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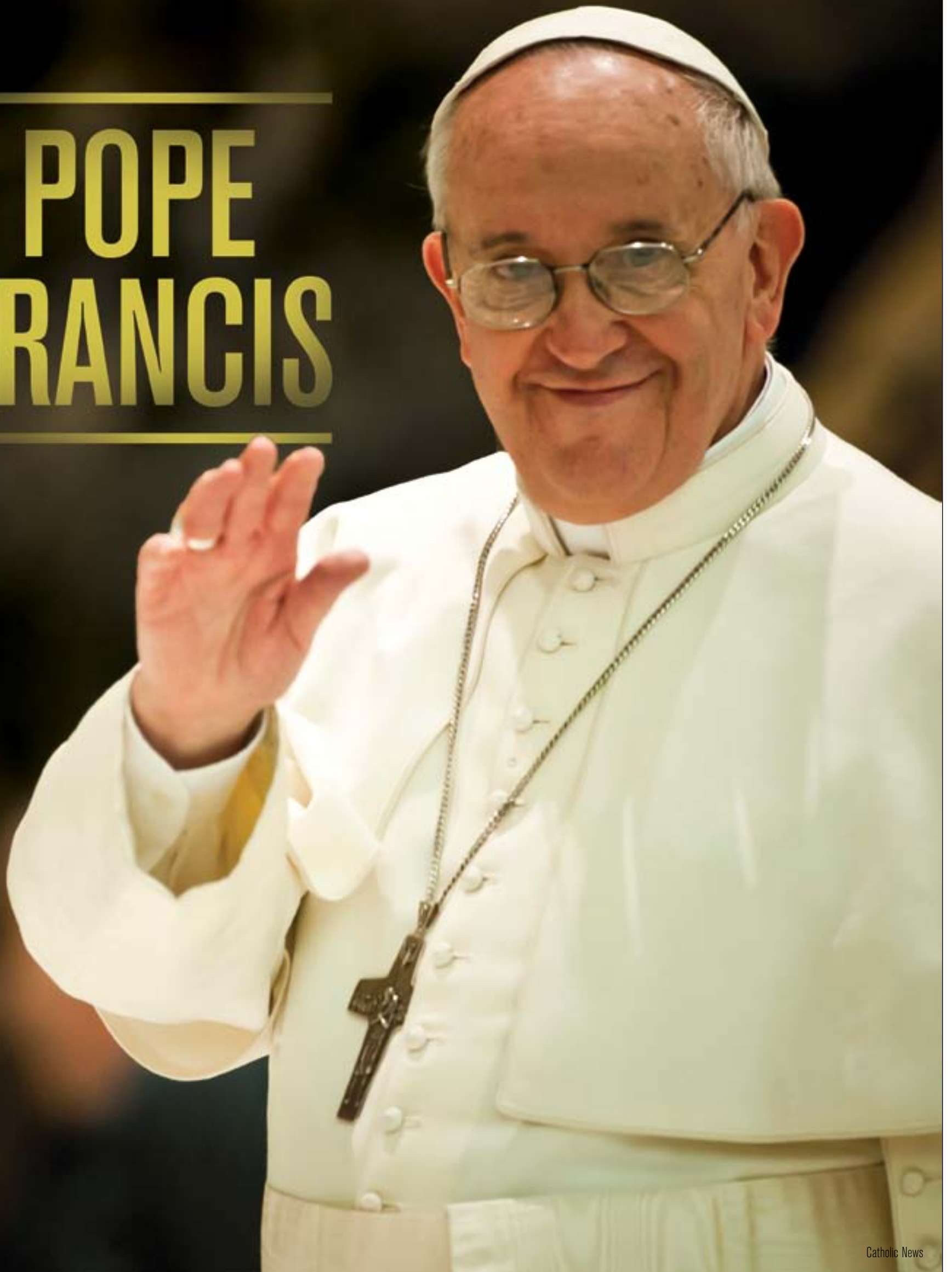
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'Habemus Papam'

The Church's 266th pope emphasized simplicity, pastoral humility in the Archdiocese of Buenos Aires

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — On the streets in Buenos Aires, the stories about the cardinal who has become the first pope from the Americas often include a very ordinary backdrop: The city bus during rush hour.

Tales are traded about chatting with Archbishop Jorge Bergoglio as he squeezed in with others for the commute to work. They sometimes talked about church affairs. Other times it could be about what he planned to cook for dinner in the simple downtown apartment he chose over an opulent church estate.

Or perhaps it was a mention of his affection for the tango, which he said he loved as a youth despite having one lung removed following an infection.

On the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica just after a rain shower Wednesday, wearing unadorned white robes, the new Pope Francis appeared to strike the same tone of simplicity and pastoral humility for a church desperate to move past the tarnished era of abuse scandals and internal Vatican upheavals.

While the new pontiff is not without some political baggage, including questions over his role during a military dictatorship in Argentina in the 1970s, the selection of the 76-year-old Bergoglio reflected a series of history-making decisions by fellow cardinals who seemed determined to offer a suggestion of renewal to a church under pressures on many fronts.

"He is a real voice for the voiceless and vulnerable," said Kim

Daniels, director of Catholic Voices USA, a pro-church group. "That is the message."

A cousin back in Argentina said the new pope "has a good spirit" that will benefit Roman Catholicism.

"He is naturally humble and a pastor," said cardiologist Hugo Bergoglio, adding:

"He is naturally humble and a pastor. ... Jorge never thought he would be pope, or even a cardinal."

Hugo Bergoglio
cousin of Pope Francis

"Jorge never thought he would be pope, or even a cardinal. That's why he ended up becoming pope."

Francis, the first pope from Latin America and the first from the Jesuit order, bowed to the crowds in St. Peter's Square and asked for their blessing in a hint of the humble style he cultivated while trying to modernize Argentina's conservative church and move past a messy legacy of alleged complicity during the rule of the military junta of 1976-83.

"Brothers and sisters, good evening," he said before making a reference to his roots in

Latin America, which accounts for about 40 percent of the world's Roman Catholics.

Groups of supporters waved white-and-blue Argentine flags in St. Peter's Square as Francis made his first public appearance as pope. Bergoglio, who flew to Rome in tourist class, reportedly had envoys urge Argentines not to come to Rome to celebrate his papacy, but instead donate money to the poor.

In taking the name Francis, he drew connections to the 13th century St. Francis of Assisi, who saw his calling as trying to rebuild the simple spirit of the church and devote his life to missionary journeys. It also evokes references to Francis Xavier, one of the 16th century founders of the Jesuit order that is known for its scholarship and outreach.

Francis, the son of middle-class Italian immigrants, came close to becoming pope during the last conclave in 2005. He reportedly gained the second-highest vote total in several rounds of voting before he bowed out of the running before selection of Vatican insider Joseph Ratzinger, who became Pope Benedict XVI.

By returning to Bergoglio, the conclave confounded speculation that it would turn to a younger candidate more attuned to younger elements in the church and with possibly more stamina for the rigors of the modern papacy with nearly nonstop obligations and frequent global travel.

Francis appears in good health, but his age and possible limitations from his single lung

raise questions about whether he can face the demands of the position. He doesn't much like to travel, say priests in Buenos Aires.

Unlike many of the other papal contenders, Bergoglio never held a top post inside the Vatican administration, or curia. This outsider status could pose obstacles in attempts to reform the Vatican, which has been hit with embarrassing disclosures from leaked documents alleging financial cover-ups and internal feuds.

But the conclave appeared more swayed by Bergoglio's reputation for compassion on issues such as poverty and the effects of globalization, and his fealty to traditional church teachings such as opposition to birth control.

His overriding image, though, is built around his leaning toward austerity. The motto chosen for his archdiocese is "Miserando Atque Eligendo," or "Lowly but Chosen."

Even after he became Argentina's top church official in 2001, he never lived in the ornate church mansion where Pope John Paul II stayed when visiting, preferring a simple bed in a downtown building, warmed by a small stove on frigid weekends when the building turned off the heat. For years, he took public transportation around the city, and cooked his own meals. He likes to drink mate, a traditional South American tea. He rises at 5:30 a.m. and starts work at 7.

A man who doesn't like the limelight, Bergoglio almost never granted media interviews, limiting himself to

speeches from the pulpit. He was reluctant to contradict his critics, even when he knew their allegations against him were false, said Bergoglio's authorized biographer, Sergio Rubin.

Bergoglio's legacy as cardinal includes his efforts to repair the reputation of a church that lost many followers by failing to openly challenge Argentina's dictatorship.

He also worked to recover the church's traditional political influence in society, but his outspoken criticism of President Cristina Fernandez couldn't stop her from imposing socially liberal measures that are anathema to the church, from gay marriage and adoption to free contraceptives for all. Fernandez compared his tone to "medieval times and the Inquisition."

Yet Bergoglio has been tough on hard-line conservative views among his own clerics, including those who refused to baptize the children of unmarried women.

"These are today's hypocrites; those who clericalize the church, those who separate the people of God from salvation," he told Argentina's priests last year.

He accused fellow church leaders of forgetting that Jesus Christ bathed lepers and ate with prostitutes.

"Jesus teaches us another way: Go out. Go out and share your testimony. Go out and interact with your brothers. Go out and share. Go out and ask. Become the Word in body as well as spirit," he said.

Bergoglio feels most comfortable keeping a very low profile, a personal style that is the antithesis of Vatican splendor.

"It's a very curious thing: When bishops meet, he always wants to sit in the back rows. This sense of humility is very well seen in Rome," said the biographer Rubin.

His preference to remain in the wings, however, has been challenged by rights activists seeking answers about church actions during the dictatorship after the 1976 coup, often known as Argentina's "Dirty War."

Many Argentines remain angry over the church's acknowledged failure to openly confront a regime that was kidnapping and killing thousands of people as it sought to eliminate "subversive elements" in society. It's one reason why more than two-thirds of Argentines describe themselves as Catholic, but less than 10 percent regularly attend Mass.

Under Bergoglio's leadership, Argentina's bishops issued a collective apology in October 2012 for the church's failures to protect its flock.



AP

Pope Francis speaks from the central balcony of St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican on Wednesday. The former archbishop of Buenos Aires, Argentina, Jorge Mario Bergoglio is the first non-European pope in the modern era and the first from Latin America.

Faculty members reflect on new pontiff

Notre Dame professors say Bergoglio's choice of name demonstrates commitment to humility

By **MARISA IATI and
NICOLE MICHELS**
Assistant Managing Editors

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Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio chose the name Francis after being elected the new head of the Catholic Church. The College of Cardinals chose Bergoglio on the fifth ballot.

NDSP, Off-Campus Council sponsor self-defense class

By **CAROLYN HUTYRA**
News Writer

Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) and Off-Campus Council (OCC) are providing a self-defense class to help keep female students safe.

The class, titled "Self-Defense Awareness and Familiarization," or SAFE, will educate women about ways to

reduce exposure to violence and crime. NDSP Sergeant Tracy Skibins, who will lead SAFE, said the class provides women with information that reduces their risk of exposure to violence and introduces them to the physical aspects of self-defense. It is open to anyone who lives off campus.

Senior Katie Kehl, OCC president, said the two-hour class

will be today from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in room 319 of Hammes Mowbray Hall.

"We have capped it at 25 people just for space purposes and being able to work with each other on whatever the instructor asks," Kehl said.

Senior Kelly McRaven, OCC vice president, said for those

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SGA releases applications

By **KAITLYN RABACH**
Saint Mary's Editor

Saint Mary's Student Government Association (SGA) released applications for 12 open positions via OrgSync, the college's new communication system, on March 15th. Applications are due by Monday, March 25th at 5 p.m.

Junior Kat Sullivan, who was recently elected as the 2013-2014 student body president, said she hopes students from all majors and backgrounds will apply for a position.

"We have three executive positions and nine council of committee chairs open,"

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University receives award for service



Photo courtesy of Jay Caponigro

A Notre Dame student tutors a child at the Robinson Community Learning Center in South Bend.

By **CAROLINA WILSON**
News Writer

The Corporation for National and Community Service honored Notre Dame with a place on the 2013 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll.

Jay Caponigro, director of community engagement, said this honor is a reflection of

the University's mission to promote the common good.

"Community engagement is a constitutive element of Notre Dame's mission and day-to-day functioning," Caponigro said.

Caponigro said University President Fr. John Jenkins encourages the campus community to engage in service, providing many resources for the University to foster this

engagement. "In his inaugural address, Fr. John Jenkins renewed the commitment of the University's founder, Fr. Edward Sorin, stating that 'this college will be one of the most powerful means for doing good in this country,'" Caponigro said.

The University provides a large amount of resources to

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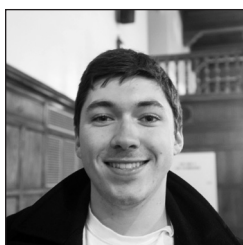
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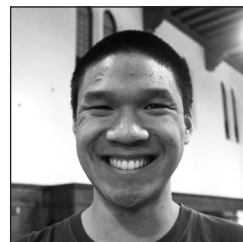
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SUZANNA PRATT | The Observer

Irish junior goaltender Steven Summerhays defends the goal, stopping 29 shots Saturday night against Bowling Green. The 4-3 Irish victory advanced the team to the final CCHA championship tournament this weekend in Detroit.

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Tuesday

Lecture

Notre Dame
Conference Center
4:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
"The Modern Project
in Light of Human
Evolution."

Discussion

Morrissey Manor
5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
Notre Dame as a
Catholic Institution.

Wednesday

Men's Lacrosse

Arlotta Stadium
4 p.m.-6 p.m.
Game vs. Ohio State.

Lecture

DeBartolo Hall
4:00 p.m.-5:45 p.m.
"Rome: A
Topographical-
Historical Introduction
(Part 1)."

Thursday

Zen Meditation

Coleman-Morse
Center
5:15 p.m.-6:15 p.m.
Sitting, walking and
reading meditations.

Ask Anonymously

Carole Sandner Hall
7:30 p.m.-9 p.m.
Receive answers
to your hot button
Catholic questions.

Friday

Women's Lacrosse

Arlotta Stadium
7 p.m.-9 p.m.
Game vs. Rutgers.

Concert: Altan

Debartolo Performing
Arts Center
7 p.m.-9 p.m.
A traditional Irish
ensemble.

Saturday

The Notre Dame Holy Half Marathon

Campus-wide
All day

Baseball

Eck Baseball Stadium
2:05 p.m.-5 p.m.
Game vs. Seton Hall.

Group sponsors book drive

By CHARITHA ISANAKA
News Writer

The Notre Dame Staff Advisory Council (SAC) is sponsoring and hosting a campus-wide book drive now through Friday to benefit El Campito and Robinson Community Learning Center.

"This is the first time we

have sponsored this, and we have had a positive response already from employees on campus," Jan Solkey, co-chair of SAC, said.

The bins to drop the books off will be in O'Shaughnessy Hall, LaFortune Student Center, Hammes Bookstore, Grace Hall and Hesburgh Library.

The SAC asks people to "bring new and gently used books for elementary age children."

There is a need for bilingual books for children between two and five years, cardboard books for younger children and books for school-age children.

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campus organizations work to provide security in the community. The Center for Social Concerns (CSC) facilitates community-based learning and has 30 full-time staff members. Its annual budget is over \$3.5 million. In addition to CSC, the Robinson Community Learning Center also serves thousands in nearby communities.

Both organizations offer students the opportunity to participate in service learning projects. Junior Denise Azores-Gococo decided to participate in the CSC's International Summer Service Learning Program (ISSLP) this summer.

He will volunteer his time in El Salvador and will be working to bring healthcare to mothers and young children in rural areas of the country.

"The Notre Dame community and environment has motivated me and sparked my interest in doing things in which I can give of myself to others," Azores-Gococo said.

Caponigro said Notre Dame's commitment to service is engrained in students even after they graduate.

"Over 80 percent of Notre Dame students annually report participation in service learning or service," Caponigro said. The ethos of service continues after graduation: approximately 10 percent of each year's class spends a year or more in full-time volunteer service after graduation.

Caponigro said the distinction of being named on the President's Honor Roll increases the public's awareness of the contributions Notre Dame faculty, staff and students make to local communities and the nation at large. Caponigro said he hopes this recognition will inspire other universities to become engaged in community service.

"I think that recognition promotes additional [community service] engagement, and holds universities more accountable to achieve meaningful impact, in collaboration with our communities," Caponigro said. "We need to continue to support this engagement at all levels, and measure the impact on students and community partners whenever possible."

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Theology professor Ann Astell said because St. Francis of Assisi was known for his poverty, humility and penitence, Bergoglio's choice of name sheds light on how he will likely lead the Church. She said this is in line with the way he has lived as archbishop of Buenos Aires — eschewing the diocesan mansion to live in a small apartment, taking public transportation and cooking his own meals.

"I think he'll want to convey more by actions than by words that the Church of Christ is the servant of all," Astell said. "[To do that,] we need to renounce those things that can be objects of pride and of worldly wealth and to present the Church in its most attractive guise as the servant of all the world and its people."

Theology professor Robin Darling Young said although Pope Francis will no longer live as simply as he used to, he will likely maintain his connection with the people he serves.

"I think that people hope that he will not regard [the] opulence [of his new position] as a sign of personal privilege or even institutional privilege, but that he will put his office at the service of the people for whom the Gospel is directed," Young said.

Young said Pope Francis can focus the Church on serving its people by demonstrating a commitment to social justice.

"In the past 50 years, the pope has become such a public person

in the universal Church that one of the best things he can do is set a good example," she said.

The pope's humility will enable him to direct the Church toward self-reform, Astell said.

"It seems that his humility ... has been very striking to people who know him," Astell said. "It was very evident in his first public appearance [yesterday] afternoon in the way he just stood there in silence before the large crowd. It was a silence that moves people to prayer."

Fr. Tom Doyle, a faculty fellow in the Institute for Educational Initiatives, said Bergoglio's first appearance as Pope Francis spoke volumes about the type of leader he will be.

"The protocol called for the pope to greet each of the cardinals personally before going to meet the people waiting, [but] Pope Francis reversed the order because the people in St. Peter's square were waiting in the rain," Doyle said. "His first public prayers were not for us, they were with us — the universal prayers of the Our Father, the Hail Mary and the Glory Be.

"His first edict was ... a humble request, that we pray for him."

Pope Francis is the first non-European pontiff of the modern era and the first South American pope. As a Jesuit, Pope Francis will also be the first of his order to lead the Church.

Astell said the pontiff's ties to the "old world" and the "new world" will emphasize the Church's global character and universality.

"I think he will be a wonderful bridge figure between the new and old worlds," Astell said. "He's lived and studied in Germany as well as in his native Argentina. ... He is a child of Italian immigrants and his father worked for the railroads. He comes from humble origins, which I think will help him to stay in touch with the little people."

Appleby said he expects Francis will exhibit the traits many Jesuits cultivate while in the order.

"If the new pope is anything like his fellow Jesuit, our own [theology professor] Fr. Brian Daley, ... he is erudite, disciplined and dedicated to the apostolic works of the Church," Appleby said.

Bergoglio was the subject of unproven allegations of misconduct during Argentina's "Dirty War," when the military junta in power from 1976-83 kidnapped and killed thousands. Despite these accusations, Bergoglio played a crucial role in helping the Church reconnect with Argentinians after some Catholic leaders were implicated in the terror.

Noble said Francis's leadership through that challenging time suggests what he could accomplish as pope.

"He's a very humble man, a very austere man that has brought one of the most conservative Catholic churches in the world into the modern era," Noble said. "In Argentina, the Catholic Church was very much aligned with a series of very repressive regimes for a long time. So, is that revitalization of the Argentinian Church

a signal of what he might do as pope?"

Noble said the pope's experience managing the Archdiocese of Buenos Aires might enable him to usher in a new era of curial reform.

"Apparently, he has been a very efficient administrator of his diocese in Buenos Aires, which is a large and complex diocese," Noble said. "How he deals with the appointments and reappointments in the Vatican will tell us a lot about how we should think of him."

Noble said the new pope will be challenged to effectively manage the Roman Curia, which rules the Vatican, to respond to increasingly strong evangelical strains of Christianity in Latin America and to address any other crises that might arise. The election of Bergoglio might imply the Vatican's willingness to accept a pope who would 'clean house,' especially within the Curia, Noble said.

"The question of the [cardinals] was whether or not they would try to build consensus to pick someone who would maintain the status quo, but obviously they've reached far outside of that group," Noble said. "Is this a signal that they want someone to come in and clean house?"

"For more than a century, the Church's response to crises has been to circle the wagons and to protect the institution. A lot of the time that is noble, admirable, but at other times that has gotten the Church into trouble. I think the sex abuse scandal is the best example of that [trouble] ... If they



Pope Francis waves to a crowd in St. Peter's Square on Wednesday. The new pontiff greeted the faithful in Italian.

had said 'We are going to clean house,' they might have been better off."

Appleby said Pope Francis embodies many of the qualities necessary to help people recommit to the Church. He will likely be especially effective in reaching young people, Appleby said.

"The young people of the world in particular seek authenticity in a pope — the authentic face of Christ as a humble servant, clear teacher and moral and spiritual example," Appleby said. "Pope Francis is known as an accomplished administrator, serious of purpose and dedicated to running a tight ship.

"He seems to not be tarnished by the sexual abuse scandal. He has spoken out on behalf of the poor, and lives a simple life with a humble spirit. All of these qualities will be welcomed by Catholics, not least [by] young people."

To be named Pope, Bergoglio needed to receive 77 votes, two-thirds of the 115 votes of the Cardinals in attendance.

Bergoglio was elected on the fifth ballot in one of the fastest conclaves in years, though he was not seen as a frontrunner before the conclave began Tuesday.

Reportedly, Bergoglio was the second choice for the papacy during the 2005 conclave that resulted in the election of Pope Benedict XVI.

Astell said Bergoglio will likely view his candidacy in 2005 and 2013 as evidence of God's will that he serve as pope. This sense of God's will and the support of Catholics worldwide will give him courage, she said.

"He asked for our prayers, and that's the really beautiful thing — the courage to step into those big shoes of the fisherman with an openness to God's will," Astell said. "I think he must rest at peace knowing that this is God's will and that that will give him strength. There really is a grace of office."

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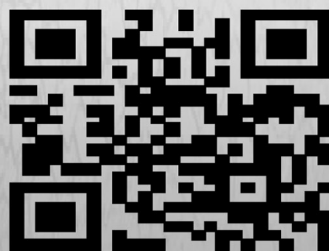
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Sullivan, who currently serves as the vice president of external affairs, said. "I would really like to encourage students from all majors and concentrations to apply. You do not even have to have been involved with student government in the past. We want as many voices and perspectives as possible."

The three executive positions include: vice president of finance, vice president of internal affairs and vice president of external affairs.

"Executive positions require a larger time commitment than committee chairs," Sullivan said. "If you are selected for one of these three positions you must work at least three office hours [per week] and

attend both executive and separate council meetings."

The nine council of committee chairs include: mission, community, technology, first year concerns, international, market services and media, social concerns, sustainability and food services.

"Committee chairs work one office hour a week and hold one meeting," Sullivan said. "Right now we have nine committee chair positions available. Depending on how many applications we receive, these positions may be expanded to include some co-chairs."

Sullivan said OrgSync allows students to submit applications online, which is particularly convenient for students abroad.

"I emailed the Org Sync link to all students and all

they have to do is fill the application out online," Sullivan said. "It is more sustainable and students abroad can access it from anywhere."

Sullivan said students on campus are welcome to sit in on executive and chair meetings to gain a better understanding of what the different positions entail.

"If you are thinking about applying but haven't made a decision yet, come to one of our meetings," Sullivan said. "Executive meetings are on Tuesdays at 5 p.m. and committee chairs meet on Wednesdays at 9 p.m. Both meetings are in the SGA office in the second floor of the student center."

She said the association is looking for individuals who have a strong commitment to the student body and have a passion for the positions they apply for.

"If each executive and chair is excited about their work there is no reason the student body shouldn't be excited about it," Sullivan said. "This excitement will create better communication across campus and will then encourage students to attend more events."

Sullivan said her time on SGA has given her the opportunity to connect with

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students from all different class years and majors.

"I have met people I otherwise wouldn't have," Sullivan said. "Together we were given a voice to represent our student body. Together we saw the campus evolve and we even noticed the little things we were responsible for changing."

Upperclassmen encouraged Sullivan to run when she was a sophomore and she said the extra encouragement made a "world of

difference".

"I always looked up to the older SGA members," Sullivan said. "They were great role models. I hope students will apply and be role models for future first-year students. With different voices, leadership and communication skills we can be strong role models and work to make next year a great year for SGA."

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who cannot attend SAFE, NDSP offers a longer self-defense class called Rape Aggression Defense (RAD).

According to the NDSP website, the RAD course costs \$5 and lasts a total of 12 hours. The class is typically divided into four three-hour sessions.

NDSP is happy to help with self-defense courses for other groups, organizations and

residence halls on campus, Skibins said.

OCC would offer another self-defense course if more students were interested, Kehl said. She said having a self-defense skill set could help students feel safer both on and off campus.

"Especially being off campus and people being on their own and independent, I think it's just good to have basic knowledge and skills of what to watch out for, preventative measures, and then if necessary, how can

you respond if there is a [dangerous] situation," Kehl said.

McRavbn said OCC has addressed safety concerns for students living off campus, over the past two semesters and has sent out emails to keep students aware of robberies and other safety matters in the surrounding areas.

Skibins said students can protect themselves from dangerous situations by making sure their doors and windows are locked and ensuring valuables are out of sight. She encouraged students to trust their instincts.

"If something does not feel right, then it probably is not," Skibins said. Ninety percent of self-defense is awareness, risk reduction, and avoiding confrontation."

The current OCC officers' term ends April 1, but hehl said she hopes the new leaders will work to further their relationship with NDSP and neighborhood officials.

"We also have relationships with the South Bend police, Mishawaka police, the Indiana excise police, so [we hope they will] continue to work with those different officers to come with a more mutual understanding of where the students are coming from, where the police are coming from and being able to work together and avoid issues," hehl said.

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New York smoking laws incite complaints

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Cigarettes would have to be kept out of sight in New York City stores under a first-in-the-nation plan unveiled by Mayor Michael Bloomberg on Monday, igniting complaints from tobacco companies and smokers who said they've

had enough with the city's crackdowns.

Shops from corner stores to supermarkets would have to keep tobacco products in cabinets, drawers, under the counter, behind a curtain or in other concealed spots. Officials also want to stop shops from taking cigarette coupons and honoring

discounts, and are proposing a minimum price for cigarettes, though it's below what the going rate is in much of the city now.

Anti-smoking advocates and health experts hailed the proposals as a bold effort to take on a habit that remains the leading preventable cause of death in a city that

already has helped impose the highest cigarette taxes in the country, barred smoking in restaurants, bars, parks and beaches and launched sometimes graphic advertising campaigns about the effects of smoking.

The ban on displaying cigarettes follows similar laws in Iceland, Canada, England and Ireland, but it would be the first such measure in the U.S. It's aimed at discouraging young people from smoking.

"Such displays suggest that smoking is a normal activity," Bloomberg said. "And they invite young people to experiment with tobacco."

But smokers and cigarette sellers said the measure was

reputation as a public health crusader isn't backing off after a high-profile setback last week, when a judge struck down the city's novel effort to ban supersized, sugary drinks. The city is appealing that decision.

"We're doing these health things to save lives," he said Monday.

Bloomberg, a billionaire who also has given \$600 million of his own money to anti-smoking efforts around the world, began taking on tobacco use shortly after he became mayor in 2002. Adult smoking rates have since fallen by nearly a third — from 21.5 percent in 2002 to 14.8 percent in 2011, Health Commissioner Dr. Thomas Farley said.

But the youth rate has remained flat, at 8.5 percent, since 2007. Some 28,000 city public high school students tried smoking for the first time in 2011, city officials say.

Keeping cigarettes under wraps could help change that, anti-smoking advocates say, citing studies that link exposure to smoking with starting it.

While some of the research focuses on cigarette advertising, an English study of 11-to-15-year-olds published last month in the journal Tobacco Control found that simply noticing tobacco products on display every time a youth visited a shop raised the odds he or she would at least try smoking by threefold, compared to peers who never noticed the products.

"What's exciting about this (New York City proposal) is that this is the most comprehensive set of tobacco-control regulations that affect stores or the retail outlets," said Kurt Ribisi, a professor of public health and cancer prevention specialist at the University of North Carolina. Moreover, cigarettes' visibility can trigger impulse buys by smokers who are trying to quit, he and city officials say.

The American Cancer Society, Cancer Action Network, the American Lung Association, other anti-smoking groups and several City Council members applauded Bloomberg's announcement, made at a Queens hospital. City Council Speaker Christine Quinn, who largely controls what goes to a vote, said through her office that she "supports the goal of these bills" but noted they would get a full review.

Measures in other countries have been coupled with bars on in-store advertising, but those nations have different legal standards around advertising and free speech.

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Audrey Silk
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"I don't disagree that smoking itself is risky, but it's a legal product," said Audrey Silk, who's affiliated with a smokers-rights group that has sued the city over previous regulations. "Tobacco's been normal for centuries. ... It's what he's doing that's not normal."

Slated to be introduced to the City Council on Wednesday, the anti-smoking proposal was also a sign that a mayor who has built a

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A new leader



Ann Marie Jakubowski
News Editor

Pope Francis will be installed in his new position in a mass at the Vatican today, and he's only the third pope many of us have been alive to see.

This is a different world than the one Benedict XVI stepped out to greet in 2005 — photos from St. Peter's Square show a crowd dotted with lights from smart phones and iPads instead of flickering candles. I found out about the white smoke sighted above the Sistine Chapel when my mother's Pope Alarm app went off on her phone, and we flipped through TV channels to watch the developing action. The @Pontifex twitter account has already posted on behalf of Francis, reaching his 2,000,000-plus followers.

True, my 13-year-old self just wasn't paying as much attention when Benedict XVI was elected, but this is a story the entire world has tuned in to hear. It was 741 A.D. when we last had a non-European pope. We have never had a Holy Father from South America and of all 266 popes, none has ever taken the name of Francis.

It makes sense that that people everywhere are wondering who this man is, why the cardinals chose him and what his papacy has in store for the world. Not just for Catholics, but for the world at large — the incredible amount of media coverage of the entire papal-turnover process shows just what a global affair this is. This is the first time I've looked at an event like this from the perspective of a journalist, and it's really one of the most exciting things I've ever witnessed because this a brand new story.

I think John Paul II and Benedict XVI were fantastic leaders, and I'm glad I was alive to witness the work they did. They, like every other pope I've heard of, have the Roman numerals tacked on to their names, giving a nod to the lineage and history of the papacy all the way back to St. Peter. But our new leader is simply Francis.

He's every bit the successor of St. Peter; he is firmly embedded in the thousands of years of tradition that help make our Church strong, and whatever he binds on earth will be bound in heaven, just like Matthew 16:19 says. But he doesn't have a Roman numeral. He holds the ancient office of pope, but he's unprecedented, a leader like we've never seen.

I'm excited to be Catholic at this moment in history, but I'm also excited to be a journalist. Francis' story is brand new, and the stories I've written about him for The Observer have put me in touch with people across the world who are so exuberant to watch the scene unfold. I'm just thankful to have the chance to be among those working to share his story.

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The compromise deficit

Adam Newman
Scientia Potentia Est

Anyone who has watched CNN recently, read a newspaper or spent a couple of days in the United States know that America has a deficit issue.

While the political pundits have discussed this deficit, too little attention has been paid towards an issue that is much more systemic than any federal budget deficit: The compromise deficit, a deficit that has much larger consequences.

The past four years have seen the rise of the Tea Party, a group of ultra conservatives who see compromise as a sign of weakness. The Tea Party looks for purity in candidates and believes that any candidate that has compromised with a Democrat is not fit for office (just ask the Republican incumbents who lost primary races).

Our history shows us, though, that the most important pieces of legislation have been those with strong bipartisan support. Examples include the Social Security Act of 1935, the Medicare Act of 1965, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Tax Reform in 1986. These pieces of legislation all required passionate debate, bargaining, but in the end were compromises.

Not only have great pieces of legislation utilized compromise as foundation, but our founding father's conceived the Constitution in a well of compromise. Slaveholders had to compromise with abolitionists. Those from the industrial northeast had to compromise with those from the agrarian south. Those from states with large populations had to compromise with the states that had small populations. The Constitution included compromises that allowed

not just for slavery, but also for an extension of the slave trade for another 50 years. These provisions were true atrocities. But the unfortunate reality is that America would not exist today without them.

The Tea Party experienced the pinnacle of its influence during summer 2011 when they almost led America to not raise the debt ceiling (a limit on how much debt the Treasury can issue) and default on its obligations. There is an argument to be made about whether or not America spends too much and how spending should be decreased in the future. But since America's federal government borrows roughly 40 cents for every dollar spent, not raising the debt ceiling would have had disastrous implications: Depressed growth, a new recession, higher borrowing costs, less confidence in the American economy and a major decline in the stock market to list a few.

Fortunately, the Congressional Republican leadership was able to get their younger Tea Party members on board with the Democrats as America reached its debt limit, but not without a price. Soon after this debacle, America's debt was downgraded by Standard and Poor's (S&P), a very important ratings agency. Most people believe that the S&P downgraded the U.S because of its fiscal situation. But this is not exactly true. It was not because our debt was too big, but as the eight-page announcement letter says, S&P saw the two political parties as unable to compromise on the structural issues of the U.S debt.

An excerpt: "We lowered our long-term rating on the U.S. because we believe that the prolonged controversy over raising the statutory debt ceiling and the related fiscal policy debate indicate that further

near-term progress containing the growth in public spending, especially on entitlements, or on reaching an agreement on raising revenues is less likely than we previously assumed and will remain a contentious and fitful process."

The S&P downgrade did not have the serious economic consequences that downgrades had in other countries such as Greece. Even though it was downgraded, American debt is still the safest in the world. But the S&P downgrade is a start of an American decline down a very slippery slope that will be very difficult to climb back up.

Compromise is the key to progress, and allows us as a democracy to show why we are better than China (where the government unilaterally makes decisions to solve a conflict), or African nations (where citizens fight one another to solve a conflict). It gives our democracy a unique humanity that we Americans can disagree, without fighting with one another. It sounds simple. But, there is no doubt we take it for granted, especially Tea Party Republicans.

Many politicians, especially Tea Party Republicans have claimed that they refuse to compromise because they are fighting for what they believe is right based on what the Founding Fathers believed. Unfortunately, these Tea Partiers are too intellectually small to realize the irony in what they say, because without compromise, they would not have an America to fight for.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The nice thing about being a celebrity is that when you bore people, they think it's their fault."

Henry Kissinger
American diplomat and scholar

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Earth's biggest party of the year

The GreenMan
Ask the GreenMan

On Mar. 23, starting at 8:30pm, I will be throwing a party, like a crazy lights-out rager kind of party. I've got a global invite list and am currently prospecting venues such as the Eiffel Tower. Here's the thing, I need you to host . . . all of you.

Earth Hour is the fastest growing holiday on the globe, and it will be celebrated in more than 150 countries this year. The symbolic act of shutting off all lights and electronics for one-hour shows support for the conservation movement and can actually be a lot of fun. To help you in your efforts to celebrate Earth Hour in a fun and electricity-free way, I have brainstormed some ideas that are sure to please.

Normally I would recommend some fun out in the sun for an event like this. However, there usually isn't much sunshine available at 8:30pm. I have a solution. Glow-in-the-dark sports. Go play glow-in-the-dark volleyball, soccer or football. You can find glow-in-the-dark everything,

so go get your game on and ball out with the lights out!

I remind those of you who are less athletically inclined and more artistically gifted that music and dance don't require any electricity. Why not have an acoustic jam session with some close friends, or take your show to LaFortune and get some new digits for your troubles! For the innovative, there's always the karaoke party, no stereo, no lights and just people singing and dancing. A cappella, baby! If you actually try this one, I will allow you one laptop for lyrics and one camera to document your ambition! Who knows, maybe your rendition of 'Eyes Wide Open' by Gotye may just inspire others to join the movement. And think about it, with the lights out it'll give you that edgy, mysterious aura you've been looking for.

Finally, for those afraid of the dark, shut off your own lights and take sanctuary in a well-lit public place. Reckers and LaFortune will both be lit. Why not bring some 90s board games and have an hour of nostalgia and conservation. How long has it been since you've played "Apples to Apples," "Hungry Hungry Hippos" or "Mouse Trap?" As always, I have an option for the ambitious.

Have you ever seen Giant Jenga in person? Neither have I, but I want to. You are my only hope!

All of these ideas are fun, but keep in mind the true goal of Earth Hour is to remind us how important it is to think about the ways our actions affect the world around us. Earth Hour is what you make of it.

If everyone on campus decides to commit to Earth Hour like they do to Fake St. Patty's Day, it will be an epic display of support for our planet! The lights on the Golden Dome and Hesburgh Library will be shut off so show your support by hitting the lights in your dorm. Have a blast and get your green on!

Earth Friendly,
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Email your predicaments to The GreenMan at askthegreenman@gmail.com and let him answer you with a sustainable twist. The GreenMan will be here every other week to provide you with insights you never knew you were missing out on until now.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Ironball Challenge for charity

On Mar. 23 and Mar. 24, America's college basketball teams will compete in the NCAA Tournament. Meanwhile, students here at Notre Dame will take part in an epic basketball game of their own in the Siegfried Ironball Challenge.

The game will pit the northern half of campus against the southern half. Lasting 24 hours, the challenge will raise money for numerous charities. Coaches vs. Cancer will receive half the funds raised by each group. The remainder goes to a charity chosen by the student's residence hall, regardless of which dorm raises the most

money. Some charities selected include Camp Kesem, the Declan Sullivan Fund and the Wounded Warrior Project. Fundraising proceeds via a pledge drive targeting contacts back home.

In addition, prizes are available for both high-achieving dorms and high-achieving students. The dorm which raises the most money will get a personalized basketball jersey. The highest scoring and highest money-raising players, male and female, will get individual autographed memorabilia prizes. Full event information is available at Siegfried's website,

www3.nd.edu/~sieghall.

Many dorms have already fielded teams and chosen charities. We would love to have representation from each dorm as the game proceeds. To help make this event the best it can be, please contact your athletic commissioner or email Sieghall@nd.edu to participate!

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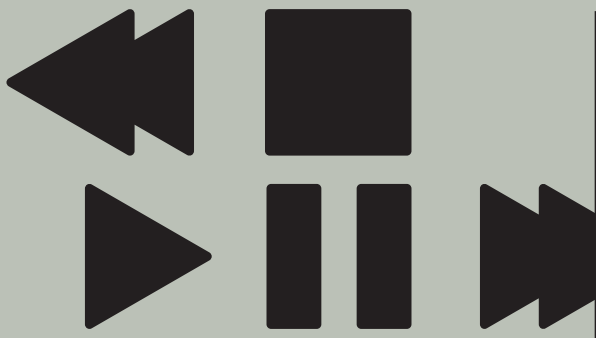


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The real St. Patrick's Day has come and gone, but who says we can't celebrate all week? Keep the luck o' the Irish alive with some tunes that hearken to the Emerald Isle. Sláinte!

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PLAYLIST

By **LIZZY SCHROFF**
Scene Writer

01 "One" U2

This is a U2 classic. The sultry guitar hook at the beginning followed with Bono's expressive vocals drags you right in, captivating you with introspective lyrics like "Did you come here to play Jesus/to the lepers in your head?" (to this day I can't get over how good that lyric is).

02 "Dreams" The Cranberries

"Dreams" reminds me of long afternoon drives in southern Virginia when I was a little kid. I always thought Delores O'Riordan had the coolest voice, and how can you resist belting out those fantastic wails at the end?

03 "Fitzcarraldo" The Frames

Glen Hansard is my musical crush. Don't believe me? His 2006 independent film "Once" with Marketa Irglova is my favorite movie (I have a huge movie poster plastered on one of my dorm walls, courtesy of my high school drama teacher Ms. Ali). This song is a masterpiece from beginning to end, featuring electric and acoustic guitars, fiddle, pulsing drums, and Hansard's passionate vocals.

04 "The Boys Are Back in Town" Thin Lizzy

No, I didn't choose this band just because of my name. Just a good old classic rock song for good old classic rock fans.

05 "Tupelo Honey" Van Morrison

This may not be his most famous track but in my opinion, this may be his most beautiful. It holds a special place in my heart as my Dad and I's song. Love ya, Dad.

06 "Called Out in the Dark" Snow Patrol

This track is probably my favorite from Snow Patrol. The song is upbeat and has a catchy melody. And you haven't done so already, check out the charming music video.

07 "Sally MacLennane" The Pogues

If you need a foot stomping, heart thumping Irish tune, here's your song. The guy intermittently screaming "Far way!" during the chorus always gets me.

08 "Devil's Dance Floor" Flogging Molly

This track is a perfect combination of quieter, traditional Irish flair with flute and mandolin and the characteristic hard-hitting punk sound characteristic of Flogging Molly fare.

09 "I'm Shipping Up to Boston" Dropkick Murphys

Um, does this REALLY need an explanation?

10 "Jump in the River" Sinead O'Connor

When she's not ripping up photos of the pope on SNL, Sinead O'Connor is making music as the shaved-headed controversial and angry rock goddess who broke down the norms for women in the rock and roll world.

11 "Breakeven" The Script

Even you non-poppy people have got to admit that this song can get you hooked and singing along in no time. Look at me. I'm admitting it. Hello, I'm Lizzy Schroff and I LOVE THIS SONG.

12 "Down in the Willow Garden" The Chieftains ft. Bon Iver

All you hipster types, I've got your back. A little Bon Iver married with a traditional Irish folk band to soothe your Indie Irish soul.

13 "Drunken Sailor" Irish Rovers

Classic. Pass the Guinness and get to jigging around the pub, lads and lasses!

14 "Seven Drunken Nights" The Dubliners

More drunk songs. You gotta love those lyrics. Irish storytelling at its finest.

15 "Breathless" The Corrs

I bet that you will know the first seven words to this song and that there will be a collective, "Geez! I remember this song!" Five bucks says it's true.

16 "Volcano" Damien Rice

One of my favorites from Damien Rice. The duet with Doreen Curran is sublime and the minor melody, enhanced with a deep acoustic bass, is beautifully haunting.

17 "Only Shallow" My Bloody Valentine

When you've had one too many Guinneses and you just need to tune out for a little while, My Bloody Valentine's got your back with some shoe-gazer bliss.

18 "Jimmy Jimmy" The Undertones

No, this isn't our beloved a cappella group. This punk-pop group from Derry, Northern Ireland will grab you with their catchy guitar riffs (time to pull out the trusty air guitar) and Feargal Sharkey's (what a name!) quivery vocals.

19 "Here Come the Irish" Cathy Richardson

Because you knew it was coming.

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY

UNDER 21

By **EMMA TERHAAR**
Scene Writer

Last Saturday, I was riding down Main Street of my hometown in the passenger seat of my brother's car. As we passed the Catholic Church, he commented on the massive Irish flag that had been hung across the front of the church. First he smiled widely, nodded his head then looked over at me and back at the flag and finally said "Irish, I like that. That's for us you know."

I assumed he meant that it was intended to express solidarity for Irish Americans or Irish Catholics, or just Catholics or even just Irish people in general. But he continued on and surprised me by saying, "I always identify as an Irish fan first and foremost." He went on to explain what it meant to be a fan through undefeated seasons, dismal losses, through thick and thin, through the Heisman hopefuls and everything else. So St. Patrick's Day is not some Catholic saint's feast day, it's a celebration of us: the Fighting Irish.

It makes perfect sense doesn't it? I mean do they

really celebrate St. Patrick's Day in Ireland as much as they do in the States? It's an Irish American Catholic Day, and we're the most stereotypical American Catholic school. No wonder they have this day with leprechauns and pots of gold. Notre Dame is all about leprechauns and golden stuff! We have an entire dome made of gold, and golden helmets and a big golden endowment! Have you ever wondered why everything is so green on St. Patrick's Day? It has nothing to do with Ireland or clovers or all that Hallmark crap. Green is what happens when you mix blue and gold together!

I ask of you fellow Irish, is it not our duty as Notre Dame students to make this St. Patrick's Day week the most grand, the most epic tribute to our Irish fan heritage and tradition? But what if we belong to the unlucky not so 21? We still owe it to our forefathers to Knute, to the Gipper, even to Rudy to make this an epic St. Patrick's Day week! Here's what I've got for you:

1. Take a page from Jim Halpert's book and put your roommate's stuff in blocks of green jello, leaving it out for them to find.

2. Leave a trail of golden coins (pennies?) to a mysterious trap you've left for an unsuspecting friend. The trap could be anything from peer pressuring them into consuming something really quickly to dumping a ton of water on them.

3. Take a friend's backpack and remove all important items and fill it with Lucky Charms. Perhaps then fill drawers, small boxes, sink mirrors and other spaces with Lucky Charms.

4. Dye milk green. Dye someone's hair green!

5. Answer questions in class in Limerick form.

6. Dance an Irish Jig at weekend social gatherings!

7. Wear overalls EVERY SINGLE DAY (Buy overalls if you do not already own them. Preferably green, and you call yourself an Irish fan...?)

8. If you are a man, sport some green chubbies all week. I think leprechauns would wear chubbies.

9. Maybe just go to Dublin where it doesn't matter if you're 21, and get sauced?

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SPRING BREAK

Expectation vs. Reality

By **MADDIE DALY**
Scene Editor

Spring break: the one week where it's not only acceptable but expected to party on the beach for five straight days and nights and be in a state of mind completely dissociated from reality. Movies and MTV have taught us to directly connect partying, exotic beaches, bikinis and lots of red solo cups with spring break, but in my experience the majority of spring breakers only dream about this kind of vacation. So why the spring break partying stigma? What ever happened to those good, old-fashioned fifth-grade spring break trips to Disneyland or grandma's house? Maybe I'm an exception, but I was more than happy to spend my spring break at home, cuddling with my miniature daschund, watching a minimum of five episodes of Gossip Girl on Netflix per day and eating my mom's homemade chili and banana bread. After hell week, aka midterms week, I craved seven straight days of relaxation and sleep, not a wild (not to mention expensive) sleepless drinking fest in a potentially dangerous foreign country.

Now, I'm not saying I'm against beaches and partying; I love having fun and tanning on the beach as much as any other girl, probably more. But throughout

my college career so far I have noticed a distinct gap between the MTV image of spring break and the actual thing. Not to say the real thing is bad, but it's simply not what we see in movies and TV shows. Last year my friends and I succumbed to the pressure of popular culture and ventured to Clearwater, Fla., for some spring break adventures. Expecting to sip pina colodas poolside, meet cute boys from state schools and get as tan as Amanda Bynes post-DUI, we packed our bikinis, tanning oil and hair straighteners, boarding the plane with overconfidence. Five days later we boarded the plane home with skin the color of a ripe tomato, the smell of aloe vera drenching the air, wearing yoga pants and sweatshirts, no makeup and all of our dignity. Instead of dancing on tables and flirting on the beach, we spent the week sleeping, eating, watching TV and of course tanning/burning on the beach. It was the ultimate relaxation week, and I enjoyed every minute of it. However, it would make a really boring show on MTV because of the lack of drinking and college shenanigans.

If you happened to be one of those definition spring breakers, I have to say I'm impressed. Obviously after midterms week everyone wants to let go and forget about the Econ exam they failed and the paper they wrote at 4 a.m. the morning it was due, but at the same

time after all those sleepless nights, a cozy bed and a laptop full of movies accomplishes the same task without the physical exhaustion. Just like spring is a time for rejuvenation and new beginnings, spring break is a time to look back at the first half of the semester and fix whatever you've been doing wrong, starting over all fresh and stress-free that Monday after.

Going on an extravagant trip makes it really hard to do this, and it will only cause more stress in the end. Simply going home is the only way to actually rest and refuel before going back for the end of the semester where you will have even less sleep and even more to do. Really what I'm trying to say is that spring break is anything but a break. It's typically a fast-paced drinking fest that completely drains all energy from your body and mind, leaving you in a zombie-like state for that first day back and crushing any hope of getting your GPA up before finals. Being as rigorous as it is, Notre Dame should really consider an extended spring break so that we can party MTV-style for the first half and still have plenty of recovery time. Oh, and it wouldn't hurt to go back to the good old days where St. Patrick's Day was actually celebrated on campus instead of conveniently while everyone is gone for break.

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SPORTS AUTHORITY

Tourney system requires revision



Sam Gans
Sports Writer

It's hard to believe after a five-month college basketball season that was one of the wildest in years – a six-loss team getting the No. 3 overall seed is just one indication of how crazy things were – but tonight marks the beginning of March Madness.

I'm sure some of you readers did a double-take at that statement, thinking, "the NCAA tournament doesn't start tonight, it begins Thursday." That is, after all, when brackets are due and that marks the first of two exciting days of 16 different games running from noon through midnight.

However, the tournament does indeed begin tonight when Liberty tips-off against North Carolina A&T at 6:40 p.m., followed by Middle Tennessee State and Saint Mary's (the California version). LIU Brooklyn will play James Madison tomorrow, as will Boise State and La Salle.

These contests, all played in Dayton, Ohio, were created in 2011 and pit the last four automatic-qualifying teams and last four at-large teams in the tournament against each other for the right to advance to the Round of 64. They are known simply as the "First Four."

There is no reason they should even exist.

I am not a fan of the NCAA tournament as a system to determine a champion. A large single-elimination tournament is not the best way in my eyes to find the nation's best team throughout the season. I think the best would be to take the top-16 teams from the regular season and use best-of-three series to crown a victor.

Despite that, I acknowledge the absolute pandemonium March Madness provides and love to watch it. There are tons of nostalgic moments sports fans will remember forever. Names like Bryce Drew and Mateen Cleaves were immortalized in March. Before 2006, George Mason invoked thoughts of the American patriot, or even a character on the best show on television, not the school. But the basketball team's improbable run to the

Final Four as a No. 11 seed changed that forever.

So even though I'm not a fan of the NCAA tournament from a "determining the best team" standpoint, I, like anyone with a pulse, crave it for the entertainment it provides.

But it was at its best before the First Four.

Making the tournament 68 teams instead of 65 (or preferably 64 teams, as was the case from 1985-2000) indirectly creates a sense of awkwardness. Technically, the tournament begins Tuesday, but nobody thinks of it that way.

There are no chances of upsets tonight or Wednesday, since the opponents are all equal seedings. There's a sense of NIT-level excitement and the games are relegated to truTV.

Of course, it's all about money, and the First Four does provide an increase in revenue. Some would also argue providing four more at-large bids could allow a deserving team to make the field when it otherwise wouldn't. VCU, after all, went from First Four to Final Four two years ago.

But if you aren't one of the top 30 at-large teams, do you really have an argument if you're left out? And if you want more teams to have a shot, then why not just increase the tournament to 96 or 128 teams? At some point, there needs to be a limit.

Further, a bye should be something that is a reward for top teams, not a punishment for bad ones by making only a few play an extra round. In the NFL playoffs, two of the six playoff teams in each conference – less than 50 percent of the teams qualifying for the postseason – earn a bye, and its similar in the NCAA basketball conference tournaments. The First Four essentially gives 60 of the 68 teams a bye, defeating its purpose.

The NCAA tournament was fine at 64 or 65 teams. There was no need to increase the field to 68.

Sometimes, less is more.

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF | CLOVER CUP; LADY JAGUAR INVITATIONAL

Irish excel on the green

By GREG HADLEY
Sports Writer

After a slow start to their spring season, the young Irish squad recorded top-five finishes in both of its two tournaments over spring break.

"We had a lot of time to practice over spring break," Irish coach Susan Holt said. "We golfed nine of the 11 days."

Competing in the Clover Cup in Mesa, Ariz., on March 9 and 10, the No. 26 Irish finished fifth as a team in a very competitive field. The following weekend, the team placed third in the Insperity Lady Jaguar Invitational in Augusta, Ga., upsetting No. 22 Texas.

"Both of the tournaments had very good fields," Holt said. "We beat the teams we should've beaten for the most part. In Arizona, our goal was to be in the top four. We

shouldn't have lost to Tulsa.

But in Georgia, we were aiming for top three and we got that, so I'll take it."

Holt said the team would benefit tremendously from the increased outdoor practice time.

"We can always improve ... everyone has little weaknesses that need to be ironed out in practice," Holt said. "I'm pleased with our progress and where we sit right now."

For the Irish to improve upon their second place finish at last year's conference championship, the team's fourth and fifth golfers need to step up and take some of the pressure off of the top trio of sophomore Ashley Armstrong and freshmen Lindsey Weaver and Talia Campbell, Holt said.

"We do have five very solid golfers," Holt said. "We just need them all to start playing well moving forward."

Individually, Armstrong took the top spot at the Insperity Lady Jaguar Invitational, scoring a career-best one-under-par to win the tournament. Weaver placed sixth at the Invitational, following up a ninth place finish at the Clover Cup. After her performance at the Clover Cup, Weaver was named the Big East Golfer of the Week for the second time this year and first time this spring season.

"Obviously that's great for Lindsey," Holt said. "Anytime one of our players gets recognized, that's very special. Hopefully, Ashley will follow up and get it this week as well. ... She played very well in Georgia." The Irish return to action Monday when they travel to Charleston, S.C., for the Briar's Creek Invitational.

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MEN'S DIVING | ZONE C DIVING QUALIFIER

ND misses championship

By MEGAN FINNERAN
Sports Writer

The Irish traveled to West Lafayette, Ind., to compete in the Zone C Diving qualifying meet on Thursday and Friday. While no Notre Dame divers advanced to the finals, the weekend marked the end of a successful season.

"Overall, NCAA Zones was a good meet to cap off a long season that began in September," senior Ryan Koter said.

Sophomore Michael Kreft led the way with a pair of top-20 finishes from the 1-meter and 3-meter boards. Kreft's leadership set the stage for growth in future seasons.

The meet provided an opportunity to advance to the NCAA Diving championships. Unlike swimming, in which athletes can advance based on previous

times, scores from the regular season do not permit divers to advance.

Competition consisted of divers from 25 schools, with only nine spots for automatic qualifiers. On the 1-meter, the top-three finishers advanced. The top four from the 3-meter, and the top two from the platform earned a qualifying spot.

"Although there was a large amount of competition from divers at Big Ten schools, there were definitely positives about all of the Irish divers' performances despite some disappointment in final placement in the meet," Koter said. "Most people were happier with their Big East meets, but we still had a number of good dives, notably from Kreft on the 3-meter."

The match began with preliminaries. On the

springboards, the top-18 divers progressed to the finals, while only 12 went from the platform.

Kreft's 283.40 points on the 1-meter put him in 20th place, with Koter taking the second Irish spot in 25th place with 276.05 points. Sophomore Ted Wagner followed next, coming in 26th with 274.50 points.

On the 3-meter, Kreft's 329.35 points earned him 20th place. Sophomore Nick Nemetz came in 31st with 284.10 points and Koter took the third Irish place in 40th with 266.20 points.

While no divers advanced, nine swimmers will compete in the NCAA championships beginning March 28 at the IUPUI Natatorium in Indianapolis.

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MEN'S GOLF | SCHENKEL E-Z-GO INVITATIONAL

Irish struggle in season-opening tournament

By CASEY KARNES
Sports Writer

After a long break, Notre Dame showed some rust in its first tournament of the spring season.

With a three-day score of 900 (297-307-296) at the Schenkel E-Z-GO Invitational, the Irish finished last out of 15 teams on the weekend. Alabama won the event with a 16-under par three-day score of 848. While the last-place finish was not Irish coach Jim Kubinski's desired result, he understood the root of his team's struggles.

"We were a little disappointed finishing at the back end of the field," Kubinski said. "The guys recognize that we hadn't played a tournament in five months. We were a little rusty. A couple of hiccups come with the beginning of the season."

The Irish rust showed most on the second day, their worst of the weekend. They were able to rebound on the final day, however, and post their best score of the weekend. Notre Dame's recovery was one of the positive signs Kubinski saw this weekend.

"They had a nightmare second

round, but in the third round they had their best round of the tournament," Kubinski said, "They were resilient, that was the biggest thing they showed this weekend."

Another positive was the consistent play of the Irish upperclassmen. Senior Paul McNamara and junior Niall Platt both tied for 22nd place in the individual rankings with three-day scores of 220. Like his team, McNamara saved his best round for last, posting a one-under par (71) on Sunday. Junior Andrew Lane also salvaged his weekend with a strong final nine holes to finish in 54th place. The final two Irish starters, sophomores Tyler Wingo and Peyton Vitter, finished tied for 78th and 84th, respectively.

In his first spring start as an individual, freshman Corey Sciupider posted a score of 228 to tie for 57th place, impressing his coach.

"We wanted to get [Corey] some experience. ... He missed some time in time in the fall, so it was good to get him out there," Kubinski said. "He's very talented. The first two days he hit the ball really well, and while his



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Irish junior Andrew Carreon hits a shot in the Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic on Oct. 9. The Irish finished last in the 15-team field at the Schenkel E-Z-GO Invitational with a three-day score of 900.

putter let him down a little bit, he showed he could play. The experience was really good for him."

With the brutal Indiana winter, it is difficult for the Irish to replicate the experience of an outdoor tournament. That's why Kubinski believes that this past tournament, while not a success, will be hugely beneficial in Notre

Dame's next tournament.

"We played good stretches, we just didn't put them together. We're looking forward to next week," Kubinski said. "I think the big thing going into next week is that we've had that tournament feel. That we've competed, had the nerves, dealt with that. Now we're ready to move

up that leader board, get better every week."

Notre Dame's next tournament is the C&F Bank Intercollegiate March 24-26 at the Kingsmill Resort-River Course in Williamsburg, Va.

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TRACK AND FIELD | NCAA INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Team members garner accolades at nationals

By COLE SCHIETINGER
Sports Writer

On March 8 and 9, 10 of Notre Dame's best athletes competed in the NCAA Indoor championships in Fayetteville, Ark., against the nation's best, and did not disappoint, despite the competition.

In the men's 400-meter, the chase for the school record continued between sophomore Chris Giesting and junior Patrick Feeney, as the record was broken for the fourth time this year when Feeney ran a 45.92 in a preliminary, good for third in the heat and fourth overall. The time broke the record of 46.05 Giesting set one week earlier.

"Pat and I push each other every day in practice and we definitely try to beat each other when it comes to race day," Giesting said. "I broke his school record at the Alex Wilson Invite and then a week

later at NCAA's, he re-broke the record I just took from him. We constantly battle back and forth and try to help each other perform to the best of our ability."

Following his great showing, Feeney was celebrated as the Big East Men's Track Athlete of the Week, while both runners managed to earn first team All-American honors.

On the women's side, Notre Dame athletes placed in the top eight in the mile, the 60-meter hurdles and the distance medley relay.

After posting the nation's sixth-best mile time at the Alex Wilson Invitational, senior Rebecca Tracy ran a 4:39.38 mile to finish eighth overall and earn first team All-American honors.

Not to be outdone, sophomore Jade Barber came in seventh with a time of 8.20 in the 60-meter hurdles. She,

too, earned first team All-American honors.

The distance medley relay team of juniors Kelly Curran, Michelle Brown and Alexa Aragon and freshman Danielle Aragon also finished seventh with their time of 11:01.49. Following the trend, the distance medley relay runners were recognized as first team All-Americans.

In addition to first team All-American honors in the 60-meter hurdles and distance medley relay, respectively, Barber and Brown also participated on a second team All-American 4x400-meter relay team with junior Megan Yanik and freshman Margaret Bamgbose. The team finished in 3:35.85 to place 11th.

"It was a great weekend for the Irish as eight of the 10 people we brought to NCAA's became first team All-Americans," Giesting said. "[But] we had no NCAA



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Irish sophomore sprinter/hurdler Jade Barber races in the Indiana Relays at the Gladstein Fieldhouse in Bloomington, Ind., on Jan. 25.

champions this year, so that should be the goal for everybody returning next year because it is within everyone's realm of possibility."

The Irish start their outdoor

season Friday and Saturday in Houston with the Victor Lopez Invitational.

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ND WOMEN'S SWIMMING | NCAA ZONE C CHAMPIONSHIPS

Chiang qualifies for NCAAs

By KATIE HEIT
Sports Writer

Notre Dame senior diver Jenny Chiang proved herself at the NCAA Zone C Championships in West Lafayette, Ind., on March 15, placing third in the 1-meter dive and qualifying for the NCAA Championships for the second consecutive year.

In the qualifying meet, each diver got six dives in the preliminary round. Those who qualified moved on to the finals, where they got another six dives. The overall rankings were determined by all 12 dives.

At last year's NCAA Championships, Chiang finished 17th, missing the qualifications for All-American.

"I wasn't extremely happy with my performance last year," Chiang said. "Hopefully, I'll be able to redeem myself."

Chiang struggled in the 3-meter dive March 14, placing eighth in the preliminary round with a score of 293.50. In the final round, Chiang managed to move up three spots, finishing the 3-meter competition in fifth overall with a score of 616.40.

"After the 3-meter, I thought I had completely missed qualifying for the NCAAs," Chiang said. "I didn't think I was as strong on 1-meter as I was on the 3-meter, so I was worried I wouldn't qualify."

Chiang worked her way up in the second day of competition, placing first in the



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Irish senior diver Jenny Chiang prepares to dive at the Shamrock Invitational at Rolfs Aquatic Center on Jan. 25.

preliminary round for the 1-meter dive with a score of 306.70. At the end of the day, Chiang finished third overall in the 1-meter dive with a score of 563.90, securing her a spot in the NCAA Championships for the second year in a row.

"I'm excited to go back," Chiang said. "I can't think of a better way to end my diving career, and I'm excited to see how the other girl swimmers will do as well."

Two other members of the Irish squad also qualified for the finals in the 1-meter dive. Sophomore Allison Casareto finished in ninth place with a score of 539.15 while freshman Emma Gaboury completed her season in 14th with a score of 518.15.

Chiang said she needs to work on her confidence and

focus while she prepares for the NCAA Championships.

"With the quick turnaround between Zone [Championships] and NCAAs, there isn't much time to do anything drastic," Chiang said. "I will just be focusing on maintaining and conditioning the dives that I have and on my consistency and confidence going into the meet."

Chiang will be back in action Thursday when she competes in the NCAA Championships in Indianapolis. Junior freestyler Kelly Ryan, sophomore breaststroker Emma Reaney and senior butterflyer Kim Holden will also compete at the championships.

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS | UGA 6, ND 1; ND 7, UAB 0; ND 5, GT 2

Irish rebound on outdoor courts

By KATIE HEIT
Sports Writer

After a tough loss against No. 12 Georgia on March 12, the No. 19 Irish bounced back with victories at UAB on Thursday and No. 25 Georgia Tech on Saturday.

Senior captain Chrissie McGaffigan said the team had a difficult time adjusting to the outdoor courts after playing indoors all season.

"We quickly had to adapt to the wind, sun and slower pace," McGaffigan said.

In their match against the Bulldogs (11-2), the Irish (11-5) dropped all three doubles matches, giving Georgia the 1-0 lead. In singles, No. 49 junior Britney Sanders hung in for three sets with No. 7 Lauren Herring, eventually losing 6-0, 5-7, 1-0 (10-3).

Sophomore Katherine White was the only member of the Irish squad to earn a singles victory, defeating Lilly Kimbell 7-5, 3-6, 10-6.

Thursday's match was a complete turnaround for the Irish. Against UAB (8-6), the Irish went undefeated in singles and doubles play. At No. 1 doubles, the No. 60 ranked duo of McGaffigan and junior Jennifer Kellner snatched a close 8-6 victory over UAB's Menanteau Moolman and Rachel Daniell.

The Irish were on fire in singles play. All six players won their matches in two sets, sweeping the victory for Notre Dame.

In their final match of the week against Georgia Tech (6-6), Kellner and McGaffigan lost at No. 1 doubles but White and freshman Quinn Gleason dominated at No. 3 doubles, winning 8-2, and juniors Britney Sanders and Julie Sabacinski clinched the doubles point for the Irish, winning 8-5.

McGaffigan and sophomore Molly O'Koniewski struggled in singles play, dropping their matches at No. 4 and No. 5 singles, respectively.

Despite the losses, the rest of the Irish squad claimed victories, finishing the match 5-2.

McGaffigan said having so many games in such a short stretch of time drained the team's energy.

"The girls persevered and gave everything they had until the very last point," McGaffigan said. "Our team thrives off one another's energy on the court so we were able to stay strong in all three matches."

White was the top performer of the week with strong play in her home state against the Bulldogs and Yellow Jackets.

"I think her impressive performance shows how hard she has been working," McGaffigan said. "She had a fantastic streak of matches."

The Irish will be back in action March 27 at 4 p.m. at home against Michigan.

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MEN'S TENNIS | BLUE GRAY NATIONAL TENNIS CLASSIC

Irish take two of three matches in Alabama

By MEGAN FINNERAN
Sports Writer

The No. 22 Irish went 2-1 at the Blue Gray National Tennis Classic in Montgomery, Ala., last weekend.

The squad started the tournament well, sweeping Troy 4-0 on Friday. Notre Dame (10-6) fell in a 4-3 upset to Boise State in the semifinals Saturday before bouncing back with a 4-1 win over No. 29 Cornell in the consolation round Sunday.

"We have to expect a tough match from everyone we play and can't take anyone for granted," sophomore Michael Fredericka said.

Notre Dame entered the tournament as the No. 1 seed, joined by four other ranked squads. The Irish made quick work of Troy (7-9), starting the match by winning the doubles point with the No. 1 duo of junior Greg Andrews and senior Spencer Talmadge and the No. 3 pair of juniors Ryan Bandy and Matt Dooley.

Notre Dame's singles play followed suit, with the Irish earning straight victories on courts one, two and five. No. 96 Andrews took down Troy senior Anas Rouchdi

6-2, 6-1 in the No. 1 slot, freshman Quentin Monaghan defeated Trojans junior Mansingh Athare 6-2, 6-0 at No. 2 and senior Michael Moore came out with a 6-2, 6-2 win against junior Tadju Davies at No. 5.

The win over Troy landed the Irish in the semifinals, where unranked Boise State (9-8) defeated them for a surprising win.

Notre Dame repeated Friday's opening, winning the doubles point with the one and three pairs. The Broncos took control in singles play, winning three consecutive matches. On court five, Boise State sophomore Garrett Patton took down Bandy 6-4, 6-2, then Broncos freshman Thomas Tenreiro defeated Moore 6-4, 6-4 on court two. Boise State junior Nathan Sereke took the match to 3-1 by beating Monaghan 6-3, 6-3 on court two.

The Irish continued fighting, cutting the lead to 3-2 when senior Blas Moros won at the No. 3 spot against senior Scott Sears 6-4, 6-3. Junior Billy Pecor took the match to a tie after a three-set match, taking down senior Filipp Pogostkin on court four 5-7, 6-4, 6-4.

Despite Notre Dame's best



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Irish freshman Nicolas Montoya returns a serve in Notre Dame's 7-0 victory over Western Illinois on Jan. 19. The Irish defeated Troy and Cornell at the Blue Gray National Tennis Classic last weekend.

efforts, Boise State took the win when No. 25 junior Andrew Bettles took Andrews to three sets, winning the match and securing a 4-6, 7-5, 6-4 Broncos win.

"Boise was a good team and they played us really tough, but we know we are a school everyone wants to beat," Fredericka said.

Notre Dame struggled in doubles play against Cornell

(10-4), dropping the point with losses on courts one and two. But the Irish instantly bounced back, winning four straight singles matches to take the 4-1 win.

Andrews started the streak, beating Cornell junior Venkat Iyer 6-2, 6-2 in the No. 1 spot. Moros followed in his tracks, taking down Big Red sophomore Alex Sidney on court three, 6-4, 6-1. At No. 4, Pecor

overcame sophomore Quoc-Daniel Nguyen 6-2, 6-1. Moore closed out the day against sophomore Jason Luu at five, winning in three sets 6-2, 1-6, 6-1 to seal the 4-1 win.

The Irish return home Wednesday to host defending national champion and No. 2 Southern California.

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Irish win four in California



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Irish sophomore pitcher Pat Connaughton winds up in Notre Dame's 3-1 loss to St. John's on April 29. The Irish currently sit at 12-5 after a recent West Coast road trip.

By **JOHN SANDBERG**
Sports Writer

No. 15 Notre Dame wrapped up its spring break trip by beating Cal Poly 6-5 on Saturday, a win which gave the Irish the series victory and improved their season record to 12-5.

Notre Dame held a 5-1 lead heading into the fifth. After Cal Poly scored one run in the fifth to make it 5-2, Notre Dame sophomore left fielder Ryan Bull tripled in the sixth to bring in freshman center fielder Kyle Richardson and make it a 6-2 ballgame.

The Irish would need that run, as the Mustangs (15-4) put up three runs in the bottom of the sixth to make it a 6-5 game. Sophomore right-handed pitcher Matt Ternowchek stopped the bleeding in the sixth and earned the win in 1.2 innings of scoreless relief. Junior Dan Slania recorded his fifth save of the season.

On Friday, Notre Dame benefitted from another outstanding pitching performance from senior Adam Norton in a 1-0 win. The right-hander threw 8.0 innings of scoreless baseball, allowing seven hits, striking out five and walking one. Norton is 5-0 on the season.

"Obviously when the defense is playing well you don't have to worry about striking everybody out," Norton said. "You can just throw to contact and let the defense take care of it."

With a 0-0 score after eight innings, freshman shortstop Lane Richards led off the ninth with a double and moved to third on Richardson's sacrifice bunt. Two batters later, senior second baseman Frank DeSico hit an RBI infield single that gave the Irish a 1-0 lead. Slania came in and shut

down the Mustangs to secure the 1-0 Notre Dame victory.

In Thursday's series opener, Notre Dame gained an early 3-1 lead. In the third, a Bull error allowed one run to score. Cal Poly third baseman Jimmy Allen then hit an RBI single to tie the game at three, and two batters later, designated Brian Mundell hit a three-run homer off junior Sean Fitzgerald to give the Mustangs a 6-3 lead.

Cal Poly starter Joey Wagman threw a complete game as the Mustangs went on to win 6-3.

Prior to the Cal Poly series, Notre Dame fell to UC Santa Barbara (11-8) on Tuesday by a score of 7-2. Freshman right-hander Nick McCarty started for the Irish, giving up four earned runs over 3.2 innings while walking four.

Bull and junior third baseman Eric Jagielo hit RBI singles in the sixth to make it a 6-2 game, but the Irish were unable to keep the momentum, losing by a final of 7-2.

"I think we were riding a little bit too high and getting a little bit too ahead of ourselves," DeSico said. "Our pitching wasn't there to start, which kind of paved the way for slow bats and just a lackluster effort."

Notre Dame began spring break in Los Angeles on March 8 with the Dodgertown Classic.

In the opener against No. 11 UCLA (15-3), the Bruins jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the first inning, but Fitzgerald settled in and did not allow a run over his next five innings of work. Junior catcher Forrest Johnson hit an RBI single in the fifth inning to tie the game.

A pitcher's duel continued and through nine innings the score remained 1-1. Notre Dame was unable to get a run

on the board in the top half of the 10th, and in the bottom of the inning, UCLA sophomore Eric Filia's RBI single gave the Bruins the 2-1 win.

McCarty took the loss for the Irish, giving up one earned run in 3.2 innings of relief.

The next day, Notre Dame and USC were knotted at one after seven innings before an eighth inning sacrifice fly from junior first baseman Trey Mancini gave the Irish a 2-1 lead. The Trojans (8-11) threatened in the ninth, but Slania shut the door and secured the Irish win.

Norton earned the win against the Trojans, throwing 7.0 innings and giving up one run on five hits.

In the finale of the Dodgertown Classic, Notre Dame relied on one of the most unlikely of heroes, sophomore infielder Kevin DeFilippis.

The Irish trailed No. 17 Oklahoma (17-4) by one going into the ninth inning, but a Mancini sacrifice fly in the ninth sent the game to extra innings.

In the 11th inning, DeFilippis ripped the first pitch he saw down the left field line for an RBI single, giving Notre Dame the 6-5 victory in 11 innings. It was DeFilippis' first at bat of the season.

Notre Dame finished 4-3 over spring break, with three of their five opponents ranked in the top-25. Ranked No. 17 last week, the Irish moved up two spots to No. 15 in this week's Baseball America top-25.

Notre Dame's attention now turns to Friday, when the Irish open Big East play against Seton Hall in their home opener at Eck Stadium.

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ND SOFTBALL | HIGHLANDER CLASSIC

Team shines on West Coast trip

By **LAURA COLETTI**
Sports Writer

Notre Dame was dominant over spring break, turning in an impressive 7-2 record during its stint on the West Coast.

Notre Dame (19-7) kicked off its week at the Diamond Devil Invitational in Tempe, Ariz., scraping out a 2-1 win over New Mexico State on March 9 before falling to UC Davis, 5-4. The finale of the tournament one day later saw the Irish blank New Mexico State (15-12), 5-0.

Irish senior captain and catcher Amy Buntin said a good start to the week was important to the team's performance.

"We carried our momentum well into spring break and started off strong in Arizona," she said. "Our goal going into the break was to get better every game and prepare ourselves for conference play. Our coaches were happy to see that our team fights no matter what the score."

Junior pitcher Laura Winter was named Big East Pitcher of the Week for her performance over the first weekend. Winter posted a 2-0 record and an ERA of just 0.47 over three games.

The Irish continued their strong play into the week as they traveled to Cal State Fullerton for the Judi Garman Classic. Notre Dame took down Cal State Fullerton, 3-0, on March 13 before falling against No. 14 Arizona the following day, falling 2-0. Senior pitcher Brittany O'Donnell said the loss to the Wildcats

is a game the Irish wish they could have back.

"We realized that that was our game to win, but we didn't bring our best Notre Dame softball to the field that day," she said. "We realize now that, in order to beat the best, we have to always be at our best."

The squad closed out their time in California at the Highlander Classic hosted by UC Riverside. On March 15, the Irish took Northern Illinois to extra innings and squeaked out a 3-2 victory during their first game of the day, and then won a shortened five-inning game against Iona, 12-0. Buntin attributed the team's success to its defensive play over the course of the week.

"Our defense was solid with [sophomore outfielder] Emilee Koerner having some diving plays in center field," she said. "One thing we would like to see is better consistency throughout the line-up."

The Irish closed out the tournament March 16 with two more victories over Iona and Northern Illinois, winning 12-4 and 2-0, respectively. The Irish have now won 15 of their last 17 games.

"Our team is very confident heading into conference play," Buntin said. "We know if we play Notre Dame softball for seven innings, no opponent in conference will be a close match."

Notre Dame begins conference play Saturday when it travels to South Orange, N.J., to face Seton Hall.

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE | ND 16, BU 11; ND 12, VANDERBILT 11

Irish win two games, remain undefeated

By **ALEX WILCOX**
Sports Writer

No. 6/8 Notre Dame kept its undefeated season alive over spring break, defeating Boston University, 16-11, and Vanderbilt, 12-11, to improve to 6-0 on the year.

On March 9, Notre Dame defeated Boston University (2-3), 16-11, to win its first game of the year at Arlotta Stadium. The Irish opened the game by jumping out to a 4-2 lead, but then allowed six consecutive goals to the Terriers to go into the half trailing 8-4. The Irish continued their first half struggles, falling behind at halftime for the fourth time in their first five games.

Just as in the other contests, Notre Dame stormed back in the second half, scoring twice in the first four minutes en route to outscoring the Terriers, 12-3, in the half.

Irish coach Christine Halfpenny said she knows her team has a few kinks to work out but was proud of their performance.

"We came out and had a pretty

good start, we just hit a bit of a lull in the back end of the first half," Halfpenny said. "We had some sloppy stick work and didn't take care of the ball, but we did a good job of correcting our mistakes."

Senior attack Jaime Morrison led the Irish offense with four goals and two assists, while senior attack Jenny Granger, junior attack Lauren Sullivan and freshman midfielder Stephanie Toy each tallied three goals.

Notre Dame then hit the road to take on Vanderbilt on March 13 and once again faltered early. The game was knotted at five at the half, but the Commodores (1-8) jumped out to a 6-5 lead to open the second half.

Despite Vanderbilt's dismal record, Halfpenny said she knew the Commodores would prove a tough test for her Irish squad.

"We were playing a very deceiving Vanderbilt team," Halfpenny said. "Their record is [1-8], but they lost to Duke by three and a very good Denver team by just one. Vanderbilt is a quality opponent, and they're everybody's worst

nightmare. They're very young and get better every game."

The Irish quickly answered, scoring four straight goals and ultimately taking a 12-7 lead, Vanderbilt never quit, however, scoring four consecutive goals in just over five minutes to cut the Irish lead to one with just 36 seconds remaining. With the momentum in its favor, Vanderbilt won the draw and looked to send the contest to overtime, but the Commodores were caught off-sides, which gave the ball to the Irish.

"I would be lying if I said there wasn't some piece of me that wasn't worried," Halfpenny said of Vanderbilt's near-comeback. "There were not too many good things happening on offense at that point. We have to value possession a lot more, our offense has to take a little pride when they have the opportunity to do that and help out our defense a little bit."

Sophomore attack Shauna Pugliese recorded three goals and two assists to earn five points in



JULIE HERDER | The Observer

Irish junior attack Kaitlyn Brosco evades two Ohio State defenders in Notre Dame's 13-8 win over the Buckeyes on Feb. 27.

the victory, while senior goalie Ellie Hilling set a school record with her 60th career start. Hilling also won her 39th career game, tying the school mark.

Halfpenny said she was pleased with her team's performance over spring break.

"Coming out of midterms, I'm really proud of how we finished well against [Boston University]," Halfpenny said. "Then to go on

the road and take on a consistent rival in Vanderbilt, and to go out and take that win, I was really pleased with our girls' ability to travel well."

The Irish open up conference play in a home contest against Rutgers on Friday at Arlotta Stadium.

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MEN'S LACROSSE | HOFSTRA 8, ND 7; ND 13, DENVER 12 (OT)

ND recovers from loss with overtime win

By **GREG HADLEY**
Sports Writer

Coming off a heartbreaking 8-7 loss at home to No. 15 Hofstra, it would hardly have been surprising if the No. 3 Irish had suffered a letdown a week later on the road against No. 5 Denver. Instead, the Irish (4-1) rallied to beat the Pioneers (5-2) in overtime, 13-12, on Saturday and win their third overtime game this season.

In what has become a theme this season, the Irish fell behind Hofstra (5-1) and trailed in the closing minutes of regulation. However, two quick goals in the final four minutes narrowed the lead to one, giving the team hope for another comeback victory, or at least a chance for overtime. The Irish failed to tie the score and suffered their first defeat of the young season.

"I wasn't surprised that we

struggled against Hofstra," Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said. "It was our fourth-straight game against a top-[15] team, which is a heck of a challenge. We weren't disheartened. I just told the guys that we had to get back to work, because we can't afford to waste time."

After the loss, the Irish traveled across the country to Colorado to take on Denver at Sports Authority Field at Mile High, home of the NFL's Denver

Broncos. Denver marked the fourth top-10 team the Irish have faced this year.

Once again the Irish fell behind, trailing 6-4 at halftime and then 9-8 entering the fourth quarter. However, the Pioneers were unable to shake the Irish, who kept within striking distance, tying the game nine times. With less than three minutes to go, seniors midfielder Steve Murphy and attack Sean Rogers both scored

to tie the game at 12 and force overtime. Junior midfielder Jim Marlatt then clinched the victory in the second minute of overtime with his team leading 10th goal of the season.

Corrigan praised the performance of Marlatt, Murphy and Rogers, but was also quick to mention that the team has had contributions from many different players.

"On the [defensive] end, we have [senior goalie] John Kemp and [senior defenseman] Matt Miller, but really, we've had so many contributions from so many people on both ends," Corrigan said. "That's who we want to be and it's going to serve us well in the long run. Teams have to guard the knowns, the big names, but also have to watch out for the unknowns because we get a lot of help from a lot of different people."

Moving forward, Corrigan believes his team has no weaknesses besides inconsistency.

"Against Hofstra, I was disappointed with the inconsistency," Corrigan said. "There's not an area of the game that we haven't been exceptional in at some point this year. What we're working towards is being a team that doesn't give away anything."

The Irish face Ohio State, their sixth straight top-15 opponent, at 4 p.m., Wednesday in Arlotta Stadium.

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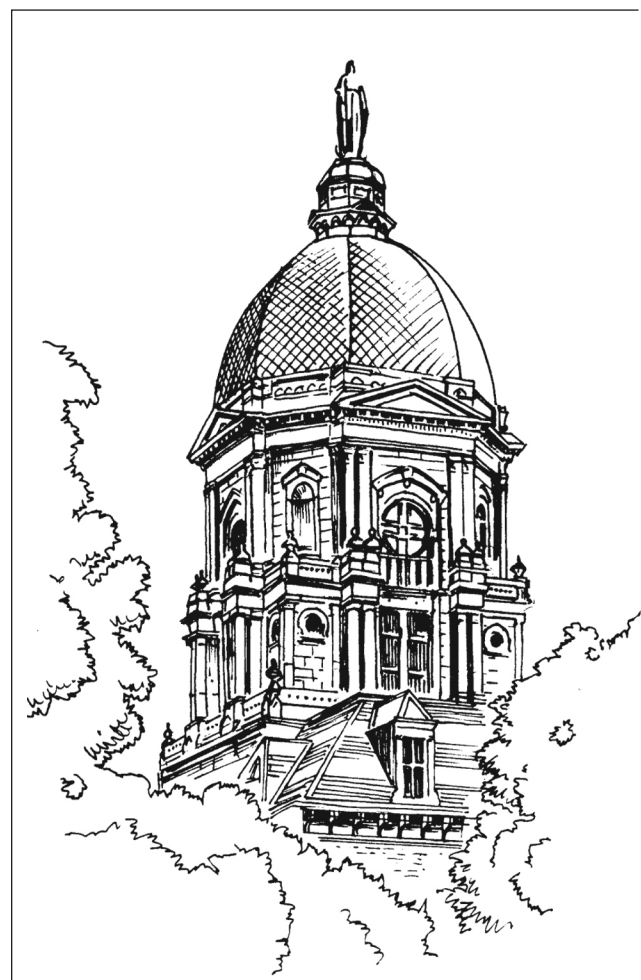
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Irish senior center Garrick Sherman attempts a hook shot in Notre Dame's 73-65 win over Marquette on March 14.

Brey

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of place a couple times and Peyton Siva just kept bailing us out with one rotation after another," Pitino said. "He's just an incredible player."

The No. 6 seed Irish stayed within striking distance throughout

the game but never led against the Cardinals, who broke out to a 13-point lead with 2:39 remaining in the game. Notre Dame trimmed the lead to seven, 61-54, with 1:35 left, but it was too little, too late.

The Irish, who were playing in their fourth consecutive Big East semifinal, fell for

the fourth-straight year. The Cardinals, meanwhile, advanced to their third-straight Big East championship behind their trademark pressure defense.

"Their pressure in the full court really kind of started us off going a little fast and by the time we got started on offense, there wasn't much time left on the clock," Irish senior forward Jack Cooley said. "All their defense stems from the pressure."

Louisville junior forward Luke Hancock drained a corner 3-pointer to close out the first half and give Louisville a 32-25 lead at the intermission.

The Cardinals finished the first half on a 10-3 run.

Louisville quickly extended its lead to nine after the break, but Notre Dame responded with the next six points of its own to trim the deficit to three, 34-31, at the 15:35 mark of the second half. The Irish never got closer than three points the rest of the way.

Notre Dame later trailed by

four, 41-37, but Smith got a finger roll to go and Siva spun home a scoop shot off the glass to extend the Louisville lead to 45-37 with 9:51 left.

The Irish were within eight in the final five minutes, but Smith fired a cross-court pass to Hancock in transition, and the marksman grooved another three right in front of the Louisville bench to give the Cardinals a 55-44 lead with 4:05 to play.

The Irish dealt with foul trouble for much of the first half and went the final 3:20 of the first half with four players — senior forward Jack Cooley, junior guard Eric Atkins, senior center Garrick Sherman and sophomore forward Pat Connaughton — with two fouls apiece.

Notre Dame had more fouls and turnovers, 10 each, than made field goals, nine, in the opening 20 minutes.

Cooley and junior guard Jerian Grant led the Irish with 14 points each. Connaughton chipped in

nine points and eight rebounds while Atkins fouled out down the stretch with seven points, two rebounds and one assist.

Despite the loss, Brey said he is confident in the Irish entering next week's NCAA tournament.

"I think there's a confidence coming out of here," Brey said. "We played well against Rutgers [on Wednesday]. We beat a heck of a team in Marquette [on Thursday] on a neutral floor. And you know this team that's going to be a one seed that beat us tonight, we had our chances. We were right there."

"So I think there's a lot for us to feel good about, that this tournament maybe got us tougher and more confident for next week."

On Sunday the Irish drew the No. 7 seed in the West Region in the NCAA tournament. Notre Dame will face off Friday against No. 10 Iowa State at 9:45 p.m. in Dayton, Ohio.

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Rust

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Hammond to win the game. The goal was Rust's fourth game-winning goal of the season.

"I just got on the ice in a line change and was able to get open in the slot," Rust said. "[Irish junior left wing] Jeff Costello was able to find me and I kicked the puck up to my backhand and was able to score."

"It was a real rough game, real gritty game. We played a lot of it on the boards."

Although the Irish lit the lamp just once, the Irish outshot the Falcons 36-22. The stout defense played by both teams and the game's atmosphere epitomized playoff hockey, Irish coach Jeff Jackson said.

"Both teams were playing hard, the goaltenders were playing well. That's typical playoff hockey," Jackson said.

While that atmosphere continued Saturday night, both teams found more offense than in the series opener with 34 and 32 shots on goal for Notre Dame and Bowling Green, respectively.

The Irish jumped out to an early 2-0 lead in the first period with a power play goal from Rust at the 6:44 mark and a breakaway goal by Irish senior left wing Nick Larson six minutes later. Hammond saved Larson's initial shot, but the senior collected the rebound and put it away to increase the Irish advantage.

"I thought we came out really well, put pressure on them and we were moving the puck out of our zone real well," Jackson said. "[Bowling Green is] a good forechecking team and a good offensive zone team. We did a nice job against them in the early stages of the game and then a couple of penalties changed things in the second period."

The Irish got into trouble in the second period when Irish junior defenseman Stephen Johns

received two separate penalties for roughing. The Falcons capitalized with two power play goals to knot the game, 2-2.

Although the Irish let up two goals in the second period, Summerhays made a big save with 1:27 remaining in the second period during the Irish penalty kill. Falcons freshman wing Brent Tate controlled the rebound off Falcons freshman defenseman Ralfs Freibergs' shot and tried to maneuver a forehand past Summerhays, but the Alaska-native lunged and saved the shot with his left glove.

"I felt really good this weekend," Summerhays said. "I have been kind of building ever since Michigan and I've been trying to work on my game each week and get back to where I was in the first half and I think I'm there."

The Irish regained the lead in the third period when the Irish were awarded a penalty shot after Falcons freshman defenseman Jose Delgadillo covered a puck in the crease. Jackson entrusted the chance to Rust, who put a strong backhand past Hammond for his third goal in two games.

Irish junior captain and center Anders Lee gave Notre Dame a two-goal lead when he scored his team-leading 19th goal of the year 12:05 into the third period. While the Falcons closed the gap with a goal just 13 seconds later, the Irish held on to win the game, 4-3.

With the series victory, Notre Dame returns to Joe Louis Arena after not making the CCHA semifinals last season.

"I'm very grateful to have the opportunity to be going back to Joe Louis in the final year of the CCHA," Jackson said.

The Irish will face the Buckeyes in the one-game semifinal Saturday at 1:05 p.m. at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit.

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McBride

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playing in big games," McBride said. "I couldn't do it without my teammates — passing me the ball, setting good screens. It was a great team win."

In its six previous tries, Notre Dame had lost to Connecticut in the Big East championship game. But several streaks snapped when the buzzer sounded. The Huskies did not hit a three-point shot for the first time since 2002, ending a 403-game streak.

"That was a total team effort," Diggins said of the Irish defense. "I think it started with our communication on the screens."

This season marks the first in which Connecticut did not take home at least a share of the Big East regular season title or the tournament championship in 19 years.

At the same time, several streaks also lengthened. Notre Dame has won 26 straight games since its first and only loss of the season, which came Dec. 5, 2012 against No. 1 Baylor.



KEVIN SONG | The Observer

Irish senior guard Skylar Diggins looks to make a pass in Notre Dame's 79-68 victory over Syracuse on Feb. 26.

If recent history repeats itself, Notre Dame will see the Huskies again in the NCAA tournament. Last season, the Irish swept the two regular season matchups before falling in the Big East championship game. But, when Notre Dame saw the Huskies again in the Final Four, the Irish won in overtime to advance to their second straight national championship game.

McGraw said Notre Dame takes pride in its Big East title, but the

ultimate goal of a national championship is still the task at hand.

"Now we're 0-0 and we've got to focus on the NCAA tournament," McGraw said.

On Monday the Irish drew the No. 1 seed in the Norfolk Regional in the NCAA Tournament. Notre Dame will face off against No. 16 Tennessee-Martin at 5:05 p.m. on Sunday in Iowa City, Iowa.

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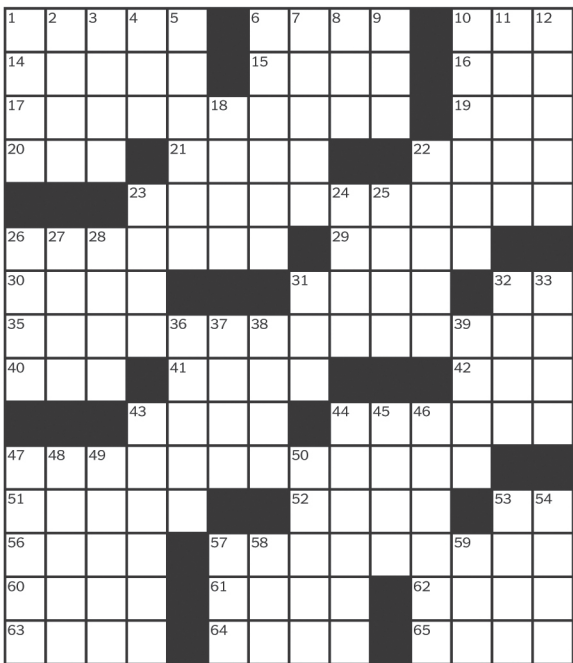
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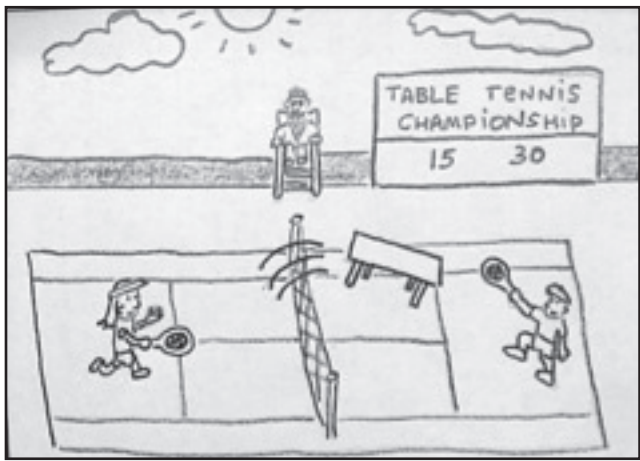
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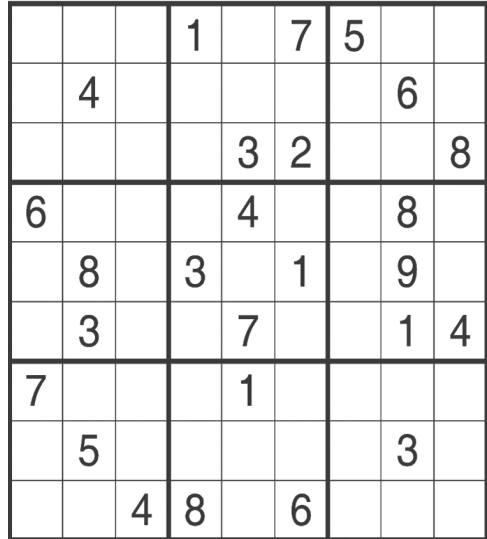
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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | BIG EAST TOURNAMENT

History in Hartford

Notre Dame defeats Connecticut to win its first-ever Big East tournament crown

By **MATT ROBISON**
Sports Writer

Notre Dame has beaten Connecticut seven out of the last eight times it has played the Huskies. But on March 12, the No. 2 Irish did something they never have — win the Big East tournament.

In its last shot to sweep the Big East regular season and post-season championships, Notre Dame (31-1, 19-0 Big East) stole a 61-59 victory away from the No. 3 Huskies (29-4, 16-3) at the XL Center in Hartford, Conn.

With eight seconds left, Big East Player of the Year and senior guard Skylar Diggins stole a pass and eventually found junior forward Natalie Achonwa for the game-winning layup.

"It's special because it's the last one," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "We leave here champions and go home undefeated. To win it here makes it even better."

Fittingly, Diggins capped her highlight reel of a career with another memorable assist. But Diggins credited her teammate with the late-game heroics.

"[Achonwa] called my name at the end and I looked up," Diggins said. "She finished."

When Diggins came away with

the ball, the Connecticut defense swarmed her, leaving Achonwa alone under the hoop.

"As soon as I saw my man leak out that was the safety, I was just dipping to the basket," Achonwa said.

Notre Dame finished Big East regular season play with a perfect 18-0 conference record. Earlier in the tournament, it beat South Florida and No. 16 Louisville to earn a spot in the final.

The Irish beat the Bulls, 75-66, on March 10 behind a monstrous 20-point, 20-rebound effort from Achonwa. She became the first player at Notre Dame to go for 20 and 20 since 1988.

In the semifinals, Notre Dame cruised past the Cardinals to win 83-59 behind 17 points from junior guard Kayla McBride.

With 12 points and 16 points in the final, respectively, Diggins and freshman guard Jewell Loyd made the All-Tournament team.

McBride lived up to her reputation of stepping up when it matters most. As the championship game's leading scorer with 23 points, McBride took home the tournament's Most Outstanding Player award.

"It's a big game and I like

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Irish senior guard Skylar Diggins races past a Connecticut defender in Notre Dame's 61-59 victory over the Huskies on March 12. With the victory, the Irish won the Big East tournament for the first time in program history.

MEN'S BASKETBALL | BIG EAST TOURNAMENT

Irish fall in semifinals



Irish junior guard Jerian Grant drives past his defender during Notre Dame's 69-57 loss to Louisville at the Big East tournament.

By **MIKE MONACO**
Sports Editor

At a tournament typified by history, the No. 24 Irish couldn't rewrite the story in the last chapter.

Notre Dame (25-9) fell to No. 4 Louisville 69-57 in the Big East semifinals Friday night at Madison Square Garden in New York for the third consecutive

year.

"I'm very disappointed we could never get to Saturday," Irish coach Mike Breysaid. "I guess I've got to say 'Can we get to Sunday afternoon now in the new league or whatever?' I'm thrilled that we played in the semis on such a magical night here. [There's] a little bit of unfinished business but we'll get over it quickly and get ready to prepare for next week."

The Irish will head to the ACC next season having never reached a Big East title game during their 18 seasons in the conference.

The Louisville backcourt — senior guard Peyton Siva and junior guard Russ Smith — propelled the No. 2 seed Cardinals (28-5) over the Irish for the second time in seven days. Siva tallied 12 points, six assists and seven steals while Smith added 20 points and six assists. Louisville's constant backcourt pressure led, in part, to 16 Irish turnovers, 10 of which came in the first half.

"We weren't very good in the first half, and a lot of that was Louisville's defense," Brey said. "I love that we fought back and had some chances, but just probably too many turnovers at key times and that's what they do. They impose their will on us too much to really close the gap or think we could win it."

Louisville coach Rick Pitino said Siva's defense saved the Cardinals on countless occasions.

"I just thought we were out

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HOCKEY | CCHA QUARTERFINALS

Squad sweeps Bowling Green

By **PETER STEINER**
Sports Writer

Behind two hard-fought playoff victories over Bowling Green at the Compton Family Ice Arena on Friday and Saturday night, Notre Dame won its best-of-three CCHA quarterfinal series and extended its unbeaten streak to seven games.

Notre Dame (23-12-3, 17-8-3-2 CCHA) prevailed 1-0 in overtime Friday and held off Bowling Green (15-21-5, 10-15-3-1) on Saturday with a 4-3 victory to win the series and end the Falcons' season.

With the sweep, the Irish advance to Joe Louis Arena in Detroit where they will face Ohio State in a one-game semifinal Saturday, with the winner advancing to Sunday's championship against either Miami or Michigan.

Hockey fans at the Compton Family Ice Arena witnessed a

defensive struggle Friday night as neither team netted a goal in regulation despite 57 combined shots on goal. While the Irish could not score on Falcons junior goaltender Andrew Hammond in regulation, the Notre Dame defense held strong with Irish junior netminder Steven Summerhays recording his sixth career shutout.

"We were expecting a tight game," Summerhays said in a postgame press conference. "We knew with Hammond ... and their record in the playoffs this year and last year that it was going to be tough."

"I thought we did a great job of keeping their shots to the outside and really limiting their chances."

Notre Dame broke the tie 82 seconds into overtime when Irish junior right wing Bryan Rust put a backhand past

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Students abroad witness papal election



Photo courtesy of Eliza Nagle

Students participating in the Rome program gathered in St. Peter's Square on March 13 to wait for the announcement of the next pope with a Notre Dame-inspired banner.

By ANN MARIE JAKUBOWSKI
News Editor

The eyes of the world turned to the Vatican to watch the white smoke billow out from the Sistine Chapel on Wednesday, but Notre Dame students studying abroad in Europe were able to stand in St. Peter's Square below and witness the announcement of the new pope firsthand.

A report from the Associated Press said the smoke signal came around 8 p.m. local time or 2 p.m. EST. About an hour later, Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, archbishop of Buenos Aires, stepped onto the balcony above the crowd and greeted them as the new pope, adopting the name Francis.

Junior Megan Leicht, an architecture student abroad in Rome, said she and her classmates immediately ran to St. Peter's Square upon hearing about the white smoke, joining the tens of thousands of people gathered there.

"We all sprinted down the street, dodging people and umbrellas and honking cars and speeding vespas... while trying not to slip on the cobblestone streets and travertine curbs," Leicht said. "We finally made it and snuck our way as close to the front as possible, just like everyone else.

"The suspense continued as we waited for an hour to see the window open for

the mystery cardinal. When he finally came out, everyone was so happy to see him we all began clapping and cheering at the first words of his speech."

Another architecture student in Rome, junior Patrick Riordon, also sprinted more than two kilometers from his classroom to the square at the news of the white smoke.

"I threw all shame to the wind, grabbed my camera and ran down Corso Vittorio Emanuele, which leads almost straight from our building to the Vatican," Riordon said. "I grabbed my rosary out of my pocket and started to pray, but the excitement of the crowd and my friends around me got to be too much. We were speculating about who would be chosen and what name he would take."

Riordon said he was surrounded by flags of all nations and people representing every race, and the entire square was ringing with cheers and chants in all languages. The news was not understood immediately because of the noise and chaos, he said, but once the message was translated and received by all, cheers went up for "Francisco Primo."

"When he finally came out on to the balcony, the look on his face was grave, obviously trying to take in everything that was happening," Riordon said. "His words were confident and the focus

of everything he said was prayer.

"The entire congregation

"Being in Rome [during the] conclave, seeing the white smoke and receiving Pope Francis' first benediction are experiences that can't be paralleled."

Claire Spears
junior

joined him in praying the Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be in Italian, and he closed

by saying 'good night and rest well,' he said. "I think his humility and austere lifestyle are good indicators that he will be an exemplary leader and inspire the world."

Molly Carmona, another junior architecture major, said the evening was "an amazing experience that is irreplaceable."

"No other event in the world would have the driving force to gather hundreds of thousands of people from all different locations and cultures together in one square in a matter of 30 minutes," Carmona said. "I feel blessed that I had the opportunity to witness history being made in the Catholic Church."

Junior Kelsie Corrison, a participant in the Rome program, made two trips to the Vatican on Tuesday, one to see the black smoke after the morning vote and another for the celebratory moment in the evening. She said there was a "sense of impending history" in the square, and the opportunity to witness it with fellow members of the Notre Dame community was "amazing."

"We cracked open some champagne we had brought for the occasion, toasted to the new pope's health and waited for the announcement about the identity of the new pope," Corrison said. "It was pouring rain, cold and pure chaos, but we had an amazing time ... we waited and waited, just taking in the amazing, glorious scene.

"We broke out our 'Conclave Like a Champion Today' banner, [and] the best part was waiting for the announcement, because curtains kept moving on the second floor of St. Peter's. ... [Finally], the crowd erupted into cheers of 'Francesco, Viva Francesco.'"

Maria Kosse, a junior in Notre Dame's London program, made the trip from England to witness the conclave in action. She said "the entire square erupted" at the unexpected sight of white

smoke.

"We got to St. Peter's Square around 5 p.m., and stood in the pouring rain for two hours until we saw the smoke," Kosse said. "Everyone was hugging and cheering 'Viva Il Papa'... The electricity in the crowd was tangible.

"When he came onto the balcony my entire body had chills, and when he addressed the crowd it was silent, all of the thousands of people in unity praying with him. And then the rain stopped right when he came out."

Bergoglio is the first non-European pope elected in the modern era, and junior Nathalia Conte Silvestre, a native of Sao Paulo, Brazil, who is studying in Bologna, Italy, said she believes the historic selection represents "a new phase" in Church history.

"I'm really happy to see the Catholic Church branching out and picking someone from a part of the world that is so faithful and that adds so much to the Church," Silvestre said. "Personally, I'm not Catholic, but his benediction, and especially his humble request for prayers before he himself could offer his blessing, makes me very glad to see the Catholic Church is in great hands."

Junior Claire Spears, abroad this semester through the Rome program, said the moment when Bergoglio stepped out from behind the curtain in the Vatican was "incredible."

"Being in Rome [during the] conclave, seeing the white smoke and receiving Pope Francis' first benediction are experiences that can't be paralleled," Spears said. "I will remember this night for the rest of my life as one of the best things I've been a part of. As a Catholic, this is something that I cannot forget."

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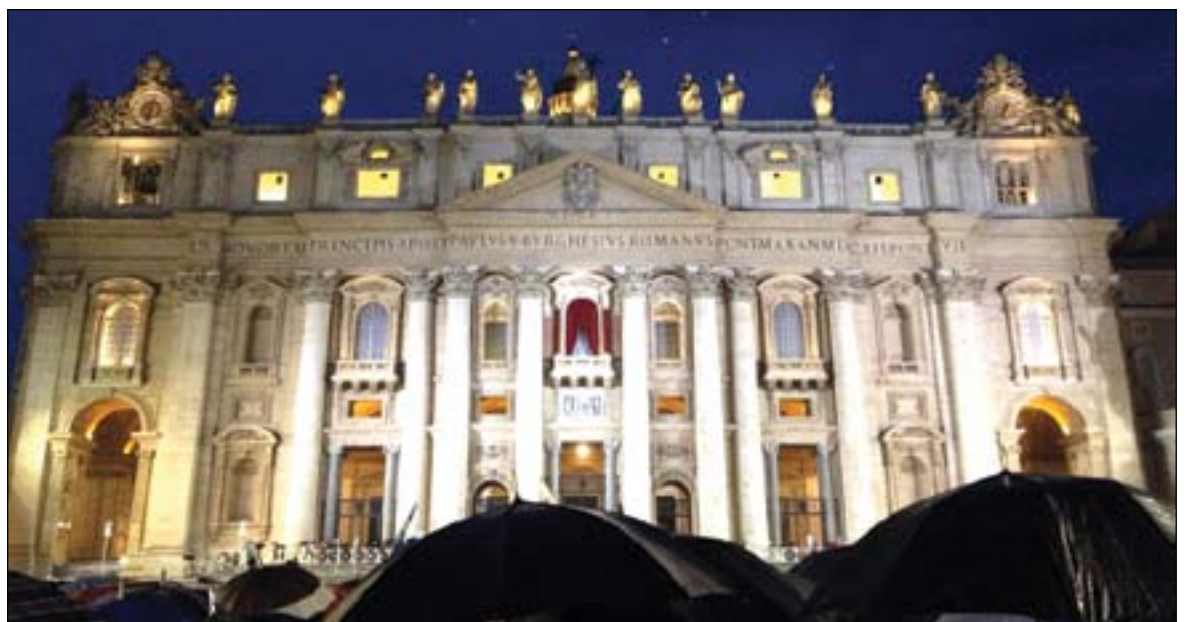


Photo courtesy of Kelsie Corrison

Tens of thousands of people rushed to St. Peter's Square and waited in the rain for the new pope to step out onto the balcony. Pope Francis appeared and addressed the crowd around 9 p.m. local time.

Social media outlets spread word of new pope



The crowd in St. Peter's Square relied on technology to capture the historic moment of Pope Francis' first appearance. People around the world followed the conclave through various social media outlets.

By **MEGHAN THOMASSEN**
Managing Editor

Although the College of Cardinals used a smoke signal Wednesday to signal its election of a new pope, the rest of the world relied on social media to stay updated on the conclave.

Junior Austin Lagomarsino said he first heard the news on Facebook when a friend posted "Habemus Papam" as his status.

"I followed [the conclave] on Facebook, but the best one to follow was Fr. Edward Sorin on Twitter," Lagomarsino said.

The fake Fr. Edward Sorin account tweeted Wednesday at 9:02 a.m. EST, "If the tailgating in Saint Peter's Square gets out of hand, no more night-popes for a while."

Social media outlets such as Twitter and Instagram did not exist when Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI was elected in 2005. But since the conclave began Tuesday, thousands of mobile devices tweeted photos each time the smoke appeared, whether it was black or white.

Senior Catherine Flatley said she found out about the new pope through social media and then turned to news media sources like the New York Times.

"I didn't realize so many of my peers followed [the conclave] closely," she said. "I saw posts on Facebook and Tweets, but I went and actually read about it via the news."

Mobile applications created for the conclave were available within 48 hours of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI's resignation, according to a report from CNN. One application, Conclave, by Logos Bible Software, provided free updates, live video from Saint Peter's Square and historical information about the election process.

PopeAlarm.com, developed by the Fellowship of Catholic

University Students, promised to update users whenever the smoke appeared via SMS and the website's Twitter handle, @popealarm. FantasyConclave.com, a website based on sports brackets, allowed users to select a cardinal and enter a pool with the chance to win prizes, some valued more than \$300.

Some of the cardinals joined the Twitter community as they discussed the conclave, including Archbishop of Los Angeles Roger Mahoney, who tweeted at 7:07 p.m. March 11, "Last tweet before moving to Casa Santa Martha, and Mass to Elect a Pope. First Conclave meeting late Tuesday afternoon. Prayers needed."

Crews installed mobile device jammers in the Sistine Chapel and the residences at the Santa Marta hotel to prevent the news from leaking out preemptively, according to a report by NBC.

Sr. Mary Ann Walsh, spokeswoman for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, told The Telegraph of London, "In this electronic age, I worry some cardinals may go into iPad and Twitter withdrawal."

Any cardinal or Vatican

worker who breached the security code would face excommunication, according to The Telegraph.

When the newly-elected Pope Francis finally stepped onto the balcony, the Twitter sphere exploded with exclamations of "Habemus Papam" and "Francisco Primo".

Twitter users started using the handle @JMBergoglio, which existed long before the new pontiff's candidacy for the papacy, to congratulate him, according to a report from NBC. Twitter had to suspend the account when it nearly doubled in followers within a few hours of the announcement. The account was allegedly a fake account, according to Slate Magazine.

Pope Francis will inherit not only Saint Peter's throne but also @Pontifex, the pope's official Twitter account. The account has 1,819,926 followers and counting, and has produced one tweet at 7:33 CET on March 13. The tweet reads, "HABEMUS PAPAM FRANCISCUM".

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Notre Dame architecture students spending the year in Rome read the Italian newspapers' coverage of Pope Francis' election.

Students in Rome celebrate Francis

By **KAITLYN RABACH**
Saint Mary's Editor

When Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio stepped onto the Vatican balcony to reveal himself as the new leader of the Catholic Church on Wednesday, several Saint Mary's students waiting in St. Peter's Square witnessed this historic moment.

Sophomores Nikki Charter, Lauren Osmanski and Tori Wilbraham are participating in the College's study abroad semester in Rome. Charter, a communications major, said seeing the result of the conclave's decision has been the highlight of her semester.

"This entire semester has been an absolute whirlwind," Charter said. "The conclave has been the best part of my experience so far. Words cannot describe what it felt like to be in [St. Peter's] Square and in the midst of it all."

The three students said the excitement began when they attended the opening conclave Mass on March 12th. Wilbraham, a religious studies major, said the Mass's atmosphere felt electric.

"Knowing I was in the room with the future pope at that Mass was very exciting," Wilbraham said. "You could really start to feel an atmosphere of uncertainty and excitement after the Mass finished and the cardinals proceeded to start the conclave."

After the Mass, the students said they waited anxiously to see white smoke billowing from the chimney of the Sistine Chapel, an indication that the conclave had made a decision. Osmanski, a business major, said their thoughts and prayers remained focused on the conclave.

"We, like the rest of the world, had to wait to see the smoke," Osmanski said. "We waited and waited. We prayed the Holy Spirit would guide the conclave and white smoke would appear soon."

While waiting, Charter and other members of the abroad program draped United States and Saint Mary's flags around their arms.

"I was proud to represent my country and my school," Charter said. "Words cannot express how much I love Saint Mary's College. This school empowers young Catholic women. Saint Mary's gave me the opportunity to be here for this experience and I could not be more thankful."

Osmanski said when the smoke appeared around 8 p.m. local time, everyone in the crowd cheered, "It's white. It's white."

"We sprinted forward when we saw the white smoke," Osmanski said. "We wanted to be as close as we could to the balcony so we could see the new pope emerge."

Charter said the crowd was "buzzing" and attempting to guess who would be the next leader of the Catholic Church.

"When the cardinals first came

out, the crowd was cheering with excitement and then almost [immediately] the crowd fell silent," Charter said. "Thousands of people were in that square and every single person was silent, waiting for one man to appear on the balcony. At that moment, waiting for the new pope to emerge, you could really feel the power of prayer and faith."

Wilbraham said when Pope Francis first walked onto the balcony, her heart stopped and she "took a deep breath in awe" of this man.

"It was as if no one could say anything for a couple of seconds," Wilbraham said. "Everyone was in true awe of this man. I thought to myself, 'This is real. This is happening. The seat is no longer empty. We have a father of our church again.'"

Osmanski said she first did not understand the official announcement introducing the new pope to the world.

"Around us people were yelling 'Argentina. Argentina,'" Osmanski said. "That is when we made the connection and were more than happy our new pope is non-European."

Osmanski said everyone around her was excited about "this breath of fresh air."

"Because Pope Francis is from Argentina, he will bring a new perspective to the table," Osmanski said. "This is important and sculpts a more inclusive community. Catholic roots run deeper than Europe and I truly believe this will benefit the Church in the greatest way possible."

Charter said Pope Francis seems like a humble man who will take the Church in a new direction.

"He will lead the Church into a new era," Charter said. "When he stood on that balcony he showed the world that the Catholic community is still strong."

Wilbraham said the entire experience has reminded her of the international Catholic community.

"This whole experience makes you realize that this Church is more than you and your own personal faith," Wilbraham said. "It is even more than the people of your parish."

All three students said their experiences in Rome have started them on a spiritual journey of a lifetime.

"None of us thought it would be such a spiritual journey," Wilbraham said. "The growth in my faith is the biggest thing I will take with me when I leave to return to the States. I was able to witness historic events with the company of some of my best friends. Everyone on this program was able to witness the start of a new era in the Church — and for that I am very thankful."

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