POPE TO STEP DOWN
Community reflects on Pope's impact
Professors discuss Benedict XVI's legacy, leadership of the Church in the past eight years

By MEGAN DOYLE and SAM STRYKER
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Fr. Brian Daley first encountered Pope Benedict XVI when he was simply known as Fr. Joseph Ratzinger, a German theologian with a brilliant mind in the days after the Second Vatican Council.

Daley, who was pursuing a graduate degree in theology in Frankfurt, received a copy of Ratzinger’s lectures as one of his texts. The texts had not even been published yet, but Daley said those writings inspired him as a student.

“They were really hot stuff, they were not printed,” he said. “They were just kind of photo-copied. They were really exciting and wonderful stuff.”

Now, as the 85-year-old pope prepares to step down from the head of the Roman Catholic Church, Daley recalled his first encounters with the German theologian. Daley, now a theology professor, met Ratzinger in person on a retreat during those early years as a student.

As Ratzinger and another retreat leader led discussions on the person of Christ, Daley said the future pope spoke informally and without notes.

“He said Mass for us every day,” Daley said. “That was a lovely meeting. He probably wouldn’t remember me ... but I’ve always remembered him. He’s very personable, easy to get along with, not at all the figure the media sometimes presents.”

Years later, Daley approached the same man again in October 2012. This time, they were in the Vatican, and Pope Benedict XVI was presenting the professor with the 2012 Ratzinger Prize in Theology. The award recognized Daley’s work on early Christianity, which he said is also one of Benedict’s interests.

“It was a total surprise to me. ... I was very moved to receive it, however,” he said.

When Daley approached the pope at the award ceremony, he said Pope Benedict spoke with him in German, as they had spoken years before.

“He knew what I had been working on. ... He knew about Notre Dame,” Daley said. “It was a very warm and cordial meeting. I was really delighted to meet him and humbled by the opportunity.”

While the pope steps down, Daley said Benedict’s legacy as a theologian will remain a defining factor of his tenure at the head of the Church.

“He is first and foremost a theologian, a really remarkable theologian, one of the great theologians of the Catholic Church,” Daley said. “People who know him well say this is what he loves to do.”

Another Notre Dame theology professor also recently visited the Vatican — department chair John Cavadini. Cavadini presented Benedict with a copy of a book he had edited titled “Explorations of Benedict XVI’s Theology.”

Cavadini described their meeting as “a huge honor” that he would never forget.

“It was a beautiful moment,” Cavadini said in an email interview. “He smiled and grasped my hand with his and thanked me. He seemed genuinely pleased. He seemed to smile too when he saw the imprint: University of Notre Dame.”

Cavadini said Monday’s announcement was surprising but admirable as the pope grew older. Benedict attributed his resignation to a lack of physical and mental strength to continue the job.

“I think it’s a beautiful example, to know when you can’t do a job to your own standards for the job, and not to cling to power,” he said.

The pope’s decision to step down was in some ways “a welcome precedent,” he said.

“After all, bishops are required to turn in their resignations at 75,” he said. “The pope is a unique case, so the policy should not simply transfer, but I think on the whole it makes it easier for someone to realize when maybe they are not performing at the level they themselves expect of others.”

The pope’s neighbors

Notre Dame students in the Rome study abroad program attend class approximately 15 minutes from the Vatican where the pope announced his decision Monday. The professors who lead their courses said the international shock at Benedict’s decision has been especially felt just outside his own doorstep.

Ada Bertini Bezi, an Italian professor at John Cabot University, said the announcement was unexpected for her fellow Italian citizens preparing for the upcoming government election on Feb. 24 and 25.

“This event is really incredible for everybody here in Rome,” she said. “We are in the middle of the election campaign, however this news was like a bomb for us. We are waiting for some more news.”

Bertini Bezi said the initial reaction of many Roman citizens has been one of cynicism.

“They are asking, ‘Why?’” she said. “We do not believe he is really so sick, [so are] there any other reasons?”

Pier Paolo Sarram, a media professor at John Cabot University, also noted the timing of the pope’s resignation may have an impact on Italian politics in the weeks leading up to an election of both new political leaders and the Church’s election of a new pope.

He said he was caught off guard by the pope’s resignation, describing the event as “unsettling.”

“It’s one of those ‘events’ that I think will be remembered as something truly out of the ordinary,” he said.

Sarram described the reaction of the Italian media as a “scramble for information” in the wake of the pope’s decision.

“It is quite a shock channel surfing from the Italian channels to the BBC, CNN or even FOX as they speculate on possible scenarios for the resignation.”

“I think what it means for the Church is a healthy recognition that the papacy, like every vocation and role within the Church, is a gift from God.”

Prof. Matthew Ashby
Theology

Elizondo said Benedict set when he steps down officially Feb. 28 can be a positive one for the Church.

“But even at the head of a tumultuous modern Church, Appleby said Benedict wrote three ‘profound’ encyclicals and devoted his energy to “a new evangelization,” which the Church desperately needs.”

Theology professor Fr. Virgil Elizondo said the precedent Benedict sets when he steps down officially Feb. 28 can be a positive one for the Church.

“For all the medical advances, [the pope's] will all live longer. When you look at the responsibilities that man has as pope, they’re unbelievable,” Elizondo said. “It does take somebody with energy, that he doesn’t get tired.”

Elizondo cited Benedict’s extensive theological writings as the pope’s most lasting legacy from his tenure.

“He is a very good theologian who got elected pope, and in the process became an even better theologian,” he said.

Benedict also paved the way for future popes to continue to embrace modern technology and changes, Elizondo said.

“This pope’s done Twitter, he’s got an iPad,” he said. “What’s going to be the next pope?”

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**Juniors win election runoff**

Juniors will assume office April 1, express gratitude to supporters

By JOHN CAMERON
News Editor

The student body voted in favor of a vision focused on “passion, perseverance and people,” electing juniors Alex Coccia and Nancy Joyce as 2013-2014 student body president and vice president Tuesday.

Coccia and Joyce received 2,066 of 3,795 votes, or 54.4 percent in the student body election. The pair’s opposition — juniors Dominic Romeo and Philip Hootsmans — received 1,729 votes, or 45.6 percent.

208 students chose to abstain.

Senior Allison Tompkins, who was accompanied by a number of supporters, attributed his ticket’s victory to its campaign team.

“We put together a really good team and we’re proud of everything they’ve done,” he said. “We certainly wouldn’t be here without their help.”

Joyce said her ticket’s opposition pushed her and Coccia to campaign harder and improve their communication efforts.

“I think we all pushed each other and made [the campaign] better,” she said. “I think in the future they will also continue to push us, to make sure we’re doing what we need to be doing as student body president and vice president.”

Coccia, who will take office April 1, said he will use the coming weeks to gain insights from outgoing student body president and vice president, respectively, late Monday evening.

**Irish celebrate Mardi Gras on location**

By LESLEY STEVENSON
News Writer

This Fat Tuesday, some Notre Dame students will be celebrating with authentic Mardi Gras spirit straight from the Big Easy.

“It’s definitely an experience coming down, even with a budget,” senior Justin Asuncion said about his trip to New Orleans this past weekend. “It’s a great experience that every Notre Dame student should take if you can.”

Asuncion and fellow seniors Andrew Charnesky and Joe Caparros drove through the night Thursday to arrive in New Orleans by Friday morning, where they experienced traditions ranging from parades to Southern cookouts, they said. “We had the opportunity to go to an authentic crawfish boil,” Charnesky said. “We’re not from the South; we’d never heard of a crawfish boil before, but it was some of the best food I’ve ever had.”

Senior Allison Tompkins also traveled to New Orleans for the first time and agreed that the cuisine stood out as a highlight of her trip.

“I had grits for the first time, cheese grits with bacon,” she said.

**Students reflect during Lenten season**

By MEG HANDELMAN
News Writer

Whether giving up their favorite food, kicking a bad habit, or working to incorporate something positive into their daily routine, Notre Dame students are coming up with new and unique ways to recognize Lent.

Sophomore Pat Haggerty said that for Lent, he intends to quit using Tinder, the newly popular iPhone dating application.

“It’s a total time killer and distraction,” Haggerty said. “Plus, it makes for awkward sightings on campus. Also, I don’t want to get ‘Lennay Kekua’ed.’”

Sophomore Jack Souter, a resident of Fisher Hall, said he plans to give up going into other male dorms for the 40 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter.

“I feel that this will help strengthen my Fisher identity,” Souter said. “The community in Fisher is the only place I can truly be myself.”

Sophomore Thomas Kleiber is prepared to refuse discussion over the controversial change in dining hall menus on Fridays during Lent.

**Event displays talents**

By BRIDGET FEENEY
Associate Saint Mary’s Editor

For the second year in a row, Saint Mary’s will host an evening dedicated to showing off students’ talent, passion and creativity.

The Apollo Style Talent Showcase, a variety show where students can demonstrate their skills in a multitude of ways, will be held Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. at Saint Mary’s College. The evening is co-sponsored by Saint Mary’s student club Sisters of Nefertiti and Indiana University-South Bend’s Black Student Union in celebration of African American History Month.

Saint Mary’s senior London Lamar, president of Sisters of Nefertiti, said the night has historical roots.

“Apollo night is a talent showcase inspired by the admiration the Ancient Greeks had for beauty,” Lamar said.
QUESTION OF THE DAY:
Who is your celebrity Valentine?

Greta Hurlbut
senior
Ryan Hall
“Johnny Depp.”

Tom Temmerman
senior
Siegfried Hall
“Beyoncé, for sure”

Allison Wagner
senior
off campus
“Johnny McGlynn.”

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Katie Martinez
junior
Badin Hall
“Ryan Reynolds.”

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“Mario Lopez.”

Elisabeth O’Toole
sophomore
Walsh Hall
“Marky Mark.”

University President Emeritus Fr. Theodore Hesburgh sits to have his picture taken by a 20 x 24 Polaroid camera at the Suite Museum of Art. Invented in the 1970s, this camera system is named for the large prints it produces. Suite Museum of Art director Chuck Loving and professor Richard Gray arranged for the camera to come to the museum for an all-day workshop.

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Mardi Gras Concert
Legends
7 p.m.-9 p.m.
Featuring guitarist and composer Stephanie Wrembel.

Four:7 Catholic Fellowship
Cavanaugh Hall
8:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.
Student-led Catholic fellowship group.

Wednesday
83rd Annual Bengal Bouts Preliminaries
Joyce Center
8 a.m.-10 a.m.
Men’s boxing tournament openers.

Men’s Basketball
Purcell Pavilion
7 p.m.
Notre Dame takes on DePaul.

Thursday
SonnetFest 2013
O’Shaughnessy Hall
11 a.m.-3 p.m.
Public reading of Shakespeare’s 154 sonnets.

No More Deaths
Geddes Hall
5 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
Presentation by desert aid workers in the Sonoran desert.

Friday
Business Lecture
Mendoza College of Business
10:40 a.m.-12:10 p.m.
Speaker: Julia Silverman.

CSC Open House
Coleman-Morse Center
6 p.m.-7 p.m.
Part of Junior Parents Weekend.

Saturday
Men’s Tennis
Eck Tennis Pavilion
12 p.m.-2 p.m.
Notre Dame takes on Michigan.

Notre Dame Jazz Band
DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
2 p.m.-3 p.m.
Annual JFW concert.

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CSC program fosters community involvement

By CATHERINE OWERS
News Writer

The Center for Social Concerns is partnering with the College of Engineering and College of Science to provide research opportunities in the local community for faculty and students.

Alisa Zornig has been appointed coordinator for academic community engagement, specific to the College of Science to point projects out and find what organizations will really fit their research interests,” she said.

Zornig added that the University would like to enhance the opportunities for faculty who want to work in the community.

“There’s a nice framework already, and this is an expansion of that framework,” she said.

Additionally, the partnership will be helpful to newer faculty members who are not familiar with local partnerships and possibilities, she said.

“[Faculty can find] what we have to offer as a community, where they can go to work and find others who have similar interests, and can really collaborate to expand the dissemination of their research, and bring educational opportunities to those who might not have them,” Zornig said.

“I am the liaison, making the connection for them in the community.”

“I am also meeting with faculty already engaged in the community to find out what we already have established and to find out how people might be able to connect or assist in programs that are already ongoing with our students and our faculty. Current partners include local nonprofits, as well as schools in the area, Zornig said.

“We have research experiences for teachers programs that bring in area high school teachers,” she said. “They work with faculty on campus in research labs and develop curricula that they can take back to their classrooms, so it really helps with the education of their students, and they get the research experience in the labs.”

Zornig emphasized the partnership is a “reciprocal approach.”

“We want to fit the faculty and the students and the organizations in a way that all benefit, specific to the faculty member’s research interests and the students’ learning interest, as well,” she said. “One of the neat things that I really like about this position, is that I get to meet with community partners and talk to them about where they might like to expand, where there are opportunities for science and engineering students.”

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GlobeMed collaborates with organization in Laos

By CAROLYN HUTFYRA
News Writer

When junior Genevieve Gill-Wiehl first learned about the GlobeMed network in the spring of 2010, she knew it was something that would band together Notre Dame students interested in a movement toward global health equality.

After applying and being accepted as a chapter founder, she fostered a network of like-minded students who were officially recognized by SAO the spring of the following year. Fr. Bob Dowd, director of the Ford Family Program in Human Development Studies and Solidarity, stepped in as faculty advisor, and the new program was launched. The new chapter became part of a student-run non-profit organization with 50 chapters at universities across the United States, according to junior Kate Spencer, a campaign manager for GlobeMed.

“The new chapter was a part of the organization, as part of the organization, each chapter partners with a community-based grassroots organization facing health disparities in Africa, Asia, North America and South America, Spencer said.

“(Our) chapters build these partnerships through frequent communication and innovative fundraising initiatives for collaborative health projects that help partnering organizations achieve their missions,” she said.

Discussions on global health issues prevail in the classroom while internships are also arranged with partner organizations overseas.

Spencer said the group of approximately 30 active members at Notre Dame is both very consistent and involved. The club holds weekly meetings at 9 p.m. on Wednesdays and also attends retreats and organizes fundraisers.

“Recently, we had a retreat for club members and discussed a lot of campaign ideas to raise money for the Promotion for Education and Development Association (PEDA),” Spencer said.

Spencer said the GlobeMed organization paired the Notre Dame chapter with the Laos network and students were thrilled to be working with them. PEDA is a non-profit organization based in Vientiane, Laos.

“Working with PEDA would give [GlobeMed members] the opportunity to make a tangible difference in Laos, but also educate students at Notre Dame about a country halfway around the world with a rich culture and history,” she said.

Spencer noted that the excitement to participate in GlobeMed was mutual.

“This is an opportunity for us to collaborate with GlobeMed and its students to improve the health of the communities, to exchange experiences about our work, open our ear to listen to new ideas from young generation...” chair-

man assistant and project coordinator at PEDA Thippavanh Thammachith said through GlobeMed’s Notre Dame chapter.

“That we may apply new ideas to our work and on the community projects, as our work is to provide technical information and education to support the community potential in solving socioeconomic, health issues and so forth.”

Since joining with the Laojians organization, Notre Dame has remained in constant contact with PEDA. Updates are frequently sent overseas on club activities, Spencer said, and in turn those working overseas reveal their day-to-day activities both in the office and in the field.

“We are sending four students there for about three weeks this summer to intern for PEDA,” Spencer said. “They will be assisting with health prevention projects in the area and we are very excited to get the chance to meet PEDA employees in person and not just over Skype.”

Though this is an exciting opportunity to anticipate in the future, club members are focusing on a number of events taking place in the next few months as well.

Spencer said the club is hosting a babysitting night for faculty and staff for Valentine’s Day, and later this month it is joining with the Center for Social Concerns to hold the annual Soup and Substance event.

“Later in the spring, we are planning on having a donation yoga class, selling spring break beach togs, fundraising at the Holy Half, and will be campaigning for the World Day of Social Justice on Feb. 18,” she said.

Other activities will include a basketball game called “Loose Change for Laos” where the proceeds will be sent to PEDA and a Five Guys Fundraiser, which will take place Feb. 28.

“Through our chapter discussions, collaborations with PEDA, and the support of all GlobeMed chapters, we are making progress in the fight for global health equality,” Spencer said.

Offering a unique and opening environment, GlobeMed provides many windows for involvement for all majors and those interested in global health. Spencer said the chapter is always looking for more members.

“We truly believe that health is a human right, and that we as students can be powerful agents of change,” Spencer said.

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“I’m giving up arguing with people over whether the dining hall should serve meat or not,” Kleiber said. “It’s pointless and annoying.”

Some of the most popular ways to observe Lent this year are plugging in plugboards, cutting out soda, cutting out swear words, working out daily and making a point to attend church more often.

“This isn’t very original but I’m giving up sweets and soda,” sophomores Claire Cosgrove said, echoing many of her classmates. “I have a sweet tooth and like to drink soda, so it’s always really hard and challenges me through all of Lent.”

Junior Susan Nichols said she was planning to quit swearing for 40 days for the second year in a row. Nichols said cutting curse words out of her vocabulary is a good thing to remember in daily life, and Lent provides a perfect opportunity to motivate her to stick to her goal.

Sophomore Allie Gerspach decided to use Lent as motivation to be more practical in daily life. “I’m going to give up buy buying coffee,” Gerspach said. “My flex points will benefit…(and) it’s a habit that I don’t need when I can just make coffee in my room.”

During Lent, many activities will take place to help students observe the period of reflection, including meat-free dining halls on Fridays, daily rosary prayers at the Grotto and a weekly Mass at the grotto and a weekly rosary prayers on Fridays, daily rosary prayers at the Grotto and a weekly rosary prayers. Notre Dame Food Services general manager Marc Peklikowski said students staying at Notre Dame for the festivities will be able to experience themed décor and menu items at both dining halls on Tuesday. “South will have our Cajun-themed dishes on both homestyle and Pan-Am,” Peklikowski said. “The popularity of this meal has increased tremendously over the years, so we found the need to take the regular Pan-Am items off for this day to offer students another area to get the themed menu items they are looking for.”

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“South will have our shrimp on it,” Tompkins said. “The rice and beans was to die for… I didn’t taste anything that wasn’t good.”

Tompkins described touring the French Quarter and learning about the history of various parades and the groups, called krewes, which plan them. “I had heard about the pretty buildings, you know, in the French Quarter and everything, but honestly I didn’t know what to expect,” Tompkins said. “It really shocked me how beautiful it was with all the different areas and the Mississippi River and everything.”

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“Our dessert bar [at South] will be a make-your-own-dessert featuring pound cakes, fresh strawberries, apples and caramel sauce, hot chocolate fudge and whipped topping,” Peklikowski said.

Although Mardi Gras known for its celebration of excess, Annamarie Charney said traveling to New Orleans can be done even on a tight budget. Charney said that driving and staying with a friend in New Orleans helped cut expenses. “You can definitely do it for under $500,” Charney said. “It’s not cheap, but if you’re just conscious about stuff you can do it on a budget.

“It’s a great time and it’s going to be something you’ll always remember.”

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Photo courtesy of Andrew Charnesky

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Northeasterners struggle with icy conditions

Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — The workweek opened with a white-knuckle ride Monday in the snow-clobbered Northeast as drivers encountered unplowed streets, two-lane roads reduced to a single channel and snowbanks so high it was impossible to see around corners.

Schools remained closed across much of New England and New York, and more than 100,000 homes and businesses were still waiting for the electricity to come back on after the epic storm swept through on Friday and Saturday with 1 to 3 feet of snow that entombed cars and sealed up driveways.

The storm was blamed for at least 18 deaths in the U.S. and Canada, and officials warned of a new danger as rain and higher temperatures set in: roof collapses.

In hard-hit Connecticut, where some places were buried in more than 3 feet of snow, the National Guard used heavy equipment to clear roads in the state’s three biggest cities.

“This is awful,” said Fernando Colon, of South Windsor, Conn., who was driving to work at Bradley International Airport near Hartford on a two-lane highway that was down to one lane because of high snowbanks.

Most major highways were cleared by Monday, but the volume of snow was just too much to handle on many secondary roads. A mix of sleet and rain also created new headaches. A 10-mile stretch of Interstate 91 just north of Hartford to Massachusetts was closed briefly because of ice and accidents.

In New York, where hundreds of cars became stuck on the Long Island Expressway on Friday night and early Saturday morning, some motorists vented their anger at Governor Andrew Cuomo for not acting more quickly to shut down major roads, as other governors did, and for not plowing more aggressively.

“They were cars scattered all over the place. They should have just told people in the morning. Don’t bother going in because we’re going to close the roads by 3 o’clock,” said George Kirakos, an investment consultant from Bohemia, N.Y.

On Monday morning, he said, conditions were still miserable: “It’s just as slick as can be. You’ve got cars stuck all over like it’s an obstacle course.”

Cuomo has defended his handling of the crisis and said that more than one-third of all the state’s snow-removal equipment had been sent to the area. He said he also wanted to allow people the chance to get home from work.

“People need to act responsibly in these situations,” the governor said.

Man opens fire in courthouse, kills two

Associated Press

WILMINGTON, Del. — A gunman who spent years in court battles over custody disputes opened fire Monday in the lobby of a Delaware courthouse, leaving two women dead. Mayor Dennis Williams said in a phone interview that one of the women killed was the shooter’s estranged wife, but Shavack said police had not confirmed that.

Shavack also declined Monday night to confirm Heriot’s account of the shooting, or disclose who shot whom, saying investigators were still reviewing surveillance video and taking witness statements. Authorities have also declined to release the names of the deceased.

Delaware Attorney General Beau Biden said at a news conference that the shooting was not a random act of violence. “It’s developed out of a long — over the course of many years — custody dispute in the courts of this state,” Biden said.

Authorities said two police officers were also shot, but were treated at a hospital and released. Chief William Jopp of the Capitol Police, which provides security at state government buildings, said they were protected by their armored vests. Authorities said the gunman opened fire in the lobby of the courthouse, where people line up to go through metal detectors.

“He did not break the (security) perimeter,” Shavack said.

Jose Beltran, 53, an employee at the courthouse, said he heard two shots, “Boom, Boom,” as he was entering the lobby. Beltran said he heard at least three more shots as he turned around and ran.

“It happened so fast,” he said. Chick Chinski, 62, of Middletown was entering the courthouse to report for jury duty when he heard popping sounds.

“It didn’t sound like gunfire first at all,” said Chinski, adding that the shooter seemed to deliberately target the two women who were killed.

“Absolutely,” he said. “It’s right what he went after when he come in the door. That’s exactly what he did instantly.”

Chinski said that before the shooting, he shared an elevator with the gunman and others from the parking garage. The gunman was quiet and did not appear agitated, he said.

Heriot, a plaintiff in a court case that was to be heard this week, said after the two women were shot, there was an exchange of gunfire, then a lull, during which time he believes the shooter may have been putting a new clip in his gun.

“I could smell the gunpowder in the air,” Heriot said. After the shooting stopped, he knelt down beside the first woman who was shot.
In defense of Catholics and Catholicism at Notre Dame

Christopher Damian
Ideas of a University

In its recent student government endorsement, Scholastic Magazine criticized one ticket for its proposal "to instate a prayer before home football games." Scholastic insisted that such a proposal "contradicts their platform of inclusion." No doubt, furthering the inclusivity of the campus environment at Notre Dame has been a very important focus in recent years. After publishing an offensive comic strip by The Mobile Party in January 2010, The Observer issued a statement condemning the "cruel and hateful" comic printed in its pages. The comic made an offensive joke about gay men being assaulted.

Two months later, Charles Rice, Notre Dame professor of law and Observer columnist for nearly 20 years, submitted a column outlining the Catechism's teachings on homosexuality. The Observer's editor, in an email rejecting the column, expressed concerns about the column's length, as well as "some concerns with the content of the column, particularly considering The Mobile Party comic incident earlier in the semester." He suggested that, should Professor Rice choose to write on this topic, he submit it in a "point-counterpoint format ... That way each 'side,' to speak, would have the opportunity to present relevant facts, evidence and analysis to define its position." The exchange ended in the discontinuance of Professor Rice's column.

In discourse in the contemporary university, neutrality is prized as an exemplary virtue. At religious universities, neutrality often indicates a kind of ambivalence towards the university's religious mission, seeking to be inclusive to those who are not a part of the school's religious tradition. Student government candidates are criticized for advocating public prayer, and columnists are censored for promoting religious teachings. Religious acts and advocacy are deemed non-inclusive and one-sided. These publications insist that all opposing sides must be permitted to present their own facts in their own ways.

The Scholastic, The Observer and other publications and institutions reveal their own rejection of neutrality, however, in their "endorsements." This becomes quite clear in Notre Dame's annual student government elections, in which these publications allow each side to present itself and then inform campus which side it should elect. In such endorsements, we learn that no publication is in fact "neutral." Indeed, a publication's ability to write "staff editorials" comes from its lack of neutrality.

Such a lack need not be considered a bad thing. Those who would insist that opinions and beliefs be kept private insist on a country whose citizens are unable to engage each other in the public sphere on the most important matters. However, America is often celebrated as a uniquely diverse country, a country that grows through the intersection and dialogue of competing viewpoints.

We must keep in mind, however, that viewpoints are not only held by individual citizens. They are also held by institutions. A society that respects diverse viewpoints must not only be tolerant of individuals, it must also be tolerant of institutions. As social creatures, human beings desire to have beliefs that are shared and lived out in community. One test of our tolerance is our ability to cultivate and promote institutions and communities that manifest particular sets of beliefs. Indeed, all institutions and communities arise from shared beliefs.

We often discuss the marginalization of minority individuals. We don't, however, discuss intolerance within institutions. Refusing public prayer or religious teachings at a Catholic university is not a call for neutrality. It is a refusal to let an institution be what it is. Notre Dame does not have a choice between Catholicism and neutrality. There is no such thing as institutional neutrality. We have a choice between Catholicism and Agnosticism, a competing religion.

Some students choose to attend Notre Dame and then pretend to be surprised by its Catholic elements, such as theology requirements and Catholic-oriented health plans. We ought not to be fooled by their feigned ignorance, however. When students make arguments beginning with, "I didn't come to Notre Dame because it's Catholic," they aren't making arguments for neutrality. Rather, they're insisting that the University abandon its own beliefs in exchange for their own. They would replace Catholicism with themselves.

Notre Dame is both a University and a woman, and she is most worthy of protection from those who would damage her integrity. We may encourage students to cultivate their own personal beliefs, but we must allow and encourage Notre Dame to have, express, live by and promote her beliefs as well. For those of you who disagree, good luck covering 132 feet of Jesus Christ for "College GameDay."

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A culture in need of relations

Matthew Caponigro
Raising Voices

Immigration and American values

I strongly disagree with Mr. Ellis’ points (“An Argument Against Amnesty,” Feb. 5) regarding amnesty contradicting American principles. Immigration embodies American values: Respecting equality, hard work and innovation. Seeing immigrants as no more than “enemies, foreign and domestic” will only make America more exclusive, denigrating and stagnant.

Mr. Ellis argues immigrants should serve to improve only their own nation’s repressive conditions. Yet people are born into their rights, not by virtue but by accident. Repressive regimes could change due to emigration’s threat of “brain drain,” an exodus of talent, as a consequence of their actions. Democracies can only benefit from this. The world’s greatest minds migrated to America, including Albert Einstein, an instrumental figure in the development of atomic weapons, which led to America’s rise to power. We are blessed Einstein was allowed into America and wasn’t forced to remain in Nazi Germany.

It’s true Einstein was a legal immigrant. However, he may not have made it under today’s restrictive laws, which permit a quota of fewer than 700,000. The wealthy have access to the legal resources to help them navigate this convoluted system. For most, waiting realistically lasts 12-28 years. After this wait, people have lived through adulthood. It’s simply not feasible to start anew at age 49.

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The Grammys: Making a Stab at Relevancy

Let’s be honest, watching the Grammys wasn’t your top priority Sunday night. You checked Twitter every so often to hear about botched acceptance speeches. LL Cool J disses and Justin Timberlake’s hair. But you didn’t really care that much who won and lost. And you couldn’t help it: You do not respect the award show. Most people don’t. Squeezed between its more powerful Sunday-night brothers the Super Bowl and the Oscars, the Grammy Awards just do not command the attention they should.

Both writers and artists have criticized the show since the 1990s on grounds of relevancy and importance. And the major winners always seem to be a poor indication of popular taste. Though many viewers similarly find fault with the Oscars, fans and critics usually agree that the Best Picture nominees, for example, are serious. In the year’s most impressive works. The Grammys, on the other hand, always seem to get it wrong (How good can a Dixie Chicks album really be?).

The show’s centerpiece award is Album of the Year, and there is a certain kind of album that wins. It’s an ‘engineer’s album’, with conservative songwriting and impressive mixing. The band is reliable and established, though still relevant. The album is always listenable, though ends up being a numbers system is too complicated. But for most viewers, the system is too complicated. It ends up being a numbers game, as in “Frank Ocean” took home two Grammys, while “The Black Keys earned three. The specifics are too much work.

Ironically, lack of specific- ity is one of the show’s major issues. In the age of techno- logical omnipotence, the music scene is more diverse than anyone in the 1950s, when the show first aired, could possibly imagine. The Grammys reduce the music scene to too basic a field. The end result is mostly an homage to the moneymakers with a few pathetic attempts at helping the underdog.

It’s 2013, and tastes are so diverse and albums so frequently enjoyable that choosing an album of the year caters to fewer viewers than it isolates. The result is an award show that no one respects. When Taylor Swift won Album of the Year in 2010 for her album “Fearless,” the indie scene was livid. But when Arcade Fire won the same award just one year later, the larger American public was confused. There is just no getting past the naysayers.

But those are all “awards” issues. The ceremony itself is another story. Last night specifically featured an interesting crowd and a great lineup of performances. Justin Timberlake was MVP of the stage, outfitted in dapper threads. He sang and danced to his brilliant single “Suit and Tie” and another song from his new album. Frank Ocean rolled the dice performing the under-appreciated cut “Forrest Gump” from “Channel Orange.” But the performance was inspired. Anyone not in the know about Ocean and his brilliance received a healthy serving.

Other notable performers included The Black Keys, Jack White and Miguel and Wiz Khalifa. Taylor Swift started the evening with an elaborate performance most accurately described as “thematically confused.” She performed “We Are Never Ever Getting Back Together” to an array of “Alice in Wonderland” scenery and drama. No one, except maybe Swift herself, really knows why. LL Cool J’s hosting was more or less a hit, and Beyoncé, Ellen DeGeneres and Katy Perry led a lively crew of presenters. All in all, it was an entertaining evening.

So no, the Grammys aren’t writing history. The awards they bestow tend to miss the mark and viewer ship remains less than ideal. But it cannot be ignored that the Grammys are a happening scene. The show is an avenue for discovering new music and seeing great bands perform.

Anytime the rich and famous get dressed up and gather, the masses will watch. Justin Timberlake said it best on stage. “As long as I got my suit and tie...”

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This year’s Grammy Awards had more than its fair share of good ensembles, ones that simply did not work and more than usual “what were they thinking?” looks. Despite the strict dress code of the event, several female celebs managed to get around it and show some (too much?) skin.

**Chris Brown**  
The all white look was clean and striking, despite the overly-casual posture he seemed to be parked in during most of the evening.

**Carrie Underwood**  
She knocked it out of the park, both with her classy, form-fitting red carpet dress and her silver gown during her performance. Even though the simple silver dress with unique geometric bust worked on its own, the dress stole the show as moving patterns ran across it, thanks to the special-effects lighting.

**Rihanna**  
Going more conservative, Rihanna wore a long, flowing red dress, and the sheer sections in the torso of the dress added just a little bit of edge. She went for classy and chose solid colors — red for the red carpet and black for the stage. However, the white and silver striped pant/midriff top outfit from her second performance belonged in the “too casual for the Grammys” category.

**Tim McGraw**  
He sported a look absolutely no woman could resist — the timeless, stylishly-cut black jacket with a black button-down shirt. McGraw added a matching cowboy hat and left a few shirt buttons undone to mix masculine with suave.

**Kelly Rowland**  
Flirting with the line between sexy and tasteful, the geometric cut-outs in Rowland’s form-fitting black dress covered just enough to keep the look from going too far. On top of that, the mermaid-style skirt was a beautiful look on its own.

**Adele**  
Though it’s refreshing to see someone in a color besides black, the red floral pattern was over the top in a bad way — it was unflattering, frumpy and looked like a print from your grandmother’s ugly curtains.

**Jennifer Lopez**  
What might have been a simple look (an over-the-shoulder dress with a formal up-do) is completely ruined by the too-high slit, which revealed enough leg to be vulgar instead of sexy. Angelina Jolie’s sassy leg-through-the-slit look might have worked at the Oscars, but JLo’s exposed thigh does not.

**Taylorswift**  
Swift looked like something out of a Tim Burton film during her white, sparkly, ring-leader circus performance. The bottom of the dress, big-buttoned jacket and gold-striped hat could have gone either way between fabulous and failure.

**Frank Ocean**  
The outfit for his performance (a yellow suit with sweatband across his head) was certainly out there, as were the visual effects of the performance. Ocean’s red-carpet look was also strange. The navy, unbuttoned suit couldn’t seem to make up its mind between formal and casual.

**Katy Perry**  
Perry’s long-sleeved dress was a minty, sea-foam green — a shade that didn’t work with her skin tone or hair color. This look was made worse by the huge opening in the bust, which revealed “the girls.” Just because you’ve got it, Katy Perry, doesn’t mean you should flaunt all of it.

**Beyonce**  
A disappointing lack of formality after her fierce Super Bowl outfit, Beyonce’s black pants and boxy black-and-white top wouldn’t be nice enough for Sunday brunch, much less the Grammys.

**2 Chainz**  
What would have been a good look is turned into something that looks like it belongs in ComicCon, with all its bad accessories. The rapper should have lost the cape and wrestler-esque belt, unless he was going for a Batman or Dracula look.

**Kimbra**  
Kimbra looked as if she had rhinestones glued all over her body, but the look was actually just a nude dress covered in sparkles. Whether her dress was designed by a 5-year-old at craft time is another question entirely.

**Florence Welch**  
While a metallic-colored dress or large, spiky studs would have been an eye-turning look on its own, Welch seems to have come dressed as Bower, by sporting both.

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Stay calm about baseball’s arrival

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Two items blew up my Facebook newsfeed Monday. One involved something that hasn’t happened in centuries. The other was because of something that occurs yearly, and always elicits the same giddy re-action from many people.

Pitchers and catchers have started to report to spring training.

Yes, MLB’s preseason unofficially began Monday, and by next Monday, each team will have its full roster — position players and all — in either Florida or Arizona to prepare for Grapefruit and Cactus League baseball, respectively.

For some reason, baseball’s camp opening seems to be bigger than the other sports, certainly the NBA and NHL, at least. This is not extremely surprising, because MLB is more popular than both of those leagues, based on television ratings and attendance.

But even when gets more buzz than this country’s most popular

league: the NFL. Perhaps this is because NFL coverage is basically every weekend, from the compulsory draft and mini-camps filling the offseason void. Therefore, the start of training camp for football fans isn’t as big a deal. Still, it would make sense the NFL training camp would have more coverage than MLB based on its popularity. But baseball’s gets much more media attention and hype.

In particular, it seems difficult to focus on preparing for a sport to begin like baseball — famous for being played during warm summer nights on lush green fields — when the weather outside is freezing. Literally.

And yet, maybe that’s why pitchers and catchers reporting gets people as excited as it does. When you walk outside in February and see the ground covered in snow or feel the cold winter wind whipping across your face, spring can seem like it will never come, no matter what

through October, just like most sports fans, and attend some games in person this summer. But my excitement is still tempered. There’s a long way to go until the umpire can yell “play ball!” in a game that actually counts.

In no way am I saying to not be excited that spring training is about to begin, but we’re still more than a month-and-a-half away from regular-season action.

Leyland reflects on career as he prepares for season

Associated Press

Detroit manager Jim Leyland arrived at the Tigers’ training camp Monday in Lakeland, Fla., exactly 50 years after he first showed up there as a pencil-thin 18-year-old prospect.

If you were expecting sepia-tinted memories about a kid from Ohio basking in the sunshine and seeing his dream laid out in front of him, well, you don’t know Leyland. Or at least not well enough.

“I remember going over to watch the big-league guys as soon as I got there and saw the caliber of play. And shorty after that, I had a good idea I wasn’t going to make it — not as a ballplayer, anyway.”

He recalled during a telephone interview.

He was right. Leyland’s first paycheck was for $125, “and it was worth every cent,” he chuckled. He went on to become, in his own words, “a Double-A backup, flunky catcher” who never hit better than .243.

“I hung around for seven years in the minors and they [the Tigers] finally decided the rest for me. First, they made me a player-coach and then one of the fellas who was supposed to manage the rookie league team wandered off somewhere, so they said, ‘Why don’t you give it a try?’ That was 1961,” he added.

“So things worked out pretty good.”

Leyland is so understated it’s easy to get the impression that his career and all that success — almost 1,700 wins, three manager of the year awards, a World Series title and runner-up finish in 2012 — were little more than a string of happy accidents. In truth, for most of his career, Leyland was rarely in the right place at the right time long enough for lightning to strike.

He spent his first 11 seasons managing in five different towns at different levels of the minors, occasionally stuck with teams so bad that a half-dozen errors and 10 walks per game were routine. He endured eating in truck stops and being stranded on two-lane highways alongside buses with flat tires at 4 o’clock in the morning. When Leyland finally made it to the major leagues in 1982, with an assist from close pal and then-White Sox managing Tony La Russa, it was as a third-base coach.

“It didn’t take long to see just how good he was, but I knew a little about that when we got him,” La Russa said.

“I managed against Jim the first time in Triple-A in 1979, and we did it a lot more than I wanted to after that. He’s got a real passion for competing,” Leyland said.

“Tigers manager Jim Leyland gestures before Game 3 of the 2012 World Series against the Giants in Detroit.
Vick takes pay cut to stay with Eagles

Philadelphia quarterback Michael Vick throws a pass in the first half of a game against the Cowboys on Nov. 11, 2012.

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Michael Vick took a significant pay cut to stay with the Philadelphia Eagles and compete for a starting job.

The four-time Pro Bowl quarterback agreed Monday to a restructured three-year contract with the Eagles, just two seasons after signing a $100 million extension that included $35.5 million in guaranteed money. The new deal is essentially for one-year, however.

A source familiar with the contract said Vick could earn up to $10 million in 2013 if he meets all his performance incentives, and the team will line itemize the remaining two years on March 15. That person spoke on condition of anonymity because the terms haven’t been released.

Vick was slated to earn about $16 million next season, including a $3 million roster bonus. He lost his starting job to rookie Nick Foles last season, but new coach Chip Kelly will give him a chance to win it back.

“I am grateful and proud to be a Philadelphia Eagle,” Vick wrote on Twitter. “My heart is in Philly and this community is important to me.”

Vick had a breakout year in 2010, leading the Eagles to the NFC East title, winning The Associated Press Comeback Player of the Year award and starting in the Pro Bowl. But he’s battled injuries and inconsistency the last two years.

“What I look at is skillset first and foremost,” Kelly said.

“What he can do, how he can throw the football, how he can beat people with his feet. There are a lot of different factors he has. And you have to look at the landscape for other quarterbacks. I guess the best way I can put this is I agree there is a change of scenery going on here. For Michael Vick, there is a change of scenery, but not a change of address.”

Since the Eagles hired Kelly to replace Andy Reid, there’s been plenty of speculation about which quarterback will run his aggressive, up-tempo offense.

Though Kelly has been effusive in his praise for Foles, the slow-footed, pocket-passer isn’t an ideal fit for a zone-read offense. Kelly, though, said he will cater his offense around his players’ strengths. After all, he’s known for being an offensive innovator who had tremendous success at Oregon.

“I don’t think what we do offensively can be said in one or two words that we’re either this or we’re this,” Kelly said.

“We’re an equal-opportunity scoring operation. Whether we run the ball over the goal line or throw the ball over the middle, it’s how we do the football.”

“There have been games we’ve had to throw it in our league 50 times and there are games we have to run it 50 times. We’re in for the long haul. There is a skill set that Nick has that really excites me about him. I think we’ve got an older quarterback in Michael who is 32 now, and have a younger guy in Nick who is going into his second year, and I think it’s the ideal situation for us moving forward this season.”

Kelly didn’t rule out a trade, however.

“I don’t rule anything out, I don’t rule anything in,” he said. “But I know moving forward we, as an organization, had to make a decision on what to do with Michael, and I want Michael to be part of this team.”

Big Ten disapproves of recruiting changes

Associated Press

Big Ten athletic directors and football coaches say they have reservations about loosened NCAA recruiting rules that would allow unlimited contact between recruiters and high school players.

The NCAA Board of Directors in January approved rulebook revisions that, among other things, remove limits on the number of phone calls and text messages to prospective recruits. The eased restrictions are set to begin July 1.

During their regularly scheduled meeting in Park Ridge, Ill., on Monday, athletic directors and coaches issued a statement expressing “serious concerns whether these proposals, as currently written, are in the best interest of high school student-athletes, their families and their coaches.” The ADs and coaches also said they “are also concerned about the adverse effect they would have on college coaches, administrators and university resources.”

Ohio State coach Urban Meyer, who put together one of the nation’s top-ranked recruiting classes this year, called the looming changes “bad stuff.”

Nebraska coach Bo Pelini said he’s spoken with high school coaches who are worried that their players will be overwhelmed with phone calls, texts and mailings.

“I think it’s going down the wrong road,” Pelini said.

NCAA president Mark Emmert in August 2011 urged the governing body of college sports to pare down its massive rulebook to eliminate rules on relatively minor issues such as phone calls.

A group of college presidents sent 26 proposed rule changes to the board, which approved 25 of them during the NCAA convention. Five of the rules affect recruiting.

The Big Ten athletic directors and coaches said they were concerned that the July 1 start date wouldn’t allow the football Recruiting Subcommittee of the NCAA Leadership Council to “thoughtfully consider the impact of the proposals.”

The statement said the ADs and coaches are specifically concerned with three of the changes.

The first would allow schools to hire additional staff, beyond the allowable 10 full-time coaches, that would focus solely on recruiting.

The second would deregulate phone calls and text messages, allowing college coaches to contact a prospect an unlimited number of times beginning July 1 after the prospect’s sophomore year of high school.

The third would allow schools to send an unlimited number of mailings to prospective recruits.

The Big Ten athletic directors and coaches did not raise concerns with the removal of restrictions to allow coaches to recruit off campus at one time or the elimination of required materials a school must send to recruits, such as lists of banned drugs and the school’s Academic Progress Rate data.

Meyer said the people who came up with the idea to deregulate recruiting probably had never gone through the recruiting process as an athlete.

“I’m not a big fan of deregulation,” Meyer said. “I’m a big fan of firm, harsh penalties for people who, you know, are not saying, ‘Just go — we can’t follow all this stuff, so have at it.’”

“I don’t agree with that at all,” Pelini said.

The NCAA rules makers need to meet with football coaches and administrators to develop a good understanding of the challenges in recruiting.

Pelini said the easing of the rules will cause recruited athletes to spend less time concentrating on their schoolwork and developing as an athlete and person.

“The more time a kid is spending on the phone texting and on the telephone and doing all the other things that are taking away from that is the kids years of high school.”

Pelini said he would grudgingly change the way Nebraska recruits if the rule changes are implemented July 1.

“You’re going to have to change some things in your staff and how you go about doing your job, but you’ve got the best opportunity to keep up with the Joneses,” Pelini said.

“Believe me, we’ll do what’s necessary to put together the best classes we possibly can.”
Colorado State breaks into top 25

**Associated Press**

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“I think right now all of us are really excited,” Smith said, noting that transfers Daniel Bejarano (University of Arizona) and Colton Iverson (University of Minnesota) “are the only two guys who have played on a ranked team. They know how to handle it.”

“But I think all of us that have been around here for a while are really just happy that we’re finally being recognized as being one of the best teams in the nation. We’ve just got to go out and keep playing like it, starting Wednesday.”

By the way, Miami, the object of the Rams’ early morning curiosity, rose to No. 3 in the rankings, behind only No. 1 Indiana and No. 2 Duke after a succession of impressive wins and losses by highly ranked teams.

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Colorado State coach Larry Eustachy high fives fans as he exits the court Feb. 2. The 65-46 win over Wyoming locked the Rams into the top 25 for the first time since 1954.

The Associated Press

The buzz in the Colorado State locker room was all about the basketball polls Monday — and that was even before the Rams learned they had cracked the rankings for the first time since 1954.

“We were all kind of wondering if Miami was going to jump up to No. 1 after all those upsets,” Rams senior forward Greg Smith said.

“That was more of the discussion in the locker room. It wasn’t really about us.”

After the two-hour practice ended at 9 a.m., an exhausted Smith grabbed some breakfast and hit the books.

“Then my Twitter started blowing up. Everybody was saying, ‘We’re ranked! We’re ranked!’” Smith said. “People sent me links. That’s how I found out. Then, my teammates starting calling me.”

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Blue Jackets pull off upset against Sharks

**Associated Press**

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Brandon Dubinsky had a goal and an assist and the Columbus Blue Jackets had their biggest offensive assault of the season against the NHL's stingiest defense in a 6-2 victory over the San Jose Sharks on Monday night.

James Wisniewski and Nikita Nikitin added goals, Cody Goloubef picked up his first NHL goal and Vinny Prospal and Mark Letestu tied a franchise record by scoring 8 seconds apart in the third period. Columbus scored 43 seconds into the game — the teams scored 3 goals in 8 seconds — before that goal could be annulled.

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The Sharks did not play like a team that flew into Columbus on Saturday and had only played one game in the last six days. The Blue Jackets had played four games in that same span and were in action for the second night in a row.

San Jose came in allowing an NHL-low 1.82 goals per game. Columbus was next-to-last in the 30-team league scoring just 1.92 goals a game. The Blue Jackets completed a franchise record-tying six-game homestand with a record of 2-3-1. In one of the wildest periods of the season — the teams scored three goals in 84 seconds — the Blue Jackets expanded a one-goal lead in the second.

They stacked up three power plays, including 36 seconds of 5 on 3. After that expired, they made it 2-0 with the man advantage when R.J. Umberger fought off Brad Stuart in the right corner to muck out the puck. Derick Brassard ended up with it, skating along the goal line toward the cage, drawing goalie Thomas Greiss. But Brassard slid a quick pass to Wisniewski for a one-timer at the left hash to make it 2-0.

Just over a minute later, it was 3-0. Goloubef, playing in his fifth career NHL game, sat in the right point while Derek MacKenzie carried the puck along the back boards and slid the puck from the left corner across the ice to him. He waited for the pass and then rocketed a slap shot, with Foligno and Derek Dorsett providing traffic in front of the net.

The 23-year-old defenseman had four goals in 21 games at AHL Springfield this season. Before that goal could be announced, San Jose's Marleau pulled up at the top of the left circle and hit a hard shot that Wisniewski couldn't block and Mason couldn't stop. It was Marleau's 10th goal of the season — but first point in six games — and came just 13 seconds after Goloubef's goal. Seconds later, the puck leaked through a scrum in front of the net and Mason had to dive to cover it as it slid across the goal line. Not long after that, Foligno carried the puck from end to end past several Sharks for a one-on-one chance that Greiss was able to stop.

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After the break, the Blue Jackets were at it again. Just 21 seconds into the third Calvert slid a pass behind the goal cage to the onrushing Nikitin, who put his blade on the ice and almost pushed the puck through Greiss for his first of the year.

Dubinsky, who hadn't scored a goal since April 5, 2012, at New York, turned his head for the New York Ranger, had a big first 20 minutes. Dubinsky came to Columbus in the blockbuster deal that sent Rick Nash to the Rangers last season.
Tennis

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let some things go.”

The match against Kentucky represents Notre Dame’s fifth match against a top-40 oppo-

ten this spring. The Irish are currently 1-3 in these matches, but have four more matches against top-25 opponents, in-

ccluding Kentucky, in the next month to improve their record against top competition.

“You’d think that playing strong teams makes you stronger because you are forced to meet the competitive level that you’ll see and generally that’s the truth,” Bayliss said.

“But I think there’s a limit — everyone has a limit — and you don’t want too many losses because your confidence begins to suffer.

We need to beat somebody at this level soon and hopefully it can come relatively quickly.

The Irish will face off against the Wildcats today at 1 p.m. in Lexington, Ky.

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Points

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rebounds, her 13th double-
double of the season.

Achonwa showed no mercy in the paint — with five min-
utes to go in the first half, she collided with Louisville sopho-

more guard Briah Smith, who was Louisville’s top scorer with 18 points. The impact sent both players crashing to the floor, and Achonwa at-
	tended the postpone press conference with at least three separate bags of ice.

“We don’t call fouls in prac-
tice,” Achonwa said when asked about her willingness to play such a physical style.

“It’s similar to the game tod-

day. Even in the foul shots — I

think we quadrupled them in how many we took. I think it’s just from being aggressive.”

Diggins scored 21 points on the evening and added seven assists in the 93-point outburst.

“It’s easy to see how

her head assuredly. Twenty sec-

onds later, Diggins converted a steal into a layup and forced the first timeout of the game.

The confident look from Irish coach Muffet McGraw as the

starters headed to the bench

said it all. Diggins had brought her “A” game. Her tournament-

caliber game. As the senior

leader goes, so too go the Irish.

The team’s focus from the first whistle signaled a long night for

Louisville.

It wasn’t a one-woman show,

however. With 5:38 to play in the first half, Irish junior guard

Kayla McBride fouled Smith, sending her crashing to the floor. Although Smith left the
game briefly, nothing about the play was dirty. McBride went for the ball, and McGraw even
thought she had made a clean block. Nonetheless, it sent a message. It was a nationally tele-

vised game against a ranked opponent. Notre Dame was not going to concede anything easy.

Even if the Irish win, it’s in the action. One minute after

McBride’s hard foul, guard

Jewell Loyd found herself with

the ball in its final possession, ahead of all but one Cardinal defensive.

Rather than force a shot, she

fired an accurate cross-court pass to her classmate Michaela Breyer, who drained a 20-foot

jump. Breyer’s shot forced another Louisville timeout and drew an approving high-five from the captain Diggins. The intensity was infectious.

The Irish next face off against the Blue Devils from Duke and a challenging Florida State team next Friday. Against Washington at noon in Sand.

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Diggins

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Buntin said she also learned to be a fighter from Gumpf. In 2010, Gumpf’s 4-year-old daughter Tatum was diag-

nosed with leukemia. Buntin said Gumpf “never stopped fighting through the whole process.”

“She never gave up faith,” Buntin said. “She stayed pos-

tive, she believed in that positive. She was the one that made it happen.”

But the journey was nowhere near over.

“She was a fighter.”

Now, at 26, she’s had a year off from the game and Buntin hopes to return to it full-time.

“Everybody’s lives have been changed because of Gumpf’s influence on the mental, physical and spiritual aspects of each of her play-
sers. Buntin believes this will be the best season in her four years on the Irish squad.

“We have everything we need to take this program where it’s never gone before,” Gumpf said. “I’ve seen it ev-
every day in practice. Now it’s just a matter of executing it on the field.”

The Irish next take the field Friday against Washington at noon in San Diego.

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The Irish gather at the end of a game against Rutgers on May 10. Irish coach Deanna Gumpf is guiding the Irish this season for the 12th year.

By KATIE HEIT

Sports Writer

Entering her 12th sea-

son with the Irish, Deanna Gumpf continues to assert her dominance as one of the top coaches in college sports.

Senior catcher Amy Buntin said playing under Gumpf’s tutelage is a unique opportu-

nity she and her teammates are privileged to experience.

“Playing under Coach Gumpf is a great opportu-

nity not many players are lucky enough to experience,” Buntin said. “She has greatly
gained not only my develop-

ment as a player but also as a person. It is easy to see how much Coach Gumpf cares about her players.”

Gumpf has led the Irish (2-2) to 11 straight trips to the NCAA Tournament and has claimed four Big East Tournament titles. A native of La Palma, Calif., Gumpf played college softball at Nebraska and graduated with a degree in business man-
agement.

After graduation, she pursued a career in busi-

ness before returning to the sport. For two years, Gumpf coached at Long Beach State before a position opened at Notre Dame.

Since she joined the Irish, the Notre Dame coaching staff has received various honors, including the NFCA Mideast Region Coaching Staff of the Year award twice and the Big East Coaching Staff of the Year award in 2002, 2004 and 2011.

Buntin said Gumpf makes sure she shapes her players’ mental as well as their physical ability.

“Sure we do drills and drills and drills, but we also take time to assess our men-

tal game which plays an im-
portant role in our sport,” Buntin said.

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ND SOFTBALL

Gumpf continues to lead Irish in 12th season

The Irish next face

off against

the Wildcats today at 1 p.m. in

Lexington, Ky.

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The Irish next face Marquette in Milwaukee, on Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

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Celebrities Born on this Day: Taylor Lautner, 21; Damian Lewis, 42; Jennifer Aniston, 44; Sheryl Crow, 51.

Happy Birthday: Don’t necessarily embrace whatever you need to do and you will find solutions. Be sensible. Sometimes, it’s more important to see what someone else prefers, or to be able to talk. Don’t limit your possibilities when incorporating the solutions you have gained from the conversations you’ve had. Your numbers are 2, 11, 26, 3, 4, 5. 

Aries (March 21-April 19): Cutting corners will not turn out well. Pay attention to detail and go the extra mile. It’s better to be considered an overachiever, especially if you want to make an impression. Someone who influences your income is on fire.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): If you want something, ask for it! Taurus will be granted and can make your life easier. New acquaintances will lead to interesting groups and partners that will allow you to pick up new skills. Explore diverse ways of using your talents.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Taking on the impossible will make you look back. You may want to follow a creative path, but make sure it is also practical for what counts. Too much of anything will slow you down.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Added responsibilities can be expected if you are in either a business or personal partnership. Keep tabs on expenditures and contracts that are coming up for renewal. You can lower your overhead if you are diligent in your dealings.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Conflicts are best dealt with quickly. Size up your situation and make your move before someone takes advantage of you. Talk must be kept cordial or nothing will be resolved. Back away from anyone showing a temper instead of reason.

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Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Revisit past problems and experiences and you will know how to deal with someone who is being impulsive or erratic. Too much of anything will slow you down. Back away from anyone showing a temper instead of reason.

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Irish deny Cardinals’ upset attempt

By VICKY JACOBSEN
Sports Writer

For much of the first half of Notre Dame’s 93-64 win over Louisville on Monday night, the Cardinals were the pesky opponents who wouldn’t go away. They trailed 18-7 after six minutes, were behind by 15 with four minutes left in the first period and entered halftime with a 10-point deficit. But each time the No. 10 Cardinals (20-5, 8-3 Big East) cut the lead to single digits, the Irish might not have been thinking about the Louisville men, who showed what can happen when a team fails to put their winning streak to seven games. Achonwa finished the second half of their lineup. It’s very good at the top three singles slots will also be a very aggressive team,” Bayliss said. “They’re very good at the top half of their lineup. They’ve got some new players in the bottom half with whom I’m not as familiar, but those top three guys bring a lot of firepower and they’ll play very aggressively.”

While the Irish must match the Wildcats at the top half of the singles lineup, the last three singles slots will also be critical to Notre Dame’s success. Irish junior Billy Pecor and sophomore Wyatt McCoy occupy the No. 4 and 5 spots, respectively, and have been inconsistent so far this spring season, Bayliss said.

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Irish hit the road to face No. 7 Kentucky

Bayliss hopes to rebound from last year’s close loss to Wildcats

By PETER STEINER
Sports Writer

Exactly one year ago, Notre Dame played in possibly its most exciting match of the 2012 spring season, losing a 4-3 thriller to then-No. 6 Kentucky at the Eck Pavilion. This year, the No. 29 Irish (5-3) will attempt to finish on the winning side against another top-10 Wildcats squad, but will have to do so in Lexington, Ky.

“We played one of our best matches last year against Kentucky in a 4-3 loss,” Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. “Hopefully we’ll be able to find that same level.”

To take down No. 7 Kentucky (6-1), Notre Dame will need to compete with the strong top half of Kentucky’s singles lineup, which includes two top-100 singles players.

“(Kentucky) has a pretty aggressive team,” Bayliss said. “They’re very good at the top half of their lineup. They’ve got some new players in the bottom half with whom I’m not as familiar, but those top three guys bring a lot of firepower and they’ll play very aggressively.”

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Irish women’s basketball

ND 93, LOUISVILLE 64

Achonwa leads squad with 22 points, 12 rebounds

Junior forward Natalie Achonwa goes up for a shot during a game against Louisville on Monday night in the Purcell Pavilion. The Irish beat the Cardinals 93-64.
For the first time in nearly 600 years, the Pope will step down from the head of the Catholic Church.

Pope Benedict XVI, leader in the Vatican since April 2005, announced he would step down at the end of February in a statement to the College of Cardinals on Monday. He delivered the announcement in Latin to a Hall gathering of cardinals at the Vatican on Monday morning.

"After having repeatedly examined my conscience before God, I have come to the certainty that my strengths, due to an advanced age, are no longer suited to an adequate exercise of the Petrine ministry." Pope Benedict said. "In order to govern the baron of Saint Peter and the whole of the church, both strength of mind and body are necessary, strength which in the last few months, has deteriorated to such an extent that I have had to recognize my incapacity to adequately fulfill the ministry entrusted to me. For this reason and because of the serious nature of this act, with full freedom I declare that I renounce the ministry of Bishop of Rome, Successor of Saint Peter."

Pope Benedict's resignation will take effect at 8 p.m. Central European Time on Feb. 28, at which point the College of Cardinals will assemble in conclave to begin selecting the next Pontiff.

University President Fr. John Jenkins released a statement Monday evening expressing deep gratitude for Benedict's leadership.

"As surprising as today's announcement is, it is apparent that Pope Benedict has made a decision that is motivated by his deep love for the Church," Father Jenkins said. "He has been a dedicated pastor to Catholics worldwide for the past eight years — and even before as a cardinal, bishop and priest. As a former university professor, he is a serious intellectual with an understanding of education and appreciation for the life of the mind, and that has been important to all of us in Catholic higher education. As the College of Cardinals considers a successor to Pope Benedict, I pray God will guide their deliberations."

Jenkins met the pope on Feb. 1, 2006, following a general audience in the Vatican's Paul VI Auditorium, the release stated. At the time, Pope Benedict called Notre Dame "a great Catholic university." Nearly 50 Notre Dame Trustees, officers and their spouses were present at the papal audience, according to the release.

Jenkins also attended an address by the pope in April 2008, when Benedict addressed more than 300 Catholic education leaders at the Catholic University of America in Washington D.C. The release recalled Jenkins' statements from that visit.

"It was a warm and gracious address that emphasized the value of Catholic education," Jenkins said at the time. "It was a very positive experience. There was an expression of gratitude and appreciation for everyone in the room involved in Catholic education. He spoke of education as being central to the life of the Church, and, of course, that is what Notre Dame is all about. It was a great affirmation of our central mission."

In the 1960s, University President Emeritus Fr. Theodore Hesburgh offered faculty members permission to then Fr. Joseph Ratzinger, who was a German theologian before his election to the papacy, the release stated.

"I was searching around the world for an up-and-coming theologian," Hesburgh said in an interview with the South Bend Tribune soon after Cardinal Ratzinger was elected pope. He wrote a letter of invitation to the young cleric, inviting him to join the faculty for a year or permanently, the release stated.

"He wrote back, 'I'd love to come, but I don't think my English is good enough yet,'" Hesburgh said.

University President Fr. Edward "Monk" Malloy said he did not know Benedict well, but he wished the departing Pontiff well nonetheless.

"He was generous in his service of the Church as Pope and before," Malloy said. "I wish him well in his transition time. My hope and prayer is that the cardinals will survey well the needs of the worldwide Catholic Church and, in light of that, choose a worthy successor."

Bishop Kevin Rhoades, of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, fondly recalled meeting Pope Benedict and expressed his prayers for the future of the Church in his statement.

"It was just one year ago, on February 9, 2012, that Bishop D'Arcy, I, and the other bishops of Indiana met with Pope Benedict during our ad limina visit to Rome," he said. "I recall with joy and gratitude that meeting and the warmth and kindness of our Holy Father. His words to us were words of brotherly love. I was moved by the Pope's evident wisdom and holiness. I invite all the faithful also to pray for the Cardinals as they meet to choose a new leader to govern in the Church."

"The gates have opened and the Holy Spirit we can be assured of will direct the conclave to select a new leader for the Church in Rome," he said. "It's a decision that was off limits for the last few months, has deteriorated to such an extent that I have had to recognize my incapacity to adequately fulfill the ministry entrusted to me. For this reason and because of the serious nature of this act, with full freedom I declare that I renounce the ministry of Bishop of Rome, Successor of Saint Peter."
**Students abroad in Rome react to historic moment**

By SAM STRYKER
Assistant Managing Editor

Pope Benedict XVI’s announcement Monday that he will resign at the end of the month sent shockwaves around the world. But for some Notre Dame students studying in Rome this semester, the news hit especially close to their home away from the home.

Juniors Kelsie Corrision and Eliza Nagle are studying at John Cabot University in Rome with 25 other Notre Dame students this semester, just a 15-minute walk away from the Vatican.

Corrision said she was in her apartment and learned of the pope’s resignation on the Internet around noon local time. She said Notre Dame students were “incredulous” upon hearing the news.

“We were all really surprised, I would say,” she said. “We didn’t really know what it meant or why he was resigning. It seemed kind of out of the blue.”

Nagle said while the city seems “excited” at the news, she hasn’t “felt the same.” She said she hadn’t heard of the possibility about a pope retiring if there were physical incapacities or something along those lines.

Incandela added that for people who have been watching the Pope closely, they seem to have slowed down within the past year or so.

“I looked around online about the resignation and then when Pope John Paul II died, he was 84, so he was actually younger than Benedict XVI is now,” Incandela said. “Now clearly he is in better health.”

Nagle said that despite the possible resignation, “we were all really surprised, even people that earn their living as Vatican watchers, and I would say not surprised, even people that earn their living as Vatican watchers, everyone was really surprised, even people that earn their living as Vatican watchers.”

“I think this is a special time for the Church … to thank the pope for his service to the Church and celebrate it,” he said. “It’s kind of interesting — when a new pope comes into office, we’re not that old anymore because of cause we get hold on to Benedict XVI.”

“We’re not mourning, we’re celebrating,” Nagle said. “Benedict XVI has so much more to offer.”

Younger said he believes the coming weeks will prove to be an “exciting time” for those Notre Dame students studying in Rome.

“I can only imagine the excitement that would feel and experience being there when a new pope is elected and watching for black or white smoke during the elections,” he said. “It truly is a wonderful time to be a part of the Vatican program.”

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**Professor credits Pope’s decision**

By JILLIAN BARWICK
Saint Mary’s Editor

Joseph Incandela, associate dean of faculty and the Hank Aguius Chair in Catholic theology, said he shared many Catholics’ surprise at the pope’s resignation announcement, but that in some ways, it was not completely unexpected.

“I think there was surprise, even people that earn their living as Vatican watchers, and who wouldn’t be surprised if something like this doesn’t happen,” Incandela said.

After the initial reaction, there are some traces where this was forecast, as making it less surprising. (Pope Benedict XVI talked about this in a 2010 book that he wrote, but not much in relation to himself, but he sort of floated the possibility about a pope retiring if there were physical incapacities or something along those lines.)

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Nagle said that the unique circumstance of the pope resigning — the last time a pope resigned from office was nearly 600 years ago — allows for a celebration of his achievements in the Church while he is still alive.

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**The Life of Pope Benedict XVI**

**APRIL 16, 1927**

Joseph Ratzinger is born in Marktl Inn, Bavaria.

**1951**

Ordained into the priesthood by Cardinal Faulhaber of Munich

**1952-65**

Participates in all four sessions of the Second Vatican Council as theological adviser

**1967**

Named Archbishop of Munich and Freising; named Cardinal of Munich by Pope Paul VI

**2002**

Elected dean of the College of Cardinals.

**APRIL 19, 2005**

Elected the 265th pope, name Benedict XVI

This is completely new ground for anyone that is alive today. What usually happens is that a pope dies before the College of Cardinals can elect a new pope for the funeral. This makes the In-between period after the death and before the election relatively short.”

Incandela said, “The Cardinals go to Rome for the funeral and then remain until the new pope is elected. It is fairly complicated. Usually when a pope is near death, people are not talking about the next conclave, it’s just unease.

“At this time, make a new situation for anyone alive today, there is a sentence in the Code of Canon which states that a pope must resign his office freely.

“They want to avoid any sense of coercion into retirement for a pope. So that’s why in his statement he really went out of his way to make sure that came across,” Incandela said.

“This is happening. Beyond that, there’s no pope to retire to. While there will be no new pope until the conclave concludes, the Dean of the College of Cardinals is still holding a position, even among equals during this time, Incandela said.

“The Dean of the College of Cardinals is basically the person that runs the Church between now and the election of the new pope. In 2005, that person was Joseph Ratzinger, which is kind of an odd coincidence considering he’s the one who had to resign after holding that position,” Incandela said.

“Technically the dean is the first among equals, but the Church can’t do anything now without a pope. It’s just really a matter of running the day-to-day bureaucracy of the place.”

As for what Benedict will do once he has left office, Incandela can only speculate.

“I’ve read in a few places that he is going into a doctorate monastery within the Vatican to live with birds. But wherever he ends up, I expect he will keep an extreme low profile,” Incandela said. “Benedict XVI has always been a scholar, writing several books during his papacy, so I imagine he will remain a scholar after he leaves office. But then again, who knows.”

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Announces he will step down from the papacy on February 28.