion Our Fate"  
Eight 1-hr talks explaining the mysterious events of our Lord's last week, based on all four Gospel accounts  
Lunch break, 12-1 pm / Supper break, 5:45-7 pm

**Sun Jan 21** 10 am - 4 pm "Shadows of the Queen: Types of Mary in the Old Testament"  
4 eye-opening talks on dozens of subtle Scriptural foreshadowings of the Mother of the Messiah  
Lunch break, 12:15-1:15 pm

All talks are FREE and open to the public: Catholics & non-Catholics warmly welcome (Q & A sessions included)  
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# CHALLENGE

## SPRING 2001

### RSRC ACTIVITY ROOM 1

1	12:15-12:45	Cardio Sculpt (ends 5/18)	M/W/F	\$38
2	3:45-4:45	Cardio Sculpt	M/W/F	\$38
3	4:50-5:20	Arms n' Abs	M/W	\$20
4	5:30-6:30	Power Step n' Pump	M/W	\$27
5	12:15-12:45	Flex n' Tone (ends 5/17)	T/Th	\$26
6	4:15-5:15	Step II	T/Th	\$26
7	5:30-6:30	Cardio Box	T/Th	\$26
8	10:00-10:50	Jump n' Jab (ends 3/3)	Sa	\$6
9	11:00-11:30	Arms n' Abs (ends 3/3)	Sa	\$5
10	4:15-5:30	Cardio Sculpt	Su	\$14
11	5:40-6:00	All Abs	Su	\$10

### RSRC ACTIVITY ROOM 2

12	4:15-5:15	Cardio Box	M/W	\$27
13	5:25-6:10	Flex n' Tone	M/W	\$27
14	7:15-8:30am	Step II n' Sculpt	T/Th	\$33
15	4:15-5:15	Cardio Sculpt	T/Th	\$26
16	5:25-6:10	Lo Impact	T/Th	\$26

### ROCKNE ROOM 301

17	5:30-6:30	Cardio Box	M/W	\$27
18	5:30-6:30	Step I	T/Th	\$26

### ROLFS AQUATIC CENTER

19	12:15-12:45	Aquacise (ends 5/18)	M/W/F	\$38
20	7:00-8:00pm	Aquacise	T/Th	\$26

### REGISTRATION

WHEN: Thursday, January 18, 7:30am

WHERE: Rolfs Sports Recreation Center

Classes are open to all ND students, staff, faculty and their spouses. Registration takes place throughout the semester. Schedule is subject to change. Minimum of 14 class registrants. Classes begin the week of January 22 and unless noted, end the week of April 30. Please call 1-6100 with questions.



## Stadium

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Beckett failed to design an adequate water supply system for the stadium and did not notify the University that the current sewage system needed repairs or upgrades. The suit claims the company made design errors based on inaccurate assumptions of the expected volume of toilets flushing at peak points before, during, and after the game. The suit also claims that

Casteel and Ideal did not test the water supply and sewage systems before the first game to assure they worked properly.

In addition, the University has said that since the opening of the stadium, hand rails and joints replaced during the renovation have failed.

For now, Moore said the University is being "intentionally general" about details of the repairs, so as not to affect the litigation.

*The South Bend Tribune contributed to this report.*

## Elizondo

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said.

Elizondo now spends his time commuting weekly between Notre Dame and San Antonio. The University asked him to help develop more outreach toward Latinos.

"They [the University] wanted me to me to help develop a healthy Latino experience [at Notre Dame]," he said.

Today, the Institute for Latino Studies works with all departments to help Latino faculty and students. Rather than losing Latino heritage, the Institute uses it to help University life.

"I think it's [the Institute] got a lot of potential, it's a visionary move on the part of the University. I think Notre Dame can make a major difference in the role that Latinos can play in the Church and this country."

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## Senate

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exam days and then one study day, followed by three exam days.

♦ At its Dec. 6, 2000, meeting the senate unanimously approved a letter regarding student input for the alcohol policy. The letter was brought forward by the University Affairs committee.

♦ At its Dec. 6, 2000, meeting Zahm senator Ryan Becker informed the senate that a pilot cooking class would be offered this spring for students. Becker also said there would be a copier installed in Recker's and the Residence Life committee was working on getting the two-dollar fee waived for a forgotten ID.

♦ At its Dec. 6, 2000, meeting Luciana Reali was elected to serve as the representative to the new Academic Student Life Committee.



TONY FLOYD/The Observer

Student body president Brian O'Donoghue and vice president Brooke Norton (both standing), led the student senate Wednesday night in taking care of housekeeping matters. At its first meeting of this semester, the senate reflected on its past work and established new goals.

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*Applicants should submit a resume and a five-page statement to Noreen Gillespie by 5 p.m., Tuesday, January 23. For additional information about the position or application process, contact Noreen Gillespie at 631-4541, or stop by the office downstairs in South Dining Hall.*



## WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

**Salvadorans return from U.S.:** With relatives homeless and hungry and many villages cut off from the outside world, Salvadorans living in the United States flew home Wednesday to help bury the dead and rebuild their country after a devastating earthquake that killed nearly 700 people. More than 1 million Salvadorans — 15 percent of the country's population — live in the U.S.

**Peru's Toledo leads in polls:** Alejandro Toledo, the opposition leader whose fiery speeches helped drive Alberto Fujimori from power, held a clear lead in a presidential poll released Wednesday. Toledo, a U.S.-trained economist, had 34 percent support ahead of the April 8 vote, up from 29 percent in December, according to the nationwide survey by Datum International. The poll had a margin of error of 3 percentage points.

## NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

**Blackouts hit California:** Pushed over the brink by its botched experiment with deregulation, California cut off power to hundreds of thousands of people Wednesday in the first rolling blackouts imposed during its electricity crisis. Lights blinked off about noon in parts of San Francisco, Sacramento and San Jose, as well as other sections of Silicon Valley.

**Clinton declares disaster in Ill.:** President Clinton issued a disaster declaration Wednesday for 21 counties in Illinois struck by heavy snowfall that began Dec. 10. The declaration makes federal aid available to local governments in the counties of Bureau, Cook, DeWitt, DuPage, Ford, Fulton, Grundy, Henry, Iroquois, Kane and Kankakee. The Federal Emergency Management Agency will provide assistance for the emergency measures taken to protect public health and safety and property.

## INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

**Boy charged in father's murder:** Attorneys for a 10-year-old boy charged with fatally shooting his father intend to argue that he was a victim of abuse. Wayne Salyers Jr., who is charged in the slaying of Wayne Salyers Sr., 37, told police he shot his father Aug. 25 because he was "tired of getting whipped," according to court documents. The boy's trial had been set to start next week, but Juvenile Referee James McKown Jr. on Tuesday granted a continuance until March 19. Salyers' attorney, Martin Lake, states that the defense is still developing the boy's case.



Holocaust survivor Kurt Ladner, from Austria, signs the agreement on establishment of a fund to compensate Holocaust survivors and their heirs for property losses.

## Austria to compensate for Holocaust

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Austria agreed Wednesday to pay almost \$500 million as compensation for Jews who lost apartments and other property when the Nazis came to power.

"Like all nations we have to live up to our past," lead Austrian negotiator Ernst Sucharipa said before signing the agreement at the State Department.

The agreement was not unanimous. Lawyers said several of the dozen or so parties to the negotiations refused to sign because the package was too small to accommodate many large claims. Others said the program — in return for the dismissal of lawsuits in

the United States — would go ahead without them.

Under a preliminary agreement in October, Austria had already pledged to pay \$150 million for the Holocaust-era seizure of apartments and businesses. Wednesday's agreement adds \$210 million and \$20 million from interest for all other property claims and for insurance, said lead U.S. negotiator Stuart Eizenstat.

An additional \$112 million will pay social benefits such as pensions. Also included are a land swap and \$8 million.

With a more than \$400 million pledged last year to those who were forced laborers in Austria, that

brings the total promised in the last year by the country for Holocaust-era abuses to \$900 million, Sucharipa noted.

A letter of apology is to go to the victims, as well.

Negotiators for Austria, survivor's and the U.S. government had been rushing to finish the restitution plan before the Clinton administration leaves office Saturday.

Officials have said the \$210 million will cover some 60,000 households.

That \$150 million from October was designed as an interim promise while negotiations continued. That is some \$7,000 each to 21,000 Jews who lost apartments, businesses,

household goods or other property and received earlier payments they thought were inadequate.

The interim plan was intended to get some money to elderly victims as soon as possible while negotiations continued on the rest of the package. The \$112 million for social benefits will cover such things as nursing care and will extend pensions to more victims than now get them.

Essentially, pensions were available before to survivors who were six years old as of 1938 — meaning it did not cover Jews forced to flee Austria. Now there will be no age limit, lawyers said.

## COLOMBIA

## Gunmen kill 25 in machete attack

Associated Press

BOGOTA — Suspected right-wing paramilitary gunmen with machetes hacked to death 25 men in northern Colombia on Wednesday before burning dozens of homes to the ground, police said.

Survivors told police that about 50 heavily armed men dressed in military uniforms converged on the town of Chengue at about 3 a.m. Wednesday and rounded up 25 villagers they accused of working with leftist guerrillas. Sucre state police Lt. Alexander Collazos told the

Associated Press.

The victims, all men between the ages of 22 and 65, were removed one by one from their homes, surrounded and killed with machete blows to the head and neck. The attackers apparently accused the men of working with leftist guerrilla groups.

The attackers then set fire to about 30 homes in the village and carried off seven other men as hostages, police said.

After the assault, many villagers fled for neighboring hamlets. Chengue is home to about 1,200 people, and is about 370 miles

north of the capital Bogota. Red Cross workers were traveling to the region Wednesday.

Witnesses told police that the attackers were members of right-wing paramilitary groups, but police couldn't confirm those reports.

The attack is the latest in a wave of terror blamed on paramilitary groups that has left more than 20 dead in January alone. The violence has increased pressured on President Andres Pastrana to reign in the militias, believed to have killed most of the 1,226 civilians who died in massacres last year.

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# Blackouts strike California

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO  
Law students were trapped on elevators. Tourists were unable to get hot dogs. And Annie Lile, who works at a Ben and Jerry's kiosk at Pier 41, moaned: "It's horrible. All my ice cream is going to melt."

The rolling blackouts that had been threatened in California for the past few weeks because of the state's power crisis finally became reality Wednesday.

Around northern and central California, stoplights went dark and police officers directed traffic. Store owners, deprived of their cash registers, turned to pocket calculators. ATMs went off line. The lights went out at state buildings and at the county courthouse in San Jose. TV stations went off the air.

Two students were trapped in an elevator at Hastings School of Law in San Francisco for nearly an hour. Four workers using crowbars tried to pry open the elevator doors, but the students finally had to climb out on a ladder.

"We've just been in here talking about classes," said Jesse Sisgold, who was trapped in the elevator with Lisa Gill, an exchange student from Vancouver, British Columbia.

High-tech companies in

Silicon Valley reported no major problems, just a handful of darkened offices.

"The power went out 10 or 15 minutes before lunch, so everyone took lunch 10 to 15 minutes early," said Karen Heimbecker, a spokeswoman at Silicon Graphics Inc.'s headquarters in Mountain View. "By the time most people got back about an hour and a half later, we were back up."

Most businesses that rely on electricity for manufacturing and other critical systems have backup generators, said Michelle Montague-Bruno of the Silicon Valley Manufacturing Group.

Hewlett-Packard Co., with 110 sites in the San Francisco Bay area, lost power at two buildings, affecting about 400 employees. Cisco Systems Inc., San Jose's largest private employer, was not affected.

Kenneth Carrero of San Ramon turned off his computer early Wednesday afternoon when he heard about the blackouts.

"I think it's all a ploy being used to raise our rates," he said. "This is happening because the utilities mis-

managed their finances. The state ought to just take them over. The bottom line is that this is all about greed."

Meanwhile, leaders of California's \$4.3 billion dairy industry feared the ongoing crisis would lead to big losses.

Jim Gomes, vice president of corporate operations for California Dairies Inc., the second-largest dairy cooperative in the nation, said the power supply to its customers — including

Kraft Foods Inc. — has been interrupted by Southern California Edison for the past three days.

"Every hour that a big plant like Kraft is shut down, they turn away about 100,000 pounds of milk," he said. California Dairies processes and sells about 38 million pounds of raw milk from 700 farms daily.

At the Jailhouse Cafe on Pier 41, a tourist spot along San Francisco Bay, people were unable to buy regular hot dogs at a food stand because there was no electricity for cooking. So Jo Jones, a Texan who was in the city on vacation, settled for a Polish sausage with cheddar cheese.

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**Kenneth Carrero  
San Ramon resident**

# Silicon Valley businesses surviving power outages

Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif.

High-tech companies in the Silicon Valley reported no major problems from Wednesday's rolling power outages — except for a handful of darkened offices and an opportunity for early lunches.

Most businesses that rely on electricity for manufacturing and other critical systems have backup generators that switch on instantly after power is disrupted, said Michelle Montague-Bruno of the Silicon Valley Manufacturing Group.

Hewlett-Packard Co., with 110 sites in the San Francisco Bay area, lost power at two buildings in Mountain View and one in Cupertino. About 400 employees were affected, said spokesman Dave Berman.

The darkened buildings made work difficult, but did not affect critical manufacturing or operations.

"This is all office stuff," he said. "A number of things could happen, depending on the outside light and the comfort of the building. People may continue to stay at work or some might have setups where they can work at home."

California cut off power to hundreds of thousands of people Wednesday in the first rolling blackouts imposed during its elec-

tricity crisis. The rotating, hourlong blackouts across the northern half of the state were halted in the afternoon but were to resume statewide by evening.

Some buildings at Silicon Graphics Inc.'s Mountain View headquarters went dark just before lunch, said spokeswoman Karen Heimbecker.

"The power went out 10 or 15 minutes before lunch, so everyone took lunch 10 to 15 minutes early," she said. "By the time most people got back about an hour and a half later, we were back up. It was kind of a convenient time to have a blackout, I guess."

Cisco Systems Inc., San Jose's largest private employer, was not affected as of mid-afternoon, spokesman Steve Langdon said. He said the Internet equipment giant has generators ready to

protect critical functions, such as its network operations center.

Power also continued to flow into Apple Computer Inc.'s Cupertino headquarters, and officials, speaking during the company's earnings conference call, did not expect any problems given that its operations are scattered around the world.

"We have normal contingency plans as most companies do, and knocking on wood, we don't foresee any problems," said Fred Anderson, Apple's chief financial officer.

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**Fred Anderson  
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# FDA issues new Bio food rules

Associated Press

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Seeking to ease public anxiety about genetically engineered food, the government proposed a mandatory review process for new biotech products that will include posting scientific data on the Internet.

The Food and Drug Administration relies on biotech companies for voluntary consultation with the agency before the release of new biotech crops.

In addition to the proposal Wednesday for mandatory review, the FDA also is proposing voluntary labeling guidelines for foods that claim either to be nonbiotech or to have special biotech ingredients. A claim such as "biotech-free" would not be allowed, because of the difficulty of proving it. A label that said "We do not use ingredients that were produced using biotechnology" would be OK.

The mandatory review process "addresses what is of most concern to consumers; that is making our process more open and transparent and making it mandatory," said FDA Administrator Jane Henney.

Companies would have to notify FDA of new biotech products at least four months before they are to be put on the market.

Scientific descriptions and

data about new crops or food animals, including information about genetic modification and the potential to cause allergic reactions, would be put on the Internet during the agency's review. Some of the data could be kept confidential if a company were to convince the FDA that its information involved trade secrets.

The new rules are in line with a series of proposals the White House made in the spring to respond to criticism of its regulation of the biotechnology industry. They do not go far enough to satisfy many consumer advocates and environmentalists, who say federal regulation of the industry is lax and want mandatory labeling of all biotech foods.

Under a policy developed during the Bush administration, the FDA considers gene-altered crops to be essentially the same as those produced by conventional breeding methods and thus not subject to the tighter regulatory controls for food additives. A federal judge upheld the policy last fall.

Critics hold that too little is

known about the health and environmental effects of biotech products.

"If these products are as safe and benign as their manufacturers and the FDA contend, why not subject them to the kind of rigorous scrutiny that will assure public confidence both in the safety of the new food prod-

ucts and the integrity of FDA?" asked Carol Tucker Foreman, director of the Consumer Federation of America's Food Policy Institute.

Genetic engineering in agriculture involves splicing a gene from one organism, such as a bacterium, into a

plant or animal to confer certain traits, such as drought tolerance or insect resistance in plants.

Genetically engineered varieties of soybeans and corn became popular with farmers in the late 1990s and are found in products throughout supermarkets.

Monsanto Co. has created a herbicide-resistant wheat expected to come on the market as early as 2003.

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**Carol Tucker Foreman  
director, Consumer Federation  
of America's Food Policy  
Institute**

# Brits stand up for foxes

Associated Press

LONDON

The fox won out over the hounds Wednesday as the House of Commons voted to ban traditional fox hunts, seen by many as a cruel indulgence of aristocrats.

The 387 to 174 vote brings the long-debated prohibition on fox-hunting a step closer to becoming law, but it may yet languish in the House of Lords. The divisive battle over the hunts has pitted city-dwellers against residents of rural areas and made the fabled British love of animals into a political force.

Hunt opponents say the sport, in which hounds chase and kill foxes, is inhumane. Its defenders claim it is a central part of rural life and is necessary to control the fox population. The emotional debate has made headlines for years and divided all the major political parties.

Thousands of hunters demonstrated around the country Wednesday as the Commons considered three legislative options: an almost total ban, compulsory licensing of hunts and self-regulation.

The ban won handily, but its fate is uncertain in the House of Lords, where pro-hunting sentiment is stronger. If the bill doesn't pass both houses before the government dissolves

Parliament to call a general election, expected sometime this spring, then it would die and would have to be reintroduced in the new Parliament.

Prime Minister Tony Blair supports the ban, but he freed Labor lawmakers to vote their consciences, rather than along party lines. The bill would only outlaw using dogs in hunts, not killing foxes with guns.

Opinion polls consistently have shown that most Britons oppose using hounds to hunt foxes. But the rural lobby says many urbanites do not understand the need to keep the animals' numbers down — or the importance of hunting to rural economics.

Supporters also say the widely held view of hunting as a favored pastime of aristocrats and the upper classes is unfounded.

"The fox has to be controlled, so can you tell me a better way of doing it?" Bob Collins asked, arguing that letting dogs kill foxes was more effective than shooting them, which he said often fails to kill them.

Maureen O'Dwyer, a spokeswoman for the League Against Cruel Sports, said being killed by a dog was far more painful for foxes than getting hit with a bullet.

"Hunting with dogs is cruel and barbaric," she said. "The fox goes through a lot of trauma."

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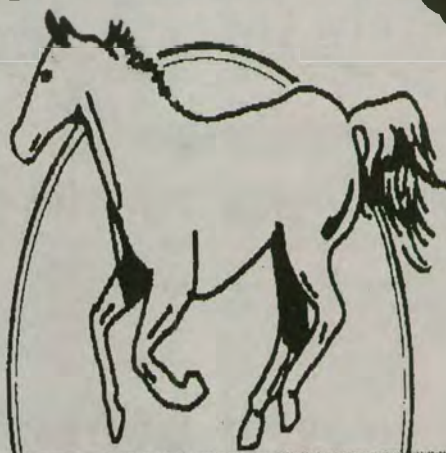
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# Moderates support Ashcroft

Associated Press

WASHINGTON  
Testifying at the request of the Bush transition team, Sen. Susan Collins, an abortion-rights supporter, emphasized her support Wednesday for John Ashcroft and signaled to Democrats that moderate Republicans will not break-ranks to help defeat his nomination.

Collins, who differs with Ashcroft on abortion and other issues, previously announced support for her former Senate colleague, nominated to be the next attorney general. She said she wanted to appear before the televised hearings to send a wider message.

Asked if her testimony before the Judiciary Committee was a message on behalf of Republican moderates, the Maine senator said in an interview, "Yes, I think it was."

"I've had several discussions

*"I've had several discussions with my moderate colleagues. We are dismayed that John Ashcroft is being portrayed as a person he isn't."*

**Sen. Susan Collins  
R-Maine**

with my moderate colleagues. We are dismayed that John Ashcroft is being portrayed as a person he isn't. I have absolutely no doubt in his word that he will faithfully and fully enforce the laws of the United States."

Ashcroft opposes abortion but said he would not participate in a Supreme Court challenge of a woman's right to the procedure, if confirmed as attorney general.

Collins said she is "strongly pro-choice" and added that, "John and I, our voting records are probably as different as they could be within the Republican caucus."

She said Bush's transition team asked her to appear on Ashcroft's behalf.

"There's no question" that Collins sent a strong signal to opponents that they would fail, said Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, who will take over as committee chairman on Saturday after President-elect Bush is sworn in. "Here's a pro-choice woman senator who says he will enforce the laws."

With the Senate split 50-50

but able to use Vice President-elect Dick Cheney to break any ties after Bush becomes president, Democrats and liberal groups hoping to derail Ashcroft's nomination would need help from Republican moderates.

Interest groups plan an intense lobbying blitz after the Senate Judiciary Committee hearings on Ashcroft to convince moderate Republicans to deny him confirmation, leaders of the effort say.

Ralph Neas, president of People For the American Way and a chief coordinator, said the anti-Ashcroft campaign was the largest ever against a Cabinet nominee.

He said the groups have asked senators at this point only to keep an open mind, but acknowledged that moderate Republicans would be contacted after a record is made at the hearing. Collins originally was on the list of those to be contacted.

There was no guarantee, however, that all, or even most, Democrats will oppose Ashcroft.

As if to emphasize the difficulty of defeating his nomination, a Democratic committee member, Herb Kohl of Wisconsin, told Ashcroft at the hearing: "You are likely to be confirmed, as we all know."

# Bush, McCain discuss campaign spending

Associated Press

WASHINGTON  
President-elect Bush and former GOP rival Sen. John McCain talked by phone over the weekend about working to find common ground on McCain's push for campaign spending changes, according to a Bush spokesman.



**Bush**



**McCain**

"We really have never been all that far apart," said transition spokesman Ari Fleischer. He said the two talked for about 20 minutes on Saturday.

McCain, R-Ariz., and Sen. Russell Feingold, D-Wis., plan to reintroduce their campaign spending legislation on Jan. 22, two days after Bush's inauguration. Their House counterparts, Reps. Christopher Shays, R-Conn., and Marty Meehan, D-Mass., say they will bring forth their similar version by the end of the month.

The legislation could present the new administration with its first test of working with a divided Congress.

McCain wants to ban "soft money" contributions — the unlimited and unregulated funds that corporations, labor

unions and wealthy individuals pour into political parties. His legislation would also curb "issue ads" that support or attack candidates under the guise of educating voters.

Such a measure passed the House twice in the previous Congress, but was blocked repeatedly in the Senate by delaying tactics of opponents.

However, five Republican incumbents who opposed the McCain-Feingold bill were defeated in last November's elections by five Democrats expected to support it. McCain got another boost last week when Sen. Thad Cochran, R-Miss., a respected conservative, announced his support.

Bush has said he supports campaign spending overhaul "so long as business and labor are treated equally." That includes what he calls "pay-check protection" to allow union members to opt out of paying dues to support political payments. Unions' soft money contributions overwhelmingly go for Democratic campaigns.

Unions vehemently oppose the provision and have mobilized huge resources to block it.

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## Catholics vs. sport utilities

Yesterday I returned to my car, a Subaru Impreza, to find two gouged troughs — each about a foot long and denting in about three inches deep — on the hood. They are the tell-tale marks of the undercarriage of the sport utility vehicle or "SUV" which was previously parked in front of me and which had obviously backed up too far, a good distance too far. So much for the vaunted visibility that SUV's offer their drivers.

The depth of the gouges indicates that it would have been very difficult for the driver not to know of the damage. No note was left. I confess that I treated the empty seats in my car to a string of expletives while I was driving home. It was the second accident causing damage to the car by an SUV in under a month. The first was when one spun out in front of a line of cars. So much for the marketed perception of the added control of an SUV. Insurance companies determined that due to the recent snowfall, no one was at fault.

Because of the inconsiderate nature of the driver in the first case, I have no personal redress. Otherwise, I could have simply sought an estimate and had work done for which the driver paid, either personally or through insurance. Because of the self-interest of the insurance companies — "no-fault" means that they do not have to pay out — I have no legal redress in the second case.

However, it might be worth looking at SUV's from a moral perspective and the Catholic social tradition or "CST" offers such a standpoint. We can look at it as "CST vs. SUV." I am sure that some readers might well be thinking, "Whitmore, lighten up. It's just a car. CST doesn't apply to everything, just the big issues." But I encourage even the skeptics to stay with my argument that the matter of SUVs is a big issue both in its own terms and for what they reflect about who we are. Afterwards, you can make your own determination.

The first thing to say is that the matter of SUV's is a specific issue that requires the prudential application of the general principles of Catholic teaching. The teaching is clear that persons of good will can come to different judgments. The American bishops, for instance, write, that "when making applications of these principles" they are "making prudential judgments which can change or be interpreted differently by people of good will." They simply ask that their arguments "be given serious attention and consideration."

The first set of relevant principles are those of human dignity, solidarity and the common good. We are to act with solidarity towards the common good because of the inherent dignity of all persons. John Paul II writes that solidarity is "a firm and

persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good." We should commit ourselves to the common good, "that is to say, the good of all and to each individual, because we are all really responsible for all."

SUV's fail the test of human dignity, solidarity and the common good on three counts. First, they use more gas and release more poisonous emissions than cars in general do. This might be acceptable if there was a specific need for SUV's, but as we will see, in the vast majority of cases, there is not.

The second way in which SUV's fail these principles is in the fact that they are more dangerous to other vehicles and their passengers than cars generally. This is both because of the size of SUV's and, especially, their height. Such height means, for instance, that the lights from oncoming SUV's go directly into the eyes of the driver of a standard car. This is part of the intimidation factor that SUV's are designed to bring, but it also can blind the other driver and cause an accident. The height of SUV's also means that in collisions the full weight of the SUV strikes above the protection of the car. Again, the rear bumper of the SUV went above the hood of my car. The SUV driver may walk away, but the passengers in the other car may be decapitated. This is why insurance companies have been investigating raising rates on SUV's.

The SUV driver may not walk away, however, and this is the third conflict with the common good. The vehicle may even be more susceptible to one-car accidents because of its tendency to roll over. SUV owners and drivers should read Charles Wheelan's Jan. 10 editorial in the New York Times, "Lives Changed in a Split Second: The Terror of an SUV rollover." Wheelan normally writes for The Economist, so he can hardly be charged with leftist, anti-freedom, anti-capitalism bias. In this particular column, he writes that his vehicle, "felt a lot less practical as we lay smashed upside down in it on Interstate 80 at 4 a.m. ... I learned a lot of things very quickly. Each of our girls screams in a slightly different way and I now know that it is a good thing to hear both screams coming from inside a crushed vehicle — because it means that everyone is alive ... I know that when there is no other way to get a six-month-old out of a crushed vehicle, you will drag her through broken glass ... My three-year-old daughter's hand was smashed and she lost her right thumb."

Wheelan continues, "SUV's as a class are more likely to roll over than other vehicles. Indeed, the problem is inherent in vehicles that ride high on a relatively narrow wheel-base, which is the most attractive feature of SUV's." Wheelan's

message to potential and real SUV drivers is this: if you don't care about the good of passengers in other vehicles, at least consider the good of the passengers in your own.

SUV drivers may claim a right or freedom to own one, and in a legal sense this is the case. In Catholic teaching, as John Paul makes clear in Veritatis Splendor ("The Splendor or Truth"), the exercise of freedom is not an end in itself, but must be in relation to truth. Wheelan confesses that he bought the SUV because it "projected a different image than a minivan or a station wagon." That image is one of the rugged outdoorsman, as is evident in the many SUV commercials and vehicle names like "Expedition."

However, the vast majority of SUV's are not used for these purposes; the minivan would do even better for the owners. The image sells. The automotive industry's own psychological studies — used for marketing purposes — state that SUV owners are more anxious about their image than other vehicle owners.

They are more taken up with what John Paul II decries as "consumer culture" than other drivers.

Meanwhile, the automotive industry is thinking, "gotcha."

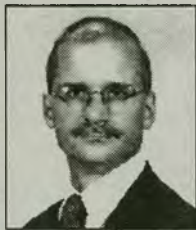
The irony is that persons who really do those outdoor activities look upon SUV's with a skeptical eye. One of the magazines that actual rock climbers and alpinists read, Climbing, ran a survey about whether it should run tobacco and alcohol ads. The consensus was that it should not, but a further concern surfaced. "The heated debate also revealed that many readers are strongly opposed to any advertising that is not directly related to climbing, with unrealistic SUV ads taking the brunt of the criticism."

If one travels to Red River Gorge, the best place to climb in the Midwest and parks at Miguel's, the place where most of the climbers camp, one finds few SUV's, but rather high mileage pick-ups with cabs converted for sleeping and — the horror of SUV owners — minivans. That's right: real rock climbers drive minivans. There may well be places and times where high carriage on a vehicle is helpful; northern Indiana even in this winter does not count.

It seems that when freedom is related to truth, the only honest SUV is the "Suburban." Saying so doesn't take the dents out of my car, but it is more cogent than the expletives I unleashed on the way home.

Todd David Whitmore is an assistant professor in the theology department. His column appears every other Thursday.

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"You are either on the bus or off the bus."

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# VIEWPOINT

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Iraqi conflict is not over

January 16 marked the 10th anniversary of the beginning of the war against Iraq, a solemn day indeed. It is made even more solemn by the fact that that war has never ended. The U.S. has never stopped its military campaign against Iraq, and continues to bomb Iraq to this day. Even Iran, Iraq's sworn enemy, opposes the U.S. bombing campaign. This campaign of violence and death is being carried out without United Nations authorization or a declaration of war against Iraq by the U.S. It is also in violation of the Catholic Just War theory and therefore immoral.

The U.S. military also enforces economic sanctions against Iraq. According to a 1998 UNICEF report, approximately 250 Iraqi people die every day, 4,500 Iraqi children die each month, a total of 1.5 million Iraqis, all due to the effects of these sanctions. The number of deaths reported in Iraqi public hospitals for children under five years of age has increased by some 40,000 deaths yearly compared with 1989. These infant deaths are due to diarrhea, pneumonia and malnutrition. In those Iraqis over five years of age, the increase is 50,000 deaths yearly compared with 1989.

The reason for this slaughter is not that Iraq under Saddam

Hussein is a threat because it is "suspected" of having the "capacity or ability" to possess chemical or biological weapons, as the U.S. administration and military leaders would have us believe. Nine other nations, including India, Israel and Saudia Arabia, have such chemical and biological weapons and yet the U.S. is not bombing them. In fact the U.S. military has 31,000 tons of chemical weapons, more than the rest of the world combined! Likewise, the U.S. supports numerous dictatorships that torture their citizens or illegally occupy other countries, such as Colombia, Indonesia, China.

Oil is the reason that the slaughter in Iraq continues. Iraq's territory contains one-tenth of the Earth's known oil reserves and Big Oil companies in the U.S. want control of it. They want this precious oil so that they can sell to us, to put in our big cars and SUV's. Until we in the U.S. begin to realize the violence and death being carried in our name, all so that we can continue to live in a certain "American" lifestyle, Jan. 16 will continue to be a solemn day each year.

Benjamin Peters  
Masters of Divinity Student  
January 17, 2001



### Freshman folly

A few days ago I finally learned the true meaning of the phrase "freshman mistake." I guess after a successful first semester I thought I might be immune to such tragedies, but unfortunately I was caught when I least expected it. I am still kind of new to the whole buying your own textbooks process, so when I heard that the bookstore will purchase your old books from you I thought it was a great idea.

Little did I know, like most seemingly great ideas, the offer was too good to be true. After paying nearly \$300 for textbooks this fall, I was surprised to find out that my books would earn me a grand total of \$1 if I decided to turn them in. Apparently the bookstore was too good for some of my books and the value of my only worthy and once \$40 book fell to \$1 after opening it once all semester. Until that point in my life I always considered myself to be a good guy, but I soon began to

wonder if my touch was really that bad. After this experience I have a few suggestions!

For those of you who had previously considered going the same route as myself. First, just give your books away to friends. Even if you do not have friends, try a stranger, maybe they'll soon become a friend and I'd like to think a friend is worth more than the \$0.25 the bookstore will give you.

Second, station a few NDSP officers near the bookstore. I know patrolling the lounges of girls' dorms for people without two feet on the floor is crucial to the survival of the University, but I can assure you that more people were violated in the lobby of the bookstore last night alone than any other place in the history of our fine institution.

Thomas McTaggart  
Freshman, Dillon Hall  
January 17, 2001

### Are we there yet?

DURHAM, N.C.

I was reminded recently of the continuing struggle of African Americans to live in a just society, and of why Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday observance is so important to each of us.

During the sermon in our church this Sunday, the pastor recounted a childhood incident in Fayetteville, N.C., in 1964. Entering town, just after the city limits sign, he encountered a large road sign which read, "You are now entering KKK country."

The pastor's father was then working to bring about integration, so perhaps it should not have been surprising that the family was called, anonymously and he was warned to stop his activity. My pastor continued, "The caller said that we had a present on the front lawn ... My family went to the front door, and of course you know what was there, a burning cross."

The mother of the family began to put it out, fearing that the neighbors would know that the Ku Klux Klan was targeting the family; but the father stopped her, saying, "I want them to know. Let it burn." And while the children felt an intense hatred for the KKK, their father said only, "No ... If you answer their hate with hate, you only increase hatred in the world. The hate must end with us."

It was a profound, life-altering experience for a child who would one day be called to the ministry — a day when childhood seemed to end and a recognition dawned, not only of the evil in the world but of the capacity for evil in oneself.

The sermon was impressive.

Then, as the pastor asked for prayer requests, a young white man in the congregation stood and said that he wanted to give thanks that incidents like those just described no longer occur today.

Fair enough. But I suspect that not everyone in that church shared his response. In particular, I could not help but think that black members of the congregation might have had other impressions.

Blacks and whites both recognize that, over time, the lives of African Americans in the United States have improved remarkably. Their ancestors started here as mere property. "Pursuit of happiness" once included property rights so sweeping that ownership of another human being was not only allowable, but to some, fundamental. Eventually, slavery became so fundamental to the financial success of Southern elites that they were willing to go

to war over it.

After the Reconstruction, whites reclaimed social supremacy, and civil rights for blacks again languished. The steady growth of a black intelligentsia finally paved the way for the movement that was dramatically personified by Martin Luther King Jr. That movement helped Americans see the vicious manifestations of racism in this nation.

In the last 50 years, in a single lifetime, this nation really did begin to live out the meaning of his creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal." And yet, in our current society, there is much room for improvement. Perhaps most importantly, it is clear from many recent polls that while whites often see past progress as most striking, blacks as often see the remaining problems most clearly.

Yes, blacks are no longer property or repressed freemen. Yes, whites who seek to help them no longer find crosses burning on their lawn. But blacks comprise a percentage of the prison population far above that which they comprise in the total national population. The average black household's net worth is 10 times less than the average white household's. Such statistics go on, and most whites either don't know them or don't particularly care to. And since legal discrimination is outlawed, the problem's solved, right?

Only the facts show that it is not. And blacks, who cannot ignore those statistics because they live them everyday, can feel like only they can understand their problems, and whites don't give a damn.

Which is not true. Some whites just don't see it from the same perspective. And like most people, until they see it, firsthand, inescapably — in short, the way blacks see it — they can't understand. But understanding is possible and essential.

Doubtless, our society will always be imperfect. But in striving for improvement, we ennoble ourselves and our nation. The effort matters and not just in today's situation. It is caring, and doing, that make us better people.

Thus, a day which makes us remember that, a day which honors Dr. King, is not only good for the nation, it is good for each of us, as well.

Edward Benson is a student at Duke University. This column first appeared on Jan. 17 in *The Chronicle* and is reprinted here courtesy of the *U-Wire*.

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## Be a part of it: New

*With Broadway musicals, famous landmarks and a renowned club scene*

By COLLEEN McCARTHY  
Scene Writer

*Editor's note: This week Scene is featuring popular spring break destinations.*

Feeling the need to escape from South Bend and the ethanol permeating the air? Looking for a club to rival Heartland? Is the mall in South Bend not fulfilling your shopping needs? Seeking a place more exotic than Tippecanoe or Macri's to have dinner? There's only one option for you and your Spring Break week away from South Bend. You need to go to New York City.

So it may not be a traditional spring break destination like Cancun or Florida with all their drunken debauchery, but New York City offers plenty to do. The largest city in the U.S. features five boroughs: Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens, the Bronx and Staten Island. However, because you will be limited for time during your visit and this article is limited for space, the article will focus on Manhattan.

### Highlights of Manhattan

If you've never been to New York City before, there are a few major stops that are "must-sees" for the first-time visitor. Head down to Battery Park in lower Manhattan where you can buy tickets to take the ferry to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. You can buy tickets for a stop at either location or both. (Insider tip: the ferry ride out to Ellis Island gives a great view of the Statue of Liberty so if you are limited for time, buy the pass to Ellis Island and spend time in that museum).

Ellis Island is well worth the time and money with its displays concerning the nation's immigrants. Be sure to see the movie offered describing the

experience of the first immigrants who arrived at Ellis Island. Also while in Lower Manhattan, be sure to hit the Financial District during the day. The Federal Reserve building is located in the area as well as the New York Stock Exchange and the Wall Street area.

### Alternative routes

If you don't want to spend money taking a boat ride around Manhattan to get a view of the skyline, a cheaper alternative is to take the subway to Brooklyn's Borough Hall stop. From there, walk a few blocks to the Promenade. A small park, it features a breathtaking view of the Manhattan skyline and plenty of benches from which you can sit back and take it all in.

Another way to get a view of the Manhattan skyline, the surrounding boroughs and New Jersey is at the Empire State Building seen in movies like "Sleepless in Seattle." Another option is to go downtown to the World Trade Center, the tallest building in New York. From the 107th floor, you will be treated to views of the harbor, New Jersey, Brooklyn, the Bronx and all of Manhattan.

### Times Square

After viewing the skyline, take the subway back to Times Square, the 42nd Street stop. When you emerge from the subway, you will find yourself in the heart of the famous Times Square featured on Dick Clark's New Year's Eve special.

The best time to visit Times Square is at night when the billboards and buildings are aglow.

Once filled with shops selling pornography and generally considered a rather unsavory place, Times Square has been sanitized thanks to NYC mayor Rudy Giuliani and few opportunities to purchase your favorite porno video or get a lap dance

remain. The only remnants of Times Square's former life is the guy on one street corner who sells a pamphlet for \$1 that claims to contain 101 sexual positions. Now Times Square is home to ESPN Zone and MTV studios — you can even stop and scream for Carson Daly's Total Request Live.

As you walk around you will encounter the theaters that house famous Broadway musicals such as "Phantom of the Opera" and newer hits like "The Lion King." If you plan to see a Broadway show, purchase your tickets at the TKTS booth. The booth opens in the afternoon and sells tickets up to half the price of the standard price for a number of Broadway shows that have not sold out the tickets for the night.

If you don't purchase your tickets from that kiosk, don't hesitate to try and buy them at the theater's box office. Many times during the week the shows do not sell-out. However, newer and popular musicals such as "Aida" and "The Lion King" are often tough tickets. If you want to see a newer show, purchase your tickets well in advance. Tickets in the upper mezzanine of the theaters (better known as the "nosebleed" section where the performers may appear to be the size of G.I. Joe figurines) can often be purchased for \$30. Other recommended Broadway musicals include "Rent" and "Les Miserables," two performances that are guaranteed not to disappoint.

If you do not want to pay to see a Broadway production, there are plenty of street performers who are happy to dazzle crowds with their dancing or musical skills. These are truly the "off-Broadway" performers.

### Other Highlights

The area surrounding the famed Fifth Avenue is also full of things to see. Start at the end of Fifth Avenue closest to Central Park. Here you will find the Plaza Hotel, featured in movies like "Home Alone 2." A stroll through the lobby is worth the time to observe the rich and famous. Across the street from the Plaza Hotel is the home of arguably the world's best toy store, F.A.O. Schwartz. There are toys galore and you can even reenact the scene from the movie "Big" where Tom Hanks played a song on a giant keyboard.

Need a break from all the walking? Head across the street to Rockefeller Center and slip on a pair of ice skates and take to the rink that is open during winter. The famed Radio City Music Hall is also located just off Fifth Avenue and offers tours.

In the mood for museums? NYC has something for everyone. From the Museum of Natural History to the Guggenheim to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, a whole day could be occupied with just visiting museums.

### Shopping

As you walk down Fifth Avenue, you will find some of the most exclusive shops in the world including Tiffany's, Saks Fifth Avenue and Gucci, just to name a few. Good shopping can also be found on Madison Avenue and at Macy's, the famous department store that takes up a full city block. Other shopping options are found in the boutiques and small shops in Greenwich Village and Soho.

### Religious attractions

Beyond the shopping, other landmarks include Saint Patrick's Cathedral. The renowned Catholic



The Brooklyn Bridge is one of the many sites. Considered the center of the world, New York

church holds Masses several times a day to accommodate all the visitors.

### Hollywood in New York City

Still seeking your 15 minutes of fame? NBC's popular morning show,

"The Today Show" films from its studios in Rockefeller Center and crowds gather outside each morning hoping to get on television. If you attempt this, be sure to arrive about 6 a.m. to get a good spot outside the studio and bring your signs with you to hold up as the TV



New York's Central Park is a tourists to enjoy the open air.



One of the United States' most famous landmarks, the Statue of Liberty, can be seen on New York's Ellis Island ferry ride.

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## New York, New York

*the Big Apple offers urban alternatives to other spring break hot spots*



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to see while visiting New York City.  
has it all.

cameras pan the crowd. (A word to the wise: if you really want to get on TV, position yourself next to babies or old people who are having birthdays; Al Roker always talks to those people and they inevitably end up on TV).

### Central Park

After that, head to the famous Central Park. Each day, joggers, walkers, rollerbladers and tourists descend upon this popular recreation spot for some exercise. You can easily navigate through on foot, but horse-drawn carriages line the entrances to the park eager to take

you on a high-priced tour. If you choose to walk through the park, beware of the evidence left behind by the horses that makes their presence in the park known. Besides walking through the park, there are also places to rent bicycles and row boats (for the small lakes in the park).

If you want to do some quality people-watching, head to Sheep's Meadow. A huge green space, it's the ideal place to have a picnic, play frisbee, or just sit and watch the crazy New Yorkers.

Bethesda Fountain, featured in numerous movies, is not to be missed. You'll also encounter a carousel during your walk.

Be sure to take a stroll around the Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis Reservoir for a prime view of New York's skyline. Named after the first lady because she used to run in Central Park on her jogging excursions, the reservoir is popular for runners and walkers. If you didn't get enough ice skating at Rockefeller Center's rink, head to the Wollmann rink, which is popular with iceskaters in winter and converted into a rink for rollerskaters and rollerbladers in the warmer months.

### Riverside Park

Another lesser-known park is Riverside Park, located along Riverside Drive on Manhattan's Upper West Side. Far less crowded than Central Park, it is a favorite for Upper Westsiders and their dogs and kids. The park features a boulevard-style walkway that has English Gardens in the center of the boulevard that are tended by people from the neighborhood. The park is featured in the movie "You've Got Mail" where Meg Ryan met her mysterious email penpal, Tom Hanks, for the first time.

### Food

New York is a haven for gastronomic delights. If you are looking for a less expensive option, try Gray's Papaya located at Sixth Avenue on 8th Street. Gray's features the best buy for food in NYC with its "Recession Special" that features two New York-style hot dogs and a drink for \$2.95.

Another lower-priced dining option is Tom's Restaurant located at 112th and Broadway. The facade of Tom's will be recognizable to fans of the TV show "Seinfeld" as the place where the characters frequented. If you're a true "Seinfeld" fan, another restaurant featured in the show is the home of the Soup Nazi, Soup Kitchen International located at 55th street between Broadway and 8th Avenue. A word of warning: play by the rules and plan to stand in line to sample the soup otherwise it will be "no soup for you!"

In pursuit of the perfect New York City bagel? The two best bagel bets are found on the Upper West Side. Columbia Bagels at 110th street and Broadway is a good choice and less well-known than the famous H&H Bagels at 80th street and Broadway, which ships their bagels worldwide.

Want to treat yourself? Be prepared to pay the big bucks to dine at NYC's finer culinary establishments. The Rainbow Room at NBC studios off of Fifth Avenue is a good bet. However, Windows on the World located on the 107th floor of the World Trade Center gives you an unbeatable view of the city as well as fine food. Be prepared to pay out for the view, however. Dinner could run at \$60 per person.

Tavern on the Green, located in Central Park is another more expensive dining locale. The restaurant overlooks the park and is a good place to have brunch, if you don't mind paying around \$18 for an omelette.

The various ethnic enclaves of the city also offer great dining options. Chinatown (located at the corner of Bowery and Hester) serves up authentic Chinese cuisine as well as opportunities to buy bootleg CDs, movies and designer knock-off purses (if you couldn't bring yourself to pay \$300 for the Kate Spade purse at Saks Fifth Avenue). Three blocks away on Mulberry Street is where you will find Little Italy. The street is closed to traffic and is lined with Italian eateries.

If the weather is nice, try dining alfresco. Dinner in Little Italy ranges from cheap to expensive. Most of the restaurants post their menus outside for passersby to peruse. Workers from the restaurants are often stationed outside the door near the menus on display to try to woo in guests to the restaurant. For dessert, try one of the street vendors on Mulberry that sell gelato and cappuccino.

### Nightlife

NYC is known as "the city that never sleeps" — and with good reason. Nightlife options abound, from pubs to casual lounges and bars to exclusive clubs. Anyone visiting NYC must stop at McSorley's Old Ale House for the best and biggest selection of beer in the city. Located on 7th street off of Cooper Square, it was originally known as a bar for the working men of the city and only opened its doors to women about 30 years ago.

Looking for bars where NYC college students hangout? Head to Union Square, an area that attracts 20-somethings. Lemon Bar at Park Avenue between 18th and 19th streets and Union Bar at Park Avenue between 17th and 18th streets are good choices as well.

If you seek that rare establishment that features a trendy lounge/bar area and a dance floor, then "151" is the choice for you. Located at 50th street between Lexington and 3rd Avenue, "151" features a huge dance floor playing house and techno music. Walk



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Some of the best restaurants and markets are located in Little Italy.

away from the dance floor and in a separate room you will find a trendy bar minus the dance club atmosphere.

Obviously, there are better places in NYC to dance and shake your groove thing than Heartland. However, if you want to hit the NYC club scene, know that clubs are pricey and can run upwards of \$30. They can also be difficult to get into unless you are on the guest list. The biggest club in NYC, "Exit," is located on 56th street between 11th and 12th avenues. The club features nine different rooms, each featuring a different kind of music.

### Sporting Events

One other way to entertain yourself in NYC is to attend a sporting event. If you don't go during baseball season, call ahead to get tickets for a Knicks basketball game and see Spike Lee sitting courtside at Madison Square Garden. Or grab tickets for a Rangers hockey game.

Anthony Bianco contributed to this report.



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While visiting, be sure to get tickets to a Broadway show. New York's famous musicals and plays are among the best entertainments the city has to offer.



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great place for locals and



NBA

Timberwolves use triple threat to knock off Utah Jazz

Associated Press

the lineup caught up.

SALT LAKE CITY

Terrell Brandon and Anthony Peeler were on target in the fourth quarter. And with Utah facing a shortage of big bodies to slow Kevin Garnett, he was tough to stop all night.

Garnett scored 23 points and had 11 rebounds, while Terrell Brandon had 19 points and 11 assists as the Minnesota Timberwolves beat the Utah Jazz 89-81 Wednesday night.

Peeler had seven of his 17 points in the final period and Brandon scored nine points in the fourth quarter as the Timberwolves closed with a 9-1 run to end Utah's four-game winning streak.

"We wanted to be aggressive down the stretch, to move the ball around and shoot with confidence," Brandon said.

Brandon and Peeler scored the final nine points for the Timberwolves, who pulled away from a 78-78 tie with 2:02 remaining. With the Jazz collapsing inside on Garnett, either Brandon or Peeler was open on the perimeter.

"That's always our strategy, to feed off Kevin Garnett," Peeler said. "I missed a couple shots early, but when (John) Starks sagged off in the fourth quarter, I knew I could make them."

It was a big learning experience for the Timberwolves, who blew an eight-point lead in the final five minutes of a 107-102 homecourt loss to Boston on Monday and blew double-digit leads in the second half of two earlier losses to Utah.

"We've been in that position before so many times," Garnett said. "We weren't always aggressive down the stretch. I told myself I wanted to stay aggressive and just react."

Karl Malone led the Jazz with 22 points, while Donyell Marshall scored 19 and John Stockton had 10.

Utah suffered without the inside defense of center Olden Polynice, who was suspended by the league office for one game after he pleaded guilty Tuesday to misdemeanor charges of impersonating a police officer and disturbing the peace. The charges stemmed from traffic altercations last year where Polynice followed other motorists and exchanged words.

Greg Ostertag, returning after a one-game suspension for skipping Sunday's practice, played well in place of Polynice. But Utah's recent trend of shuffling

76ers 99, Bulls 88

Allen Iverson scored 27 of his 43 points in the first half as the Philadelphia 76ers beat the Chicago Bulls Wednesday night in a matchup of teams with the NBA's best and worst records.

Philadelphia won its fourth straight, 11th in its last 12 and improved the league's top record to 29-9. The Bulls have lost six straight and seven of eight.

Bryce Drew scored a career-high 24 points and Elton Brand added 24 points and 19 rebounds for Chicago.

Theo Ratliff had 12 points and Aaron McKie added 11 points and seven assists for the Sixers.

After beating the top team in the Central Division and Midwest Division in its last two games, Philadelphia struggled against the Bulls. Chicago led most of the third quarter and stayed close until missing 14 straight shots at the start of the fourth.

Kevin Ollie gave the Sixers the lead for good, 75-73, on a layup with 34.8 seconds left in the third quarter. Philadelphia closed the third with a 9-3 run and scored 10 straight to open the fourth.

A driving layup by Iverson capped a 12-0 run, giving the Sixers their biggest lead to that point, 87-74, with 6:39 left in the game. Chicago didn't get closer than nine points the rest of the way.

Brand ended a 5:42 scoreless drought on a hook shot with 5:19 remaining. The Bulls went 9:10 without a field goal.

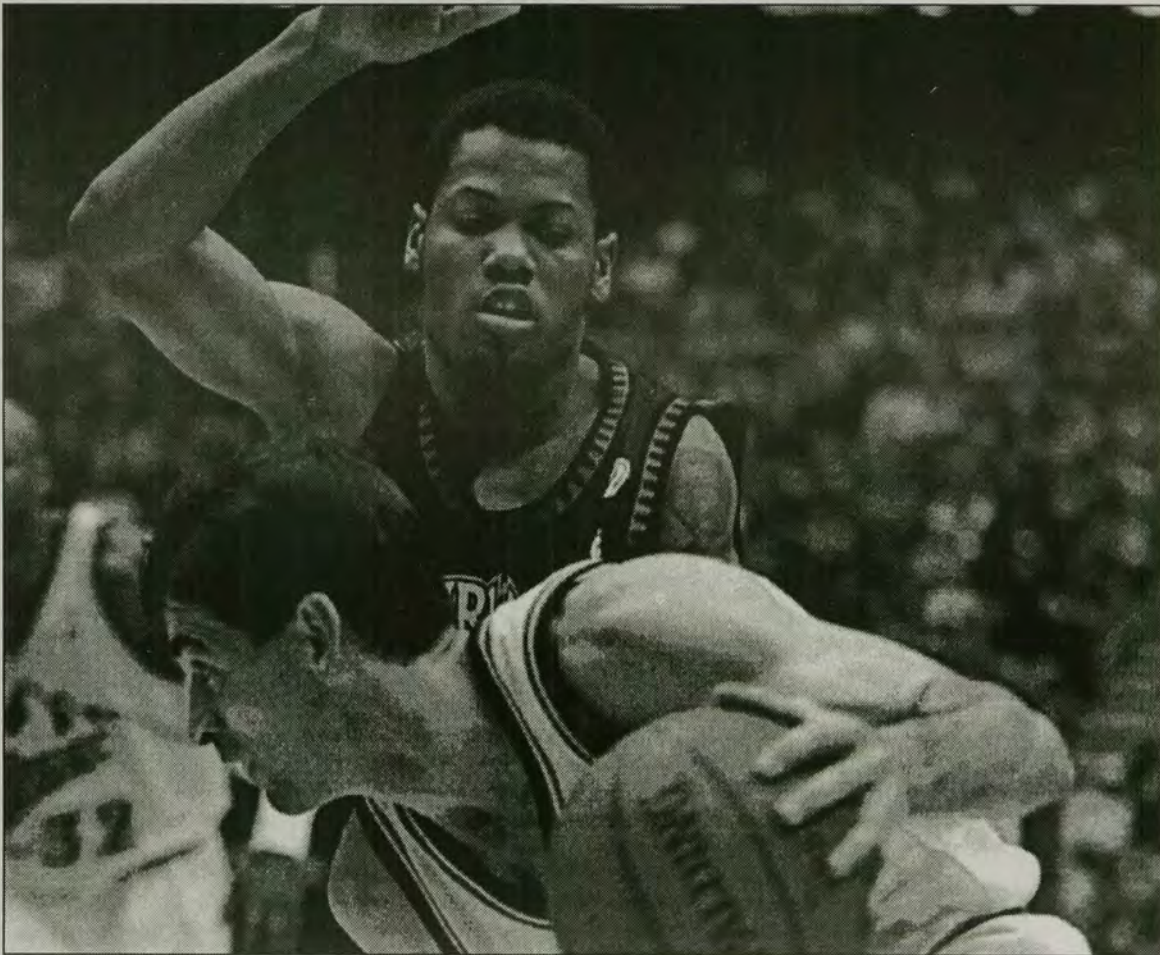
Iverson survived a scary moment early in the second quarter when he was fouled by Fred Hoiberg on a breakaway. Hoiberg was called for a flagrant foul as Iverson hit the floor hard, came up limping, but stayed in the game.

Nets 108, Wizards 89

Keith Van Horn scored a season-high 27 points and grabbed 12 rebounds and Stephon Marbury added 22 points Wednesday as the New Jersey Nets handed the Washington Wizards their eighth straight setback.

The victory was the second straight for the Nets, who snapped a four-game losing streak Monday with an 84-78 win over the Atlanta Hawks.

New Jersey appeared to have a comfortable 71-52 lead early in the third period before Washington made a run. The Wizards outscored the Nets 18-9



AFP Photo

The Minnesota Timberwolves' William Avery puts tough pressure on Utah's John Stockton (with ball) in Minnesota's win over the Jazz Wednesday night.

to close the third period with Chris Whitney hitting a pair of 3-pointers to pull to 86-77. Jahidi White's rebound to open the fourth quarter cut it to 86-79.

But Stephen Jackson hit back-to-back 3-pointers, Johnny Newman scored on a drive and Sherman Douglas drove the length of the court for a layup to make it 96-79 and ice the victory.

Mavericks 91, Hornets 90

All the Dallas Mavericks wanted was overtime. Winning in regulation was never an option.

It didn't go as planned, though, as Howard Eisley hit a 3-pointer as time expired Wednesday night to lift Dallas to victory over the Charlotte Hornets.

"I felt good about the momentum and thought we could have won in overtime," said Dallas interim coach Donn Nelson. "I wanted the two to send it into overtime. I never called for the 3, but I'll take it."

Charlotte led 90-88 with seven seconds to play after Jamal Mashburn made one of two free throws.

Dallas then called a timeout

and Nelson drew up a play for either Dirk Nowitzki or Michael Finley to try to get a good look at the basket for a jumper that could tie the game and force an extra period.

Finley inbounding the ball to Nowitzki, who nearly lost it while looking to pass it. As the Hornets moved in on the ball, Nowitzki spotted Eisley alone in the left corner and whipped the ball over to him.

Eisley barely looked before he tossed it up and the ball swished through as the clock hit zero.

"I have no idea how I got that open," said Eisley, who scored 11 of his 23 points in the fourth quarter. "I was just there and I yelled for Dirk and hit the shot."

The Hornets stood on the court in disbelief after the shot while the Mavericks, led by flamboyant owner Mark Cuban, sprinted across the court screaming in delight.

"Oh, man," a breathless Nelson said. "I've said it about a gazillion times, but oh, man."

Raptors 98, Spurs 91

Vince Carter scored 27 points and all five Toronto starters scored in double figures

Wednesday night as the Raptors rallied from a 19-point deficit to hand the San Antonio Spurs their third straight loss.

Mark Jackson added 23 points and Morris Peterson had 15 for the visiting Raptors.

San Antonio, which came into the game with the NBA's best home record, fell to 15-3 at the Alamodome as Tim Duncan scored 22 points and Derek Anderson had 20.

Toronto, which trailed by 19 points in the opening half, began the fourth quarter with a 16-5 run to take a 90-79 lead on Peterson's jump shot with 5:36 to play.

San Antonio answered with a 9-0 streak of its own to close to 90-88 with 3:17 remaining on a running jump hook by Antonio Daniels.

Jackson's 3-point field goal stretched the Raptors' lead to 93-88 and the Spurs missed five free throws over the final 1:58 and could get no closer than four points the rest of the way. San Antonio went 21-of-31 at the free throw line on the night.

Terry Porter's 3-pointer with 1:15 to play in the third quarter gave the Spurs a 74-72 lead.

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Don't worry, Connolly, I won't get clear braces.

Chuk, I've got my independent Oprah woman thing going on, and you'll deal with it.

In fact, maybe I WILL get clear braces!

No, no, just kidding Connolly — don't have a heart attack.

Nell, the ultimate act of friendship is to wake up at the crack of dawn for you. Especially since I don't function well before noon. Just know I love ya. (It's your version of my driving in the snow for Stina.)

Erin, wine and the vine, then heartland. sound good?

Hey tigger, piglet and eyeore!! Have a fantastic Thursday - get ready for heartland

Mary Louis and Andrea Louis have safely arrived on campus. Here's your headline ladies!!

Noreen - get ready to take over Heartland tonight (from both sports people on Wednesday!)

JJ, just wanted to say hi.

Al, I miss you

smile everybody, we're going to get done early, i hope



# CAMPUS MINISTRY

## Calendar of Events

December 4-January 22

103 Hesburgh Library

Sign-up, Freshmen Retreat #33 (Jan. 26-27)

All dorms welcome

Friday-Saturday, January 19-20

St. Joseph Parish

MBA Retreat

Saturday, January 20, 11:00-3:00 p.m.

Reckers Hospitality Room

Africentric Spirituality:

Freshmen Intro "The Plunge - Phase 2"

Sunday, January 21, 1:30 p.m.

Zahm Hall Chapel → new location

Spanish Mass

Presider: Fr. Tom Bednar, c.s.c.

Sunday, January 21, 11:30 a.m.

Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Confirmation: Rite of Welcome

Monday-Tuesday, January 22-23

11:30 pm-10:00pm

St. Paul's Chapel, Fisher Hall

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday, January 23, 7:00 p.m.

Siegfried Hall Chapel

Confirmation - Session #7

Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

Badin Hall Chapel

Campus Bible Study (To resume February 6)

Wednesday, January 24, 10:00 p.m.

Morrissey Hall Chapel

Interfaith Christian Night Prayer

Dr. Martin L. King, Jr.

Holiday Celebration

Tuesday, January 23, 7:00 p.m.

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Keynote Speaker: Dr. Cornel West

"It takes a Village to Plant the Future"

Wednesday, January 24, 6:00 p.m.

Hesburgh Library Auditorium

"Colors of the World: An Interactive Forum"

Presented by the Student Government

Moderator: Fr. Tim Scully, c.s.c.

Thursday, January 25, 7:00 p.m.

Keenan-Stanford Chapel

Prayer Service: "Mustard Seed Faith"

Reflections by Fr. Edward Malloy, c.s.c.

and Senior Rene Mulligan

## Third Sunday

in Ordinary Time

## Weekend Presiders

### • Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Saturday, January 20 Mass

5:00 p.m.

Rev. John H. Pearson, c.s.c.

Sunday, January 21 Mass

10:00 a.m.

Rev. Charles B. Gordon, c.s.c.

11:45 a.m.

Rev. John E. Conley, c.s.c.

## Scripture Readings

### for this Coming Sunday

1st Reading Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

2nd Reading 1Cor 12: 12 - 30

Gospel Lk 1: 1 - 4; 4: 14 - 21

## Virtues: Means to an End

by Fr. Bill Wack, c.s.c.

**W**hat if I told you that you had at your disposal the means to avoid sinful behavior and live like Christ right now? Better still, the more you practice these the better you will become at living them.

You do have these means. They are called virtues. In fact, the Catechism of the Catholic Church does an excellent job of defining them: "Human virtues are firm attitudes, stable dispositions, habitual perfections of intellect and will that govern our actions, order our passions, and guide our conduct according to reason and faith" (#1804). The virtues, in short, assist us in living as Christ taught.

Scriptures tell us that, above all, God wants us to lead faith-filled and moral lives on earth so as to dwell in Heaven with Jesus and all the saints. From the Book of Wisdom we learn how to do this: "If anyone loves righteousness, [Wisdom's] labors are virtues; for she teaches self-control (temperance) and prudence, justice and courage (fortitude); nothing in life is more profitable for mortals than these" (8:7, NRSV).

These four are known as the "Cardinal Virtues" because they are most excellent among all virtues. Read them over and ask yourself how you are living them.

1) **Temperance**, or self-control. "Temperance is the moral virtue that moderates the attraction of pleasures and provides balance in the use of created goods" (CC #1809). It gives us a healthy discretion over the use of the world's goods. In a society which tries to tell us that "more is better", Temperance helps us to be satisfied with what we have, and to assist those who have less to obtain what they need. Jesus practiced this virtue perfectly, when he did not cling to his divinity, but instead embraced humanity (see Phil 2:6-7). Temperance voluntarily places limits on our appetites so that we can better appreciate all of God's gifts. Practically, this means that we keep watch over the amount of goods and services we consume — for instance, in regard to food, Internet and TV use, video games, alcohol, non-renewable resources, etc.

2) **Justice**. This virtue helps us to promote equity and peace in the world and in all our relationships. This is what Christ meant when he told us to love our neighbor as ourselves: it entails being concerned about the whole person. Justice moves us to build a society where all people are treated equally and all have an opportunity to seek and find happiness. Jesus Christ was the perfect Just One, announcing that the reign of God has come to every person in every age. Exercising Justice means working for the underprivileged, attempting to make peace with all peoples, and being fair in business transactions, classwork, and in all relationships.

3) **Prudence**. St. Thomas Aquinas (following Aristotle) states that "Prudence is right reason in action." It helps us to know and choose the good in every situation. It informs our conscience and moves us to act like Christ. This virtue, above all, needs to be cultivated and practiced so that we may have more of it. The people in the Bible proclaimed Jesus as perfectly Prudent when they said, "He has done all things well!" (Mk 7:37). Being Prudent involves weighing all options before making a decision. It means giving the benefit of the doubt to the Truth found in Scripture and Tradition. The Prudent one keeps one's neighbor in mind at all times when making a decision or action.

4) **Fortitude**. "The virtue of Fortitude enables one to conquer fear, even fear of death, and to face trials and persecutions" (CC #1808). It means having courage in the face of difficulties so as to remain resolute in choosing the good. Jesus addressed this directly when he told his disciples, "Do not be afraid; just have faith" (Mk 5:36). Fortitude also means that we do not give in to temptations when they arise. The person who has this virtue recognizes temptations and turns away from them. Also, Fortitude gives us the courage to confess our sins and remain strong. Finally, practicing this (and all) virtues strengthens the faith in others.

Here are the means by which we can become more Christ-like. They are available to all of us right now. As we prepare for a new semester, we would do well to cultivate the Cardinal Virtues and incorporate them into our lives.

"Nothing in life is more useful to mortals than these."

CONSIDERATIONS...





## NFL

## Stoops not aiming for Browns job

Associated Press

NORMAN, Okla.

Talk that Oklahoma head coach Bob Stoops was thinking about taking the Cleveland Browns' head coaching job turned out to be just that.

Oklahoma football coach Bob Stoops tells Sooners fans to forget everything they're reading, that he plans on staying put in Norman.

Stoops said Saturday that he plans to remain at OU "for a long time," ending speculation that the coach who led the Sooners to a national championship might move on after just two years.

"Regardless of what you hear, I plan on being at Oklahoma for a long time," Stoops said to thunderous applause from a near capacity crowd during halftime at the Kansas-Oklahoma men's basketball game Saturday.

"I still believe it's a privilege to be the head football coach at Oklahoma," Stoops said. "I've got the very best assistant coaches in the country and I get to coach the best players in the country."

The Browns fired coach Chris Palmer on Thursday, and Stoops said he would talk to representatives of the Browns if they called. That night, Stoops said Browns president Carmen Policy had been trying to reach him for two days.

"But my cell phone went

dead for two days and I just got it working again and got my messages," Stoops told the Tulsa World. "I don't know if that (job opening) is why Carmen Policy has been trying to call me, or if he just wanted to offer congratulations on winning the national championship."

But Stoops declined to say Saturday whether he had been contacted by the Browns.

"I'm not getting into any of that," he said during a news conference. "That's something that's personal and whether I did or not or whether I will ever or have I doesn't need to be discussed or hashed around anymore."

"In my life right now, I'm fortunate to be the head football coach here. Hopefully they'll have me here for quite a while. I plan on that. Life's never certain of anything, but right now I believe I have the best football job in the country and that means college or pros."

University president David Boren said he is "pleased that Bob Stoops has reaffirmed his clear decision to stay at OU."

Stoops, 40, had said he was intrigued by the prospect of coaching a professional team

but would not say whether he had to decide between the coaching jobs.

"That's not fair to them or me to get into particulars about any of it," he said. "A lot of things intrigue me. Coaching high school intrigues me ... I don't think you ever say never to anything. That's a long time and you never know from year to year what your life brings you or what you want out of it."

Stoops, who grew up rooting for the Browns, and Policy share a background.

Both are from Youngstown, Ohio, and have known each other for several years. One of Policy's sons played for Stoops' late father, Ron Stoops Sr., at Cardinal Mooney High School.

Stoops said the interest expressed by the Browns and earlier by Ohio State University has not affected his staff's recruiting efforts.

"In fact, it enhances it," he said. "I think all those recruits, they recognize when that happens and particularly if the NFL's calling, that this staff is really a quality staff. It only hurts it if you leave, and I don't intend to do that."

Stoops recently received a five-year extension on his contract at Oklahoma, and a raise to \$1.4 million a season.

*"Regardless of what you hear, I plan on being at Oklahoma for a long time."*

**Bob Stoops**  
Oklahoma football coach

## NCAA FOOTBALL

## Stoops pegged as nation's top coach

Associated Press

HOUSTON

Bob Stoops, the Oklahoma coach who led the Sooners to the national championship in only his second season at the school, received the Bear Bryant Award on Wednesday night as the top college football coach.



Stoops

Stoops was selected from a field of six finalists in voting by the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association. Other finalists were Florida State's Bobby Bowden, South Carolina's Lou Holtz, Oregon State's Dennis Erickson, Miami's Butch Davis and Dennis Franchione, who was at Texas Christian before moving to Alabama.

"We need to do it again or there will be pressure on me, too," Stoops said. "That's the nature of the beast. I think it's neat what our program was able to do in a short time, but now we've got to do it again."

"We are no different from anyone else. We'll put it to

rest shortly and get back to work."

The Sooners finished 13-0 and beat Florida State 13-2 in the Orange Bowl for the school's first national title since 1985. Oklahoma started the season ranked No. 19 and made a steady rise to No. 1, defeating No. 11 Texas, No. 2 Kansas State and No. 1 Nebraska in October.

"The biggest difference was our approach with the players," Stoops said. "We embraced them immediately and told them we expect to win with them right now."

He said the players embraced and accepted the teaching and coaching quickly.

"We moved as one and that makes a big difference," he said.

Stoops took over in 1998 from John Blake, who led the Sooners to a 12-22 record over three years. Oklahoma finished 7-5 in Stoops' first season and went to a bowl game for the first time since 1994.

"A lot of factors needed to be shored up, our discipline, our expectations and work ethic all needed developing and nourishing," Stoops said. "But it happened quickly and I credit the players for accepting it."

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## NCAA FOOTBALL

## Buckeyes hire Tressel as new coach

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio

Ohio State has a new coach — Jim Tressel — and it didn't have to travel far to find him.

Tressel, who guided Youngstown State to four I-AA national championships in 15 seasons, will be introduced on Thursday as the Buckeyes' new coach.



Tressel

The 48-year-old Tressel accepted the job Wednesday, said Jack Rall, chairman of the Ohio State Athletic Council.

Athletic director Andy Geiger called a 4 p.m. news conference for Thursday to introduce the new coach, although he would not confirm it was Tressel.

Earlier, WTVN-AM, WBNS-TV and The Columbus Dispatch's Web site reported that Tressel would replace John Cooper, who was fired on Jan. 2.

On Tuesday, Tressel and his wife, Ellen, were in Columbus touring the Ohio State campus. Tressel met with the school's advisory committee and also

spent 90 minutes with Ohio State president William Kirwan.

On Wednesday, Tressel returned to Youngstown State, less than 200 miles from Columbus, and told his players of his interest in the Buckeyes. By late afternoon, Tressel had left and a school spokesman said he did not know where the coach was headed.

Tressel, 135-57-2 with the Penguins, also served as the school's athletic director. He is moving to the I-A level for the first time.

After Oakland Raiders coach Jon Gruden joined Oregon's Mike Bellotti in dropping out of contention, Tressel and Minnesota coach Glen Mason were the finalists.

Mason took the full tour of the school on Wednesday. Mason said his meeting with Kirwan went "great."

The hiring capped a 16-day search that finally settled on one of the top two candidates from the beginning.

Tressel was expected to sign a multiyear contract paying him around \$1 million a year.

Others who either interviewed or spoke with Ohio State officials about the job included current Buckeye assistant head coach Fred Pagac, former Ohio State and NFL linebacker Chris Spielman and Stanford coach

Tyrone Willingham.

Cooper was fired on Jan. 2 after Ohio State lost 24-7 to South Carolina in the Outback Bowl. Cooper was 111-43-4, shared three Big Ten titles and played in bowls in 11 of his 13 seasons.

But he was 3-8 in those bowl games and just 2-10-1 against Ohio State's chief rival, Michigan. And in Columbus, the annual showdown with the Wolverines is called "The Game."

Tressel's Youngstown State teams won national titles in 1991, 1993, 1994 and 1997 — the most for a coach in I-AA history — and had 12 winning seasons.

In an interview last week, Tressel said the pressures at a I-AA program were different from those at a Big Ten power — but were pressures nonetheless.

"At Youngstown State right now, we're supposed to win 15 games in a row and we're supposed to have 20,000 people happy in the seats and a half-a-million people in our market happy," he said. "At Ohio State, you're supposed to win 12 straight games and keep 98,000 people happy in the stands and 13 million people in the state of Ohio happy. Both are pretty hard."

## Tennessee keeps Fulmer through 2007

Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.

Tennessee coach Phillip Fulmer agreed to a new contract on Wednesday worth \$9.1 million over seven years.

Fulmer, who guided the Volunteers to the 1998 national championship, was given a \$250,000 raise, boosting his annual pay to \$1.3 million, and a two-year extension through 2007.

"We hope he will stay and be our coach and our program will keep going and we will continue to be in the top five or six people in the country (in wins)," Tennessee athletic director Doug Dickey said. "We're very happy about that."

The Vols had an off-year in 2000, finishing 8-4 and out of the final AP Top 25 for the first time since 1988. But Fulmer, who took over as coach before the end of the 1992 season, has the best winning percentage (.824) among Division I-A coaches with a minimum of five years on the job.

His bowl record, though, is

5-4, including a 35-21 loss to Kansas State in the Cotton Bowl. His Vols beat Florida State 23-16 in the '99 Fiesta Bowl to win the national title.

With the pay raise, the 50-year-old Fulmer moves up the earnings ladder but not to the top.

Florida's Steve Spurrier is the nation's highest-paid college football coach at \$2.1 million a year. Florida State's Bobby Bowden makes \$1.5 million, Texas coach Mack Brown is at \$1.45 million and Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops is up to \$1.4 million with his raise after leading the Sooners to the national title.

New Alabama coach Dennis Franchione has a seven-year deal worth between \$1.2 million and \$1.4 million. Auburn coach Tommy Tuberville's raise gives him \$1.25 million annually.

"I am extremely grateful to the administration at the University of Tennessee for the confidence and support it has in the leadership of the Vol football program," Fulmer said in a statement.

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# NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

## Loss to Notre Dame fills UConn coach's mailbox

Associated Press

STORRS, Conn.  
Geno Auriemma, you've got mail.

Auriemma's e-mail inbox has been full of comments, questions and criticism since his top-ranked Connecticut team suffered a loss for the first time in 30 games.



Auriemma

The Huskies (13-1) lost 92-76 to No. 3 Notre Dame on Monday — Connecticut's worst loss in seven years. The Huskies will likely be knocked from the No. 1 spot they've held since the 1999 preseason in the AP poll.

After a win, the Huskies coach said he gets a couple of "keep up the good work" e-mails. But since Monday, Auriemma has had plenty of reading material.

"It shows people have a tremendous passion for what's going on," Auriemma said Wednesday.

The missives criticized Auriemma on everything from his sideline demeanor, lineup decisions to his "tacky" wrist-watch. Auriemma said the only thing that bothered him was the shot about his watch.

"It's a Big East champi-

onship watch. I've got 10 of them," he said Wednesday. "When you win as much as we won and we lose, people can't wait to get their shots in. We just take it in stride and we have fun with it."

The defending national champs prepared for Thursday's game against Old Dominion (8-4) with two hours of practice. They want to fix what wasn't working for them Monday — teamwork.

UConn shot 36 percent from the floor, rushed shots, lagged on defense and was soundly beaten by Ruth Riley and Notre Dame — a cohesive team on top of its game.

"We weren't helping each other out. We were like five individuals playing," said senior Shea Ralph, who welled with tears as she answered questions.

"I hate that it has to be such a hard lesson," Ralph said.

Ralph, last season's Final Four MVP, sat out most of the second half against Notre Dame, and Auriemma was criticized by fans and letter-writers. Ralph, who had just two points in the game, said she agreed with the move.

"He can only give me so much time before he goes to

someone else," Ralph said. "It's not like I'm the only person on the team he can turn to. If I'm not getting it done and it means I'm on the bench to win that game, then put (me) on the bench because I want to win that game."

Auriemma said he takes the blame for not preparing the team for Notre Dame.

"I have not figured out how to sustain from a day-to-day basis our guys' mindset so we play and practice the same way for a long period of time, and it caught up to us against a really good team on the road," Auriemma said.

Auriemma said there was one phone call he fielded after the loss, and got a real earful.

It was his mother, Marsiella, who last year sprinkled holy water on the team before the national championship game. She was worried.

"What's wrong with the girls? They looked terrible. I never see them like that. I think there's something wrong," she told him.

"What do you think is wrong," Auriemma asked.

"I don't know. You've got to find out," she said.

"OK," he said. "Whatever you say."

*"When you win as much as we won and we lose, people can't wait to get their shots in."*

Geno Auriemma  
UConn basketball coach



LIZ LANG/The Observer

Notre Dame point guard Niele Ivey (above) and the Irish ran all over Connecticut's Diana Taurasi (left) in Monday's 92-76 victory over the No. 1 Huskies.

## ND AFTER FIVE

### Thursday, January 18

7:30 p.m. Prof. Gerry Matatics, lecture, "How the Bible Converted Me to Catholicism: One Protestant Minister's Pilgrimage", Hesburgh Library Lounge

8:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m. Open Rec Lacrosse, Court 1, Rolfs Sports Recreation Center

9:00 p.m. Acoustic Café, LaFortune Student Center Huddle

9:15 p.m. Free Ice Skating, Java and Jazz - Joyce Center Ice Arena

10:30 p.m. Movie, "Almost Famous", DeBartolo 101\* and "Mighty Ducks", DeBartolo 155\*



### Friday, January 19

6:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m. Stepan Center: Open Play Basketball and Volleyball

6:00 p.m. ND Track and Field vs. Ball State and Western Michigan, Loftus Center

7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. Open Rec Badminton, Court 2, Rolfs Sports Recreation Center

7:05 p.m. Men's Hockey vs. Ohio State, Joyce Center\*

7:30 p.m. Cinema at the Snite, "The Virgin Suicides", Snite Museum\*

8:00 p.m. Movie, "Almost Famous", DeBartolo 101\* & "Rocky", DeBartolo 155\*

8:30 p.m. Flipside Bowling Trip, Meet at Hesburgh Library Circle\*

9:30 p.m. Cinema at the Snite, "The Virgin Suicides", Snite Museum\*

10:00 p.m. Rick Kelley: "Bahama Beach Party", LaFortune Student Center Huddle

10:30 p.m. Movie, "Almost Famous", DeBartolo 101\* & "Rocky", DeBartolo 155\*

### Saturday, January 20

5:00 p.m. - Midnight Stepan Center: Open Play Basketball and Volleyball

7:05 p.m. Men's Hockey vs. Ohio State, Joyce Center\*

7:30 p.m. Cinema at the Snite, "The Virgin Suicides", Snite Museum\*

8:00 p.m. Movie, "Almost Famous", DeBartolo 101\* and "Cool Runnings", DeBartolo 155\*

9:30 p.m. Cinema at the Snite, "The Virgin Suicides", Snite Museum\*

10:00 p.m. Comedian Mark Reedy in the LaFortune Student Center Ballroom

10:30 p.m. Movie, "Almost Famous", DeBartolo 101\* and "Cool Runnings", DeBartolo 155\*



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## SUPER BOWL

# Ravens believe title is their fate

Associated Press

OWINGS MILLS, Md. — The Baltimore Ravens figure there's only one logical conclusion to a season in which adversity and long odds were constant companions during an improbable march to the Super Bowl.

"We're destined to win this thing," cornerback Chris McAlister said. "After what we've gone through, I believe it's our destiny to win the Super Bowl."

Before this season, the Ravens were 24-39-1 since owner Art Modell moved the franchise from Cleveland in 1996. They never had a winning record, never won more than four games in a row and never came close to getting a whiff of the postseason.

Their objective in 2000 was just to make the playoffs, but after nine games it appeared even that modest goal was in serious jeopardy.

After failing to score a touchdown during the month of October, the Ravens had a three-game losing streak and a 5-4 record. During that swoon, coach Brian Billick reluctantly switched quarterbacks in a desperate attempt to pull the team

out of a five-game TD drought Modell called "The Dust Bowl."

Now, because they persevered, the Ravens are heading to the Super Bowl.

"For 21 quarters we didn't score a touchdown, and everyone wrote us off. To come where we came from, it's amazing," said tight end Shannon Sharpe.

"It's gratifying," said defensive tackle Tony Siragusa. "After going through the whole season waking up Mondays and feeling like garbage, all beat up, when you get to the Super Bowl

you feel as if there's a reason for it. You go home early and you're not in the playoffs. It's as if you beat yourself all season for nothing."

The New York Giants represent the final hurdle for the Ravens, who have encountered one obstacle after another, beginning with the murder trial of star linebacker Ray Lewis. The journey didn't get any easier in the playoffs, when Baltimore had to dispatch Denver at home before playing top-seeded Tennessee and second-seeded Oakland on the road.

Now, the Ravens must avoid the just-happy-to-be-here trap. Given their lackluster history and the turnaround they experienced this season, the Ravens have every right to be happy

with what they've accomplished — regardless of how they fare against the Giants.

Although 16 of 24 teams playing in their first Super Bowl lost the game, the Ravens insist that they've come too far to bow out when it counts the most.

"No way. Like I said before, it makes no sense to get to the playoffs if you're not going to play in the Super Bowl," cornerback Duane Starks said. "And it makes no sense to play in the Super Bowl if you're not going to win it."

The Ravens (15-4), who have won more games than any team in the NFL this season, are in no way considered to be old. But no one is talking about a dynasty here, and the players realize there's a possibility that this could be their lone chance to claim the one possession every pro football player craves — a Super Bowl ring.

It won't be easy, playing against a tough New York defense and the top seed in the NFC. But, given what the Ravens have gone up against this season, they wouldn't have it any other way.

"We've got a great challenge ahead of us, but I think that's perfect," said Trent Dilfer, who replaced Tony Banks at quarterback on Oct. 22. "I'd rather have a Super Bowl where there's a huge challenge rather than play a team that has a suspect defense. We tend to play our best games against better opponents."

## Good times return for New York Giants

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Being around the New York Giants wasn't fun late last season.

The team was en route to a sub .500 record, Jim Fassel was at odds with Pro Bowl player Jessie Armstead and Michael Strahan and the finger-pointing between a frustrated defense and a somewhat non-productive offense was constant.

There's very little of that now with the Giants less than two weeks away from a Super Bowl showdown with the Baltimore Ravens, but winning wasn't what made this a fun team to be around.

It's what Fassel and the players did in the offseason that unified the team.

A roster facelift got things going, bringing in veteran offensive linemen Lomas Brown, Glenn Parker and Dusty Zeigler and middle linebacker Mike Barrow.

The real change came in the months that followed the season.

Fassel has said getting all his players to commit to attending an offense training program was a big step forward.

"You could feel the bonding coming on a regular basis," Fassel said Wednesday. "They

were enjoying each other. Right from that point, I felt like we had a chance to have a heck of a year if we stayed healthy."

Not only did the players bond, they also learned to do crazy things that make them more than teammates.

There was a team boat trip around Manhattan in the spring, a wild golf outing at Forsgate Country Club in Central New Jersey in May, a trip to the movies (Gladiator) during training camp and a day of bowling during the season.

"Playing with these guys has been a lot of fun, probably the most fun I've had in my career," Armstead said.

The golf tournament might have been resulted in the most laughs. Eighteen foursomes went out, but the one that included Armstead, defensive tackle Keith Hamilton, defensive line coach Denny Marcini and coordinator John Fox was the one to watch.

Hamilton, who had never golfed, spent hundreds of dollars on clothing, shoes and clubs. He even looked like a golfer, until he started swinging.

It got comical after that.

Another novice, Armstead was just as funny according to teammates. He drove his golf cart down the middle of the fairway, through a sand trap and on the green, all moves that would have left golf purists aghast.

"He lost two of my clubheads, too," said Fassel, who loaned his clubs to Armstead.

It was like that in many of the foursomes, and the bonds on the Giants grew.

"I don't know if it's maturity or what you would call it," guard Ron Stone said. "Everybody came to understand that things work more when there is no animosity. We've been working hard and caring about each other instead of fighting each other. There's been no problems."



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## NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

## Tarheel treys lead North Carolina for 11th straight win

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CHAPEL HILL, N.C.

No. 6 North Carolina beat the longshot with long shots Wednesday night.

Joseph Forte scored 14 points and the streaking Tar Heels had a season-high 12 3-pointers in a victory over Clemson — running their home mark to 47-0 all-time against the Tigers.

The win by North Carolina (14-2) was its 11th straight overall and tied it with No. 2 Duke for the Atlantic Coast Conference lead at 4-0. North Carolina's winning streak is its best since starting the 1997-98 season 17-0.

North Carolina's previous season high for 3-pointers was 11 against Appalachian State on Nov. 17, and it was only the third game this season the Tar Heels have hit more than nine from beyond the arc.

Clemson (10-7, 1-3) has lost 21 of 24 overall against North Carolina since the 1990-91 season and fell to 0-16 in the Smith Center.

Will Solomon scored 15 points in the game's opening 11:39 for the Tigers, but got just two the rest of the way to finish with 17, extending his streak of double-digit scoring to 46 straight.

North Carolina students greeted Clemson during introductions with chants of "You can't win here."

Once again, it was appropriate. The Tigers fell behind by dou-

ble digits in the first half as the Tar Heels were 8-for-15 from 3-point range, getting long-range shots from six players as Clemson's zone proved ineffective.

The Tar Heels then polished it off in the opening five minutes of the second half, going on a 16-2 run. Forte scored the first six points of the spurt with three free throws and a 3-pointer, and Jason Capel added a shot from beyond the arc for a 60-33 lead.

Clemson coach Larry Shyatt was called for a technical foul during the run and confronted official Ted Valentine near mid-court as heated words were exchanged after the Tar Heels blocked four shots to turn the momentum.

**Georgia 75, Florida 72**

No. 7 Florida lost another game and another key player.

Ezra Williams scored six points down the stretch Wednesday night to help Georgia match its win total from last season with a victory over the depleted Gators.

Williams led the Bulldogs (10-7, 3-1 Southeastern Conference) with 24 points as they won their third straight and handed Florida (11-3, 1-2) its first league loss at home in 14 games.

And the news got even worse for Florida when guard Justin Hamilton went out with what was initially diagnosed as a torn ACL in his left knee, normally a season-ending injury.

Hamilton was starting in place

of Teddy Dupay, who is out for at least four weeks with a back injury. Starting forward Brent Wright is out with a stress fracture in his foot.

Williams made a layup to give the Bulldogs a 69-68 lead with 3:20 remaining and made sure they never relinquished it. After Udonis Haslem missed a shot, the sophomore from Marietta, Ga., converted two free throws to increase the lead to three.

Florida cut the lead to one and had a chance to take the lead when Brett Nelson stole the ball from Williams. But Williams stole it back from the Gators and went down for a layup and a 73-70 lead.

Haslem hit two free throws to pull within one and Florida got the ball back with a chance to take the lead.

But after a steal, Hamilton went the length of the floor and hung in the air, trying to scoop a shot beneath a Georgia defender. He never got it off, and landed awkwardly, then limped off the court on his injured knee.

Florida had another chance moments later, but Orien Greene hit nothing but glass on an 8-foot pull-up jumper, and D.A. Layne made two free throws to put Georgia ahead 75-72.

After a timeout, Matt Bonner hurled the ball the length of the court, but it was out of the reach of Haslem and the Bulldogs had their third SEC victory, the same as they had all last year.

**Indiana 77, Penn State 69**

Indiana found the one-two inside punch it needed Wednesday night.

Kirk Haston scored 22 points, 16 in the second half, and Jared Jeffries added 15 points as Indiana stayed off a late Penn State charge and held on for a victory. Haston also grabbed 13 rebounds, giving him his seventh double-double of the season.

The Hoosiers led 40-22 at half-time, as Jeffries scored all 15 of his points in the first half.

Penn State opened the second half on an 8-0 run.

That's when Haston and Tom Coverdale went to work. The two combined for 17 of the first 20 second-half points for the Hoosiers and sparked their own 8-0 run, which allowed Indiana (11-7, 2-2 Big Ten) to regain control.

The Hoosiers did just what they wanted against the Big Ten's leading scorer — Joe Crispin — stopping him cold. Crispin, who was averaging 23.0 points per game entering Wednesday night, managed just two points and no field goals in the first half. He finished with 10 points for the Nittany Lions (11-4, 2-3).

Gyassi-Cline Heard led Penn State with 23 points, including a 3-pointer that got Penn State within 75-67 in the last 20 seconds.

It was the eighth straight victory for Indiana against Penn State.

**Marshall 72, Miami 68**

Tamar Slay's 3-pointer with 25 seconds left lifted Marshall to a comeback victory over Miami (Ohio) on Wednesday night.

Slay, the Mid-American Conference's leading scorer, went 6-of-11 from beyond the arc and finished with 24 points. He also was a hero on defense, blocking two shots in the final minute.

Junior college transfer Latece Williams scored a career-high 20 points for Marshall (11-3, 5-1 MAC). J.R. VanHoose had 12 points and 12 rebounds, his 10th double-double of the season.

Jason Grunkemeyer led Miami (6-10, 2-3 MAC) with 22 points. Mike Ensminger scored 14 and Alex Shorts had 12.

Miami shot a season-high 55 percent from the floor, including 69 percent in the first half for a 43-33 halftime lead.

Slay scored seven points in a 21-5 run to start the second half to give the Thundering Herd a 54-48 lead with 12:13 remaining.

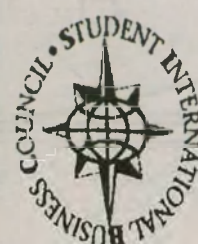
Miami tied the score three times down the stretch but never retook the lead. Grunkemeyer sank two free throws with 2:15 left to make the score 68-68.

Slay blocked a shot with 52 seconds left to set up his game-winning 3-pointer. He then blocked a 3-point attempt by Grunkemeyer in the closing seconds.



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Blair finished with 10 points for Saint Mary's, but took zero shots in the opening half.

"I don't think we got her too

many good looks in the first half," said Smith. "We were getting her the ball a little more in the second half, getting her in position where she could score."

The contest was an opportunity for Saint Mary's to pull their record over .500 in January for the first time in recent memory.

Also, the loss drops Saint Mary's below Olivet in the MIAA standings, as Saint Mary's remains ahead of only Albion.

"I think this was a big opportunity for us," said Smith. "This is a team that was down with us as far as the standings in the conference and we missed it."

Hockey

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break, both freshman Ron Globke and sophomore Connor Dunlop left Notre Dame to participate in the World Junior Championships with the U.S. Junior National Team in Moscow. Globke and Dunlop are fifth and sixth respectively in scoring for the team, and their firepower was missed in late December and early January.

Their first series back was against Western Michigan this past weekend. Having Globke and Dunlop back certainly helped out the team, by allowing the team to have more depth and play more of a team game.

"You can't just plug in one or two guys and then win," Poulin said. "Having them back provides depth and balance to our team which allows everyone to con-

tribute."

The goaltending merry-go-round seen early on continued over the Christmas holiday. Sophomore Tony Zasowski, junior Jeremiah Kimento, and senior Kyle Kolquist all got starts over break.

"I told the goaltenders at the beginning of January that they need to work out this thing for themselves," Poulin said. "Whoever got the first win was going to be the one I start again. This past weekend Tony (Zasowski) got a win and a tie, and so for right now he is the starter."

While Notre Dame is at the bottom of the CCHA standings, the team has not lost hope of making the playoffs. The top 10 teams in the CCHA standings make the playoffs and currently the Irish sit just one point out of the last playoff spot. With 12 games left against CCHA teams, Notre Dame hopes to turn it around and make a run at the playoffs.

"You can't just plug in one or two guys and then win."

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## NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S SWIMMING



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Freshman Lisa Garcia was part of an Irish swim squad that defeated the Iowa Hawkeyes 163-73 in Hawaii, then knocked off Illinois 200.5-145.5 in the Wolverine Invitational, during vacation.

## No. 16 Irish say aloha with vacation wins

By ANDREW SOUKUP  
Sports Writer

Coasting off a No. 16 national ranking after the beginning of its 2000-2001 campaign, the women's swimming and diving team splashed into warmer waters during break with a training trip to Hawaii.

"It was a huge success," said freshman Danielle Hulick, who added with a laugh, "We survived."

The women's team endured long, strenuous practices aimed at increasing yardage and building endurance. The Irish work ethic and impressive team chemistry are two of the primary reasons why they are ranked No. 16 in the nation.

"If somebody is having a frustrating week, we'll sit down with them and say, 'Hey, it's going to be okay,'" Hulick said. "We go out there every day in practice thinking, 'I'm going to make myself hurt for the team.'"

During the Hawaii training trip, Notre Dame defeated Iowa in a dual meet, 163-73. A week later, Notre Dame competed in the Wolverine Invitational against Illinois. The Irish beat the Illini, 200.5-145.5.

Although the Irish, already weary from a series of tough practices, didn't swim their best times, team members feel that success means

sacrificing early-season times for quality championship meet performances.

"We may not be swimming our best times, but a part of doing well is training hard," Hulick said.

Junior Kelly Hecking continued her dominating performance in the backstroke. Against the Hawkeyes, she took first in the 50 and the 100 backstroke, and against the Illini, she took first place in the 100 backstroke.

"She doesn't put that much pressure on herself," said Hulick. "I've done some backstroke with her recently and we've talked about going one-two at Big East."

Freshman Marie Labosky, one of the Irish's most versatile swimmers, won three individual events over the holiday meets. She took first in the 200 and 400 individual medley against Illinois and won the 200 freestyle against Iowa.

The Irish were particular dominant against Iowa. They took 12 of a possible 14 first place finishes.

Sophomore Amy Deger turned in one of her best single meet performances of the year against the Hawkeyes. She took first place in the 50 and 100 butterfly as well as

the 200 individual medley.

Hulick joined Hecking as a double-event winner in the Iowa meet as she won the 50 and the 100 freestyle.

Junior diver Heather Mattingly won both diving events at the Wolverine Invitational. Mattingly joined Labosky as the only two Irish athletes to win multiple events at the Wolverine Invitational.

Although Michigan and Oakland also competed in the meet, Notre Dame was only scored against Illinois.

The Irish have a difficult pair of meets next week. Next Thursday, the Irish will travel to Northwestern to take on the No. 20 Wildcats. The next day, the Irish will host No. 13 Michigan.

## SAINT MARY'S SWIMMING

## Belles miss both fans, meet victory

By JANEL MILLER  
Sports Writer

The Belles swam their only regular season home dual meet over vacation in front of empty stands at Rolfs Aquatic Center. Because of a scheduling glitch earlier in the season, the Belles were unable to compete in a dual meet in front of the student body.

Matching up against Alma College on Jan. 16, the Belles dropped a tightly contested conference meet to the Scots, narrowly missing a victory by one point. Regardless of the voiceless stands, however, the Belles were pleased with the performance.

"They swam really well," said head coach Gretchen Hildebrandt. "The times accomplished by these women who were tired and broken down are absolutely remarkable."

Despite being sore and fatigued from intense training over break, the Belles stood

strong against a team that beat them in 2000 by over 60 points. The meet came down to the final 200-yard freestyle relay. Saint Mary's grabbed first, however, Alma's second and third place finishes put them ahead of the Belles.

"It was a great meet," said Hildebrandt. "We swam right with them in every event."

The Belles pulled another five first place finishes and followed suit with several second place finishes. Maureen Palchak captured the 50-yard freestyle after finishing third in the 200-

yard freestyle moments before. Elizabeth Doro, joined her by taking

the second place spot.

The Belles then would go on to finish 1-2-3 in the 100 freestyle with co-captain Colleen Sullivan taking first with a time of 57.63 seconds, followed by Doro (59.02) and Chloe Lenihan (1:002.24). Meghan Ramsey helped the team with her top finishes in the 100-yard butterfly and 500-yard freestyle.

Gretchen Hildebrandt  
Belles' swim coach

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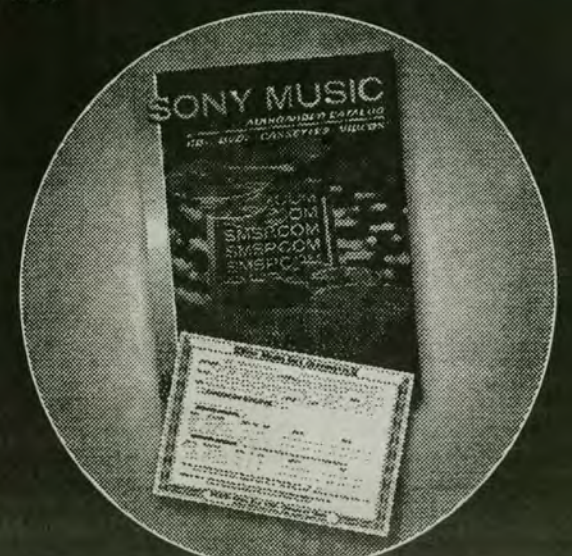
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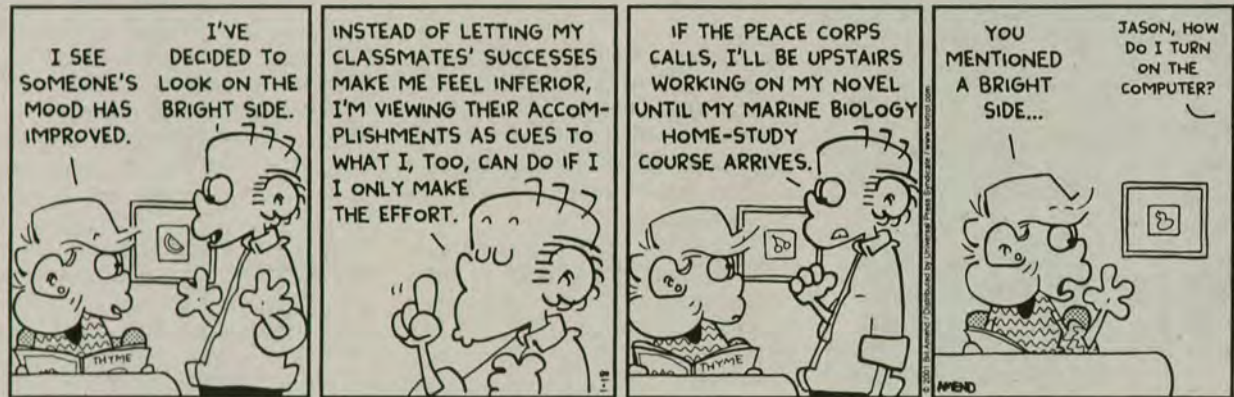
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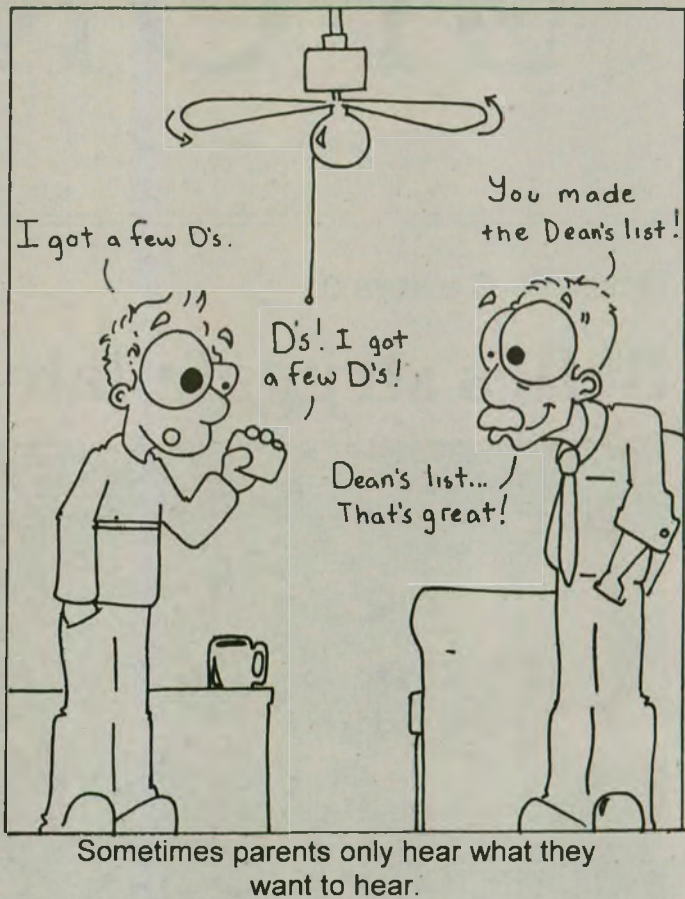
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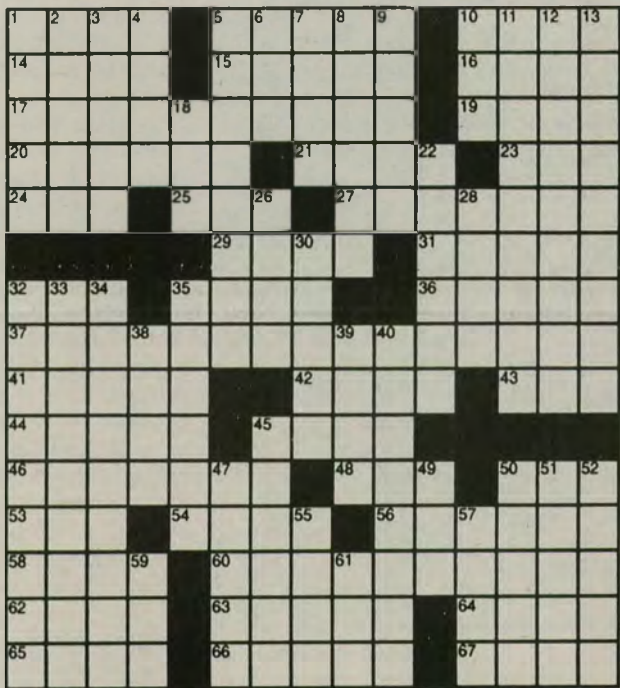
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# SPORTS

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## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

### Belles struggle late in game, fall to Olivet Comets 60-49



Freshman guard Leigh Ann Matesich (No. 24) goes up for a rebound in a recent game. The Belles lost Wednesday 60-49 at Olivet.

CHRISTINE KAAI/The Observer

## Carolina keeps winning

Former Irish men's hoops coach Matt Doherty has North Carolina off to a 14-2 start following a victory over Clemson Wednesday night.

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Doherty

By NOAH AMSTADTER

Assistant Sports Editor

OLIVET, Mich.

On a night where the theme was "Disco Night Boogie" in the Upton Gymnasium, it was the Lady Comets of Olivet College that had the last dance, topping the Belles 60-49 Wednesday night.

The Belles (7-8, 1-4 in the MIAA) tied the game at 30 with 14 minutes remaining in the game on a 10-footer by Elizabeth Linkous, but could not withstand the strong Olivet offense late in the game.

Following Linkous' basket, the Lady Comets went on a 19-6 run that built their lead to 49-36 with six minutes remaining.

Christine May led Olivet with 17 points, while Louisa Grill added 16 for the Lady Comets.

"I think somewhat we ran out of gas," said Belles coach Suzanne Smith.

Despite the Olivet surge, the Belles kept fighting. Two baskets by Anne Blair, followed by a put-back by Katie Christiansen and a free-throw by Kelly Roberts pulled Saint Mary's within eight at 51-43 with 2:39 left in the game.

But the Comets soared in the final minutes, as forward Louisa Grill torched the Saint Mary's interior defense for 6 points as the Comets finished the Belles off.

"It was a long game, a lot of running up and down," said Christiansen, who led Saint Mary's with 14 points and seven rebounds. "I think we got tired."

Saint Mary's was playing short-handed, as star post player Kristin Matha nursed a strained hip flexor muscle. Despite the injury, Matha braved the court for 12 minutes Wednesday night, contributing two

points and four rebounds.

"It really didn't look like she was real comfortable out there," said Smith of her leading rebounder. "You can't tell Kristin Matha to hold back, she's not going to do it."

Stepping up in her teammate's absence was Christiansen, whose tenacity earned her the team high in rebounds despite her 5-foot-5 stature.

"She has a lot of heart," said Smith. "Katie's done a really good job of stepping up and being that person that gets after it and does all the little things on the court."

The Belles stayed in the game in the first half with a strong full-court defense. The Belles' post players were able to contain Grill, who scores 17 points per game, to only four points in the opening period.

"Our post players have really stepped it up and played some good defense," said Smith. "We've got a lot of strong post players in our conference. We've for the most part held them down below their average."

The Belles looked to be fading late in the first half before Matha and Christiansen took over. Down 19-13 in the closing minutes of the half, Matha's 8-footer, followed by two consecutive baskets by Christiansen, pulled the Belles to within 20-19 heading into the locker room.

The key for Saint Mary's in the opening half was their full-court defense, which limited the Lady Comets to only 29.6 percent shooting from the field in the half. Unfortunately, Saint Mary's matched that woeful statistic exactly, hitting only eight of their 27 shots from the field. Without Matha on the floor, Saint Mary's looked confused on offense. Forward Anne

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## HOCKEY

### Icers forced to settle for 2-5-1 record during vacation

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The men's hockey team was hoping that Santa might deliver a season turnaround for Christmas.

Unfortunately, that was one Christmas wish that didn't come true.

Struggling at the bottom of the CCHA standings when students went home for the holidays a month ago, eight scheduled matches with CCHA foes

provided potential for Irish improvement. While there were bright spots, the Irish finished the break with a dismal 2-5-1 record.

The team split a home series Western Michigan this past weekend, securing one win and dropping another. The Broncos were ranked 5th nationally and were second in the CCHA. Notre Dame took the first game 4-1 at the Joyce Center. The next night the team traveled up to Kalamazoo and forced a 3-3 tie.

"We are going to build off the

Western Michigan series, and hopefully make a run at the playoffs," Irish head coach Dave Poulin said.

The Western Michigan series was the Irish's first winning series since early November when Notre Dame got a win

and a tie at Miami (Ohio).

Before the Western Michigan series, the Irish played in the Rensselaer Polytechnic Christmas Tournament in Albany, NY. Notre Dame lost in the first round to St. Lawrence 6-

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3, and then lost the next day in

the consolation round to Rensselaer 6-2.

The Irish then got swept at home by Ferris State on the 5th and 6th of January. Notre Dame played well but still lost 4-2 the first night and 3-2 the second night in overtime.

The Irish started off their break with a strong showing at Nebraska-Omaha. Notre Dame dropped the first game 1-0, but came back to win the next night 7-3.

During part of Christmas

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## SPORTS AT A GLANCE



vs. Ohio State  
Thursday and Friday  
7:05 p.m.



Track and Field  
vs. Ball State, Western Michigan  
Friday, 6 p.m.



vs. Adrian  
Saturday, 3 p.m.



vs. West Virginia  
Sunday, 12 p.m.



at Seton Hall  
Sunday, 12 p.m.