Crawfords reflect on Desert to Dome journey

College of Science dean, wife bike 2,200 miles to raise research funds, awareness for neurodegenerative disease

By SAM STRYKER
News Writer

When Gregory Crawford, dean of the College of Science, and his wife Renate left Tucson, Ariz., with their final destination 29 days and 2,200 miles away, they knew there would be some long days ahead.

“We biked between six and 11 hours a day,” he said. “A shorter day would be 80 miles and the longest day was 120 miles. There was one 60-mile day, but that was in the mountains of New Mexico.”

Desert to Dome, the couple’s journey from Arizona to Notre Dame, raised awareness and funding to find a cure for Niemann-Pick Type C, a neurodegenerative disease.

Renate Crawford said efficiency was crucial in planning the trip. It factored into what time they began their journey each day and how they ate meals, which were provided by a support van that rode with them.

“We left really early in the morning. During the hours on the road we were handed food,” she said. “We were trying to minimize down time.”

Gregory Crawford said the amount of physical exertion they completed each day left them both extremely tired and hungry once they finished the day’s trip.

“Sweat and calories as we normally do. At the end of the day, we had to update our blog and Skype with our kids,” he said. “When you ride for that long, you kind of lie down and crash.”

Desert to Dome was not only a personal accomplishment for the Crawfords, it also marked the beginning of a partnership between Notre Dame and the Parseghian Foundation, named for former Irish football coach Ara Parseghian.

Left, Gregory and Renate Crawford celebrate reaching the Texas milestone of their trip from Arizona to Notre Dame. Right, Gregory Crawford bikes at sunset.

Students attend Career Expo

By NICOLE TOCZAUER
News Writer

Abbey Coons remembers attending Notre Dame’s Career Expo in 2003, where she secured an internship for General Electric (GE). Now, she’s back as a recruiter looking for students with initiative and experience.

“I think companies like GE specifically like Notre Dame’s work ethic and integrity,” she said. “It really meshes with company values.”

Nearly 1,800 students attended the Fall Career Fair Wednesday at the Joyce Athletics and Convocation Center to scout out summer internships and post-graduate jobs from 140 companies — just as Coons once did.

To prepare for the Career Fair, many students took advantage of the services at the Career Center in Flanner Hall.

“There have been many students even early in the year,” said Laura Flynn, assistant director at the Career Center.

Students meet with recruiters from 140 companies at the Full Career Expo on Wednesday.

Indiana excise police meet with community

By ANNA BOARINI
News Writer

When the Indiana State Excise police were founded during prohibition 97 years ago, they were known as the liquor police.

Now, they still handle alcohol-related cases, but one of their main goals is to make their presence known within the community. Master officer Michelle Traughber said at a community relations meeting Wednesday.

The University’s Office of Community Relations held a meeting with the excise police in downtown South Bend not to discuss a recent spike in alcohol-related arrests, but to learn more about the excise police and their place in the community.

The force, which works to provide support to local task forces and special investiga-

tion units, employs 90 officers who cover six districts across the state.

The excise police run the Fatal Alcohol Crash Team, which assists at accident scenes involving alcohol. They also assist at DUI checkpoints, investigate private areas of alcohol establishments and issue permits to individuals and businesses that sell alcohol.

One of their main goals, however, is to make their presence known in areas of the community where offenses become a major problem as a deterrent to violators.

“If people don’t fear being arrested, they will continue to break the law,” Traughber said.

After the presentation was over, Traughber opened the floor to questions, at which point the topic turned to the

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Students and faculty give blood in the LaFortune Ballroom Wednesday at the semi-annual blood drive sponsored by Notre Dame ROTC and the Red Cross Club.

IN BRIEF
Notre Dame ROTC and the American Red Cross are sponsoring a blood drive today at noon in the LaFortune Student Center Ballroom

Shakespeare’s “A Midsummer Night’s Dream” will be performed by Actors from the London Stage at Washington Hall at 7:30 p.m. tonight. Tickets are $12 for students and available at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center ticket office or by visiting performingarts.nd.edu.

Apple National Consulting Engineer Steve Hayman will discuss and demonstrate how individuals and institutions are building innovative mobile applications for the iPhone and iPod Touch. It will take place at 3:00 p.m. in HAY Jordan Hall of Science.

The Snite Museum of Art will host the exhibit: “Parallel Currents: Highlights of the Ricardo Pau-Llosa Collection of Latin American Art” today from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. today in the O’Shaughnessy West Gallery. The collection features contemporary Latin American artworks from the collection of Ricardo Pau-Llosa.

John Matthias will perform his poem-drama “Ballet Mecanique,” with the voices of Joyelle McSweeney and Stephen Fredman and image and sound by Chris Jara in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium tonight at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

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STUDENT SENATE

Senate pushes for service website

By MEGAN DOYLE
News Writer

The Student Senate unani-
mously passed a resolution at their meeting Wednesday pro-
posing serve.nd.edu, a website to centralize information about service opportunities both on campus and in the local commu-
nity.

“The goal for this resolution is to take the first step in the longer process of trying to clarify service opportunities at Notre Dame,” said Social Concerns chair Pat McCormick. McCormick said the Committee for Social Concerns (CSC) and student government want to reach out to people who do not have a direct link to some of the possi-
ble volunteer activities.

The University’s mission statement calls for a concern for the common good, and therefore, a commitment to service, the reso-
lution said.

“We have some of the greatest opportunities for service of any college or university in the coun-
try,” McCormick said. “But people are not always getting involved outside of what they hear about through their friends.”

The resolution said a listing such as serve.nd.edu “has the potential to significantly increase involvement in service on cam-
pus and in the community.”

The website would centralize scattered information as well as "bridge the gap between University events and communi-
ty events," McCormick said.

“I think if a lot of people miss signing up for something during Activities Night, then they do not know how to get involved,” said Mall Hall senator Ellen Carroll.

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College’s jazz concert to benefit non-profit

By LUCIE GORDON
News Writer

Saint Mary’s students and fac-
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A jazz benefit concert will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the O’Laughlin Auditorium. Proceeds from the performance will benefit Children of Abraham, a nonprofit organiza-
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Ara Parseghian, who lost three grandchildren to the disease. Gregory Crawford said all these factors made for a highly symbolic trip, for him, his wife and the organizations involved.

“We were one of those people that was once in a lifetime on a personal level. But thinking big picture, Notre Dame and the Parseghian Foundation are entering a new partnership, so this bike ride is symbolic because the Foundation is in Tucson,” he said. “Also, we can raise awareness and find the cure for Niemann-Pick Type C through scientists at Notre Dame and worldwide.”

Renate Crawford said Notre Dame helped fund the trip, as the couple stayed at roadside hotels along the way.

She said the desert climate and terrain often contributed to negative emotions along the journey, but the inspiring nature of the trip won out.

“Sometimes there were days of frustration because it was so long and hot. But we reminded ourselves that this was nothing compared to what the Parseghians went through,” Crawford said.

Gregory Crawford also said the experiences of the Parseghians helped factor in their decision to drive the duo to push themselves every day.

“The Parseghians went through because we were riding for the Parseghian Foundation,” he said. “There was a sign of the Parseghian kids on the side of the road reading, ‘Play Like a Champion Today’ sign.”

He said the couple engaged in a specialized training program for the trip, which included running up and down the steps of Notre Dame Stadium to build leg strength needed for the New Mexican mountains.

“We cross-trained a lot. We probably put in 1,000 to 2,000 miles biking on the road before,” Gregory Crawford said. “We did a lot of spinning, weightlifting and running. Biking in the wind in Indiana from March to July really helped us.”

He said the natural wonders around them were awe-inspiring and one of the highlights of their ride.

“The mountains in New Mexico were spectacular. They had just had rain before we arrived, so the desert was blossoming,” he said.

The couple said in addition to the breathtaking scenery during the trip, interacting with Notre Dame Clubs along the way was one of the greatest rewards of their Desert to Dome experience.

“Tulsa was pretty unbelievable. A few of their Notre Dame Club members rode with us that day,” Gregory Crawford said. After their nearly month-long journey, Renate Crawford said the arrival back to the Notre Dame campus was an unforgettable welcome home that no other university could have provided.

“We saw the Dome, we saw the people and excitement and then we heard the fight song and it was overwhelming,” she said.

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the Career Center. “It’s been a busy couple of weeks.”

Junior Amy Holsinger worked with the Career Center to prepare her résumé.

“I feel like I’ve been living in Flanner the past few weeks,” she said. “The résumé review has been amazing.”

But even with preparation, standing out in a sea of accomplished, suit-clad students isn’t easy.

“I did an internship before, but I know it’s hard for most people to get one,” sophomore Caitlin Foster said. Holsinger said students of a variety of ages were expected to attend the Career Fair.

“We definitely expect the seniors to be looking for jobs, and the sophomores and juniors for internships,” she said.

This dedication and enthusiasm for finding a job doesn’t go unnoticed by potential employers.

“They’ve really provided a new high standard,” said Dan Flittner of Sentry Insurance.

Stryker, said the company plans to hire more people.

“Your career is determined to partner with to recruit for the entire company,” said Byrne, the company’s associate director of staffing and talent sourcing.

Though many students hope to obtain an interview as a result of the Career Fair, Kevin Monahan, associate director of the Career Center, said attending the Career Expo doesn’t necessarily have to be a part of a detailed strategy for finding a career.

Instead, it can provide the students with the chance to get their names into the opening market, he said.

“Career Expos are about getting information from employers and making a good impression,” he said. “The economy is still a little tight, but things are definitely looking up for employment.”

Still, many students hope the Career Expo will lead to success stories like that of Coons, who expects companies to continue considering Notre Dame students as strong candidates.

“I received an internship with GE through the same recruiting process in 2003 and have been with them ever since,” she said.

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recent wave of underage drinking arrests of Notre Dame students.

But Notre Dame Crime Prevention Officer Keri Kei Shibata, who oversaw the presentation, said that topic was not the purpose of the meeting.

“We are not going to comment on the recent incidents. We are here to talk about what the excise police can do for our community,” she said.

Still, audience members asked questions related to student drinking.

Chip Lewis, an attorney with Lewis and Wilkins, asked how officers determine when to arrest students and when to cite students.

“Underage drinking is a misdemeanor for which you can be arrested,” said Corporal Chris Bard of the excise police.

He said officers take on a certain liability when releasing intoxicated people into the community and some officers are not willing to take that risk.

“Regardless of arrest or just being issued a citation, you will still have to appear before a judge,” Bard said.

He said the best way to avoid arrest and other concerns is to cooperate with the police.

“You still have to appear in front of a judge, but if the report the officer writes if you cooperated or not,” Bard said. “That affects the judge’s decision.”

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Priests, students meet to pray, discuss vocation

By CALIE MOHAMED

Fr. Pat Reidy, a 2008 Notre Dame graduate who recently joined the priesthood, spent Wednesday night with undergraduates who might be considering the same calling.

Corby Night, held in Corby Hall, was an evening of prayer and conversation between current priests and men considering priesthood on campus.

Reidy said the night would give men considering priesthood the opportunity to talk in a comfortable setting within a community that shares a similar understanding and mission.

Reidy said he was strongly influenced as an undergraduate by Fr. Jim King, his former rector in Sorin College who told him, “If you’re discerning vocation, just try it.”

Reidy said the night began with welcoming by many of the priests in the Holy Cross Seminary. A prayer service followed, during which Fr. Matt Kuczora delivered a homily about his night prayer service followed, in the Holy Cross Seminary. A coming by many of the priests in the religious life, just try it.”

Kuczora said the priests shared moving stories and reasons for becoming a priest. His story included his father being a priest and his mother even slightly feels God’s calling to come and be assisted by a welcoming community.

Holy Cross Seminary offers many programs for anyone interested in vocation. For a list of upcoming events visit www.vocation.nd.edu

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A man stands outside of his ruined home in Boulder, Colo. Authorities say more than 130 homes have been destroyed in the wildfires.

Associated Press

BOULDER, Colo. — A wildfire burning in the canyons and steep mountainsides near Boulder became one of the most destructive blazes in Colorado history Wednesday as authorities determined it had destroyed at least 135 homes in just three days.

Authorities provided the dire assessment as firefighters encountered a tangle of rattlesnakes, downed power lines and combustible propane tanks and struggled to get an upper hand on the inferno.

The Boulder County sheriff’s office said Wednesday that 135 homes have been destroyed — a toll likely to rise as the blaze rages on and firefighters get a clearer picture of the damage.

About 3,500 people have been evacuated from about 1,000 homes stemming from a fire that broke out in a parched area near Boulder on Monday.

Residents of four neighborhoods will be allowed to return home Thursday morning. It wasn’t clear how many homes that involves.

Four people remain missing as some residents have stayed behind and risked their lives to try to save their homes. No deaths or injuries have been reported at this point, and the cause of the fire was not known.

The fire west of Boulder is not large in terms of size — only about 6,200 acres, or about 10 square miles. But it struck in a populated area that included major property damage.

The reported loss of homes surpasses that of the 2002 Hayman fire in southern Colorado that was the most destructive in the state’s history.

That fire destroyed 133 homes and 466 outbuildings over 128,000 acres in a more sparsely populated area that includes national forest land.

Todd Martin, incident commander, told a crowd of about 600 at a public meeting Wednesday night in Boulder that it has cost $2.1 million so far to fight the fire.

Firefighters took advantage of cooler temperatures and light rain to attack the wildfire on Wednesday but authorities acknowledged they still don’t have a good handle of the blaze.

Fire officials scheduled a meeting night on the University of Colorado campus to update the community.

“We just don’t have control of the fire,” Sheriff’s Cmdr. Rick Brough said Wednesday afternoon as some rain began falling over the fire area.

Air tankers dumped 35,000 gallons of fire retardant on the blaze and crews began building containment lines on the eastern side of the fire.

The large plume of smoke the fire had been producing since it started has dissipated because of the favorable weather. However, the fire was still actively burning and threatening structures, forcing some deputies doing an inventory of the damage to retreat.

Fire managers said as many as 500 firefighters and support personnel are at the fire and more are on the way. Laura McConnell, spokeswoman for the management team, said crews are dealing with downed power lines, debris, poison ivy and rattlesnakes. They also have to be watchful for propane tanks in the area.

Brough said the conditions make it too dangerous for anxious residents to return home to check on their homes. The fire has also destroyed at least four outbuildings and damaged at least 12 homes, according to a list released by the Boulder County sheriff’s office.

At the Colorado Mountain Ranch, 60-year-old Mike Walker has been making a stand against the fire with his wife and 25-year-old daughter in a desperate effort to save the children’s summer camp and outdoor recreation center they operate.

“he just won’t leave. We never doubted where he was, he just won’t leave for anybody,”

Walker said her father, mother and sister are trying everything to save their ranch, with her father using a tractor to scoop up flames away from structures, “literally dragging the fire away from the buildings.”

On Wednesday, Rose Walker said her family were still at their ranch, using rakes and backpacks filled with water and a hose to put out any hot spots.

Fire conditions were expected to worsen Thursday night into Friday and the risk of any new fires quickly spreading was high along the populated Front Range region, according to the National Weather Service.

Seven of the country’s 19 heavy air tankers have been sent to Colorado to fight the blaze, considered the nation’s top firefighting priority. Two more have been dispatched to the fire, said Ken Frederick, spokesman for the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise, Idaho.

Families like the Walkers have been carrying out their own fight against the fire.

Firefighters have been supplying them with water when they can and Rose Walker said she’s been crossing into the fire zone to bring her family food and supplies, although authorities have been reluctant to let her come up to the ranch.

Despite her family’s efforts, 35 structures have burned, including the family’s home, sheds, barns and work areas, Rose Walker said. It’s not clear if those are among the total structures that authorities have already confirmed have burned.

“It’s everything to us. It’s home, it’s our work, it’s our life,” Rose Walker said.

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Barbeque

One of my various summer experiences this summer was to check out a few concerts, pretty college. I know one of those concerts featured a band called Animal Liberation Orchestra, better known as ALO, who opened for Jack Johnson. One of their songs, “Barbeque” inspired me to adopt a new perspective on life. Although its lyrics are different from the message I took away, it is a refreshing outlook.

As cheesy as it might sound, it is rather simple. Live life like it’s a barbeque. The essentials: Surround yourself with family, friends, good music and delicious foods. Do you know anyone who does not enjoy a summer barbeque? Show me that person and I will show you an individual whose life is nothing but miserable.

Most people might respond to my new credo with the thought, “Well I do not do that already.”

Well, what I’m saying, is to go out of your way to make this happen.

Tell your supervisor that you cannot work on the weekend because you have planned a gathering with your friends. Even if you have not, plan it. Turn the television off, put away the books and shut up your computer. Just listen and enjoy music. Truly experience it.

Call your grandparents, uncles, aunts or long-distance cousin. Ask them how they have been. Care about what they have to say.

Go online and find a recipe for a dish you’ve never cooked before, flip to a random page in the phonebook under “restaurants” and go there. Choose an item on the menu at your favorite eatery that you’ve never tried before. Experiment with “dining hall innovations.” My new favorite? A buffalo chicken wrap.

Now, I’m only 19 years old, and I feel like every time I sit down to write a column I end up trying to dish out wisdom. I know I don’t have the answer to how to live a happy life. But I think the “barbeque” lifestyle is an excellent paradigm to adopt. It helps the people make a golden calf to worship. It is so easy to lose your focus on what’s most important in life. Moses begs God for mercy, and gathers around himself those willing to commit to re-focusing, to a fresh start with the Lord. Fresh starts are tougher than advertised. They’re a bit more work than we’d like to admit; we really have to pray hard and think and examine who we want to be. We’re not always willing to make the time and to take the mental energy required to do so, and lots of distractions eat away at our days and nights. However, even if the start of this year doesn’t feel so fresh to you any more, there’s always time for a do-over. Make your own new way, be the person you can be proud to be; never forget what the people you admire most have taught you. Notre Dame can truly be a place where you will feel most like the person God created you to be, not the least bit lost at all, and ready to navigate any unfamiliar territory that comes your way.

Moses approached the Lord to ask for a fresh start after his people had lost their way, and in the 5,000 or so years since then, the Bible describes many more instances in which individuals or peoples got caught slipping off track without even realizing it until they discover they’re in quite alien territory, a place they never knew to be. Yet our God seeks the lost sheep, searches for the lost coin, rejoices with the father whose prodigal son has returned. With compassion, mercy and joy, God will walk with each one of us who looks to him for direction — the person God and the sacraments of the Church — and who earnestly seeks to become the person we’re meant to be.

This week’s column was written by Kate Barrett, director of the Emmaus program in Campus Ministry. She can be reached at kbarrett@nd.edu.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Co-ex’s more than just food

The Saint Mary’s community received an extremely unpleasant shock at the beginning of this semester when they learned that co-ex meal exchange tickets are no longer available to the entire student body. We are all aware that this change must be due to the financial troubles that the College is experiencing, and that is understandable.

What is not understandable is how the student body is being treated in the aftermath of what the college must have known would be an incredible disappointment. The loss of co-ex feels very much like one more step away from the Notre Dame community we all love. Yes, Notre Dame. Saint Mary’s College and Holy Cross College are all separate institutions in their own right with different things to offer; but we are, or at least we are supposed to be, one student body.

When I visited Saint Mary’s as a senior in high school, I was told by everyone in charge of recruiting for the school that I would be a part of the Notre Dame academic, extra-curricular and social life. I was told I would get “the best of both worlds.” So imagine my shock, dismay and embarrassment when last night at the co-ex forum I brought up this issue and was told flat out, “No. We made no such promise.” The representative went on to claim that the students’ social activities are no concern of the College. Co-ex’s are only given to students with “legitimate” excuses such as clubs, sports or band.

The Saint Mary’s administration needs to understand that the social connection with Notre Dame is a major attraction to students. I love Saint Mary’s and would never wish to transfer to Notre Dame, but feeling included in the social life of Notre Dame is one of the things that makes Saint Mary’s special. These Holy Cross institutions have shared roots that date all the way back to Father Sorin, the founder of Notre Dame, who intended them to be a community together. It’s not just trivial.

By making co-ex meals inaccessible, Saint Mary’s is denying these students the opportunity to experience Notre Dame, which is exactly what the Saint Mary’s administration is preparing this student body to do. By stripping away this shared experience, the student body is being separated. The Saint Mary’s community received an extremely unpleasant shock at the beginning of this semester when they learned that co-ex meal exchange tickets are no longer available to the entire student body. We are all aware that this change must be due to the financial troubles that the college must have known would be an incredible disappointment. The loss of co-ex feels very much like one more step away from the Notre Dame community we all love.

The College’s decision to make co-ex meals inaccessible is a step toward isolating itself from Notre Dame and from the student body it has been trying to attract. By stripping away this shared experience, the student body is being separated. The Saint Mary’s administration needs to understand that the social connection with Notre Dame is a major attraction to students. I love Saint Mary’s and would never wish to transfer to Notre Dame, but feeling included in the social life of Notre Dame is one of the things that makes Saint Mary’s special. These Holy Cross institutions have shared roots that date all the way back to Father Sorin, the founder of Notre Dame, who intended them to be a community together. It’s not just trivial.

It’s not just a co-ex. We’re putting our status as part of this community at risk.

Emily Schmitt
junior
LaHaye Hall
Sept. 8

Game weekend support

Let me begin by commending you on your enthusiasm and rowdiness this last weekend against Purdue. You set the tempo right away with a huge turnout to the first pep rally and carried it over to the game on Saturday. In the past, however, we’ve seen a drop off in attendance and support at the pep rallies and games as the season went on. I’m urging you today not to comply with those negative traditions. This weekend marks one of the biggest rivalries in college sports as two of the winniest college football programs in the nation square off in what is sure to be an electrifying game. It is time for us to take ownership in our football team and show them that we will be there rain or shine, yelling till we’re hoarse, and never doubting for a second that they’re going to beat up on Michigan all day Saturday.

That support starts on Friday at the pep rally. Coach Kelly and the football team will be on stage at the pep rally and we need to show them that the entire student body is ready to start building the excitement right away. Student government has organized a parade to lead our entire student body over to our pep rally venue at the Irish Green Friday afternoon. The band, cheerleaders and fire department will be waiting at main circle by six o’clock where we want the entire student body to congregate for a walk over. The fire department will lead the students down Notre Dame Ave. and into their own reserved section right in front of the stage for the pep rally. The walk over begins at six o’clock Friday night, so get to main circle early.

Also, in order to unify our stadium against Michigan this weekend all of the Irish fans should wear Kelly Green to the game. The Wolverines will be thunderstruck when they encounter the angry sea of green facing them as they walk out of our tunnel.

You’re the best student body and fans in the nation and we’re going to start showing why teams should fear playing at Notre Dame. We’re going to support our team the whole season, starting Friday night, and they’re going to go out and take care of business on Saturday. Wear Kelly green to the game. Go Irish! Beat Michigan! Your Fighting Irish Leprechaun,

David Zimmer
senior
off-campus
Sept. 8

‘beND’

Last weekend NDSP notified the student body that they are investigating three reports of sexual assault on Notre Dame’s campus. These reports brought to light an issue that occurs more often than one might assume, and that yields tragic results. At Notre Dame, we talk about “the Notre Dame family” and we all enjoy the feeling of home that this campus offers. While this is a daunting fact, it also shows that we can make an impact and can help to improve our community. This is especially true when we attend parties with alcohol. Watch out for your friends and even those you don’t know. Please “beND” and be responsible for each other. Be chivalrous and kind, if someone looks overly intoxicated, do your part in making sure they get home safely. Never leave an intoxicated person alone. Also, take care of yourself. Travel in groups and try not to lose your friends. Watch your drinks. Look out for those who look unable to ward off unwanted advances.

If you are interested in other ways that you can protect yourself and your friends, think about attending Active Bystander Training on Sept. 22 from 6-8:30pm. For more information about this event, and about sexual assault, visit grc.nd.edu.

As the Notre Dame family, we are given many blessings, but along with those great blessings come great responsibilities. Enjoy the weekend, and beND! Go Irish!

Mariah McGrogan
senior
Tim Castellini
senior
Senator’s Gender Issues Committee
Sept. 8

Please recycle.
By COURTNEY COX  Scene Writer

Sunday night may not be the best time for a concert two hours away, especially when the day before was the season opener of the beloved Notre Dame football team. All of that didn’t matter whatsoever when I found out there was a Vampire Weekend concert at the Aragon Ballroom in Chicago. The Dum Dum Girls opened, and I was surprised by how much I liked them based only on a live first impression. Dressed in tight black minidresses and fishnet tights, they definitely give off an alpha female vibe and somehow succeed in nothing, epic proportions.

The second opener was Beach House. Having seen them this summer at Pitchfork, I was excited to see them again. Their borderline ethereal repertoire of songs was pleasantly matched with a light show that made it look as if the entire venue was under water. They also took the opportunity to use the disco ball located in the center of the ceiling above the crowd. It created the illusion of tiny stars glittering on the ceiling painted as the night sky. The lights were by no means the reason Beach House was incredible, however. They were just as good live as they were on their latest album, “Teen Dream” — not to be confused with Katy Perry’s “Teenage Dream.” “Norway” was more breathy when played live, which enhanced the otherworldly feeling that already comes from the track. They were a perfect opener for the insanity that was about to begin.

For some reason, I am a fan of bands that come out to a crazy pump up song, and Vampire Weekend didn’t disappoint. At approximately 9:25 p.m., Vampire Weekend rushed on to the stage to DJ Khalid’s “All I Do Is Win.” The crowd went crazy and the energy didn’t ever slow down from there. Drummer Chris Tomson came to play for Chicago dressed in a Ben Gordon Bulls jersey. All of the band members were enthusiastic and seemed to be enjoying themselves, but Tomson especially brought the energy and the acceptance of the fans.

Koenig’s calm singing was juxtaposed entirely by the crowd of people practically screaming the lyrics back at him. The rest of the concert can be described in one way, a lot of screaming, singing, and quite a bit of dancing. The first single off of “Contra,” “Cousins,” was one of the highlights of the show. The short song was packed with such intensity that it took me by surprise. While the song had always been fast paced, it seemed more so than it did live on the album. It was almost as if they were feeding off the crowd. The frenetic energy made the song much more controlled and fast-paced.

Vampire Weekend is so often front that point associated with a college, preppy image, and the parsing of Oxford Comma and “Campus” near the end of the show brought out that image in a way that showed they know why they’re perceived that way, and they embrace it to some extent. The two songs are a much edgier and cooler representation of preppy than say, a mom’s cable knit sweater.

After they announced their last song, the band left the stage and during the wait for an encore, the entire crowd seemed unable to handle the anticipation. At first, I was concerned the entire floor seemed to be shaking, but it turned out to be my fellow concert-goers stomping their feet rapidly on the ground, trying to keep up their energy for Vampire Weekend’s final moments onstage.

The show ended with “a song about a boy leaving Cape Cod” as Koenig said. While this was more rousing than the rest of the songs in the set, in part because it was the final song, but also in part because it’s about movement and leaving the boundaries of tradition as witnessed at the Cape, and in many ways that’s what Vampire Weekend does. They break the accepted norms of indie rock aesthetic and they break the stereotypes of how by Leaguers should act.

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By SHANE STEINBERG Scene Writer

Written, produced, directed, marketed and starring the sad, strange, self-indulgent Tommy Wiseau, “The Room” is a cinematic trainwreck of epic proportions. As a film it succeeds in nothing, fails at everything, and somehow crosses the threshold of being on the level bud-made-for-TV-movie. It skips over the rarely chartered waters of M. Night Shyamalan in “The Happening” and settles into its own level of true suckiness.

It isn’t atrocious. It isn’t appallingly terrible. It isn’t any one of the contrived one-liners that are so often recycled when trying to make an awful movie to shred. No, neither Webster’s dictionary nor UrbanDictionary.com has a word that quite sums it up, because “The Room” is beyond “bad.”

Many of the lines in the movie often not matching the actors’ mouth movements. Several shots are so poorly handheld that they cut off the heads of the actors and two separate sex scenes use the same footage. The line “don’t worry about it” is said 14 times in the film and a variation of “Johnny is your best friend” is said 10 times. To make matters worse, numerous actors are randomly introduced in seemingly important roles but never even named or given any real purpose in the film, such as when a couple is caught inexplicably having sex in Shelly’s character’s apartment and nothing is ever said about it. What Wiseau has self-crafted here is like a Shakespearean tragedy, in that it’s tragically awful. At the heart of the plot is a love triangle made up of Johnny (Wiseau), his girlfriend, Lisa, (Juliette Danielle in a role that should be her last), and Johnny’s best friend, Mark (Greg Sestero), who might be the one believable actor in the film. The frenetic pace of the story is accelerated by the fact that no one in Hollywood seems to understand the reason he aimed so low in making the film remains just as unanswerable today as it was when it was released.

So the $7 million it took to make the film remains just as unanswerable today as it was when it was released. Despite the film’s atrociousness, in the years following the film’s original 2003 showing, “The Room” has acquired a cult following that has propelled the movie into late-night showings and the pages of Entertainment Weekly. Now it draws the title of “The Citizen Kane of bad movies.”

Every once in a blue moon, a film comes along that simply astounds, leaves the audience unable to utter words as the credits roll across the dark screen, and that film likely goes on to win Best Picture one way or another.

Even rarer is the brand of film that takes itself seriously, yet fails in every possible way, in the process crossing over from truly awful to hilarious, for reasons of just how bad it is.

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‘Mimace’
Browning Cinema, 6:30 and 9:30 p.m.
Writer-Director Jean-Pierre Jeunet captured American audiences with “Amélie,” but his latest film portrays a different type of story. The 2009 French film “Mimace” satirizes the weapons industry as it follows Bazil, a man seeking revenge for his father’s death by landmine when Bazil was a child. Along the way, he encounters colorful, quirky misfits characteristic of a Jeunet film. For fans of the whimsical, charming stories and characters prevalent in Jeunet films, “Mimace” is playing at 6:30 and 9:30 p.m. in DPAC’s Browning Cinema.

Rage for the Stage
Washington Hall, 8 p.m.
Do you love theater thrown together at the last minute? Sponsored by Student Players, Rage for the Stage puts on a play in under 24 hours. The pieces are written all night Thursday, rehearsed Friday morning and performed Friday night at 8 p.m. in Washington Hall. Known for being one of the most fun theater events of the year, go, watch and be amazed at the fast, creative minds of fellow Notre Dame students who manage to put together a whole show in such a short period of time.

Top 40 Nightclub
Legends, midnight
Brush off your fatigue from standing all day at the Notre Dame-Michigan game, and put on your dancing shoes. If you are someone who likes to know every song playing and every word to those songs, the Top 40 Nightclub at Legends is the place to be at midnight. If you haven’t already lost your voice from screaming at the game, you definitely will after belting out the familiar, radio-friendly hits and dancing it up until 4 in the morning.

Men’s Soccer
 Alumni Stadium, 2 p.m.
Still missing the World Cup from this summer? Notre Dame has more than one type of football team, and this one is actually ranked. The 18th-ranked men’s soccer team takes on California Polytechnic State University at 2 p.m. in Alumni Stadium as part of the Mike Berticelli Memorial Tournament. Even if you still can’t get into soccer, cheering on your classmates on a Sunday afternoon is a much better reason for procrastinating than repeatedly checking Facebook.

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236 S. Michigan Street, South Bend
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10 p.m.
Cardinals’ Fitzgerald ready to face Rams

Associated Press

TEMPE, Ariz. — Larry Fitzgerald is back in practice and, even in a knee brace, will provide new quarterback Derek Anderson a welcome big-play target, since the Arizona Cardinals open the season Sunday in St. Louis.

Fitzgerald has started all 92 games plus, more recently, since he came into the NFL, and he and his coach have every intention of keeping it that way.

“He was moving along just fine,” coach Ken Whisenhunt said after Wednesday’s practice. Fitzgerald’s second of the week. “He is progressing very well. I know he’d like to play because it’s been tough for him to watch the last two weeks.”

Fitzgerald sat out the final three weeks of last season as his right knee sprained on a nasty hit from Houston’s Eugene Wilson in Arizona’s preseason opener Aug. 14. The injury occurred as Fitzgerald caught a pass, over the middle from Matt Leinart.

Fitzgerald stayed in for another series and reciprocated a big hit on Wilson, then left the field.

“Something to go earlier,” he said, “but they kept holding me out and I think that was good. Injured, you can be worst enemy sometimes.”

Fitzgerald enters his seventh NFL season, acknowledged as among the top receivers in the game, and must adjust to the absence of fellow standout receiver Anquan Boldin, who was traded to Baltimore in the off-season. Quarterback Kurt Warner. Boldin was traded to Baltimore and cut.

No matter, Fitzgerald said.

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Justin Morneau Twins first baseman

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Cowboys’ linemen battling knee injuries

Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — Tony Romo might be without two of his main blockers in the opener Sunday night at Washington.

Dallas Cowboys right tackle Marc Colombo and left guard Kyle Kosier missed practice again Wednesday because of knee injuries suffered during training camp, leaving little time for them to prove they are healthy enough to play this weekend.

Colombo is the surprise. He was supposed to have been back a week ago based on the initial timetable when he underwent arthroscopic surgery.

“If he doesn’t practice this week, I would say he probably wouldn’t play,” coach Wade Phillips said.

Kosier sprained a ligament and is three weeks into a recovery that was expected to take 4 to 6 weeks.

Dallas has veteran backups for both. Alex Barron at right tackle, Montrae Holland at left guard.

Barron was acquired from St. Louis during the offseason to provide depth at both tackle spots. Holland was with Dallas last season, but was inactive for all 16 games. Both started in place of the starters during the preseason.

Phillips said going with a pair of backups wouldn’t change the game plan much.

“I think the strength of the guys that are in there, Barron and Holland, are comparable to what we have so you don’t have to change too much,” he said.

“Colombo pulled and did some things like that, well, Barron can do that. Montrae is a guard similar to what Kosier does. It’s not a big change as far as the plays you run.”

STUDENTS

Transportation Services will be offering two Driver Training Sessions in September.

If you have not attended a Driver Training session conducted by Transportation Services, and you plan on driving a University owned, leased, or rented vehicle, you must attend a Driver Training session BEFORE you operate a vehicle.

Sessions will be held on Sunday, September 12th and Sunday, September 19th, at 7:00pm in Geddes Hall (CSC Building) in B001 Andrews Auditorium.

The sessions will last approximately 45 minutes.

Please bring your driver’s license and a pen.

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If you have any questions on the Driver Training sessions or the Motor Pool you may contact Transportation Services at 631-6467

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Are you looking to get involved in your faith on campus?

Thursday, September 9, 2010

11:00 p.m. (after ISI)

330 Coleman-Morse Center

Join us for a special Campus Ministry Welcome Session!

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➢ Small prayer groups led by faith-filled upperclassmen

➢ Ministry Opportunities open to Christians of all traditions

➢ Advice for surviving in the Catholic environment of Notre Dame

➢ Find out about getting off-campus to church

➢ Come for Iron Sharpens Iron (ISD) Interdenominational Ministry beforehand at 10:00 p.m. in 329 Coleman-Morse Center!

➢ Dessert will be provided!

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30th Anniversary of the James F. Andrews Scholarship Fund

Andrews Scholars Celebration

We express our gratitude to the Andrews and McMeel families for sponsoring over 2,004 students in the Summer Service Learning Program in the 30 years of the James F. Andrews Scholarship Fund. As we gather with the 162 Andrews Scholars for 2010 this evening, we celebrate the inspirational legacy of James F. Andrews.

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METAIRIE, La. — Reggie Bush declined to go into any detail Wednesday on what he knows about the status of his 2005 Heisman Trophy.

“At this point, it’s kind of out of my hands,” Bush said Wednesday after practice with the New Orleans Saints.

Bush said he could not “confirm or deny” whether he has met with anyone from the Heisman Trophy Trust and deferred comment to the trust when asked about a Yahoo! report that said he could be stripped of the award by the end of the month.

“If I’m not mistaken, I believe the Heisman Trust people released a statement saying whatever was (reported) yesterday was inaccurate, so that’s where we’re at,” he said.

On Tuesday, trust executive director Robert Whalen told The Associated Press that there has been no decision on the status of Bush’s Heisman.

The NCAA found major violations in USC’s football program and levied serious sanctions against the school in June, including the loss of scholarships and a two-year bowl ban. The Trojans have dissociated themselves from Bush, who was accused of accepting money and other benefits from sports agents.

Losing the Heisman could further tarnish Bush’s legacy, although Bush noted, “On the field, play speaks for itself.”

“That’s for the fans to kind of make their minds up about,” he added.

The NFL’s 2010 regular season kicks off on Thursday night when the Saints host the Minnesota Vikings.

With the rematch of last season’s NFC championship game looming, Bush said he hasn’t even thought about whether he’d actually return the trophy if officially stripped of the award.

“Here we are the day before the biggest game of the new season and that’s where my focus is,” Bush said. “It’s going to be crazy. So that’s where my focus is now. I’ve said all that I want to say and everything else has to play itself out. ... It’s an unfortunate situation for everybody, including the kids at USC.”

Bush said he has not spoken to anyone at Southern Cal “for a while.” He said he remains friends with Trojans coach Lane Kiffin and talks with him on occasion, but added that he hasn’t “spoken to anybody regarding this specific stuff.”

Titans quarterback Vince Young finished second in the Heisman balloting in 2005 before beating Bush’s Trojans in the BCS national championship game. He refused to get drawn into any discussion about the Heisman potentially being available.

“When asked if he would accept the Heisman if offered to him: “No comment right now, no comment,” Young repeated.
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bles partner, Kelsey Teffl, fin-
ished the season as the No. 1 doubles pair in the nation as well.
Her sophomore season was more of the same as she and
Krisik dominated the dou-
bles circuit and reached No. 1.
As a power player, she creates a distinct advantage for herself.
"[Frilling] sets her partners up with quite a few easy balls because she hits so hard," Louderback said.
Krisik has since graduated, but she received her fair share of honors during her career, as well. In her junior season, she received Big East honors and was named a Big East Academic All-Star and an ITA Scholar Athlete.
What made the two such a successful tandem, accord-
ing to Louderback, was their chemistry.
"They are both really calm under pressure," Louderback said. "Kail is more vocal during the match while Kristy keeps her inten-
sity within herself. They have those same personali-
ties off the court as well."
The relationship they developed on the court grew into a friendship, which in turn made that unique chemistry even better.
"They really enjoyed playing together and have become very close friends off the court," Louderback said.
This honor for two Notre Dame women's tennis player-
ers is just one more example of the program's rapid ascension into the premier teams in the nation.
"We have had two doubles pairs make the ITA All Star team each of the past two years and it is a testament to the hard work our kids have put in and it shows that hard work pays off," Contact Matt Robison at mrobison@nd.edu

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Allen has been listed as the starter since the first depth chart came out last spring, but Wood only cracked the two-deep in the week leading up to the opener. The sopho-
more sat out all of last year but looked exploitive in his first action in an Irish uni-
form. Wood only received one second-half carry, though, and Molnar said it might take some time for him to adjust to the college game.
"When you're playing out there for the first time, you tend to burn up a lot of nerv-
ous energy before the game and during the game, and I think that was the case," Molnar said. "I would expect him to be able to have more carries and more endurance as we go through the sea-
son."
As Wood receives more car-
ries, the level of competition between the two running backs will likely increase. But Molnar said Wood and Allen, along with the rest of the running backs, were always supportive of one another.
"These guys get along great," Molnar said. "We're really starting to form the nucleus of a team where guys are really helping each other and rooting for each other."
Molnar said it was difficult to determine how the run-
ning back situation would shake out in the future, but acknowleded that both would get a good amount of carries.
"Really, we have a 1-A and a 1-B, and whoever that 1-A and 1B- is probably going to be a week-to-week proposi-
tion," Molnar said.
Allen said that even if he was eventually supplanted by a player two years his junior, it wouldn't bother him as long as the team played well.
"At the end of the day, long as we're here to win," Allen said. "It's what we're here to do, and me and Cierre under-
stand that, no matter who is in the game. There will be times when we both want to get carries, we just have to remember that. Whatever helps us win."
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Defensive contributions in that win came from junior Danie Brink, who had 10 kills, a .692 hitting percentage and 26 digs. Senior Ellen Huelsmann and junior Lindsey Stuss each added six digs.
After the Belles square-off with Albion Friday, they will face another conference opponent, Olivet (4-2) the following day.
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tributed to our success this season. If we continue to play as a team we will go far."
In the Belles’ Sept. 4 victo-
ry, senior Meghan Rose had 12 digs. Other valuable con-

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Belles defender deflected a shot off the foot of freshman Kristina Bolak and into the back of the net.
The elements played a crucial role in the Belles next goal, when Bill scored her second of the game by using the wind at her back to guide ball into the goal. The Titans' commanding 3-0 lead was too much for the Belles to overcome.
The Titans added three more goals in the second half, includ-
ing another by Bill, completing her hat trick.
The Belles tallied four shots on goal in the second half. Perhaps their best opportunity to get on the scoreboard hap-
pened when freshman Mollie Vande Hei unleashed a shot, but Titans’ goalie Alli Novak made a diving stop to preserve the shut out.
Junior goalkeeper Kristen Nelson made eight saves to limit the damage as best she could. The defenders also con-
tributed to the save total by adding three of their own in the first half, which gave the Belles a total of 11 for the game.
It will not get any easier for the Belles, as their search for their first win takes them to Westerville, Ohio, this weekend to compete in a tournament hosted by No. 7 Otterbein. They will play Otterbein Friday night, with a game against Ohio Northern to follow on Saturday.
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Across
1. Derivative
2. Painters Frank and Joseph
3. Its official bird is the great northern loon
4. Place for a hot bath
5. Silver of the silver screen
6. The Pianist's
7. 1983 film
8. Out of concern
9. Doth spake
10. Year of the swine flu epidemic
11. Last name in ice cream
12. Summer refuge
13. Boycott
14. Pomposo sport
15. Arizona State University
16. Florida State University
17. Hindu noble
18. Kind of code

Down
1. Kentucky resource
2. Ous of the "The Raven"
3. Unidentified disguise
4. Moved like a mile
5. Verdi's "I"
6. Young girl
7. "...chance!"
8. What: lawn mowers make
9. B'ah, Jewish day of fasting
10. Bone shorts
11. "Open up!"
12. Hang over
13. Hearing Prefix
14. Milton called it "The flood of deadly hate"
15. It runs through the middle of the 66-Access
16. Inactive
17. Dentist, at times
18. A term prophesied that the Soviet would come from
19. The cockroach's
20. Literacy obo
21. Italian tourist destination

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Dual threat
Senior Armando Allen and sophomore Cierre Wood provide spark for Irish offense

By SAM WERNER
Sports Writer

Most teams would be happy with one reliable running back in the backfield. Notre Dame has the enviable “problem” of having two.

Senior Armando Allen and sophomore Cierre Wood each averaged more than five yards per carry against Purdue Saturday. Allen rushed for 98 yards on 18 carries, and Wood piled up 63 yards on just seven touches.

“We knew we had two really, really good running backs,” offensive coordinator Charley Molnar said. “We left the hot back in and when he got winded, we put the next guy in and then he became the hot guy for the most part.”

While Allen still received the bulk of the carries, he said resting while Wood played allowed him to stay fresh late in the game.

“It was great [getting a rest when Cierre was inj].” Allen said. “It’s nice that whichever one of us is in, we still get great production.”

In Wood’s first four carries, he had three rushes of at least 15 yards. After he came out of the game, Allen busted loose for a 22-yard touchdown run. He said he came on the field even more motivated because of Wood’s impressive performance.

“Without a doubt,” Allen said, “Cierre is a great running back, and we use each other as motivation.”

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SMC SOCCER

Saint Mary’s unable to contain Wesleyan

By JOE WIRTH
Sports Writer

The Belles were unable to hold off the dynamic attack of No. 15 Illinois Wesleyan, losing 6-0 Wednesday night in Bloomington, Ill.

It was not all bad for Saint Mary’s, which had reasonable scoring chances early but could not capitalize. From that point on, Illinois Wesleyan dominated.

The Titans first got on the board in the 9th minute with a goal from freshman Tillie Hill. Moments later, the Titans tallied another score when a

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ND WOMEN’S TENNIS

Irish duo named All-Stars

Frilling and Krisik named to ITA Collegiate All-Star squad

By MATTHEW ROBISON
Sports Writer

After a stellar 2009-10 season, junior Kristy Frilling and 2010 graduate Kali Krisik were recently named to the ITA Collegiate All-Star team as a doubles pair. Recognition they earned for finishing last season as the nation’s No. 1 doubles pair.

Frilling and Krisik finished last season 34-3 overall and 25-0 during the dual season.

“It is a testament to the hard work our kids have put in, and it shows that hard work pays off,” Irish coach Jay Louderback said.

Although Louderback noted that Frilling and Krisik were slightly different players, he said that together, they made a great team.

“They were a perfect fit with their game styles on the court,” he said. “[Krisik] was very consistent and made few errors but can still play a power game. [Frilling] is a big hitter who hits many winners but makes more errors.”

Frilling, a junior from Sidney, Ohio, has had success at the collegiate level since her freshman year. She received All-America and Big East honors in her freshman season and participated in the NCAA tournament in both singles and doubles.

Frilling and her 2009 dou-

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

SMC set to commence MIAA play

By KATHERINE MACK
Sports Writer

The Belles will look for their second win of the season in their first conference match this Friday against conference foe Albion at home.

The Belles (1-4) will be looking to bounce-back from a 1-4 loss against Elmhurst on Sept. 4, while the Britons (1-4) also look to rebound, coming off a 3-0 loss to their first conference opponent, Hope.

“We have been playing very well together this season so far, which is great to see since we have so many new faces on our squad,” Belles coach Toni Kuschel said.

“Albion will be tough just like last season. They run a fast offense and they get stronger every year. I think that if we come out strong and play like we have been, we will do well against them on Friday.”

There are indeed some new faces on the Belles team this year, as four of the 13 players are new to the 2010 squad.

Kuschel said defense will be the key to his team’s success.

“Our strength definitely comes from our defense this year,” he said. “They have kept us in every match we have played so far, however, our whole team has con-

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Junior Michelle Marshall attempts to control the ball Wednesday against IWU. The Belles fell 6-0 to the No. 15 Titans.