‘Habemus Papam’

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

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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 old Bergoglio reflected a series of history-making decisions by old Bergoglio, who flew to Rome in tourist class, reportedly had envos urge Argentines not to come to Rome to celebrate his papacy, but instead donate money to the poor.

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Daniel, 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.

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 envos urge Argentines not to come to Rome to celebrate his papacy, but instead donate money to the poor.

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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
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“There has never been a Francis,” Noble said. “The message here is that this is a man of the people, a humble pastoral pope, but does this accord with the new evangelization?”

New evangelization focuses on “re-proposing” the Gospel to those … who have experienced a crisis of faith,” according to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website. History professor R. Scott Appleby said Bergoglio’s choice of name might indicate his intention to focus on this new evangelization.

“Pope Francis is an interesting choice of name with two possible implications: Francis [of] Assisi, who embraced holy poverty, strictly imitated the life of Christ and helped renew the face of the Church, and Francis Xavier, a Jesuit like Bergoglio, who was the great missionary to Asia,” Appleby said. “This might signal Pope Francis’s enthusiasm for the … new evangelization, which is necessary in the Church.”

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 one who lives off campus.

University receives award for service

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.

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DeBartolo Hall
4:00 p.m.-5:45 p.m.
“Rome: A Topographical Historical Introduction (Part I)”

Thursday
Zhen Meditation
Cohaner-Morse Center
6:15 p.m.-8:00 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.

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Women’s Lacrosse
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Irisch 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.
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. According to the El Campito website, the non-profit community-based organization was founded in 1970 to welcome the children of migrant workers to a new home. The organization provided the children with an opportunity to create a better life for themselves through education and learning. El Campito works to ensure every child in St. Joseph County has the opportunity to receive a quality early childhood education. It has various programs that involve child development, after school programs and parents as teachers. According to the Robinson Center’s website, the organization was started in 2001 as an off-campus educational initiative of the President’s Office at the University in partnership with Northeast Neighborhood of South Bend. The Center conducts various programs including Take Ten, youth and adult programs and literacy programs. The SAC will have an upcoming promotion of collecting soda can tabs to benefit the Ronald McDonald House and Riley Children’s Hospital later this year.

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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 will continue to work with the older SGA members,” she said the extra encouragement was "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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McLainvnh said OCC has addressed safety concerns for students living off campus, over the past two semesters and encourages students to 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 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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NEW YORK — Cigarettes would have to be kept out of sight in New York City stores under a first-in-the-nation plan unveiled Monday by Mayor Michael Bloomberg, 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 overreaching.

“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 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.

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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 Pope Francis 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 gives me pause that so many people outside of this country, and of every other pope I’ve heard of, have their pro and con list ready to go. It’s been said there are those who will rush to condemn Francis and others who will rush to praise him. And of course, we have to remember that not all of us have been alive to see Benedict XVI pass away.

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 had 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 before.

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
Science Potentia Est

Anyone who has watched CNN recently, read a newspaper or spent a couple of days in the United States knows 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 those in the north 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 futil 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

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 digs 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!

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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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Ironball Challenge for charity

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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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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 Dolores 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 quicker, 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

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

13 “Drunken Sailor”
Irish Rovers

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.

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 Guinnesses 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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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. Skínte!
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 undated 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**

**Expectations 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 chilli 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 coladas 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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Boise State and La Salle. LIU Brooklyn will play James Mary’s (the California version). p.m., followed by Middle when liberty tips-off against when. But it was at its best before the First Four. v-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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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. “They cleaned nine of the 11 days.”

Competing in the Cotton Cup in Mesa, Ariz., on March 9 and 10, the No. 18 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. As 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 he and his team would benefit tremendously from the increased outdoor practice time.

“We can always improve … everyone has little weakness-es 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 West, Weaver and Talla Campbell, Holt said.

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

ND WOMEN’S GOLF | CLOVER CUP, LADY JAGUAR INVITATIONAL

By MEGAN FINNERAN Sports Writer

The Irish traveled to West Lafayette, Ind., to compete in the Zone C Divi qualifying meet on Thursday and Friday. While no Notre Dame divers advanced to the finals, the weekend marked the start 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-10 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 Divi championship. Unlike swimming, in which athletes can advance based on previous times, scores from the regular season do not permit divers to participate. 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 com-petition 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 divers, 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 advanced to the finals with 248.00 points. Senior 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 101st Natatorium in Indianapolis.

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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 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 leaderboard, 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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**SPORTS**

**TEAM MEMBERS GARNER ACCOLADES AT NATIONALS**

**By COLE SCHIETINGER**

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 in 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 last year at the Alex Wilson Invitational, and I’m really excited to be able to do the same thing.”

Too, earned 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 6:20.82 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 Alex 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 NCAAs became first team All-Americans,” Giesting said. “But we had no NCAA champions this year, so that should be the goal for everybody returning next year because cause 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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**CHIANG QUALIFIES FOR NCAAS**

**By KATIE HEIT**

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, so I was worried I might not move on to 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 girls’ swimmers will do as well.”

Two other members of the Irish squad also qualified for the finals in the 1-meter dive. Sophomore Allison Casareae finished in ninth place with a score of 293.50, and senior Ashley Ambrose finished 14th with a score of 239.15.

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 Gleeson 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.

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 Chrsissie 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 (1-2), 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 Herrin, 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, 6-3.

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 Menasseo Moolman and Rachel Daniel.

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

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Irish take two of three matches in Alabama

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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 Tenteiro defeated Moore 6-4, 6-4 on court five.

Boise State junior Nathan Sereke took the match to 2-1 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 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 Vyer 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

By JOHN SANDBERG

Irish currently sit at 12-5 after a recent West Coast road trip.

Irish sophomore pitcher Pat Connaughton winds up in Notre Dame's 3-1 loss to St. John's on April 29. The lead. Slania came in and shut the game.

DODGERTOWN Classic

The Dodgers defeated from another out standing 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 Tuesday'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 1-0 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 bunts 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 Fillia'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 heading into the fifth. After Forrest Johnson hit an RBI single in the fifth inning to tie the game, UClA sophomore Eric Filia's RBI single gave the Bruins the 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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Team shines on West Coast trip

By LAURA COLETTI

Notre Dame was dominant over spring break, coming 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 ourelves 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 into extra innings and squeaked out a 2-3 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 Koemer having some div ing plays in center field," she said. "One thing we would like to see is better consistency throughout the lineup."

The Irish closed out the tournament March 16 with two more victories over Iona and Northern Illinois, winning 12-4 and 2-0, respective ly.

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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SPORTS
Irish win two games, remain undefeated

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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 out-scoring 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 challenge. “They have some good players,” Halfpenny said. “Their record is [1-8], but they are a very young team. It’s their fifth game. They’re very young 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-side, 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 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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ND recovers from loss with overtime win

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Coming off a heartbreaking 8-7 loss at home to No. 15 Hofstra, it would hardly have been surprising if the No. 3 Fighting Irish struggled against Hofstra, its next opponent, 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 Marla then clinched the victory in the second minute of overtime with his team leading 10-9.

Corrigan praised the performance of Marlaft, 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 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 inconsistencies,” 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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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 on our zone real well,” Jackson said. “I think it started with our communication on the boards. Both teams were playing really hard, the goaltenders were playing in their typical playoff hockey,” Jackson said.

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

Irish senior forward Jack Cooley said. “He’s just an incredible player.”

Rust

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Hammond won 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 forward] 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 tough game, real gritty game. We played a lot of it on the boards.”

Although the Irish hit 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 in their typical playoff hockey,” Jackson said.

Irish junior forward Stephen Johns

the game but never led against the Cardinals, who broke out to a 1-0 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,” Jackson said.

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 9:55 left. The Irish were within eight in the final five minutes, but Smith fired a cross-court pass to Hancock in transition, and the marksmen gouged another three right in front of the Louisville benches 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 against No. 10 Iowa State at 9:45 p.m. in Dayton, Ohio.

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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.

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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Irish senior forward Jack Cooley said. “It’s very grateful to have the opportunity to be going back to the Final Four, the Irish won in overtime to advance to their second straight national championship.

McGraw said Notre Dame takes pride in its Big East title, but the
When they visited the capital of Germany in "BURR-LIN" they were able to tour many attractions. They enjoyed the food and the architecture. They also admired the works of art that were displayed in the galleries. They concluded their visit by enjoying a concert at the Philharmonie.
**History in Hartford**

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

By MATT ROBINSON
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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 have never done — win the Big East tournament.

In its last shot to sweep the Big East regular season and postseason 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 one of the most memorable moments of the game. 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 17 points from junior guard Kayla McBride. She became the first player.at Notre Dame to go for 20 points, 20 rebounds and a triple-double in a game.

In the semifinals, Notre Dame cruised past the Cardinals to win 83-59 behind 17 points from junior guard Layla McPike and six assists from 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 seeing McBride PAGE 18

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.

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**Irish fall in semifinals**

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 bad 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 of it,” Diggins said. “As soon as I saw my man leak out that was the safety, I was just dipping to the basket.”

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**Squad sweeps Bowling Green**

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 semi-final 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
Students abroad witness papal election

By ANN MARIE JAKUBOWSKI

The eyes of the world turned to the Vatican to watch the white smoke signal witnessed 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 traver-tine curbs,” Leicht said. “We finally made it and knocked over one of the crowds, opening up access.”

“They were confident and the focus of everything he said was prayer. "The entire congregation 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 and second floor of St. Peter’s. … [Finally], the crowd erupted in cheers of ‘Francesco, Viva Francesco.’

Mari 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 Paolo, 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 bene-diction, 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 “indescribable.”

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Social media outlets spread word of new pope

By MEGHAN THOMASSEN
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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 up to date on the conclave. Junior Austin Lagonarismo 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 St. Peter’s Square gets out of hand, no more night-popes for a while.”

Social media outlets such as Twitter gained a reputation they did not exist when Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI was elected in 2005. But since the conclave began Tuesday, thousands of mobile devices tethered 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, valued more than $300.

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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.

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Students in Rome celebrate Francis

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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 Osmsnki 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 12. 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 and after 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. Osmsnki said, “I felt like 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,” Osmsnki 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 Catholic women. Saint Mary’s gave me the opportunity to be here for this experience and I could not be more thankful.”

Osmsnki said when the smoke appeared around 8 p.m. local time, everyone in the crowd cheered. “It’s white. It’s white.”

“We were all looking forward when we saw the white smoke,” Osmsnki said. “We wanted to be as close as we could to the balcony so we could see the new pope emerge.”

Charter said the smoke 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.”

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

“Around us people were yelling ‘Argentina. Argentina.,” Osmsnki said. “‘We made the connection and were more than happy our new pope is non-European.”

Wilbraham 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,” Osmsnki said. “This is important and sculpt a more inclusive community. Catholic riots run deeper than Europe and I truly believe this will benefit the Church in the greatest way possible.”

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

“We 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 history in the Church — and for that I am very thankful.”

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The crowd at 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.