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 LOTT BRODFUEHRER

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, Casedt 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, where 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 houskeeping matters

By LAURA ROMPF

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, Freshmen Orientation recommendations, stopping phone soliciting and excused absences for seniors for job hunting.

In other senate news:

- The senate unanimously confirmed the executive members of the election council that were appointed at their Dec. 6, 2000, meeting. The members will be Paul Vairsa, Eric Hendon, Son Nguyen, Anne Trayor, Alyse Latorre and Michelle Bonitta

- 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 senate 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 Braun, McGregor senator, informed the senate that the Undergraduate Committee of the Student Advisory Committee 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

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 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 am reminded of my [Hispanic] heritage on one side. I was never really at home; I had to struggle with that," he said.

Mestizaje theology is also shaped by Elizondo's prayers and spiritual reflections and through studying the Bible. He daily of Guadalupe and scripture. Jesus message proclaims that everyone is welcome," he

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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.

The year of being 20, split between sophomore and junior year. It is the year before a person makes the final decision to leave the classroom. These entrance tests, begin applying for the continuation of their education, practice passing for a new ID. Very stressful, that I am actually kind of proud.

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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 the next day and crossing one more day off on their calendar.

Yes. The confusion, the wondrous, 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.
**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. “In open fall, the Learning Center provides hands-on opportunities to explore an understanding of the intersections 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 Center provides the same kind of transformation of the teaching and learning process, with clear results in terms of student learning.”

“Competition for this grant is extremely intense, and we are 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.E. Roush 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 Balill, associate dean in the College of Engineering and professor of aeronautical and mechanical engineering.

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

Internationally known as one of the most exciting and intellectually gifted preachers of the Faith in our time, Gerry has been praised and endorsed by many cardinals, bishops, and other Catholic leaders. While an ordained minister to the Presbyterian Church in America he spent years researching and attempting to make Catholicism present friend & former seminarian Scott Hahl from Saint Thomas University, who ended up converting him to Catholicism, and to end his ordination as a Presbyterian minister ever to become Roman Catholic. Gerry has spoken to hundreds of thousands of people throughout the English-speaking world in major universities, Catholic & Protestant churches, Christian seminaries, and universities, including Oxford, Boston College, Harvard, Princeton, and Yale, as well as on radio & TV, including EWTN. A graduate of Phillips-Exeter Academy, UPRBA, the Beth Kappal, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (M.Div), and ARD 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 Postgraduate Canonical Institute, Acania College, Christendom College, and Our Lady of Good Counsel Independent Schools of the Poorly Fret of Spain. He & his wife Leslie have five children.

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**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-enshrined 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 student endorsed applications the numbers will continue to grow.

“We believe that our current students will rise to the occasion, like our alumni have, and 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.

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Allyson Palombo, 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 Palombo.

“More prospective students who would be a good match for the college will most likely apply,” she said.

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**FITNESS SCHEDULE**

**BSSC ACTIVITY ROOM 1**

12 12:15-12:45 Cardio Sculpt (ends 5/10) M/W/F $38
3 3:45-4:45 Cardio Sculpt M/W/F $38
4 4:50-5:20 Arms n’Abs M/W/F $20
5 5:30-6:30 Power Step n’ Pump M/W $27
6 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
10 10:00-10:30 Jump n’ Jabs (ends 3/3) Sa $6
11 11:00-11:30 Arms n’ Abs (ends 3/3) Sa $5
14 4:15-5:30 Cardio Sculpt Sa $14
15 5:40-6:00 All Abs Sa $10

**BSSC ACTIVITY ROOM 2**

12 12:15-12:45 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 T/Th $26
18 5:30-6:30 Step I T/Th $26

**ROCKNE AQUATIC CENTER**

19 12:15-12:45 Aquacise (ends 3/10) M/W/F $38
20 7:00-8:00pm Aquacise T/Th $26

**REGISTRATION**

WHEN: Thursday, January 18, 7:30am

WHERE: Rockes 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 are 8 weeks in length. Please call 1-610- with questions.
Stadium

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 periods 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

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 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."

Senate

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 Becker’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.
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. Former President Alan Garcia was a close second with 29 percent.

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.

Indian News Briefs
Boy charged in father's murder: Attorneys for a 10-year-old boy charged with murder of his father intend to argue that he was a victim of abuse. Wayne Salyers Jr., Toledo, a U.S.-trained economist, had 34 percent support. Former President Alan Garcia was a close second with 29 percent.

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

Colombia
Gunmen kill 25 in machete attack

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 $135 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 $5 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 resolution 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 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 Chengu at about 3 a.m. Wednesday and rounded up 25 villagers they accused of working with leftist guerrillas. Sure police told 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. Chengu 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 in elevators. Tourists were unable to get home and some tourists, who works at a Ben and Jerry's kiosk at Pier 41, went off line. The lights went dark from Vancouver, British Columbia.

San Francisco for nearly an hour on a ladder. 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 were both forced down on a ladder.

"We've just been in here talking about classes," said Jesse Siegold, 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, then everyone took lunch 10 to 15 minutes early," said Ramon, a San Ramon resident. "I think it's all a ploy being used to raise our rates."

Kenneth Carrero, San Ramon resident

"Every hour that a big plant like Kraft is shut down, they turn away about 100,000 pounds of milk," he said. California Dairies, a leading dairy firm, managed their finances. The state ought to just take them. 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. "It comes, vice president of corporate operations for California Dairies Inc. the second-largest dairy cooperative in the nation, said the power supply to its customers would be interrupted by Southern California Edison for the picture group.

"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 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 Freeman.

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 blackout imposed during its electricity 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.
Brits stand up for foxes

FDA issues new Bio food rules

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Seeking to ease public anxiety about genetically engineered food, the government proposed a mandatory review process for new biotech products, which 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 biotech 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 marketing.

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.

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LONDON

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Association of 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, provided support for her former Senate colleague, nominated to be the next attorney general. She said she wanted to appear before the television hearings in a more moderate guise.

"I've had several discussions 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 my 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.

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.

"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

Associated Press

Bush, McCain discuss campaign spending

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.

"We realize that we 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.

The legislation would also curb unregulated "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 over the past year went to fund 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 treads — each about a foot long and digging to the second tier of wax — on the hood. They are the tell-tale marks of the underestimate 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 SUVs afford 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 thought to myself: "The driver is a string of expletives while I was driving home. It was the second accident causing damage to my car 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 for legal redress in the second case.

However, it might be worth looking at SUVs 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 anything, 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 its potential to blind the other driver and cause an accident. The height of SUV's also means that it is difficult to see the tell-tale marks of the driver of a standard car. This is part of the intimidation factor that SUV's are designed to bring, but is often blind the other driver and cause an accident. The height of SUV's also means that it is difficult to see the tell-tale marks of the driver of a standard car. This is part of the intimidation factor that SUV's are designed to bring, but is often

Todd David Whitmore

The Common Good

Thursday, January 18, 2001
Irrational 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 so this day by the fact 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 authorizations 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 1999 U.N.E.P report, approximately 250,000 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 5 years of age has increased by some 40,000 deaths compared with 1989. These infant deaths are due to diarrhea, pneumonia, and malnutrition in those Iraqis over five years of age, the increase in 50,000 deaths yearly compared with 1989.

The reason for this slaughter is not that Iraq under Saddam Hussein is a threat because it has "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 Saudi Arabia, have such chemical and biological weapons and yet the U.S. is not bumbling 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 dictators 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 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

Are we there yet?

Dubin, 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 Fayetville, 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 in very bad taste, 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 neighbor would know that the Ku Klux Klan was about the family. But the fatheringlesly dashed the fire and said, "I want them to know. Let it burn."

The only instances that I have heard of the Ku Klux Klan today are among people, a few, who think a friend is worth more than the average black household.

The reason this is not surprising is that it is not. And blacks, who cannot ignore these statistics because they live every day, can feel like only the best and brightest will be a dam. Which is not true. Some whites just don't see it from the same perspective. And like most people, until they see it, first-hand, personally — in short, the way blacks see it — they can't understand. But understanding is possible and essential.

Double our losses and we 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 enduring, doing this, that was better than people. Thus, a day which makes us remember, a day which honors Dr. King, is not only good for the nation, it is good for each of us as well.

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With Broadway musicals, famous landmarks and a renowned club scene...
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...eager to take through on spot for some horse-drawn exercise. You 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 skaters in winter and converted into a rink for roller skaters and rink rollerbladers in the warmer months.

Riverside Park Another less-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 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 pal, 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 51st Street. Gray's features the best buy for food in NYC with its "Recension Special" that features two New York-style hot dogs and a drink for $2.95.

Another less-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 15th 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 the big bucks for fine dining, however. Dinner could run up to $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 dancing 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 is bar 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 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.

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.

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

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Minnesota Timberwolves use triple threat to knock out Utah Jazz

The Associated Press

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NEW ORLEANS -- The Minnesota Timberwolves used an aggressive down the stretch, to move the Timberwolves with a 9-1 slow Kevin Garnett, he was said. "We were n't always said. "I missed a couple shots Timberwolves, who pulled away down the stretch, to move the run to end Utah's four-game assists as the Minnesota Timberwolves beat the Utah Jazz 89-81 Wednesday night.

Peeler had seven of his 17 points in the final period. Brandon and Peeler 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 with an eight-point lead in the final minutes of a 107-102 homecourt loss to Boston on Monday and blew double-digit leads in the second half of another two earlier losses to Utah.

"We've been in that position before," Brandon 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 scored 17.

Utah suffered without the inside defense of center Olandis 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.

Glen Otisberg, returning after a one-game suspension for skipping Sunday's practice, played well in the place of Polynice. But Utah's recent trend of shuffling the lineup caught up.

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 now re-covered 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 E11on Brand had 24 points and 17 rebounds for Chicago.

Thus Brand had 12 points and Aaron McKie added 11 points and seven assists for the Sixers.

"I took my chances down the stretch," Iverson said 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 7-0 run, giving the Sixers their biggest lead to that point since 87-77, with 6:39 left in the game. Chicago didn't get closer than nine points the rest of the way.

Brand ended a 5-2 scoreless drought on a book 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, and Iverson was driven for a foul as Iverson hit the floor hard, grabbing him.

Brandon or Peeler was open on Brandon's three-pointer to pull to 86-77. Jahidi White's 3-pointer as time expired with 12.3 seconds left in the second quarter cut it to 86-79.

The victory was the second biggest lead to that point.

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 E11ey 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 coach Donn Nelson. "But we were a little overconfident.

The Hornets stood on the court in disbelief after the shot while the Mavericks, led by broadcaster Marv Albert, sprinted across the court screaming in delight.

"Oh, man," a breathless Nelson said. "We 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 Morrison Petersen had 15 for the visiting Raptors.

San Antonio, which came into the game with the NBA's best home record, fell to 1-5 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 21-0 in the first half to free throw line on the night.

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

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

What 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."
NFL

Stoops not aiming for Browns job

Associated Press

TULSA, 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. "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 assistants 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 have or I don'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 pro."

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 routing 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 he had expressed 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 recruiting, 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.

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 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," Stoops said. "That's the nature of the beast. I think it's neat what our program was doing here. We got to do it 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."

Stoops took over in 1999 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 shared 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 — and it didn’t have to travel far to find him.

Jim Tressel, Youngstown State’s coach for 15 seasons, will be introduced as the Buckeyes’ new coach.

The 48-year-old Tressel accepted the job Wednesday, for Thursday to introduce the Buckeyes’ new coach. The 48-year-old Tressel — and it didn’t happen.

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 sold 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 1-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.”


In an interview last week, Tressel said the pressures at a 1-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 happy in the state of Ohio happy. Both are pretty hard.”

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**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.”

Tennessee’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 losing 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 a $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 Vols football program,” Fulmer said in a statement.
After a win, the Huskies are a Big East champion.

The Associated Press

STORRS, Conn.

Gene 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.

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 out of the AP poll.

Auriemma has had plenty of mail. But since Monday, "keep up the good work" e-mails have been "a real earful," he said Wednesday.

"It shows people have a tremendous passion for what's going on," Auriemma said Wednesday. The misses criticized Auriemma on everything from his sideline demeanor, lineup decisions to his "tacky" wristwatch. Auriemma said the only thing that bothered him was the shot about his watch.

"It's a Big East championship watch. I've got 10 of them," he said Wednesday. "When you win as much as we win 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 wept 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, Mariella, 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."

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", DeBartolo155*

Friday, January 19

6:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m. Stepform 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 Stepform 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*

*Denotes admission charge for ND/SMC students

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**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.

And 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 "drought called Modell called "The Dust Bowl."

"For 21 quarters we didn't score a touchdown, and everyone one wrote us off. To come where we came from, it was 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've 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.

"So why? 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 Starkes 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 other 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 on 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 Fassel and the players did in the offseason that unified the team," 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."

"It was like that in many of the four games, and the bonds on the Giants grew.

"I don't know if it's maturity or what you would call it," guard Run 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."
Tarheel treys lead North Carolina to 11th straight win

Associated Press

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — No. 6 North Carolina beat the longest shot 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 victory 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 (50-7, 1-3) has lost 21 of 24 overall against North Carolina since the 1990-91 season and fell to 0-0.6 in the Smith Center.

Will Solomon scored 15 points in the game’s opening 11:39 for the Tigers, but got just two of the rest of the way to finish with 17, extending his streak of double digits 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 double 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 76, Florida 72

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

Just 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, 3-4 Southeastern Conference) with 24 points as they won their third straight and handed Florida (11-7, 1-2) its first league loss at home in 14 games.

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 Udons Haslem missed a shot, the Gamecocks from South Carolina, 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 minutes 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, the second-half, and Jared Jeffries added 15 points as Indiana slaved 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 halftime, 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).

Gus Cline-Clairhead 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 was also a hero on defense, blocking two shots in the final minute.

Junior college transfer LaQuice Williams scored a career-high 20 points for Marshall (11-3, 3-1 MAC). J.R. Vanloro 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 Finnagina 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 could never revisit 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 knocked a 3-point attempt by Grunkemeyer in the closing seconds.
### Hoops

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Blair finished with 10 points for Saint Mary’s, but look 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 afraid 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 late in 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,” Paulino said. “Having them back provides depth and balance to our team which allows everyone to contribute.”

The goaltending merry-go-round seemed 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 goalies at the beginning of January that they need to work out this thing for themselves,” Paulino said. “Whatever 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 far 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.

### BOOK SLIDE XXX

**COMMISSIONER APPLICATIONS**

**Deadline Extended!!!**

**Applications Due Sunday, Jan. 21**

Pick up an application at the Student Activities Office at 314 LaFortune and sign up for an interview.

Check out the website for more info: [www.nd.edu/~bkstr/](http://www.nd.edu/~bkstr/)

### Registration

Registration begins Friday, January 19, 7:30am in the RSRC. 1-6100 with questions.

### Internship Fair

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Sponsored by The Career Center
No. 16 Irish say aloha with vacation wins

By ANDREW SOURKUP
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.'" According to Hulick, the vacation in front of the student body was "tightly packed" with rigorous training over ten days, and the Irish swimmers were ready to perform.

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.

"It was a great meet," said head coach Gretchen 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 Palmchak captured the 50-yard freestyle after finishing third in the 200-yard freestyle moments before. Elizabeth Doro, joined by her twin, captured the second place spot. The Belles then went 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 (1:00.24). Meghan Ramsey helped the team with her top finishes in the 100-yard butterfly and 500-yard freestyle.

The Belles were particular about the meet. "The times accommodated 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.

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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.

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Matching up against Al ma 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.

"We may not be swimming our best times, but a part of doing well is sacrificing early-season times for quality championship meet performances," said Janel Miller on the Observer Sports team. "We go out there every day in practice thinking, 'I'm going to make myself hurt for the team.'"

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 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 (1:00.24). Meghan Ramsey helped the team with her top finishes in the 100-yard butterfly and 500-yard freestyle.

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**RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 18**

The influence of the Renaissance era in art, music, and culture will be the focus of a session from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at North Hall. Participants will engage in activities that reflect the period's artistic and intellectual advancements.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 21**

A workshop on the science of alchemy will take place from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Great Hall. Attendees will explore the historical context and significance of alchemy in Renaissance society.

**TOM KEELEY**

**FOOTBALL**

**February 11, 2001**

In honor of Valentine's Day, a special event will be held for football fans. Details about the event will be announced closer to the date.

**BIL AMEND**

**SCHOOL OF BUSINESS**

**January 18, 2001**

A seminar on leadership and management will be conducted from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the auditorium. Participants will learn strategies for effective leadership in today's dynamic business environment.

**WILLIAM J. ORR**

**THINGS COULD BE WORSE**

**Tuesday, January 17, 2001**

As the world continues to evolve, the potential for change can be daunting. Here are some perspectives on how things could be worse:

1. The economy could enter a prolonged recession.
2. Climate change could lead to more frequent and severe natural disasters.
3. Health care costs could increase dramatically, leaving many without access to necessary medical care.
4. Political instability could lead to increased conflicts and international tensions.
5. Technological advancements could disrupt employment, leading to a significant increase in unemployment.

**JASON, HOW DO I TIDE ON THE CROSSWORD?**

**EUGENIA LAST**

**CROSSWORD**

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**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**

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

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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, toppling 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.

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