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, making 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 we confirm that they’re going to accept,” Opel said.

By SHANNON O’BRIEN

News Writer

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

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, but still same sport already existed at Notre Dame.

Alex McIntyre and I were 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 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 intramural 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 interested in Transi-

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Study Abroad 2012-2013

1005 students submitted 1535 applications.

754 students were admitted.

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245 students were waitlisted. Last year 1011 students applied with 780 initial acceptances.

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 a .edu domain, giving them an instant, 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 employ-

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ers to engage their customers through this type of platform.”

Currently, there are 171 blog sites with 692 users in the network, according to Schindler. More than 743 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-

Christian Smith

Professor recognized for writings

By SHANNY O’BRIE

News Writer

Sociology professor Christian Smith recently received honors for his latest book, “What is a Person” and “Souls in Transition.”

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

Joe DiGaetano
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“Tea with Fr. Jim Karaffa”

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.

IN BRIEF

Bulls 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 Jesus 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 Federico 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 DelloIarto 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 performance.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 Donor Dollars are accepted. Proceeds will benefit the Father Jim Karaffa Business Academy for Women.

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

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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 records 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. Restored Air Vice-Marshall Peter Dye, director-general of the RAF Museum, said it was fitting that the last survivor of the first global war who 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.

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study of Religion and Society. Smith serves as 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've always been 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." "Soul 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 for discovery 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."

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 practice.

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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 policies and decided 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 be optimistic."

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 popular under a congressional investigation launched at the urging of anti-abortion activists.

Komen, the nation's largest breast-cancer charity, reversed course after its delegation launched at the urging of anti-abortion activists. Planned Parenthood would have been cut off from anti-abortion funding, but the charity reversed its decision, saying the breast cancer charity would now support Planned Parenthood.

"Neither the decision nor any others are absolute nor are they final. Whatever decisions are made will be based on the information presented," Handel said in a statement.

"As a result, we will spend Easter at the Vatican. However, we are going to keep an eye out for Easter in Paris and Rome is an awesome place to be for that."
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.

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

But the Atlanta company said Tuesday its ad justed results topped Wall Street's expectations as it sold more drinks in the U.S. and abroad, particularly in emerging markets.

"This growth has been driven by our innovative brands, the strength in our global footprint and the strength of our brands create a resilient business that was a beacon for us in this period," CEO Muhtar Kent said in a state ment.

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

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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/economic arena.

I visited Brazil for three weeks during December break and the booming economy was definitely the most frequently discussed topic. Besides the absurd traffic, which was definitively the most extensively observed topic (besides the astounding traffic), there was also a blossoming of the country. Brazil now is unique in its own right; the country and the country will face new challenges and responsibilities. The most obvious of these is immigration, which will feature prominently in Brazil's future.

The 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 immigration 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 Wesly Saint-Fleur, "All I want is work, and Brazil, thank God, has jobs for us." 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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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’ — or the ‘most skilled’ — running an array of options — choosing work that allows them an opportunity for social impact.” He states that 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.

Notre Dame students are committed and creative in their call to “beul, unity and innovation to address the deepest 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 social change,” Notre Dame students embrace such a change because they believe that they can be transformative. They utilize the dynamism created in change to promote development, education, health care, sport facilitation, gender equality and income equality. They utilize their specific skills and social and spiritual interests. Of states, “students develop awareness of the importance and benefit of a global perspective through international study and complementary campus initiatives.”

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

Notre Dame focuses on each individual. She asks, “What are your ideas? How do you want to apply them? How can I help you?” The University has placed on the Peace Corps’ list of top universities nationwide for the fourth straight year, ranking second to Harvard and other institutions in Medicine and Central Universities. With students who seem to be leading the way in innovation, the University must be commended for its facilitation and support, and its students should see it as their role in creating such an “array of options.” As decision times came around regarding the need for the current volunteers, Facebook statuses proclaimed 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 academic, social and spiritual interests. Of states, “students develop awareness of the importance and benefit of a global perspective through international study and complementary campus initiatives.”

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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. 3) as “discouraging.” What is discouraging is Ms. Reser’s statement that the faculty is “completely denying the reality of the Church’s stance on contraception, or for that matter, to even care to find out. Mr. Galeziewski’s question, “How is (NFP) any dif- ferent than using a contraceptive?” (Feb. 3) gets at the crux of the problem. The fact that he, like so many, doesn’t see the distinction between the two, is far too common among students.”

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**By BRENNA WILLIAMS**

Scene Writer

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“Born to Die” Bores

By TROY MATHEW
Scene Writer

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 shank 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-ballon 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 in 2004.

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“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.

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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 these 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 packing 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 African 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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“Safe House” Has Potential, But Is It Enough?

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“Born to Die” Lana Del Rey

Record Label: Interscope
Best Tracks: “Born to Die,” “Video Games”
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 the apparent popularity of the many true racing fans you do know? NASCAR is a genre in my world. It is extremely damaging to the drivers feet and post and autodrome 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 fellow. I should ask ESPN to just go away. When that is done, some crowds the wonderful world of sports with billiards of all things.

NFU has no place in the sporting world. The violence of the bruisers 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 of the NFU), I find it fit to add at least one sport into the mix. Basketball should at the very least have a chance in the United States. Already popular in many countries around the world, the sport offers excitement, reverses versatile athleticism and produces “SportsCenter” worthy highlights. Why I have never seen basketball on television inside the United States is beyond me. The animation of a televised American football league, or even the importation of European match-ups would provide a welcome addition to the periods in between the NFL and MLB seasons. Worst case scenario, team basketball is a flop in the states. It would still be 100 less appealing sports (I am the dictator of the NFU), and provide any justification for this fellow. I should ask ESPN to just go away. When that is done, some crowds the wonderful world of sports with billiards of all things.

Scottish, “Andrew explained. Uhles said he never doubt- ed 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 celebra- tion because 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 per- formed on the players’ stage in the middle of the field, but there were some non-football moves being made when the group Naughty By Nature performed at the end of the program. Afterwards, Cruz, the wide- receiv- er who became an instant hero this season with his long touchdown runs and end- zone salsa performances, signed autographs for doz- ens of fans who leaned over the front row of the stands to get close to him. At one point during the celebration, 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 us,” 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 line- man Tuck, addressed the fans, with Manning proclaiming that the stadium the Giants share with the New York Jets is “our house.”

Gov. Chris Christie at- tended the celebration but did not speak.

One fan held up a sign that p a t e r ed the essence of the day: “Thank You Giants, We Got To Miss School Again.”

NFC Giants celebrate Super Bowl

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — It wasn’t the Canyon of Heroes and there wasn’t as much ticketage, but that didn’t seem to bother about 30,000 New England fans who flocked to MetLife Stadium Tuesday to cele- brate their team’s winning Super Bowl victory over the New York Giants.

Some fans even got to touch a piece of history when New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady and Jacksonville Jaguars President Branden Jacobs confessed the boisterous celebration by taking the Vince Lom- bardi 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 after- noon.

“We just came from a great parade in the Canyon of Heroes, but when you pull into this place, 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 cold and rain. It was a Sunday during the season. And with weather in the upper 40s and low 50s, it was hard to distinguish it from October 4th anyway.

Chairman and John Sena- tore of the New York Giants, Point, N.Y. near West P o were ready to celebrate, share a m a n s a t c k i e p a c k a ge and have fun even con- sider going into New York for the morning parade. “We all thought, ‘I’m not going to do it today, too,’ ” John Senatore said. “This is more intimate.”

Dennis Uhles, a Manhat- tan resident, opted to come across the river instead of heading downtown. He was managed to get son Garrett 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. 81 of kicker Lawrence Tyne.

“I like him because he’s Scottish and my mother’s
**NFL**

**Chiefs O-coordinator plans to outlast predecessors**

Associated Press

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During that November in 2009, when Williams was an outstanding college quarterback, he knew that was important to me. Plus, I know he’s a very 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 intensity,” he said. “When you’re an offensive football coach, you want to make sure you do everything you can do in that system and they understand their role, that gives you a little bit of a jump start.”

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Chiefs offensive coordinator

**NFL**

**Baltimore RB Ricky Williams announces retirement**

Associated Press

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

Again. This time, however, it appears 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, Williams had 10,093 yards from scrimmage, including 67 touchdowns while backing up Rice 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 or three years down the road.

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 an accident. I believe that Ricky Williams is a Hall of Famer. All that he has done in his career, he deserves that.”

Rice 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.”

Williams spent only three years with New Orleans, but during his 11 years in the league he had five 1,000-yard rushing seasons and finished with 10,093 yards on the ground.

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his back porch nearly daily, and at times when children play on the bottom Elementary playground.

He has said he has expressed concerns informally with other neighbors, the school principal and superintendent, 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 painful,” he said.

“The best way to describe it is I feel very ‘frustrated.’”

The prosecution fil- ing regarding bail said Sandusky “strenuously objects” to 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 prison,” the filing argued.

That court document, and a sworn affidavit filed late Monday by Sandusky’s lawyer, come ahead of a court hearing Friday regarding his bail modific- ation request.

Sandusky, 68, a former longtime defensive coordi- nator for Penn State’s foot- ball team, has maintained he is innocent of the allega- tions. He denies engaging in a range of ill- ness with boys over 15 years, from touching their legs to subjects to them to violent sexual assault.

As Sandusky’s lawyers prepare for trial, they have asked a judge for copies of secret grand jury testi- mony to the investigation of hisaccusers and other material. A 37-page pretri- al document lists dozens of records from the state attorney general’s office, including subpoenas, photos, unredacted pas- sages from blacked-out docu- ments already provided to the defense, investigative reports and psychiatric re- cords.

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Brett, who was inducted to the Hall of Fame and baseball's All-Star teams.

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The divorce. The new swing coach. The injuries. The new career.

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 be- cause 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 fin- ished third. He was among the best players on the U.S. team at Royal Melbourne in the Presi- dents Cup. Then, he ended a two-year drought by winning at Sherwood with birdies on the last two holes.

Woods said he was “in a really good place” and had no chance until he holed the clutch birdie on 18 to win.

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could prove deadly in the hos
tile 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 im
pressed with their atmos-
phere, but our kids love
playing in that type of atmo-
sphere. 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 Satur-
day, highlighted by freshman forward Pat Connaughton’s
23 points and 11 rebounds.

“Pat had a great game,”
Brey said. “He was aggres-
sive and he was a whis-
key on the court.”

The Irish have also
finished five-of-eight
in the second half, show-
ing some ma-
aturity 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 pass-
ing lanes and cause some
turnovers creates some pres-
sure. Certainly beating Syra-
cuse 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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Sophomore guard Alex Dragicevich searches for a teammate
during Notre Dame’s 76-59 victory over Syracuse on Jan. 21.

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Mike Brey
Irish coach

Prestinario serves as model for young team

By MATT UNGER

On a squad where youth domi-
nates 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-cap-
tain junior Emily Barton have
welcomed an increased leader-
ship role on a squad that features
only two seniors on a roster of 23
swimmers.

In the pool, Prestinario, a
freestyle swimmer, re-
cently capped off the last
two dual meets 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.

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

“She’s a very good role model, especially
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She’s also a person who’s fun to
be around.

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 addi-
tional 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 com-
pete in the Big East Swimming
and Diving championships over
the next two weekends in Pitts-
burough. 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 oppos-
ing 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
joy their nights bonding as a
team during long road trips.

“When we are off the court
during away matches, we are
usually laughing,” McGaffi-
gan 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
appealing to watch a movie
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 Ho-
nolulu, where Notre Dame
will take on Texas Tech, Ha-
waii 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 al-
ways have a great trip when
we go to Hawaii.”

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

Muffet McGraw Irish coach

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

By PETER STEINER
Sports Writer

After defeating Olivet on Sat-

day, 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 a hot MIAA post-season tournament spot.

Adrian (9-11, 5-8) enters the game in a second-place tie at the top of the MIAA with the Belles. A win would move the Belles into first place in the conference.

After defeating Saint Mary’s last Saturday, the Belles enter this weekend’s matchesfresh looking to maintain their momentum.

"I think we have a really solid line; it has been one of our strengths all season," Belles head 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."

Jennifer Henley
Belles coach

SMC BASKETBALL
Belles battle for MIAA tournament spot

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 to depend on senior guard Pat-sy Mahoney, who was named MIAA Player of the Week for the second time this year Monday. Mahoney scored a career-high 29 points in Saint Mary’s victory over Olivet Saturday and will look to continue her hot shooting against an Adrian team ranked third in defense in the conference.

In addition to the key match-up, this second-to-last home game for the Belles serves as the Think Pink Game. All the profits from concessions, apparel and tickets sales at tonight’s game will be donated to a local organization called “Young Survivors,” Henley said.

“We are hoping for a great turn out for our Pink Night,” Henley said. “Young Survivors is a wonderful organization that is dedicated to helping all women who have survived or are recovering from breast cancer. We are honored to join them in the fight to end breast cancer.”

The Belles will face off against Adrian tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Angela Athletic Fa-
cility.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) Make a statement. Don't wait for others to squint you. You'll have the full confidence to make your life as you imagine it. It's your time to make your mind and original ideas that will capture attention and bring you opportunities. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Avoid petty people. Set your priorities and stick to your game plan if you don't want to end up in other people's nimbo. Let your heart guide you and you can improve your feelings honestly. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Concentrate on what needs to be done both personally and professionally. It's up to you to speak up and let others know what you need help with and what needs to be accomplished on your end. Don't fail to get your chance to advance. ***

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Laura cannot but don't know what you do so what others say. It's the elaboration and elaborating on what you get it. You'll find a much better perspective and the chance to propose your expectations. ***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You'll be quick to judge others, but before you do, make sure you don't have anything to hide. You are likely to leave them instead if you act cautiously in the way you handle the people around you. Accept change, it's unavoidable. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) See to reach your goal. Good fortune always if you play your cards right. A partnership can make a difference to the outcome of your actions. Prewed with a passionate one but a practical moment. That's how you can. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You must be cautious and keep to the people you are with. What you pass from others will help you make decisions that will benefit you long into. Open up to new ideas, suggestions and fights that will help you move forward. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) See you at a time. Listen and see of some of what others are doing and enjoy. It's important to take everything into account before you make changes. Love is a false start, and a romantic get together with someone special will lift your spirits. ***

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Choose between friends with the most power affected by the decisions you make. You'll help you develop a greater rapport with those who own and what you want to continue to have in your life both personally and professionally. ***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Speak up and say what's on your mind and what you intend to do in the most future. It will be much easier to move forward once you have made your emotions known to everyone you care about. ***

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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 narrowly escaped Big East opponent at Syracuse on Tuesday by a 74-55 score.

“I was so pleased with Peters’ numbers,” Brey said. “They both did a fantastic job. But I felt the whole team really contributed by getting in there and doing a good job box 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 double-double 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 offensive end.”

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

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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 long, cold, and often grey winters 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.

“Traveling 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, 1-1 Big East) enjoy occasional breaks from sub-freezing temperatures, they also need a lot more time studying than sunbathing on road trips.

“I think we really enjoy traveling 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 McGeaffigan said. “It also can be confusing 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 difficult, the Mountaineers (16-8, 6-5 Big East) broke out of a three-game skid Sunday with 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 13.2 rebounds and 21.7 points. The veteran senior has 15 double-doubles on the year and has notched at least 20 points in his last nine games, which is pretty good effort for us.”

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**MEN’S TENNIS**

Northwestern falls to new doubles pairing

By SAM GANS

Sports Writer

After falling to No. 10 Duke on Sunday, No. 20 Irish rebounded Tuesday with a dominating start to earn a 2-1 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 at 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 bunkered down and broke back and stayed the course. It was a pretty good effort for us.”

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**WVU seniors are Brey’s main worry**

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During their current four-game winning streak, the Irish have upset the No. 1 team in the country, outshot 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 multi-talented 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 better.”

The Mountaineers (16-8, 6-5 Big East) broke out of a three-game skid Sunday with 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 13.2 rebounds and 21.7 points. The veteran senior has 15 double-doubles on the year and has notched at least 20 points in his last nine games, which