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Saint Mary’s Editor

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Sonnets were read Tuesday in eight different languages: Spanish, Italian, French, Latin, Morse code, Russian and Parseltongue — the “language of snakes” from the “Harry Potter” series.

Sophomore Mary Prokop, an English and Italian major, read two sonnets in Italian.

“I thought I might as well try my hand at it,” she said.

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**IN BRIEF**

A graduate student workshop titled "For the Busy Graduate Student: Company, Industry, and Market Data" will be held in the lower level of the Mendoza College of Business from noon to 1:30 p.m. today.

A lecture, "Ethics in the Financial Marketplace" will be held in the Giovanni-ni Commons of the Mendoza College of Business from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. today.

A colloquium titled "Order, Fluxuations, and New Frontiers in Quantum Materials" will be given by Dr. James Analytis in 118 NewiuLD from 4 to 5 p.m.

The Notre Dame men’s basketball team takes on Rutgers in the Purcell Pavilion at the Joyce Center tonight at 7 p.m.

The film 'The Interrupters' will be shown tonight at 7 p.m. in the Deltiarrlo Performing Arts Center. Tickets cost $3-6.

A conversation about "Wealth Inequality in the US: Lessons from Latin America" will be held tonight at 7 p.m. in the Geddes Hall Library. Coffee and cookies will be provided.

National Book Award winner Ja my Gordon will deliver a reading tonight at 7:30 p.m. as part of the Notre Dame Literary Festi- val.

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

**LOCAL WEATHER**

**Monday**

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**Monday's Forecast**

- High: 41°F
- Low: 35°F

**Offbeat**

Fugitive runs out of gas, calls sheriff for assistance

Evanston, Wyo. — A 59-year-old fugitive is back behind bars after he ran out of gas in Wyoming and called the local sheriff's office for roadside assistance.

The Wyoming Highway Patrol said Tuesday that Richard Vincent of Pineville, Ore., was wanted in Georgia for violating parole on a murder and escape conviction.

Vincent called the Uinta (YO0'-ihn-tah) County Sheriff's Office sent state troopers to help him out. When they learned that Vincent had an outstanding felony warrant from Atlanta, he was taken into custody.

Vincent is now being held for Georgia authorities pending extradition.

Car theft suspect held after LA roof standoff

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — A suspect in an auto theft was arrested Thursday after a bizarre five-hour standoff on the rooftops of a West- wood neighborhood.

Police SWAT members finally climbed the roof of a home and peppered the man with bean-bag ammu-
nition.

That persuaded him to scramble over to a truck mounted ramp, and he was lowered to the ground and handcuffed, Officer Karen Rayner said. The suspect's name was not immediately released.

No one was seriously inj-
ured during the confronta-
tion, which began around 8 a.m. when police began fol-
lowing a reportedly stolen Toyota Camry.

After a short chase, the driver stopped, ran and climbed onto a roof east of the University of California, Los Angeles, police said.

The standoff was broad-
cast live throughout the morn-
ing from a KTTV-TV news helicopter that showed the man hopping from roof-
top to rooftop of several homes as police flooded the neighborhood.

No homes were evacu-
ated.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

**Question of the Day:** What’s your favorite place to be on campus?

Angela Lake  sophmore
Breen-Phillips  "Starbucks"

Elizabeth Murphy  freshman
McCandless  "Band building"

Kathryn Murphy  junior
McGlinn  "BK Lounge"

Leon Zhou  senior
Stanford  "My bed"

Matt Kowalski  freshman
St. Edward’s  "The library"

Nich Taylor  sophomore
St. Edward’s  "The Grotto"
Notre Dame bicycle shop remains closed

By NICOLE TOCZAUER
News Writer

Campus bike enthusiasts will have to pedal on without the Notre Dame Bike Shop, which closed last semester for the foreseeable future. However, student bike technicians said they are working hard to re-open in a new location.

Phillip Johnson, director of Notre Dame Security Police (N DSP), said the shop’s garage in the Old Security Building was reallocated in December to support a growing need for academic space on campus. N DSP cannot run the program without the garage, he said.

Johnson said the bike shop’s services started small and expanded gradually.

“A number of years ago, N DSP was involved in making minor repairs to abandoned bikes that were auctioned at the beginning of the school year,” he said. “Over time, students came to ask for minor repairs.”

Sophomore Chris Glueck, a student employee, said the shop provided free bicycle repair services to students, faculty and staff. The shop supplied labor and used parts from abandoned bikes, which are now recycled rather than auctioned.

“It’s repairs that would cost people a hundred dollars that we do for free. We also [gave] advice on bikes to buy and register them,” he said. “We [had] a high success rate.”

Glueck said student bike technicians have worked with the Office of Sustainability to promote the use of bikes for commuting and the reopening of a bike repair garage on campus.

Rachel Novick, education and outreach program manager with the Office of Sustainability, said the University supports biking for its carbon-free mode of transportation and reduction of local air pollution. She said the Bike Shop provided an important service to the campus community.

“Every biker needs an occasional tune-up for both performance and safety, and the bike shop has enabled countless students, faculty and staff members to keep their bikes in top form,” she said. “We hope that a new home can be found for it in the near future.”

Johnson said he is not certain the Bike Shop will reopen as it is not part of N DSP’s core campus safety services, but he said he realizes how important it is to the Notre Dame campus.

“This will depend on what space is available and who might be in the best position to operate the shop,” Johnson said. “We see the value in biking…It’s healthy and supports sustainability.”

Glueck said ideally the shop would reopen in a new garage or move into an existing unused space on campus. He said he hopes the shop will open in the near future to further provide services for students and their bikes.

“All we want is a place to put our tools and somewhere to check into. We’re looking for a new home and we do good work,” Glueck said.

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Dining halls add Korean food

By LISA SLOMKA
News Writer

Notre Dame students looking to expand their culinary horizons can now try a taste of Korean cuisine in the dining hall.

Following the successful introduction of specialty days like Mediterranean night and the Pho soup bar, Notre Dame Food Services (NDFS) launched a new line of specialty foods that features authentic Korean dishes.

North Dining Hall kicked off the new concept in January and South Dining Hall followed suit last week. The dishes are served on a 12-day rotating schedule in both dining halls.

Marc Poklinkowski, general manager of South Dining Hall, said the concept for the new line came from positive student reactions to other specialty meals.

“The basis of this came from students originally suggesting that we have things like Indian day and Mediterranean day,” he said.

N DFS considers input from two yearly surveys in launching new food lines, Poklinkowski said.

“They’re usually right after each of the breaks,” he said. “When we looked back at what students had suggested we saw a lot of students asking why we didn’t have more ethnic foods, which is what led to the Mediterranean and Indian cuisine days.”

Poklinkowski said the idea for Korean cuisine came from N DFS executive chef Don Miller.

“After I asked him for ideas, he asked if I’d ever thought about Korean food,” he said. “He said it’s really picking up and getting popular.”

Poklinkowski said Miller met with various Korean students on campus to discuss what dishes should be offered and how to authentically prepare them. Miller then prepared a presentation of traditional cuisine.

“We put together a show for us [with] about eight different recipes. He had the kimchi there, these two cold salads that we now use, and he also did the crepes for us,” Poklinkowski said.

“From there we got a kind of good idea of how we could adapt it to our dining halls.”

Tina Aalfs Baker, operations manager of North Dining Hall, said the new offerings may not appeal to all palates.

“It’s a matter of personal taste and preference. For some guests, it may not be their cup of tea,” she said. “For others, it is a change of scenery, something new to try.”

Poklinkowski said the new dishes have been received well at South Dining Hall.

“The first day went really well,” he said. “We did believe close to 500 crepes at lunch and over 1,200 crepes at dinner. We’re always glad whenever something’s that popular when we start off.”

Poklinkowski said the introduction of Korean day is not the only change coming to the dining halls. During Lent, South Dining Hall is setting up a make-your-own baked potato bar in the Pan-American section, he said.

“We never want to see students making rounds around the food options a few times without finding anything to eat,” he said. “We’re looking to give them more options.”

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College to perform ‘Puss in Boots’ opera

By BRIDGET FEENEY
News Writer

Dancing animals and a love story will be on stage this April when a University of Notre Dame and Mary’s College as students and faculty come together to put on a production of Xavier Montsalvage’s “El Gato Con Botas.”

Sophomore Jessica Biek, performer and member of the Mary’s College stage crew, said the opera, known in English as “Puss in Boots,” was written by the author of the short story “Puss in Boots” written by Argentinean author讲故事作者 story author。Biek said she initially thought it would be a challenge because of the production’s music, but she was surprised at its comedic side.

“Puss in Boots” is a short opera with a never dull moment,” she said. “It is very funny and entertaining.”

“I was originally told I couldn’t do the dancing in the show,” she said. “I did not have to audition. I simply had to come up with a costume and everything.”

“Puss in Boots” opera performed by Notre Dame and Mary’s College.

“Puss in Boots” is a short opera with a never dull moment, ” said Laurel Thomas, Mary’s College’s music department chair.

“The cast has to take on the responsibilities of making the opera their own. They are challenged while learning their lines and choreography in a short period of time, especially since some took on new roles after the audition process. “We only began rehearsing for the opera at the beginning of this semester, a very tight rehearsal process to mount an opera, even a one-act one as ‘Puss in Boots,’ she said. The time crunch has been most difficult for us, as well as the fact that this is an incredibly busy semester in the scene shop. Despite the challenges of casting, backstage work and time limitations, Thomas said the student performers have stepped up to the challenge. “I think my most notable aspect of this project is seeing such young students rise to the challenge of performing an opera for the first time, and seeing that they recognize their abilities,” she said. “Puss in Boots” will be performed in the Little Theater of the Moreau Center for the Arts on Thursday and Friday at 7:30 p.m. and again on Saturday at 3 p.m. Tickets are free for students.

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Toni Barstis, a chemistry and biology professor, said she considered the detrimental affects of counterfeiting when she developed the idea for the PDAs project with Notre Dame faculty. The project began with what Barstis called “a little bit of serendipity and a lot of student interest.” She said this past summer was crucial in the development of PDAs.

“The summer of 2011 was really productive because we put together a provisional patent application for these PDAs and now we’re working toward patenting it,” she said. “Actually, we’ve been looking at how we can distribute it.”

Bajema said experts estimate 10 to 50 percent of all drugs in developing nations are counterfeit. “Even 10 percent is a concern, because that means one out of every 10 pills is no good, and the people take the pill and they don’t receive the benefit of the medicine,” she said. “The issue of counterfeit medicine is a very serious health implication.” The PDAs are equipped with reagents useful in detecting chemicals in a pill form,” she said. “Not only do victims encounter the problem of not getting the medicine they need in a dire situation but they can also be exposed to other chemicals, said the PADs project’s executive director. “They can get.”

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Senior Kevin Barsaloux, a
Film, Television and Theatre
major, read two sonnets Mon-
day afternoon. He said the Son-
net Fest was a great opportu-
ity to share his appreciation for
the Bard.
“Well I love Shakespeare for
one, and I’m actually in a class
where we’re studying Shake-
ppeare’s text and techniques,”
Barsaloux said. “It’s a lot of fun,
I love this stuff.”
The first Sonnet Fest took
place in 2010, and has now be-
come a Valentine’s Day tradi-
tion, Jackson said.
“I never try to do anything
the same way,” Jackson said.
“So there’s been different
focuses on each of the last
events... I think that each year
we’ve had a few more partici-
pants.”
He said the Great Hall was
an appropriate space to hold
the events because so many stu-
dents walk through it during the
day, and might stop to grab
a cookie and enjoy a sonnet or
two.
“Reading the sonnets for the
students was only a small part
of the day, and might stop to grab
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Junior Kellie Raddell compares two Paper Analytical Devices, the most cost-effective way to detect counterfeit drugs.

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What's the point of miracles?

In these first weeks of Ordinary Time, we have been reading from the early chapters of Mark's Gospel. These chapters are often predominate by the early miracles of Jesus — the exorcisms, healings and raising of the dead. They are, by definition, astounding miracles — but just barely, at least as Mark recounts them. That is to say, Mark unbursts the miracles (“Demon, come out of him,” “Go, show yourself to the priest and be clean,” “Get the girl something to eat”) but in each case concludes with a most unexpected and severely underwhelming line, “Go home, and tell no one about this.”

The “Messianic secret” — Jesus’ recurrring command “Don’t tell anyone” — is an important theme throughout Mark’s Gospel, as Jesus’ first miracles escape the towns of Galilee to become “the news” of Jesus’ healing fever pitch and draw larger and larger crowds to gather. With every miracle Jesus performs, there is a demand that the person healed, and the witnesses to the miracle, not tell anyone about it.

Clearly, Jesus is reluctant to be over-identified with his miracles, or to be reduced to a more “wonder-worker.” In fact, this seems to be one of Mark’s larger themes in the early chapters of his Gospel, the miracles of Jesus are not a revelation of everything even more important. And we, the reader of these miracles, are left to wrestle with the question posed by the crowd after the miracle of the healing of the centurion’s daughter. “What is this?” “Who can do such things?” “Who has done this?” “Am I this man?” “What is the revelation that’s even greater than the miracle?” (“Later, at Caesarea Philippi, Jesus will bring this question to a head, as he asks his disciples, “Who do people say that I am? And you, who do you say that I am?”) Perhaps it is the raising of this question, less than the miracles themselves, that is the point of Jesus’ early wonders.

As we know, there will be moments in our lives of intense godlessness, liberation, healing and “miracles.” We experience a much-wanted success in a class or in a relationship. An interview or a job, a senior wants comes through; someone sick in our families is healed; we feel joy or intimacy with God in our spiritual life. Yet, Mark warns us we can’t condition our discipleship to Christ based on such moments alone. Why not?

Because what happens when we don’t get our grade or the good job or the promotion? What happens when the family doesn’t work out? What happens when we, or one of our friends, do not get the job? When the family member does not recover physically? When we don’t feel God’s presence powerfully in our spiritual life? If success and “miracles” are our signs that God is present, then these expectations of perfect failure signify the absence of God? If you are Mark writing chapter one of a story you will know end-eventually to Calvary and the apparent “failure” of the Cross, the “success” of Jesus’ early miracles must be handled with this reality in mind. And, likewise, Christ is present in our own lives. Do we follow him so we can perform miracles or remove all obstacles, stress and suffering from our lives?

Or, the other way, do our faith tells us God is present at every moment of our lives. On the one hand, the false memories of conditional love tell us that “God” is only present when we have “done well” or when good things happen. The Gospel of Mark decisively challenges this spiritual attitude. Mark is clear through his incessant inclusion of Jesus’ command to “not tell anyone” of the miracle that the main point of the miracle is not the confirmation that God is with us. For Jesus came to reveal this is always true — that the “kingdom of God in our midst.” Whether Jesus is experiencing the “success” of healing a leper, or the “failure” of healing from the Cross, God is with him. And the same is true for us.

So, perhaps the main point of the little miracles in our lives — the moments of triumph, healing, success — is the raising in our hearts of the question: “What is this?” “Who has done this?” “Am I this man?” “What can I do?” “If we can make this grace even more deeply … and to risk following him, come what may?”

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Every year for the past three years, Siegfried Hall’s “Day of Man” has really frustrated me. Certainly, the all-male dorm’s signature charitable event is generous and directs important attention and funds to the South Bend Center for the Homeless.

Raising awareness about the realities faced by those without reliable access to shelter, and supporting an organization which assists them, is admirable.

What I don’t support, however, is the association of this action with the vague idea of “manliness.” The slogan “be a man for the homeless” implies that the male person, specifically, the man who is too tough to feel or express discomfort, is uniquely suited to, and best capable of, supporting the patrons of the Center for the Homeless.

Obviously, both men and women of the ND community can support the Center by donating to today’s Siegfried Hall collection, of course, the men of Siegfried wearing shorts and tees in winter are highlighting the realities of our neighbors whom they are helping us to support.

But let’s not exclude talk, gender sensitive ideas in the process. There are two potential rationales behind this act of dressing down, because it’s the truth of what many homeless men and women experience. This solidarity in itself is not uniquely masculine.

To identify and commemorate Siegfried’s collective action as an entire “Day of Man” is to “genderize” the act, thus introducing the second possible rationale: that a “real” man can handle, even thrive in, potentially unhealthy and (frankly) painful conditions.

If the “manliness” of wearing shorts in the cold is based on the notion that “real” men don’t experience (or at least show) pain then it is based on a very false assumption. Both genders can support Center.

Weekly Poll

How are you?

“I’m Sexy and I Know It”

“I’m Rollin’ Like a Big Shot”

“Baby I’m a Firework”

“I Found Love in a Hopeless Place”

Vote by 5 p.m. on Thursday at ndscmobserver.com

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Vicky Jacobson

Sports Writer

Truck Day

If there’s anything good about late winter, it’s the streak of minor holidays that are spread out before March. We get weather prognostication from a groundhog, heart-shaped candy, an opportunity to blow off last year’s Lent starts and an excuse to blow off work for a while.

Patrick’s Day rolls around just three weeks later.

But last Saturday we passed another day even less important and even more concealed, which automatically makes it the best minor holiday of the season by far. That’s right — I’m talking about Truck Day.

For those of you who aren’t baseball fans you may be surprised to learn that those fan base is infinitely saner than Red Sox Nation, Truck Day is the glorious morning when the stadium van — a moving van with the stuff that’s been laying around the ballpark all winter and sends it out to the players in Florida.

While every major league team has to send its equipment to Florida or Arizona before Spring Training starts, my own personal Google search indicated Boston is the only city where fans show up to watch a scene nearly indistinguishable from a Thursday on Tuesday at the loading docks of a Sports Authority.

Maybe those people who are excited to see Tupperware containers of uniforms loaded onto a truck, but I doubt anyone is really all that interested in the cargo. The truth is for anyone who spends six months of the year enthralled by baseball and the next six enclosed in a van with the stuff that’s been laying around just three weeks later.

Until then, happy belated Truck Day.
“Everything is true, nothing is permitted”

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Tara Verderosa: The Nevada Sagebrush

With the Nevada State budget in a perpetual downward spiral, education has been under attack.

Nevada’s talking heads have proposed everything from eliminating extracurriculars (such as sports and music), to re-directing all operational costs (which now include building maintenance and electricity bills).

Student-teacher ratios have reached unrealistic proportions, and schools can no longer accommodate the masses they try to seat.

As a future teacher, I strongly support providing quality public education, one that delivers more than just the bare minimum.

But there is one major change, brought to attention by the budget, of which I have become a supporter — eliminating tenure.

Perhaps I’ll regret saying this four years down the line when I am living out of my car after losing my meager teaching salary to budget cuts, but having excellent teachers is important for good education and job security is important (especially my own), I think the education system (both general and university) needs to—which is why I support education teachers staffed based primarily on their seniority.

In most education systems, tenure is defined as protection that provides that a teacher cannot be fired unfairly. While this is great in theory, “unfairly” seems to have lost it’s true meaning.

At U. Nevada, Reno, for example, it takes a letter of recommendation from successive unsatisfied remarks to even be considered for dismissal. In other words, even if a teacher is acting fairly, it will take 730 days (in school words, approximately 12 college classes) before that teacher can be removed and replaced with someone more adequate.

That means that, for two years, students will be receiving instruction that is considered less than satisfactory. And in an ideal world, teachers would get better as they spent more time in the classroom. The real world, however, couldn’t be any further from the truth. Nevada is full of teachers who have become ingrained in their old ways, refusing to adapt to the changing personalities and learning styles of students.

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At the university level, we continue to employ professors based on their research, despite poor ratings from students and only satisfactory teaching skills. In any other profession, the idea of tenure is ludicrous. Jobs in marketing, journalism and even engineering can be lost in an instant based on one poor judgment call. Only teachers are given a two year window for messing up. And it’s an important place to clean up shop, because teachers like to be vetted.

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Most people living in the United States take for granted the ability to read and write. In many parts of the world, however, illiteracy is a persistent problem. This presents great challenges to government agencies when they need to communicate important messages to citizens.

In the past, a common solution has been to hire graphic artists to convey the information using a visual language that is easily understood. The Snite Museum of Art offers an excellent example of such didactic art with its exhibition “Art at the Service of the People: Posters and Books from Puerto Rico’s Division of Community Education (DIVEDCO).”

The exhibit was organized by Marisel Moreno-Anderson and Thomas Anderson, professors in the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures, the exhibition is comprised of 28 posters and 10 book covers from their private collection.

These artworks were created in conjunction with a sweeping public education campaign launched in 1949 by Puerto Rico’s newly-elected governor at the time, Luis Muñoz Marín. Over the next 40 years, DIVEDCO commissioned local artists to help teach the largely illiterate, rural populations about public health issues, community-building, agrarian subsistence and their unique cultural heritage.

A recurring theme is the importance of continuing to cultivate the land, rather than moving to urban centers in search of jobs. Thanks to an American initiative known as Operation Bootstrap, which aimed to modernize and industrialize Puerto Rico, the island witnessed a massive relocation of its populations to San Juan and other cities. This crisis takes center stage in a poster advertisement for the 1953 film “Pedacito de Tierra” (“A Small Plot of Land”), in which a farmer pushes a wooden plow in the foreground. The image strongly recalls Jean-François Millet’s “The Sower,” a famous nineteenth-century painting of a monumental figure scattering seed in his fields. Both pictures depict agriculture as a heroic, worthwhile enterprise.

Several of the posters and books strive to spread awareness about easy preventive measures that can help eradicate disease. In the dramatically titled “Sucedió en Piedras Blancas” (“It Happened among White Stones”), three young boys gather around a man who is testing the water in their habitual swimming area. Meanwhile, a large freshwater snail hangs ominously over the stream. This mollusk is the key to unlocking the image, because snails were frequent carriers of a parasitic disease called bilharzia. Children who swam in contaminated waters were the most frequent victims.

The front cover of the booklet “Bilharzia” features an even more urgent health message. A cracked skull that occupies almost half of the picture stares menacingly out at the viewer. This image of death suggests the fatal nature of the disease, even though its mortality rate was quite low relative to other diseases. At the bottom of the page, the capitalized title appears in a font reminiscent of the warning labels on medicine bottles.

Other artworks draw attention to Puerto Rico’s disappearing cultural traditions. In “El Santero” (“The Carver of Wooden Saints”), an elderly artisan hand-paints a wooden religious icon. The poster is an advertisement for a 1956 film about a craftsman whose business is threatened by the increasing availability of mass-produced plaster saints. The man’s bare feet, small stature, immaculate clothing and head bent in concentration all suggest a person of humble character. In the background, a shrine-like arrangement of figurines tower over their maker.

“Art at the Service of the People” will remain on view through March 11. Students and faculty should take advantage of this unique opportunity to find out more about the social uses of art in mid-20th century Puerto Rico.

By BRIGID MANGANO

On campus

What: “Art at the Service of the People: Posters and Books from Puerto Rico’s Division of Community Education (DIVEDCO)”
Where: Snite Museum of Art
When: Now - March 11
How Much: Free
Learn More: snitemuseum.nd.edu
By BRENA WILLIAMS

Scene Writer

Summer, prime marshmallow toasting season, may be far away, but with this simple recipe you can impress your friends and hearken back to a time when your legs saw sunlight on a regular basis. This recipe, adapted from the Betty Crocker website, makes 16 pre-measured servings that you — and anyone you choose to share them with — will love. That is, if you choose to share them at all!

Below is the recipe, as well as suggestions for substitutions and tips to make it easier.

Ingredients:
- 1 box brownie mix and the water, vegetable oil, and egg called for on brownie mix box.
Tip: If you like fudgy brownies, use one less egg.
Additionally, egg whites can be used instead of regular eggs.
- 2 cups miniature marshmallows
- 4 graham crackers, broken into small pieces
Tip: If you’re a chocolate lover, you can use chocolate graham crackers instead.
- 2 chocolate candy bars, broken into 1-inch squares

Directions:
1. Heat oven to 350°F.
2. Make brownie mix as instructed. Instead of putting the mix into a baking pan, use a muffin tin. Divide the mix equally among the cups — you can make one batch of superbrownie cups or make a full pan plus four in a second batch for the suggested serving size.
Tip: Using the muffin tin will eliminate the need to cut the brownies, which would get messy considering this recipe uses marshmallows. Plus the cups are adorable. There is no need to grease the tins because of the oil in the mix.
3. Bake for about 12 minutes. The cups are done when you insert a toothpick in the center and it comes out clean.
Tip: KNOW YOUR OVEN! Baking times vary depending on how hot your oven gets. It’s always better to check the brownies too early than to have them burnt.
4. After removing pan from oven, set oven to broil.
5. Immediately sprinkle marshmallows (8-10 on each cup) and graham crackers over warm brownies. Broil about 4 to 5 inches from heat for 30 to 60 seconds or until marshmallows are golden brown.
Tip: Keep an eye on them. As we all discovered as kids, marshmallows are prone to catching fire.
6. Remove from oven and sprinkle each cup with chocolate candy.
7. Cool for at least 30 minutes if you want to serve them warm.
Tip: I suggest using a large plastic spoon to lift the cups out of the tin.

Enjoy! Your inner child will thank you when you bite into one of these on a cold winter’s night.

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Parity follows all MLB teams shot at success

Ah, the sweet sounds and smells of spring are approaching. Such thoughts conjure different feelings for different people, but for me, it mostly means baseball is around the corner. If you look outside, it would be difficult to imagine that another baseball regular season is a little over seven weeks away.

There is simply something special about baseball that none of the other sports can match. When early March rolls around, and spring training begins around the April 1st or thereabouts, baseball fans feel that the sport is coming back. Sure, the NBA, NFL, and the college football fans are excited for their respective seasons, but there is something different about baseball.

Even a casual baseball fan can see the difference and understand this. The days when the National League and American League were competing for the title and the idea of a World Series was a great idea. But that was before the salary cap and luxury tax was implemented.

Baseball's Goliaths from leagues throughout the country were able to overwhelm the smaller teams, and even the small market teams can sometimes compete. But are they really? 

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Anyway, back to the topic at hand. Baseball has achieved a level of parity unmatched by other sports, with even the smallest of market teams finding the money to compete with more successful franchises. This is largely due to the talent and pull of baseball diehards from all over the country. The Pirates, Orioles, and Blue Jays are all franchises that are proud to have a pretty big market, but still often find themselves on the outside looking in.

Isn't it a shame? Would it be so bad if the Pirates, Orioles, and Blue Jays all competed for a playoff spot, or even a World Series? There are plenty of other teams from larger markets that compete against the Like the Cardinals, Rays, Tigers and Rockies won their leagues in recent years.

Even after all, 15 of the 30 clubs have clinched a World Series berth since 2000, and 27 of the 30 teams in the league have appeared in the postseason since 2001 (22 of 30 since 2006). Baseball’s exclusive Franchise player is the quarterback, which means the coach has 214 ways to lose the game.

But let’s not forget the Pirates, Orioles, or Blue Jays. They are all franchises that are proud to have a pretty big market, but still often find themselves on the outside looking in.

In the NFL, there was only one franchise that qualified for the playoffs, and that was the Denver Broncos. Even with no salary cap and a luxury tax, the Broncos were able to compete for the Super Bowl. But it in no way guarantees a win, but it in no way guarantees a win.

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After all, if a team that lost its ace in spring training could happen again? There was the 1992 Dodgers, who lost their ace in spring training, but still had a shot at the playoffs, or the 1993 A's, who lost their ace in spring training, but still had a shot at the playoffs.

Maybe they did not have a club in the top nine of the sport's payroll pecking order. Three teams came from the Midwest and one from the Southwest, a stark contrast to football's East Coast Super Bowl. In the NFL, there has been an AFC champion not named the Patriots, Colts, or Steelers since 2002. If you don’t have an elite quarterback, forget about winning the Super Bowl. That sad reality eliminates 18 teams before the first whistle of the season is even blown. That’s a big loss amount of parity, and it grows worse each year. Rarely does a team make it to the NFL Finals, or even the conference finals, if they are not one of the preseason favorites. When is the last time an underdog won their conference like the Cardinals, Rays, Tigers and Rockies won their leagues in recent years?

Much of baseball’s parity is due to the irregularities inherent to that sport. Justin Verlander could very well appear in 20 games again this season, but in no way guarantees a win, but it in no way guarantees a win.

That’s what makes the sport so great. While many people scoff at the prospects of the Mets somehow becoming the next Orioles, or the Pirates NL Central title, the fact remains that all 30 clubs, including the typical cellar dwellers, have reason for optimism heading into 2012. After all, if a team that lost its ace in spring training was 10.5 games out of the playoff hunt in late August and was down to its final strike twice in the World Series, it still managed to muster enough magic to win a championship, who says your favorite team can’t?

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Colts, Manning expected to meet

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — According to Colts owner Jim Irsay, Peyton Manning will decide whether he plays another game for Indianapolis.

Irsay expects to meet with Manning in the next seven days, and the owner told The Indianapolis Star on Tuesday the return of the four-time MVP depends on his willingness to restructuring his contract.

Manning has spent the past five months recovering from his third neck surgery in less than two years, and there have been conflicting reports about how much progress he has made.

The Colts owe Manning a $28 million roster bonus by March 8. They want to use the No. 1 pick in this year’s draft on Manning’s successor, and the future of their star QB will affect how much room they’ll have under the salary cap.

Irsay turns 56 in March.

“We can make it work if he wants to be here,” Irsay told the newspaper. “We’d be excited to have him back and finish his career with us.”

“I want him to be able to make the choice. We would love to have him back here if we can get healthy and we can look at doing a contract that reflects the uncertainty of the healing process with the re-generation of the nerve.”

The Colts went 2-14 last season without Manning, who started every game in his 12 seasons in the NFL. He threw for 33 touchdowns and a career-high 4,700 yards in 2010, when Indianapolis went 10-6 and won the AFC South.

Manning guided the Colts to a win in the Super Bowl after the 2006 season.

Also Tuesday, the Colts completed their coaching staff by hiring eight assistants and making Clyde Christensen quarterbacks coach.

First-year head coach Chuck Pagano already hired Bruce Arians as offensive coordinator and Greg Manusky as defensive coordinator.

NCAA

West Virginia ready to leave Big East, join Big 12

Associated Press

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — West Virginia University announced Tuesday it has settled a lawsuit with the Big East for an unspecified amount, clearing the way for the conference power Mountaineers to join the Big 12 in July in time for the fall football season.

Athletic Director Oliver Luck said the terms of the confidential and WVU wouldn’t release details. But Luck said no state, tuition, or other academic dollars will be used in the settlement.

A person familiar with the agreement said the settlement totaled $20 million but did not know how much money would come from the university and how much the Big 12 may contribute.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because financial terms were not being made in the announce ment of the agreement.

Luck said the funding will come only from private sources and money that athletics raised independently.

WVU has already paid half of the required $5 million exit fee to the Big East.

Luck planned a news conference to discuss the deal later Tuesday morning.

A spokesman for the Big 12 didn’t immediately comment on the deal, but the conference released its football schedule about an hour after the announcement.

West Virginia will make its Big 12 debut on Sept. 29 at home against Baylor.

The Mountaineers and their explosive offense went 10-3 last season and finished ranked in the Top 25. West Virginia capped off the season with a record-setting 70-33 victory over Clemson in the Orange Bowl.

WVU sued the Big East in Monongalia County Circuit Court in Morgantown in November, challenging the bylaws in a bid to join the Big 12 in time for the 2012 season.

The Big 12 countersued in Rhode Island four days later, arguing that WVU had breached its contract with the conference and should remain in the Big East for another two years as required in the bylaws. In late December, the judge there denied WVU’s motions to dismiss.

Luck said the Big 12 gives WVU “significant advantages” over the Big East.

“The Big 12 is a strong and vibrant conference academically and athletically,” he said in a statement. “It’s forward to the potential academic and athletic partnerships and financial opportunities that membership in the Big 12 offers.”

WVU President James Clements called the partnership with the Big 12 “a game-changer” for WVU’s future.

Big East Commissioner John Marinatto had repeatedly said West Virginia would not be allowed to leave until the 2014 football season.

But in a statement Tuesday, WVU athletic director Alisha Marinatto said the board of directors voted to terminate WVU’s membership in the conference as of June 30. Marinatto said the board agreed to the deal because WVU was willing to drop its lawsuit and pay an exit fee “well in excess of that required by the bylaws.”

Auto Racing

IndyCar changes rules to reduce safety concerns

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — With Indycar still recovering from Dan Wheldon’s death, series officials said Tuesday that double-file restarts will be scrapped at Indianapolis, Texas and Fontana and more changes to improve safety could be announced before next month’s season-opener at St. Petersburg.

“Oh yeah, there will be lots more to come,” IndyCar CEO Randy Bernard said after the two-day state of the series summit wrapped up in Indianapolis.

Bernard didn’t provide hints about what other announcements are pending.

It’s all part of a plan to make courses safer and revamp Indycar’s image. After Wheldon, a two-time Indy 500 winner, was killed in an accident at last year’s season-finale in Las Vegas. The wreck pushed safety issues to the forefront of racing, and gave the drivers who risk their lives more latitude in framing complaints.

Plenty of changes have already been made.

The series is introducing its first redesigned car in nine years, a model that is being deemed Indycar’s safest yet.

Driver seats will be surrounded by three inches of foam in the cockpit, an inch of foam underneath the seat and a panel on the right side of the cockpit to help reduce the force when hitting the outside walls. Wheldon, who did most of the early testing, spoke glowingly about the new safety features.

Series officials are hoping the addition of rear-wheel pods will eliminate the “nose-to-tail” contact that can send cars airborne, too.

The 16-race schedule includes only live oval races, down from eight of 17 last year. Many racers have embraced since Wheldon’s crash, though Bernard said that decision was more about marketability than safety with the obvious exception of Las Vegas.

New race director Beaux Barham in race control, made his decision on the restarts after talking with various drivers. “I could look into their eyes and see very legitimate concerns,” he said.
Young, Smith propel Clemson past Virginia

Virginia guard Malcolm Brogdon attempts a layup in the Cavaliers' 60-48 loss to Clemson on Tuesday.

Associated Press

CLEMSON, S.C. — Andre Young and Tanner Smith scored 13 points each and Clemson held No. 22 Virginia to its lowest point total this season in a 60-48 victory on Tuesday night. The Tigers (13-12, 5-6 Atlantic Coast Conference) took control with an 18-9 run over the final eight minutes to give the Cavaliers (19-6, 6-5) their second straight loss. Virginia came in missing a big part of its attack when sophomore Harris just couldn’t get going a third-quarter timeout. Granger finished with 14 points and six assists in the first 14 minutes. Wade made his first five shots and needed a little more than eight minutes to reach 10. Defensively, Miami was just as tough limiting Indiana to just 6 of 23 from the field in the first quarter and not much better until the closing minutes. While Miami made it look easy, the Pacers played ugly. David West led the Pacers with 14 points and Paul George had 12, not nearly enough to avoid a fourth consecutive loss. Even worse, the Pacers (17-11) lost leading scorer Danny Granger with a sprained left ankle late in the first quarter and he did not return. Granger finished with three points. Pacers fans were hoping Indiana had something to prove Tuesday after finally getting a two-day break. But James, Wade and their teammates never gave them a chance to amend for the 35-point loss at Miami last month. Miami used an early 10-0 run to take a 23-9 lead less than eight minutes into the game and led 33-16 after the first quarter. The Heat extend the lead to 51-24 midway through the second quarter and led 68-39 at the half and the Pacers never got closer than 20 until less the final two minutes of the game.

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Belles welcome road test at Calvin

By PETER STEINER
Sports Writer

While Saint Mary's clinched the fourth spot in the MIAA tournament with a win over Adrian last week, the Belles still have at least one goal left to accomplish in the regular season — to defeat No. 5 Calvin.

The Belles (12-11, 6-6 MIAA) will travel Grand Rapids, Mich. tonight to play first place Calvin (22-1, 14-1) in their second-to-last regular season game. Belles coach Jenn Henley said the team is looking forward to the opportunity to beat the best team in the conference.

“It’s a big game,” Henley said. “They are the No. 1 team in the conference so anytime you play the top team in the conference, you are gunning for them. I think they are beatable.”

The Belles lost to Calvin 80-54 earlier this season and have not beat the Knights since 2009. Much of Calvin’s firepower comes from junior forward Carissa Verkaik, who leads the MIAA in both scoring and blocked shots. To beat the Knights this time around, the Belles will have to limit the impact Verkaik has on the game, Belles will have to limit the impact she has on the game, Henley said.

“[Peters] did a great job on her rebounding tear. She grabbed 11 rebounds to continue her rebounding tear. She struggled with the aggressiveness of West Virginia’s offense never appeared in sync, which prevented them from pulling away until late. But by the 7:59 point of the second half, Notre Dame had opened up a 16-point advantage.

“I thought we played a consistent game. We weren’t turnovers, held the ball in transition off turnovers and missed the free throws,” McGraw said. “So’s she’s on a roll,” McGraw said. “She’s so hard to guard when the other team wants to come up and try to slow us down. She can just dribble right towards the basket. When you’re re-covering like Peters is doing and getting the ball in quickly and throwing it up, you’re feeling good about it.”

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It’s the end of the world. What do you do?

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Events

Kevin Overholt, junior John McGinley and freshman Zach Stephens lead in with the best time in the 400-yard freestyle, a spot they hope to preserve at the end of the week.

The most important thing is to swim fast," Johnson said. "If we can do that, the rest falls into place. Coming home with a title would be great." Things aren't all rosy for the Irish as, aside, the Irish already have four provision qualifiers for the NCAA championships — Dyer, Johnson, Overholt and McGinley.

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"We'll mix it," Brey said. "If we go to zone and it's working, we'll ride it for a long time. I think for us, changing defenses is a key.

Changing defenses may also help the Irish force Rutgers to turn the ball over. The Scarlet Knights rank last in the Big East in turnovers, coughing up the ball nearly 15 times per game. The Irish, meanwhile, average less than 11 turnovers a game, tops in the conference.

In Saturday's victory over DePaul, the Irish scored 84 points — a season high during Big East play. It was the first time since December Notre Dame topped the 80-point plateau.

"I think we've shown here we're comfortable in the second half putting up 40, 50 points,' we've done it a couple times now," Brey said. "I think offensively, we're improving."

Notre Dame looks to extend their six-game winning streak tonight when they face Rutgers. Tip-off is set for 7 p.m. in Purcell Pavilion.

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Freshman Patrick Olson swims in the Shamrock Invitational on Jan. 28. The Big East championships began Tuesday.

The championships kick off with relays beginning at 6 p.m. Tomorrow the Irish will compete in the preliminaries starting at 10 a.m. with the 500-yard freestyle.
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**ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL**

**Friared up**

Notre Dame gets back on winning track against Providence

By MATTHEW ROBISON
Sports Writer

Coming off a home loss to West Virginia that snapped a 21-game Irish winning streak, both graduate student forward Devereaux Peters and junior guard Skylar Diggins answered with 19 points apiece in No. 4 Notre Dame’s 66-47 victory over Providence on Tuesday in the Purcell Pavilion.

Notre Dame (25-2, 12-1 Big East) did not get off to the start it had hoped and trailed 18-17 in the early going. Providence (13-13, 5-8) broke Notre Dame’s press early and often, breaking out in transition to get easy layups and jump shots.

“They handled our press really well, a lot better than we wanted them to,” Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. “We had a little bit of a slower start than I expected. I really thought we’d have a great bounce-back game.”

Diggins pushed the Notre Dame lead to 33-20 when she snagged a steal and turned the ball over 10 times, the Irish claimed a 37-27 advantage going into the locker room.

“We had some turnovers, just got a little sloppy,” McGraw said. “We were quicker to be frustrated. I think the little mistakes kind of got magnified in that stretch.”

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It took them exactly one tournament to do so in the spring season, taking The Match Play title with wins against Central Arkansas and USC Upstate at the Reunion Resort Watson Course in Orlando, Fla.

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The semifinal match with Central Arkansas saw the Irish fall behind early, trailing in four of six matches heading into the back nine. Spurred by impressive efforts from seniors Tom Usher and Chris Walker, the Irish turned the tide.

**ND WOMEN’S SWIMMING**

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This year’s championships are being held at the Trees Pool in Pittsburgh as they face defending champion Louisville and the rest of the Big East.

“We got to Pitt a few days early to settle in and swim a few times in their pool to get a feel for it,” junior Chris Johnson said. “We’re gearing up for an intense week and we’re ready for that.”

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Nineteen games into the season, then-unranked Notre Dame was struggling at 11-3, including 3-3 in the Big East. Connecticut had just snapped the long Joyce Center winning streak, and a loss at Rutgers extended the skid.

But on Jan. 21, Notre Dame (17-8, 9-3 Big East) upset then-No. 1 Syracuse 67-58, kicking off a six-game winning streak that includes three victories over ranked opponents.

Now, nationally ranked and closing in on an NCAA tournament berth, the Irish men’s basketball team will face Rutgers on Sunday.

Irish senior forward Scott Martin drives to the basket during Notre Dame’s 84-76 win over DePaul on Feb. 11, the team’s sixth straight victory.

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