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OIS releases study abroad decisions

754 students chosen from pool of 1,535; English language programs prove most popular

By TORI ROECK
News Writer

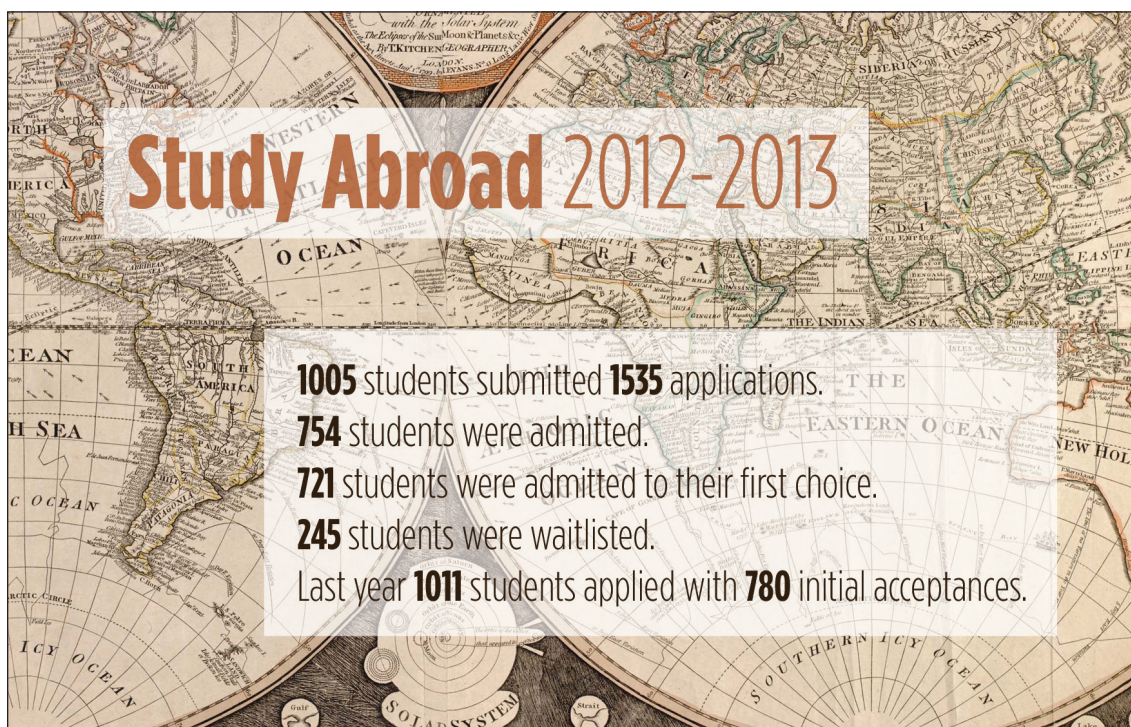
Antsy students are dreaming of Big Ben, the Colosseum and the Parthenon this week in the wake of Friday's release of study abroad decisions from the Office of International Studies (OIS) for the 2012-2013 academic year.

Kathleen Opel, director of OIS, said her department is "as excited as ever" for next year's class of international scholars.

"We've given our decision, and now [students] need to either confirm that they're going to accept or decline the offer," Opel said. "If that's the case, then we're able to offer that spot to somebody else."

Opel said OIS received a total of 1,535 applications from 1,005 students. Out of the 1,005 students who applied, 754 were accepted into a study abroad program for next year, she said.

Out of these 754 accepted students, Opel said 721 were admitted to their first choice program.



Additionally, 245 students were waitlisted for study abroad programs. Opel said she has seen an increase in the popularity of English language programs such as London, Dublin and Perth, mak-

ing them more competitive for students to get into.

"Specifically the programs that we have in English tend to be those that can suit the needs of business, science, engineering and Arts and

Letters students," Opel said. "There is a growing number of business students, and because of that growth in the College of Business, where

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Professor recognized for writings

By AUBREY BUTTS
News Writer

Sociology professor Christian Smith recently received honors for his latest works, "What is a Person" and "Souls in Transition," from top scholarly institutions, including "Choice" magazine



and the Lilly Fellows Program.

Smith expressed gratitude when presented with his awards and praised the University for its contributions to his research.

"You spend years and years working on books, so it's nice when someone thinks they're worthwhile. I'm very happy for Notre Dame as well," Smith said.

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Club sports participation grows

By DREW PANGRAZE
News Writer

The number of club sports at Notre Dame is on the rise due in part to a new University policy, RecSports Assistant Director Dave Brown said.

"We are now including clubs in sports that also include varsity programs at Notre Dame," Brown said.

This spring semester, men's and women's soccer, women's volleyball and co-ed golf will start new club teams on campus through RecSports, he said. In the past, club sports were not permitted to form if a varsity team for that same sport already existed at Notre Dame.

"Alex McIntyre and I were just chilling in our dorm room one day, looked at each other and asked, 'Why can't we start our own club soccer team?'" sophomore Nick Reineke said.

McIntyre and Reineke gathered support for their club team, and practices will start up this spring.

"After receiving some positive feedback from the



JULIE HERDER/The Observer

Students try out for the women's volleyball club team Sunday. Club teams for varsity sports can now be formed.

schools, we put up sign-up sheets in dorms to see if students were interested," Reineke said.

The club teams are great for those students who are not quite good enough or committed enough to be on the varsity team, but still hunger for greater competition and community than in-

terhall sports offer, Brown said.

"Our club is going to be an organization of fun, acceptance and competition of all skill levels," junior Michael Kennedy said.

Kennedy and his golfing buddy, junior Tim Scott, are

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ND blog network spurs online dialogue

By SHANNON O'BRIEN
News Writer

Students, faculty and staff are using the Notre Dame blog network to connect globally, according to Don Schindler, the managing director of Marketing Communications at AgencyND.

Schindler, one of the founders of the network, suggested the idea upon starting his employment at the University in 2009.

"I was an avid blogger at my previous position before joining the University, and I believe that blogs are great way to communicate online, especially when it comes to being found via the search engines," Schindler said.

Fueled by his passions for blogging, Schindler put his idea into action with the team at AgencyND, the University's communications unit, using a program called Wordpress, which currently powers over 60 million blogs worldwide. The Notre Dame blog network went live in February of 2010 and

started to gain traction in June of that year, Schindler said.

The University provides this service for free, he said. It provides both student and faculty bloggers a platform to use under nd.edu, giving them an instantly higher search ranking than blogs posted elsewhere from a .com or .org domain.

"For students, the blog network allows them to get a feel for what blogging is like," Schindler said. "Most small businesses and large corporations are creating blog networks and expect their employees to engage their customers through this type of platform."

Currently, there are 171 blog sites with 602 users in the network, according to Schindler. More than 114,731 unique visitors have visited 189,617 times and looked at 432,203 pages as of Tuesday.

One current promoter of the Notre Dame blog network is professor Christine Becker of the Film, Television and The-

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS THE ONE THING YOU WOULD GIVE UP A LIMB FOR?



Joe Digaetano

*freshman
Dillon*

"A date with a hot girl."



Matt Skly

*freshman
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"Family."



Eileen Chong

*junior
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"A date with Fr. Hesburgh."



Joshua Whitaker

*junior
Off campus*

"To reign over the squirrels of South Quad."



Adrianne Cline

*sophomore
McGlinn*

"Friends and family."



Eliza Nagle

*sophomore
Ryan*

"A date with Jack Trunzo."

Have an idea for Question of the Day? Email obsphoto@gmail.com



Representatives from Pasquerilla West Hall Celine Fausto, left, and Jamie Pfaff sell \$1 flowers in the LaFortune Student Center elevator lobby. All proceeds will be donated to the Father Jim Karaffa Business Academy for Women.

OFFBEAT

Last known World War One veteran dies at 110

LONDON — Florence Green never saw the front line. Her war was spent serving food, not dodging bullets.

But Green, who has died at age 110, was the last known surviving veteran of World War I. She was serving with the Women's Royal Air Force as a waitress at an air base in eastern England when the guns fell silent on Nov. 11, 1918.

It was not until 2010 that she was officially recognized as a veteran after a researcher found her service record in Britain's National Archives.

Green died Saturday at the Briar House Care Home

in King's Lynn, eastern England, two weeks before her 111th birthday, the home said.

Retired Air Vice-Marshall Peter Dye, director-general of the RAF Museum, said it was fitting that the last survivor of the first global war was someone who had served on the home front.

"In a way, that the last veteran should be a lady and someone who served on the home front is something that reminds me that warfare is not confined to the trenches," Dye said.

McDonald's apologizes for offending pit bull owners

LOS ANGELES — McDonald's has apologized and pulled an ad that came

back to bite it.

The ad said eating a Chicken McBite was less risky than petting a stray pit bull, shaving your head, naming your son Sue or giving friends your Facebook password. It enraged pit bull owners and their supporters.

The radio ad for Chicken McBites only ran for a few days in the Kansas City area before the complaints started. The campaign against the ad circulated on social media sites, and the apology was delivered the same way. People who called a well-publicized toll-free number got a recorded apology.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Rolfs Sports Rec Center will hold a Blood Drive today from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the lobby area. Appointments are encouraged.

Sponsored by the Institute for Latino Studies, the sculpture Jesús Crucificado will be dedicated today in the Notre Dame Conference Center of McKenna Hall from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Concurrent with the presentation is an opening reception for an art exhibition by Frederico Vigil. The event is free and open to the public.

Today from 5 to 6:15 p.m., the Graduate School and Writing Center will host a workshop on how to create a five minute elevator pitch for a research project. The workshop is free and will take place in Room 120 of DeBartolo Hall.

The Nanovic Institute for European Studies will show the film "La Havre" in the LaFortune Student Center from 7 to 10 p.m. tonight. Tickets cost \$6 for adults, \$5 for faculty and staff, \$4 for senior citizens, and \$3 for students. Call 574-631-2800 or visit performingarts.nd.edu to order tickets.

Pasquerilla West Hall will be holding a Valentine's Day Flower Sale today from 7 to 10 p.m. in the LaFortune Student Center elevator lobby. The cost is \$1 per flower, and Domer Dollars are accepted. Proceeds will benefit the Father Jim Karaffa Business Academy for Women.

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SATURDAY



HIGH 22
LOW 16

SUNDAY



HIGH 25
LOW 20

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“The University’s resources have been invaluable to my research.”

In addition to teaching sociology courses, Smith serves as Director of the Center for the Study of Religion and Society and the Director of the Center for Social Research.

Smith said he developed an interest in religion and the spiritual lives of youth early in his career.

“I was always interested in the field of religion,” he said. “In 2000, I began studying the religious and spiritual lives of teenagers. I find the lives of young people fascinating and a great way to understand culture and society.”

“Souls in Transition,” the winner of the 2011 Lilly Fellows Program Book Award, explores spirituality and religion during emerging adulthood, a time Smith defines as between 18 to 23 years of age.

“There’s a lot of freedom, opportunity and dangers during this limbo phase between the teenage years and young adulthood,” Smith said. “In the book, I look what happens to the lessons from childhood. Also, growing up in a pluralistic society, I wondered how teenagers would approach spirituality once leaving home and separating from their parents.”

While researching for his book, Smith discovered his findings supported previously established claims, while also validating obvious yet surprising explanations concerning the religious lives of young adults.

“We have known that going to church declines in this period. There’s not a decline in beliefs necessarily, but more so in public practice,” he said. “It

should be obvious then, but the most important factor in shaping the lives of young people is their parents. It’s surprising because we tend to believe parents become less and less important, and this is not the case at all.”

Smith has brought his research to the Notre Dame community, hoping that residence staff and campus ministry can help students develop and sustain their spiritual lives during their undergraduate careers.

“I have presented my findings to all the rectors, and my main message is if you really want to reach young people with faith, then you have to engage them where they are in their lives,” Smith said. “Notre Dame can’t control what parents have taught, but they can continue to engage students in conversation.”

Smith’s other work, “What is a Person,” explores the question of personhood within a comprehensive framework informed by sociological and philosophical principles.

“I think social science gets human beings wrong in a lot of ways,” Smith said. “What it means to be a person is something very particular and complicated. If humans are persons, then social science needs to take personhood seriously rather than taking a reductionist view.”

Smith said he advocates a pluralist approach, a philosophical system recognizing the possibility of more than one ultimate principle.

“We need to develop a better theory of personhood that defends a humanistic view as human beings are special and worthy of dignity,” Smith said. “I think culture is moving away from this view, and it’s a big problem.”

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SMC celebrates heritage month



Saint Mary’s College

African American Heritage Month 2012

Movie Night: The Princess and the Frog
Friday February 17, 2012 7:00 p.m.

Mass Commemorating Black History
Sunday February 19, 2012 9:00 p.m.

Apollo Night Talent Show
Wednesday February 22, 2012 7:00 p.m.



LAUREN KALINOSKI | Observer Graphic

By **MADELINE MILES**
News Writer

Saint Mary’s College Student has officially kicked off African American Heritage Month (AAHM) celebrations, according to Tamara Taylor, the assistant director of Student Involvement & Multicultural Services (SIMS).

The month-long celebration is a time to recognize the achievements and contributions of African Americans, both past and present.

“Just like all other cultural activities at Saint Mary’s College, I hope to spark people’s attention and to put on events that are meaningful,” Taylo said. “It is important for Saint Mary’s to participate in African American Heritage celebrations to support and learn

the story of others.”

Taylor said AAHM is about being truly able to understand people of a different race or culture, thus becoming culturally aware and competent of the opportunity to engage in educational opportunities when offered.

“My goal as the assistant director for Multicultural Services is to work with students to plan cultural events that not only require an audience to show up and hear something, but to actively engage and take away a lifelong memory,” she said.

The College’s AAHM celebrations started on Feb. 1 with an exhibit and recitation of selected poems, but many other events are planned during the month of February, Taylor said. Among the upcoming AAHM events include a soul food

dinner to be served by Sodexo in the Noble Family Dining Hall, a mass commemorating black history, a movie night featuring Disney’s The Princess and the Frog and Apollo Night Talent Show.

Taylor said the Apollo Night Talent Show, named after the Apollo Theater in Harlem, is the most anticipated event.

“It’s our highlighted event,” Taylor said. “We want to highlight the importance of the theatre in relation to African American Heritage.”

Poets, dancers, vocalists and many other talented individuals will be participating in the event, but students are welcomed to submit an entry form to perform in the Apollo Talent Show.

Taylor said she has high expectations for the celebration of AAHM on Saint Mary’s campus.

“I would like to invite the campus to take part in as much of our programming as they can for African American Heritage Month,” she said. “It’s a great opportunity to learn something new.”

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atre Department. She has started using the blogs for her course on British television.

“I decided to try it out because I wanted to foster more conversation among the students and get them exposed to each other’s ideas more fully,” Becker said.

Students in Becker’s course are required to blog and post weekly comments, voicing their opinions and responses to different British television programs.

“I’m so often impressed by the depth of thought students express in short essays,” she said. “It struck me as unfortunate that I was the only one who got to read them and believed students would benefit from seeing

what their peers were coming up with, so that’s another reason to have them blogging.”

According to Becker, blogging has become an important tool in the marketing world since it provides a coveted goal of many businesses: exposure. Not only does the Notre Dame blog network provide Notre Dame programs and courses with exposure in the virtual world, it also delivers a unique opportunity for experts in other parts of the world to contribute to the Notre Dame conversation.

“The class is on British television, so I also envisioned a

possibility of student posts generating feedback from others beyond the class, including possibly British scholars and students who could lend first-hand insights from their cultural perspectives,” she said.

The blog posts are aggregated onto the main page of the website, which also provides a list of blogs students can follow. Students who wish to join the blog network need faculty approval and can visit <http://blogs.nd.edu> to get started.

“I decided to try it out because I wanted to foster more conversation among the students and get them exposed to each other’s ideas more fully.”

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Handel resigns amid Parenthood scandal



Karen Handel resigned from the Susan G. Komen Foundation, the nation's largest breast cancer charity, on Tuesday.

Associated Press

ATLANTA — A vice president at the Susan G. Komen for the Cure resigned Tuesday, saying the breast cancer charity should have stood by its politically explosive decision to cut off funding for Planned Parenthood.

Karen Handel, a Republican who opposed abortion as a candidate for Georgia governor, said she was actively engaged in efforts to cut off the grants and said the charity's reversal hurt its core mission.

"I am deeply disappointed by the gross mischaracterizations of the strategy, its rationale, and my involvement in it," Handel said in her letter. "I openly acknowledge my role in the matter and continue to believe our decision was the best one for Komen's future and the women we serve."

The grants, totaling \$680,000 last year, went to breast-screening services offered by Planned Parenthood, which provides a range of women's health care services including abortions. Under criteria developed by Komen during Handel's tenure, Planned Parenthood would have been disqualified from future grants because it was under a congressional investigation launched at the urging of anti-abortion activists.

Komen, the nation's largest breast-cancer charity, reversed course after its decision ignited a three-day firestorm of criticism. Members of Congress and Komen affiliates accused the group's national leadership of bending to pressure from anti-abortion activists.

"Neither the decision nor the changes themselves were based on anyone's political beliefs or ideology," Handel said in her resignation letter. "Rather, both were based on Komen's mission and how to better serve women, as well as a realization of the need to distance Komen from controversy."

Handel said the discussion

had started before she arrived at the organization last year. She said the charity was concerned that some Roman Catholic Dioceses had encouraged believers not to give to Komen because it supported Planned Parenthood.

"I was tasked with identifying options that would allow us to move to neutral ground about this so we weren't on either side of you know, pro-life, pro-choice," Handel said.

Komen Founder and CEO Nancy G. Brinker said she accepted Handel's resignation and wished her well.

"We have made mistakes in how we have handled recent decisions and take full accountability for what has resulted, but we cannot take our eye off the ball when it comes to our mission," Brinker said in a statement. "To do this effectively, we must learn from what we've done right, what we've done wrong and achieve our goal for the millions of women who rely on us."

Planned Parenthood spokeswoman Andrea Hagelgans declined to comment.

Handel said the now-abandoned policy was fully vetted by the Komen organization. Its board did not raise any objections when it was presented with the proposed policy in November, Handel said.

The breast cancer charity cited a probe backed by anti-abortion groups and launched by Rep. Cliff Stearns, R-Fla., to determine if Planned Parenthood improperly spent public money on abortions. Planned Parenthood says taxpayer money is strictly separated.

Until Tuesday, Handel had publicly kept silent about her role in the dispute.

"What was a thoughtful and thoroughly reviewed decision — one that would have indeed enabled Komen to deliver even greater community impact — has unfortunately been turned into something about politics," Handel said. "This is entirely untrue. This development should sadden us all greatly."

RecSports

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starting the co-ed club golf team on campus this spring.

"Whether you love to golf simply for relaxation and fun or want to relive the competitive days of high school golf, we would love for you to join," he said.

Starting a new club team does not happen overnight though, Brown added. Club sports teams must start the process through the Student Activities Office.

"Clubs that would fall un-

der club sports are sent to me," Brown said. "There are several steps ¾ formal application, completion of a club constitution and a mission statement. We need a list of proposed officers with contact information and an identified adviser. For competitive club sports we investigate Midwest conferences and leagues in the sport, national associations and costs of travel, entry fees, membership fees for any league and what sources of revenues the club expects to have at its disposal."

The women's volleyball club team will also begin in

the spring, according to senior Stephanie Cripps.

"We are really excited that we finally have our own club volleyball team at Notre Dame and can't wait to get the season started," Cripps said. "It has been a lot of work, but we are very happy that Notre Dame is allowing club sports and that we get to spend our senior year being a part of it."

The club sports are open for any and all students to join. Visit recsports.nd.edu for more information.

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Abroad

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they do not have a language requirement, more of those students are gravitating toward programs where language is not a requirement."

Opel also said spring programs are more popular overall than those in the fall "by a very small margin."

The number of applicants remained relatively stagnant from last year's numbers. Last year, 1,011 students applied for study abroad programs during the academic year and 780 students were initially accepted.

Waitlisted students should not lose hope, Opel said, because some students do choose not to attend the program in which they have been accepted.

Opel's advice to waitlisted students is "be patient and be optimistic."

"We will stay in touch with [waitlisted] students and let them know at what point we've pretty much filled

capacity and don't see any more changes coming," Opel said.

Opel added accepted students should begin to think about what is required of them before they travel abroad. OIS will offer pre-departure programs in the coming months for students studying abroad during the fall 2012 semester, but she said they should work on obtaining a passport and familiarizing themselves with safety and security measures as soon as possible.

"By the time [students studying abroad] leave campus, they should have a pretty good grounding of what to expect when they get there," she said.

Sophomore Matt Hayes said he is already gearing up to spend the spring 2013 semester in Bologna, Italy.

A Program of Liberal Studies and Italian major, Hayes said he hopes to become fluent in Italian during his time abroad.

"I chose Bologna for the opportunity to become fluent and study at an actual Ital-

ian university," he said.

Hayes also plans to spend Easter at the Vatican. However, he said he is most looking forward to the food.

"Bologna is called 'La Grassa,' meaning 'the Fat One.' It is the food capital of Italy," Hayes said. "I'm excited to eat my way through Italy."

Sophomore Margeaux Prinster will spend the spring 2013 semester in Rome. As an anthropology major with a peace studies minor, Prinster said she is fascinated by the archeological value of Rome.

"I'm really interested in archeology, and Rome is an awesome place to be for that because you're basically living in ancient Rome with a modern twist," she said.

Prinster added she also wants to travel beyond Rome.

"I'm most excited about travelling and seeing everything," Prinster said. "I really, really want to go skiing in the Alps."

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Search for missing woman continues

Associated Press

OLYMPIA, Wash. — Utah authorities have for at least six months investigated the disappearance of Susan Powell as a murder case. But without a body, they publicly held out hope that she would be found alive.

So what evidence did they have that the mother of two was dead? And was there anything to identify her killer?

There was the damp spot on the floor in their Utah home and a curious late-night camping trip described by her husband. There were also the recollections of their young son Braden about a camping trip and his mother being “in the trunk.”

That could strike some as a clue, or the ramblings of a boy who was then just 2.

For authorities in Utah, none of it was enough to bring charges.

The man identified by investigators as a “person of interest” — Powell’s husband Josh — had already moved from Utah to Washington state, taking with him their two young sons. On Sunday, he torched his house, killing himself and the boys.

Now, as authorities try to determine what led him to take such a drastic measure, many questions remain about the status of the investigation into Susan Powell’s 2009 disappearance and how close they were to bringing charges.

A Washington state search warrant obtained by The Associated Press through a public records request Tuesday showed that police were investigating three felonies in Utah: first-degree murder, kidnapp-

ing and obstructing a public servant.

Salt Lake County District Attorney Sim Gill acknowledged for the first time that investigators believe Powell is likely dead, but he said in an interview with the AP that the case remains a missing persons probe for now.

Gill wouldn’t discuss the evidence but said authorities didn’t have enough information to file charges.

“I think when I talk about it as a missing persons case, that’s because we haven’t located the body of Susan Powell,” Gill said. “Do we think that she may have met harm? Sure. I think that’s been an ongoing assumption with law enforcement.”

Investigators said Josh Powell withdrew \$7,000 in cash from a bank the day before he killed himself and his two young sons in the house fire.

Pierce County Prosecutor Mark Lindquist said detectives obtained Powell’s bank records Monday, and on Tuesday they searched a storage unit he rented. It isn’t clear what happened to the money.

Josh Powell claimed that on the night Susan Powell vanished, he took sons Charlie and Braden from their home in West Valley City, Utah, on a late-night camping trip. Authorities eventually searched the central Utah desert but found nothing.

Susan Powell’s father said that when police went to the family home after she was reported missing, they found a wet spot in the house being dried by two fans. Police have not commented further on what they found.

Court rules Prop. 8 unconstitutional



AP

Gay marriage supporters Brian Keeton, left, and Jay Dwyer celebrate with other activists outside San Francisco City Hall. The federal appeals courts ruled California’s same-sex marriage ban unconstitutional.

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Same-sex marriage moved one step closer to the Supreme Court on Tuesday when a federal appeals court ruled California’s ban unconstitutional, saying it serves no purpose other than to “lessen the status and human dignity” of gays.

A three-judge panel of the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals gave gay marriage opponents time to appeal the 2-1 decision before ordering the state to allow same-sex weddings to resume.

“I’m ecstatic. I recognize that we have a ways to go yet. We may have one or two more legal steps,” said Jane Leyland, who was gathered with a small crowd outside the federal courthouse in downtown San Francisco, cheering as they learned of the ruling.

Leyland married her longtime partner, Terry Gilb, during the five-month window when same-sex marriage was legal in California.

“But when we first got together, I would have never dreamed in a million years that we would be allowed to be legally married, and here we are.”

The ban known as Proposition 8 was approved by voters in 2008 with 52 percent of the vote. The court said it was unconstitutional because it singled out a minority group for disparate treatment for no compelling reason.

The justices concluded that the law had no purpose other than to deny gay couples marriage, since California already grants them all the rights and benefits of marriage if they register as domestic partners.

“Had Marilyn Monroe’s film been called ‘How to Register a Domestic Partnership with a Millionaire,’ it would not have conveyed the same meaning as did her famous movie, even though the underlying drama for same-sex couples is no different,” the court said.

The lone dissenting judge insisted that the ban could help ensure that children are raised by married, opposite-sex parents.

The appeals court focused its decision exclusively on California’s ban, not the bigger debate, even though the court has jurisdiction in nine Western states.

Whether same-sex couples may ever be denied the right to marry “is an important and highly controversial question,” the court said. “We need not and do not answer the broader question in this case.”

Six states allow gay couples

to wed — Connecticut, New Hampshire, Iowa, Massachusetts, New York and Vermont, as well as the District of Columbia. California, as the nation’s most populous state and home to more than 98,000 same-sex couples, would be the gay rights movement’s biggest prize of them all.

The 9th Circuit concluded that a trial-court judge had correctly interpreted the Constitution and Supreme Court precedents when he threw out Proposition 8.

The measure “serves no purpose, and has no effect, other than to lessen the status and human dignity of gays and lesbians in California, and to officially reclassify their relationships and families as inferior to those of opposite-sex couples,” Judge Stephen Reinhardt, one of the court’s most liberal judges, wrote in the 2-1 opinion.

Opponents of gay marriage planned to ask the Supreme Court to overturn the ruling, which came more than a year after the appeals court panel heard arguments in the case.

“We are not surprised that this Hollywood-orchestrated attack on marriage — tried in San Francisco — turned out this way. But we are confident that the expressed will of the American people in favor of marriage will be upheld at the Supreme Court,” said Brian Raum, senior counsel for the Alliance Defense Fund, a Christian legal aid group based in Arizona that helped defend Proposition 8.

Legal analysts questioned whether the Supreme Court would agree to take the case because of the narrow scope of the ruling. California is the only state to grant gays the right to marry and rescind it.

Douglas NeJaime, an associate professor at Loyola Law School in Los Angeles, said the Ninth Circuit’s narrow decision would allow the Supreme Court to uphold the measure without ruling “on marriage for same-sex couples on a national scale.”

“In effect, the Ninth Circuit’s decision allows the Supreme Court to continue the incremental, case-by-case trajectory of marriage for same-sex couples in the United States,” NeJaime said in an email.

Weddings appeared unlikely to resume anytime soon. The ruling will not take effect until the deadline passes in two weeks for Proposition 8’s backers to appeal to a larger panel of the 9th Circuit. Lawyers for the coalition of conservative religious groups that sponsored the measure said they

have not decided if they will seek a 9th Circuit rehearing or file an appeal directly to the Supreme Court.

The panel also said there was no evidence that former Chief U.S. Judge Vaughn Walker was biased and should have disclosed that he was gay and in a long-term relationship with another man.

Proposition 8 backers had asked the 9th Circuit to set aside Walker’s ruling on constitutional grounds and because of the judge’s personal life. It was the first instance of an American jurist’s sexual orientation being cited as grounds for overturning a court decision.

Walker publicly revealed he was gay after he retired. Supporters of the gay marriage ban argued that he had been obliged to previously reveal if he wanted to marry his partner. The 9th Circuit held a hearing on the conflict-of-interest question in December.

In its ruling Tuesday, the panel majority said it was unreasonable to presume a judge cannot apply the law impartially just because he is a member of the minority group at issue in a case.

“To hold otherwise would demonstrate a lack of respect for the integrity of our federal courts,” the opinion said.

Reinhardt, who was appointed to the appeals court by President Jimmy Carter, was joined in the majority opinion by Judge Michael Hawkins, an appointee of President Bill Clinton.

Judge Randy Smith, who was appointed by President George W. Bush, dissented, saying he disagreed that Proposition 8 served no purpose other than to treat gays and lesbians as second-class citizens.

Smith said Proposition 8 could serve to promote responsible child-rearing among opposite-sex couples, adding that even if those beliefs were flawed, they would be enough to make the measure constitutional.

Voters passed Proposition 8 five months after the state Supreme Court legalized same-sex marriage by striking down a pair of laws that had limited marriage to a man and a woman.

The ballot measure added the one man-one woman provision into the California Constitution, thereby overruling the court’s decision. Its passage followed the most expensive campaign on a social issue in the nation’s history.

Coca-Cola’s earnings beat Q4 estimates

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Coca-Cola reported an effervescent fourth quarter Tuesday, as the company sold more of its drinks globally and its earnings beat analyst expectations.

Coca-Cola is benefiting from raising prices in North America, where consumer sentiment is slowly improving, and expanding in emerging markets including Africa and Latin America.

“Compared to 12 months ago, there are very early indications that the consumer (in North America) is feeling a little better, with more mobility, travel and eating out,” said CEO Muhtar Kent in a telephone interview with the AP. “That all translates into better business for us.”

Coca-Cola Co.’s fourth-quarter net income dropped 71 percent, weighed down by restructuring charges and a difficult comparison with last year’s fourth quarter, when the beverage maker had a hefty benefit from buying its bottlers.

But the Atlanta company said Tuesday its adjusted results topped Wall

Street’s expectations as it sold more drinks in the U.S. and abroad, particularly in emerging markets.

“Even as we believe that global market volatility will continue in the near term, the breadth of our global footprint and the strength of our brands create a resilient business that was built for times like these,” CEO Muhtar Kent said in a statement.

Shares of Coca-Cola rose 52 cents to close at \$68.55 Tuesday.

Coke also said it will start a cost-cutting program in 2012 to save \$550 million to \$650 million annually by 2015 in part to help offset continued high commodity costs.

Coca-Cola, whose brands include Sprite and Minute Maid, earned \$1.65 billion, or 72 cents per share, for the period ended Dec. 31.

That’s down sharply from \$5.77 billion, or \$2.46 per share, a year earlier.

But a year ago, the company had a one-time net gain of \$1.74 per share, mainly related to buying a bottler’s North American operations.

INSIDE COLUMN

Giants among men

I'm having a pretty good week.

I am a pretty avid sports fan, and I support the New York Giants, who upset the New England Patriots 21-17 on Sunday to claim Super Bowl XLVI.

This made me extremely happy, and turned an average Monday and Tuesday into a pretty awesome couple of days. But back on Sunday night, about an hour after the game, I sat for a second to enjoy the win, and I found that I was actually, legitimately happy for the Giants, a bunch of grown-men millionaires whom I've never met.

Both Eli Manning and Tom Coughlin, men whose abilities have oft been questioned during their Giants careers, solidified their legacies with another improbable Super Bowl run. Those are the big names that were big storylines during the game, but there are other, more awesome and inspiring stories deeper in the organization.

There's linebacker Chase Blackburn, who as of Thanksgiving was a substitute math teacher in Dublin, Ohio. One week later, he signed and was starting for the Giants, and his interception on Sunday was the only turnover of the game.

Tight end Jake Ballard was the key to the Giants' regular season win over the Patriots, but he injured his knee early on in the Super Bowl. He pushed himself to try and reenter the game for his team and tore his ACL putting himself through sprints on the sidelines.

Then there's linebacker Mark Herzlich, who was diagnosed with cancer two years ago and was told he would never walk again. Not only did he get back on his feet, but he returned to football and made a huge impact as an NFL rookie, and now has a Super Bowl ring to show for his efforts.

All of this has taken place under the ownership of the throwback Giants organization, which has been owned by the Mara family since the team's inception in the 1920s. The Maras are, by all accounts, a great family and involved in the community, and they've continually kept the organization classy and taken care of their own.

I believe it's the stories like this, outside the game and in it, that make us care so much about sports. Sports are fantastic entertainment to begin with, but when we begin following a team, in an indirect way we form a bond with the people on it. We get to know the stars, role players and big personalities, and we root them on with our fathers, grandmothers, brothers and friends.

If you look hard enough, you can find these great stories on any team in sports (possible exceptions: USC Football, Kentucky Basketball and the Dallas Cowboys). The game on the field can be exciting, beautiful and improbable, but it's augmented by our familiarity with the people making the plays. That's why I was so pumped after the Super Bowl, and that's what makes sports so special.

And if you were just watching the Super Bowl for the commercials? Hey, I guess you missed out.

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The immigration challenge of a booming Brazil

The international community has been aware of Brazil's potential for a long time. However, it was not until recently that the country broke free from corruption, high crime rates and extreme poverty. Last month, Brazil passed the United Kingdom as the sixth biggest economy; in addition to an expanding economy, the country will be hosting the 2013 World Youth Day, the 2014 World Cup and the 2016 Olympics.

Brazil has been carrying a lot of momentum, and this has definitely been evident in the media's depiction of the country. Consequently, the narrative about Brazil's future has changed from one of a to-be superpower to one of an active player in the international political/economical arena.

I visited Brazil for three weeks during Christmas break and the booming economy was definitely the most frequently discussed topic (besides the absurd traffic). This was definitely apparent — everywhere I looked I saw a new construction project, from build-ings to bridges to shopping malls.

Brazil is now in unfamiliar territory, and the country will face new challenges and responsibilities. The most obvious of these is immigration, which will feature prominently in Brazil's future.

Latin Americans looking for a better life may find it more convenient to enter Brazil illegally than the United States,

raising the same problems that immigration has created in the U.S.

Brazil did not have to worry about this until recently. In fact, Brazil was more concerned about the fact that many of its highly skilled citizens were leaving the country to work in Europe than a new wave of immigration.

Now that the narrative about Brazil has changed, the country's skilled work force is more inclined to stay, and a new foreign low-wage work force is flooding the country.

The New York Times recently published an article highlighting some of these immigrants' stories about their journey to Brazil.

The article mentions that 4,000 Haitians have immigrated to Brazil since the 2010 earthquake, and that thousands continue to arrive every year. Brazil usually expels immigrants from India and Pakistan, but has made an exception for Haitians and other Latin Americans.

In the words of Haitian immigrant Wesley Saint-Fleur, "All I want is work, and Brazil, thank God, has jobs for us." In order to illustrate how this Latin American powerhouse differs from its fellow Latin American countries, Saint-Fleur mentions that before crossing the border from Bolivia to Brazil, the Bolivian Police stole his family's clothes and their \$320 life savings.

In contrast to their previous experiences, when Saint-Fleur's family members finally crossed the border into Brazil, authorities quickly gave them a

place to stay and provided them with meals, vaccinations and humanitarian visas that would allow them to work. Brazilian officials say that Brazil is big enough to absorb up to 100 Haitians per month and that they are in the position to help fellow Latin Americans in search for a better life. Additionally, Brazil's unemployment rate continues to remain at a historic low of 5.2 percent. Companies say they usually have a hard time finding workers with the increasing demand for labor needed in the construction of two huge dams, in addition to the new stadiums needed for the World Cup and the Olympics. Many of these immigrants are earning \$800 or more per month. Peruvian immigrant Edgar Villar says he receives great satisfaction by being able to send up to \$500 per month to help his family back in Peru. Villar explains that he entered Brazil as an illegal immigrant, but like many others, was quickly given a visa through an amnesty program without much hassle.

Another immigrant described Sao Paulo (Brazil's economic center) as the New York of South America. I would definitely agree, and I believe that with Brazil's new political and economical role, Americans should be more careful when calling Latin America their backyard.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"We are an impossibility in an impossible universe."

Ray Bradbury
U.S. author

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WEEKLY POLL

Which was the best Super Bowl commercial?

Pepsi — King's Court
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Global citizens and scholars of ingenuity

In his work, “How to Change the World: Social Entrepreneurs and the Power of New Ideas,” David Bornstein writes, “In rich and poor countries alike, it is common to find the ‘best and the brightest’ — young people with an array of options — choosing work that allows them an opportunity for social impact.” The students at Notre Dame should be extremely proud to be a part of that dynamic — the best and the brightest who focus on achieving social change for the betterment of the human family.



Alex Coccia

Shard of Glass

Notre Dame students are committed and creative in their call to “heal, unify and enlighten a world deeply in need.” Notre Dame students can truly be classified as citizen scholars — global citizens and scholars of ingenuity. Whatever current claims there are regarding this generation’s inability to “link [moral] feelings to any broader thinking about a shared moral framework or obligation” (David Brooks, The New York Times, “If it feels right”), Notre Dame students effectively and in heartfelt action discredit these claims.

Our generation, it seems, is leading the way in creative thought to solve world problems with applicable solutions — the role of the scholar — and a greater under-

standing of our moral role of obligation within a global community — the global citizen. Notre Dame students exemplify this role of citizen scholar. The world is coming closer and closer together, especially through social media and the ability to travel widely, and we are all a part of it. Notre Dame students embrace such a change because they believe that they can be transformative. They utilize the dynamics of change to promote developments in education, health care, sport facilitation, gender equality and income equality. They use their specific skills online, via Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and other social networking and media sites in order to promote what they are fighting for.

Whether it is sustainable agricultural projects, equitable micro-financing structures, constructive paths of dialogue between religious faiths, for-profit business models to promote literacy or greener ways to run businesses, Notre Dame students have ideas and the passion to implement them. These initiatives include individual research projects, Urban Plunge trips, service learning programs, Playing for Peace initiatives from South Bend to South Sudan and athletic initiatives in Uganda.

The citizen scholar aspect of the Notre Dame student is illustrated by the fact that Notre Dame has placed on the Peace Corps’ list of top universities nationwide for the 12th straight year, ranking 10th in Medium Colleges and Universities. With students who seem to be leading the way

in innovative changes, the University must be commended for its facilitation and support of its students’ dreams, and also its creation of such an “array of options.” As decision times came around regarding study abroad for the current sophomores, Facebook statuses professed new homes in Chile, Spain, Ireland, Australia, London and Italy, to mention a few. With an enormous and expanding repertoire of study abroad locations, Notre Dame and its Office of International Studies provide the connections to allow students to combine their academic, social and spiritual interests. OIS states, “students develop awareness of the importance and benefit of a global perspective through international study and complementary campus activities.”

The University provides an enormous amount of funding through a myriad of sources, including the Center for Undergraduate Scholarly Engagement, the Glynn Family Honors Program, the Kellogg Institute, the Kroc Institute, the Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program — a mark of an elite institution, and one that invests in the citizen-scholar potential of its students.

The University focuses on each individual. She asks, “What are your ideas? How do you want to apply them? How can I help?” The University focuses on the individual so that we can bring unique solutions to the problems of the world and so that we can combine and implement our ideas. Indeed, the individual is a key

vehicle by which change can occur. Bornstein writes, “An important social change frequently begins with a single entrepreneurial author: one obsessive individual who sees a problem and envisions a new solution, who takes the initiative to act on that vision, who gathers resources and builds organizations to protect and market that vision, who provides the energy and sustained focus to overcome the inevitable resistance and who — decade after decade — keeps improving, strengthening and broadening that vision until what was once a marginal idea has become a new norm.”

One of the important things that Notre Dame teaches, however, is that we need the world, more than the world needs us. Our reaching across borders tears down our own internal barriers and prejudices. Our respect for the diversity within the world creates self-respect for our own uniqueness. Notre Dame not only provides the support for these opportunities to enhance global development by student initiatives, but our university also provides the foundations for personal development as citizen scholars.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Against control condemnations

Mr. Pearce?

In your Feb. 6 Letter to the Editor (“Contraceptives and control”), you make several arguments I wish to counter. First, you state that the problems of domestic violence and rape cannot be solved by contraceptives and that “If women are really so afraid of being assaulted ... our society suffers from a far greater problem than a lack of reproductive choice.” Unfortunately, our society does suffer from that greater problem. Certainly, our ultimate goal must be eliminating sexual and physical violence against women, but until we are able to do so, the use of contraceptives by women who live in the constant fear you seem so skeptical of is entirely warranted.

The next point I take issue with is your strong support of NFP in place of other forms of contraception. First, while researchers at Heidelberg did find that NFP is as effective as oral contraceptives, others have found that it’s not. A review of 139 birth-control-efficacy studies found that NFP lead to at least twice as many pregnancies in a year as the pill. You also state that NFP, unlike other contraceptives, “does not fundamentally change the nature of the sexual act by chemically or mechanically eliminating one of its key functions.” You’re correct, but what users of NFP are doing is temporally eliminating that key function by having sex only when it is physically impossible for the woman to become pregnant. Why temporally impeding sperm is any different than mechanically or chemically impeding them is beyond me.

Finally, I take issue with your claim that the only reason a woman “needs” birth-control is so she can have sex with whomever, whenever. While I fully respect a woman’s right to embrace her own sexual freedom, I would like to point out that many women use contraceptives for medical reasons. So, until you find yourself in a ball on the floor in debilitating pain every month, or until you’ve experienced the sickening feeling of realizing your three-month-late period has finally started during class, I suggest you avoid making sweeping generalizations about who uses contraception and for what reasons.

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Respect candidacy of Rocheleau/Rose

Dear Observer Editorial Board,

In response to your Feb. 7 editorial “Send a message, demand a choice,” I must disagree with your use of The Observer asking students to abstain in the upcoming election. A half-page editorial demanding a choice directly below the pair of students brave enough to take on the challenge as voices of this University seems quite cold and callous, and I must question the motives of The Observer in this situation. The Editorial Board claims that when Student Government put forth Rocheleau and Rose, “the decision was made for the student body, not by the student body.” To my eyes, this appears to be a political party selecting its two best candidates more than anything else. If the Editorial Board feels so strongly in having a choice, I suggest they should have found a pair of candidates they deemed suitable and put them forth in the election. The time for a fight is not now. The time to fight for additional candidates was when the first emails for information meetings went out. It

was when the emails for another information meeting were sent. It was when petitions were being signed and applications were being submitted. Now, to write a half-page editorial demanding a choice, directly below the only two brave enough to run for a grueling job, seems to be both petty and unprofessional. And now, to answer the last question of your editorial, “But are they the best candidates?”

Yes. Unequivocally. They alone had the courage to stand up and run to represent the 12,000 students of this University. They alone have signed on to take the heat from many corners, including the burning words from a computer beneath South Dining Hall. For this reason, I will be opening my computer on Wednesday, and I will be clicking Rocheleau/Rose with conviction.

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Know the Church’s stance

I am writing in response to several of the Letters to the Editor published on Friday, Feb. 3. In her letter (“A woman’s dignity”), Ms. Reser describes the perspective taken in “Contraception and dignity” (Feb. 1) as “discouraging.” What is discouraging, Ms. Reser, is that at the most renowned Catholic university in the nation, so many people fail to understand the Church’s stance on contraception, or for that matter, to even care to find out. Mr. Galezewski’s question, “How is (NFP) any different than using a contraceptive?” (“A (brief) case for contraception,” Feb. 3) gets at the crux of the problem. The fact that he, like so many, doesn’t see the distinction is illustrative of the apathetic attitude that is far too common among students.

For those of you concerned about this issue, before subscribing to the views of popular culture that tell us that any view other than complete and unquestioned acceptance of the use of contraceptives is backward or ignorant, as so many would have it, I encourage you to actively seek information about the Church’s position. You may find that contrary to what the constant stream of secular rhetoric would have you believe, this position actually shows extreme respect for women and their role in meaningful relationships. At this school, we have

more resources than many Catholics would dare to imagine right at our fingertips, eager to inform us about the faith that we unabashedly profess at Our Lady’s University. Talk to a Holy Cross priest, a theology professor, a campus minister, or even, dare I say, a member of the Right to Life club (too much?). Go to one of the many lectures put on by the Center for Ethics and Culture and the GRC (there is one tomorrow entitled “Catholicism and Sexuality”). Take a class. Attend the Edith Stein Conference and actually hear women who have used NFP talk about their experiences. Then decide whether you agree or not.

But to lash out and take the remarks from a previous article completely out of context without a fundamental understanding of the Church’s position is a reflection of exactly the narrow-mindedness of which you are so quick to accuse others. And by the way, Ms. Reser, in the future, please don’t profess to “speak for many of my fellow Catholic women.” I’ll speak for myself, thanks.

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SCENE'S TOP VIDEO PICKS



The "Stuff ____ Say" videos have exploded as a Youtube meme recently. Look at your Facebook newsfeed — it's likely littered with them. The interesting thing is that there's probably very little overlap. There's a "Stuff ____ Say" for everyone suddenly: hipsters, Chicagoans, yoga people, moms. The list goes on. Here are some of the most popular and relevant "Stuff ____ Say" videos out there.

Stuff Girls Say (Episodes 1-3)

(<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u-yLGIH7W9Y>)



The video that started it all is now a series. Yes, a lot of it is generalized, but you likely know a girl (or are a girl) who has at least said some of it. And with three videos and more on the way, there's virtually no chance you or a girl you know can escape

unrepresented. If you missed the beginning of the trend, you can catch up and see why these videos inspired a new generation of Youtube videos. Example phrase: "I had such a good sleep!"

Stuff White Girls Say to Black Girls

(www.youtube.com/watch?v=yIPUzxpIBe0)



The videoblogger and comedienne Francesca Ramsey who created the video told NPR she did it not only for laughs, but to put people who are, in her words, "culturally sheltered" on the receiving end of statements like, "Is your hair real?" Example phrase: "Why isn't there a White Entertainment Television?"

Stuff Single Girls Say

(www.youtube.com/watch?v=47a3SuSCHLc)



We all have (or have been) that single friend who is, at least in principle, happy to be single. We all have (or have been) that guy friend who loves to tease that girl for the things she says about being single. Then there's the creator of this

video, who donned a wig and put those things on the Internet. Example phrase: "I hate Valentine's Day."

Stuff RAs Say (http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P5XA7_8_FvA)



This video should resound with ND students. The ever-present, ever-cheerful RA, who is somehow ALWAYS on duty is the subject of this video. You've probably heard your RA say these things approximately 100 times in the past week alone, and you love them for it. Example phrase: "Sorry, I'm on duty!"

Baking with Brenna: Baklava Bars



By BRENNA WILLIAMS
Scene Writer

For many people, the best part of going out for Mediterranean food is dessert. For many, the dessert of choice is baklava, layers of light and flaky filo dough layered with honey and nuts. There is a relatively easy alternative to this time-intensive dessert: baklava bars. This version of the Greek specialty begins with a sugar cookie base, covered with a sugar, cinnamon and filo dough crumble and finished off with a honey cinnamon glaze.

The recipe, which won the Mix It Up with Betty! Recipe Contest in 2007, doesn't call for anything especially exotic. The recipe can be found below, as well as some tips to help make your trial run easier and substitutions to make it a little healthier or easier to bake.

Ingredients

Cookie Base: 1 pouch sugar cookie mix, 1/2 cup butter or margarine, softened, 1 egg, 1/2 teaspoon grated lemon peel

Filling: 1 1/2 cups chopped walnuts, 1/3 cup granulated sugar, 1/4 cup butter or margarine, softened, 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon, 1/8 teaspoon salt, 8 frozen mini filo shells

Glaze: 1/3 cup honey, 2 tablespoons butter or margarine, softened, 1 tablespoon packed brown sugar, 1/2 teaspoon lemon juice, 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon, 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Tips and substitutions for ingredients

For everything but the cookie base, you can use applesauce in place of butter (using it in the cookies or anything that should be crispy is ill-advised).

If you're stuck on campus and don't have cinnamon or vanilla on hand, pick some up at the sugar bar next time you go to Starbucks (after paying for a drink, of course).

Substitute Splenda (original or baking specific) for sugar.

Substitute egg whites for the egg. There are measurements on the sides of boxed egg whites that let you know how much to use in place of an egg, usually three tablespoons.

I used frozen filo sheets and crumbled a little over 1 cup of those instead of using the cups. If you can't make it to the store, it will be just as delicious without the filo.

Since fresh produce is hard to come by on campus, the lemon juice and peel are optional.

Directions

Heat oven to 350°F. Spray bottom only of 13x9-inch pan with cooking spray.

Tip: Don't drench it; that will make the bottom too crispy. Obviously spray is the healthier choice, but if you don't have cooking spray, why not make Paula Deen proud by adding more butter? Rub a stick on the bottom in place of spray.

In large bowl, stir cookie base ingredients until soft dough forms. Press dough in bottom of pan. Bake 15 minutes.

Meanwhile, in medium bowl, stir all of the filling ingredients except the filo until crumbly.

Sprinkle mixture evenly over partially baked base. With hands, crumble frozen filo shells evenly over nut mixture.

Bake 18 to 20 minutes longer or until golden brown.

Meanwhile, in small microwavable bowl, microwave all of the glaze ingredients, except the vanilla, uncovered on High for one minute or until bubbly. Stir in vanilla.

Tip: If you don't have a microwave, stir ingredients together over low heat on the stove for about 10 minutes or until the ingredients have all combined. Keep the mixture warm by keeping it over the lowest heat setting.

Take the base out of the oven and drizzle the glaze evenly over it. Cool completely before cutting.

Optional: Drizzle honey over your bars before taking them out of the pan and serve or store them in a covered container.

Opa!

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Lana Del Rey is someone a lot of people love to hate.

Del Rey was first thrust into the spotlight with the success of her melancholic single “Video Games.” The song’s video, a collection of lo-fi video clips and pictures, became one of the most-watched videos on YouTube, and suddenly Del Rey was a hot topic of conversation.

Most of the criticism arose from the fact that Del Rey had the audacity to come from a privileged background. Del Rey originally recorded music as Lizzy Grant, but re-emerged with a totally revamped image — and a significant amount of plastic surgery. Being the daughter of a millionaire, many saw Del Rey as an engineered and inauthentic indie artist who bought her way into the music industry. When Del Rey was invited to perform on Saturday Night Live in January, she had a chance to silence her critics.

She did precisely the opposite. Her performance was terrible. The statuesque Del Rey slunk awkwardly around the stage, stared into the crowd with a dissociated gaze and mumbled through her songs. The subtle melodies in her songs became tuneless mutterings. Perhaps her giant collagen-balloon lips muffled her voice, because the bizarre resulting noise sounded like a Japanese man trying to speak English with a German accent. Del Rey was scoffed at by critics and was deemed SNL’s worst act since Ashlee Simpson’s lip-syncing disaster in 2004.

Considering these recent events, there was a lot of hype surrounding Del Rey’s debut album. She doesn’t seem to be quite as enthused, however, because “Born to Die” features track after track of Del Rey sounding bored.

The album features a couple of spectacular songs, however. “Video Games” deserves the tens of millions of YouTube hits it garnered. Her hit single is the best song on the album, and the song’s minimalist production makes it stand out from the other tracks.

“Born to Die,” her second single, is also worth a download. The song features pounding drums and raspy vocals, which swirl into a depressing yet enjoyable musical experience. Del Rey’s hit singles seem to suggest she is at her best when she is at her saddest.

The other songs on the album rob these singles of their brilliance. “Dark Paradise,” along with the majority of the other songs, has a nearly identical drumbeat to “Born to Die” and is replete with cliché lyrics and vapid vocals. Although her voice sounds significantly better on the album than it did on SNL, there are definitely moments on the album that call to mind her horrific performance.

Ultimately, the problem with “Born to Die” does not lie in the fact that Del Rey’s image is inauthentic. It lies in the fact that this contrived image is not interesting or convincing. Del Rey, the self-proclaimed “Gangster Nancy Sinatra,” thinks peppering her songs with phrases like “gettin’ paper” will make up for her upstate New York prep school past, but she is unfortunately mistaken. The album has two good singles to show for it, but overall is a repetitive and boring debut effort.

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“Born to Die” Lana Del Rey

Record Label: Interscope

Best Tracks: “Born to Die,”
“Video Games”



By PATRICK McMANUS
Scene Writer

From a trailer one can glean a film’s genre, the actors who portray the main characters, possibly the relationship between those characters, perhaps the primary setting and the central conflict. All of those elements are important for gauging potential interest in a film. But the quality of the film is not a product of its parts; rather, quality emerges from the way the concepts are executed. A trailer does not give much indication of how deftly the pieces of a film were crafted. That is why I am worried.

“Safe House” is an action-thriller film that stars Denzel Washington and Ryan Reynolds, set for release on Feb. 10. The trailer looks exciting. Washington plays a rogue CIA agent taken into custody by Reynolds in a titular safe house, but something goes wrong and the two end up on the run through South Africa. It’s a premise laden with potential. Indeed, “Safe House” could be a smart, action-packed, awesome movie. But it could just as easily be an incoherent mess.

Washington makes quality movies. He is a great actor who has a solid track record of picking movies that are exciting, while maintaining a certain sophistication. But Washington’s performance isn’t the factor that determines the movie’s overall quality.

The director is responsible for that, and for some of Washington’s best action movies, he has worked with talented directors. He worked with Tony Scott (“Top Gun”) on such films as “Man on Fire,” “Déjà Vu” and “The Taking of Pelham 123.” Ridley Scott directed “American Gangster,” while Spike Lee helmed “Inside Man.”

Daniel Espinosa, the director of “Safe

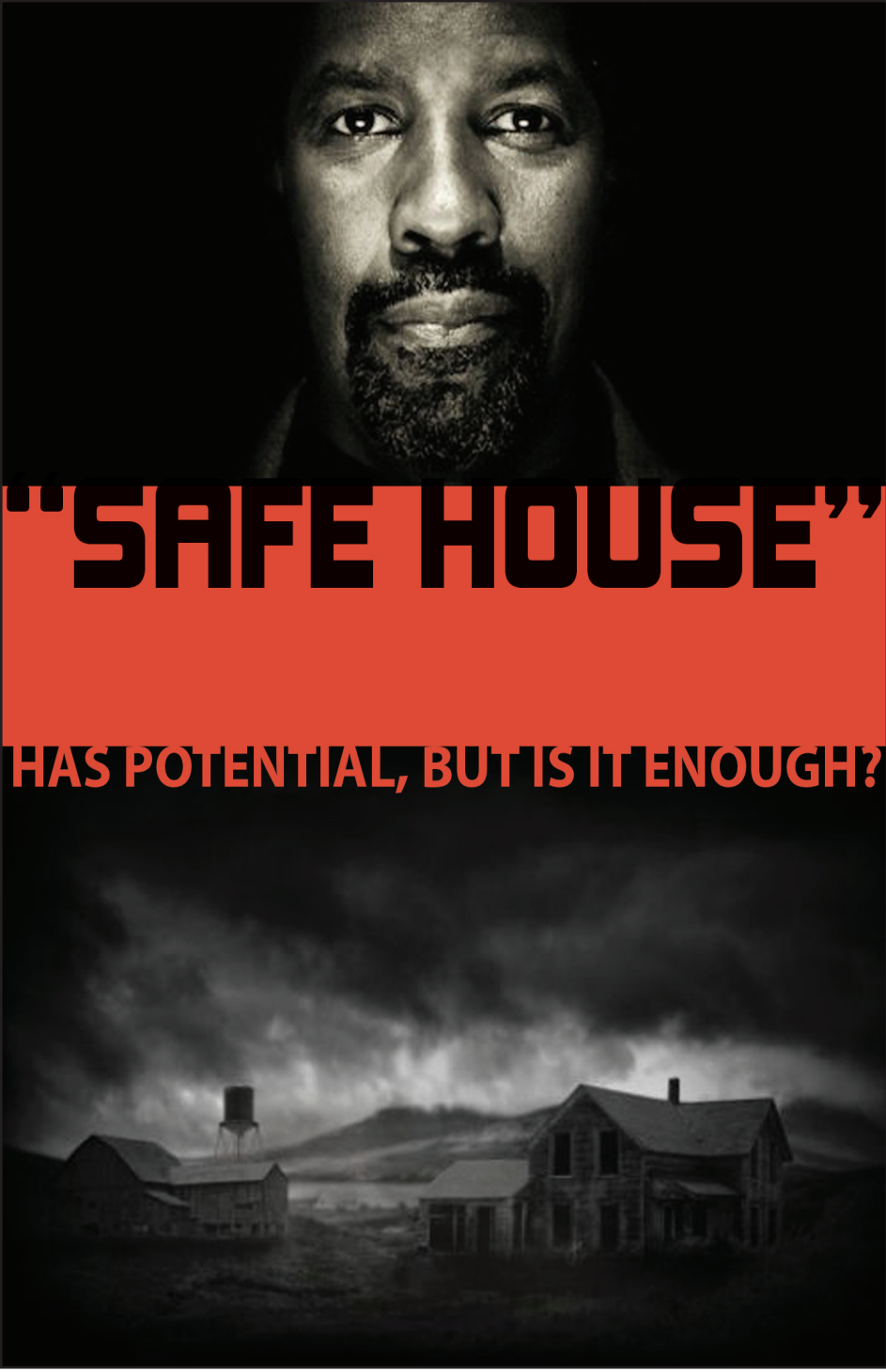
House,” has not yet made a movie outside Scandinavia. Will he adroitly utilize his actors’ skills in putting together his movie, or will he cobble a poor approximation of a compelling story? Until it comes out, there is no way to know.

But if it was just an untested director, I don’t think I’d be so anxious. “Safe House” also has to overcome Ryan Reynolds. I don’t find Reynolds to be a good actor, and he has ruined two great super heroes for me: Deadpool and the Green Lantern. I doubt even a poor performance from Reynolds can ruin “Safe House” because Denzel even made Ethan Hawke seem like a likable guy in “Training Day.” If “Safe House” turns out to be another “Training Day” and the similarities in the relationship between the main characters are there, that would be awesome.

However “Safe House” turns out, there are enough factors to explain why it came out that way. The main reason I hope it is a good, thought-provoking movie is because of its setting. Cape Town is a wonderfully diverse and vibrant city. From Table Mountain and the Malay Quarter to the Castle of Good Hope and the townships, where hundreds of thousands of poor South Africans live in deplorable conditions of poverty, there is perhaps no city quite as interesting as Cape Town. There is a lot to work with, and Cape Town could enormously enhance the flavor of the movie.

On the other hand, “Safe House” could turn out to be another run-of-the-mill, evanescent action flick; that would be a shame given the potential of the cast and the setting.

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SPORTS AUTHORITY

Changing the world of professional sports

As the GM of Sports, Executive of Athletics, President of Play and Dictator of the Sporting World, I would guide my realm to prosperity. Changes and mandates would abound as my opinion became the only one that mattered.

Firstly, there are some sports that could stand to be terminated. Despite its apparent popularity (how many true racing fans do you know?), NASCAR is a goner in my world. It is extremely dangerous, the drivers feud and pout ad nauseam and the events are too long.

Billiards should never be seen again on ESPN or its affiliate networks. I don't think I need to provide any justification for this. Rather, I should ask ESPN to justify why they would ever have crowded the wonderful world of sports with billiards of all things.

Ditto for bowling. UFC has no place in the sporting world. The violence of the brawls is startling, and I want no such event to call my kingdom home.

Having expelled some of the less appealing sports (I am the dictator, remember), I find it fit to add at least one sport into the mix. Team handball should at the very least have a chance in the United States. Already popular in other countries around the world, the sport offers excitement, rewards versatile athleticism and produces "SportsCenter" worthy highlights. Why I have never seen team handball on television inside the United States is beyond me. The initiation of a televised American Handball League, or even the importation of European matches to American television, would provide a welcome addition to the periods in between the NFL and MLB seasons. Worst case scenario, team handball is a flop in the states. It would still be 100 times less ridiculous than slam ball.

One of the main targets for my reform would be the NFL, where the product on the field is fantastic, the fan base is enormous and superstars abound. My reforms won't be aimed so much at the National Football League, but rather at the No Fun League, the damning nickname that NFL commissioner Roger Goodell has earned for his league in recent years.

Remember the days, not so

long ago, when a player could christen his entrance into the end zone with a celebratory display of triumph? When Terrell Owens showered himself with popcorn, Randy Moss mooned the crowd at Lambeau and the receiver formerly known as Chad Johnson went golfing with the pylon? Remember the buzz created when Johnson hinted at a touchdown celebration involving a live deer? Alas, the cervine celebration never was, and the NFL voted to restrict end zone celebrations in 2009.

The dances, slam dunks, leaps and belt-bucklings that follow touchdowns in today's NFL lack the creativity and flair of their predecessors. If the restrictions were intended to eliminate shows of selfishness or ego, they failed. Jumping into the crowd, rising up to slam the football through the goal posts or "dougie-ing" are equally instances of a player wishing to make himself stand out in his celebration. Because celebrations now prohibit multiple team members from participating, the league rules actually mandate that any player wishing to celebrate a successful play does so without the inclusion of his teammates.

As dictator of the sporting world, I would not only allow touchdown celebrations in all of their forms, I would encourage creative and thoughtful displays. Celebrations allow professional football players, often regarded as other-worldly figures, to connect with the fans on a personal level.

I would implement a system by which a committee of selected fans and sports writers, headed by Chad Ochocinco when he retires, would record and rate all touchdown celebrations. At the end of the season, the top player in terms of Touchdown Celebration Rating will receive recognition and be crowned King of all End Zones for the year. This system would spark inventiveness and provide a further incentive for players to reach the end zone and cater to the fans' wants.

And for those of you who don't like the idea of offensive players dancing their way to glory, keep them out of the end zone. Maybe there will be a defensive edition of the award in coming seasons.

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Joseph Monardo
Sports Writer

NFL

Giants celebrate Super Bowl

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — It wasn't the Canyon of Heroes and there wasn't as much tickertape, but that didn't seem to bother about 30,000 New York Giants fans who flocked to MetLife Stadium Tuesday to celebrate the team's rousing Super Bowl victory over the New England Patriots.

Some of them even got to touch a piece of history when Giants running back Brandon Jacobs capped the boisterous celebration by taking the Vince Lombardi Trophy and walking it around the stadium to give delirious fans in the lower rows a chance to lean over and put their hands on it. It was an impromptu moment that fit the mood of the afternoon.

"We just came from a great parade in the Canyon of Heroes, but when you pull into this place and see all the fans, there really is no place like home," team co-owner John Mara told the cheering crowd.

Thousands of fans showed up hours early to tailgate in the parking lot as if it were a Sunday during the season. And with weather in the upper 40s and low 50s, it was hard to distinguish it from October anyway.

Carol and John Senatore of Stony Point, N.Y., near West Point, share a season-ticket package and didn't even consider going into New York for the morning parade.

"We tailgate all year, so we figured why not do it today, too," John Senatore said. "This is more intimate."

Dennis Ubiles, a Manhattan resident, opted to come across the river instead of heading downtown. He managed to get son Andrew out of his elementary school for the day. And the two were ready to celebrate, Dennis in his Victor Cruz jersey like so many Giants fans, and Andrew with the No. 9 of kicker Lawrence Tynes.

"I like him because he's Scottish and my mother's



AP

Giants fans gather for a celebratory parade up what is called the Canyon of Heroes on Tuesday in support of their Super Bowl victory.

Scottish," Andrew explained.

Ubiles said he never doubted the Giants would rise to the occasion even when they lost four games in a row late in the season. He said he chose to come to the New Jersey celebration because he thought it would have a little more edge.

"I think the players will really kick back," he said. "We might see some salsa."

It wasn't salsa being performed on the players' stage in the middle of the field, but there were some non-football moves being made when the rap group Naughty By Nature performed at the end of the program.

Afterward, Cruz, the wide receiver who became an instant hero this season with his long

touchdown runs and end-zone salsa performances, signed autographs for dozens of fans who leaned over the front row of the stands to get close to him. At one point during the bedlam, he posed for a picture with 18-year-old Zack Pollack of Passaic, a cerebral palsy sufferer who watched the ceremony from his wheelchair on the field.

"This means so much to him," his father, Larry said. "He watches all the games."

Zack couldn't contain himself, shouting out, "I love Victor Cruz!"

Several players, including quarterback Eli Manning and defensive lineman Justin Tuck, addressed the fans, with Tuck proclaiming that the stadium the Giants share

with the New York Jets is "our house."

Gov. Chris Christie attended the ceremony but did not speak.

One fan held up a sign that captured the essence of the day: "Thank You Giants, We Got To Miss School Again."

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John Mara
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New York Giants

"Thank You Giants, We Got To Miss School Again."

Sign held up by
Giants fan at parade

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On This Day in History

1693- William and Mary college is 2nd college chartered in US

1887- Aurora Ski Club of Red Wing, Minnesota became the 1st U.S. ski club

1896- Western Conference forms from Midwestern Universities, later renamed Big 10 Conference

1904-Russo-Japanese War begins

1910- Boy Scouts of America incorporated and chartered

1912- First eastbound U.S. transcontinental flight lands in Jacksonville, Fla

1926- Walt Disney Studios forms

1936- First NFL draft, Eagles select Heisman Trophy winner Jay Berwanger

1944- U-762 sunk off Ireland

1963 - AFL's Dallas Texans become Kansas City Chiefs

1965 - Supremes release "Stop In the Name of Love"

1973 - Senate names 7 members to investigate Watergate scandal

1974- Ringo releases "You're 16"

1977 - Earthquake in San Francisco, at 5.0, strongest since 1966

1986 - 5' 7" Spud Webb of Atlanta Hawks wins NBA Slam Dunk Competition

1996 - NFL and Cleveland allows Art Modell to move his NFL franchise to Baltimore but he had to leave the Browns' name behind

Morgan, I must apologize. I forgot to call you on your birthday. I can only hope this public admittance of my failing will be sufficient to make up for it.

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NFL

Chiefs O-coordinator plans to oulast predecessors

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Kansas City’s fifth offensive coordinator in four years is hoping to lend some much-needed permanence to his new team.

Brian Daboll said Monday that he considers stability to be very important.

“You look at teams, for the most part percentage-wise that have been successful over the years, one word I think is sometimes overlooked is continuity,” Daboll said Monday at his introductory news conference with the Chiefs. “When you can have a system in play and you understand that your players are going to be in that system and they understand their roles, that gives you a little bit of a jump start.

The 36-year-old Daboll will replace the retired Bill Muir. He was offensive coordinator last year at Miami and ran the offense at Cleveland the two years before that.

Since Scott Pioli took over as general manager after the 2008 season, offensive coordinator in Kansas City has been one of the most insecure positions in the NFL. Chan Gailey was fired

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Brian Daboll
Chiefs offensive coordinator

a few days before the 2009 season began and replaced by Todd Haley, who spent his first year as a head coach also running the offense.

Charlie Weis held the job the next season, resigned and was replaced for one year by Muir.

“So we’ve got some work to do here installing our stuff and I look forward to it,” Daboll said.

Like Pioli and head coach Romeo Crennel, Daboll’s career roots are deep in the New England system, where he was a young assistant from 2000-2005.

“I think a lot of people say he’s another guy from the New England tree,” Crennel said. “But it’s been a while since he’s been in Mew England, and I just happen to be from that New England tree also. Sometimes knowing people and knowing what they’re about is important. In this case, that was important to me. Plus, I know he’s a good person and a very hard worker.”

Daboll inherits an offense that was devastated by injuries last year, losing Pro Bowl running back Jamaal Charles after only 12 carries and tight end Tony Moeaki in the preseason. A hand injury shelved quarterback Matt Cassel for much of the second

half of a season that ended with a 7-9 mark and Haley’s dismissal.

Daboll promised an aggressive approach.

“The first word I want to use is ‘attack,’” he said. “When you’re an offensive football coach, you want to try to really set precedent on the defense and attack the defense.”

Daboll’s best NFL offense so far has ranked 22nd in the league. Since Crennel plans to be defensive coordinator as well as head coach, Daboll will have more autonomy than most offensive coordinators in the NFL.

“You know what, to a degree he will because I’m going to depend on him to handle the offensive side of the ball,” Crennel said. “But that being said, because of our relationship, we’re going to be able to sit down and say, ‘This is how we need to attack an opponent, this is what we need to do in a game plan,’ and then expect Brian to implement those things.”

Daboll shrugged off reports that he was hard to get along with and feuded with quarterback Colt McCoy while in Cleveland.

“With most of the players that I’ve coached, I have a very good relationship,” he said. “Colt and I have a good relationship. It’s not a bad relationship. I think there’s certain times when you’re a coach and sometimes emotion can get to you. Maybe you step back and say, ‘Boy, I would rather have handled it that way rather than this way. But I think the job as a coach is to tell the players what to do and



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Brian Daboll served as the Dolphins’ offensive coordinator last season prior to joining Kansas City in the same position.

show them how to do it and really not accept any excuses. It’s an emotional game.”

He added: “I’m a high-energy, up-tempo guy. I expect perfection. I know that’s not possible all the time but I think we need to all hold ourselves to a high standard, to really setting the tone and expecting the highest detail and highest execution from ourselves.”

NFL

Baltimore RB Ricky Williams announces retirement

Associated Press

OWINGS MILLS, Md. — Ricky Williams is retiring from the NFL.

Again.

This time, however, it ap-

pears to be for good.

The 34-year-old Williams told the Baltimore Ravens on Tuesday he won’t be back to fulfill the second year of a contract he signed in August. Playing as a backup to Ray

Rice this year, Williams ran for 444 yards and scored two touchdowns.

He also became the 26th player in NFL history to reach 10,000 yards rushing, reaching the plateau in the season finale at Cincinnati.

“The NFL has been an amazing page in this chapter of my life,” Williams said. “I pray that all successive adventures offer me the same potential for growth, success and most importantly, fun. ... As for what’s next, I am excited about all the opportunities ahead — continuing my education, running The Ricky Williams Foundation and whatever other opportunities present themselves.”

Williams retired previously before the 2004 season when facing a four-game suspension for violating the league’s drug policy. He returned in 2005, then left to spend the 2006 season with Toronto of the Canadian Football League.

After an outstanding college career at Texas, where he won the Heisman Trophy, Williams broke into the NFL in 1999 with the New Orleans Saints. Mike Ditka, then coach of the Saints, traded all the team’s draft and first- and third-round picks in 2000 to pick Williams fifth overall.

Williams spent only three years with New Orleans, but during over 11 years in the league he had five 1,000-yard rushing seasons and finished with 10,009 yards on the

ground.

Williams led the NFL in 2002 with 1,853 yards rushing for the Miami Dolphins and received his lone Pro Bowl invitation that season. He backed that up with 1,372 yards in 2003, giving him what remains the two most productive rushing seasons in Dolphins history.

Although Williams’ last start was in 2009, he enjoyed coming off the bench for the Ravens.

“It’s been interesting,” he said in November. “It’s been an adjustment for me, but I love the organization and I love my teammates so I’m having a good time. I’m enjoying myself. Anytime you play a team sport, the success of the team really makes everything better. It’s nice.”

Baltimore went 12-4 this season and lost to New England in the AFC championship game.

During that November interview, Williams was asked whether playing as a backup could possibly extend his career.

“At this point, my focus is just to finish my career strong,” he said. “I’m not even thinking two or three years down the line. But one positive about not carrying the ball is my body does feel good.”

Williams scored 73 touchdowns over his career, all but eight of them on the ground. His last score came on Dec. 4

against Cleveland.

“I have to thank coach (John) Harbaugh and the Ravens organization for the opportunity they gave me this year,” Williams said. “I had so much fun and really appreciated the chance to finish on such a great note.”


Williams fit in well with the Ravens and made a lasting impression on Rice, who led the NFL this season with 2,068 yards from scrimmage.

“I was a big fan of Ricky before we were teammates, but being around him this year is the best thing that happened to me in my NFL career,” Rice said. “As a young player, you need to be around a guy who knows what he is doing, and Ricky was tremendous to learn from. The way he took care of his body and the way he prepared, he always showed that he is a true professional. This past season with him is a year I will never forget.

“I had the best year with him beside me, and that was no accident. I believe that Ricky Williams is a Hall of Famer. All that he has done in his career, he deserves that.”

Harbaugh said during his time in Baltimore, Williams “made a valuable and lasting contribution. I especially enjoyed getting to know him as a person, and I have the utmost respect for him.

“He was great to be around and to work with every single day.”



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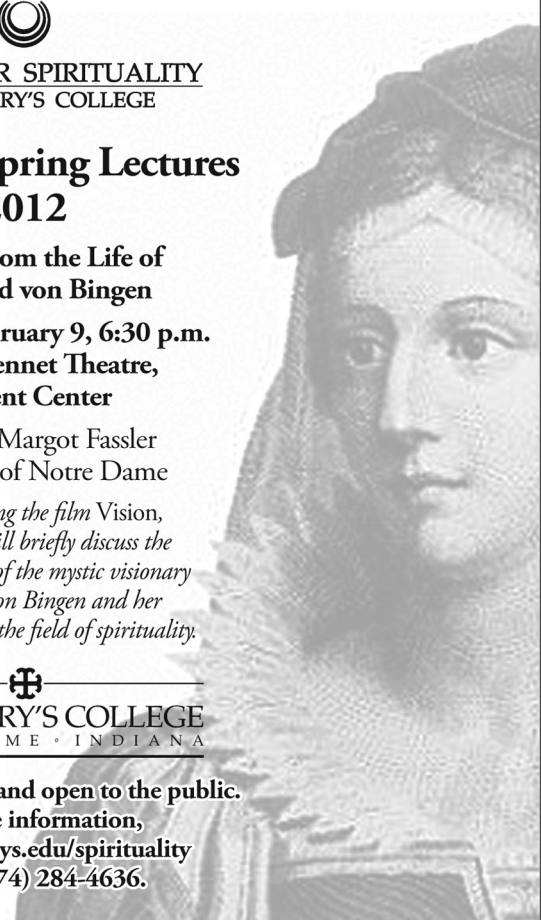
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Bail revisions could force Sandusky inside

Associated Press

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Prosecutors asked Tuesday to have Jerry Sandusky kept indoors as part of his bail conditions, citing complaints that the former Penn State football assistant was seen outside and watching children in a schoolyard from the back porch of his home, where he remains under house arrest while awaiting trial on child molestation charges.

The state attorney general's office argued in a court filing that Sandusky's bail conditions should be revised so that he is not allowed outside except to seek medical treatment. Prosecutors said they opposed Sandusky's request to be allowed contact with his grandchildren as he awaits trial on 52 child sex-abuse charges.

"Several individuals from the adjacent elementary school have expressed concerns for the safety of children at their school and the adjacent neighborhood," prosecutors wrote. "Such concerns will only mushroom if defendant is permitted to roam at will outside his house."

The allegation he was watching children was outlined in an exhibit attached to the filing, a memo from a state investigator to a county probation officer that said a teacher and intern had reported concern for the children's safety.

"They advised the neighbor that yesterday they had the children outside for recess as it was a warmer day, and that they both witnessed Mr. Sandusky on his rear house deck watching the children play," wrote investigator Anthony Sassano on Jan. 26.

Sandusky's lawyer, Joe Amendola, did not immediately respond to requests for comment about the latest prosecution filing.

Sandusky's two-story home at the end of a dead-end street has a black and orange "No Trespassing" sign staked near the base of the driveway, while the two properties directly adjacent to his home have white signs supporting the Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network.

Nearby neighbor Jody Harrington said he has seen Sandusky walking his dog and on

his back porch nearly daily, and at times when children are playing on the Lemont Elementary playground.

He said he has expressed concerns informally with other neighbors, the school principal and police, and told his children to avoid Sandusky.

"Because of due process, we have to sit and wait. But that waiting process, it's painful. It's hard," he said. "The best way to describe it is I feel very violated."

The prosecution filing regarding bail said Sandusky's son's ex-wife "strenuously objects" to her three minor children having any contact with him, and that prosecutors believe Sandusky was fortunate to be granted bail.

"The commonwealth believes that (the) defendant should be in jail," prosecutors wrote. "He has been granted the privilege of being confined in his own home, which is spacious and private and where he can eat food of his own preference and sleep in his own bed at night. House arrest is not meant to be a house party."

That court document, and several motions filed late Monday by Sandusky's lawyer, come ahead of a court hearing Friday regarding his bail modification request.

Sandusky, 68, a former longtime defensive coordinator for Penn State's football team, has maintained he is innocent of the allegations, which claim he engaged in a range of illegal acts with boys over 15 years, from touching their legs to subjecting them to violent sexual assault.

As Sandusky's lawyers prepare for trial, they have asked a judge for copies of secret grand jury testimony, the phone numbers of his accusers and other material. A 37-page pretrial discovery motion sought dozens of records from the state attorney general's office, including subpoenas, photos, unredacted passages of blacked-out documents already provided to the defense, investigative notes and psychiatric records.

PGA

Woods shines at Pebble Beach

Associated Press

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. — Bill Murray stumbled into the back of a crowded conference room Tuesday just as Tiger Woods was wrapping up his press conference at the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am. The "Caddyshack" star looked more confused than usual.

"Where's the other guy?" Murray asked.

Murray, as it turned out, was an hour late.

He was supposed to be at the interview table with D.A. Points, his partner last year when they won the pro-am, and perhaps the most overlooked defending champion at a PGA Tour event since Nick Price at Colonial in 2003.

"I got here and I got the program and I looked at the tickets and I thought, 'Wait a minute. Didn't I win?'" Points said. "And there are pictures of Bill everywhere. I'm driving down the highway, I see a billboard. There's Bill. There's Tiger. I'm like, 'Where am I?'"

It's the only PGA Tour event Points has won, so he was a little bummed at the oversight.

But he gets it.

"The celebrities obviously make this event larger-than-life sometimes," he said.

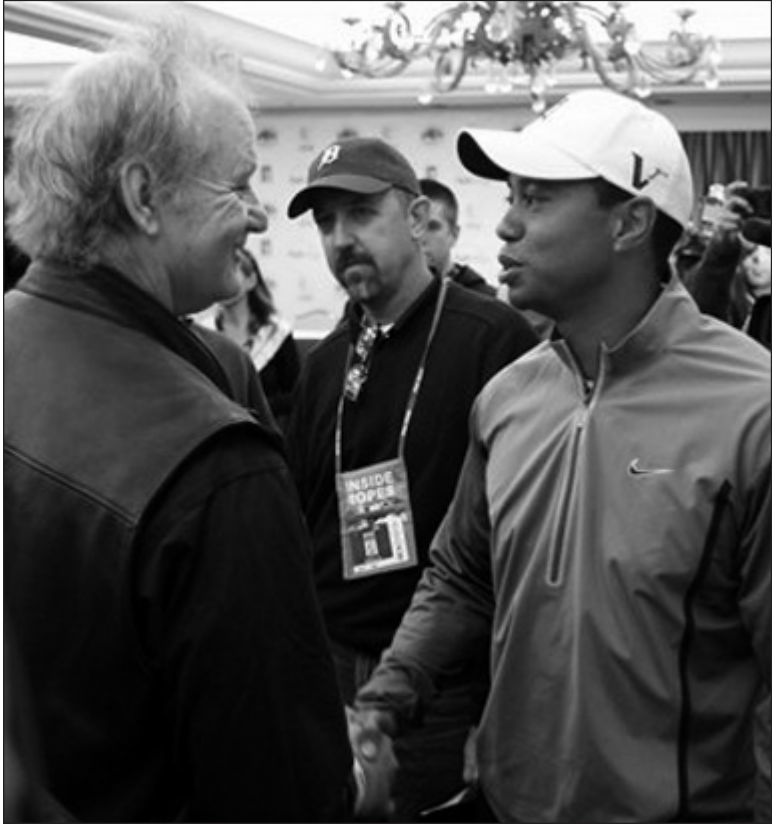
That's the effect Woods has this week at Pebble Beach.

It's not unusual for him to start a PGA Tour season along the Pacific coast, though it's usually at Torrey Pines. And there is a certain magic about Woods and Pebble Beach, which has been a big part of his career even though he has won only twice, both in the same year.

The first was the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, and it's a timely memory considering the last two weeks have featured wild comebacks and ugly meltdowns. Brandt Snedeker came from seven shots behind at Torrey Pines to beat Kyle Stanley, who made triple bogey on the final hole; then Stanley came from eight shots back and won in Phoenix after Spencer Levin shot 75.

Woods was seven shots out of the lead with seven holes to play in 2000, and still looked to have no chance until he holed a wedge for eagle on the 15th, nearly holed another shot on the 16th and beat a fast-fading Matt Gogel.

"I was just trying to somehow get in it," Woods recalled. "All of a sudden, boom! Three shots,



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Tiger Woods, right, greets actor Bill Murray on Tuesday after a news conference at the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am golf tournament.

two holes, I'm back in the ball game."

It was even more significant because that was his sixth consecutive PGA Tour win.

Then came the greatest single feat of his career that summer in the U.S. Open, a major where Woods was at the absolute apex of his game. On a course so difficult that no one else broke par, he shot 12-under 272 and won by 15 shots.

Now, the mystique has given way to curiosity.

Woods still draws the biggest crowd and drives attention in golf — Saturday's round when the celebrities are at Pebble Beach was headed for its first sellout — but no one can be sure what to expect. There is unpredictability about Woods that wasn't there before.

That, too, might be changing.

Woods began his 2012 season in Abu Dhabi, where he was tied for the lead going into the last day and was outplayed by Robert Rock. What some might see as more evidence that Woods can no longer be the player he was, Woods sees as real progress.

His golf — and his life — has been a series of stops and starts since his last tour win at the 2009 Australian Masters, right before his personal life came crashing down.

The divorce. The new swing coach. The injuries. The new caddie.

Woods had to adjust to a new lifestyle as a divorced father of two children, but equally time-consuming was the recovery from injuries. He finally got that sorted out late last summer, and then he missed two months because he was ineligible for the FedEx Cup playoffs.

His game has been trending up over the last few months.

Woods took the 36-hole lead in the Australian Open and finished third. He was among the best players on the U.S. team at Royal Melbourne in the Presidents Cup. Then, he ended a two-year drought by winning at Sherwood with birdies on the last two holes.

He was starting to warm up. He stopped for a winter break.

And then in Abu Dhabi, while he didn't win, he was right back where he left off — contending.

"I think that's what's exciting," Woods said. "Because before I didn't go into those breaks feeling good about where my game was. I was still making changes, still trying to get healthy. It was never really there. This time was different. I went into it healthy, went into it playing well, and then was able to build on it over the break."

MLB

George Brett faces lawsuit for falsely advertising jewelry

Associated Press

IOWA CITY, Iowa — Lawyers are seeking class-action status for a lawsuit that claims Hall of Fame slugger George Brett has been falsely advertising necklaces and bracelets as being able to help improve health and sports performance.

A lawsuit filed Monday in federal court in Des Moines claims Spokane Valley, Wash.-based Brett Bros. Sports International Inc. has falsely claimed its Ionic Necklaces help customers relieve pain in the neck, shoulders

and upper back, recover from sports fatigue and improve focus. The company has also falsely claimed its bracelets, which include two roller magnets, would relieve wrist, hand and elbow pain, the lawsuit said.

Brett, who was inducted to the Hall of Fame in 1999 after a 21-year career with the Kansas City Royals, has been president of the company since 2001 and appears in its advertisements.

The claims appeared on the company's website from 2008 to 2010, and still appear on the packaging of the

products and on the websites of its distributors, according to the lawsuit.

"Most consumers, when reading these claims, and seeing the products endorsed by a high-profile baseball player, assume that these products have the health benefits that are marketed and advertised and that scientifically significant research supports statements made by Brett Bros., when in fact that is not the case," reads the lawsuit, which alleges the company has violated the state Consumer Frauds Act and been unjustly

enriched.

The lawsuit says an Iowa man, Seth Thompson of Adel, bought one of the necklaces for \$30 at the College World Series in Omaha last year after reading Brett's endorsement of them. He hoped the product would reduce stress and fatigue and boost his energy and concentration, but none of those benefits were realized, rendering the product "useless to him," the lawsuit says.

His lawyers, who include Bart Goplerud of West Des Moines and two from firms in Los Angeles, are ask-

ing a federal judge to approve a class-action lawsuit on behalf of thousands of customers who have bought the products in the last four years. Total damages "are likely in the millions of dollars," the lawsuit says.

A representative of Brett Bros., which also sells baseball accessories such as bats and baseballs, did not return an inquiry seeking comment.

Brett, 58, retired from baseball in 1993 after accumulating 3,154 hits and 317 home runs, winning three batting titles and making 13 All-Star teams.

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could prove deadly in the hostile WVU Coliseum.

“We have had some good nights in Morgantown but also some nightmares,” Brey said. “They have a great crowd and I am always impressed with their atmosphere, but our kids love playing in that type of atmosphere. Our guards want to play good in big games and come out under the bright lights.”

Notre Dame (15-8, 7-3) is coming off a 76-59 rout over No. 15 Marquette on Saturday, highlighted by freshman forward Pat Connaughton’s 23 points and 11 rebounds. The co-Big East Rookie of the Week finished five-of-eight from beyond the arc and electrified the crowd with his dynamic play.

“The biggest step for [Connaughton] was to be a consistent practice player,” Brey said. “The comfort level of playing with those four [other starters] has helped a lot. We want him to be aggressive. His stroke is so beautiful. We don’t need him doing crazy stuff but I don’t want him turning anything down.”

Leading by only four at halftime, the Irish erupted for 46 points in the second half, showing a killer instinct Brey said was uncharacteristic of a young team. The upset marked the fifth win this season over a top-25 team for the



JULIE HERDER/The Observer

Sophomore guard Alex Dragicevich searches for a teammate during Notre Dame’s 76-59 victory over Syracuse on Jan. 21.

Irish, tying them with Ohio State for the NCAA lead, while breaking the Golden Eagles’ seven-game winning streak.

“That is an important aspect of a group, showing some maturity and feeling you have a team in a position where you can put them away,” Brey said. “they have figured out who they are and

feel good about each other.”

“When you play a group a lot you get better defensively. Being able to get out in passing lanes and cause some turnovers creates some pressure. Certainly beating Syracuse makes a group feel good about [itself], but we didn’t get satisfied or distracted. We got more hungry, and we think that we have something here.”

The Mountaineers will host the Irish tonight at 9 p.m. at the WVU Coliseum. The game will be televised on ESPNU.

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WOMEN’S SWIMMING AND DIVING

Prestinario serves as model for young team

By MATT UNGER
Sports Writer

On a squad where youth dominates the roster, senior swimmer and co-captain Amy Prestinario has managed to post impressive results in the pool and hold a strong leadership role outside of it.

Prestinario and fellow co-captain junior Emily Barton have welcomed an increased leadership role on a squad that features only two seniors on a roster of 23 swimmers.

In the pool, Prestinario, a freestyle swimmer, recently capped off the last dual meet of her Irish career with two wins in Muncie, Ind., against Ball State. She took first place in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 24.46 seconds and won the 100-yard freestyle in 52.33 seconds. Prestinario also raced a leg for the 200-yard free relay team, which won its race by just over a second.

Outside of the pool, Prestinario earns praise and respect from her teammates.

“She’s a very good role model, especially for a team with a lot of freshmen on it,” junior diver Jenny Chiang said. “When she says something she means it and has a tremendous work ethic.

She’s also a person who’s fun to be around.”

Throughout her four-year Irish career, the senior psychology major has delivered strong performances in freestyle and relay races. She has amassed all-Big East honors in each of her first three seasons.

During her freshman season, Prestinario earned honors as a member of the 400- and 800-yard freestyle relay squads, which placed third and first respectively at the conference meet. After earning additional honors for two relay teams during her sophomore campaign, Prestinario took home individual all-Big East honors in her junior year in

the 50- and 100-yard freestyle races.

She was also a member of the Big East-champion 400-yard freestyle relay squad.

Prestinario and the Irish compete in the Big East Swimming and Diving championships over the next two weekends in Pittsburgh. The divers will compete Friday through Sunday, while the swimmers hit the pool from Feb. 15-18 for a chance at winning the Big East title.

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difficult, Louderback said the visiting team does have some advantages.

“The disadvantage is just being used to the courts and the lighting and the opposing team’s crowd; that’s the toughest thing,” Louderback said. “The good thing for us is that it’s good to have the kids all together; they’re not in the dorm or in their apartments at night. Our seniors live off-campus and we know they’re in their rooms, and it’s nice on the road having everyone together all the time.”

The players said they enjoy their nights bonding as a team during long road trips.

“When we are off the court during away matches, we are usually laughing,” McGaffigan said. “We try to utilize our time to do schoolwork, but we all love getting to spend time with each other.”

Sanders also said the team has no trouble amusing itself.

“We like to hang out with each other in the hotel. We don’t go out much because we want to rest up for the next match,” Sanders said. “We end up watching a movie together or just talking and laughing about random things. We joke about starting a book of all our funny quotes.”

The Irish hit the road next on a spring break trip to Honolulu, where Notre Dame will take on Texas Tech, Hawaii and Southern Methodist. Louderback said the trip will feature top-notch tennis in an ideal setting.


“Every four years we go to Hawaii, and we go there this year,” Louderback said. “The last time we were there we went out on a boat, went whale watching; we went up to look at volcanoes. We always have a great trip when we go to Hawaii.”

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sive boards. She was available when the guards were in trouble. She just got so many easy shots. She made some jumpers. She was just really, really working the offense to perfection.”

Both teams struggled from the floor in the early going. The Irish (24-1, 11-0 Big East) started just three-for-11 from the field, and Syracuse (15-10, 4-7) started two-for-11. Notre Dame was still able to capture an 18-point lead going into the locker room at halftime.

“The first half in particular I thought was outstanding,” McGraw said. “We held them to 19 points. We just really, really played well.”

Syracuse had a few late spurts in the game, but the Irish were able to hold the Orange off and go on a few runs of their own each time. Syracuse came within 11 points of the Irish at one point, but Notre Dame squashed any hope of an upset with runs of its own. Junior guard Skylar Diggins and Peters consistently sparked the Irish transition offense. Diggins finished with 11 points, six rebounds and five assists.

Sophomore guard Kayla McBride contributed 19 points, tying a season high.

“Kayla McBride did an outstanding job,” McGraw said. “She played inside a little bit more than usual this game, and



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Graduate student forward Devereaux Peters shoots a layup against DePaul on Sunday. Notre Dame won 90-70.

really was able to work the high-post area, really kept their defense a little off balance. I don’t think they were expecting her to attack like she did. She played really well.”

Once again, the Irish defense dominated. McGraw was not pleased with her team’s defense in its previous game against DePaul. Despite the 20-point margin of

victory, McGraw felt the Irish could have played better de-

fensively against the Blue Demons. Tuesday, the Irish held Syracuse 15 points below their season average.

“I was happier tonight,” McGraw said. “Holding them to 55 is good.”

Notre Dame consistently beat the Orange on the glass, gathering in 10 more rebounds than Syracuse. On the season, the Orange outrebounded opponents by an average of 12 boards per game.

Senior Brittany Mallory scooped up five steals in her 137th career game, the latter an Irish record. The margin of victory was the largest for the Irish at Syracuse since 2004.

The Irish play host to West Virginia Sunday at 3:30 p.m. in Purcell Pavilion.

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net a few times.”

The Northwestern match marked the middle portion of a busy stretch of tennis for the Irish. After two matches in North Carolina this past weekend and the mid-week match against the Wildcats, Notre Dame is slated for three more matches this upcoming

weekend, starting with Wisconsin on Friday.

“There’s not a lot of time to reflect on anything,” Bayliss said. “[Wednesday’s] a day off and then we’ll have one day of practice before we play Wisconsin.”

The next match for the Irish, against the Badgers, is scheduled for Friday at 4 p.m. in the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

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Freshman Michael Fredricka serves against an opponent at the Fallon Invitational on Sept. 23 at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

SMC BASKETBALL

Belles battle for MIAA tournament spot

By PETER STEINER
Sports Writer

After defeating Olivet on Saturday, the Belles will attempt to stave off another opponent looking to overtake them in the standings when they face off against Adrian tonight.

With only three conference games remaining, Saint Mary’s (11-11, 7-6 MIAA) is clinging to the last MIAA postseason tournament spot.

Adrian (9-11, 5-8) enters the game on a three-game winning streak that has vaulted it into fifth place in the MIAA.

Defense will be the key to stopping Adrian’s momentum, Belles coach Jennifer Henley said.

“In order for us to secure the fourth place in the MIAA tournament, this is definitely a must win for us,” Henley said. “I believe Wednesday’s game will come down to defense once again. Adrian has a lot

of talent on their team, and they are playing with great chemistry right now. We have to do a better job playing team defense and doing the little things right.”

The Belles lost to the Bulldogs on the road earlier this season, scoring only 52 points — their lowest point total this season. According to Henley, the Belles will need to depend on their transition game, solid rebounding and the ability to draw fouls on shots in order to beat Adrian this time around.

“We are going to look to get out and run on Adrian as much as possible,” she said. “We certainly are going to try to get to the foul line; it has been one of our strengths all season. I also think rebounding will be a big factor for us. We have been working hard on crashing the offensive boards and

putting more effort into our own box-outs lately.” The Belles will also continue

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Beaten to a pulp

By MATTHEW ROBISON
Sports Writer

Devereaux Peters scored a season-high 21 points and pulled in 16 boards over the nation's second-best rebounding team as No. 2 Notre Dame took down another Big East opponent at Syracuse on Tuesday by a 74-55 score.

"I was so pleased with the rebounding, in particular [graduate student forward Peters] and [sophomore forward] Natalie Achonwa," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "They both did a fantastic job. But I felt the whole team really contributed by getting in there and doing a good job boxing out. That was quite an accomplishment because [the Orange] are an excellent rebounding team."

Peters' numbers gave her a seventh double-double this season and her fourth in the last five games. It is also her fourth game with at least 15 boards in the previous five. McGraw was more than pleased to see Peters dominate the post.

"Devereaux was always in the right place at the right time," McGraw said. "She did a good job on the offen-

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DILLON WEISNER/The Observer

Irish freshman forward Markisha Wright battles for a rebound during Notre Dame's 90-70 victory over DePaul on Sunday.

MEN'S TENNIS

Northwestern falls to new doubles pairing

By SAM GANS
Sports Writer

After falling to No. 10 Duke on Sunday, the No. 30 Irish rebounded Tuesday with a dominating start to earn a 5-2 victory at Northwestern.

Notre Dame (6-3) began the match strongly by taking the doubles point after winning all three doubles matches. The newly-composed pairing of seniors Niall Fitzgerald and Casey Watt improved to 2-1 on the year, while junior Spencer Talmadge and sophomore Greg Andrews remained undefeated at 3-0.

"Doubles was pretty important tonight," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. "We got down a break [point] on a couple of the courts right away. Their courts are newly resurfaced and they're slower [which] makes for longer rallies. And some of the balls we thought we'd put away came back and we were out of position. So I think that our guys made good adjustments and we sort of hunkered down and

broke back and stayed the course. It was a pretty good effort for us."

In singles play, the Irish clinched the match early by winning the first three completed matches to go up 4-0 against the previously undefeated Wildcats (5-1). Notre Dame was also victorious in its top three singles positions, with Watt, Andrews and senior Sam Keeton each earning straight-set victories. Fitzgerald also won at the No. 6 singles position.

"Casey Watt was down early, 2-0, and he really pulled himself together and won the match in straight sets," Bayliss said. "Greg Andrews was a warrior tonight. He played Josh Graves, who might be their best player and he won a long two-and-a-half hour 6-4, 6-4 match. Sam Keeton, his ability to play up in the court forced Spencer Wolf, his opponent, to constantly be out of position and Sam was able to control the match from off the ground and get to the

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Team unity keeps Irish focused on the road

By VICKY JACOBSEN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame students have various ways of dealing with the permanent gray skies of the winter months. For members of the women's tennis team, escaping the dull and dreary South Bend winter is often just one road match against an SEC opponent away.

"I love going to places that are different from South Bend," sophomore Britney Sanders said. "This weekend is a perfect example. We went to Knoxville and Nashville, which are very southern areas. I loved hearing the southern accents and seeing people wear cowboy boots. It was also warm, which is a great break from the snow in South Bend."

As much as the Irish (5-2, 1-0 Big East) enjoy occasional breaks from sub-freezing temperatures, they spend a lot more time studying than sunbathing on road trips.

"You can see when we're flying or on the bus, the kids spend a lot of time studying," Irish coach Jay Louderback said. "It's a little bit like the library or something. I'll get up for breakfast and go

down to the lobby, and in the morning and there's a couple already up that are studying then, so they do a lot of studying on the road."

Several members of the team say the "traveling library" is necessary because they often miss classes to compete in away meets.

"The worst part about being on the road is staying on top of schoolwork and communicating with groups," junior Chrissie McGaffigan said. "It also can be draining when we travel all day."

But the point of these road trips is to play competitive tennis, and the Irish often welcome extra practice to acquaint themselves with unfamiliar facilities before the match.

"The day of the match, if we have an afternoon match, we'll usually hit in late morning at those courts just to get another chance to hit on them," Louderback said. "Then we get a longer warm-up, and it's mainly just to get used to the courts and the lighting and everything."

While adjusting to an opponent's home court can be

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

WVU seniors are Brey's main worry

By ANDREW GASTELUM
Sports Writer

During their current four-game winning streak, the Irish have upset the No. 1 team in the country, outlasted the defending NCAA national champions on the road and ended the conference's longest winning streak. Now, the Irish have yet another daunting task ahead of them as they look to stop the Big East's top scoring duo in one of college basketball's most hostile atmospheres: West Virginia.

Senior forward Kevin Jones (20.8 points per game) and senior guard Darryl Bryant (17.6 points per game) lead the multifaceted West Virginia attack. The dynamic senior tandem is the biggest worry for Irish coach Mike Brey heading into the contest.

"We are dealing with a heck of a team and [they] have two guys who are [almost] averaging 40 points," Brey said. "That is amazingly impressive. They set the tone for them. Jones would be my player of the year candidate. I am very impressed with him with the numbers, but I also love how he leads the team and interacts with the guys. He is a clutch guy who makes his teammates believe."

The Mountaineers (16-8, 6-5 Big East) broke out of a three-game skid Sunday with



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Irish freshman guard Pat Cannaughton snatches a rebound during the Irish 76-59 defeat of Marquette on Saturday.

an 87-84 overtime victory over Providence. The Friars (13-11, 2-9) held Jones to his 20-point average, but Bryant exploded for 32 points, including the game-winning 3-pointer with one second left in overtime.

Ranked fourth in the country in rebounding, Jones is one

of two Big East players who averages a double-double, tallying 11.2 rebounds per game. The veteran senior has 15 double-doubles on the year and has notched at least 20 points in his last nine games, which

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