Mendoza adapts in response to financial crisis

Business College expands focus on ethics in curricula, continues leadership programs

By BOB SINGER
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Amid widespread scrutiny of corporate management and with the financial collapse in recent memory, the business college is expanding its approach to teaching ethics, Dean of the Mendoza College of Business Carolyn Woo said.

This fall, in addition to offering more courses on ethics and continuing its Executive Integral Business College's expansion of its approach to teaching ethics, the Mendoza's Director of Integral Leadership, said, "in the spirit of the place, through many of our courses and our professors, we want to emphasize this need for ethics.

"Some colleges have courses in business ethics in their curricula. What's important to us at Notre Dame is that this be viewed as a way of life, as a cornerstone of what a business education should be," Leo Burke, Mendoza's Director of Integral Leadership, said.

The College's MBA program includes two courses in ethics, one required and one selected from a list of topics like marketing ethics, financial ethics in banking and global sustainability. Professor of Marketing Patrick Murphy said. On the undergraduate level, the College requires students to take a course on ethics curricula as a consequence of the financial crisis.

Study abroad rate ranks seventh in U.S.

By SARAH MERVOSH
News Writer

Sophomore Erin Wurst said her study abroad application is weighing on her mind more and more, not just because of the approaching deadline, but because everyone is talking about it. "All of my friends are applying," she said. "Everyone is kind of talking about where are you going abroad, it's like where you are going abroad," she said.

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Lake path closed for repairs

By KRISTEN DURBIN
News Writer

The east area of the Saint Mary's Lake footpath was closed Monday to allow for aesthetic and functional improvements on the path and surrounding lakeshore.

This area, located just north of the Grotto at the northeast intersection of Saint Mary's Road and St. Joseph Drive, has been a popular gathering spot, so heavy use coupled with erosion caused the asphalt in the area to deteriorate, according to Daniel Youngreen, distribution supervisor for Notre Dame Utilities.

"The main reason for replacing the path is that the walkway on the edge of the lake deteriorated due to wave action on the lake, which caused erosion in that area," Younggreen said.

Another factor contributing to the deterioration of the path is that the area was previously coated with three-inch diameter field stones, and people most likely threw many of these stones into the lake.

The gradual loss of field stones in the area led to further erosion of the shoreline. Younggreen also noted safe-
INSIDE COLUMN

No hope for Ohio sports

As a general rule, I like to remain optimistic in life. However, when it comes to my favorite sports teams, there is no room for me, especially now. That is because I am an Ohio sports fan, not including Cincinnati, which I don’t consider part of Ohio anyway. Growing up in Columbus, I have been a die-hard Ohio sports fan for my entire life (and yes, I still have some affinity to The Ohio State University) but I can’t remember a time when my teams were this bad.

Let’s start with the NFL, where the Cleveland Browns have once again fallen to the bottom of the standings and show no signs of improving. Even the beloved Brady Quinn couldn’t save the abysmal Browns and has now sold his house and will likely be traded. What’s most depressing that the other guy, Derek Anderson, is even worse. Silver lining: he actually won a game. Unfortunately for him, though, going 1-17 with 27 passing yards and an astounding 15.1 passer rating actually doesn’t normally get you a win, go figure.

The front office attracts much of the struggles to sickness and injury, with the flu of the team missed practice due to illness. Worse, another injury to the porous defense. I’m no doctor but I do know what makes me sick: watching the Browns try to run an offense. Knowing that, I’m not surprised that over a quarter of the team missed practice this last week due to sickness.

And then we have MI’s farm team, the Cleveland Indians. While the Tribe being eliminated from playoff contention in late April, I haven’t had much to watch as far as baseball goes. I didn’t even notice that they almost fell below the Kansas City Royals. That being said, I was glad to see the Indian’s all-star team play this October. Too bad the Dodgers’ ex-Indians Jim Thome, Ronnie Belliard, and Manny Ramirez couldn’t take down the defending champions, the Philadelphia Phillies. But wait, that’s okay because manager Charlie Manuel will represent the Tribe’s it’s been a while since I’ve watched the Indians for the first time. Of course the World Series features the Indians’ two Cy Young winners over the last two seasons, C.C. Sabathia and Cliff Lee, in Game 1. Silver lining: maybe the Indians’ front office is going back to the late 90s by week with Manny Ramirez by hiring another Mariner.

There have to be some Ohio teams playing well, right? Maybe the Cavs? No, I’ll be pessimistic here too. I’ve already lost to division rivals Charlotte at home and the end of the King’s contract is right around the corner.

I’ve got one: the Columbus Crew. Winners of the MLS Cup last year and the owners of the best record this year. This must be the team to root for. Only one problem: no one cares about soccer.

Okay so maybe it’s not entirely hopeless in Ohio, and I’m sure there are other cities with the same thoughts and more facts to elicit pessimism. But as bad as baseball and football have been for Cleveland, I can’t see how anyone can have hope.

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IN BRIEF

The Kroe Institute for International Peace Studies is hosting a panel discussion on “Globalization, Social Movements & Peacebuilding” today at 4 p.m. in 104 McKenna Hall.

The Gender Relations Center is hosting “Sex Signals,” an improvisational two-person play, in the Jordan Auditorium of the Mendoza College of Business today at 7 p.m. The play offers an irreverent take on dating, but is meant to provoke serious discussion about sexual violence.

The Society for Women Engineers will sponsor the Trick-or-Sweet 5k Run/Walk today at 7 p.m. The race fee is $10 and benefits the Miss Wizard Day Charity. Prizes will be awarded to the winner and person wearing the best costume.

Friday is the last day to drop a course. More information is available online at http://www.registrar.nd.edu

The Notre Dame Men’s Hockey team will play Ohio State Friday at 7:35 p.m. at the Joyce Center Ice Rink. Ticket information is available at 574-631-7356.

The Notre Dame Men’s Soccer Team will play Connecticut Saturday at 2 p.m. at Alumni Field.

Saturday is Halloween Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday at 2 a.m. Be sure to adjust your clocks.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observer@nd.edu

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OF HALLOWEEN

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE KIND OF HALLOWEEN CANDY?

Have an idea for a question of the Day? E-mail observer.questions@gmail.com

Question of the Day: What is your favorite kind of Halloween candy?

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Mike Petracki freshman Duncan
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Nick Berlin senior off-campus
Collin Ann Connolly sophomore Lewis

OFFBEAT

Too fat to kill? Fia, man uses weight as a defense

HACKENSACK, N.J. — A man accused of running up and down a flight of stairs to kill a former son-in-law is offering a novel defense: Too fat to kill? claiming that Ates, 62 at the time of the 2006 killing, was in such bad physical shape that he couldn’t have pulled off the shooting or the fast getaway the killer made.

Prosecutors are recommending a six-year prison term and restitution. Sentencing is scheduled for Jan. 8.

Somali who claims to be centenarian and teen MOGADISHU, Somalia — A Somali man who claims to be a centenarian has married a 17-year-old girl. Ahmed Mohamed Dhore celebrated his marriage to Safiya Abdul late Tuesday in central Somalia before hundreds of guests. Somali adolescent girls are often married off to older men. But it is rare for a man as old as Dhore to marry a girl of Abdul’s age.

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Information compiled from the Associated Press.

Band members, who will be in San Antonio during Halloween, dressed up on Wednesday as characters from the “Wizard of Oz.”

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LOCAL WEATHER


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Off-campus safety discussed by CCAC

By MEGAN HEMLER
News Writer

Off-campus safety, traffic problems in South Bend neighborhoods and issues regarding zoning were among the concerns discussed by the Community/Campus Advisory Coalition (CCAC) Wednesday afternoon at the Downtown Office of the University of Notre Dame.

The group is made up of representatives from Notre Dame, Holy Cross and Saint Mary's College as well as representatives from South Bend city offices and agencies.

The Coalition discussed a number of proposals for increasing safety in the neighborhoods immediately surrounding campus, including instituting a neighborhood watch program, increased police presence and a new Transpo shuttle that will operate during the weekend late night hours.

"The shuttle will run from approximately 9 p.m. to 3:30 a.m. Friday and Saturday nights, and anyone can ride it, but it is free for Notre Dame students," student body president Grant Schmidt said.

There will also be additional officers in the Northeast neighborhood and Eddy Street Commons, on foot and by patrol car, Schmidt said.

Schmidt also spoke on the creation of the Off-Campus Student Incident Report, which would serve as a way "for students to report safety concerns and events" and "for student government to start collecting data."

Dr. Cochran, dean of students at Holy Cross, expressed his concern that the lines of communication to report crimes against students are not always clear.

"When the Holy Cross students were carjacked, the South Bend police called Notre Dame, not Holy Cross," Cochran said.

In addition to safety concerns, the coalition discussed the problems with traffic congestion on home football game days. Individuals often park too close to the corner of intersections, making drivers unable to see whether or not a car is coming from the opposite direction.

There were also concerns regarding zoning procedures and housing codes. Often landlords and families rent single-family homes to multiple Notre Dame students without the students knowing.

"It's a bold violation now," said Cathy Toppel, director of code enforcement for the city of South Bend.

The CCAC will meet again on Dec. 2 at 3:30 p.m. at the Downtown Office of Notre Dame.

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SMC students work with homeless

By ALICIA SMITH
News Writer

In Professor Terri Russ' communications course at Saint Mary's College, students have the chance to experience the classroom from a different angle. Russ and her students volunteer at the South Bend Center for the Homeless each Thursday, teaching communication skills to its guests.

The class meets twice a week, once at the College and once at the Center, and according to Russ, the guests are eager to develop skills while they transition back to society.

"Every time we go to the center, they're really excited to see us and they're really eager to learn and do whatever activity we have planned for the day," Junior Caroline Baumgartner said.

"And they're always talking about it.

The students teach speaking and speech writing skills to a variety of guests, ranging from single moms to teenagers.

"Basically what we're doing is we're going there and teaching a class to four different groups — single moms, general communication, STAR [skilled, trained, able, and ready] programs and teens," senior Cassie McDonagh said. "We're teaching public speaking skills to the members of our group."

"We each cater kind of differently to the type students we have," she continued.

"So we're just going there every week and meeting with them and going over general public speaking skills, teaching them how to write speeches, different stuff like that.

The course is designed to help students combine education with social justice by giving the class the opportunity to connect with the South Bend community.

Members of the class said it helped to polish their public speaking as well as their ability to pass on their knowledge to others.

"While it helps us to give back to the community, it also helps our public speaking skills so we are all at once practicing our public speaking skills and teaching those skills to people who need to learn," senior Mary McDougall said.

Since this is the first year for the course, students have faced some difficulties while working with the center. However, the experience so far has been beneficial for both Saint Mary's students and the members of the classes they teach.

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now. The SEC is very active in rewriting rules for trading in various markets and there's new restrictions in place on short selling," Schultz said. "We're trying to promote academic research into some of these regulatory issues. Financial markets have changed a lot in recent years so that indicates there will be a lot of changes in regulations in the next few years."
Schultz said as technology changes, new regulations are needed, and that these rules are written primarily by lawyers. "We [at the Center] think that professors and economists should have more input into this," Schultz said.

The Center was founded last spring and hosted a conference in April that brought together academics and members of the business world, such as officials from the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and United States Federal Reserve.

The new Center will prove useful in helping regulators be more informed about the possible long-term consequences of their regulations, which will hopefully lead to better regulatory decisions, according to Schultz. "Hopefully we can promote good research in the area of regulations," Schultz said. "And hopefully we can lead regulators to make good decisions in regulations."

Schultz also said the Center would be useful in educating Notre Dame business students about the regulatory issues facing today's economy. "What we hope to do is to have some speakers who will be on campus and will be talking about some of these issues that will be of interest to students," Schultz said.

The Center also plans to host another conference in the spring, most likely toward the end of May.

One of the main purposes of the Center is to bridge the gap between business in the real world and business in academia. Schultz said the two areas are becoming increasingly disconnected. "Sometimes in universities we get kind of cut off on what's going on in the real world," Schultz said. "By creating the Center for the Study of Financial Regulation, we hope to stay in closer contact with what's going on."

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**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

Subjected centenarian marries teen

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**UN wants Iran to accept uranium plan**

UNITED NATIONS — Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon encouraged Iran on Wednesday to accept a U.S.-drafted plan to ship most of its uranium abroad for enrichment as a confidence-building measure.

Iranian lawmaker Mohammad Karamirad said the government will formally respond on Thursday to the proposal to send enriched uranium out of the country for processing, according to the semiofficial ISNA news agency. Another Iranian lawmaker, Alireza Jafarzadeh, said the country's top security body would make a final decision on the proposal later Wednesday.

**CUBA**

Country ready to talk with U.S.

Foreign report notes that Cuba is awaiting U.S. response on embargo discussions

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — Cuba is willing to hold talks with the United States "on any level," Cuban Foreign Minister Bruno Rodriguez said Wednesday in conciliatory remarks aimed at the Obama administration.

Rodriguez said in an interview with The Associated Press that his nation was waiting for a response from Washington to Cuba's offer to broaden discussions.

"His comments came despite a testy exchange between the top Cuban diplomat and a senior U.S. official just before the U.N. General Assembly voted overwhelmingly to condemn America's 47-year trade embargo.

This year's U.N. vote was 187-3 in opposition to the embargo, up from 185-3 last year, with only Israel and the tiny Pacific island nation of Palau supporting the United States. Micronesia and the Marshall Islands abstained both years.

It was the 18th year in a row that the General Assembly has taken up the symbolic measure, and the first since the papal visit to Cuba. Obama took office in January, promising to extend a hand of friendship and mutual respect and sover­eignty.

That change in approach has been noticed by Havana. Rodriguez said, "We are prepared to have a dialogue with the government of the United States at any level," the foreign min­ister told AP after the vote, adding that such talks must be held on the basis of mutual respect and sovereignty.

He reiterated that Cuba formally offered in July to hold expanded talks with the United States to cooper­ate in combating terrorism and drug trafficking, and to work together to fight natu­ral disasters, among other things.

"They blockaded an uncharted act of arma­
gance," Rodriguez said. He liked the policy to "an act of penitence" that is "ethi­cally unacceptable."

U.S. Ambassador Susan Rice reacted strongly, call­ing the Cuban diplomat's statements "hostile" and "straight out of the Cold War era."

"Here we go again," she said of Rodriguez's speech. "I suppose old habits die hard."

Still, Rice said the Obama administration was committed to writ­ing "a new chapter to this old story" by engaging with the Cuban government, and she used the bulk of her speech to highlight the steps Washington had already taken to improve ties.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Ian Kelly said the General Assembly vote on the embargo ignored U.S. efforts to help Cubans.

"This yearly exercise at the U.N. obscures the facts that the United States is a leading source of food and humanitarian relief to Cuba," Kelly said. "In 2008, the United States exported $717 million in agricultural products, medical devices, medicine, wood and humanitarian items to Cuba.

Meanwhile, Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, a close ally of Cuba, react­ed to the U.N. vote by say­ing that Cuba has an opportu­nity to earn the Nobel Peace Prize he was recent­ly selected to receive by lifting the embargo.

**LOCAL NEWS**

Proposals receive negative responses

ROCHESTER, Ind. — The first of three public meetings held to gather public input on a controversial proposal to revamp Indiana's teacher licensing requirements drew criticism from dozens of education officials.

Some at the meeting in Rochester on Tuesday said the proposed legislation would water down teacher standards, while others urged state officials to take more time considering the changes.

State schools Superintendent Tony Bennett says teachers spend too much time learning teaching methods and not enough on subject matter.

**Bay Bridge failure stirs fear and anger**

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — When 5,000 pounds of metal broke off the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge and fell on traffic during rush hour, the accident reappeared fears about the safety of a span that has become the largest public works project in California history.

"I thought I was going into the Bay," said Andrea Nelson, a marketing con­sultant and personal coach who saw the chunk crash as she rode her bike and bounce on the road ahead of her as she headed into San Francisco for dinner. She swerved and her car spun out as she ran over the rods, which gashed her tires.

"I have lost so much confidence in the experts, the millions of dollars that are being spent to reconstruct and build a new bridge," she said. "I'm not so sure it's safe.

The terrifying scene on Tuesday left 1,000 motorists with minor injuries, but stirred anger over the constant delays and soaring costs of the still­unfinished new eastern span of the Bay Bridge, which has become the largest public works project in California history.

It remained unclear how long the span would be closed. Bay Area Rapid Transit, which operates a light rail system on the bridge, announced Tuesday evening that it would limit the number of passengers on trains crossing the bridge, limiting service.
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ethics and offers several electives on the subject.

Last year, Woo said, the College started offering a course called “Giving Voice to Values,” which gives students the awareness to solve dilemmas revolving around the question, “When you say something is wrong, how do you bring your values into the workplace?” The College also offers a course on “Business on the Front Lines”—described by Woo as an examination of “how to start business for the social good in a war-torn country.”

Additionally, the Executive Integrity Leadership program will continue to be offered to Executive MBA students and real world executives.

The one-week program, according to Woo, promotes “self-reflection and self-understanding” by helping participants to recognize the disconnect between their values and deeds with the goal of “integrating interior thinking and external actions.”

Woo laid out four specific causes of unethical behavior, citing the ease with which people can rationalize their actions and highlighting the incentives to record higher profits.

“People ‘go along the flow’ or diminish their sense of responsibility for unscrupulous deeds by seeing themselves as part of a larger mechanism beyond their control, view ethical violations as means to a nobler ends, engage in unethical practices because of tax penalties and are pushed to sacrifice their principles with the prospect of enormous gain,” Woo said.

Burke discussed the larger causes of ethical breakdowns in business and their significance for a long-term view of the economy.

“There is a systemic level, it’s fueled by the need for ongoing economic growth,” he said. “It feels the question, ‘What levels of economic growth are sustainable environmentally and sustainable in terms of the social good?’”

“At times, we need to look at what more natural rates of growth might be and how we re-orient our attitudes to concur with these natural rates of growth,” Burke continued. “If you look at high growth rates, it requires more and more consumption and what we’ve see with more and more consumption is that it has led to greater and greater debt and has required more and more extraction of resources from the plan-ets.”

Looking at the short term, Murphy said the business community should “restore the trust of people at large about the financial problems and the problems we were going through a year ago.”

To create a more ethical busi-ness environment, Murphy and Woo argued for change among the political leaders.

“I think that changes must come from the inside,” Woo said. “We can only come but it must come from the inside, because external regulation can never be sufficient.”

Murphy also saw a need for external change as well, highlighting the need for society to identify ways for the business community to serve its needs.

“Number two, there is an undoubtedly a need for the regula-tory community to take a look at how they need to tighten up on a range of standards that prove to be excess,” he said. “But even more important, individual citizens in society need to come together to set the parameters on what the purpose of business should be in the larger society.”

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we use what people are say­ing about us to improve our intellectual atmosphere here at Notre Dame?”

Community relations chair Denise Baron said it is socially unacceptable to talk about intellectual topics in un-intellectual situations at Notre Dame.

“There is this sense of keep it for the classroom. So when you bring it up, you get shot down about it or you have to preface a lot of what you say with this is really nerdy,” Baron said.

Mary Bordoniga of Ryan Hall suggested assigning a required reading book to incoming freshmen and then having a discussion about the book during freshmen orientation.

The book would give stu-dents a common ground got intellectual discussion, she said.

Bordoniga also said discussion needs to play a larger role in the classroom.

“I am a political sci-entist and history major and most of those classes years ago and think would have a lot of discussion,” she said. “I am a senior and I can account on one hand the classes that I feel I really had a lot of discussion in.”

Farley Hall senator Elise Jordan suggested having discussions in a more inform-al setting. Jordan said over fall break she visited Yale University, which offers a class similar to tutorials, but more informal.

“Sometimes these would be in the middle of the week at 9 p.m. and there would be four or five kids from your class and you would talk about what you learned.”

She said it might be even in an infor-mal setting with coffee.

Gender Issues chair Patrick Tigh‑ tigh agreed and said he wanted to change to the social cultural at Notre Dame by hav-ing classes in the dorms, to combine aca-demic and residence life.

“I have seminars with the people you live with and actually having classes and teach in your dorms,” he said.

Community building is facilitated by intellectual discourse and it builds a community of scholars,” Walker Anderson, Campus Technology chair, said.

An academic life and residence life.

“We can talk about sports, our internships, our study abroad programs and the jobs we want to pursue later in life in ‘Let’s check it at dinner time,’ but we don’t talk about Plato or great American works.”

C.J. Kelly

Duncan Hall senator

Brown University and Providence College were the only two schools that part of Notre Dame.

“They were so envious of all our cultural spirit. While they can maybe talk about Catholic at dinner, they are really jealous of our community here,” she said.

Student body president C.J.

Cynthia Weber clarified that Notre Dame is not trying to become like an Ivy League school, but to look at the weaknesses of our intellectual environment in order to improve them.

“This is Notre Dame, We are not an Ivy League and we really aren’t trying to be an Ivy League,” she said.

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**IN BRIEF**

Google adds song feature to search

LOS ANGELES — A new music feature rolled out by Google Inc. Wednesday will bring its U.S. searchers one click away from listening to a full-length song.

The simple design brings up four songs to the top of search results. Once one is clicked on, Google will play the song on pop-up players from the top of search results.

"Within that mission of trying to make music search easier is to keep it simple," said R.J. Pittman, Google's director of product management. "Exercising great restraint in the design of this is what's going to maximize its adoption."

"That is not what we want," said Wal-Mart executive vice president of global strategy and communications. "This is what's going to maximize its adoption."

Google's song feature will be available on sites such as Yahoo!, MySpace, and Lala. The search results are also searched by artist name, album or song title and can even access a song by typing in part of its lyrics.

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

Agriculture Department said nearly 200,000 retailers nationwide now accept food stamps, 20 percent more than in 2005.

"Within the economy, stores are battling for every dollar and see a big potential market in the growing ranks of food stamp recipients," said Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns. "From warehouse clubs to gourmet foods, and even the White House, the food stamp use has hit new highs."

"Within this case meaning that there would not be enough shoppers to make it worth the trouble of updating its electronic payment system and that food stamps would slow down the checkout lines."

"In May, however, Costco began accepting food stamps in New York under political pressure, and the practice turned out to be more popular than expected," said Richard Galanti said the company's assumptions were "probably a bit arrogrant."

"Department of Agriculture said nearly 200,000 retailers nationwide now accept food stamps, 20 percent more than in 2005."

"Most major food chains — like Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and Safeway Inc. — have accepted food stamps, and other public assistance as payment for many years."

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"The rest will be phased in as Costco gets the necessary state approvals."

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"Certainly this economy was a wake-up call," said Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns. "Costco is a name every householders, and Richard Galanti recently told investors: "It is not surprising that we are, in fact, paying the strata that are using these."

"The rolls of food-stamp recipients have grown by 10 million over the past two years. The U.S. Department of Agriculture said nearly 200,000 retailers nationwide now accept food stamps, 20 percent more than in 2005."

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"The company hopes to accept food stamps in about half its 407 stores in the U.S. by Thanksgiving. The rest will be phased in as Costco gets the necessary state approvals."

"As for Kroger Co. and other grocers that have long accepted food stamps, they are adding new signs to welcome those on food stamps, as well as increasing staffing and stockpicking on key products at the times of the month when benefits are issued."

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international education since the 1960s and continuously works to improve the program by reviewing each location and adding programs so it will meet needs of departments.

"We've increased our number of programs and the kinds of opportunities people have," Opel said.

The University has 32 semester and year-long study abroad locations in 29 different countries, the Office of International Studies Web site said.

"We have a variety of programs that fit different students' needs, but we don't have so many that we don't have a good knowledge of every program," she said.

Though Opel said about 948 stu-
dents study abroad during each academic year, the Office of International Studies does little recruiting.

Younghs green said. Also, a six-
inch layer of aggregate base will be placed underneath the path to ensure and extend the life of the path.

In addition, a storm inlet structure will be installed along St. Joseph Drive to create a conduit for collecting rainwater. This structure will allow rainfall to run into the lake through the conduit instead of across the soil, which would cause increased erosion of the lakeshore.

"We [ND Utilities] are using best management practices throughout the project in doing anything we can do to improve storm water quality and be good stewards of the environment for each and every landowner," she said.

Although ND Utilities is overseeing the project, the paths around both St. Mary's and St. Joseph's Lakes are maintained yearly by Notre Dame Landscape Services. The primary focus of the annual maintenance is to ensure the limestone paths are even and safe for use by members of the Notre Dame community.

The project will be complet-
ed within the next two weeks, culminating with the reopen-
ing of the area at noon on Nov.

Younghs green said the project will not affect general use of the path because the area under construction is roped off for pedestrian safety.

The Saint Mary's Lake paths and banks were last renovated in the summer of 1995 in order to improve the design of the lake area. The field stones currently being replaced was also redone during the previous project.

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ty is another central reason for repairing the path, which closely borders the lake, because further erosion could potentially be hazardous to pedestrians.

The project, overseen by ND Utilities for Landscape Services, involves replacing the remaining field stone with glacier field stone on the exposed shoreline. The new stone, with an average diame-
ter of 12 to 18 inches, will be placed on geotextile fabric to prevent silt from getting into the field stone and to mini-

mize erosion.

Improvements on the path also include the installation of a timber border between the path and the field stones for aesthetic purposes.

The office announces informa-
tion sessions for the project oc-
casionally and has one general infor-
tation session during spring.

Opel said.

"The students who come back from study abroad are really our best recruiters because they tell everyone in the dorm about their experiences," she said.

Junior Gabriela Moriel, who is currently studying in Puebla, Mexico, said the ringing endorse-
ment of studying abroad by returning students was a factor in her decision to go abroad.

"I did not hear from a single person who did not absolutely love their study abroad experience," she said. "And I think that is a remarkable thing to say, especially when we already go to the best university in the country."

Moriel said her abroad experi-
ence has been as positive as she had expected.

"My experiences in Mexico have completely surpassed my expecta-
tions in every way possible. As we approach November, I'm already starting to get sad because I am not ready for this experience to end," she said.

Wurst said the accessibility of the study abroad programs make it easy for students to apply, and is probably a contributing factor to the high rate of international study at Notre Dame.

"They encourage you to go, and they are really organized and they make you feel safe about going abroad and comfortable," Wurst said. "They make it really appeal-
 ing."

"I feel like at other schools, especially at big universities, it's like you will you can study abroad if you want, here's how you apply. And you are kind of on your own from there," she said. "They don't have as much direction as we do.

Junior Elizabeth Benson, who is studying abroad in London, agreed.

"Notre Dame students tend to value cultural awareness while they also desire the excitement that comes with being surrounded by completely new people, places, and things," she said.

Wurst said the number of stu-
dents who go abroad at Notre Dame made her feel comfortable enough to apply.

"I know that I'll be surrounded by other Notre Dame students and I'll be in an environment where I'll feel comfortable," she said. "I really don't think I'd go for a year if I was on my own.

Opel encouraged anyone who is interested to apply for a study abroad program.

"When you come back and have on your resume that you've done a study abroad, not just for the sake of study abroad, that you really learned something, I think that's what makes it a really marketable experience," she said.

"We want to put you abroad, so help us do that for you by giving us a good application," Opel said.

The application deadline is Nov.

15, according to the Office of International Studies Web site.

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Upon first being told, that I had attained the position of Viewpoint writer in this fair newspaper, my soul positively bloomed with delight; and I set to making the ink flow from my pen, in the service of making light of things, which hereabouts are taken more seri­ously than they deserve. And, indeed, for one or two columns, the freshness and invention which naturally arose from being a new writer with a somewhat dif­ferent perspective won me some modest acclaim from close friends and immediate relations.

But being unable to sustain this mood, nor plentifully enough supplied with the wit or brains to invent new topics for dis­cussion, I hit upon the determination to immediately let down my readers, by com­posing a column entirely of such banal­lous filler, as is usually to be found written hereon when news is slow and topics of conversation are few. So I racked my brains for such well-worn topics as life at Notre Dame could supply me with, and before long had come up with a list which, if not comprehensive, at least hit upon much of the Fro-Yo provided therein, and thereby much of the free and easy seating at the Dining Hall, Notre Dame’s academic brains for such well-worn topics as life at Notre Dame could supply me with, and before long had come up with a list which, if not comprehensive, at least hit upon much of the Fro-Yo provided therein, and thereby much of the free and easy seating at the Dining Hall, Notre Dame’s academic

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“If all economists were paid end to end, they wouldn’t reach a conclusion.”

George Bernard Shaw
Irish dramatist

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Never hear more than one rule at a time; it is never possible for three kinds — all they have had, all they have now, and all they expect to have.”

Edward Everett Hale
U.S. author

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If you’re still asking, “How was your break?” it’s time to switch gears; it’s Oct. 29 and there’s only two days to go.

In our house, Halloween isn’t too big a deal. The extent of our decorating includes two big pumpkins from the farmers’ market plugged into the front steps, which some enterprising squirrels have already discovered as the perfect fall snack food. Our daughter plans to be a hippie, though she had to Google “60s fashion” to answer the question, “Mom, what does a hippie look like?” Our oldest son originally wanted to dress as his favorite food, bacon, or “the candy of asses,” as he prefers to call it. Then he learned that a) he’s in high school you don’t get to wear your costume to school and have your decorations approved, and b) because of a sporting event he would miss out on trick-or-treating and on two friends’ Halloween parties.

I have a dear friend whose opinions I respect, whose five children have never worn cardboard cutouts or dressed up in Halloween costumes. She feels quite strongly that Halloween celebrates evil with too cavalier an attitude. Now, don’t roll your eyes as you’re reading — I know it’s not a mainstream view of thinking, but she believes so strongly both in the existence of deception and the existence of evil that it pains her to give a day, or any day now practically the whole month of October, over to glorifying so much of what pulls us away from God.

C. S. Lewis, his wonderful book “The Screwtape Letters,” reminds us quite humorously — but also forcefully — that evil enters our lives on a petty, even unnoticeable level, much more often and insistently than on a grand scale. The “patient” referred to in the book simply tries to live his life as a Christian, while Screwtape (who’s a sort of middle management type in Lewis’ bureaucratic depiction of the underworld) and his nephew and lackey Wormwood plot and scheme about how to use the most ordinary events of the young man’s life to draw him apart from The Enemy (God). Screwtape coolly prods Wormwood to “keep the waters muddied,” to make it difficult enough for the man to live with faith, and the young Christian “patient” could be doomed simply by not looking carefully enough for the truth of a situation; by growing more and more comfortable delivering humorous insults to garner a laugh; by taking the efforts of a loved one for granted, or by allowing one’s prayers to become lax and insincere. As Screwtape reminds Wormwood, nothing drastic is necessary because “the safest path to hell is the gradual one.”

So it is a ridiculous stretch of the imagination to believe that Halloween somehow qualifies as a holiday in which fictional forces of evil such as Screwtape and Wormwood — or the real forces of evil in which we Christians believe — might take great delight? I don’t think so. Big-time evil gets our attention, but sneaky little evil we see in its way when we’re not looking. Maybe we ought to think twice before wanting to “be” Freddy, or Jason, or Leatherface, or a “sexy” French maid (costumes which are now widely available in grade-school sizes). Halloween’s origins specifically connected it to All Saints’ Day on Nov. 1, and the message was quite clear: evil could give it a try, but goodness would triumph in the end. Now that connection is largely unknown, and Halloween has become the second-most commercialized holiday behind Christmas (tab d-absent). Ugh. Screwtape and Wormwood might find our culture filled with such easy targets they wouldn’t even want to waste their time.

So can we celebrate Halloween at all? Probably. We don’t believe in Catholicism’s intellectual and cultural resources.

Kate Barrett
Faith Point

Those defending the innocent

To Eduardo Magallanese (“Pro-life vs. pro-birth,” Oct. 27), I agree with your thoughts regarding the respect we desire for human life of all stages. As Catholics we should strive to defend the dignity of life as John Paul II said “from conception to natural death.” I fail to see, however, if you believe abortion is abhorrent, why you would attack the pro-life efforts on campus. You have pointed out, the degradation of the gift of life takes many forms.

The abomination that is the murder of the innocent unborn is the most horrific of these attacks and therefore we work to end it by focusing on this issue we do not downplay or disregard the others that you listed. Ideally we would be able to address every threat to the dignity of life, and as the Christian community as a whole we can. Yet within this community of believers there is no reason why individuals should not direct their energies toward a specific problem.

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O’Neill Hall
Oct. 27

Too expensive

After picking up my student tickets for the upcoming Notre Dame Men’s Basketball season, I was faced with an unexpected decision: where should I Park? The ticket office told me the best way to stop buying oil from “The Enemy” would be to start buying from companies. As you have pointed out, the degradation of the gift of life takes many forms.

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Scene

Paranormal Activity Falls Short of Blair Witch Project's Shock Value

By SHANE STEINBERG
Scene Writer

Writer-director Oren Peli's "Blair Witch"-inspired cult classic in the making, "Paranormal Activity," is the closest thing to actually being worthy of being called a "horror film" since its near identical twin forever made camping in the woods terrifying nearly 10 years ago. It takes cues from everything from its predecessor's viral marketing campaign, to its medium, making it seem a near replica of "Blair Witch," thus signaling a departure from everything that has plagued the recent "Wax"-inspired horror genre that has been horrifying, but for all the wrong reasons.

The film is filled with rawness and a sense of believability, and thankfully lacks any sort of post-production touch-ups, over-the-top scares, pop-outs that are just there for kicks and any semblance of unnecessary gore. Instead, the film builds off of mental tension and heightened suspense that is so masterfully built up through the use of a static video camera. "Paranormal Activity" follows a young couple, Micah and Katie. Katie claims to be haunted by some unknown presence in their new house. Her history with such hauntings is persistent and therefore a reaction not to her immaturity, more curious than anything else, testosterone-driven boyfriend, Micah, who gets the bright idea to film the couple during the wee hours of the night to see what's really going on, if anything. What ensues is a whole lot more than either of them is ready to handle, and as the couple loses their grip on the situation, and on each other, the problem becomes increasingly more horrifying, with the camera there to document it all.

Micah is the real diamond of a character here because of his believability and his ultimate progression through the film. His curiosity is real and understandable, and the fun-turned-concern-turned-terror that he goes through evolves in such a way that he acts as a microcosm for the audience itself, and how someone in his shoes would in fact deal with the eerie happenings in his home that plague his girlfriend. We live his terror, not necessarily hers, and that makes the journey all the more enjoyable.

All of the suspense, all of the build up — and all of the hoopla behind the film, really — pays off in the last 30 seconds of the film. Or maybe it doesn't, like "The Blair Witch Project," everything is thrust onto the screen during the all-or-nothing closing scene, culminating in what will either be interpreted as a mildly satisfying scare of all scares that'll leave you disturbed long after the film ends, or a predictable gag that's ultimately uneven and too "by the book." It happens so quickly that not even a breath is spared before its over, and in the end, it doesn't have the same force, nor shock value, nor lingering affect that it tries to have.

The film straddles the line of believability but never quite settles deep enough under the skin that it loses the vibe of being just a film, and one that despite its producers' exhaustive efforts, is, in the end, fictional. It's a shame, too, because there are a couple of instances in the film when even the most horror-resistant viewer can't help but be in an "okay-I'm-kind-of-freaked-out-right-now-let's-see-what-happens-next" state. It's in these moments that the audience is swept under a cover of eeriness that tugs at the nerves and sends shivers down the spine, but the tragedy here is that it's in the successive moments that the feeling is lost.

HORROR is a only breath away — real horror the likes of which hasn't been seen in theaters for quite some time — but it never quite manifests itself. Instead, the film is rather choppy in the weirdest sort of way. For you see, suspense is built up masterfully and the scares are separated by enough story that believability isn't sacrificed, but when the audience is really pulled in and the opportunity to become a truly great horror film presents itself, the film loses its vice grip. If only it capitalized on the opportunity, this would be a truly scary film. Instead, it looks much larger than most of the other garbage that passes as "horror" these days, but falls quite short of the "Blair Witch" plateau.

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Interview with the Vampire @ DPAC, 10 p.m.

With the latest cast including Brad Pitt, Tom Cruise, Christian Slater and Kirsten Dunst, “Interview with the Vampire” is the perfect fix for everyone’s current vampire addiction. It centers upon a famous Louisiana who loses his wife and child. He meets Lestat, a vampire, and makes the decision to become a vampire himself. This decision turns out to torment Louis as he learns to live with the new beast he has become. The SUB movie for this week, “Interview with the Vampire” is showing Thursday night at 10 p.m. and Friday and Saturday nights at 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.

SAO Halloween Events all evening SAO, in conjunction with several other groups on campus, has put together a variety of Halloween activities for this weekend. It all starts at 3 p.m. on Fieldhouse Mall featuring pumpkin, corn hole, DJ music, hot chocolate, hot apple cider and donuts. At 9 p.m. be sure to participate in the Halloween SCVNGR Hunt which takes place at all the spooky sites across campus. Text "ndlautumn-edtour" to 728647 to sign-up. From 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. SAO will be sponsoring campus hayrides leaving from Stepan Center. Also, from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. SAO will be sponsoring a haunted house in Stepan Center with several different walk routes and no limit on re-entering. Costumes are encouraged at all events.

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Alexander Nevsky @ DPAC 3 p.m.

This 1938 film is part of a two-series entitled “Medievalism on Film: Those were the days” which includes four films which all depict medieval life. "Alexander Nevsky" chronicles the life of Alexander Nevsky, a Russian prince in the 13th century who leads a ragtag team of civilians against a foreign agressor. The film is in Russian with English subtitles and is based on the true story of Nevsky’s life. It is running in the Browning Cinema at 3 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are $6 for the public, $5 for faculty and staff, $4 for seniors and $3 for all students.

By JOEY KUHN Assistant Scene Editor

When most people think of ’90s music, the sound they usually conjure up is a kind of gloopy, sexy, synth-laden pop somewhere between David Bowie and Duran Duran. Yet there were a lot of things happening in music during that decade besides electronic beats and crazy clothes. One of those things was the Meat Puppets.

The Meat Puppets are known for their contribution to Nirvana’s final album, “MTV Unplugged in New York.” Kurt Cobain, the famously suicidal lead singer of Nirvana, became a fan of the Meat Puppets after he saw them open for a Black Flag concert in late 1993. He invited two members of the Meat Puppets, brothers Cris and Curt Kirkwood, to join him on “MTV Unplugged.” On the show, they played three of the Meat Puppets songs, “Plaque,” “Lake of Fire” and "Oh, Me." Those three songs were some of the strongest in the set and "Lake of Fire" particularly became a staple of alternative rock radio thanks to a particularly haunting vocal performance by Cobain. Tragically, Cobain died only 138 days after the concert, but his death assured the high sales of Nirvana’s final recording and cemented a place in rock history for the Meat Puppets.

But the Meat Puppets do not deserve to be relegated to a minor footnote in the career of Nirvana. Even before Nirvana, the Meat Puppets had created a unique sound of their own, blending hardcore punk, country and psychedelic rock. Their eponymous first album, which was heavily punk-influenced, contained only the seeds of this sound. But by their second album, released in 1984, the band members “were so sick of the hardcore thing,” according to drummer Derrick Bostrom. "We were really into pissed off the crowd.” Meat Puppets II” perhaps contains the quintessential Meat Puppets album, is much more experimental than their first. It presents a delicate ratio of punk, country and acid rock, so that somehow, all those elements manage to hang together in a sound that is weird yet appealing.

Think the Pixies, Johnny Cash and Jerry Garcia in one band. All three of the songs performed on Nirvana’s “MTV Unplugged” are from this album. Not only is the music bizarrely enjoyable, but the surrealistic lyrics also run the gamut from simply quirky ("Oh Mary Lou, won’t you tell me what to do / I got a dollar on the corner and a razor in my shoe") to downright indefinable ("It’s a poor living room / Just above the dock / With these willows there / Feathers drip from every corner"). Kurt sings the words in a distinct, warbling voice that is unlike that of a different Kurt. "Up on the Sun," the 1983 fol­low-up to "Meat Puppets II," delves even further into the country-western vein. Distracting mem­bers from the band members mostly ditched the distortion in favor of twanging acoustic gui­tars and a rambling bass. As a result, this album has a much lighter feel than "Meat Puppets II," though it still retains the survival, acid-washed atmosphere. With about half of the songs being pure­ly instrumental, the Meat Puppets here show a knack for creating lovely, intricate little acoustic webs.

With every album, the Meat Puppets continued to expand and evolve their sound. After their major exposure from "MTV Unplugged," the Meat Puppets put out their best-selling record, "Too High to Die," on which they finally bear the influence of the right­ies creeping in with a synthesizer and perfectly metric acoustic beats. They also began to sound more like some of their Seattle grunge contemporaries such as Pearl Jam.

The Meat Puppets went through two breakthroughs in the 90s and early 90s, but after each they revived themselves with a new lineup. The band is still active and consists of two of the three original members, Curt and Cris Kirkwood, plus Ted Marcus on drums. They have released two albums with this new lineup, most being 2009’s "Seven Together.”

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Westbrook questionable against Giants after concussion

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Brian Westbrook was knocked unconscious in the Eagles' 27-10 win over the Packers on Monday night when a knee to his head in the first quarter appeared to have left him with a mild concussion. He left the game, denying that a bunch of family members are going to be watching with what could be a cold, wet and windy day and the Packers are eagerly preparing to avenge their recent defeat.

"I don't think it'll be as bad," Favre said, "but I don't know that.

The NFC's all-time leading ground gainer was doing better loses consciousness during the Associated Press.

"I think that's probably more irritating to everyone else," Favre said. He expects a mixture of emotions and better play into it. But I can't worry about it."

"We'll see how he does this week," Eagles head coach Andy Reid said Wednesday morning.

Westbrook was knocked unconscious in the Eagles' 27-17 win over the Cardinals on Monday night when he took a knee to his head in the first quarter. The NFL instituted a rule in 2001 that states a player who loses consciousness during the course of a game cannot return to that game.

Westbrook did not practice Wednesday, nor did he do his scheduled weekly press conference. Reid and Eagles trainer Rick Burkholder both said the star running back was doing better immediately after the game.

"His eyes were clear," Reid said. "He didn't have that hazy look about him.

Burkholder, who ushered Westbrook off the field is taking the one-day-at-a-time approach, but is encouraged by the way he carried the ball 26 times for 128 yards and two touchdowns in the NFC championship game.

"He knows everything," Burkholder said. "He knows his big brother on the field. He knows Andy was behind him. He remembers walking off the field, going to the locker room, being on the field in the second half. He remembers all of that.

"Now, we're looking at a headache. Once his headache is gone, we're not seeing a mild headache, but it's still a headache. Once that clears we'll get his heart rate up and see how he responds. If he feels good we're going to try some football drills.

Burkholder said through the Eagles' public relations director that a visitor at Lambeau for photo shoots, and he's been holed there before during a bunch of bad games.

This will be a unique experience, but Favre is more concerned about the NFC North race between the Giants and Packers (4-2). After appearing stiff and tired during his news conference, Favre loosened up and joked about checking fan mail from Wisconsin for "something zicking" or "white power?"

"He carried 26 times for 128 yards. They have one less day to get Westbrook back, after playing Monday night.

"But if he feels good, we'll get a routine setup, a white paper to play into it. But I can't worry about that. I worry about Brian.

If Westbrook can't play, he will be replaced by rookie running back LeSean McCoy, the team's second-round draft pick out of Pitt.

McCoy played in place of Westbrook, who was out with a knee injury against Kansas City in the third game of the season and finished with 84 yards rushing on 20 carries with a touchdown.

That was the Chiefs. This is the Giants.

Westbrook has done well against the Giants, including an 84-yard punt return for a touchdown in the Eagles' win in 2003. In nine games against New York, he has topped 100 rushing yards six times and rushed for 283 yards.

"I'm not sure how much it will be," Favre said. "But I can't worry about that. I worry about Brian.

"Listen, I've been a part of some Raider-Charger games, so I think I've seen the worst in the league," Leber said.

After Favre's first retirement in 2008, he tried to force his return to Green Bay, who ultimately decided he wouldn't fit anymore. Favre acknowledged Wednesday "it's probably that best things worked out the way they did."

After playing for the New York Jets last year, hanging it up and then re-signing with the Jets to again sign with the Vikings, Favre is in prime form for a perfect Super Bowl run with serious Super Bowl aspirations.

That's what earns Packers fans most.

"I think our fans here in Green Bay are first class, and I think they'll do what they feel is appropriate," Packers coach Mike McCarthy said, when asked what kind of reaction he thinks Favre will get.

Favre has maintained a defiant stance when asked about his deteriorating legacy in Green Bay. But in the wake of his success there should speak for itself, and described a bigger picture of what they expect him to do.

Looking to bolster their depth at the position, the Eagles signed P.J. Hill off New England's practice squad. Hill, 5-foot-10, 218 pounds, was signed as a rookie free agent by the Saints out of Wisconsin. He carried 26 times for 128 yards, a 4.9 yards per carry average and scored three touchdowns in the preseason. Among the Saints' final cuts, he was signed to the team's practice squad on Sept. 7.
**Chiefs suspend Johnson for gay slurs**

**Associated Press**

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Running back Larry Johnson, who made two gay slurs within a 24-hour period and has a history of poor behavior both on and off the field, was given what amounts to a one-game suspension Wednesday night by the Kansas City Chiefs.

Missing one game will cost the troubled for­

Chiefs running back Larry Johnson hangs his head during Kansas City's 37-7 loss to San Diego Sunday. Johnson, who has a history of poor behavior both on and off the field, was given a one-game suspension this week.

**In Brief**

Iverson sits out season opener against Phoenix MENDHAM, Tenn.—The Memphis Grizzlies will have to wait a while longer for the debut of veteran guard Allen Iverson.

Sanchez donates 500 hot dogs and hamburgers FLORIHAM PARK, N.J. — Mark Sanchez is hot-doggin' it again. This time, the New York Jets’ rookie quarterback isn't sneaking a snack on the sideline, though.

Sanchez bought 500 hot dogs and 500 hamburgers, along with buns and rolls, through A&P supermarket,

and donated them to the Community Soup Kitchen of MorrisTown, N.J.

"Something happened here and we wanted to turn it into a positive," Sanchez said Wednesday.

Sanchez was grilled Sunday after television cameras caught him try­

ing to discreetly put mustard on a hot dog and eat it late in New York’s 38-0 win at Oakland. He apologized after the game, saying he didn’t feel well and needed to eat something.

"I didn’t mean it as a form of dis­rect," Sanchez said.
INDIANAPOLIS — About 1,000 people are expected to attend Tuesday night’s special tribute for Myles Brand, the late NCAA president who died of pancreatic cancer last month.

The NCAA and Indiana University, where Brand served as president for eight years before taking over the governing body, invited most of the guests. They range from politicians to university administrators and coaches.

Among those scheduled to speak are Brand’s son, Josh, Tennessee women’s basketball coach Pat Summitt and Georgia president Michael Adams, who chairs the NCAA’s executive committee.

The tribute is expected to begin at 6 p.m. and last about 90 minutes at Conseco Fieldhouse, the home of the NBA’s Indiana Pacers.

The university says the position is aimed at supporting a biomedical researcher with expertise in pancreatic and other gastrointestinal cancers at the IU School of Medicine in Indianapolis.

Current university President Michael McRobbie is to formally announce a fundraising campaign for the Myles Brand Chair during a tribute program for him Wednesday night at Conseco Fieldhouse.
Agassi admits methamphetamine use in book

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Andre Agassi's unvarnished autobiography contains an admission he used crystal meth in 1997 and failed a drug test — a result thrown out after he lied by saying he "unwittingly" took the substance.

According to an excerpt of the autobiography "Open," published Wednesday in The Times of London, the eight-time Grand Slam champion says that he sent a letter to the ATP tour to explain the positive test, saying he accidentally drank from a soda spiked with meth by his assistant "Slim." The letter, "comes to the central lie of the letter," Agassi writes. "I say that recently I drank accidentally from one of Slim's spiked sodas, unwittingly ingesting his drugs. I ask for understanding and leniency and hastily sign it. Sincerely."

"I feel ashamed, of course. I promise myself that this lie is the end of it," Agassi said. The ATP reviewed the case, accepted his explanation and threw it out. The tour responded with a statement, noting an independent panel makes the final decision on a doping violation.

"The ATP has always followed this rule, and no executive at the ATP has therefore had the authority or ability to decide the outcome of an anti-doping matter," the statement said. The International Tennis Federation said it was "surprised and disappointed" by Agassi's revelations.

"Such comments in no way reflect the fact that the tennis anti-doping program is currently regarded as one of the most rigorous and comprehensive anti-doping programs in the world," the ITF said in a statement.

In the past three years, the organization has begun overseeing anti-doping efforts on behalf of the ATP and WTA tours.

"The events in question occurred before the World Anti-Doping Agency was founded in 1999 and during the formative years of anti-doping in tennis, when the program was managed by individual governing bodies," the ITF said.

Agassi's book, called "Tender Bar," was released Wednesday. According to the publisher, he worked closely on the book with Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist J.R. Moehringer, author of "The Tender Bar."

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Agassi's first major championship came at Wimbledon in 1992, and he won a gold medal at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics. By late 1997, he dropped to No. 14 in the rankings, and he was playing in tennis' equivalent of the minor leagues.

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That frustrated several members of the House Judiciary Committee, including the committee chairman, Michigan Democrat John Conyers, when Goodell told him the NFL isn’t waiting for that debate to play out and is taking steps to make the game safer.

“I just asked you a simple question. What is the answer?” persisted Conyers.

Goodell replied by saying a medical expert could give a better answer than he could. But some House members complained later that Dr. Tra Carr, chairman of the NFL’s committee on concussions, had not testified.

Rep. Linda Sanchez, D-Calif., gave Carr some exposure anyway, playing a clip of a TV commentator who cited evidence of a link between multiple head injuries in NFL players with brain disorders such as dementia and Alzheimer’s.

Sanchez said that reminded her of tobacco companies denying a link between smoking and health damage in the 1990s.

Goodell testified alongside new NFL Players Association leader DeMaurice Smith, who said the NFL has not done its best in this area. We will do better.” Both men did agree to turn over players’ medical records to the committee.

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SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Max Singletary has Alex Smith's eyes, in his body language. He's a different player now. Confident. Mature. Experienced.

At all of 25, Smith has been at the top and at the very bottom during his short NFL career. There was all the hype and talk of his potential when the San Francisco 49ers chose him No. 1 overall in the 2005 NFL draft. Three years later he had disappeared, having worked his way back from shoulder surgery only to get hurt again three days before last year's season opener. He missed all of 2008.

"Alex is a totally different guy today than he was even six months ago," Singletary said Wednesday. "I think his mindset is clear."

On Sunday, Smith gets to start over, given a second chance — a rare thing in professional sports these days. San Francisco's game at Indianapolis will mark his first start since Nov. 12, 2007, and it just so happens the Colts are also the team he faced in his NFL debut back in '05.

"I think it's just coincidence I'm back starting against the team I got my first start against," Smith said.

He is taking this all in stride, but it's clear he's thrilled to be the top guy again after all this time.

"Back on the podium," Smith said with a smile Wednesday, the standard day for the starting quarterback to address the media. "I missed it the most."

Smith missed this so much he opted to stay with San Francisco last spring rather than leave for a potentially better situation and more money elsewhere. He said at the time he wanted to finish what he started, to redeem himself. He never lost belief he could be a starting quarterback for this franchise. Now, others may begin to regain faith in him, too.

Singletary has, that's for sure. Even when the coach named Shaun Hill the starter during training camp.

The 49ers need Smith's leadership on offense now like no other. They have endured six straight losing seasons. They're 3-3 and have lost two straight games on the heels of a 3-1 start, though Smith nearly led them back from a 21-0 deficit in a 24-21 defeat at Houston last Sunday.

In March, Smith agreed to a restructured contract that sharply reduced his base salary. Smith was due to make nearly $10 million this season under the deal he signed in 2005. The 49ers now have Smith under contract through next season at a salary more commensurate with his four up-and-down years with the club. Smith isn't all about the money. He said everything he's endured has given him a new perspective and appreciation that he gets to play football for a living.

"To me he's been a true team player, the ultimate team player, through this process," Singletary said. "The thing that spoke volumes to me about him was in the offseason he had a chance to move on and go to another team and make more money. But he decided to stay here because he felt that he wanted to be a part of what was here. He wanted to finish what he started. I'm excited for him going forward. I'm not going to build too much into this. I'm going to let Alex's play speak for itself."

This season marks the first time Smith has been fully healthy since shortly after his promising 2006 season in which he took every snap for the 49ers, throwing for 2,890 yards and 16 touchdowns. His shoulder problems began with a sack early in the 2007 campaign and later stoked a periodic feud with former coach Mike Nolan that seriously hampered both men's careers. Nolan questioned how hurt Smith really was on several occasions, shocking behavior from an NFL head coach.

Smith seems to have forgotten all of these bad memories, or at least pushed them out of mind.

He has stayed ready, though he never knew when he might get another shot.

"This is in the NFL. If you're a backup quarterback and think you're not going to play, you're kind of in a dreamland," Smith said. "How many QBs go through a season and take all of the snaps and can handle that? It's a lot. You have the mindset, you have to have the expectations to play. The question is, when does it come? You have to be ready for that because you don't know when it's going to come."

Smith isn't making too much of his promotion, knowing full well how quickly things can change in this league. If he doesn't perform, Singletary might decide to make another switch, even though the coach said this won't be a "flavor-of-the-month kind of thing."

Smith's teammates are proud of his turnaround. They all know it's not often someone gets to revitalize his career with their original organization, but rather is forced to start over elsewhere with a clean slate.

Smith took over for Hill in the second half against the Texans on Sunday and completed his first six passes on the way to a 15-of-22 day for 206 yards. He threw three touchdowns to tight end Vernon Davis.

"I always believed in Alex," Davis said. "Sometimes it takes certain guys a little longer to come around. He always had the tools but it just took him some time. He's always had it."

Smith doesn't think he's changed to get to this point, even if others notice differences in his relaxed demeanor.

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Cavanaugh enters the game without a win and has questions at the quarterback position because of injuries. "We need a strong performance and a strong defense," senior captain Sarah Cline said. "We have an awesome offense and we just need them to do what they can." The Chaos have had an up-and-down season that has included a game in which they were routed by Passaquerrila West 30-6, but they hope to carry only the positives from over before break.
"We shouldn't struggle because of break," Cline said. "We don't expect any negative effects there. We practiced (Tuesday) and we feel strong and ready to play." When Cavanaugh has excelled this season, their offense has been a key factor. "The offense has executed well this season," Cline said. "When we've struggled, it has been in rainy weather that has been difficult to pass the ball in. If we get a couple scores early, we should be fine.
Lyons, meanwhile, is winless, but he is determined to break through with a victory against the Chaos. "We've had some tough games but we are still working hard and ready to go," said senior quarterback Claire Connell, who has missed time due to an injury, leading a freshman to take over the signal-calling duties. "We aren't too concerned about how much time off we have had," Connell said. "All the other teams have to deal with the layoff as well, so we don't think we will be at a disadvantage there."
Lyons expects to be ready to go and compete with the Chaos despite their injury problems.
"If we come out and play hard we should be fine," Connell said.

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Wehrli. Overall everyone really did a great job." After doubling their win total from last season, the Belles (4-13-2, 1-6) will lose nine seniors to graduation this year, and will have to do some rebuilding before next season. Olivet got on the scoreboard early in the sixth minute of the game, but Saint Mary's battled back. With just over 12 minutes remaining in regulation, Wehrli passed to Smoger for the tying goal. Neither team could convert a shot on goal in either overtime period, ending the game in a tie.
Crabbe knows that he and the coaching staff will have to emphasize the fundamentals next season with their lack of veteran leadership as they only have one junior on the roster this season. After not making the cut at the season conference tournament the Belles will need to continue to improve to move up in the conference next season.
"As a team we are very fit," Crabbe said. "The competitive attitude and work rate of the 2009 team has been tremendous. It will be important to bring those qualities forward with us as we head into the off-season." The Belles defense was a weak point this season and they will look to improve that through recruiting and getting stronger in the offseason. Crabbe said, "While they are losing their main starting goalkeeper in Duffy, they have freshman Adele Bruggeman to step in and help fill the void. "Bruggeman has worked very hard," Crabbe said. "Our goalkeeper coach Marc Gall has done a tremendous job with both Adele and Patty this season." Through improving their defense, and working on the fundamentals the Belles are looking forward to continuing to build on their improvement from this season.
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cross from senior forward Joe Brevoort. It was Mena's first goal in a Irish uniform and it tied the game at-1-1.

It was a really bonus goal," Clark said. "The match was the best the Spartans have played against Georgetown, met a simi-
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each Randy Waldrum said the Irish are not overlooking the chance to win yet another Big East title.

"Even when they're able to keep their focus," Waldrum said. "They've been through this enough that by the time we get to the part of the season where it's one game and you're out and we know what it's like. We've had a lot of discussion about being the top seed and winning the regular sea-
son championship. At this point, every game is good enough to beat you on any given day.

Notre Dame's biggest chal-
gen to winning another national championship would come from No. 9 Rutgers, who finished second in the Big East National division behind Notre Dame and remains the only other conference foe ranked in the NCSCA poll.

However, the Scarlet Knights find themselves on the opposite side of the bracket in the tournament. Notre Dame defeated them in their second place finish and would only face the Irish should the teams end up meeting.

On Notre Dame's side of the bracket, Waldrum said a chal-
gen match-up could occur with the winner of the quarter-
final match between Georgetown-St. John's should the Irish advance that far.

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**WOMEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL**

**Pasquerilla West hopes to complete undefeated season**

By KEVIN BALDWIN, ANDREW OWENS and RARYN ROLLMAN

Pasquerilla West is looking to finish its season off with a perfect 6-0 record when it plays Badin tonight. Badin (1-3) hopes for an upset after securing its first win just before fall break over Lyons. The Purple Weasels’ (2-0) last game was also against Lyons in which they raced to a 27-0 shutout. Senior captain Cynthia Curley hopes her team can pick up where they left off and use tonight’s game to prepare for the playoffs.

"Interhall football is a game of momentum," Curley said. "Coming off the break is hard and everyone is gunning for us.

The Pasquerilla West defense features senior Lindsey McMahon, a reliable force on the defensive line, and sophomore Alison Lindeen, a ball hawk at safety responsible for many interceptions. Junior Simone Bigi will pose a double threat to the Belles defense at quarterback, equally adept at running the ball as she is at passing.

"Bigi is the heart and soul of our offense," Curley said. The Belles need a win tonight in order to have any shot at earning a spot in the postseason.

"This is a must win for us," senior captain Kelley Daniels said. "We're all pumped." The Belles defense has improved remarkably since the beginning of the year with sophomore Kelsey Brennan emerging as a useful all-around player.

Badin's offense will have to strike early and assertively in order to gain the upper hand against a relentless Purple Weasels defense. Junior quarterback Carli Fernandez, along with freshman teammates Tommasina Domel and Ashley Okonta, will try to catch the opposing team off guard with a high powered performance.

"We've been improving with every game," Daniels said. "We have to do our part but we're also going to need luck."

Pasquerilla West is practicing as hard for this game as they would any, intending to finish the season as strong as they started it.

"We never underestimated anyone," Curley said. The game will begin tonight at 7 p.m. at Biehue Field.

Lyons vs. Cavanaugh

Lyons and Cavanaugh face off tonight in a make-up game that was originally scheduled for Oct. 8.

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**FOOTBALL COMMENTARY**

**Schedule for 2010 not acceptable**

Notre Dame released its finalized 2010 football schedule this week, and it is, shall we say, uninspiring. The regulars are all there - USC, Michigan, Michigan State, Purdue, Stanford and Navy. Recent series against Boston College and Pittsburgh continue next season, and of course everyone is excited for the game against Army in the new Yankee Stadium.

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**MEN’S SOCCER**

**Spartan surrender**

Irish can’t rally and fall to Michigan State 2-1

By LAURA MYERS

Assistant Sports Editor

Notre Dame found itself playing catch-up twice Wednesday and ultimately fell short as it lost 2-1 in Michigan State.

"We always seem to be chasing the game," coach Bobby Clark said. "The team put in tremendous effort. That was a given and I couldn't fault them for their effort. I thought they worked very, very hard."

The Spartans (10-4-1) got off to an early lead with a goal by forward Robin Beng in the 14th minute.

"I thought after they scored that really woke us up," Clark said. The Irish (9-7-1) responded in the 36th minute as sophomore midfielder Adam Mena headed in a free-kick. Sophomore midfielder Michael Rose slides for the ball during a 3-0 loss to Indiana Oct. 24.

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**ND WOMEN’S SOCCER**

**Team nets No. 1 Big East seed**

By MIKE GOTIMER

Sporst Writer

After another undefeated run through the Big East regular season, No. 5 Notre Dame finds itself in a familiar position at the top of the bracket heading into this week's Big East championship.

Although the Irish received almost no respect to the quarterfinals and have a strong chance to secure their 11th Big East title, the road to the championship game should provide a number of challenges as Notre Dame tries to navigate through the competitive field of opponents. For this reason...

Junior forward Rose Augustin battles for a ball against Georgetown during a 2-0 Irish win on Sunday.

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**SMC SOCCER**

**Late goal gives Belles 1-1 tie in season finale**

By KATELYN GRABAREK

Sports Writer

The Belles fought to a 1-1 tie in their final game against Olivet in double overtime Wednesday, with both teams fighting to end the season on a high note.

"The team really played well today and showed a lot of resilience battling back from giving up an early goal," head coach Ryan Crabbe said. "The game was physically very tough as both teams were trying to end their seasons on a high note."

Saint Mary's seniors were able to really step up for the team in their final game in a Belles uniform especially goalkeeper Patty Duffy, and midfielder Jessica Sloan. Duffy has been a key player for the Belles this season and Crabbe has noted Sloan's improvement this season.

"Patty with 12 saves was tremendous in goal," Crabbe said. "Jess Sloan showed a lot of toughness and determination as well. It was great to see her improve as she was assisted by fellow senior Katie..."