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Bergen Reilly named Team USA Volleyball MVP

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O'Gorman's setter, Bergen Reilly, was named MVP and Best Setter at the Women's Pan American Volleyball Cup for the Girls U19 age group.

From July 17 to July 23, the Girls U19 National Team played Mexico, Canada, Peru, the Dominican Republic and Brazil in Tulsa, Oklahoma. In each of those games, the US Girls U19 National Team won every set, scoring three to zero. Reilly led the team to a gold medal against Brazil in the championship match. With Reilly, the US team had the most aces out of all the other countries. Reilly scored three out of the nine total aces for the US. Because of her talent and outstanding performance, Reilly was awarded

MVP based on her stats and her impact on the team. Winning MVP highlighted Reilly's talent. "It reassured me that I belong," Reilly said. "I am no longer a kid from South Dakota anymore, hoping to do well at these international tournaments. Rather, I make a difference and can go out and compete with anyone."

A US Girls National Team is created for every age group once the coaches pick the top thirteen players out of a pool of the best volleyball players in the nation. This encouraged Reilly to spend her days training with the Kairos Elite Volleyball Club and Forged Strength. Before she left, she had to make sure that she would play her best and make the National Team. Once she made the team, she continued her training to pre-

pare for the Pan American Cup.

Reilly's coach, Jamie Morrison, was also her coach when she played last year for the US Girls U18 National Team at the Fédération Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB) Girls U18 World Championships in Durango, Mexico, returning home with a bronze medal. "He prides his teams on being perfect at what we can control and trusting that everything else will come from there," said Reilly. Morrison's influence on Reilly has taught her that every point is important, whether it is an O'Gorman game or a gold medal match. She has learned to set a standard for herself no matter the circumstances.

Reilly's goal for the rest of the year is to win another state championship with O'Gorman,



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Bergen Reilly posing with her 2022 Most Valuable Player trophy.

which will be Nov. 17-19, 2022, at the Denny Sanford Premier Center. The senior class has another

chance to prove themselves to the rest of the state, and a three-peat is the only way to do that.

Seven new staff join O'Gorman

Isabella Savage
Staff Writer

Every year O'Gorman High School welcomes new members to the staff and this year, seven new teachers became part of O'Gorman. Madison Thaden, Linda Davey, Emily Konz, Darwin Dauggard, Shane VanDiest and Fr. Tony Klein are coming to the staff for the first time while Christy Zwaggerman joins the staff again after a year away from O'Gorman.

A new face that may be seen in the halls is Dauggard, who has decades worth of teaching experience. "I saw the opening and simply stopped by the office to inquire about the position," Dauggard said. "Then the Principal heard me asking the receptionist and came running out of her office with excitement." The school was searching for a new science teacher and was glad to find Dauggard. He pointed out that O'Gorman has been a very good experience. "So far my experience at O'Gorman has been very positive and rewarding in many ways that you don't see in the public systems I have been at. The students are absolutely phenomenal," Dauggard said.

Zwaggerman returned to O'Gorman after being away for a year. She has been welcomed back with excitement. "The Spanish teacher that had been hired to start this school year had a personal situation come up and ended up having to move out of state two weeks before school started," Zwaggerman said. "I wasn't looking for a new job, but

something told me that this was meant to be!"

Thaden is a new teacher with some O'Gorman experience. Last year, she completed her student teaching here with Natasha Berg. "I chose O'Gorman because I felt supported as a new teacher," Thaden said. "Even in my student teaching experience, I was given ample amounts of help and guidance. I love the community that OG has built."

Konz came to O'Gorman after a recommendation by Julie Murphy, her sister. So far, she really enjoys her experience. "My favorite thing is the people I work with," Konz said. She graduated from Augustana University with majors in Biology and Spanish, which she says, "added to my interest in this position."

O'Gorman is blessed to welcome a new chaplain this year as well. Before Fr. Klein was at O'Gorman, he was an associate pastor at Holy Spirit. Although he doesn't choose which parish he gets to go to, he said, "I should say that I am grateful to be here! I have enjoyed my time here so far," Fr. Klein said. "When I was a student here, we didn't have a full time chaplain, so I have been learning what my responsibilities are little by little. I've enjoyed getting to know the students, especially through the different school activities."

VanDiest is joining O'Gorman as a new theology teacher and said he didn't expect that this position would be the avenue he would take. "My undergraduate degrees are in mathematics and biology, so I never would

have dreamed I would someday be teaching theology," Van Deist said. "After college, I was working as a college football coach at USD, and I decided to take a few theology graduate courses online just for personal formation. I fell in love with scripture, the history of the Church, and the liturgy of the Church in particular." Although Mr. VanDiest didn't expect he would end up as a theology teacher, he has enjoyed the position. "I love the support for Catholic identity that we have here from administration, the school board, the parents, the faculty, and most of all the students," Van Deist said.

Davey is the final new member to the O'Gorman staff. She found the position while teaching in Texas, due to knowing alumni of O'Gorman, and is excited to have been hired. "I am really growing to love O'Gorman, I love how everyone knows everyone's name," Davey said. "So far I have attended a volleyball game and the Dakota Bowl, and I really love how much school spirit the school has! Everyone has been very sweet to me and my daughter, who is also new here. I would say my favorite thing so far is the people, my students and coworkers make me happy to come to work everyday."

O'Gorman welcomed many new staff who all share a love for the school already and are excited to begin their O'Gorman experience. With this many new staff members, there is a lot of excitement and new faces to get to know.

Softball sanctioned by the SDHSAA for 2023

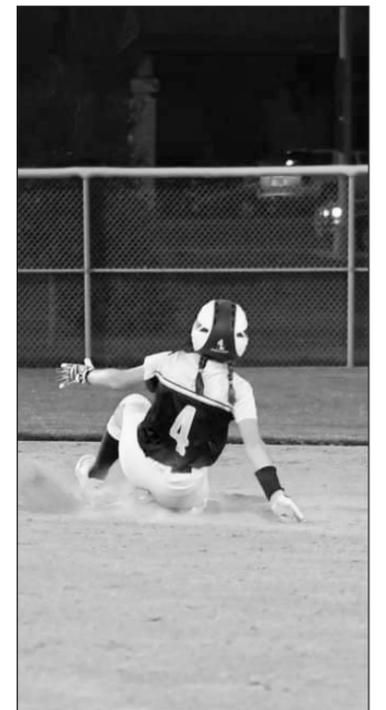
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The South Dakota High School Activities Association has officially sanctioned school softball in the state of South Dakota starting for the 2022-2023 season.

The process of sanctioning softball in South Dakota has been in the works for years, but was delayed when the Covid-19 pandemic hit. Once activities started up again, the High School Activities Association relaunched their committee, and the conversation of sanctioned softball began once again. The association sent out a survey to high schools in South Dakota asking whether or not they wanted sanctioned softball, and 45 schools said yes, including 16 Class AA teams.

Coach Ryan Soukup, O'Gorman softball's new head coach, will be joining the team for their first year as a sanctioned sport in the state of South Dakota. "I am thrilled for our players to be able to get a true varsity experience in a sport they've dedicated so much time and energy towards," Soukup said. "This season we're going to play hard, play the right way, and have a lot of fun grinding through a season together."

Soukup and O'Gorman's softball athletes are excited to officially be titled a sanctioned sport. "I'm excited for softball to be a bigger part of our school!"



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Hailey Jones sliding into second.

Olivia Tobin said.

Tryouts for O'Gorman Knights softball will be held at the end of March. Prior to the upcoming season, softball was a fall club sport for O'Gorman High School, but now that it has recently been sanctioned, the season has been switched to the spring. O'Gorman is looking to have a varsity and junior varsity team.

Both varsity and junior varsity home games will be held at Sherman Park starting in March. The first game will be on March 25. State softball will be held the first week of June.

Adoration implemented into schedule for all classes

Anna Lent and Kendra Brunz
Staff Writers

Adoration has been recently added into O’Gorman students’ weekly schedule this past year. The school had an idea that the students would have a brief time of adoration in the chapel to experience and worship God.

The students, as a class, go to the chapel during one period of the day every week to have the opportunity to step back from their studies and reflect on their own faith. Along with this weekly class visit, the students have their own additional chance to visit the chapel during openings in their school day. This allows

them to step outside of a classroom environment and mind-set to feel the grace of God.

Theology teacher Leo Lorang has encouraged students to explore their faith and feel God’s presence. “I hope returning students look forward to adoration again and hope new students will find blessings in their adoration,” Lorang said. He believes that adoration was very successful last year and heard many positive comments from the students.

Adoration allows students to have this opportunity to worship, and it may be a first-time experience they otherwise would not have. “They can unwind with

Jesus!” Lorang said, describing how students have used it as a stress reliever on hectic days.

Many students have found benefits of attending adoration during their class periods. “Adoration makes me feel closer to God because it’s during the day, which makes me more cognizant of his presence throughout the rest of the day,” senior Alice Althoff said. She expressed how it is a constant reminder of God’s love being present, even at school.

For many students it is used as a time for rest and a time to unwind while talking to God during the day. “Adoration helps me maintain my relationship with

God as it is an opportunity to talk to Him,” senior Natalie Rutten said. “It also gives me a break of silence from my busy life.” At school, students are given the opportunity to set aside their busy schedules and just be with God.

Since it has been proven that students enjoy and appreciate this time of prayer and reflection, it will continue in this school year and many years to come.

There are many opportunities for students to worship throughout the week, and adoration is a unique experience that O’Gorman is encouraging students to take advantage of this opportunity!



HAILEY JONES
Relic of the True Cross.

Weekly Prayer Opportunities

Monday
Morning Prayer

Tuesday
Morning Prayer
Mass 5C
Confession 5D

Wednesday
Morning Prayer
Large Group Mass
Open 4&5

Thursday
Morning Prayer
Mass 4A
Confession 4B
Open 5

Friday
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Rosary 5C
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The O’Gorman Marching Muppets

Lauren Meyer
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The O’Gorman High School Marching Band and Color Guard kicked off their season with a grand display at the 44th annual Bob Burns Dakota Bowl on Sept. 3.

Although they have loved performing for a home crowd, the band director, Ben Koch, said the competition circuit is their main priority. This year, the group is blessed with the chance to travel to Minneapolis to compete in the US Bank Stadium for the Youth in Music championship. This is a first for the school and an opportunity to showcase their talent and hard work.

This year’s show is a family favorite and got the crowd’s attention. It allows the band and color guard members to incorporate their personalities into the show. The show’s title, “Life’s a Happy Song,” incorporates music from the beloved movie “The Muppets.” The set list includes The Muppet Show theme song, “Life’s a Happy Song,” “Mahna Mahna” and “Rainbow Connection.”

“I would love everyone in the OG community to know that their O’Gorman Marching Band and Color Guard are high-quality organizations putting out an ex-



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Uptatit. Ra et vellaborest, comni blam, con culpa commolu ptatur cellent product and that they are welcome to our events on and off the field,” Koch said. The band appreciates it when they see fellow O’Gorman students in the crowd cheering them on, so feel free to attend any of their performances this year. They end their season with their indoor show on Oct. 18.

18 travel to Germany



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Olivia Muenster, Jonah Astrup and Evelyn Nielsen in Germany.

Hailey Jones
Staff Writer

From May 23 to June 6, 16 O’Gorman High School students flew to Germany on an exchange trip.

The students were accompanied by teachers Anika Rodig and Patrick Frankman. They experienced a week-long homestay with a host family and a week of travel with other O’Gorman classmates. Their homestay week included shadowing a German student at their school and activities. “My favorite part of the trip was making lifelong memories with my classmates,” Ryan Brunner said.

Rodig, the German and international students’ teacher at O’Gorman said that the German

exchange trip was a great opportunity for students to build character and fully understand life abroad. “Seeing how the students have grown together through shared experiences, laughing and joking together about trip memories but also applying what they have learned in class has been amazing to see,” Rodig said. “It is exactly what I hoped for and the whole point of the program beyond making global connections.”

This fall, students from Germany will be joining O’Gorman as a part of the exchange. The German students will get to have experiences such as football games and a trip to Mount Rushmore. This will take place for 11 days in mid-October.

O’Gorman’s fall play cast small, only 10 students

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Page Editor

“Play On!” is ready to hit the O’Gorman PAC on Oct. 13.

This year’s fall play is a comedy that follows a community theater’s production of a play called “Murder Most Foul.” The director of the community theater, Geraldine “Gerry” Dunbar, chose

to showcase the play because the company would be able to perform the show without paying a fee for the license. But, the play highlights the ups and downs of the production. Since “Play On!” is a comedy, there are many amusing disasters that come about Gerry and her company.

The cast for O’Gorman’s fall play is very small, having a grand

total of ten actors. Because of the limited number of students in the play, many of them are in a majority of the scenes. Like most plays, a lot of work is entailed to prepare and finalize the show for their opening night, but the small cast makes it more difficult.

“Theater is a big commitment. It’s hard work, but I’ve never done anything more rewarding.”

Olivia Duncan, who plays Phyllis Montague, said.

Kendra Dexter was usually found behind the scenes, organizing all of the costuming for O’Gorman’s plays and musicals. However, she is now seated on the main floor of the theater, directing the play.

“I am super excited for this opportunity and hope I can con-

tinue the grand tradition of theater set by my mentors,” Dexter said. Dexter chose a play that O’Gorman has shown in the past. Because of her love for comedy and desire of giving people the chance for a fun time—she chose “Play On!”

O’Gorman’s fall play will be shown from Oct. 13-15.

Activities at O’Gorman

Organization	Advisor(s)	Organization	Advisor(s)	Organization	Advisor(s)
Art Club	Mr. Frankman	Environmental Awareness Club	Ms. Daly, Dr. LeBrun, Ms. Booth	Marching Band	Mr. Koch
Athletic Training	Tiffany Giese	E-Sports	Ms. Wang	National Honor Society	Ms. Carpenter
Band	Mr. Koch	Fall Play	Ms. Dexter	One Act Play	Ms. Fester
Boys’ & Girls’ State	Ms. Jones	Gaming Club	Mr. Heisler	Oral Interp	Ms. Perkins
Campus Ministry	Mr. Stai	History Club	Mr. Gordon	Orchestra	Mr. Engbers
Centered	Ms. Robey	HOSA - Future Health Professionals	Ms. Odenbach	Quiz Bowl	Ms. Soukup,
Chamber Choir	Mr. Engbers	Knights Fight for a Cure	Mr. Lebrun	Show Choir	Ms. Thomason
Chess Club	Ms. Jorgensen	Knight Legend	Ms. Bork	Spring Musical	Ms. Fester
Children’s Play	Mr. Heisler, Mr. Soloman	Knight Scroll	Ms. Bork	Student Ambassadors	Ms. Carpenter
Color Guard	Mr. Koch	Knitting Club	Ms. Bradfield	Student Council	Ms. Nohrenberg,
Choir	Mr. Engbers			Students for Life	Ms. Myers
Debate	Mr. Stevens			SADD/TATU	Ms. McQuade
Educators Rising	Ms. Berg			Ultimate Frisbee	Ms. Robey
ENDOW	Ms. Irvine				Mr. Lehn

Football team annihilates competition in Dakota Bowl

Colby Holtz
Sports Editor

Tailgating, skydiving, fireworks and a dominating performance from the O'Gorman Knights football team is what highlighted this year's Dakota Bowl. The day was full of fun activities including the senior tailgate which began with a lucrative breakfast freshly made by the seniors themselves, and continued throughout the day with more food, spikeball and volleyball.

Another notable tailgating event was the teachers' dunk tank. Different members of the staff took shifts sitting in the dunk tank and waiting for students to pay to try to dunk them into the cold water. Some vendettas were surely created with this humorous event.

The game kicked off like any other Dakota Bowl with skydivers flying in and aiming for the target placed at center field. Coming off a convincing win against the previously number one ranked Brandon Valley Lynx, the Knights deservedly had a chip on their shoulder.

This confidence did not waver entering the game as they crushed the Roosevelt Rough Riders from beginning to end. They jumped out to an electrifying start with two defensive touchdowns and a 28-0 score in only the first five minutes of the game.

The halftime show not only included the impressive Marching Knights musical performance, but went on to stun the



KAITLYN DOUGHERTY

Senior defensive end Isaac Wilson leads the team onto the field while carrying the school flag for the Dakota Bowl.

crowd with a beautiful and extensive fireworks display.

The Rough Riders were not able to come back from this early deficit, as the Knights' offense complimented the stellar defensive performance. The contest ended with a score of 62-27,

and the Knights left the Dakota Bowl with a win again this year.

Senior offensive lineman Avery Erickson looks back on his last Dakota Bowl experience with pride. "The Dakota Bowl has always been a highlight of the school year and the fact I

got to play in it with all my buddies is pretty special," Erickson said. "We obviously were determined to beat Roosevelt, but knowing it was my last Dakota Bowl, I wanted to end on a bang, which I think we accomplished by putting up 62 points on a

usually successful program."

This year's Dakota Bowl was about more than football in many different ways for a wide variety of people, and Erickson was very accurate when he described it as "special."

Boys golf looking to dominate

Trenton Fisher
Staff Writer

The boys golf season is in full swing as the Knights look to repeat their state title. Last year, the Knights capped off the season with senior Radley Mauney making a putt in the second play-off hole to win the state champi-

onship. The Knights seek to use their state championship experience to their advantage.

The team is led by seniors Mauney and Will Hurd, along with three juniors and one freshman. That freshman is Taten Mauney, brother of Radley Mauney, and he looks to play a significant role on the team

this year. "Great, it's always fun beating up on 'lil bro," Mauney said when asked what it is like playing on the same team as his younger sibling.

With O'Gorman on top, multiple teams are eager to dethrone them this season. The season will come to a close Oct. 3-4 in Mitchell for the state championship.

Boys soccer season is underway

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O'Gorman boys soccer kicked off their season to a steady start. As of Sept. 29, the Knights have an impressive record at 9-2-1. Amidst this strong start, the team still has tough match-ups upcoming later in the season.

O'Gorman was defeated in the state championship last year in a nail-biter by Yankton. The Knights look to be back in the state championship hunt this season, "Our keys for the season to be back in state title contention are to avoid injuries, keep improving each week, and having our younger players grow and mature into the game and be ready to play in those bigger games," Coach Beier said.

The Knights lost six seniors to

graduation, leading to new leadership on the team. Seniors Wesley Zimprich, Rory McManus and Carter Hanson have stepped up to lead the team. "I believe our team dynamic has grown stronger than ever before," Zimprich said. "Yes, we did lose six magnificent players, but many underclassmen have stepped up in a big way to make our team whole again."

After falling in the state title game last year, the practice mentality has changed, "We've decided to increase the intensity of our practices while also focusing on an increase in communication during gameplay," Hanson said.

The Knights expect to be back in state title contention at the boy's state soccer championship held at Tea Area High School on Oct. 15.

Dance team returns stronger than ever

Maggie Sweetman
Page Editor

This year's O'Gorman dance team is a team to watch out for. The team also welcomed a new coach, Natalie Nothdurft, which they could not be more excited to have.

Nothdurft was a former dancer. She danced at Champion Dance for many years and competed in the Worlds Competition

at the ESPN Sports Complex in Florida. She gives this team constructive feedback with her wide knowledge of dance.

"My favorite thing about the dance team is my teammates and the fun environment!" senior Team Captain Alex Mentele said. The dance team has grown a strong connection this year. They have competed in two competitions this season thus far in Aberdeen and Watertown.

The dance team had a huge year of improvement last season placing higher than ever before and continue to raise their scores so far.

"Going into this season my biggest goal for this team is to work hard and raise our score at state again!" Mentele said.

With that being said, the state cheer and dance competition will be held on Oct. 22 in Watertown.

Cheer team looks to a repeat championship

Maggie Sweetman
Page Editor

The O’Gorman competitive cheer season began with their first competition on Aug. 30th, in Watertown. The Knights placed third overall while Harrisburg placed first and Jefferson placed second.

The team welcomes new head coach, Megan Doherty. Doherty coached the Knights last year as an assistant. “The new coaching is going well, it was an adjustment but overall I think the team is pleased with the change,” Senior Captain Taylor Tobin said. “We have changed the organization of practices with every practice being intense. The girls have to bring this intensity so we can work on being the best our team can be.” Coach Doherty has created a rigorous practice schedule for the team that began this summer and will continue until the end of the season.

After winning the State Championship last season, the team is more motivated than ever to go and compete. With the teams biggest competition



KATIE SOWDEN

The cheer team performing.

being Harrisburg and Jefferson, the Knights are able to know what they are up against. These teams bested the Knights in the early competitions, but with a new coach and practice routine, hopefully they can improve their placement and overcome the adversity.

The Competitive Cheer and Dance State Championship will be held at Watertown High School on Oct. 22.

Girls tennis on top of their game



JOSEPH PICCONI

Maya Jamous preparing a backhand during her match against her opponent.

Will Hurd
Page Editor

The O’Gorman Knights girls tennis team looks to build on their fourth-place finish last year at the AA State Championship as they start the 2022 season with an undefeated record. The Knights look to use experience to give them an edge in tough matches as they have four seniors in their starting six.

“[Being a part of] the team has taught me about perseverance, dedication, and patience. With each tough match, I work to improve my game and attitude on the court,” senior Maya Jamous said. “It can be easy to become frustrated quickly, but being on the team has taught me to focus on each individual point and never give up.”

Chemistry is another aspect that the team attributes their

success to.

“Although our teammates aren’t out on the court with us most of the time, we are still playing for each other,” senior Ashlyn Garry said.

The Knights look to build on their early success to make a run at rivals Rapid City Stevens and Sioux Falls Lincoln in the State Championship held at the Sioux Park and Parkview Tennis Complex in Rapid City on Oct. 6-7.

Girls soccer fighting injuries



LOGAN CARTER

Senior Krystina Stys tries to pass the ball to her teammate Natalie Dougherty on the outside.

Alexis Lemon
Staff Writer

The O’Gorman Lady Knights soccer season has officially begun. As of Sept. 29, their current record is 4-5-2, and they are ready to fight to the finish. After multiple tough losses last year, the team has high expectations for the season. “We have a great group of girls this year, and I trust that we will all work our hardest to win state,” senior Macie Severson said when asked how she felt

about the season.

Many service opportunities arose throughout the past year, and the Lady Knights have risen to the occasion. Several players have participated in Neighborhood Soccer, which provides free lunch and a fun game of soccer to those who otherwise may not have the opportunity. The team has also collectively served food at the Banquet as well.

The team has suffered four serious injuries, but they are still continuing to work their hardest.

“The Lady Knights are already showing an incredible ability to fight through injuries and adversity,” alum Coach Kristina Erickson said.

The team captains are Ize North, Nora Johnson and Severson. They are coached by Sheila Diercks and assisted by Erickson, Madison Thaden and Ashleigh Aarbo. The team is gearing up for the rest of the season with the Class AA Girls State Soccer Championships being held at Tea Area High School on Oct. 15.

Cross country team competing for gold



JOSEPH PICCONI

Boys cross country runners take off from the starting line.

Will Hurd
Page Editor

The O’Gorman Knights cross country teams look to build on their impressive seasons from last year as the girls defended their state championship from 2021 and the boys had many solid finishes.

The Knights coach Aaron Strand is in his seventh year as head coach. Strand has had considerable success over his first few years of coaching and attributes it to his runners. “We have been blessed to have a very talented and hard-working group these

past few years,” Strand said. “As coaches, we ask a lot of the athletes and put them through tough workouts.”

Competition within the Knights has pushed and provided a sense of calm to the team. “[Competition within the team] creates a fun and supportive environment where we are able to push each other to improve,” junior Ruth Parady said.

The Knights look forward to showcasing their talents against the rest of the state at the Cross Country State Championship held at Broadland Creek National Golf Course in Huron on Oct. 22.

‘Persuasion’: Strays from book, changes characters

Gretthel Escallante Portillo
Staff Writer

“Persuasion,” starring Dakota Johnson, hit streaming services in early July. The film slightly strayed from the original novel by Jane Austen, giving a modern lens to the story.

The story starts with Anne narrating to the audience that she had been persuaded by her family to leave her suitor eight years prior due to his lack of money. Anne switches back and forth between being devastated and not caring about the conflict. However, when Wenworth, her previous suitor, returns, it presents numerous problems for her. Anne continues to remain single

for the eight years of heartbreak causing a poorly-paced love triangle between Anne, Wenworth, and Anne’s sister-in-law.

The film altered the soft, delicate character of Anne Elliot, making her into a new character.

The movie is a fine casual watch for viewers, keeping in mind that film productions of books are often poorly executed. The rushed pacing of the movie may be a bit distracting, along with the constant breaking of the fourth wall.

While the overall sentiment of the novel is there, for those heavily interested in the original novel, I would not recommend the film as it strays from the original ideas of the book.



Official movie poster.

‘Maresi’: A well-written dystopian YA fiction

Gillian Brennan
Audio Editor

Published by Maria Turtschaninoff in 2014, “Maresi: The Red Abbey Chronicles Book 1” is a Finnish fantasy book about the protagonist, Maresi, and her life on a female-only island. The women live together in a community called ‘The Red Abbey,’ similar to a monastery. In the dystopian world, each woman plays a role in the functioning of the Red Abbey.

Most who are at the Abbey, however, are students training for a job which is assigned to them help improve conditions in the world. Throughout the book, Maresi struggles with dark fears and nightmares about leaving the

convent to fulfill her training, and the plot revolves mainly around Maresi’s inner battle.

The book is exceptionally well written, and it is clear that Turtschaninoff dedicated a lot of thought and imagination when writing the story. The book also has a strong feminist theme, which is uncommon for literature based in the past.

One fault in the book is that the plot often becomes hard to follow due to its significant complexity.

I would recommend “Maresi” to strong readers interested in the fantasy genre with a dimensional universe and those who value feminism and strong female representation in books.

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- Elsa Bell



"Learned how to drive manual with my dad."
- Sophia Stone



"Going on vacation."
- Mr. Heisler

Scroll Poll:

169 students were surveyed about what they are most excited for this fall.

Football games - 53% Sweatshirt season - 13%
Homecoming week - 22% Halloween - 12%

Bryant trial against LA County ends Judge grants Bryant and her co-plaintiff \$30 million

Colby Holtz
Editor-in-Chief

On Jan. 26, 2020, the death of one of the greatest basketball players of all time, Kobe Bryant, and his daughter, Gianna, devastated and affected many, but no one can imagine the pain that Kobe's wife, Vanessa Bryant, still feels. The tragic scene of the helicopter crash that resulted in the death of the Bryants and seven others was disrespectfully impeded on immediately by first responders. Deputies and firemen that arrived on the scene took horrific images and videos of the travesty, completely infringing upon their constitutional right to privacy. This is illegal because this scene was legal evidence, and risking the leak to the public was horrific for the Bryant family.

Fast forwarding to now with the case finally finished, granting

Bryant and her co-plaintiff \$31 million in total damages. This was the amount of the payout until there was a recent correction to be one million less due to a jury error. The damages were paid by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's and Fire departments, holding them accountable for their treatment of the crime scene. The witnesses of this case provided multiple instances of deputies and firemen casually sharing the images at bars and work functions. It is disturbing to imagine that the professionals that we trust with our lives in emergencies would treat this situation with disrespect.

The defense in this case attempted to separate the heavy emotions involved from the legality of the actions that took place. It was argued that the officers had already been reprimanded and the pictures were wiped, but one firefighter who received the



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Kobe and Vanessa Bryant at the 2009 Southern California Annual Gala dinner.

images has not been identified which leaves the possibility of the pictures leaking. It was also argued who is to be considered the "general public".

It was determined that first responders not present at the scene exposed to the images should be considered the general public,

adding to the plaintiffs' case.

Overall, the justice system did what it could to reprimand the ones responsible. A positive outcome came from the determination that Bryant repurposed the money into their family's charity foundation that serves underprivileged athletes.

Top 10: Fall Edition

1. Pumpkin spice everything
2. Homecoming
3. Football games
4. Fall scented candles
5. Carving pumpkins
6. Candy corn
7. Scary movies
8. Halloween parties
9. Trick or Treat
10. Almost Thanksgiving

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Homecoming Week ends with blowout win

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This year's homecoming was full of great themes, activities, and another masterclass performance by the football team.

Monday kicked off with a mismatched theme, where everyone was encouraged to wear clothes that didn't match. The next day was Team Tuesday, and everyone wore their favorite team's gear. Then came Wednesday, which was western-themed, with lots of cowboy hats and plaid shirts.

Last was Time Travel Thursday, on which students could travel through their own timelines. Outfits ranged from the Jurassic age to student's future professions. Thursday night was the Variety Show where there was beautiful music and dance pieces but also some great humor.

At the end of the show was the Homecoming Coronation where the senior class' king and queen were crowned. The king is Student Council President Jack Bills and the queen is Alice Althoff.

"It felt great getting recognized for the hard work put in," Bills said about homecoming preparations. "But I had a lot of help, especially from [senior]



PATRICK FRANKMAN

Homecoming royalty candidates with Queen Alice Althoff and King Jack Bills get goofy for the camera.

Ashlyn Garry and the rest of student council."

Friday began with Mass, which was followed by lunch and activities on the football field. These activities included inflatables, dodgeball, powderpuff football and class challenges. The seniors prevailed in most of these activities including a win against the juniors in powderpuff

football. Sadly, one class challenge did fall to the juniors.

After wrapping up the class challenges, the students filed into the PAC for the pep rally. The rally began with the slideshow of the week, reminding the students of the days leading to then. The best decorated doors were announced once the slideshow ended, and multiple advisories

were recognized for their creative efforts. Then the band got the students hyped up and ready for the game with their classic rendition of Cascadia's "Everytime We Touch."

Game time finally arrived Friday evening, and the Knights had their foot on the gas from the first whistle and did not let up. The Raiders were merely obstacles on

the field for the Knights as they scored and took the ball away at will. The final score was a dominant 49-7 Knights win over the Rapid City Stevens Raiders.

This homecoming was surely not one to forget, and everyone enjoyed the eventful week with their classmates.



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