Jenkins’ pay remitted to Holy Cross

President’s salary among lowest of national university leaders’ compensation packages

By EILEEN DUFFY
Assistant News Editor

While some college leaders’ salaries are climbing into the millions of dollars, the total compensation for Notre Dame’s president was last registered at just $476,325. Whatever the sum, in University President Father John Jenkins’ case, it’s his religious order — the Priests of the Holy Cross — that reaps the benefits, not his bank account.

The Chronicle of Higher Education’s special “Executive Compensation” report lists the salaries of public and private university leaders. While reporters may access the 2006-7 measurements for public schools, figures for private schools become available when their tax forms are released, nearly two years later. The $476,325 number thus corresponds to University President Emeritus Father Edward Malloy’s final year, 2004-5.

Of the leaders in the 853 universities, colleges and specialized schools surveyed, Audrey Doberstein of Delaware’s Wilmington College — who stepped down in June of 2005 — garnered the highest pay, with a total compensation of $2,746,241.

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Engineering enrollment an issue for U.S., ND

By KAITLYNN RILEY
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In today’s increasingly technological world, the job prospects for engineers after college are plentiful, but at Notre Dame and at schools across the country, fewer students are choosing engineering as a career.

The critical need for young engineers nationwide and the decreasing numbers of engineering majors is the basis of a new guidebook for students and parents called “21 Things Every Future Engineer Should Know.”

James Merz, interim dean of the University’s College of Engineering, said there has been a decline in the number of students going into engineering since he attended Notre Dame in the 1950s.

The reason for the declining numbers, he thinks, is “lack of enthusiasm nationwide for going into engineering — a perception that engineering’s very hard, and ‘why should I work that hard?”

Catherine Pieronek, the director of Academic Affairs and the Women’s Engineering Program, said the enrollments in engineering schools have been declining since the mid-1980s.

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SIBC fundraiser dinner benefits Cambodia

By ROHAN ANAND
News Writer

During the past three days, the Student International Business Council has hosted three events commemorating Cambodia Awareness Week, shedding light on the continued economic and social devastation the country suffered after the Khmer Rouge incursions and genocide of the Vietnamese during the 1970s and 1980s.

On Tuesday night, the SIBC showed the film “521” and on Wednesday the movie “Bomb Hunters.” It also hosted a Thai/Cambodian dinner Thursday to raise money and awareness for its Protecting the Earth and Protecting Yourself (PEPFY) subdivision.

“We were so surprised and excited by the amazing turnout,” sophomore member Liz McLaughlin said. “It’s disturbing when you hear people ask if Cambodia is in Africa, so we’re really glad that we’re educating more people about the conditions there.”

PEPFY, which is a non-gov­ernment organization, was founded, and created by Notre Dame Class of 2002 alumna Daniella Papp, and its aim is to promote increased awareness of Cambodian society.

The Notre Dame chapter was created after senior SIBC member Tim Born volunteered in Cambodia two summers ago and met Papp during his time spent there.

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Student trains for Paralympics

Blind sophomore swimmer hopes to participate in the China games

By MEGHAN WONS
News Writer

Sophomore Ashley Nashleanas hasn’t let the fact that she was born blind interfere with her vision — her sights are set on making the U.S. Paralympic swim team for the summer 2008 games in Beijing, China.

Nashleanas has been swimming for a decade, and at just 20 years old, she has already competed in the Paralympic Games as the second-largest sporting event in the world, behind the Olympics. She swam the 50- and 100-meter freestyle as well as the 100-meter backstroke at the summer 2004 games in Athens. She was just a junior in

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Index rates countries’ assistance

Roodman stresses need to aid development

By EVA BINDA
News Writer

While attempts to measure just how much the world’s 21 richest countries are helping the development of poor countries can often seem tainted by opinion, Center for Global Development research fellow David Roodman claims there is an objective tool to judge this — the Commitment to Development Index.

Roodman spoke Thursday in the Hesburgh Center about the Index and the Center for Global Development, a think tank in Washington, D.C., founded in November 2001 that “focuses on what rich countries are doing to help poor countries,” looking primarily at government policy.

The Index takes size into account when considering countries, which explains why, for example, a small country like Denmark can rank higher than the U.S. or Canada.

“We’re interested in seeing if countries are living up their potential,” Roodman said.

Seven components go into the Commitment to Development Index: foreign aid, trade (specifically, openness to the exports of developing countries), investment, migration, environment, secu­
INSIDE COLUMN

Bleeding green, blue and gold

Whenever I meet someone for the first time and they learn that I am from Green Bay, Wis., I undoubtably get asked about one of the following three things: cold weather, the dairy industry or football. So let me

clear a few things up before I go any

further. It is not really cold out

side until the wind chill hits below zero. Happy cows come from Wisconsin, not

California — as a certain commercial

asserts. And yes, I will join my city in mourning by dressing in black for a

week when Brett Favre retires.

Growing up in Green Bay, the NFL’s

smallest city, football permeates nearly every aspect of life. We are the only community-owned major league professional sports team in America, with nearly 112,000 people holding stock in the Packers. Every Packer game at Lambeau Field has been sold out since 1960. The waiting list for season tickets is 71,500 people long. That adds up to 35 years.

Most Green Bay residents are placed on that waiting list a few minutes after receiving a birth certificate, and it is not uncommon to will Packer season tickets to a family member upon one’s death. School is cancelled for the parade and ceremony that follows a Super Bowl victory. It would be an understatement to say that the identity of our city revolves around the Packers.

When I first came to South Bend, I had no idea that I could find a place as similar to Green Bay. South Bend’s intense obsession with Notre Dame football constantly reminded me of my hometown, and I soon realized that the two teams had more in common than I thought.

The founder of the Packers, Curly Lambeau, attended Notre Dame before he established the Packers in 1919. While at Notre Dame, he played under the legendary Knute Rockne. Lambeau was no fool of his alma mater, as he chose navy blue and gold for the Packers’ original colors. Now, more than 80 years after the founding of the Packers, no other college has produced more Packer players than Notre Dame, with 50 total, including Heisman winner Paul Hornung.

Although the Packers’ origins have strong ties to Notre Dame, I think the most significant similarity is the dedication of their fans. Through the good, the bad and the ugly, Packer and Notre Dame fans are loyal to the end. We rejoice in the victories and feel the bitter sting of a particularly bad and the ugly, as the Packers wade through the swamps of football cities like Green Bay and South Bend so faithfully. They are the communities that support their teams through it all, instead of criticising the players as we do.

The true test of fans is how they react during the challenging times. Green Bay and Notre Dame fans have yet to fail that test, which makes me proud to be part of each community.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS THE BEST STATE IN THE UNITED STATES, AND WHY?

"A state of happiness." — Kristy King, Photographer

"Texas, even though we're bad enough to secede again." — Kevin Marvinac, sophomore, Siegfried

"Womping because it's really easy to win high school state championships -- any sport." — Phil Pezza, sophomore, Mortonssy

"Colorado, because it's hip to be a square." — Mike Masterham, sophomore, O'Neil

"Thrillinois, because of the Chi, baby." — Patrick Richel, sophomore, Dillon

Notre Dame students act out a scene during a dress rehearsal for this weekend’s play “A Piece of My Heart” in the Washington Hall Lab Theater. Half the proceeds for the show, produced by St. Edward’s Hall Players, will go to the American Red Cross.

IN BRIEF

Grele K. Knott Hall and the Class of 2009 will sponsor “The Aidan Project. Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom. Students can help make fleece blankets and hats to donate to local chemotheraphy patients.

The Student Union Board will be presenting the film “Accepted” tonight at 8 p.m. in DeBartolo 101. Tickets are $3.

All Basilica choirs will participate in Advent Lessons and Carols Sunday at 7:15 p.m. in the Basilica. This one-hour service will include seasonal music provided by the ND Liturgical Choir, Women’s Liturgical Choir, Basilica Schola, Folk Choir and Handbell Choir.

The Notre Dame Glee Club will perform its Christmas Concert Dec. 8 from 9 p.m to 10:30 in the Leighton Concert Hall in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets: $8, $6 faculty/staff, $5 seniors, and $3 all students.

Christmas at the CoMo Benefit Concert by the ND Celebration Choir is Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the first floor Coleman Nurse student lounge. International students will provide reflections of Christmas in their home countries. There is no admission charge, but a freiwill offering will be sent to St. Jude’s Primary School, Jinja, Uganda.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observers@nd.edu.

OFFBEAT

Legally blind woman, 94, bows a 244

CENTRALIA, Wash. — Esther Medley of Centralia is legally blind, but when she bowls she can glimpse a bit of the floor to line up with the lane.

Medley, 94, can’t see straight ahead, so her 86-year-old husband Ralph tells her which pins are left after her first ball.

That’s how Medley recently bowled a score of 244, which included eight strikes, at Fairways Lanes in Centralia. It was the second-highest score of the year for her league. The Medleys have been bowling in the senior league since 1979.

Man allegedly tries to put wife in oven

CONVERS, Ga. — A man has been arrested after allegedly trying to force his estranged wife into an oven on Thanksgiving in front of their five children.

Martin Luther Jackson, 31, of Decatur, has been charged with aggravated assault, aggravated battery, cruelty to children and possession of marijuana after the Nov. 23 incident, said Sgt. Jodi Shupe of the Rockdale County Sheriff’s Office.

Jackson and his 29-year-old wife, who have been separated since July, have five children ranging in age from 1 to 13 years old, Shupe said. Jackson apparently started fighting with his wife after she and the children returned to their Conyers home on Thanksgiving.

At one point during the fight, Jackson allegedly attempted to stuff his wife inside the kitchen oven, which had been left on to heat the house, Shupe said. The woman escaped and went to the sheriff’s office with visible head injuries, Shupe added.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

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Screenwriter lectures on success

‘Family Guy’ scripter, co-star preaches persistence, discusses challenges

By JOHN-PAUL WITT

News Writer

"Family Guy" writer and co-star Mike Henry shared a behind-the-scenes look at the life of a cartoon star with 80 audience members in DeBartolo Thursday.

"Stick to your guns," was Henry's advice to hopefuls.

"When you're 32 and broke, it's depressing, but I couldn't settle for anything else," he said. "If you can do anything else in the world besides being in Hollywood and be happy, do it. But for me, that was impossible." Henry's life was not one of instant success. He didn't land "Family Guy," and Henry attributes the show's success to "false starts and years of poverty." However, he said, after one year in New York, Henry decided to participate in the Dance Marathon and was eventually made a commercial for a friend's restaurant. This spot went on to win a national ad award, and Henry decided to head to New York to "get on Saturday Night Live."

Henry eventually met "SNL" creator Lorne Michaels and landed a job to create short films to air between programs. After one year in New York, Henry said he had accumulated nothing but "$30,000 in credit card debt." The success of his short films, however, led to an offer as a writer for the new show "Family Guy," created by Seth MacFarlane.

"Family Guy" premiered after the Super Bowl in 1999 — one of the most coveted time slots in television. Henry said — and the show has been wildly successful thanks primarily to support from college and middle-aged men.

"If you feel like your dream in life is to go out and do something crazy, do it, and keep at it," he said. Henry, a Catholic, said he hopes he won't go to hell for controversial "Family Guy" jokes, and added that he is "hate[US]."

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Battle of the Bands to support local groups

By MANDI STIRBONE

News Writer

The Dance Marathon Fundraising Committee will bring four bands to Saint Mary's Saturday night for a Battle of the Bands.

Harper's Valley, Solus and Solu, Katalus and Rebecca Schiappa will be battling it out for studio time, photo packages and gift certificates, said Frances Ruber, assistant director of Student Activities at Saint Mary's.

The event will take place in the Saint Mary's Student Center Lounge from 6 p.m. to 9, and costs $10 at the door. T-shirts will also be sold at the event for $10.

The bands are primarily composed of Saint Mary's and Notre Dame students with one band from outside of the schools. Notre Dame sophomores Ashley Ahn and David Lee form the band Solus and Solu.

"Weicher said. "It would be a good way to get the community excited for Dance Marathon," Voos said.

One hundred percent of the proceeds from the event, including T-shirt sales, are going toward Dance Marathon and Riley Hospital.

The Dance Marathon Committee plans to organize other fundraisers and events, including a dinner and a Mass at Saint Mary's. While it is also looking to plan an eating contest, a charity sale and a pasta dinner, events are all up in the air, said Dance Marathon chair Francesca Johnson.

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The highest-paid public university president was David P. Roselle at the University of Delaware, who will receive just under $1 million for 2006-7.

Of the 33 schools classified as research universities with "very high research activity," Vanderbilt University's E. Gordon Gee earns the highest sum — and the third-highest of all private universities — receiving about $1.2 million.

What's 2004-5? Malloy's salary, on the other hand, was second-lowest in the group.

"I would say that the $400,000 salary for the private institution is in the domain of normal, but maybe slightly low," said Paul Fain, a staff reporter at The Chronicle of Higher Education.

Presidential compensation, Fain explained, includes not only the base salary and retirement pay, but also deferred compensation — pay set aside by the institution not available to the president until he reaches an agreed-upon requirement. Performance and retention bonuses can also be added to the mix.

Whether the result of bonuses or normal salary increases, Malloy's compensation did rise from $386,264 in the 1996-7 fiscal year to the aforementioned $476,325, Fain noted.

But those increases didn't mean more money for Malloy, and they don't mean more money for Jenkins. What's growing, rather, is the common purse shared by the Priests of the Holy Cross.

"It's interesting that at religious institutions, the leader will donate his/her salary to the religious order," Fain said. "It's pretty unique in higher education, now.

Like all the Holy Cross priests at Notre Dame, Jenkins took a vow of poverty that requires him to donate any money he earns from employment to the order.

"A diocesan priest, like from a parish, doesn't take those vows, so he is able to own things," said Father Anthony Szakaly, the assistant provost for the Indiana Province of Priests at Notre Dame. "Given the religious order, Fain said. "That's why presidents of religious institutions, like Notre Dame, are so impressive, Fain said.

"There's a different ethos there. Notre Dame is a unique place," he said. "Religious institutions have a lot of credibility in some people's minds for their leaders not earning anything for doing these incredibly difficult jobs... At Notre Dame, you add the extra element. He is 'Father' Jenkins. He has to have moral leadership qualities that maybe you don't have at other universities. It's an extra role he has to play, and it makes it a really challenging job.

"The role of professor is one that Malloy continued to play throughout his presidency. Jenkins, on the other hand, taught his last philosophy course in the spring of 2003, before he was inaugurated president.

"He's got a big job and he's still new to it, so he's got a lot to learn," said Paul Weithman, chair of the philosophy department. "I would love to have him teaching for us because he's a very good teacher, but the most important thing he can do for us is be a good president.

"I'm most happy having him devote his time, attention and energy to that."

As Weithman noted, Jenkins' busy travel schedule and "very visible" role in the American Catholic Church might impede him from best fulfilling his professorial duties — but Weithman thinks Jenkins is finding other ways to do the very things teaching allows.

"Given what I know of him, I don't have any doubt he has ways to stay intellectually vital because he loves to read, think and write," Weithman said. "Also, one argument for teaching is it helps the president to stay in touch with the student... but I'm sure he's in touch with students anyway.

He also is in touch with his religious brothers, Szakaly said.

"Right now, Father Jenkins is being called to be president of Notre Dame before, Father Malloy was called to be president, now Malloy will be back in classroom, contributing in that way. We're all working together for the same goal of promoting the mission of Holy Cross in building the kingdom as God gives us the gifts to do so. Jenkins lives with us; he joins us for common meals and common prayer.

"He's part of our community in a very real way."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Annan calls for $4 billion in aid
UNITED NATIONS — Secretary-General Kofi Annan appealed for nearly $4 billion Thursday to help millions of people in 29 countries "whose lives have been crippled by conflict and calamity." He said the people in need — overwhelmingly poor children — "sit on the very margins of society" in places like Somalia, the Palestinian territories and Georgia.

"These 27 million individuals seek not a handout, but a hand up," Annan said at the launch of the 2007 humanitarian appeal. Their names may be unknown to us, their lives hidden from view, but their cry for our attention must not go unanswered."

Prime minister faces government revolt
BAGHDAD — Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki faced a widening revolt within his divided government as two senior Sunni politicians joined prominent Shi'ite lawmakers and cabinet members in criticizing his policies.

Vice President Tariq al-Hashemi said he wanted to see al-Maliki's government gone because "the country will plunge into war." Al-Maliki's No. 2, Deputy Prime Minister Salam Zikam Ali al-Zahabi, also a Sunni, argued that the president's government failed to curb the spread of sectarian violence.

National News

Rice objects to Indian nuclear fuel law
WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice says relations with India could never fully "take off" if Congress fails to satisfy White House objections to legislation that would allow shipments of U.S. civilian nuclear fuel.

Critics of the plan say the Bush administration wants to prevent them from being used for weapons purposes remaining restraints against the spread of nuclear weapons. The plan, which President Bush considers "a very important step" in decades of U.S.-India relations.

Rice's comments were expressed in a letter to leading lawmakers that The Associated Press obtained Thursday. Rice said the proposals "could compromise prospects for approval of the legislation. Lawmakers are trying to finish work on a final version of the bill before they leave for the year. They must reconcile competing bills passed by the House and Senate.

SeaWorld orca whale attacks trainer
SAN DIEGO — Some days, killer whales just lose up on the wrong side of the pool.

A 2 1/2-ton orca that dragged a trainer underwater during a show at SeaWorld may have been put out by a spat with another whale, grumpy because of the weather or just irritable from a stomach ache, according to marine mammal experts.

"Some mornings they just wake up not as will­ing to perform," said Jeff Fogg, the facility's veterinarian. "They may choose to not perform and make a smart decision to avoid injury.

Local News

Girl on trial for attempted murder
WASHINGTON — A 12-year-old girl accused of putting her sleeping mother's bed on fire and driving away in the family car with her two younger siblings wept and apologized Thursday for the actions that landed her in trouble.

The seventh-grader denied the allegations that she lit the fire, driving away with her siblings to escape a "punished" home environment.

"I'm sorry, Mom," she said, her voice quivering. "I'm sorry, Dad." "I wouldn't do it again," she added as she left the Juvenile Detention Center Thursday.

Turkey

Pope prays in Mosque with cleric

Benedict XVI hopes visit will help find 'the way of peace for the good of all humanity'

ISTANBUL — Pope Benedict XVI joined an Islamic cleric in prayers under the towering dome of Istanbul's most famous mosque Thursday in a pow­erful gesture seeking to transform his image among Muslims from adversary to peacemaker.

The pope's minute of prayer was done in silence, but the message of reconcil­i­ation was designed to res­onate loud­ly near­ly three months after he provoked worldwide fury for remarks on violence and the Prophet Muhammad.

"This visit will help us find together the way of peace for the good of all humanity," the pope said. "The way of goodness, of tolerance, of understanding.

The pope received a painting showing the Sea of Marmara and a glazed tile decorated with a dove. The mosque is officially known as the Sultan Ahmet Mosque after the Ottoman Sultan Ahmet I, who ordered its construction. But it's widely called the Blue Mosque after its elabo­rate blue tiles. Benedict, too, bowed his head and his lips moved as if reciting words.

Before the pope left, he thanked Cagrici "for four days of prayer."

"Let us pray for brother­hood and for all humanity," Benedict said in Italian.

The Vatican spokesman, the Rev. Federico Lombardi, said the mosque visit was added as a "sign of respect" to Muslims. "(A) Christian believer can pray in any place, even a mosque," Lombardi said, calling it an "intimate, personal gesture."

"The pope has offered wide-ranging messages of reconciliation to Muslims since coming to Turkey on Tuesday, including appeals for greater understanding and support for Turkey's effort to become the first Muslim nation in the European Union.

But Benedict also has set down his own demands. The pope repeated calls for greater freedoms for religious minorities — including the tiny Christian community in Turkey — and denounced divisions between Christians as a "scandal."

Benedict has made reach­ing out to the world's more than 250 million Orthodox a centerpiece of his papacy and has set the difficult goal of "full unity" between the two ancient branches of Christianity, which split in the 11th century over dis­putes including papal authority.

Associated Press

Pope Benedict XVI, with Muslim cleric, visited Turkey's Blue Mosque to pray Thursday in the second papal visit to a Muslim place of worship.

Group urges pullback of troops

WASHINGTON — A bipartisan com­mission on U.S. options in Iraq will recom­mend a gradual reduction of American forces in Iraq and a signifi­cant diplomatic shift that enlists U.S. advocacy to stabilize the anarchic country, officials familiar with the panel's deliberations have said.

The report will endorse troop with­drawals beginning as soon as early next year, including the 15,000 U.S. forces that the offi­cials said. U.S. forces could also be slowly repositioned away from the front lines.

The much-anticipated report is expected to provide political cover to President Bush to meaningfully shift his policies in an unpopular war. Yet advis­ers to the panel and others aware of its work indicated the recom­mendations will not be dramatically different from current policy or from plans already outlined during the administration.

Bush had repeatedly rejected a wholesale pullout or what he calls artifi­cial deadlines.

"The business about a graceful exit just simply has no realism to it at all," said Bush Thursday.

A former top U.S. official consulted by the commission said he expected the recommended withdrawal would not be conditioned on the Iraqi government establishing "political institutions," national security. Many remaining U.S. forces would be lighter support and intelligence, the official said, the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the panel's deliberations were private.

The approximately 100-page report will indicate the presence of U.S. troops is part of the problem in Iraq, said another official who also requested anonymity. The panel will demand more accountability from the Iraqi govern­ment, although it is not clear how prog­ress would be measured or if there would be specific benchmarks, the offi­cial said.

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Microsoft releases new Vista

Company's first operating system since 2001 to be available Jan. 30 for home use

NEW YORK — Microsoft Corp. launched its first new computer operating system in five years Thursday, saying that despite delays, the product's emergence is per-
fectly timed for PC users who increasingly need to coordinate information from a dizzying array of sources.

"I should probably say it's an exciting thing to finally be here, and that's all I'll say about the past," Ballmer said, before adding: "This is the biggest launch in our company's history, that's for sure."

Businesses that buy Windows licenses in bulk have spent crack at the new operating system or at upgrade discs for installing Vista on existing machines. Consumers won't be able to get Vista on home PCs until Jan. 30.

Microsoft and computer vendors contend that Vista will make PCs more secure and powerful, and especially, dynamically, especially when combined with other products Microsoft is releasing simultaneously. Those include new back-end servers as well as Office 2007, which brings sweeping changes to widely used programs such as Word, Outlook, Excel and PowerPoint.

Ballmer said the new offerings were suited to businesses that need to link staff members, documents and corporate data in far-flung locales and to manage information that comes in various formats over the Web.

The new version of Excel, for example, packs vastly increased number-crunching abilities. The Outlook e-mail app performs noticeably faster searches for tidbits jammed in masses of e-mail and integrates voice mail and instant messages when used with Microsoft software server.

"I think we really have the most comprehensive lineup our company has ever put in together," Ballmer said.

Much is at stake for Microsoft. Most of its rev-

eucnue and almost all of its profit come from Windows and Office, funding the company's sexier ventures in video games and music players and giving it the cash it needs to fight a wide world of rivals, from open-source startups to big names like Google Inc., Oracle Corp. and IBM Corp.

Microsoft shares fell 21 cents to close at $29.36 on the Nasdaq Stock Market. The most noticeable changes in Vista involve three-dimensional graphics and much better search capabilities, but the software also incorporates huge changes behind the scenes.

Programs have less access to the core of the operating system, closing a vulnerabil-

ity that malicious hackers have giddily exploited in the past. Vista also includes basic anti-virus software.

Of course, no software can be 100 percent safe, Ballmer said, saying it would be foolish to claim that Vista is hacker-proof. But he did promise big improvements: "The reduction in the number of vulnerabilities that ever present themselves will really be quite dramatic," he said.

Even with all the touted improvements, analysts expect Vista to only gradually appear on PCs, especially in big organizations where upgrading can be costly and complicated. Gartner Dataquest predicts Vista won't overwhelm the previ-

ous operating system, Windows XP, on business computers until 2010.

That's largely because big companies need to test internal business applica-

tions on Vista before switch-

ing, a process that Gartner analyst Michael Silver esti-

mates at 12 to 18 months in many cases.

And for many users, the changes in Vista — even when paired with Office 2007 — appear nice to have on new computers, but not must-haves.

Citrus industry feels Katrina effects

ANGELO — The largest sub-Saharan oil producer in Africa after Nigeria, said it will apply to join OPEC membership.

Indo, speaking to Dow Jones Newswires on Friday, December 1, and further cuts aimed at shoring up savings.

The shift began in May with the "O" from Motorola Inc., a slender handset with a full QWERTY keyboard for typing e-mail that Verizon Wireless introduced for $200 and now sells for as low as $100 — a price cut that happens to coincide with an increasingly crowded field of rivals vying for consumer dollars.

"I-Mobile struck twice over the summer with the launch of the Pearl, the first Blackberry with a camera and music features, and a hybrid cellular and Wi-Fi device called the Dash. Both were priced as low as $200, though the Dash can now be had for $150."

Angola applies for OPEC membership

Angola, Angola — the largest sub-Saharan oil producer in Africa after Nigeria, said it will apply to join OPEC next month, while the oil cartel's secretary general said Sudan also was poised to join.

OPEC, Secretary General Mohammed Barkindo, speaking to Dow Jones Newswires on Thursday on the sidelines of a producer's meeting in Egypt, gave no timetable for Angola or Sudan to join the group that has not welcomed a new member since 1975.

Joining offers prestige, but would mean adhering to OPEC production quotas — through members routinely violate the limits. OPEC agreed in October to cut total production by 1.2 million barrels a day to about 9.3 millions barrels a day as of that Jan. 1, and further cuts aimed at shoring up prices could be coming.

Oil prices are down about 20 percent since hitting a high above $78 a barrel in mid-July, though light sweet crude for January delivery rose 16 cents to $62.62 a barrel by Thursday afternoon in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Citrus industry feels Katrina effects

Stuart Bend, 1a. — Last year's hur-

ricane that ravaged Ben Bencel's citrus groves with saltwater, thrashed three of his greenhouses and workers' quarters, and destroyed or otherwise damaged hundreds of orange trees.

and was one of the lucky ones.

But recently in Fort Ward, Katrina and Rita left waste to entire communities, destroyed houses and livelihoods and threatening the future of the state's prized, niche citrus industry.

"We've lost a lot before," with hurricanes and freezing temperatures killing trees, if not groves, agricultural agent Alan Vaughs said. But this is different, he said: "With freezes, you could go back and plant trees. Now, the grove is the low man on the list, when you have to rebuild your house."

With harvest under way and the parish's weekend-long orange festival set to begin Friday, farmers like Bencel, with navel oranges and satsuma mandarins to sell, are trying to strong demand, while older producers such as 73-year-old Gerald Ragas are struggling to start over.

It will be at least four years until the small trees they replanted to replace some of the 450 trees he lost will begin bearing fruit.

"I've had people say, Are you out of your mind, Jerry?" said Ragas, who lives near Bellingham, Wash. "What am I going to do, sit in a recliner chair and grow stuff?"

Louisiana's citrus industry has a cult-

le, regional following and is known especially for its navel oranges. The first trees were planted during French colonial times, in the 1700s, but serious farming didn't begin until the 1850s.

Only about 1,330 citrus acres were planted statewide in 2004, tiny when compared to the hundreds of thousands of acres in industry leaders Florida, California and Texas. It's such a niche market that the U.S. Department of Agriculture only reports on Louisiana's industry every five years.
From approximately 1996 until 2000, there was a large dip in the number of engineering students at Notre Dame. Merz credited this predes­ sor, former dean Frank Lupecano, with reversing this sharp decline.

Incorpora started a cam­ paign to make engineering more interesting to freshmen who intended to declare it as their major. He created a new introduction to engineering class and the Learning Center to encourage their interest.

Engineering 111 prepares students for a major in engi­ neering, Merz said. Since the Class of 2009 took the course, the retention rate into greater, at approximately 55 percent, to approximately 75 percent for the Class of 2009. Merz said.

But there is a crisis of diversity for students to avoid engi­ neering as a major because of its difficulty, he said. “I would argue that too many students choose easier fields because they are easier fields,” Merz said.

Incorpora, the director of Academic Affairs and Women’s Engineering Program, has also questioned the educational institutions of the younger students. “If you lack that diversity of thought, you lack that number of women earning engineering degrees in this country, so you have stayed at approximately 11,000,” Pieronek said.

The change of the workplace is for women to be able to solve problems, much of the engineering workforce, you will have a lesser number of minorities go into engineering, she said.

Since the start of the pro­ gram, Pieronek said, the reten­ tion rate for women has risen. For the graduat­ ing class of 2006, the retention rate for women was approximately equal to the retention rate for men - a signifi­ cant increase, she said.

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ing her a valuable member of the U.S. swim team,” she said. While partic­ipating in the sport, she may be visually impaired or blind like Nashleanas, com­petitors face a variety of disabil­ities ranging from amputation to cerebral palsy. Rather, she first began training hard in the pool — “usually five to six days a week, three miles a day” — in order to be prepared for the April 2008 Paralympic trials. Nashleanas began her swim­ming career at the age of 100 back and perhaps the 400 freestyle, and said she preferred those distances over sprints.

When Nashleanas was digging so much time and distance in the pool, Nashleanas said she also worked closely with fellow hopeful Paralympic swimming com­petitor, second year political science graduate student James Fetter. Nashleanas said while she and Fetter are very close friends, they both relish the opportunity to work out together.

Fetter and Nashleanas are both working with Irish Aquatics master’s coach Annie Sawicki, Nashleanas said.

Nashleanas said the master­’s swim team provides Notre Dame students, faculty, alumni and local community members with the opportunity to swim competitively. Notre Dame’s Office for Students with Disabilities supports Nashleanas’ swim­ming by providing her with “tappers” for both practice and competition. The tappers stand at each end of her swimming lane. Using a pole with a tennis ball attached, they tap her head or shoulder at the appropriate time so she knows when to make her turn or to touch the wall, Nashleanas said.

Nashleanas said this was the only modification she could think of that she needed as a blind swimmer.

Balancing school work with her tough training schedule is “difficult,” she said. “The biggest challenge is just working through practice when you’re tired,” Nashleanas said. “But if you really want it, you’ve got to go for it.”

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(Pappy)’s enthusiasm for spreading awareness and developing the opportunities available for Cambodians in Cambodia,” Rann said. “I felt that the diverse, 200-member SIBC could help promote such projects at Notre Dame.”

SIBC mainly works to bene­fit Cambodian children, who are the first generation of a young population to survive after the Khmer Rouge devas­tation. PEPY hopes to build homes and schools to house and educate the children in rural and remote areas.

“There are more land mines than children in the entire country,” sophomore member Kate McDermott said. “There are even more than the amount used during World War II. I think that the $5 donation will go a long way.”

Well over 200 people showed up for the event. Many, like freshman Cassidy Blair, knew of friends who had volun­teered to give and wanted to learn more about the sit­uation in the poverty-stricken country.

“My friend’s sister works as a trainer in Cambodia,” she said, and “I’m so impressed that the SIBC is working for such a good cause.”
The event also had a special guest, Benitez’ cousin, the executive producer of Los Angeles-based Displaced Yankee Productions. Connell showed the trailer for the docu­mentary she has been working on for a few years, called “Small Voices: Stories of Cambodia’s Children.”

“The film focuses on the plight of street and garbage-dump children,” Connell said, “and explores how the children view themselves, their lives and their future.”

Connell and her fellow pro­ducers selected five Cambodian children to be the subjects of the documentary. Interviewing, interacting with and filming the children, she said, has “been life altering.”

“Standing in the city of Phnom Penh, Meanchey,” she said, “and seeing barefoot and dirty children digging through garbage, where medical waste is dumped off, was horrifying.”

PEPY members are also exploring the option of work­ing with Cambodian Children’s Fund (CCF) and a non-profit organization that rescues abandoned children.

“I’m looking into the option of interning with the CCF next summer in Cambodia,” junior Allison Fleece said. “It will require me to teach English to orphans, which may not be easy, but I’m definitely going to convince my mom to let me go.”

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It ended up 12th on the index overall. The Netherlands took the top position this year, and Japan finished at the bottom of the list, which included 21 countries.

“The key message is that helping is more than aid, aid is more than quantity, and every country can do better,” Roodman said. “The big countries, which can make the biggest difference, are not stepping up to the plate.”

Roodman holds a bache­lor’s degree in theoretical mathematics from Harvard.

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Ticket problems remain unsolved

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Zahm
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Zahm Hall more than just a building

In The Observer’s recent article about Zahm Hall ("Zahm struggles with culture shift, Nov. 29"), the Zahm Hall rector Dan Parrish describes what Zahm was like when he arrived in 2003: “It was like when he arrived in 2003, Zahm appeared to be a pigsty, carpet, and messy weight rooms if they are with some friends in a place where they feel at home.”

This reflection describes many of the former residents of Zahm who feel that the dorm is more than just a place to sleep and study. The dorm is a place where they can form friendships, create memories, and explore their own identity. It is a space that has been shaped by the students who have lived there, and it continues to evolve over time.

The debate over the current state of Zahm Hall reflects a broader conversation about the role of tradition and change in college life. As the article notes, “the dorm’s ‘unofficial traditions’ are ones that are supposedly disappearing. The differences from Jim Kinsey’s time that I would like to reminisce of the good old days.”

The dorm’s traditions are an important part of its history and identity, but they are not static. As the article explains, “the dorm’s ‘unofficial traditions’ are ones that are supposedly disappearing. The differences from Jim Kinsey’s time that I would like to reminisce of the good old days.”

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All these moments have become part of Notre Dame football lore, though most of them haven’t been seen by fans in the context of their full games. Yet all of these great moments are collected and exhaustive set collects seven and a half of Notre Dame’s greatest victories from 1966 to 1993, each presented in its entirety (with one exception).

The games included on the set are:
- The Green Jersey Game (1977 regular season vs. USC)
- The 1978 Cotton Bowl vs. Texas
- The “Chicken Soup Game” (1979 Cotton Bowl vs. Houston)
- The “Catholics vs. Convicts” Game (1988 regular season vs. Miami)
- 1989 Fiesta Bowl vs. West Virginia
- The “Snow Bowl” (1992 regular season vs. Penn State)
- The “Game of the Century” (1993 regular season vs. Florida State)
- The second half of the “Game of the Century” (1996 regular season vs. Michigan State)

A glance at the rosters of these games indicates just how powerful Notre Dame was between 1977 and 1993. Joe Montana, Rocket Ismail, Tony Rice, Bob Golic, Ken MacAfee, Aaron Taylor, Chris Zorich, Michael Stonebreaker, Reggie Brooks, Rich Mirer and Jerome Bettis all make appearances.

While there admittedly some games missing from this set (the 1973 Sugar Bowl against Alabama, the 1980 game against Michigan, the 1992 “Cheerios Bowl” against Florida), the contexts on this set are indeed among the most classic and legendary in Notre Dame — and therefore, college football — history.

The most entertaining game on the entire set may be the Snow Bowl against Penn State, which marked the end of the 1992 regular season. In a swirling snowstorm, the Irish, led by Rick Mirer, Reggie Brooks and Jerome Bettis, fought a young Kerry Collins-led Penn State in a defensive struggle. Trailing 16-9 late in the fourth, Mirer led the Irish down the field before finding Bettis in the endzone. Holtz then elected to take a risk — go for two points and the win. Mirer took the snap and dropped back almost 15 yards before finding Reggie Brooks in the back corner of the endzone for the unlikely win.

There are at least two games on the set which reach almost epic proportions — the 1988 “Catholics vs. Convicts” against Miami (arguably the greatest game in Irish history) and the 1993 “Game of the Century” against Florida State. In both contests, Notre Dame held off late rallies by batting down passes by the respective opposing quarterbacks (Steve Walsh in 1988 and eventual Heisman winner Charlie Ward in 1993). Watching Holts and his coordinators defensive coordinator Barry Alvarez in 1988 and Rick Minner in 1993 match wits against Jimmy Johnson and Bobby Bowden is a special treat. Additionally, it’s marvellously funny to see Bobby Bowden and Joe Paterno coaching during their heyday more than a decade ago when the young coaches were in their mere 60s.

Oddly enough, a lot of memorable plays (particularly from the Holfz years) didn’t actually come from any of these games. No Tim Brown returns, no big Bettis runs, no electrifying Rocket returns. Yet the games presented were arguably more complete, and also showed how underrated Tony Rice was as Notre Dame’s last Championship quarterback.

Most of the presentations were taken from their cable broadcasts, though Bob Costas’ classic introduction to the Game of the Century is noticeably missing. Also, unsurprisingly, Keith Jackson and Brent Musburger — announcers on some of the games — were no less annoying than they are now.

The most intriguing game on the set is the 1966 matchup between Notre Dame and Michigan State. Though the picture quality isn’t the greatest and it only contains the second half of the game, it still stands as one of the most bizarre and frustrating ties in football history. The Irish were without their starting quarterback and tailback and fought back to tie the game at 10-10, with Parseghian’s conservative choice to sit on the ball (and thus, the tie) going down as a memorable and controversial decision.

The box set itself is fantastic. Each of the games is shown in its entirety and the quality of the presentations is generally very high, though the 1977 Green Jersey Game has a considerable portion of the game which is far fuzzier. The set is sparse on special features, but with eight complete games, it doesn’t really need any. Notre Dame’s football tradition, as presented, speaks for itself.

For Irish fans, this set is a blessing. While the Notre Dame faithful hope and expect Charlie Weis to bring the Irish back to the top of the football world, with this set they can look back at some of the program’s glory days and wake up the echoes in the comfort of their home.

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Charlie "The Athletic" in his own words - write a book

and a lime, this promises to offer an inside look into an interesting life.

When many expected him never to read one? The book is equal parts football and life stories.

Alongside books written for an older readership, Holtz also wrote a book for pre-teens and teens. "A Teen's Game Plan for Life" promises to offer moral guidance in a style suited to a younger crowd. Promoting those values closest to Holtz such as loyalty, clean living and a commitment to God, this book has been very successful with younger readers. Holtz has a particular expertise in guiding young minds, thanks to his career as a college football coach. His goal of molding boys into men can be applied to the lives of other young readers.

Alongside Holtz stands the future of Notre Dame - Charlie Weis. Never one to be outdone, Weis has just released his first book co-authored with Vic Carucci, entitled "No Excuses: One Man's Incredible Rise Through the NFL to Head Coach of Notre Dame." The title itself is evidence of Weis' allegiance to the University. To consider it, Weis had nothing to do with the title, but it is interesting nonetheless.

This book follows Weis' career from coaching high school in New Jersey to coaching at Notre Dame. During the interlude, Weis had a successful tenure as an NFL coach. First coaching under Bill Parcells as the defensive assistant and assistant special teams coach with the New York Giants, Weis began accumulating the knowledge needed to be successful. He won the first of his four Super Bowl rings that year as the Giants defeated the Buffalo Bills.

When Parcells left the Giants for the New England Patriots, Weis followed and became the tight ends coach for two years, the running backs coach for one year and the wide receivers coach for one year. Weis then followed Parcells to coach the New York Jets where he became offensive coordinator. Parcells decided to retire in 1999 and Weis was hired by Bill Belichick as the offensive coordinator. Here he won three Super Bowls until finally landing in South Bend as the Notre Dame head coach on Nov. 30, 2004.

This book also explores Weis' personal life and discusses issues he has had with his weight and his family life. He discusses the relationship he has with his best friend and wife, Maura, his "best buddy and son," Charlie Jr., and his "guiding angel" and daughter, Hannah. Weiss and his wife have started a foundation called Hannah & Friends, which helps families with special needs children.

These two coaches have gone through many hardships that most people have not experienced and their lives provide excellent examples of how to face hardship and succeed.

From Holtz's stories growing up in a poor family to Weis' experiences raising a special needs child, everyone can find some inspiration in his or her life. The books are not the men themselves, but it is a way to find a part of them outside of the coaching careers they are most known for.
Kessel scores game-winner in Bruins victory

Thrashers wing Marian Hossa snaps first career hat trick as Lehtonen shuts out Toronto in a 5-0 rout in Atlanta

Scott Mellany and Brad Larsen also scored for the Thrashers, who snapped the Maple Leafs’ eight-game winning streak in the series by handing Toronto its first shutout of the season.

It was Atlanta’s first win over the Maple Leafs since a 3-2 overtime victory on Oct. 27, 2003, in Toronto. The Maple Leafs outscored the Thrashers 37-9 in their eight straight losses, including a 4-2 victory on Oct. 30 in Atlanta.

Hossa ended his personal history of frustration against Toronto with his first hat trick ever for Atlanta. Hossa leads the NHL with 20 goals this season, but he had only one goal and one assist in his last nine games against Toronto, a streak that began before Hossa’s 2005 trade to Atlanta from Ottawa.

Carolina 4, Montreal 2

Justin Williams and Eric Belanger scored less than a minute apart in the third period to lead the Carolina Hurricanes past the Montreal Canadiens on Thursday night.

Erik Cole added a pair of goals off his own rebounds for the Hurricanes, who stayed on the attack almost the entire way. Carolina finished with a season-high 48 shots to keep steady pressure on Montreal goalie Cristobal Huet throughout, while Belanger corralled the puck and flipped a shot by Huet from the right side of the net at 13:13.

The Canadiens struck first when Ryder took a short pass from Guillaume Latendresse and beat Ward from the right side of the crease midway through the first period.

Washington 4, Dallas 3

Ole Kоеning made 35 saves and withstood a third-period rally to finally defeat the only NHL franchise he had never beaten when the Washington Capitals posted a victory over the Dallas Stars on Thursday night.

Richard Zednik, Chris Clark, Matt Pettinger and Alexander Semin scored for the Capitals, who won their second straight after six losses. Jakub Klepis had two assists.

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Jokinen halved the lead 41 seconds into the second period, flipping the puck past Kolzig from high in the slot.

Boston’s Phil Kessel battles Toronto’s Kyle Westwood in the second period of Thursday’s 4-3 Bruins win at the Air Canada Centre. Kessel later scored in a shootout to lead his team to a win.

BOSTON — Tim Thomas saved all seven shots in the shootout and Phil Kessel scored on Boston’s seventh attempt, giving the surging Bruins a 4-3 win over the Tampa Bay Lightning on Thursday night.

Brad Boyes, J.P. Aubin and Glen Murray scored and Patrice Bergeron had two assists for the Bruins, who beat Tampa Bay for the third time this season and halted a four-game losing streak.

Eric Perrin and Vincent Lecavalier each had a goal and an assist and Martin St. Louis also scored for the Lightning (13-12-1), who lost their second straight after winning three in a row.

Boston came back from deficits of 2-1 and 3-2 to force overtime despite being outshot 31-22 in regulation. Tampa Bay has won just twice in its last 23 games in Boston.

Thomas saved 31 shots in regulation before turning away all seven Lightning attempts in the shootout to win his third consecutive start. He improved to 10-5-7 after winning only one of his first six decisions.

Boston improved to 3-2 in shootouts.

Atlanta 5, Toronto 0

Marian Hossa had three goals and an assist, Kari Lehtonen stopped 36 shots and the Atlanta Thrashers beat Toronto on Thursday night for their first victory over the Maple Leafs in more than three years.

Huet finished with 44 saves. The Hurricanes had lost three of four, prompting coach Peter Laviolette to meet with his players in groups after Wednesday’s practice and discuss ways to get the Stanley Cup champions refocused. The Hurricanes responded with a strong effort, surpassing their previous season high of 40 shots — set three times — before finally pushing ahead with the scores from Williams and Belanger.

The Thrashers had lost three of four but came out on top after six losses. Jakub Klepis had two assists.

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Toronto 6, Florida 0

Dany Heatley had two goals and an assist and Ray Emery made 31 saves for Ottawa’s first shutout of the season in the Senators’ win over the Florida Panthers on Thursday night.

Mike Fisher, Chris Kelly, Andrej Meszaros and Anton Volchenkov also scored for Ottawa, which won its second straight. The Senators, who moved one game over .500, have won seven of eight since getting off to a 7-11-1 start.

Two children attending the game were sent to hospital — as a precaution — after plexiglass shattered in front of them when Senators defenceman Chris Phillips checked Florida’s Stephen Weiss into the boards early in the first.

Heatley scored a power-play goal 2:37 in, then made it 2-0 with his team-leading 16th goal at 8:52.

Fisher scored a short-handed goal at 17:37 to increase the lead to 3-0, and Ottawa added more goals in the second.

Emery got his fourth career shutout and first since March 19, when he stopped 22 shots in a 4-0 win at New Jersey.

Rosiland Oszcz came close to spilling the shutout when he hit the left post with 3:30 remain­

Florida, which lost 1-0 in a shootout on Wednesday, was a 2-6 underdog on Thursday night.

Tomas Vokoun played 33 minutes after being beaten twice in the shootout. Bellows stopped 11 of 13 shots, allowing Vermette’s ninth goal 16:10 into the second.

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**MLB**

Ex-Ranger Adam Eaton pitches to Eric Chavez of the A's in a July 9 game last season. The 29-year-old Eaton agreed Thursday to a three-year contract worth $24.5 million with Philadelphia.

**Phillies sign Eaton to three-year deal**

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Pitcher Adam Eaton and the Philadelphia Phillies finalized a $24.5 million, three-year contract on Thursday. A first-round pick by the Phillies in 1996, Eaton is 54-45 with a 4.40 ERA in seven major league seasons. He has been on the disabled list six times in his career, but the Phillies are banking on the right-hander to fill out their rotation.

Eaton, who turned 29 on Thursday, is 4.40 with a 4.12 ERA in 13 starts in his only season with Texas, making $4.65 million. He won 11 games in consecutive seasons with San Diego before he was traded to the Rangers last December.

Eaton solidifies a promising rotation that includes Brett Myers (12-7, 3.91 ERA), Cole Hamels (9-8, 4.08), JonLieber (9-11, 4.93) and Jamie Moyer (11-11, 4.30 with the Phillies and Seattle).

"He stabilizes our rotation and will complement the rest of our staff nicely," general manager Pat Gillick said. "The Phillies' only other free-agent signing so far this offseason was infielder Wes Helms, who got a $5.45 million, two-year deal. Gillick wanted slugger Alfonso Soriano, but the Chicago Cubs bid everyone else for the five-time All-Star."

"Going into next week's winter meetings, the Phillies want to upgrade their bullpen, add a catcher and still hope to find a right-handed hitter to protect NL MVP Ryan Howard in the middle of the lineup."

Gillick wouldn't comment about reports that the team backed out of a deal with reliever Joe Borowski after he was given an extensive physical. Borowski went 3-3 with a 3.72 ERA and 36 saves in 72 appearances for the Florida Marlins last season. Medical situations are tricky to talk about," Gillick said, adding the team has made proposals to other relievers.

Eaton's best season was his final one with the Padres. He went 11-5 with a 4.27 ERA in 22 starts in 2005 after going 11-14 with a 4.61 ERA in 33 starts the previous season.

Eaton had elbow surgery in July 2001 and didn't return until the following September. He missed several starts in '03 with a strained middle finger and didn't make his first start with Texas until late July because of the same finger injury.

**In Brief**

**Gophers coach Monson resigns after slow start**

MINNEAPOLIS — Dan Monson resigned as the men's basketball coach at Minnesota on Thursday, one day after the Gophers' fifth straight defeat left them with their longest losing streak in more than 40 years.

Assistant coach Jim Molinari will take over as interim head coach.

The Gophers fell to 2-5 with a 90-68 home loss to Clemson on Wednesday night. Minnesota's streak is its worst in nonconference play since a six-game slide during the 1962-63 season.

Monson, who received a $1.1 million buyout from the university, said "a new voice" was needed.

"I think at the end of the day as a coach, if you're not putting the players first, if you're not putting the university first, you're not doing the job. And I'm trying to do my job here."
Bengals top Ravens on Houshmandzadeh TD

Cincinnati's win means AFC North title is still in contention; Bengals defense looks significantly improved

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Maybe T.J. Houshmandzadeh is right after all.

Houshmandzadeh caught a 40-yard touchdown pass on a flea-flicker that caught Baltimore off-guard, allowing Cincinnati to beat the Ravens, 13-0, on Nov. 5, the biggest win in franchise history.

With a chance to win the AFC North title outright, Baltimore offense came apart, crossing midfield only once in the first three quarters.

Keiswn Ratliff clinched it by recovering the onside kick after Baltimore's only score.

All of it supported Houshmandzadeh's main point: Right now, Cincinnati (7-5) just might be the better team.

After the Ravens won 26-20 on Nov. 5, the long-haired receiver insisted that everyone knows the Bengals are better. He repeated it again this week, getting a rise out of some of the Ravens. Safety Ed Reed suggested that (7-5) just might be the team.

The Ravens were in no position to argue after Houshmandzadeh caught 10 passes for a season-high 106 yards, including the trick-play touchdown that made it 13-0 early in the second quarter, and all but ended the defense to dig in on a rainy night.

The Bengals don't usually resort to trick plays — their offense has enough firepower to beat teams straight-up. They did something different against one of the league's nastiest defenses.

On their first drive of the second half, Palmer handed off to Rudi Johnson, who then lateralled the ball back to quarterback. Houshmandzadeh was well beyond the coverage when Palmer let fly with the flea-flicker that caught Baltimore off-guard.

Reed was the only player close to Houshmandzadeh when he caught the ball at the 12 and ran untouched into the end zone.

Palmer had a solid showing against a defense that led the league in interceptions, ranked second in sacks, was third in points allowed. The Ravens rarely got to Palmer, who was only sacked three times in 12-of-32 for 234 yards with only two sacks. More stunning was the Bengals' defense.

Cincinnati's defense plum-meted to last in the league rankings after giving up 42 second-half points to San Diego and nearly 600 yards to New Orleans. The defense got itself straightened out during the shutdown in Cleveland, its first in 17 years.

It was even better against Baltimore. Cincinnati crossed midfield only in the first half, and came away empty when Matt Stover missed a 29-yard field goal in the closing seconds. He made the kick on his first try, but the Bengals strategically called timeout just before the snap.

On the second try, holder Sam Koch struggled with a bad snap and the kick went wide left. Only Stover's second miss in 21 tries this season.

The Ravens knew then that it wasn't their day. By contrast, Shayne Graham connected from 23 and 27 yards in the first half, giving the Bengals an early lead and a chance to relax.

Baltimore played the second half without returner B.J. Sams, who broke the fibula in his lower right leg while returning the kickoff. His right foot twisted awkwardly, and he was taken off the field on a cart with his right ankle in a protective boot.

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SEC commissioner balances conference with BCS

Slive maintains that role with BCS is not a conflict of interests

Associated Press
NEW YORK — As Southeastern Conference commissioner, Mike Slive's job is to be an advocate for his members at bowl time. He believes being Bowl Championship Series coordinator does not change that.

The SEC is in prime position to get two teams in the BCS when the pairings are released Sunday. The winner of the SEC championship game between Arkansas and Florida on Saturday receives an automatic bid.

LSU was fifth in the last BCS standings, right behind Florida, and will be in the mix for an at-large berth in one of the five big-money bowls.

Slive said all commissioners have a responsibility to promote their teams to bowl officials.

"As commissioners, we talk with bowls about our teams, and we talk about how good we think they are, we talk about the fan base. I talk about the fact in the SEC that we had over 6.8 million people to our games this past year, and we just wanted to make sure that everyone knows all there is to know about the Southeastern Conference," Slive said Wednesday during a teleconference.

The SEC champion will play in the Sugar Bowl, unless Florida can catch some breaks and reach the national title game. LSU could be looking at a Rose Bowl bid.

"I think you advocate as a commissioner, and as a BCS coordinator, my role is to make sure that the system works properly, fairly and equitably," Slive said.

Slive reiterated he's open to discuss changes in the current BCS systems, including the plus-one model which would set the championship game after the big four bowl games are played.

In the current system, the top two teams after the regular season meet in the BCS championship game.

For the first time this season five BCS games will be played instead of four. The championship game will be played on Jan. 8 in Glendale, Ariz., about a week after the Fiesta, Sugar, Rose and Orange bowls are played.

Slive also said that the BCS should not influence a conference's decision whether to play a league championship game. Of the original six BCS conferences, the SEC, Big 12 and Atlantic Coast Conference play title games, adding an extra difficult game to their schedules. The Pac-10, Big Ten and Big East do not.

"One of the premises of the BCS is that every conference has the right to figure out how it wants to determine its champion," he said. "We (in the SEC) enjoy a championship game and we can't dictate to any other league that they have to have a championship game. So we have to put together our priorities and obviously we would love to win the national championship, but we certainly value and hold highly our (championship) game."

Arkansas tailback Darren McFadden, right, tries to evade LSU defensive end Ryan Willis in the first quarter of Arkansas's 31-26 loss to the Tigers Nov. 24.
Chai said, “I remember thinking as I went into the tunnel, ‘I don’t ever want to feel this.’ I don’t want anyone on that team to feel that.”

And Bruins center Robert Tibbetz chimed in. “It’s been way too long. It’s got to stop some-
No. 16 Notre Dame takes on 12 teams in tournament

This weekend’s Ohio State Invitational will test the Irish as the team tries to improve on its program-best No. 16 ranking

By CHRIS HINE
Spokes Writer

Things are looking up right now for the men’s swimming and diving team.

Notre Dame is off to a 4-0 start this fall in its dual meet schedule and is currently ranked No. 16 in the latest College Swim Coaches Association of America (CSCAA) poll — the highest ranking in the program’s history.

Head coach Tim Welsh, however, knows this can all change quickly.

“If we keep improving, the rankings will take care of themselves,” he said. “If we don’t, then they’ll go the other way.”

Notre Dame will have the chance this weekend to see how much it has improved over the last few months as it heads to Columbus to take part in the Ohio State Invitational.

The event will feature 12 teams, but only five universities will send both swimming and diving teams. Among them are two other CSCAA ranked teams, No. 7 Minnesota and No. 12 Ohio State round out the top-25 competition, while No. 18 Purdue — who the Irish defeated 156-144 in a dual meet Nov. 2 — will only send its diving team.

“We’re looking forward to the challenge,” Welsh said. “That’s why we came. We want to race in the fastest possible field and make our fastest swimmers work really hard.”

The meet will include 15 individual events and five relays, with the relays counting for twice as many points as the individual events.

“The format is the same for the Big East meet and the NCAAs,” associate head coach Matt Tallman said. “We’re trying to get everyone prepared for that.”

Leading the way for the Irish this year with seven individual wins is senior Ted Brown. Brown has excelled in a variety of events, spreading his seven wins over five different events — the 200-yard (free, 200 IM, 200 fly, 500 free and 1,000 free).

Fellow senior Tim Kegelman also has seven wins overall, including five relay wins.

The Irish have also benefited from the performances of their new team members. Sophomore Jeff Wood has five relay wins and individual wins in the 200-backstroke and 100-backstroke in dual meet competition, while freshman John Lyle has also has five relay wins to go along with dual meet wins in the 100 and 200-yard freestyle.

“I think from top to bottom, this is the best team we’ve had,” Tallman said.

Welsh said he tries not to let the early successes get to the swimmers’ heads by criticizing their progress.

“Each guy has a list of things they can improve upon,” Welsh said. “There’s always room for improvement.”

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles look to shake off loss to Hope against Vikings

Team faces second of five contests on road

By BILL BRINK
Spokes Writer

Fresh off a 67-42 loss to Hope in its first conference game, Saint Mary’s will try to regroup in its second of five games on the road against North Park tonight.

The Belles continued to be hampered by turnovers, losing possession 29 times against Hope. The youth of the team factored into the prevalence of turnovers, said head coach Jennifer Henley, but it was not the only culprit.

“We need to do a better job of recognizing defense before passing,” she said.

The Belles face a tough Viking offense led by senior guards Laura Mount and Lauren Martin. Martin shoots a fiery 60 percent from three-point range, and Mount leads the team in scoring with 16.7 points per game. Stopping them will be a challenge.

“We need to contain Martin Friday night,” Henley said. “She is a very good shooter. We will have to find her in transition and make her work for every shot.”

The Belles are up to the task, however. The Saint Mary’s defense held Hope junior guard Jordan Boles — who has shot 43.8 percent of their field goal attempts — to just six points 3-of-11 shooting.

“Boles is a great player. We told the team to find her in transition and not give her any help off of her,” Henley said. “Alison Kessler guarded her most of the evening and she really did a nice job on her.

Even if the defense performs well, the Vikings — who sink 43.8 percent of their field goal attempts — will ensure that the game will be a shootout. Saint Mary’s must keep up on offense as well.

“We always want to look to score in transition and have that up tempo style of basketball,” Henley said. “We will rely on our defense and rebounding to back up that of Martin, Mount and junior forward Eve Peterson.

For this to happen, Saint Mary’s offensive leaders — Kessler and senior guard Bridget Lipke — will have to perform better than against Hope if they combined to shoot 19 percent from the field.

“Hope focused on shutting down Lipke and Kessler, like we expected to them,” Henley added. “They have been our leaders from the beginning.”

In addition, the post players will have to do a better job of producing and making their presence known.

“We have been telling our post players all season that they need to step up and be a factor,” Henley said. “Anna (Kammrath) did a great job on the boards for us and got some easy buckets.”

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish prepare for first round of NCAA tourney

Notre Dame will travel to Madison tonight to take on the Badgers in its 15th consecutive postseason appearance

By DEVIN PRESTON
Sports Writer

Notre Dame kicks off NCAA Tournament play with a match at No. 10 Wisconsin tonight at 8 p.m. Facing such a highly ranked team in the first round of the tournament will challenge Notre Dame, but the Irish are ready to go up against Wisconsin.

Sophomore guard Debbie Brown knows her team will have to bring its best against the Badgers.

"They're a strong team, no question," she said. "They have good net play and blocking. I think they're one of the top five blocking teams in the country right now."
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starting four of the Wolverines seven games this season. She is second on the team in both points per game (8.9) and rebounds per game (5.4).

"Phillips has done a lot of good things. She’s definitely somebody who’s going to be a force for us just because of her size (six-foot-6)," McGraw said. But Phillips is not the only Wolverines freshman making an impact. Freshman starting guard LeQuisha Whitfield has started all seven games for Michigan this season, averaging 9.4 points per game in 19.3 minutes.

Even with these two freshmen, the Wolverines have a veteran-heavy lineup that returns all five starters from last season as well as 10 letter winners. But McGraw said Notre Dame’s combination of veterans and freshmen will also be effective in Ann Arbor.

"We’ve got some veterans and we certainly start a veteran player in on it," McGraw said of her team’s road woes this season.

"We’re looking forward to see what kind of things we can change up on gameday, maybe getting on a bus will be better. It’s pretty simple to get it on the plane," McGraw said.

One of the things McGraw has stressed this season is her team’s rebounding. Notre Dame has struggled at times on the boards, and despite four big home wins, the team has been unable to box out opponents. The Irish have been outrebounded 36.3-37 against consistently smaller opponents.

"We’re really trying a lot of new things and doing a lot of different things. It’s really challenging," McGraw said.

"We’re watching a lot of film to see what we can do better on the boards," McGraw said.

Even though the Irish have had trouble getting the ball off the glass, they have been able to put it in the hoop in their four wins this season. The team has outscored opponents 86-87, giving up less than 70 points to every opponent but one.

The game against Michigan is the first of a three-game stretch against Big Ten opponents for the Irish, who will follow the Wolverines with home games against in-state rivals Indiana and Purdue on Thursday and Saturday, due to the football banquet being held in the Joyce Center on Friday, December 1, 2006.
would be good,” sophomore forward Kerri Hanks said. Irish coach Randy Waldrum, who will be taking Notre Dame to its fourth Final Four in eight years as head coach, said that although expectations are high for his top-ranked squad, he doesn’t expect it to be affected by the pressure. “There’s no added pressure to get this far because we expected this,” Waldrum said. “Just the fact that we’re Notre Dame sometimes adds pressure and when you add the ‘No. 1’ tag to that, we always get the other team’s best effort.” For the Irish upperclassmen, this weekend represents a chance to win their second national championship in three years. Notre Dame beat UCLA for the 2004 title, but has made the College Cup Semifinals in three of the last four seasons. Last season, it fell 4-0 to UCLA in the semifinal. “Florida State’s got a really good team and a really up and coming program,” Waldrum said. “They’re very athletic.” The Seminoles beat Clemson 2-1 last Friday to advance to this year’s semifinals. Florida State is led offensive­ly by forward Selin Kuralay. The junior from Melbourne, Australia has scored 13 goals and dished out three assists so far this season. Freshman midfielder Becky Edwards leads most Seminole counterattacks, finding open teammates to the tune of eight assists this season. Florida State will play a defensive style against the aggressive Irish, relying on a defense that has allowed just .59 goals per game this season and has registered 11 shutouts. “They’ll bunker in and look to counter-attack,” Waldrum said. “We’re going to have to be aggressive defensively because they’ll put a lot of people in the box.” If the Irish can get by the Seminoles, they will face either the Bruins or Tar Heels. UCLA (21-3) is appearing in its fourth semifinal in four years, while North Carolina (25-1) is looking to add to already impressive tradition in women’s soccer. The Tar Heels have won 18 national titles in the 25 years since the NCAA started award­ ing women’s soccer National Championships. “You look back and it’s North Carolina, North Carolina, North Carolina,” Hanks said. “We have tremendous respect for them and their program.” North Carolina’s only loss this year came on Aug. 25, 1-0 in double overtime against Texas A&M in College Station. The Tar Heels have won 25 straight games since then, shutting out 15 opponents.

Notes: • Both the semifinals and final this weekend are expect­ ed to draw more than 7,000 fans, easily the largest crowd the Irish have played in front of this year. “The crowd shouldn’t be a big deal,” senior captain Kim Lorenzen said. “It’ll be just like any other big game.” • Today’s game will be telev­ ised live on ESPN 2 and car­ ried on tape delay on ESPN 2 at noon on Saturday. Sunday’s contest will be televised live on ESPN 2.

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ND Women's Basketball

ND hopes to get first road win

McGraw has team ready for Ann Arbor

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

After going 0-2 with 53.5 points per game in its first two road matchups this season, Notre Dame is ready to turn this trend around tonight at Michigan. The Irish (4-2) are coming off a big win against Richmond Tuesday night, while the Wolverines (5-2) look much improved after winning only four games all of last season. "They're off to their best start in a long time," McGraw said. "They've got a new sixth player — freshman center Kristal Phillips — who's really changing the game for them. Phillips has been able to take over games despite only

ND Women's Soccer

Gone to Carolina

Irish travel south for last two games of the NCAA College Cup

By CHRIS KHOREY
Associate Sports Editor

No. 1 Notre Dame is 24-0-1 this season.

The Irish have outscored their opponents 82-8 and recorded 18 shutouts, including not allowing a goal in the last three tournament games.

Right now, however, none of that matters.

Notre Dame will travel to Cary, N.C., for a College Cup semifinal matchup with No. 5 Florida State 6:30 p.m. today at SAS Soccer Park.

If the Irish get past the Seminoles, they will take on the winner of No. 3 UCLA and No. 1 North Carolina for a chance to reach the one goal Notre Dame has focused on since August — the national championship.

"We've done everything we possibly can so far, so if we can win the whole thing, that's going to be our goal," said Bob Knight, head coach of the U.S. Olympic women's national team.

Irish freshman Michele Weisenhofer, far left, celebrates with her teammates after scoring one of her three goals in a 4-0 victory over Penn State in a NCAA quarterfinal matchup Nov. 24.

Irish face two big tests in Terps and Illinois.

ND Men's Basketball

Team tries to bear Nanooks

No. 16 Alaska swept the Irish during last trip to South Bend

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

In the Inuit language a nanook is a polar bear, but in Inuit mythology Nanook was the master of bears — the power that determined if hunters deserved success in the pursuit of their prey, and a fitting nickname for the team that out-powered Notre Dame last season.

The Nanooks of the University of Alaska played the role of their mythological forebear last year and decided that Notre Dame did not deserve to move on to the second round of the 2006 CCHA playoffs, sweeping the Irish out in a first round series at the Joyce Center.

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