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"University teachers should seek to improve their competence and endeavour to set the content, objectives, methods, and results of research in an individual discipline within the framework of a coherent world vision," Ven. Pope John Paul II wrote in his 1990 apostolic constitution on Catholic universities, Ex Corde Ecclesiae. *"Christians among the teachers are called to be witnesses and educators of authentic Christian life, which evidences attained integration between faith and life, and between professional competence and Christian wisdom. All teachers are to be inspired by academic ideals and by the principles of an authentically human life."*

Recognizing the important role professors can play not only as instructors but also as mentors and models, the Rover *staff presents the following recommendations for the 2013 fall semester.*

Applied and Computational Mathematics and Statistics:

Professor **Huy Huynh**'s Probability course is everything an applied math major could ask for. Huy makes it clear that he cares about his students' understanding of the material, frequently checking to make sure he's moving at an appropriate pace, and he builds up a foundation of probability skills starting from the basics that prepare you well for his tests. Huy is also very accessible and kind, and he makes class fun and engaging.

Art History:

For upper-level art history and history buffs, pilgrims at heart and those yearning to experience the authentic environment of the objects and legends they study, check out the course Road to Santiago de Compostela. Cross-listed as an art history and history course, art history professor **Danielle Joyner** and history professor **Julia Constable** will teach the art historical context of the relics of St. James and the history of the medieval pilgrimage in Spain. Because the pilgrimage still takes place today, the class will journey to Spain to walk the sacred route over fall break.

Biology:

Professor **Michael Pfrender** makes the Evolution course—what could be a dreary meander through the history of life—into an engaging discussion of the mechanisms behind the evolution of life. He's very approachable, gives extra credit opportunities, and his tests are doable if you study his lectures well. He is also very accommodating to pre-med students who need to miss class for interviews, and he frequently finishes early on Fridays—what more could you ask for?

Shaun Lee's medical microbiology class is a great class for biology majors and is cross-listed as a poverty studies course. You will learn about the basic principles of disease causing microbial pathogens. . . but enjoy doing so. Lee is described by one *Rover* staffer who has taken this class as a "man among men." He is very relatable, has passion for the subject and is invested in making it understandable for students by suggesting interesting and creative ways of grasping the material.

Chemistry:

Professor **James Parise** is a fantastic Organic Chemistry I and II professor. The course material is challenging, but it is clear that he does all that he can to make his lectures, office hours, help sessions and practice problems as helpful as they can be in preparing his students for exams. He's also very approachable if you make the effort to talk to him, and he punctuates his organized lectures with "punny" jokes periodically.

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Chesterton: Robust in body and mind

Tim Bradley
Staff Writer



The day was 29 May 1874. It was the day the current constitution of Switzerland was instituted. It was also, more importantly, the day that Gilbert Keith Chesterton came into the world. From this day until his death in 1936, Chesterton blessed the world with a seemingly endless trove of insightful and timeless literature on a multitude of topics.

Dale Ahlquist, President of the American Chesterton Society, visited Notre Dame on February 19 to give a lecture on Chesterton sponsored by the Center for Ethics and Culture. Ahlquist mentioned at this lecture that he believes he has read as much or more of Chesterton's work than any other man on the earth…and he is not even close to exhausting Chesterton's material.

Considering the sheer volume of Chesterton's work, and his proximity to the present day, the world is starting to realize how undervalued Chesterton is. He is, as Ahlquist said, the 300 pound elephant in the room that has slipped through the cracks. College students are not exposed to his work (unless a school has a class devoted solely to him, such as at Notre Dame) and therefore miss out on the ideas of a comical and profound writer.

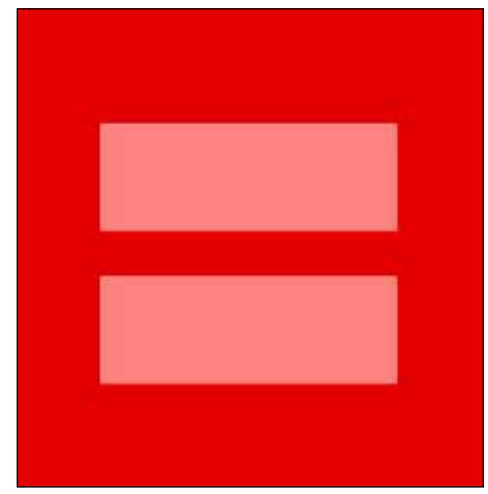
GK Chesterton was a British journalist, literary critic, novelist and Christian apologist. He was large (over 300 pounds), but the volume of his writing was even larger. Chesterton wrote on seemingly every topic in thousands of

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Equal protection under the law? Proposition 8, DOMA and beyond

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Oral arguments for two cases regarding same sex marriage began last week in the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS).

The first, *Hollingsworth* v. *Perry*, concerns California's constitutional amendment Proposition 8 (Prop 8). Prop 8 was passed in California in 2008 by 52.24 percent of the popular vote. The ballot measure defined marriage in the state constitution as the union between a man and a woman, though same sex couples already married could remain married. Previously, in 2000, voters had defined marriage similarly; however, that law was struck down by the state's Supreme Court in 2008, prompting the Prop 8 vote.

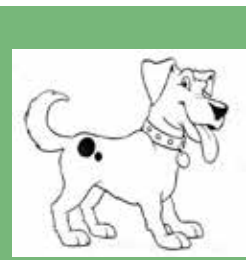
In California, individuals possess the right to civil unions, which provide many of the legal benefits and protections of marriage. The law, however, remains controversial. After being struck down by a California federal judge in 2010, the law's legality will soon be decided by SCOTUS.

Much of the debate has focused on the legal standing of the involved individuals. The California state government has refused to defend Proposition 8 in federal court, so individuals have taken it upon themselves to defend the law on behalf of the people in California. Notably, California offers some of the most comprehensive domestic partnership laws to be found in the US; a 1999 law explicitly affords the same rights, protections and benefits to domestic partners

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"We have no particular reason to suppose that a lily was intended to be beautiful. It was intended for the far nobler purpose of producing other lilies."

-GK Chesterton

"As the family goes, so goes the nation and so goes the whole world in which we live."

-Blessed Pope John Paul II

The pursuit of happiness?



Bob Burkett
Editor-in-Chief

The average Notre Dame student is an overachiever. One need only look at the admissions statistics to realize this. Though the statistics for the class of 2017 have yet to be released, a glimpse at the class of 2016 profile is the most recent indication of this fact. A record number of 16,952 applications were received for 3,900 acceptance spots—an acceptance rate of about 23 percent. In order to separate themselves from the crowd, current freshman Domers were ranked in the top two percent of their high school classes and boasted average SAT or ACT scores in the 99th percentile. Domers do not limit themselves to academic prowess, however, and are expected to become well-rounded by participating in extracurricular activities outside the classroom. Nothing is listed about the extracurricular activities for the class of 2016, but 90 percent of the class of 2015 were involved in community service and 75 percent were varsity athletes. Clearly Notre Dame believes that extreme involvement or borderline overcommitment is an important asset in succeeding here as a student. But does this give people the problematic notion that success and happiness are one and the same?

In a class on international development, I am currently learning about the human-focused side of development—understanding development success in terms of human happiness and life expectancy more so than numerical measures like GDP. One of the course readings was drawn from a book entitled *Happier* in which author Tal Ben-Shahar tackles the question of how to live a happier life. Ben-Shahar was 16 years old when he won the Israeli national squash championship, an event for which he had been training for five years. Upon winning the title, Ben-Shahar thought that he would be happy. For a short time—the night of celebrating his success and hard work with family and friends—he was. In the days and months following the championship, the expectation of eternal, lasting happiness turned to a feeling of emptiness. Ben-Shahar then made it his goal to figure out how to live a fulfilling and happy life.

After beginning his study, Ben-Shabar identified a number of different approaches to happiness that were prevalent in society. He classified them as the Nihilism, Hedonism, Rat-Race and Happiness archetypes. Each archetype is placed within a grid and is ranked according to decisions made regarding present and future well-being. The Nihilist sees no value in life at all, making decisions both against his well-being in the present and the future. Hedonists continually act for their well-being in the present without considering the future consequences of their actions. The most prevalent archetype found here at Notre Dame (and probably selected for) is the Rat-Racer, the ones who sacrifice short-term well-being for long-term well-being. Finally, there is the idealistic notion of the Happiness archetype. Happiness consists of both well-being in the present and the future and is the goal towards which every archetype is ultimately, if subconsciously, striving.

Because the average Notre Dame student fits the Rat-Race archetype, he or she is largely concerned with sacrificing present goods for future benefit. Examples would include the studious student who spends his entire school career in continuous preparation for homework and tests, striving to get the best grades possible because he is stressed and anxious about failure. Sometimes it appears as though he or she does not enjoy school or learning itself but instead perseveres through his work while looking forward to a future holiday where he or she will be free from responsibility. This pathology is a microcosm of the average week of a Notre Dame undergraduate; the weekdays are filled with classes, tests and responsibilies, whereas each weekend is generally regarded as a time of freedom from all responsibility. The main problem with the Rat-Race is that Rat-Racers take no enjoyment in the present or in the act of learning.

It takes a special type of person to continuously abstain from focusing on his present well-being. For this reason, it seems that many Domer Rat-Racers adopt a Hedonistic behavior from time to time. Dabbling in Hedonism in moderation is not necessarily a bad thing. People do it everyday when they get on Facebook, add an occasional cheeseburger into their otherwise healthy diet, or even choose to play guitar instead of studying for classes. The key, however, is that the future consequences of these activities are not ignored and that the activities are performed in moderation.

These are two characteristics that the average Notre Dame student should keep in mind on weekends when their focus shifts from future well-being to present well-being. I know that Notre Dame students deal with a lot of stress on a weekly basis and many use the weekend as the time to release all of their frustration. Perhaps this accounts for the "hookup" culture and excessive alcohol consumption that occurs at Notre Dame on weekends. Both of these actions are undertaken without concern for the long-term being of the actor(s), often leading to extreme future consequences. In the case of the weekend binge drinker who uses alcohol to relieve stress, the repetition of this behavior every weekend can develop into alcoholism. Similarly, those who have multiple sexual partners from "hooking up" can get STDs or become addicted to sex. Although Happiness means acting for one's own well-being in both the present and future, the chimerical substitution of both a future-focused Rat-Racer and present-focused Hedonist has proven inadequate.

In my time at Notre Dame, I have done my best to enjoy the present while working towards the future. Should I be upheld as a model of behavior? No, but many Notre Dame students today have a misguided notion of what happiness means and how and where to find it. Ben-Shahar makes several recommendations in implementing these behaviors in one's everyday life; prayer, meditation, and simple reflection on things that can make you happy comprise just a few things that can make people happier in their everyday lives. Ultimately, it should be understood that long-term happiness is not achieved in personal success, nor is it found in your next fudge sundae; it is a continual process which is achieved both as a mindfulness of the present and a use of the present to work for the future.

Bob Burkett is a senior anthropology and political science major who resides in Dillon Hall. He is hoping to coast through the next four weeks of school, but probably will not, considering the number of papers and presentations that are insidiously creeping up on him. To complain about senioritis or offer to do some of his homework, he can be reached at rburkett@nd.edu.

Corrections

In the March 23, 2013 issue of the *Rover*, the article titled "Grade Inflation: The students' response" contained a few factual errors. "Notre Dame Seeks to Combat Grade Inflation" was published electronically on *USA Today*'s separate website, *USA Today College*. The Office of Strategic Planning and Institutional Research (OSPIR) data cited from the *USA Today College* article and quoted in the *Rover* piece were from spring 2012. The *Rover* regrets the errors.

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Classics:

Tadeusz Mazurek teaches many courses that once encompassed much of classical education. If you are looking to get a serious liberal education, the classics department is a good place to start, and Mazurek provides a great introduction. He is an enthusiastic, energetic professor who is always willing to make time for his students. He's also got a great sense of humor.

Economics:

Professor **Eric Sims** is teaching two sections of intermediate macroeconomic theory next fall. If you're taking macro, do it with Eric Sims—a powerful role model and witness to the Catholic faith.

Consider **Kasey Buckles**' Economics of the Family. This course covers trends in the effects of women in the workplace, the gender wage gap, the effects of "the pill" and other topics regarding family practices. The information is presented from an unbiased, academic perspective and allows you to build your understanding of the marriage market, the household production function and the models of fertility.

Education, Schooling, and Society:

You will never be bored in a class with **Maria McKenna**. She is an engaging teacher, who lectures little, but rather designs her classes to be seminar style. McKenna always makes interesting connections with topics not technically included in the class and encourages students to make connections with their other classes and other areas of interest. She is a great person and a great teacher.

English:

Steve Tomasula is an accomplished writer who seeks to engage his students seriously with his art. He usually begins his Fiction Writing class with a modern look at the question, "What is art?" If you're committed to the classical tradition, don't let this turn you off. He's very open-minded, and his class can help you learn how to engage seriously with words, a skill of utmost importance for any student. You can write whatever kind of story you would like to write, but he will help you to get the most out of each sentence.

Finance:

Carl Ackermann. He is simply the man. From his hilarious antics in class to his ability to learn the name of all 600 of his students, Ackerman is the guy to take for Intro to Finance. You won't regret it. Even if you don't do well it's worth taking his class. If that's not enough, he was one of *Business Week*'s favorite professor awardees.

History:

Notre Dame students should all take a class with history professor **Gail Bederman**, who specializes in sex and sexuality. She is very open-minded and appreciates having students challenge her views. Her classes explore the background and framework within which developments such as the contraception mentality and abortion came about. It is important for Notre Dame students to learn to form, articulate and defend their views on these crucial issues, and Bederman's classes are the perfect opportunity to do this.

Mark Noll provides fascinating insights into American history. He specializes in American and Canadian history with a particular emphasis on religious and intellectual history. He never fails to present topics in a new light, even topics that we've all studied many times before in American history. His assignments are relevant and bring the past to bear on the state of our country today.

Thomas Kselman's classes provide a semester-long immersion into French society. He is my favorite teacher at Notre Dame, and I would argue one of the most effective teachers on our campus. He thoroughly engages his students through his varied assignments, dynamic lecturing and willingness to engage students. While the format for this class includes two days of lecturing and one day of discussion, Kselman is always willing to accommodate the questions of students during lecture, even when the questions shift the direction of his lecture.

Philosophy:

David Solomon specializes in ethical theory and medical ethics, though often woven into his courses are mini-lectures on the philosophy of education, the relationship between faith and reason and what it means to live a good life (all delivered with wit and eloquence). He is a serious but enjoyable professor who loves his students dearly. He is as kind as he is instructive. If you can't get into his Medical Ethics class in the fall, make sure you take Morality and Modernity with him in the spring.

Alfred Freddoso may be a Buffalo Bills fan, but don't let that stop you from enjoying his Ancient and Medieval Philosophy course. Tracing the history of wisdom-lovers from the pre-Socratics to Augustine and Aquinas (a new translation of whose *Summa* Freddoso is halfway through composing—this guy's for real), Freddoso illuminates the subject matter with amusing anecdotes and voices, and when he dons his decades-old Bills hat while impersonating good old Zeno, you know things are about to get good. He is also offering a seminar on Aquinas and Angels—a must for any fans of Thomas or angels (or both).

David O'Connor is an engaging philosophy professor who truly believes that his job is to incite his students to engage in the intellectual life. Among the most interesting personalities in the philosophy department, he serves as an excellent professor and mentor to his students. He is known to say things like, "Read Homer like it may change your life." Take his courses if you want a life-changing experience.

Political Science:

Professor **Phillip Muñoz** pushes students to think through their political convictions in his large classes that feel more like small seminars. Constitutionalism, Law and Politics, which serves as the gateway class to the new Con Studies minor, explores the nature of constitutional government through readings from Aristotle, Tocqueville and America's Founding Fathers. Next fall, he is also offering his undergraduate church-state class, Religion, the State, and American Constitutionalism, for the first time in several years. Given ND's lawsuit against the Obama administration over the HHS mandate, the class couldn't be more timely.

Mary Keys offers a course on the political themes of JRR Tolkien's works (*The Silmarillion, The Hobbit, The Lord of the Rings* trilogy and more) both as a first-year seminar and as an upper-level course. The small class size allows for in-depth discussion and genuine debate about the ethical themes faced by Tolkien's characters. The course touches on many areas, including political systems, natural law, ethics, divine providence, justice, mercy and prudence in decision-making, and professor Keys guides the discussion with grace and friendliness. Highly recommended!

Michael Zuckert's Thought and Statesmanship of Abraham Lincoln, offered as a senior seminar, is the perfect fit for students interested in the political and personal career of one of our nation's most celebrated (and recently dramatized in an award-winning film) presidents. Zuckert was recently awarded the Jack Miller Center Chairman's Lifetime Achievement Award for Academic Excellence in recognition of his outstanding teaching ability. Great teacher, fascinating subject; what more could you want?

The American Regime—seem like an oxymoron? **Patrick Deneen** leads this discussion on the nature of America's foundational constitutional order and the way of life it entails for citizens. Alexis de Tocqueville's writings figure centrally in this class, which also explores contemporary trends in mobility, education, family arrangements and religion. Don't miss this opportunity to delve into America's foundational documents with one of the most respected political scholars of the day.

James (Daniel) Philpott, perpetually popular and well-liked (just check his teacher reviews), is offering his senior seminar on the Politics of Forgiveness for political science juniors and seniors. Philpott also teaches Peace Studies and works with the Kroc Institute, so his insights into the subject are sure to engage and inform. You don't want to miss this great teacher or class.

Studio Art:

Professor **Maria Tomasula** of the art studio department teaches with the warmth and experience to transform your artistic eagerness into shining prowess. Maria, as she asks her students to affectionately call her, encourages her students to take on the challenges of craftsmanship that make the composition of their dreams a reality. Though becoming a better painter and drawer takes a great deal of practice and patience, Maria's class structure provides the positive, conversational environment to become one. Take Painting I for an intro course or Multilevel Figure Drawing to hone your sketching skills. To see her work, check out the stunningly detailed painting of Our Lady of Guadalupe in the Lady Chapel of the Basilica.

Theatre:

Yael Prizant is one of the most enthusiastic and passionate professors on Notre Dame's campus. She is a veritable encyclopedia of theatre facts, and inspires a love for the subject in her students. Take anything with her you can find.

Theology:

You will not find a more enjoyable and informative theology course next fall than **Monsignor Michael Heintz**'s Christian Traditions I. With his great sense of humor and deep knowledge of the faith, Mons. Heintz creates an amiable and relaxed atmosphere in which students feel comfortable exploring not only the course texts (which are fascinating) but broader questions of the early and modern Church as well. The course workload is relatively light, and you will never be stressed about your grade. It is a required course for all theology majors, and you'll see why: By the semester's end you'll be thinking, "*Everyone* should take this class!"

If you're looking for a first theology, consider taking **Father Terrence Erhman**, CSC, and Profs. **John Betz**, **Gabriel Reynolds**, and **Catherine Cavadini**. Fr. Erhman recently received his doctorate from the Catholic University of America. Betz has been hosting theology lunch discussions in North Dining Hall this past semester and is accesible and knowledgeable. Reynolds is the most social-media-adept theology professor in the department, and specializes in the history of Christianity and world religions, and the global Church. He allows for a deeper understanding of the Catholic faith through the examination of Muslim faith and the study of such a subject allows for a richer dialogue between the faith traditions. Cavadini knows how to keep a course intriguing (must run in the family). Theology university seminar must-takes include the most gracious **Sister Ann Astell** and darling **Robin Darling Young**.

Don't make the mistake of choosing a random second theology professor: Think ahead and take these eminent theologians. **Father Brian Daley, SJ**, recently won the Ratzinger Prize in theology and will be teaching a course called On Conversion. **Francesca Murphy**, a professor in systematics with an expertise in twentieth century theologians and aesthetic theology (think Hans Urs von Balthasar, a favorite of His Holiness Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI), is probably the best-kept secret in the department. **Gerald McKenny**, **Father Paulinus Odozor, CSSp** and **Monsignor John Meier** at both the 200-level and 400-level are also highly recommended.

The Catholic Faith is a theology course taught by **John Cavadini** that fulfills that second university requirement for theology. It utilizes both the *Catechism* and splendid primary sources, ranging from Joseph Ratzinger to St. Francis of Assisi, to plumb the depths of the most fundamental teachings of the Catholic Church, specifically exploring the central theme of God's love manifested throughout history and especially in the life, passion and death of Jesus.

David Fagerberg will once again be offering his highly popular CS Lewis on Sin, Sanctification and Saints class, a must-take as a second theology. Lewis is one of the most compelling theological writers of the twentieth century, and Fagerberg brings his work to life with his multimedia approach to lecturing. There

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Cheers & Jeers

John Cochran
Humor Guru



CHEERS

Easter – Last Sunday we celebrated the Resurrection of Christ. Not much else to say, other than a big shout out to the Folk Choir during the student Mass.

Major League Baseball – Last weekend (Easter weekend) coincided with MLB's opening day, where my Houston Astros decided to celebrate April Fools a day early by actually winning a baseball game!

Notre Dame Women's Basketball – With the juggernaut that was Brittany Griner and Baylor felled, the path is clear for an Irish appearance in the national championship game, provided they can beat UConn for the fourth time this season.



Skylar Diggins in action

JEERS



Zlatan Ibrahimović

The Department of Homeland Security – Recall our last issue, when I cheered Rand Paul's filibuster that drew attention to the DHS' massive ammunition purchase as well as newly commissioned drones. Don your tinfoil hats with me again, if you will, and ponder why the DHS has ordered 360,000 more hollow-point rounds. The official explanation concerns cost effectiveness and training purposes. Just to be clear, hollow-points are both more expensive than regular rounds and are uniquely designed to increase tissue damage.

French "supertax" – The lamentations of French football fans can be heard worldwide as PM Francois Hollande pushes for a whopping 75 percent tax on salaries exceeding 1 million euro—a tax that may force star footballers out of the country.

Kim Jong Un – The unfailingly charming, impossibly stylish, glorious leader of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea has vowed to punish violently even the "slightest movement" of his American enemies in the Pacific. Imagine your seven-year-old self pretending to be a crazy villain, except he's 30 years old, the supreme leader of a country of nearly 25 million people, and has access to nuclear weapons. What could go wrong?

Permission to laugh

Michael Jackson
Staff Writer

When I arrived this past Good Friday in Norfolk, where Old Dominion University was hosting the Women's Sweet 16 and Elite 8 rounds, I immediately began to search for a church where I could attend the Easter Vigil. I went in search of lunch the next day and stumbled upon a white-walled church, the steeple and cross of which oddly resembled the Basilica of Sacred Heart's. The church seemed to be in a recovering part of town, but I knew I needed to attend Mass there when I was personally greeted by the groundskeeper Mr. Eric Labat, who was extremely inviting. I was informed that Mass would be at 8 p.m. and that the doors would open at 7 p.m. A little late I thought, but then again this was not Notre Dame. What would transpire between my entry into the Church and my exit some hours later can only be described as soul-riveting.

About 30 minutes before Mass was to begin there were seats available all around, and I began to miss the intimacy of Notre Dame. Then, five minutes before Mass began, the seats were filled instantly and the Easter candles were distributed. After a brief procession into the church, the Mass began, and the few of us Notre Dame students there realized that this was going to be a fantastic experience.

Once or twice in the past I attended a Gospel Choir-based Protestant service, but I had never experienced the same kind of ardent spirit at any Catholic Church until that moment. From the start of the Mass to its joyful close it was filled with more life and lay participation than one could believe. In between the multitude of readings, the lovely cantors, who were supported by a full 40-member choir, sang with the passion that allows you to visualize the psalm. And when the lights came on and the bells rang to signal Christ's Resurrection, we were all on our feet, clapping in unison, rocking from left to right. Not only did He rise; we sang. But He rose "gloriously, triumphantly, and with authority!"

We were then inspired by a story during the priest's homily that detailed the amazing recovery of a college student who had collapsed in his girlfriend's dorm room on Good Friday some years before. After visiting the student's family to pray for him on Good Friday, the father proceeded to celebrate the Easter Vigil the following night. When he checked his phone following the Mass he learned that this student, who should not have survived his difficulty in breathing following his collapse, awoke from his coma and walked out of his hospital room at approximately 9 p.m. on Holy Saturday. Not only had this ushered the shouts of "Amen" and "God is good" from the crowd, but the story took another twist.

At the 7 a.m. Easter Mass the morning after this amazing occurrence, the priest again explained what had happened during his homily, which drew the same amazed mumblings.

However, it was the woman who was streaming with tears after the Mass that drew the attention of the priest. He approached her, and she then revealed that after many years of being away from the Church she came back. Her reason? She was the paramedic who had transported that student to the hospital, and she knew there was no reason that he should have survived with no adverse effects.

This portion of the homily during our Easter Vigil drew a standing ovation from the crowd, which was only then eclipsed by the applause following the baptisms of five new Christians and the initiation of 6 Catechumens. Unsurprisingly, the baptisms occurred in a full baptismal font with the individuals being thrust into the water "with authority."

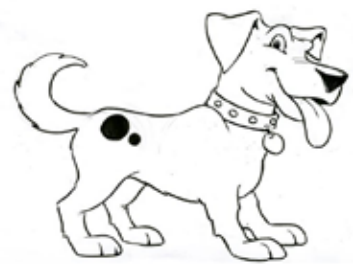
Then there was a sign of peace that made a dorm Mass sign of peace look like a meeting with strangers. The irony was that I was the one being hugged and kissed by strangers who treated me as an absolute brother in Christ.

To further the irony, one of the women behind me quietly whispered to me during the sign of peace to ask if the one white guy who was initiated was my relative. I responded by saying "no, I'm not from around here." Had she asked me at the start of the Mass I likely would have left it at that. But because I felt so at home and welcomed, I turned back to her and said, "no, we're not related, but he's my brother [in Christ] now." She chuckled and we hugged again.

All during the Eucharistic prayer and communion, I could not help but think that even though I missed Easter at Notre Dame, the Holy Spirit worked to put me in the right parish for the Easter Vigil. And so I reiterate the words we sang to end the Mass, "Thanks be to God, oh yes, Thanks be to God." Alleluia, He is Risen.

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THE RED ROVER



That's What My Roommate Thought It Was Called

Feast of St. Drogo: Patron Saint of Unattractive People

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Students react to commencement speaker

The University of Notre Dame recently announced its commencement speaker for the class of 2013. Richard Dawkins, the renowned, combative, whiny atheist-biologist, will address outgoing seniors, allegedly speaking about "the world after Darwin, or, the world after God."

"We are pleased to announce that Richard Dawkins will be offering his wisdom and insight to our outstanding graduating class," university president Rev. Jeff Jackson, CSC, wrote in an email newsletter to the Notre Dame community. "Mr. Dawkins has been a public figure ever since his sophomoric forays into philosophy began, and we are ecstatic to have him with us."

The *Rover* took to South Dining Hall to garner student response to the announcement.

When asked about Dawkins, Senior Ellen Roe clapped her hands with glee and exclaimed, "Finally! Notre Dame gets someone *relevant*! I mean, everyone's heard of Richard Dawkins."

Senior Michael Tomcass, seated beside Roe, chimed in, "I'm really looking forward to this, too. From what I've seen and heard about Dawkins, he really values thinking for yourself and not being corralled into believing what everyone around you believes. That's something that we as Notre Dame students believe." The other 8 members of their dinner party nodded their heads vigorously in agreement.

Senior Bill Bones, on the other hand, expressed disappointment when asked about the Dawkins announcement.

"Frankly, I'm disappointed, though not surprised," he lamented. "I know they mean well and are committed to 'dialoguing with those who disagree with us' and 'respecting all different viewpoints' and all that, but the administration should know that not all Notre Dame students are atheists."

"It's sort of insulting, really. As a theist myself, I don't think anything Dawkins has to say will be remotely valuable, insightful or worth hearing. Oh well, what can you do?" Bones walked away sadly after saying this.

Scottie Jordan expressed mixed feelings about the speaker.

"My older brother was here when President Obama came in 2009," he told the *Rover*. "And my brother loved how much everyone loved Obama's being honored. I'm sort of bummed that the administration is bringing in such a controversial speaker now for my class."

"At the same time, I know that Dawkins at least is in touch with the world. He even wrote a children's book recently. One of my friends goes to Catholic College and they're bringing in some old white man who is overweight and hates the poor, and pregnant women to boot."

Scottie's girlfriend Amanda agreed.

"Look, probably like only 3 percent of Notre Dame students are agnostic or atheistic," she pointed out. "How paternalistic the administration is to assume that the rest of us want to listen to some guy who called evolutionary theory 'the intellectual superhighway to atheism!' I thought all roads led to Rome."

Julia Hamz offered perhaps the most balanced perspective on the topic.

"All over Facebook and in the *Observer* and stuff, students are complaining about the speaker," she said in an exasperated tone. "But you know what? I bet you that after all this complaining, and despite their differences with him, all the students will get something out of what Dawkins says. They may even enjoy his talk in spite of themselves, and two years from now, they won't remember it anyway. They just want to make a stand for their convictions, it's vogue to do so."

"It's sort of like caring about the national presidential election in that sense," she added.

Athletes begin anonymous support group

A coalition of Notre Dame student-athletes recently received SAO approval to form a new club, called "Athletes Seeking to Overcome NARP Stereotyping," or "ASONARPS."

NARPs, non-athlete regular people, commonly stereotype student-athletes according to demeanor, physical appearance, dress code and classroom work ethic, according to Melinda Been, a psychologist specializing in athlete trauma healing. Common Notre Dame examples of such stereotyping include the Adidas slides/white tube socks look, the perception that football players are stupid and the belief that *all* hockey players hit their waitresses.

A *Rover* staffer attended the inaugural ASONARPS meeting, wearing his old Track & Field hoody as a disguise.

"I'm tired of everyone assuming that I can't spell," confided a 6'3, 300 pound offensive lineman from the football team. "I'll be sitting in my room reading Dostoevsky and I hear my neighbors sniggering about my picture books. I don't even *own* picture books."

A female lacrosse player patted him softly on his behemoth back and cooed, "It's okay. Whenever I don't have 6 a.m. practice and can sleep in, my RA assumes that I'm hung over."

A member of the hockey team spoke up next. "I'm tired of being the butt of jokes," he complained. "I only pulled her pig tails. Any of you would have done the same." A large basketball player chuckled quietly, saying under his breath, "We do. We just don't get caught."

The *Rover* staffer spoke up in a shaky voice. "I hate when people tease me for wearing my issue gear to class," he volunteered. "I try to explain that it's just plain comfy, but nobody believes me. They think I'm trying to advertise my being an athlete or something."

"That's not why you wear the issue gear?" asked members of the men's swimming, women's soccer and softball team in unison.

"No. . ." the staffer replied.

"Friends, this is an instance of denial," said Been in a tender voice. "Just admit what you are," she softly advised.

At that point, the football player surmised that the staffer was not in fact on the track team, and the editor fled the scene amidst deep-throated shouts of "NRAP, NRAP, NRAP!"

Students find loophole to drink underage

"It was actually pretty easy," stated a freshman who looked no older than 15. "I went to the Assistant Rector's room with my roommate and registered a 'Social Gathering' for 50 people in my room by signing a sheet of paper."

Irish Rover wins "Best Campus Publication" award

"Exemplary open-mindedness, fairness and reasonable journalism," explained one member of judging panel. "Politically balanced, not overtly conservative Catholic bias," echoed another judge. "Admirable in how often and uncreatively it digs at other campus publications without justification," beamed a third.

PETA files suit against Notre Dame students

Two juniors accused of feeding greedy squirrels marshmallows until they exploded.

Four students expelled for toting Nerf guns while walking across south quad

The quartet claim to have been defending themselves from zombie combatants, but JC Greene, Notre Dame's legal counsel, adeptly countered, "zombies don't exist."

Homeless man evicted from Dillon Hall quad where he had been living since August

Roommates claim that they believed he was just a really mature senior, but got suspicious and called police when they realized he didn't know his own last name. Notre Dame police aren't sure how the man got away with it for so long. The man was heard to shout as NDSP escorted him out, "I've got friends in high places here. You will regret this." Dillon Hall rector Fr. Pablo Boyle hasn't been seen since the incident.

University launches advertising scheme featuring the off-campus houses as equivalents to Greek life

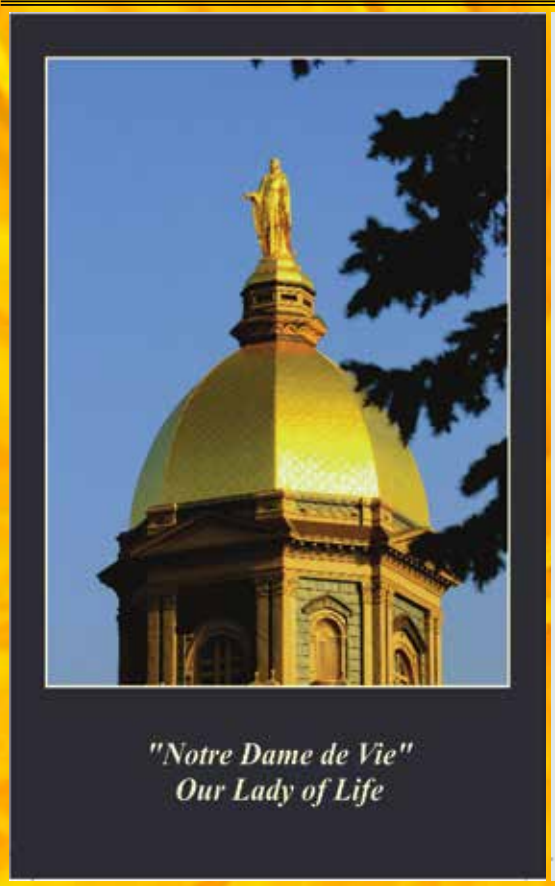
"When I saw that there aren't any frats or sororities at Notre Dame, I was turned off," said high school senior Sammy Grizz, of the Chicagoland area, to a Rover *reporter. "But after reading about the piccolo house, the frisbee house and the women's water polo house, I knew this was the place for me."*

Holy Cross priests riot, refuse to return to the university until workplace conditions improve

"We want more of a say in how this place is run!" said one disgruntled priest in a telegraph sent from Moreau Seminary, where the priests have set up a fort replete with sandbag bunkers and defensive lookout towers. "We're tired of being servant leaders," wafted an Australian accent from a pillow fortess in the chapel. "It's our time to be served now."

Career Center hosts résumé contest

"I spend my summers helping the poor and underprivileged in Africa," one high-achieving student volunteered. "Then I come back and barf all over the bathroom floor every weekend so that our housekeeping staff can clean up after me like I'm a three year old with no brain."



O Blessed Virgin Mary,
Our Lady of Life,
O mother of all life
born and unborn,
I beseech thee to intercede
with thy Son Jesus
to grant me the grace
to defend all human life,
with all my strength,
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GKC club

essays and articles and several novels. Chesterton embraced life and loved many things in this world, but as senior Peter Flores, co-founder of the Notre Dame Chesterton Society, said, "More than anything Chesterton loved life, adventure, fairy tales and God."

After learning these and many other things about Chesterton at Ahlquist's lecture, I was pleased to learn that the Notre Dame Chesterton Society was being formed. This group provides students with an opportunity to gather together and discuss Chesterton in an informal setting.

The Notre Dame Chesterton Society was started by seniors Ben Rusch and Flores with the aid of professor of finance Martijn Cremers. Cremers, who arrived at Notre Dame last year from Yale University (where he was the moderator of the Yale Chesterton Society), contacted Rusch and Flores because of their interest in Chesterton and asked them to help him start a Chesterton club here at Notre Dame. According to Flores, the group does not have any official club status at this time, but it does have more than 30 members.

"The Chesterton Society's ultimate goal is to read and discuss Chesterton, how his writings remain relevant today and grow in love of those things that are Chestertonian: adventure, romance, paradox and love of God," said Flores.

The club holds meetings once a month, typically on the last Monday or Wednesday of the month. Prior to each meeting, Flores and Rusch disseminate a short reading from one of Chesterton's many works. At the meeting itself, "we discuss our favorite passages and how they have moved us, inspired us, challenged us. Typically the conversations will roam away from the initial text and on to a number of different thoughts" Flores said. Rusch and Flores note that the meetings are informal and guilt-free; everyone and anyone is encouraged to attend even if they have not done the reading because, Flores said, "the great thing about Chesterton is that he wrote something about everything—thus, anyone can come and talk about just about anything and, chances are, Chesterton did too."

While Notre Dame does offer courses on Chesterton within the philosophy and theology departments, there are benefits to having an informal venue for students to discuss ideas in a way that is not limited by the structure of a course. As Flores said, "Because the discussions are not inhibited by impending grades of participation, because the group does not have a consensus commentary on what the end goal of the club is, people are more relaxed in offering their voice to genuine discussion. For me, the best part of the society is the idea of a club being a genuinely edifying entity—a club for the sole purpose of discussing truth."

Chesterton was very keen on the idea that limits and direction are good things. He routinely viewed everything in life from a different perspective than many of his contemporaries, always focused on the truth. He often presents a paradoxical perspective on things, and this should not surprise, because truth is often paradoxical. Flores said of Chesterton, "He emphasized adventure over production, wonder over 'scientific' inquiry, thinking over mere feeling and joy over despair."

At many universities there is the problem of placing too much of an emphasis on jumping through the hoops to obtain a degree, to acquire a grant or a prestigious internship, all in the name of building a résumé. Reading Chesterton, Flores offered, "shows that what is really important, especially in the lives of college students, is where you are going and the adventure of getting there."

Any student who wants to learn more about Chesterton or become a part of the Notre Dame Chesterton Society can email Ben Rusch at brusch@nd.edu or Peter Flores at pflores1@nd.edu.

Tim Bradley is a great bloke, and is surely in possession of the greatest sense of humour on campus. Contact him at tbradle5@nd.edu.

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Same-sex marriage

that married spouses possess.

The second case being heard by SCOTUS, *United States* v. *Windsor*, addresses the 1996 Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), section 3 of which defines *marriage* as "a legal union between one man and one woman as husband and wife" and *spouse* as "a person of the opposite sex who is a husband or a wife." In June 2012, the Southern District Court of New York ruled the act to be unconstitutional. The Department of Justice filed an appeal notice shortly thereafter, and now the case is being heard by the highest court in the land. The case was originally brought to the US District Court for the Southern District of New York's by Edith Windsor, who was required to pay more than $363,000 in federal estate taxes on inheritance of her wife's estate upon the latter's death. Federal law does not currently accord the same legal benefits to same sex couples and opposite sex couples in states where the former is legally recognized, such as New York. If it did, Windsor would not have paid a cent of inheritance tax,

Those in opposition to Prop 8 and DOMA argue that under the Fifth Amendment's guarantee of equal protection, the federal government ought to accord the same legal recognition to same sex married couples that those couples enjoy under their state constitutions; concurrently, they believe that the current language in section 3 of DOMA creates a "separate but equal" legal situation comparable to pre-Civil War laws mandating separate arrangements for African-American citizens.

The debate surrounding same-sex marriage has become one of the most hot-button issues of the day, especially for young people and is especially evident on Facebook. Proponents have expressed their support for marriage equality by posting pictures of red equal signs, while those who support traditional marriage have responded with crosses or plus signs, indicating the union of man and a woman. According to recent polls, the majority of college-age students support gay marriage, believing that equality is the fundamental issue.

The *Rover* garnered responses from the Notre Dame student body on the issue.

Senior George Alcorn remarked, "I think same sex marriage should be legal. People in same sex couples deserve the same benefits enjoyed by people in traditional marriages."

Alcorn is also confident that regardless of the Supreme Court's upcoming ruling, same-sex marriage is inevitable: "From what I can tell, a lot of people my age don't care as much about excluding gays from marrying. So even if Prop 8 is upheld, it's only a matter of time until gay marriage is legalized."

Yet, some students remain hesitant in offering their full support. Andrew Wieging expressed his beliefs thus.

"My stance on the legalization of gay marriage is somewhat complex, leaning away from [supporting] it," he said. "That being said, I do not begrudge anyone their right to pursue happiness and would like to help them. Maybe my view is becoming a little old fashioned (and I hope that it's not), but I still believe that marriage should be a covenant between a man and a woman."

Such sentiments are often alleged to stem from religious motivations. Wieging elaborated upon his statement, "the area of my disagreement stems more from my notion that marriage should be a sacred pact sanctioned by a valid, non-cult-like religious entity, entered into freely by both participants instead of being sanctioned by the government."

While some students focused on the role government should play in the public promotion of marriage, Senior Victoria Anglin stated that ideally the "government should not have a hand in marriage—for heterosexuals or homosexuals."

In elaboration, Anglin explained how in present circumstances she supports marriage being extended to same-sex couples.

"I am of the opinion that marriage is an institution in which the state should not be involved," she said, "however, given that the state is involved, the real benefits being garnered by heterosexual married couples should be accessible to all married couples."

Wieging added, "the government's involvement, to me, seems primarily due to the need for establishing a legal structure for couples concerning taxation and property, among other things. I have no problem with having same sex couples having the same standing as traditional married couples, with respect to legal status. If they wish to form a domestic partnership, it will happen regardless of the government legalizing gay marriage."

As previously mentioned, the Supreme Court has already heard oral arguments for both cases. For those unfamiliar with the Supreme Court's docket selection, generally speaking,

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Smaller trays: not for sledding

Becca Self
Staff Writer

The Notre Dame Office of Sustainability's mission statement is laudable, but cannot come true until students embrace the need to change their behavior. Their statement reads thus:

"The pursuit of sustainability is directly related to the Catholic Mission of the University. Notre Dame recognizes its responsibility to conserve the natural environment while promoting long-term economic and social justice for all members of society and works to foster a pervasive focus on the connection between environmental stewardship and the Common Good."

Anna Gorman, a senior at Notre Dame, works within the Office of Sustainability on the Waste-Free Wednesdays campaign. Gorman and her coworkers aim to raise awareness about the impacts of wasteful behavior on the environment, economy and related human rights issues. This month-long event has taken place every semester since the fall of 2010 due to the joint efforts of the Office of Sustainability, GreeND, Notre Dame Food Services and the Hunger Coalition.

Waste-Free Wednesdays give students an opportunity to win prizes if they clean their plates in the dining hall. Gorman explained, "Our volunteers hand out raffle tickets to those who return clear trays, and at the end of the four weeks we select a winner for 100 Flex Points." Students can also donate to the Food Bank, where $1 buys 7 meals, and sign pledges to be more intentional about their food choices. A new component of the campaign this semester is a Clean Plate Club raffle for those students who create no food waste on each of the four Wednesdays in April.

Marc Poklinkowski, the general manager of South Dining Hall, said, "It is a very difficult economic climate right now in terms of rising food prices… We feel we've been able to maintain, and in many cases, improve on what we've been able to offer the students." But they need the students' help to conserve resources and save money.

In addition to the Waste-Free Wednesdays campaign, the Office of Sustainability conducts Waste n' Weighs each semester, in which student volunteers scrape waste off plates to measure and record it. Poklinkowski reported, "Since we began the program in 2008, we've seen our average food waste per student drop from 5.02 ounces to 3.09 ounces." He attributes the change to the new, smaller trays at South. "Students can no longer take that extra bowl of food… A lot of students were very disappointed to see the smaller trays, but I think it has helped us become more environmentally friendly. We appreciate the part they've played in helping us do that." The next Waste n' Weigh study will be conducted during the first week in April.



Why do students take so much food? Poklinkowski believes that "these habits are formed much earlier in life than in college. The education and awareness of the waste issue plays a big role in improving these habits not only here in South Dining Hall, but for the rest of the student's life." Students who never thought about their consumption habits before college are on track for wasteful behavior, especially since, as Gorman remarked, the food "feels free." Swiping an ID card at dinnertime does not feel the same as handing over $14.90 in cash.

It is crucial to remember that food waste has immediate effects on people's lives, not just on the environment. Many students at Notre Dame have never faced hunger as a side effect of poverty, but one in 6 Americans do. Each year Americans throw out approximately 33 million tons of food, which is roughly 40 percent of the food produced in the country. At Notre Dame, students waste over a ton of food each day. How can such extravagant waste coexist with poverty and hunger? Individual choices enable this disparity to occur.

> "We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. Care for the earth is not just an Earth Day slogan, it is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation…In a society marred by deepening divisions between rich and poor, our tradition instructs us to put the needs of the poor and vulnerable first." - The USCCB

In "Sharing Catholic Social Teaching: Challenges and Directions," the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) discussed 7 themes that faithful Catholics ought to consider in everyday decision-making. Among these responsibilities are caring for God's creation and providing options for the poor and vulnerable. According to the USCCB, "We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. Care for the earth is not just an Earth Day slogan, it is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation…In a society marred by deepening divisions between rich and poor, our tradition instructs us to put the needs of the poor and vulnerable first." These words, like the Office of Sustainability's mission statement, are a challenge to Notre Dame students and people of faith everywhere.

So how can students act with the principles of sustainability in mind? The possibilities include joining GreeND or Students for Environmental Action and volunteering to serve as the sustainability commissioner in a residence hall. Students can make use of online resources such as the carbon footprint calculator to get a better grasp on how they impact the environment. In their dorms, they can exchange incandescent light bulbs for compact fluorescent lights, recycle and unplug their electronics when not in use. They can save money by bringing reusable mugs to fill up on coffee or tea. Notre Dame also offers minors in Sustainability and Energy Studies. The possibilities are endless. The situation is dire. What are we waiting for?

The Notre Dame Office of Sustainability will host Climate Change and the Common Good, a national conference addressing the multifaceted challenges presented by the changing climate, on Monday April 8 through Wednesday April 10.

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Life beyond a typical class

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In addition to housing the student Right to Life Club, the Center for Ethics and Culture and the Institute for Church Life, Notre Dame also boasts a large University Faculty for Life (UFL). Notre Dame has been blessed to have such a large number of faculty dedicated to upholding the Gospel of life on campus. Notre Dame Right to Life Club has capitalized on this excellent resource by providing an informal seminar setting in which students can learn more from these pro-life faculty.

These hour-long seminars are held at various times throughout the week on a range of life topics. Past seminar titles have included "Being Pro-Life in a Contentious Democracy," "Building a Culture of Life," "A Discussion on *Evangelium Vitae* and *Humanae Vitae*" and "Sidewalk Counselor Training." Seminars are limited to a maximum of 20 students to allow for a small group setting in which a professor can give a short talk and then facilitate discussion. These seminars allow students to interact with faculty members who each approach the pro-life movement with different perspectives.

In the first seminar, Father Bill Miscamble, CSC, President of the Notre Dame chapter of University Faculty for Life and history department faculty member, presented a seminar entitled "Being Pro-Life in a Contentious Democracy." He focused on the difficulty of being pro-life in the current political climate and talked about pro-life politics. Seminar participant Dan Selhorst enjoyed Fr. Miscamble's discussion, saying, "The seminar was extremely engaging and relevant to today. Fr. Miscamble is brilliant and I truly enjoyed his very well organized and well-supported presentation."

Professor Patrick Deneen of the political science department also spoke about culture during his seminar entitled, "Building a Culture of Life." He argued that we cannot focus solely on anti-abortion legislation, but must also work toward creating a culture that holistically supports living a good and dignified life. Senior Zach Harris remarked, "I thought Professor Deneen presented a very interesting and challenging, yet motivating message. He raised some very pertinent questions about where our focus should be."

An additional seminar hosted by philosophy professor David Solomon was specifically geared toward the Right to Life officers and commissioners as student leaders within the pro-life movement. The seminar was focused on *Humanae Vitae* and *Evangelium Vitae*, two papal encyclicals centered on human dignity. This allowed the officers and commissioners to explore the Church's teachings and understanding of life issues, as well as the way in which the Church addresses these issues.

The Right to Life Club also recently hosted Sidewalk Counselor Training for students interested in volunteering as counselors at the local abortion clinic. Presenters included the director of the local Women's Care Center and the President of Board of Directors at St. Joseph County Right to Life among others. Students learned the best methods for talking to a woman in crisis pregnancy considering abortion. The need to enter into a conversation with empathy and understanding was emphasized, along with a great focus on love.

Future seminars include "Life in the Built Environment" with professor Phillip Bess; "Women's Fertility," with Suzy Younger, a fertility care specialist for St. Joseph Hospital; "Muslim and Catholic Perspectives on Abortion" with professor Gabriel Reynolds and "Being a Woman after Roe" with law professor Amy Barrett. Student sign-ups for seminars are on the Right to Life Club website, chooselife.nd.edu (open to current ND/SMC/HCC students).

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Room picks: May the odds be ever in your favor

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Room picks are often equated with significant amounts of drama. Choosing a roommate and the location of a room can be more stressful than receiving a random roommate assignment freshman year. As I like to think about it, if a student does not like his freshman year roommate, he played no role in the selection process; if someone does not like his roommate any other year, it is his own doing.

Most students like being randomly assigned to freshman year roommates as it encourages students to branch out and meet new people. "I think the random roommate process the first year is a necessary experience because it exposes people to what they might not have known they like or dislike in who they are living with," noted sophomore Sara Spittler.

The real room pick drama begins the spring of freshman year (and every spring following it), when students have the chance to decide if they want to remain in their current dorm, who they want to live with and where they want to live within a specified dorm.

To do this, dorm residents are separated by class year and are randomly assigned a lottery number. On the night of room picks, rising seniors select their rooms of choice, beginning with the students who have the lowest lottery numbers. Rising juniors follow, often disappointed at just how quickly the desirable singles and quads are snatched by eager seniors. Prior to room picks many rooms are reserved for incoming freshmen, leaving the rising sophomores stuck with the scarce remains of unwanted rooms.

Low lottery numbers can make or break a room pick. Students can have a perfect plan for the ideal rooming situation and, all of a sudden, find their desired room taken on the night of room picks by someone with a better lottery number. "I think that the current system is a good concept, but it doesn't always provide fair choices for everyone," remarked sophomore Rachel Hughes. "I'm very lucky that I've had a great pick two years in a row, but some of my friends have gotten lower lottery numbers both years and end up at the very bottom of the list."

Consider this: A group of students planning on living in a triple find that all the triples have been chosen by the time they have the chance to select their room. Now, the students will need to completely change their living arrangements and break into doubles. Of course, a group of three students cannot split evenly into two doubles, forcing someone to be left out in the cold to find a new roommate. "So far there hasn't been much drama in my dorm, but I can imagine that, in some of the other dorms that are expanding rooms to force a quad or a triple, it's hard for the current residents to totally re-think who they are going to room with next year," Hughes commented.

Many dorms are working to eliminate this surprise factor in the room pick process by putting out the dorm floor plan in the lobby. That way students can place sticky notes on the rooms they are planning on selecting. "I love how Pangborn puts out the floor plans so you can see exactly what is available and where upperclassmen have already chosen their rooms," noted Hughes.

Drama may be heightened for students studying abroad during the fall semester. "I'm studying abroad next fall and not guaranteed to get placed back in O'Neill for the spring semester," remarked sophomore Evan Merryman. "I don't know what I'll do if I go from air-conditioning to an older dorm like Dillon or Morrissey." Other students are not as worried because their dorms have sufficient space to house the students returning from fall study abroad programs.

"Our rectress already informed us that there will be openings in Pangborn in the spring, so I'll be able to come back after spending my fall semester in Mexico," sophomore Sarah Schluckebier commented.

For some, the drama lies not in the availability of rooms but in the selection of roommates. Many students have complained about friends waiting until the day before room picks to let them know they already have rooming arrangements with other people. "My room pick experience last year was awful," explained Spittler. "I ended up getting totally blindsided by a group of girls who blatantly left me hanging and ended up rooming with someone I had met the night before picks."

As difficult as it may be, it's important for everyone to sit down with his or her current roommate(s) and discuss rooming plans for the following year.

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We want màs: BCAC Fashion Show 2013

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When the first model emerged from behind the curtain, the intense look in her eye and the easy grace in her walk made me have a Tyra Banks moment. I thought to myself, "That girl is fierce!"

Juwan Bepo, a gifted first-year model in the fashion show, described her time on the runway: "My favorite part of the fashion show was definitely walking in front of the crowd for the first time. I was so nervous before I walked on, and hearing everybody cheering for me was a great feeling!"

The Black Cultural Arts Council of Notre Dame (BCAC) Fashion Show took place on Saturday, March 23, at the Century Center in South Bend. It included various designs from Urban Outfitters, Old Navy, Style Queue, Stupid Genius and Addition Co. Featuring breathtaking clothing and marked by an ambiance that made the members of the audience feel as if we had stepped into New York City during fashion week, this show was surely a success.

The event was arguably better than any fashion show in NYC, because the fashion models did not some strange-sounding Russian names; they were members of the Notre Dame family. It was so exciting to see my close friends "killing it" on the runway like top models when just the day before we had been gorging ourselves with froyo in North Dining Hall.

"Màs" means more in Spanish, and it was also the title of this year's show. This theme truly embodied the spirit of the event. The MC explained at the beginning of the show that this year, we want more. We want more fashion, more spirit and more soul—and the show undoubtedly lived up to its name.

The themes of this year's fashion show included Studs and Studs, Throw Back Thursday, Out of This World and many others that wowed the audience. Of all these, the Black Swan segment of the show was the definite crowd-pleaser. With elegant music and the stunning designs, the only thing missing was Natalie Portman herself.

The show had much more important guests than Natalie Portman or Mila Kunis, however: Prospective students got to experience the true spirit and community of Notre Dame. Some even commented that the fashion show was their favorite activity of the weekend. Notre Dame students showcased their energy, passion and friendship; it was an exemplary embodiment of the Notre Dame spirit.

The fashion show also celebrated the diversity here at Notre Dame. Students of different races and cultures came together to fulfill their passions and forge strong friendships along the way. Zoë Gyampoh, one of the many talented models, recounted her experience,

"My favorite part was just before it started," she said. "We [were] all nervous out of our minds, and we [stood] in a circle with our costumes on to hold hands and pray. And then there's a second of calm before the excitement sets in again." She also described the dynamic people participating in the fashion show. "[The event organizers] aren't looking for one type of person. They literally want everyone."

All proceeds from the fashion show benefitted the Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Award, which provides financial aid to college freshmen in need.

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Students model for the BCAC Fashion Show

Same-sex marriage

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four of the nine justices must vote to hear a case for it to be heard by the Court. Previously, many believed that the Court's liberal bloc—Justices Breyer, Ginsburg, Kagan and Sotomayor—voted to hear the cases thinking that they could convince the Court's swing vote—Justice Kennedy—to side with them. But the conservative Judge Scalia also recently expressed his pleasure that the Court is hearing the case. He and other conservatives on the Supreme Court are thought to believe that given the issue's public relevance, now is the ideal time to rule on same-sex marriage.

Regardless of the justices' motivations, the two Supreme Court decisions will be controversial and impact millions of people—and the institution of marriage—in powerful ways.

Nathaniel Balmert and Scott Englert are two soon-to-be Notre Dame graduates keeping informed with the same-sex marriage issue. Are you? Please let them know at nbalmert@nd.edu or senglert@nd.edu.

An Argentine perspective on the new pope



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I took my nephews to the Miami Seaquarium on Wednesday, March 13. I never would have dreamed that a few hours later I would receive the announcement that my compatriot Jorge Mario Bergoglio—my archbishop for some 15 years—had been elected as the new pope.

After returning from that watery, killer whalely entertainment, I was having a cup of coffee with my youngest sister. She lives in Florida with her husband and their 8 children (the rest of our family lives in Buenos Aires). Suddenly, my mother called from Argentina. She sounded very excited as she yelled over the phone to "turn on the TV: We have a new Pope!"

When the name of the new pontiff was proclaimed, we could not hear it very well. As a man in white emerged from the balcony, the reporter indicated that the new pope was Cardinal Bergoglio. I told my sister, "That is not him." I thought this for three reasons: First, the white cassock confused me; second, the journalist confused me—he was hesitant and utterly surprised; third, and most significant, the person now speaking from the balcony had a broad, sweet smile.

Why did that smile strike me as surprising? I had some opportunities to see Cardinal Bergoglio at the annual Corpus Christi procession and at the Mass in honor of Saint Josemaría Escrivá that he sometimes celebrated in the Metropolitan Cathedral. I even spoke to him briefly once. His serious demeanor had always caught my eye, so I had some reason not to recognize that iridescent smile flowing from the balcony. Had I been misled in my previous observations, or was this a changed man? I am inclined toward the latter.

A few days before the conclave John Allen had stated in the *National Catholic Reporter* that some fellow Jesuits of the then-Cardinal would have asserted that "he never smiled" when he was the Provincial of the Order in Argentina.

Allen's remark, which I read only after the election, confirmed my initial gut feeling. He was the same person, but now had been changed by the Holy Spirit. Such a drastic change in such a short period of time could not be produced by mere human will. For me this was a plausible reinforcement of my faith in God and in the Church. Even more so when this apparent change was confirmed in the subsequent days in which the same, radiant smile was featured everywhere.

I knew then in Miami, as I was headed to Notre Dame, that my trip had changed too. From now on I would be "the Argentine." Everyone would—and did—ask me about the Argentine pope. And here I am writing this article at the kind request of the editors of the *Rover*.

I suppose that an Argentine can say more than others about Cardinal Bergoglio (though not much more than others about Pope Francis). Much of what I, as an Argentine, could say about Cardinal Bergoglio, however, you could read in the news. So let me give you a couple of first-hand (or more or less first-hand) anecdotes.

One of my outstanding Argentine students, Nacho Ibarzábal, founded "Grupo Sólido" a few years ago, an Argentine love and fidelity network similar to the one based in Princeton. (I wouldn't like to be accused of an oversimplification, so you may want to check their webpage: http://www.gruposolido.org/). In 2011 Grupo Sólido put on a fundraiser in Washington DC. George Weigel was one of the keynote speakers at the event. After the event, he asked Nacho, "Does Cardinal Bergoglio know about these great things you are doing?" As soon as he returned to Buenos Aires, and with Weigel's encouragement, Nacho wrote a formal letter to the Cardinal describing the group. As is customary, the letter included his contact details. Shortly after, he got a call on his cell phone: "Hello, this is Jorge Bergoglio. Thank you for your letter. Would you like to meet to talk about Grupo Sólido?" These were the simple words of someone who was already a public figure of remarkable significance in Argentina. The meeting, I'm told, was as simple and as agreeable as the telephone conversation.

My friend Jorge Rouillón, a journalist who covers religious affairs for one of the leading Argentine newspapers, had known Cardinal Bergoglio for decades. His older articles on the then-Cardinal are now being reprinted in Argentina and all around the world. When I gave him a celebratory call from Miami on the day of the election, he told me this revealing anecdote. Not many years ago he received a call from the archbishop: Cardinal Bergoglio was going to say Mass at a side chapel of the Cathedral and he was wondering whether Rouillón (my friend) would like to be the altar server. After the Mass had taken place, Monsignor Bergoglio asked the routine question, "How are you doing?" My friend, however, was very specific and shared with him that he was a bit (perhaps excessively) worried about a minor surgery that he might have to undergo. A few months later the two Jorges met again. The first words of the archbishop were: "So Jorge, do I still need to pray for your gallbladder?"

Perhaps this last anecdote may serve well to close these lines. The idea of a "cordial memory"—the notion that he, who we today call Pope Francis, remembers those things that he holds dear—should be quite comforting now for all Catholics. For all men and women of good will that idea, coupled with the generous smile of the new Pope, gives further reason to believe that, contrary to common perceptions, God indeed lingers in our midst.



Cardinal Bergoglio giving a talk at the Annual Barbecue of the Student Association of Pontifical Catholic University of Argentina.

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Irish "spring" into action for next year

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The Irish are not going to be able to fly under the radar this year. As spring practice unfolds, Notre Dame will prepare for the 2013 schedule with each opponent gunning to give the team its first regular season loss in over a year. Losing only the National Championship to Alabama gives Brian Kelly momentum to propel a new group, including ESPN's fourth-rated recruiting class, to the BCS Championship for a second straight year in the hopes of bringing the trophy to South Bend for the first time since 1988.

Spring practice is a time to sharpen the skills of the returning key players and to integrate the incoming freshmen and young players who are expected to contribute. Notre Dame will attempt to replace 11 prominent players on both sides of the ball who helped return the Irish to national prominence. These include staples of the BCS Championship team Tyler Eifert and Manti Te'o.

The spring game will showcase the competition for the remaining starting spots. Notre Dame will have to decide soon who is playing in order to prepare for a tough schedule that features Michigan and Stanford on the road and a home battle with Oklahoma. Here is an in-depth look at each position and who will emerge as the leading candidates for playing time.

QB: Brian Kelly stayed faithful to his rising star Everett Golson, and if his development continues as a junior, Golson could become one of the best quarterbacks in the nation. Gunner Kiel transferred, making Tommy Rees and Andrew Hendricks the de-facto backups. The battle for the backup job should be interesting to watch during the spring practices and the Blue and Gold game.



Coach Brian Kelly

RB: Watch out for Greg Bryant and Tarean Folston to replace Theo Riddick and Cierre Wood at running back. Both will soon be on campus and could contend with the favorite, George Atkinson III, for the starting spot. Atkinson will receive the majority of the carries after his 361 yards and five touchdowns last year. Amir Carlisle, who was injured last season, and freshman Will Mahone will also compete for playing time. This position group might be the most uncertain one of all.

WR/TE: TJ Jones and DaVaris Daniels have the starting spots locked down and Chris Brown will probably emerge in the slot after the transfers of Justin Ferguson and Devante Neal. Beyond those three, Notre Dame will use a combination of ESPN's twelfth-rated receiver, Torii Hunter Jr., and a group of young players looking to prove themselves over the spring. This will be another interesting positional battle on the depth chart. The tight end position is as deep as ever with Alex Welch, Troy Niklas and Ben Koyack.

OL: The bookends return on the Notre Dame offensive line, which will be key in supplementing a younger group overall. Mike Golic Jr. and Braxton Cave are graduating but Zack Martin, Christian Lombard and Chris Watt should provide enough talent and leadership to keep the group strong. The two openings on the offensive line are at guard and center. Jarron Jones or Ronnie Stanley could slide over to the inside, or five of the incoming freshman could compete for the two spots. Hunter Bivin and Colin McGovern are ESPN Top 100 recruits and could immediately fill a void. Connor Hanratty and Nick Martin are the favorites to take over for the graduates, though, since they were the backups at those spots last season.

DL: Stephon Tuitt and his 12 sacks return for the Irish to lead the group. Sheldon Day, Louis Nix and Tony Springmann also are back to provide stout run defense. Playing time could also be earned by five-star prospect Eddie Vanderdoes and four-star defensive end Isaac Rochell. Both of Kelly's prized recruits could pay dividends next year.

LB: Replacing Manti Te'o's leadership presence will be difficult, but Prince Shembo, Danny Spond, Ishaq Williams and Carlo Calabrese all return. Five-star recruit Jaylon Smith possesses the ability to distinguish himself as soon as he steps on campus and will probably compete for playing time along with 6'4 sophomore Romeo Okwara. Doug Randolph and Michael Deeb could also turn some heads during practice.

CB: The two starters are back and should be much improved. Bennett Jackson will be a future first round pick and KeiVarae Russell will enter his second full year playing corner. Lo Wood can contribute as a third corner after missing all of last season with an injury. Devin Butler and his 6'1 frame could also shut down tall receivers on the outside.

S: This could be the most stacked position on the roster. Matthias Farley stepped up last year and leads the way at the free safety spot. Austin Collinsworth is coming off injury and should see the field. Elijah Shumate could be a star if he reaches his potential after contributing to the special teams unit last year. Last but not least, Max Redfield was one of the best recruiting coups of the year after he switched his verbal commitment from USC. Redfield will disappoint many if he does not immediately contend for a starting position.

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Who's Who at Notre Dame: Father Jim King, CSC


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Colin Devine
Staff Writer

"How do you think the pig farmer felt about Jesus?"

Father Jim King, CSC asked this question during his homily at a Mass in Keough in reference to the Gospel story in which Christ drives a herd of pigs into the sea. I was immediately struck by the level of thinking that it evoked. As I got to know Fr. Jim more closely (watching the election of a new pope together did the trick), I realized that this depth of thought pervades his life. Fr. Jim has held a variety of positions with Holy Cross and now serves as the Director of Campus Ministry. He has a message that Notre Dame students will greatly benefit from hearing.

Every service held in the Basilica this Easter weekend was absolutely packed. I asked Fr. Jim, "What is the crucial message of the Easter season?" Without missing a beat, he responded, "It shows us that we don't have to be perfect to be loved." He continued, "What distances us from God is our inability to grasp that he accepts us regardless of our faults." The entire message of Easter for Fr. Jim is simply "the parable of the prodigal son playing itself out on a cosmic scale."

After several minutes, our conversation shifted to a discussion of movies. Fr. Jim mentioned that his favorite recent movie is *Lincoln*. Reflecting on the person of Lincoln, he said, "He had that knack for knowing how much he could get out of people. He wasn't someone who believed in exercises of futility." Our discussion quickly shifted to leadership and the vision that Fr. Jim has for Campus Ministry. "It's not about programs. It's about people. Programs exist to serve people, not as ends in themselves. We need to be student-oriented, not program-oriented," he said. I think great leaders have the ability, as Lincoln did, to hone in on and execute the heart of their mission. Fr. Jim exemplifies this ability.

Like many of the Holy Cross priests, Fr. Jim attended Notre Dame. He graduated in 198—I mean, 1998 (You owe me one, Fr. Jim). I am always curious how alumni think Notre Dame has changed over the years, and I asked Fr. Jim about his perspective. He reflected that people spend a lot more time using technology today, which sometimes affects relationships in an adverse way. However, he also thinks technology can be an opportunity for evangelization, observing, "The Church needs to use the tools necessary to connect with people where they are, rather than wishing they were somewhere else. Otherwise Pope Benedict wouldn't have gotten a Twitter account." The image of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI tweeting from a cell phone never ceases to amuse me. I think Fr. Jim's point is crucial and deeply connected to the parable of the prodigal son. Rather than judging people, the Church at her best meets them where they are.

A huge challenge of writing this column is to depict a person effectively in such a small space. Often, various aspects of someone's personality are very difficult to encapsulate. In this case, I am entirely incapable of describing Fr. Jim's sense of humor. Reading his words on the page is inadequate because it doesn't communicate the tone or facial expressions that accompanied them. In describing Fr. Jim, the most accurate comparison I can make is to Gandalf. During our week in Rome, Fr. Jim would come and go from the group, arriving in classic Gandalf fashion at the precise moment when someone had need of him. One of my favorite things about Gandalf is that he always has a humorous twinkle in his eye. That amusement is infectious and tangible in every interaction I've had with Fr. Jim.

I love paradoxes. One of the last things Fr. Jim talked about was a central paradox of Christianity: "The demand to be perfect and unlimited forgiveness can coexist without being contradictory." Christ demands that we strive for sainthood, but always loves and accepts us where we are. As Fr. Jim demonstrates, deep wisdom and humor can coexist without being contradictory, too.

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Irish lax looking to earn hardware

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Which team has a tradition of excellence, a stingy defense and a chance to play for the National Championship? No, I'm not talking about Irish Football—this is the Notre Dame Men's Lacrosse Team!

The team is currently 7-2 and ranked No. 4 in the USILA Coaches Poll and plans to only move higher after dropping from the top spot in the nation last week.

Men's Lacrosse became a varsity sport at the University of Notre Dame in 1981 under then-head coach Rich O'Leary. The team played in the Midwest Club Lacrosse Association, and under coach O'Leary, they won five league championships. In an 8 year span, the team posted a 64-42 record for a .604 winning percentage.

In 1989, Kevin Corrigan took over at the helm and is now in his 25th season with the Irish. Over the course of Corrigan's tenure, the team has claimed 16 conference titles and has secured a bid to the NCAA Championship Tournament 17 times, including a current streak of 7 straight appearances in the tournament. The team has played in the Final Four three times under coach Corrigan, and in 2010 the Irish were the NCAA Tournament Runner-up. The Irish have spent the last three seasons in the Big East Conference where they won the 2012 regular season championship. Before that, the team spent 17 seasons in the now extinct Great Western Lacrosse League. Under coach Corrigan, the Irish have gone 230-109 for a .678 winning percentage. For a sport that is dominated by Atlantic Coast Conference teams, the Irish of the Midwest sure have made a mark.



Notre Dame vs. Johns Hopkins

The Irish call Arlotta Stadium home. This 2000 capacity, state-of-the-art facility was opened in the fall of 2009 following a season in which five players were named All-Americans and the team ranked second in the country. Sporting All-American talent at Notre Dame is a new age Men's Lacrosse tradition. Over the past 20 years, 32 Notre Dame players have been named All-Americans. These 32 players have earned a total of 56 All-American commendations.

The tradition of success for Notre Dame's men's lacrosse team is alive this year. With exciting wins over Duke, Penn State and North Carolina, the Irish are off to what looks to be another promising season. Defenseman and captain Matt Miller leads the team. He headlines a shutdown defense that finished last season ranked No. 1 in the country in terms of scoring defense.

Neither is the Irish offense too shabby. Currently, Notre Dame is averaging 10.44 goals per game—considerably higher than the 7.61 goals which opponents average against the Irish. This 7.61 goal average has Notre Dame ranked 10th in the nation in scoring defense.

The Irish are 2-2 at home with wins over North Carolina and Ohio State and losses to Hofstra and St. John's. On the road, the Irish are undefeated with wins over Duke and Penn State.

The Irish travel to Providence in a Big East matchup against the Friars after starting Big East play on March 24. Be sure to make the trek out to Arlotta Stadium to cheer on the Irish throughout the home games of the season.

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DART like a champion

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is not a class with more enjoyable yet profound reading. The exams are straightforward if you pay attention and take notes. The paper is also pretty painless, and it's great to attend a lecture by a guy whose voice sounds like Aslan. Enough said.Take it.

Fagerberg is also teaching a course on the Theology of the Mass (THEO 40404). A dynamic liturgical scholar, Fagerberg engages students with a variety of texts. What better way to learn about the highest form of Catholic prayer then to unpack the theology of the Mass with a man who knows it as well as anyone?

All professors previously mentioned, in addition to **Stephen Gersch** and **Cyril O'Regan** (whose Irish accent is not to be missed) are professors with whom all theology majors or anyone interested in theology should take a class. If you don't, you will regret it.

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