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 reported at just $476,325. Whatever the sum, in University President Father John Jenkins' case, it's his religious order — the of the Priests of the Holy Cross — that reaps the benefits, not his bank account.

The Chronicle of Higher Education's annual "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, near 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 Dwight 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 BIELY
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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 a 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, 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?'"

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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 Global 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 "S21" 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 (PEPY) subdivision.

"We were so surprised and excited by the amazing turnout," sophomore member Lie 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."

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

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

"I was really impressed with the Cambodian people," Pappy said.

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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 Nashleenas isn't letting 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.

Nashleenas has been swimming for a decade, and at just 20 years old, she has already competed in the Paralympic Games — 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 high school.

"I hope that I get the opportunity to represent the United States in the Paralympics," Nashleenas said.

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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, security, and the World Bank’s Index of Business Competitiveness.

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Blind sophomore Ashley Nashleenas holds on Olympic flag in her room Thursday. She may compete in the 2008 China Paralympics.
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 undoubtedly 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 outside until the wind chill hits below zero. Happy rows come from Wisconsin, not California — as a certain commercial asserts. And yes, I will join my city in mourning by the Packers 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 so 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, Carl Zimmermann, attended Notre Dame before he established the Packers in 1919. While at Notre Dame, he played under the legendary Knute Rockne. Rockne was no fan of big-time football. 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 my most significant similarity in this dedicat­ion of their fans. Through the good, the harsh defeat, but regardless of what happens on the field, nothing can alter our commitment to them. That’s what makes football cities like Green Bay and South Bend so special. They are communities that support their teams through it all, instead of cities full of bandwagon jumpers who are only fans when their team has a successful season. 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?

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"Womging because it’s really easy to win high school state championships — it’s not sport."

"Thrillinois, because it’s hip to be a square."

"State of denial — enough said.”

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.

OFFBEAT

Legally blind woman, 94, bowls a 244

CENTRALIA, Wash. — Esther Medley of Centralia is legally blind, but when she bowls she can glimpse a bit of the lane 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 Fairway 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.

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IN BRIEF

Circle K, Knott Hall and the Class of 2009 will sponsor "The Time Travel Project" tonight from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom. Students can help make fleece blankets and hats to donate to local chemotherapy patients.

The Student Union Board will be presenting the film " Accepted" tonight at 8 p.m. in Dibelauto 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 of 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 mower student lounge. International students will provide reflections of Christmas in their home countries. There is no admission charge, but a free will offering will be sent to St. Jude’s Primary School, Jinja, Uganda.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, visit our detailed information about an event at observenews@nd.edu.
Screenwriter lectures on success

‘Family Guy’ scripiter, 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 hopeful Hollywood aspirants.

"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 the full-time job writing for "Family Guy" until he was 32, and that was only after many false starts and years of poverty.

"Family Guy" is a popular cartoon on the Fox network entering its sixth season of production, but Henry attributes the show's success to the fact that each episode takes 10 months to produce.

"Being rewritten for months and months makes our jokes much stronger than a normal sitcom, which is shot in a week and can't be re-shot," he said.

The concept which drives "Family Guy," Henry said, is both the desire to "make fun of everything" and the idea that each individual joke will only be understood by 10 percent of the audience — but that 10 percent will enjoy the joke that much more.

Henry joked how his career in Hollywood began by working at the Gap. As a 25-year-old bent on breaking into show business, Henry said he eked out a meager living doing stand-up comedy, waiting to be noticed after moving to Los Angeles.

After three years, he moved back to his home in Virginia and made a video of himself acting as what is now the "Family Guy" character Cleveland. From this small beginning, he said, he started flashing parodies of popular commercials for a film class and eventually made a commercial for a friend's restaurant. This spot won him a national ad award, and Henry decided to move 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 sell to specialty magazines. 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.

Henry said the show faced cancelation from a hostile Fox studio in 2002, but the sale of three million "Family Guy" DVDs that year gave it enough momentum to continue.

The reason why many people with potential fail, Henry said, is that they don't try hard enough.

"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 being a co-star on "Family Guy," referring to the show's controversial characters.

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Mike Henry
writer and co-star
"Family Guy"

Battle of the Bands to support local groups

By MANDI STIRONE
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 Sola, Katius and Rebecca Schiappa will be battling it out for studio time, photo packages and gift certificates, said Frances Bruder, 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 Sola.

Harper's Valley is made up of six Notre Dame students: junior Will Weicher, sophomore Chris Terschluse, senior Chris Urban, junior Chris Doolin, senior Jim Weicher and junior Rob Mitro.

The band viewed this as a last hurrah since Will Weicher and Doolin are both going abroad next semester, Will Weicher said. The band played at Dance Marathon last year, and after some Saint Mary's students e-mailed group members, they decided to participate in the Battle of the Bands.

The band can be classified as rock/jam and plays everything from classic rock to 90s pop, Weicher said.

Schiappa, a Saint Mary's freshman, heard about Battle of the Bands through an e-mail sent to Saint Mary's students and was interested. Schiappa described her original lyrics as funny and "SNL-like," saying they're meant to be "just kind of joking around in an awkward way."

Dance Marathon Fundraising chair Sarah Voss and her committee are heading up the Battle of the Bands, the first big public fundraiser for Dance Marathon. The committee is hoping to raise about a thousand dollars and draw 200 people, Voss said.

"It would be a good way to get the community excited for Dance Marathon," Voss 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 chalkboard sale and a pasta dinner, these 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 earned the highest sum — and the third-highest of all private universities — receiving about $1.2 million in 2004-5. Malloy's salary, on the other hand, was the second-lowest in the group.

"I would say that the $400,000 or normal salary increases, Malloy's compensation did rise from $260,264 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 common purse. 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 provincial for the Indiana Province of the Holy Cross Priests, which is headquartered in South Bend. "We don't own anything ourselves — everything we have belongs to the province, to the Holy Cross.

"We give everything we have, and we take what we need from the common purse."

In addition to funding the priests' personal expenditures, money from the common purse is used to care for the retired religious. The Indiana province also donates to the general administration, headquartered in Rome, as well as its missions in East Africa and Chile.

"Obviously, Father Jenkins is president, and his salary is a significant one," Szakaly said. "But, it's not the only salary. All of our priests — whether in a parish or high school or at University of Notre Dame — all their salaries come into the common purse.

That common purse will likely be growing, if presidential salaries like Jenkins' stay on the rise. Fain said the increase reflects just how hard presidents work.

"These jobs are really tough, even people who are critical of high presidential pay recognize that," he said. "They're working 18-hour days, fundraising, interacting with everyone from lawmakers to parents to the faculty. There is a sense among some presidents that 'I want to be taken care of. I want to have my family taken care of. I want to be comfortable.' And 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 president 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 good bit 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 to failed states

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 women and children — "subsititute the very margins of society" in places like Somalia, the Palestinian territories and Congo.

"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 faces a growing revolt within his divided government as two senior Sunni politicians join prominent Shiite lawmakers and Cabinet members in criticizing his policies.

"The problem is that the deteriorating security and everything is moving in the wrong direction," the Sunni leader told The Associated Press. "This situation must be resolved as soon as possible. If they continue, the chaos will spell the end of the war."

Al-Maliki's No. 2, Deputy Prime Minister Salim Zaidi Ali al-Zahabi, also a Sunni, argued that the president's government failed to curb the spread of sectarian politics.

National News

Rice objects to Indian nuclear fuel law

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said Thursday that she is concerned the legislation that would allow shipments of U.S. civil nuclear fuel to India failed to satisfy White House objections to legislation that would allow shipments of U.S. civil nuclear fuel to India.

Critics of the plan say the Bush administration wants to remove what they say are the few remaining restraints against the spread of nuclear weapons. The plan, which President Bush considers a priority, would reduce decades of U.S. anti-proliferation policy.

Rice spokesman Adam Ereksis said she was in communication with leading lawmakers that The Associated Press observed Thursday. "The administration could craft comprehensive legislation that would gain the support of the administration and the American people."

Families of 9/11 victims rewarded

SAN DIEGO — Some days, killer whales just seem to wake 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 spate 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 do the show as others," said Ken Balcomb, director of the Center for Whale Research.

Local News

Girl on trial for attempted murder

ABINGTON, Mass. — A 15-year-old girl convicted of murdering her sleeping mother's bed on fire and driving away in the family car with her two younger siblings wept and embraced her mother during a hearing on juvenile charges of arson and attempted murder.

The seventh-grader denied the allegations during Wednesday's hearing before Miami County Juvenile Court Judge Ellen Cagrici, the head cleric of the world's largest Islamic community in Turkey — and then a coveted prize of calligraphy and Christian Orthodox Christians andскиপনা. Hours earlier, he stood beside the spiritual leader of the world's Orthodox Christians and passionately encouraged steps to end the nearly 1,600-year divide between their churches.

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 Ahmad Mosque after the Ottoman Sultan Ahmet I, who ordered its construction. It's widely called the Blue Mosque after its elaborate blue tiles.

The pope presented the imam with a mosaic showing Pope Benedict XVI, with Muslim clerics, visited Turkey's Blue Mosque to pray Thursday in the second papal visit to a Muslim place of worship.

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A staff member of Microsoft Switzerland demonstrates the American company's latest software, the 2007 Microsoft Office and Windows Vista.

In Brief

'Smart' phones offered at lower prices

NEW YORK — In a blink of mere months, the mobile "smart" phone has been transformed from pricey corporate gadget to an affordable alternative for ordinary folk.

In the last month alone, Cingular Wireless has unveiled three devices priced as low as $200 (after jumping through the assorted contractual hoops and rebates). That's well below the $300 to $500 that BlackBerrys, Treos and Pocket PCs have generally fetched even with promotional savings.

The shift began in May with the "Q" 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 helped the Q to coincide with an increasingly crowded array of devices,

The companies are jockeying for position as the shift in consumer behavior toward "smart" phones begins to gain steam. Consumer spending on new computers, but not new phones, when paired with Office and Word, Excel and PowerPoint.

The new version of Excel, for instance, packs vastly increased number-crunching capabilities, but the software also incorporates huge changes behind the scenes. Programs have less access to the core of the operating system, closing a vulnerability that malicious hackers have giddily exploited in the past. Vista also includes anti-virus software. Microsoft now has giddily exploited in the past. Vista also includes anti-virus software.

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That's largely because big companies need to test internal business applications on Vista before switching, a process that Gartner analyst Michael Silver estimates 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 but not necessary to have on new computers, but not must-haves.

Citrus industry feels Katrina effects

Alan Vaughn said. But this is different, he said: "With freezes, you could go back and plant trees. Now, the groove 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 Becnol, with navel oranges and satsuma mandarins to sell, are trying to fill strong demand, while older producers such as 73-year-old Gerald Raggs are struggling to start over.

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

Opening an hour-long demonstration and press conference at the Nasdaq Stock Market, Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer acknowledged that Windows Vista should have been out long ago.

"I should probably say it's an exciting thing to finally be here, and that 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 cracked at the same time, 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 vendor companies contend that Vista will make computers more secure, full-blown and graceful, but the product remains parochial, especially when combined with other products Microsoft is releasing simultaneously. Those include new back-end servers for businesses as well as Office 2007, which brings sweeping, sweeping changes to widely used programs such as Word, Outlook, Excel and PowerPoint.

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And he was one of the lucky ones.

For months, in Plaquemines Parish, Katrina and Rita laid waste to entire communities, destroying 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
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There is an under-rep­resentation of minorities in the engineering workforce, you might see that the number of students exposed to engineers and thus opportunities for minorities go into engineering," he said.

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Part of the problem with attracting students lies in a public relations problem for engineers, Merz said. A new initiative at the University is to begin the process of more engineer­ing majors if Admissions doesn't admit more engineer­ing majors, he said.

Since it is right on Notre Dame Avenue, it will be a mar­velous public relations institu­tion for the College," he said.

The new building will be located between McEnery Hall and the Irish National Heritage House for International Studies. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2008 and be complet­ed by 2010.

Engineers will continue to do "a lot of absolutely critical things for society," Merz said, and Notre Dame engineers will graduate into a good job mar­ket.

"Every report we get is that employers want to hire Notre Dame engineers," he said.

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Engineers

The American economy has thrived for the past 50 years or so because the country has been so successful at technological development, said. Without the people to come up with new ideas, this innovation movement will be hampered.

"It's really hard for an economy to grow when you don't have new ideas — you don't have the next iPod or the next amazing communications device. And without engineering talent those things aren't going to happen.

Catherine Pieronek, director, Academic Affairs and Women's Engineering Program

Incorporating women into engineering, Pieronek has also questioned why more students are not entering the engineering field, especially women. 50-51, the retention rate in sopho­more year has increased substantially, rising from approximately 55 percent to approximately 75 percent for the Class of 2009, Merz said.

Women make up 24.6 per­cent of the undergraduate students enrolled in the College of Engineering. Throughout the University, they account for approximately 47 percent of students.

To encourage women to enter engineering and support them during their years in the college, the "Women's Engineering Program was established by women engineers of Class of 2006, Pieronek said.

The program is a way for older students to mentor younger students, Pieronek said.

"If the younger students see that the older students have gotten through and have thrived and are getting good jobs, they are more likely to believe they can do it," she said.

Since the start of the pro­gram, Pieronek said, the retention rate for women has risen. For the graduat­ing class of 2007, the retention rate for women was approximately equal to the retention rate for men, a significant increase, she said.

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rity and technology. These components are all weighted equally, which can create controversy, Roodman said. "The main purpose of this tool is to create communication and stimulate discussion. The biggest advantage for not weighting the components is to make it easy for people to understand," Roodman said. "I've heard people argue that [a particular component] should be weighted more heavily for each one of these components so I think it's balanced.

When looking at foreign aid, Roodman insists that aid is more than quantity. Quality of aid is important, he said, which means looking at how democratic the governments are and whether or not the aid is tied.

"For example, if the United States gives aid to Uganda, there could be strings attached. If you take this money, you have to suspend on it American contractors," Roodman said. "That's why the aid, which reduces the quality of the aid because it prevents the ability to shop around. The United States is one of the worse offenders."

Another example of the limitations of benefits of foreign aid is shown through the relation to trade, which includes tariffs and subsidies.

"In May 2005, the United States gave 90 million dollars to tsunami relief," Roodman said. "The three countries that benefited most pay about five million dollars in tariffs to the United States, so you could say the United States backed its money in six months.

Ultimately, Roodman said, all of the components have their own rewards and downsides. Although the U.S. ranked high in the areas of trade and investment, it ended up 13th 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 bache-

lor's degree in theoretical mathematics from Harvard.

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Research fellow for the Center for Global Development David Roodman discusses foreign aid in the Hesburgh Center Thursday.

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Ticket problems remain unsolved

Notre Dame demonstrated serious ticket mismanagement this week when it announced it would cut by half or more the amount of tickets reserved for parents of students under the current system. Parents could apply for two sets of four tickets, traditionally for one game in the middle of the season and the last home game of the year. The new rules will ensure parents who have a specific game preference get two tickets to that game, but no more. According to the athletic department's release, instead of a maximum of eight tickets a year, parents will now get four at most — and likely just one.

That’s a shame. Josh Berio, the department's director of ticket operations, said the move was to give more groups access to Irish football games. The facts, however, contrast sharply with Berio's summation. The new policy has four “designated games” — the two games for current parents, an early-season game for “senior alumni” and the final home game for “alumni family.” That increased access, however, is going to people who already had it.

While the 1994 Viewpoint page with Reverend Robert F. Griffin’s column, “Letters to a Lonely God,” fell from a shelf when I searched for my passport this third time in November that Griffin had intruded into my life, his words on that page were the first of his thoughts. He had written that, at the age of 69, he finally took his first bed without the assistance of others.

He wrote, "If I am lucky enough to make it, I know that I will die on the luck. Would I would not be in any way able to stand life. Griffin almost never corresponded with others, yet I received a letter from him the summer after my graduation. Griffin’s love and selfless life, almost to the very end. He asks for four angels — one to watch, one to pray and two to bear his soul away. He concludes, "May flies of angels sing me to my rest, though not soon."
Zahn shift unwanted, unnecessary

My name is Mark Marquez and from 1999 to 2003 I lived in Zahm Hall. In my time in Zahm Hall, I served on the Freshman Orientation Committee and was a mon­­itor at Zahm Hall Foodsales my senior year. My years as a Notre Dame student and then employee here brought me some of the happiest moments and best memories of my life. But I was deeply sad­­ened upon reading the article “Zahn struggles with culture shift” because the article describes the growing indifference and apathy now associated with being a Zahmbie.

While I was a student at Notre Dame, Zahm did have the “Animal House” rep­­utation, but I also knew that Zahm was the Zahm Hall spirit. I do believe that Zahm was beloved by any student, even if they never lived in the dorm. I can say that I would much rather see Zahm when it is empty of residents. In the dorm, and as a community constitutes one of the strongest bonds a Notre Dame student could have, and with the building empty I truly felt that there was a tragedy.

For sure, you have been accept­­ed at the University of Notre Dame as a student, there is a reason for it. Every year, I read about the average SAT scores getting higher every year as well as the statistics on students at Notre Dame being better and better each year. It is not like Notre Dame has “undesirable” students any more. But the point you make is a fair cry from an actionable offense worth­­y of sending students to Residence Life. In my time at Notre Dame, I never felt that Zahm was a “whipping boy,” nor did I. I never felt that anyone dis­­liked or misunderstood the students, and I don’t con­­done any type of physical abuse, or waking up freshmen the night before midterm or finals, but that is the best thing about Zahm. It does not matter if parents get the wrong idea about Zahm from some security guards, they will find out soon enough from their kids that Zahm is a place for students to live — they are the most important part. And they don’t care about torn carpets, old refrigerators and money weight rooms if they have friends in a place where they feel at home. It does not matter if parents get the wrong idea about Zahm from some security guards, they will find out soon enough from their kids that Zahm is a place for students to live — they are the most important part. And they don’t care about torn carpets, old refrigerators and money weight rooms if they have friends in a place where they feel at home.

I can’t believe I’m writing this letter. According to Webster’s dictionary:

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CLASSICS OF NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL LORE ON DVD


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 in A&E’s new eight-disc set, “University of Notre Dame Fighting Irish — Collector’s Edition (College Football’s Greatest Games).” The mammoth 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” (1985 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” (1993 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 great games missing from this set (the 1972 Sugar Bowl against Alabama, the 1989 game against Michigan, the 1992 “Cheerios Bowl” against Florida), the contests 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 Rich 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 Holtz and his coordinators (defensive coordinator Barry Alvarez in 1988 and Rich Mirer in 1993) match wits against Jimmy Johnson and Bobby Bowden is a special treat. Additionally, it’s marvelously 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 Holtz 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 Champs­hip 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 announce some of the games — were no less annoying then 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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Two of the most recent and most prominent Notre Dame coaches, Lou Holtz and Charlie Weis, are also published authors. They have written on an array of topics from discussions of their own lives, their goals and careers as coaches and general life strategies. Both men are considered morally upright, and their books have done well on the market.

One of Lou Holtz's earlier books is "Winning Every Day: The Game Plan for Success." Published in 1999, this book is equal parts football and life lessons. Using strategies that Holtz has earned being a football coach for a top-tier program, he discusses how to use these strategies in everyday life.

Finding focus and commitment to tasks is similar to attacking an opposing team on the gridiron. Summing up the goal and themes of the book, Holtz says, "Your talent determines what you can do. Your motivation determines how much you are willing to do. Your attitude determines how well you do it."

In "Winning Every Day," Holtz discusses his rags-to-riches past, from growing up in a poor river town and having nothing to becoming coach at one of the most revered academic and athletic institutions in the nation — and his ensuing success in this capacity. He outlines what he calls his "WIN" strategy (What’s Important Now). For the person struggling in a new job, a new residence situation or any other difficult life situation, this is a book that's for a guy that has seen just about everything.

In 2006, Holtz decided to write an autobiography, and "Wins, Losses, and Lessons: An Autobiography" was the product. Coming from the man who is the only coach to lead six different college football teams to a bowl game, the winner of the Coach of the Year award three times and the ninth game, the winner of the Coach of the Year college football coach of all time, this promises to offer an inside look into an interesting life.

How did a 135-pound, rail-thin man become one of the best coaches in college football history? How did a non-scholarship athlete with nothing to becoming coach at the University of Notre Dame? This book follows Holtz's career from growing up in a poor river town and a well-educated person is ultimately more important than being a good football player. Although Holtz earnestly cared about the game, it never became more important than his relationship to his players, his family and God.

Alongside Holtz stands the future of Notre Dame football — 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 a rise from the NFL to Notre Dame is an example of how much Notre Dame means to Weis. Granted, he may have 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 Bowl rings 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. Weis 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.

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NHL
Kessel scores game-winner in Bruins victory
Thrashers wing Marian Hossa snags first career hat trick as Lehtonen shuts out Toronto in a 5-0 rout in Atlanta

Associated Press

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, E.J. Akrebon and Glen Murray scored and Patrice Bergeron had two assists for the Bruins, who beat Tampa Bay for the third time this season and improved to 10 of 11 overall.

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 all 74 shots in Boston. Thomas saved 31 shots in regulation but turned away all seven lightning attempts in the shootout to win his third consecutive start. He improved to 10-5-2 after winning only one of his first six decisions.

Boston improved to 3-2-1 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.

Scott Mellanby 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 wins, including a 4-2 victory on Oct. 30.

Hossa ended his personal history of frustration against Toronto with his first hat trick 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 for his own off his own rebounds for the Hurricanes, who stayed on the attack almost the entire way. Carolina finished a season-high 48 shots to keep steady pressure on Montreal goalie Carey Price, who finished with 30 saves in his fourth straight start and fifth in six games.

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.

With the score tied at 2, Williams took a pass from Ray Whitney and flipped a backhand shot at the net from near the right circle for the go-ahead score at 12:27 of the third. Then, after a battle along the boards in the Montreal zone, Belanger corralled the puck and flipped a shot at the net for a 2-1 lead at 13:13.

The Canadians strike 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 Kolof 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.

Kolof, who won his 255th career game, had 0-9-1 against the Minnesota/Dallas franchise before handing the Stars their season-high 13 consecutive loss. Dallas had been beaten the Capitals five straight.

Jussi Jokinen each had two goals and Sta Bureau also scored for Dallas, which dropped its fourth consecutive road game.

Sedof and Clark tallied 1:52 apart in the first period for a 2-0 lead. Zednik’s fourth goal of the year put the Capitals up 1-0 at 13:35 into the game. No one picked Zednik up along the right wing and he snapped a short pass from Brooks Laich past Mike Smith from the right circle.

With Washington on a power play, Klepis won the puck in a scrum along the boards and fed Clark, who scored from between the circles at 14:47.

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

Ottawa 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 Antoine Vermette also scored for Ottawa, which won its second straight. The Senators, who moved one

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five 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 a 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.

Beatley 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 period.

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

Rodillas Ovecz also came close to spoiling the shutout when he bit the left post with 3:30 remain.

Florida, which lost 1-0 in a shootout (6-0-9-2), has lost five straight and been held to one goal in its last three games.

Alex Auld allowed five goals on 17 shots before he was replaced by Ed Belfour 6:01 into the second. Auld, who made his third straight start and fifth in six games, earned his second career shutout two nights earlier despite losing after he was beaten twice in the shootout.

Belfour stopped 10 of 13 shots, allowing Vermette’s ninth goal 16:10 into the second.

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**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.**

**Oregon State University coach Mike Riley has a 23-year-old son who is a star quarterback. The coach has walked off the field in frustration before and said he didn't think the game was as bad as that.

**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.

Assistance 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 skid is its worst in nonconference play since a six-game slide during the 1962-63 season.

Monson, who received a $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."

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

**MLB**

**Arizona Diamondbacks**

- Arizona Diamondbacks coach Bob Brenly will return to broadcast the Diamondbacks home games for ABC Sports in 2007.

**Boston Red Sox**

- The Red Sox agreed to a $1.75 million, two-year contract with left-handed reliever Hideki Okajima. Okajima, a 33-year-old Japanese pitcher, is expected to join the team next week.

**Chicago Cubs**

- The Chicago Cubs have signed outfielder Jermaine Dye to a one-year, $3 million contract.

**Chicago White Sox**

- The Chicago White Sox have traded pitcher John Danks to the Chicago Cubs for pitcher Carlos Marmol.

**Cincinnati Reds**

- The Cincinnati Reds have signed pitcher Bronson Arroyo to a one-year, $3.5 million contract.

**Cleveland Indians**

- The Cleveland Indians have signed pitcher Mike Clevenger to a one-year, $1 million contract.

**Colorado Rockies**

- The Colorado Rockies have signed pitcher Jeff Suppan to a one-year, $3 million contract.

**Cubs**

- The Chicago Cubs have re-signed pitcher Carlos Marmol to a one-year, $1 million contract.

**Detroit Tigers**

- The Detroit Tigers have signed pitcher Max Scherzer to a one-year, $1.5 million contract.

**New York Mets**

- The New York Mets have signed pitcher Scott Schoeneweis to a one-year, $1 million contract.

**Philadelphia Phillies**

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Bengals top Ravens on Houshmandzadeh TD

Associated Press

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

Houshmandzadeh caught a touchdown pass and ran the ball on a flea-flicker that caught Baltimore off-guard, sparking Cincinnati to a 13-7 victory Thursday night that kept the AFC North title up for grabs.

Sam Koch struggled with a bad snap and the kick went left, only Stover’s second miss in 21 tries this season. The Ravens knew then that 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 returning 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 brace.

Bengals defense had a lot to do with it.

Coming off a 30-0 win in Cleveland, one of the NFL’s lowest-ranked defenses held Baltimore scoreless until Steve McNair threw a 36-yard touchdown pass to Derrick Mason with 1:01 to play. No Cincinnati defense had ever gone seven quarters without allowing a point.

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

Keivan Ratliff clinched it by recovering the inside kick after Baltimore’s only score.

All of it supported Houshmandzadeh’s main point: Right now, Cincinnati meted to last in the league into the end zone.

Houshmandzadeh caught 10 position to argue after getting a rise out of some of the Ravens. Safety Ed Reed suggested that Houshmandzadeh should just shut up.

The Ravens were in no position to argue after Houshmandzadeh caught 10 passes for a season-high 146 yards, including the trick-play touchdown that made it 13-0 early in the second half, and all 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 lateraled the ball all the way back to quarterback. Houshmandzadeh was well beyond the coverage when Palmer let fly with the flea-flicker pass.

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

Palm had a solid showing against a defense that led the league in interceptions, ranked second in sacks and was third in points allowed. The Ravens rarely got to Palmer, who was 22 of 35 for 327 yards 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 a timeout just before the snap.

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NFL
NCAA FOOTBALL

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 and we know they are," Slive said Wednesday during a teleconference. "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."

The SEC champ 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 fairly, and 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 SEC 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.
Belles prepare for DePauw Invitational meet

Saint Mary's swimmers have put up outstanding times this season but are focused on team success this weekend

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Halfway through a season filled with great individual success, the Belles will compete today and Saturday in the DePauw Invitational, a 10-team meet hosted by DePauw University.

The Belles have four swimmers who rank in the top-10 fastest times in their events. Sophomore Melissa Gerbeth ranks first out of 20 swimmers in the 1,650-yard medley and second in the 200-yard freestyle. Senior Sara Niemann ranks sixth in the 200-yard backstroke and ninth in the 500-yard freestyle.

"It's a sign I'm making progress in the right direction," she said. "Now I just have to keep it at the meet and then I will be happy."

Gerbeth is also ranked second in the 500-yard freestyle and sixth in the 200-yard freestyle.

Freshman Sara Niemann holds the seventh fastest time in the 100-yard freestyle and holds the seventh fastest time in the 500-yard freestyle. Freshman Kayla Ferguson is ranked seventh in both the 200-yard individual medley and the 100-yard backstroke.

"I'm sure we'll make like this, preliminary morning races allow us to qualify for evening finals. The fastest eight swimmers go to the finals, and swimmers go through 16 go to consolation races. The preliminary races bring in the most energy."

The prelim races are crucial because no one from the consolation finals can make it to the finals. Anyone in the consolation regardless of their time during the evening makeup meeting, says Mary's coach Ryan Dombkowski.

The point system is at 20 points for first place and decreases to one point per 16th. Relays earn double points, making them even more important. The Belles 800-yard freestyle relay team is ranked fifth.

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The Belles have struggled with depth all year, and a large meet like this one will bring that deficiency into stark relief.

"We are one of the smaller teams so we all have to do our best to make an impact at the meet," Gerbeth said. "However, both Dombkowski and Gerbeth expect other swimmers to step up, including freshman Jen Lubied, sophomore Shannon Haneson and junior Kelly Tidge."

Saint Mary's, however, is anything but unprepared for the competition.

"I've asked the team to put in a decent amount of yardage during the Thanksgiving holiday, and this week we've rested for a few days and worked on some of the different segments of our races," Dombkowski said.

Gerbeth said the team had been "washing it easy this week."

"We were all expected to swim hard last week on our breaks, and this week we're relaxing our muscles a little more and preparing for the meet," she said. "There are going to be a lot of close races this weekend, and the most competition we have seen so far, so we all want to be prepared."

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NCAA Football

Bruins are USC's only title barrier

Georgia Tech takes on Wake Forest in ACC Championship game

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The UCLA Bruins trod off the Coliseum field Thursday with a 66-19 loss to Southern California last year with a feeling they'll always remember.

And Bruins center Robert Chai believes that's a good thing.

"I remember thinking as I stood in the tunnel, I don't ever want to feel this again," Chai said. "I don't want anyone on this team to forget that was a feeling." The outcome might have been expected, but the margin of victory — just like it did a year ago — this is the last game they'll play in the Coliseum or at the Rose Bowl.

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**MEN’S SWIMMING**

**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 BINE*

Spoor 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.

“If 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 Lytle 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. Walsh said he tries not to let the early success get to the swimmers’ heads by critiquing their progress.

Each guy has a list of things they can improve upon,” Walsh 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*

Spoor 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 had 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 43.2 percent from the field on the season — to just six points on 3-of-11 shooting.

“Boles is a great player. We really did a nice job guarding 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 take care of Martin, Mount and junior forward Ewel Peterson.”

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

“Hope focused on shutting down Lipke and kessler, like we expected them to,” Henley said. “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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There’s more to Wisconsin than defense, however. Brown said she is equally concerned about how the Irish defense will fare against a high-powered Badgers attack. "They have a well-balanced offense as well," Brown said. The Badgers (23-7) are led offensively by freshman outside hitter Britteny Dolgner, who has been able to rack up 4.14 kills per game. Other key players on the Wisconsin squad include fellow Big Ten players Taylor Reinke, with 1.62 blocks per game, and Jackie Simpson, with 12.86 assists per game. The Irish offense is led by senior outside hitter Christina Kaelin’s 3.56 kills per game, and is balanced by 3.08 kills per game from junior Adrianna Stassiuk and another 2.99 kills per game from sophomore Mallorie Couni.

Wisconsin ranks third just third in the Big Ten, its national ranking shows that the Big Ten is a very strong conference and has prepared and toughened the team for the season. Wisconsin displays a level of play much higher than that of the Big East opponents Notre Dame has played during the regular season. "Wisconsin is probably the team that’s most similar to Louisville, in that they’re big at the net, they have very tall players. They’re better than Louisville," Brown said. "Better defensively, but that’s the team that’s most similar to what we’re going to see."

Wisconsin will be looking for a chance to put Notre Dame’s season to an end this year, but the Irish are entering the tournament with a strong desire to overcome the nationally ranked obstacle in their way. "It’s a challenge, but not one that’s too big for us to handle," Brown said. "It’s definitely something we can handle. We’re at the point where we have nothing to lose, and we’re going in with the mindset of establishing how many players will be in the regular rotation. The freshmen Terry Jackson and Luke Harangody, along with sophomore Zach Hillesland, have been the first three off the bench. Sophomore Ryan Ayres played 21 minutes Monday, his first significant chunk of time of the season."

"We’re just going to go out there, have fun, nothing to lose for us, and we’re just gonna play. We’re not scared of them and we’re not backing down," Brey said. He used his entire bench in Wednesday’s win and said after the game he is still in the process of establishing how many players will be in the regular rotation.

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But this season the No. 14 Nanooks (6-2-4, 4-1-3 CCHA) will encounter a bigger and vastly improved Irish team when they return to South Bend to play No. 5 Notre Dame (10-3-1, 5-2-1 CCHA) this weekend in the first two of four games between the teams.
Alaska's size and ability to control the puck better than an undersized Irish team in the playoff series forced Irish coach Jeff Jackson to institute a heavy offseason strength program.
"Alaska was the one that really forced us to add some girth on our team," Jackson said. "Our guys added a lot of weight, strength and a big part of that was due to the fact that Alaska is not the only team that's big. Lake Superior is a big, physical team and Ferris State has some big guys on their team. You run across that with different teams in college hockey, and you have to be prepared to play against either type of team if you're going to be successful."

The Irish added the weight, a speedy freshman class and a lot more to launch themselves to the top of the national rankings, but Alaska has worked its way into the top 15 behind several new contributors. Among them is sophomore goaltender Chad Johnson, who has taken control of a majority of the starting job from junior Wylie Rogers — the stonewall behind the Nanook playoff series win.
"We thought we were kind of clicking at the right time last year, but we ran into a hot goaltender and a team that matched up well against us," Irish defenseman Dan Ve'nard said of Rogers and last year's playoffs. "And they kind of just stopped our momentum." Johnson is currently ninth in the nation in goals-against average (1.96) and 12th in save percentage (.923), while Rogers has a 3.83 average and 895 percentage in four games.
"I think they're both very good," Jackson said. "Wiley Rogers played great against us last year — I wouldn't be surprised to see him either, they know he played well against us too."

The Nanooks' success lies not only in their size and strong defense behind Johnson's goaltending, but also a potent offensive attack behind junior left wing Kyle Greenstreet and newcomer Dion Knelsen. Greenstreet is Alaska's scoring leader (11 goals, nine assists), while Knelsen is fourth with four goals and six assists.

Prior to an injury in early November against Nebraska-Omaha, Knelsen had been fourth in the nation in points per game (1.5), earning recognition from pro scouts. He was named an "A" prospect Nov. 15 by the National Hockey League's Central Scouting Service, a label saying he has the potential to be drafted in the first three rounds of the upcoming NHL draft — the first "A" prospect in Alaska history. Knelsen is also 17 years old, the second youngest player in college hockey.
"They do a real nice job of recruiting in my opinion," Jackson said. "They've got some talented players on their team and adding another offensive skilled player is no different than us."

Notre Dame enters the weekend series after a late loss Saturday to Nebraska-Omaha. The Irish allowed a third-period goal on a Maverick five-on-three to lose 3-2 — something they paid for in practice Tuesday.
"Practice was fun," Ve'nard said. "We got the legs going a little bit," Ve'nard said. "They're a little more sore now. Obviously there were mistakes made on the weekend, so we paid for them." The Irish must improve on scoring five-on-five and receive significant contributions from multiple forward lines each night, Jackson said, but also to maintain the stellar defense — first in the nation with 1.36 goals allowed per game — that has launched the team into the national spotlight.
"Part of that is not just from a defensive perspective, part of that is from we're doing a much better job possessing the puck," Jackson said. "And that's the best defense of all, when you're not throwing the puck away — when you're cycling and controlling the tempo of the game."

The series will begin at 7:05 p.m. at the Joyce Center Saturday, due to the football banquet being held in the Banquet room. Contact Kyle Cassily at kcassily@nd.edu.

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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," Jeff Jackson, Irish coach said. "She's definitely somebody who's going to be a force for us just because of her size [6-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 lineup, but our freshmen play so many minutes," she said. Their contribution has been tremendous, and we do get a little bit younger when we sub.
But this youth will definitely play a factor in the Irish bid for their first win away from the Joyce Center.

Hang Time

Wide receiver Rhema McKnight goes up to catch a 43-yard pass against Army Nov. 18. McKnight had two TDs in the game.

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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 lost to Portland in the quarterfinals last year.

"Our group knows how to win every time they step on the field," Waldrum said. "That's a credit to our seniors and our younger players have bought into it."

The Irish have torn through their opposition so far in the NCAA Tournament, outscoring Oakland, Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Colorado and Penn State by a combined score of 16-1. Forward Michele Weissenhofer, Brittany Bock and Hanks have combined for 10 goals in the four games.

"I feel like we've played very well lately," Waldrum said. "We've been solid defensively and gotten good chances on offense. But I still hope our best two games are ahead of us."

The Seminoles come into today's game 18-3-4, with two of their three losses coming to the Tar Heels. Florida State has made the College Cup Semis 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 offensive-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 patient offensively 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 awarding 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 expected 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 televised live on ESPN 1 and carried on tape delay on ESPN 2 at noon on Saturday. Sunday's contest will be televised live on ESPN 2.

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Gone to Carolina

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

By CHRI$ KHO REY

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 their 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 at 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. 19 Maryland for a chance to reach the national championship.

"We've done everything we possibly can so far, so if we can win the whole thing, that's great," coach Mike Brey said. "We've done everything we can win the whole thing, that's great."