

Ireland

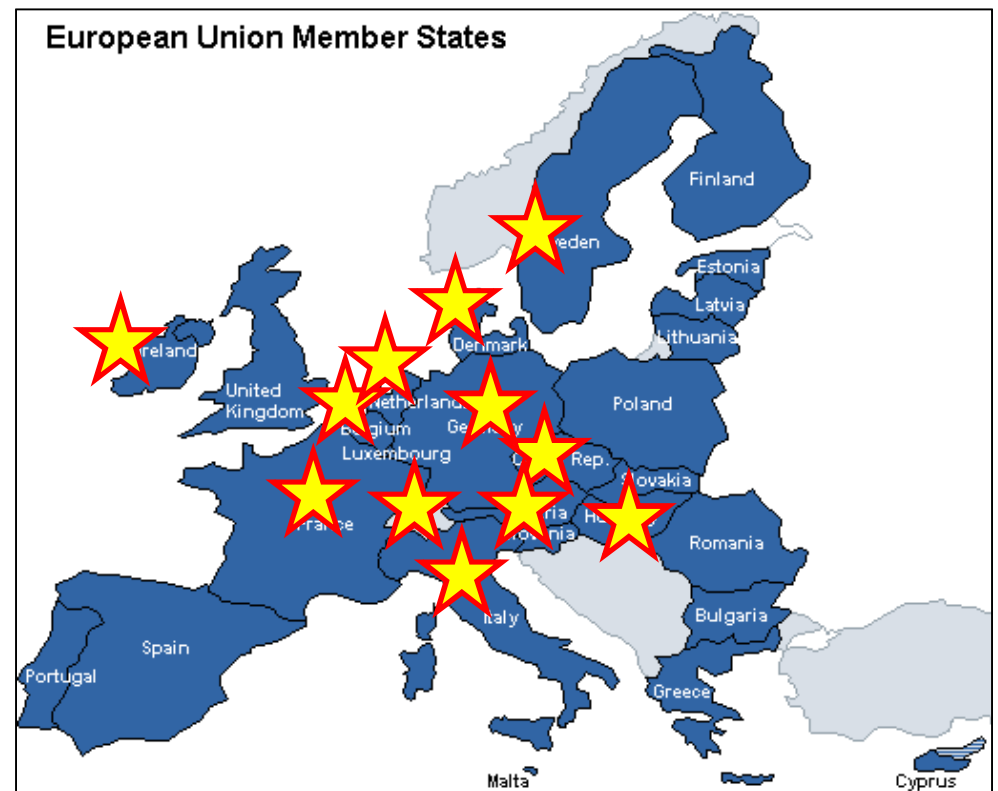
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Overview

- Personal Background
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Personal Background

Hometown

- Livonia, MI

Kettering University

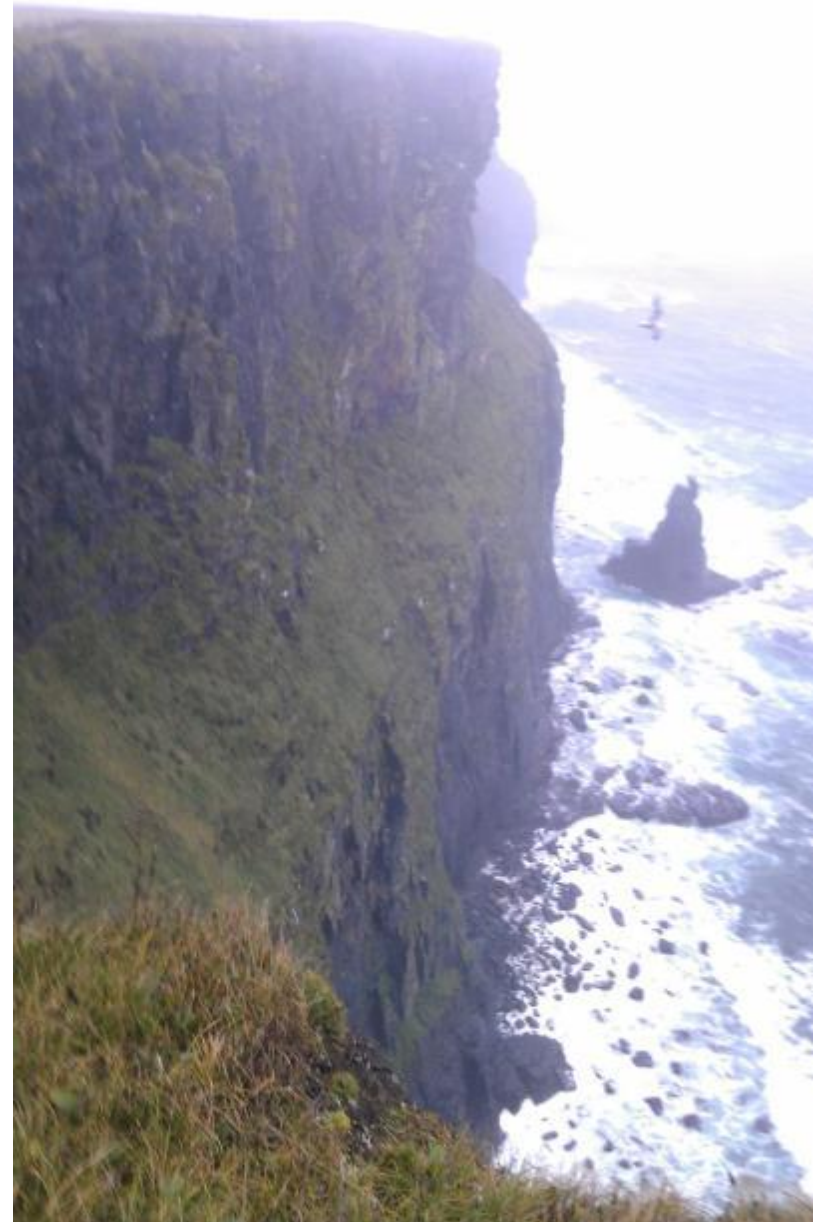
- Major: Mechanical Engineering
- Expected Graduation Date: December 2013

Hobbies

- Hockey, soccer, and traveling to foreign countries!

Family History

- Mother's side of the family settled into Connecticut around the late 1800's
- Have to do more digging for my Father's side.



Ireland



History of Ireland

- Arrival of Catholic Missionaries in the 5th Century.
- Under the influence of Great Britain until 1937!
- The Catholics had been suppressed under British rule in favor of the Protestant religion.
- 1798 Revolt to overthrow the Irish Parliament.
 - January 1st, 1801 Ireland was born.
- After the Potato Famine, the 1920 Government of Ireland Act separated the North and South Parliaments.



History of St. Patrick's Day

- British teen from a Christian family captured at the age of 16 by Irish raiders.
- Was isolated as a shepherd for six years and became a more devout Christian.
- God spoke to him in a dream telling him it was time to leave Ireland.
- He escaped, walking 200 miles to the east coast and back to Britain to study Christianity for 15 years.
- Ordained as a priest, he returned as a missionary determined to convert Ireland to Christianity.
- His death on March 17, ~460 A.D. is celebrated as an Irish and Catholic holiday.



Migration Periods



New York, Ellis Island, neg. No. 31636

First Irish Immigrants

- Became the working class for America.
 - Built the railroads to meet the Chinese workers from the west.
- Viewed as the lower class.
- Those who could speak English were able to become employed.
- Lived in the poorest Ghettos.



Majority of Irish in America

- 19th Century: New York and Philadelphia.
- Roughly 37 million Americans
- President Obama claims to have ancestors from the County Offlay.
- William Patterson, Associate Justice of the US Supreme Court, was born in County Antrim.



My Irish Journey

- Flew into Dublin and stayed the night.
- Left by train to Limerick.
- Traveled by Bus to the Cliffs of Moher, and back to Dublin by train.



Ireland Culture

- Warm and inviting.
- Go out of their way to say hello or to make conversation.
- Willing to help complete strangers.
- Interested in getting to know you.



Ireland Landscape

- Very flat with a lot of farm fields.
- Other than Dublin, everywhere felt like you were in the country side.



Dublin City

Jameson Distillery



River Liffey, Dublin



The Boar's Head, Dublin

priceless manuscripts, the most famous
being the 'Book of Kells'.



Looking at South Dublin



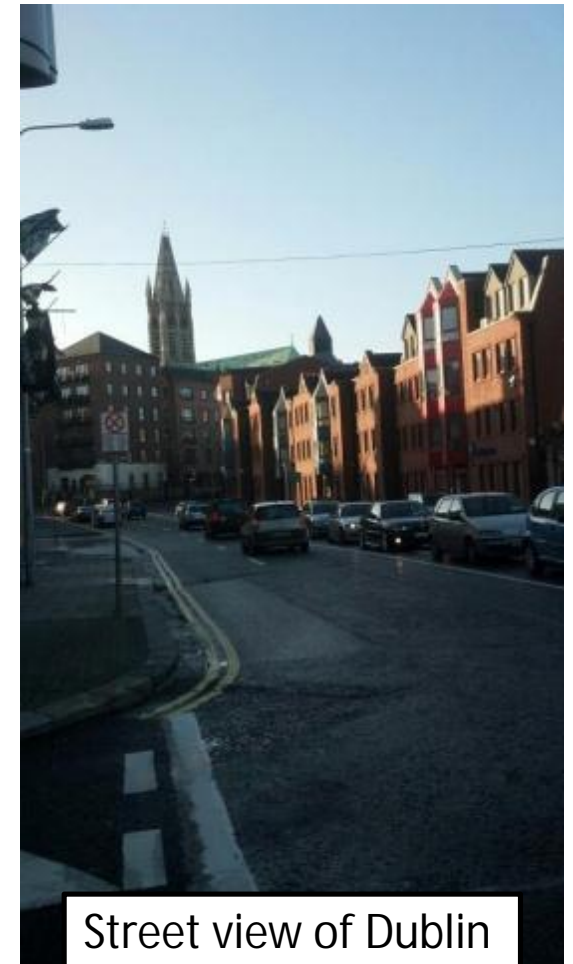
Looking at West Dublin

Dublin City

- The pubs are very lively as soon as work is out!
- Did not have to worry about walking around at night.
- Local transportation is very inexpensive.
- You don't have to worry about getting lost.



The Temple Bar, Dublin



Street view of Dublin

Limerick City



King John's Castle



River Shannon



St. Mary's Cathedral



Limerick City

- A very small city that has a big city feeling.
- Farmers markets and friendly pubs.
- Great tourist attractions!



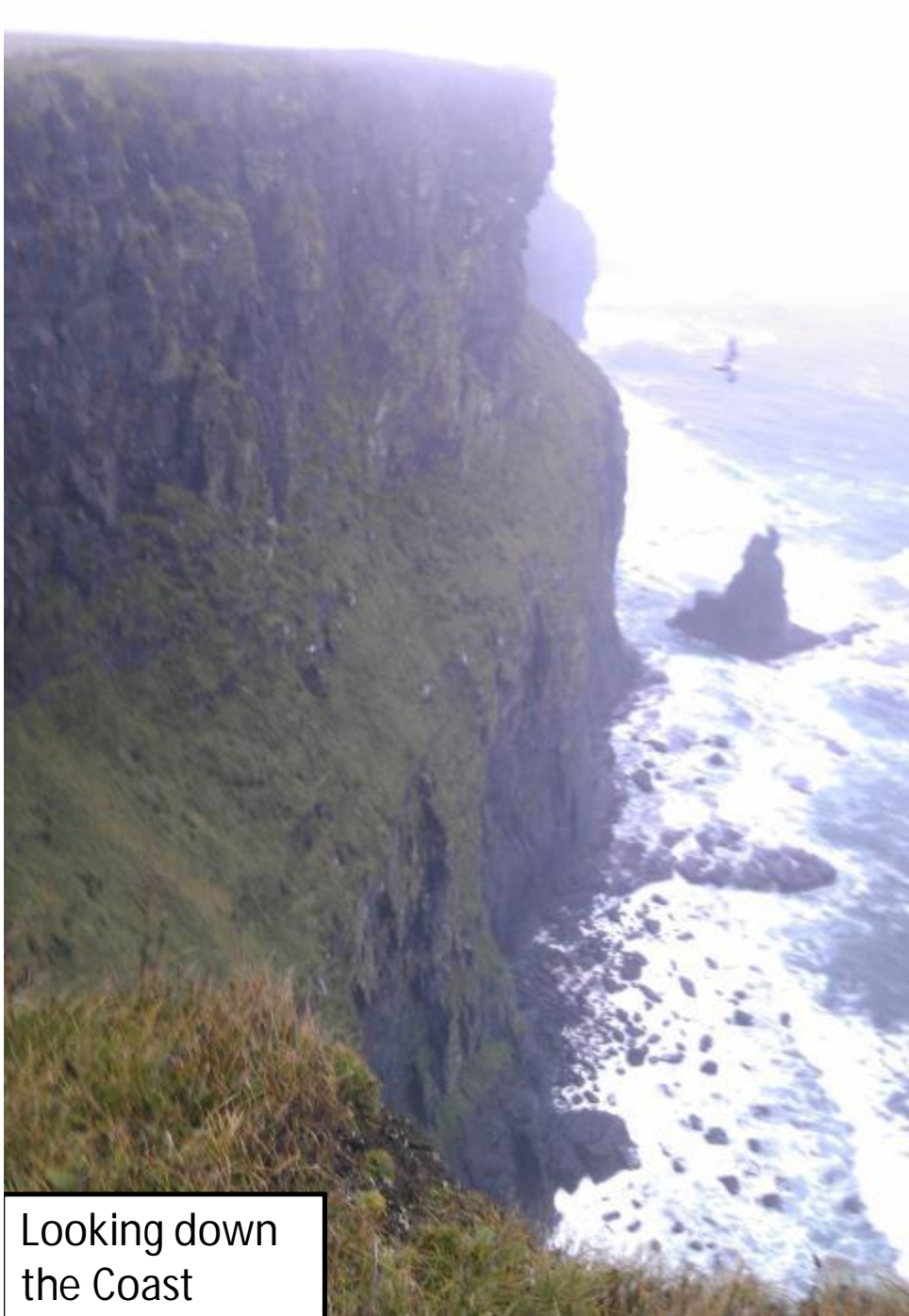
Cliffs of Moher



Puffin



The Cliffs of Moher



Looking down
the Coast



Standing on
the Edge!



It was really
foggy!

Cliffs of Moher

- Majestic marvel to see first hand.
- Suggest going there in the Summer time!
- Could spend an entire day walking the miles of cliffs.



Conclusions

- The culture and people are very kind and accepting.
- Very inexpensive compared to the rest of Europe.
- Get out there and travel.



Thank You

