Mendoza adapts in response to financial crisis

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

By BOB SINGER
Assistant News Editor

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 Leadership program, the College is hosting the annual Borges Lecture Series, which features senior executives speaking about their experiences in the ethical dimensions of business.

"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. "In the spirit of the place, through many of our courses and our professors, we want to emphasize this need for ethics."

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 ethical issues.

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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.

With 59.5 percent of Notre Dame students earning credit abroad, Notre Dame has the seventh-highest study abroad rate in the country, the 2008 Open Doors report said.

"Our percentage is very high," Director of International Studies Kathleen Opel said. "I would say higher than Ivy Leagues." Opel said Notre Dame has had a long-term commitment to Rand students abroad.

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STUDENT SENATE

Ideas proposed to improve intellectual climate

By SARAH MERVOSH
News Writer

Senators discussed a perceived lack of intellectual discussion among students outside the classroom at Notre Dame, as compared to peer institutions, and discussed suggestions for improvement at the Student Senate meeting Wednesday.

"We can talk about sports, our internships, our study abroad programs and the jobs we want to pursue later in life at lunch at dinner time, but we don't talk about Plato or great American works," Duncan Hall senator C.J. Kelly said.

Knost Hall senator Andrew Bell said he had a professor who came from Princeton, who said at Princeton, Notre Dame students were considered inferior in their ability to have intellectual discussion.

"But we were really good at taking notes and taking tests," Bell said. "It sort of offended me at first, but it got us thinking. What do people say about us and how can we improve because she knows so many students who are applying."

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Lake path closed for repairs

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

This area, located just north of the Grotto at the northwest 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 Younggreen, distribution supervisor for Notre Dame Utilities.

"The main reason for replacing the path is that the pathway 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 stone in the area led to further erosion of the shoreline.

Younggreen also noted safe
No hope for Ohio sports

As a general rule, I like to remain optimistic in life. However, when it comes to my sports teams, that is definitely not possible 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.

I 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 likely be traded. What’s most depressing is that the other guy, Derek Anderson, is even worse. Silver lining: he actually won a game. Unfortunately for him, it was going 2-14-0 with 23 passing yards and an astounding 15.1 passer rating actually doesn’t normally get you a win, go figure.

The front office attributes much of the strugglings to injuries and, with the fly bug running through the team almost as well as opposing defenses through their 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 raised practice this last week due to this.

And then we have the M.I. S. farm team, the Cleveland Indians. With 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, Casey Blake, and Manny Ramirez couldn’t take down the defending champs, the Philadelphia Phillies. But wait, that’s okay because manager Charlie Manuel will represent the Tribe it’s been a while but I still remember him). And then of course the World Series features the Indians’ two Q. O. Young winners over the last two seasons, C.S. Chambill and Cliff Lee, in Game 1. Silver lining: maybe the Indians’ front office going back to the late-90s hey-day with Manny Ramirez by hiring another Manny (Acta?)

There have to be some Ohio teams playing well, right? Maybe the Cavs? No, I’ll be pessimistic too. They’ve already lost to division rivals at home and the end of the King’s contract is right around the corner. The Blue Jackets? The Blue Jackets are never good, I don’t see why this year would be any different.

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.

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 hard as baseball and football have been for Cleveland, I can’t see how anyone can have hope.

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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 nights, and anyone can ride it, Schmidt said.

"Commons, on foot and by patrol car, Schmidt said.

"Our goal is to connect those skills to the members of our community," she added.

"We're really eager to learn and do something that is really different than any other class that I'm taking," senior Mary McDougall said.

"I think that this is probably one of the cooler classes that I've ever taken just because I feel so immersed in it and it's not like one of those things where you memorize it the night before and then forget all about it," McDougall said. "I find myself actually remembering the things I am teaching them. I think it's something that is really different than any other class that I'm taking."

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SMC students work with homeless

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 student volunteers at the South Bend Center for the Homeless each Thursday, teaching communication skills to its guests.

"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," senior Cassie McDonagh said.

"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 the whole week and meeting with them and going over general public speaking skills, teaching them how to write speeches, different stuff like that."

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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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CUBA

Country ready to talk with U.S.

Foreign minister reports 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 after 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 two countries diplomat and a senior U.S. official just before the U.N. General Assembly voted overwhelmingly to condemn America's 47-year trade embargo.

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It was the 18th year in a row that the General Assembly has taken up the symbolic measure, and the first since President Barack Obama took office in January, promising to extend a hand of friendship to Cuba's offer to broaden discussions to "productive and respectful.

Rodriguez's tone in the interview was markedly different from that in his speech before the General Assembly, in which he claimed the embargo ignored U.S. interests and asked that it be removed.

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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 Integral 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 internal morality.

"On a systemic level, it's fueled by the need for ongoing econom­ic growth," he said. "It fuels 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 regulate our appetite to concur with those natural rates of growth. "Burke continued. "If you look at high growth rates, it requires more and more con­consumption 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 plan­et."

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 busi­ness environment, Murphy and Woo argued for change among business leaders.

"I think that changes must come from the inside," Woo said. "Only can it come but it must come from the inside, because external regulation can never be sufficient."

Murphy also said a need for effec­tive leadership and h i s t o r y major of those classes you think would have a lot of discussion," she said. "But even more important, individual citizens in a society need to come together to set the parameters on what the role of business should be in the larger society.

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Costco to accept food stamps

More and more warehouse clubs allow customers to use the vouchers

PORTLAND, Ore. — With many families suddenly struggling to feed their families, the big warehouse clubs known for king-size packages of steak and jumbo boxes of Cheerios are increasingly competing with grocery stores for the 36 million Americans now on food stamps.

Costco Wholesale Corp. said Wednesday it would start accepting food stamps at its clubs nationwide after testing them at stores in New York. That is a big face for a chain that has catered to the bargain-hunting affluent with its gourmet foods, and a reflection that the food stamp use has hit new highs.

Costco joins warehouse-club competitor BJ’s Wholesale Club, which started taking food stamps last April, and Sam’s Club, which began accepting them in the fall of 2008.

Up until recently, some warehouse clubs were skeptical poor people would be willing to pay the $50-a-year membership fee or would be interested in buying food in the bulk quantities for which the stores are famous.

But now, in this economy, stores are battling for every dollar and see a big potential market in the growing ranks of food-stamp recipients. From warehouse clubs’ super-size markets and mom-and-pop groceries, stores are retangling their cash registers and hanging new signs to welcome customers who use food stamps.

Certainly this economy was a wake-up call. Costco and other warehouse-club operators, such as BJ’s and Sam’s, have tried for a decade to expand the food stamp market by offering lower prices and a wider selection of food, particularly for members of the mostly African-American and Hispanic working poor.

Costco had refused to do so, arguing that there would not be enough shoppers to make it worthwhile or that the stamp use 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. Richard Galanti said the company’s assumptions were “probably a bit arrogant.”

Moreover, some of the warehouse club chains see that poor people — particularly those with large families to feed — can save money by buying food in bulk.

The warehouse clubs are not waiving their membership fees for food stamp recipients, and members cannot be bought with food stamps.

But Costco executives said they were surprised to find that some shoppers are, in fact, paying the $50 fee precisely because the company takes food stamps.

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 far as Kroger Co. and other grocers that have long accepted food stamps, they are adding new signs to welcome them on food stamps, as well as increasing stuffing and stocking up key products at the times of the month when benefits are issued.

This is a big deal. It’s a meaningful segment of our shoppers, and it’s increasing rapidly,” said David Dillon, Kroger CEO, who recently visited a store to talk with shoppers using food stamps about their concerns.

Obama hails hate crime legislation

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama on Wednesday signed and called for a hate crimes law that extends protection to people based on sexual orientation, sealing a long-fought victory for gay advocates. The president spoke of a nation becoming a place where “we’re all free to live and love as we see fit.”

Civil rights groups and their Democratic backers on Capitol Hill have tried for a decade to expand the hate crimes law, but fell short because of a lack of coordination between the House and Senate, or opposition from President George W. Bush. This time, the bill got through when Democrats attached it to a must-pass $850 billion defense measure over the protests of Republicans.

Obama signed the combined bill in a separate ceremony earlier on Wednesday.

Conservatives have opposed the legislation, arguing that it creates a special class of victims and say it would serve to silence clergymen or others opposed to homosexuality on religious or philosophical grounds.

The bill is named for Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, whose family members stood with Obama. Shepard, a gay college student, was murdered and found tied to a fence in Wyoming in 1998. The same year, Byrd, a black man, was chained to a tractor-trailer in Texas.

“We must stand against crimes that are meant not only to break bones, but to break spirits; not only to inflict harm, but to instill fear,” Obama said.
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international education since the 1960s and continuously works to improve the program by reviewing each location and adding programs to fill 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 students study abroad during each academic year, the Office of International Studies does little recruiting.

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is another central reason for repairing the path, which closely borders the lake, keeping lakefront property values potentially be hazardous to pedestrians.

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

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

Youngreen 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.

"[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," Youngreen said.

Although ND Utilities is overseeing the project, the paths around both Saint 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 complet­ed within the next two weekscatulating with the re­opening of the area on Nov. 6. Youngreen 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 stone currently being replaced was installed during the previous project.

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Upon first being told, that I had attained the position of Viewpoint writer in this fair newspaper, my soul positively blazed with delight; and I set to making the ink flow from my pen, in the service of making light of things, which hitherto 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 dudery filler, as is usually to be found written herein when news is slow and topics of conversation are few. So I tricked my brain for such well-worn topics as life at Notre Dame could supply me with, and before long came up with a list which, if not comprehensive, at least left me with most of the major clichés which are often remarked upon by lackwits such as me.

It was my intention to avoid any originality in thought or word, so as to avoid putting off more traditionally minded readers, which at Notre Dame are in no short-supply. Indeed, this entire column is written in the style of Jonathan Swift, complete with archaic grammar. If by some mischance I should have happened to use a novel turn of phrase, or put a new complete with archaic grammar. If by some mischance I should have happened to use a novel turn of phrase, or put a new

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From the topic of dining halls I proceeded naturally in considering, whether the women of this fair university consume too much of the Fro-Yo provided therein, and thereby swell their girths beyond that which average males might consider attractive, and push our male population into the open arms of the Saint Mary’s population (on which more later).

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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 perched on our 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 snack food. Our daughter plans to be a hippie...”

Don’t roll your eyes as you’re reading — I know it’s not a mainstream way of thinking, but she believes so strongly both in the existence of God and in the existence of evil that it pains her to give a day, or any 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 sort of a middle management type in his 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 in the middle of it all. And it just gives you hope trying. The young Christian “patient” could be doomed simply by not looking carefully enough for the truth in 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, “the wood, 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 waldo weaves its way in 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... (ta dah) Christmas. Ugh. Screwtape and Wormwood might find our culture lacking 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 as Catholic Christians that we need to isolate ourselves from the world. Jesus certainly never did. Halloween can be a great reason to have a party, to buy a little extra of our favorite candy, to carve a pumpkin, and yes, even to dress up in a costume. But it might also be the perfect time to remember to be careful — very, very careful — of the insidious ways evil can creep into our lives and tug us gently but insistently away from our focus on God.

Each time we pray the Lord’s Prayer we ask God to “lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.” If evil is real enough that we need to be delivered from it, then we’d better learn to recognize that evil too wears many costumes, and wants to disguise itself so that we can’t see it, no matter how hard we look. So whatever you decide to do on Saturday, be sure to remember the Halloween advice of teachers and parents everywhere: don’t choose any costumes that might obstruct your vision.

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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 for the making, "Paranormal Activity," is the closest thing to actually being worth 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 "Saw"-inspired horror genre for all the wrong reasons. "Witch," thus signifying a medium, making it seem a failure as the couple, 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 mightily 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 but 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 looms much larger than most of the other garbage that passes as "horror" these days, but falls quite short of the "Blair Witch" plateau.

Paranormal Activity

Directed by: Oren Peli
Starring: Katie Featherston, Micah Sloat, Mark Fredrichs, Amber Armstrong

Thursday, October 29, 2009
Interview with the Vampire @ DPAC, 10 p.m.

With an all-star 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 Louisiana Louis 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 be a hard one 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 carving, 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 "ndauhunt" to 728647 to sign-up. From 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. SAO will be sponsoring a haunted 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.

Halloween Hip Hop Night @ Legends, Midnight

All dressed up and nowhere to go Saturday night? Legends is hosting Halloween Hip Hop night and in the words of their website it will be "like every other hip hop night but better: this one has costumes." And what could be better than great music and costumes? Come to "Meat Puppets II" and project yourself into a sound that is weird yet appealing. Think the Pixies, but the Meat Puppets continue to expand and evolve their sound. After their major exposure from "MTV Unplugged," the Meat Puppets put out their best-selling record, "Too Much Unplugged" from this album.

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By JOEY KUHN Assistant Scene Editor

When most people think of '90s music, the sound they usually conjure up is a kind of glossy, sexy, synth-heavy sound. But it was 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 best 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 "We were real

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Not only is the music bizarrely enjoyable, but the surrealism brings 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 indescribable ("It's a poor living room / Low on the dock / Wish those wild hens there / Feathers drip from every corner"). Kurt sings the words in a distinct, warbling voice somehow, all these elements manage to hang together in a sound that is weird yet appealing. Think the Pixies, 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 intimate, intricate acoustic webs. With every album, the Meat Puppets continued to expand and

The Meat Puppets II per-

haps the quintessential Meat Puppets album. The Much more experi-

mental than their first, it pinpoints a delicate ratio of 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 pining off the crowd."

"Meat Puppets II," popularly known as "Lakes of Fire" and "Oh, Me." These three songs were some of the strongest in the set and "Lake of Fire" particularly became a staple of alternative rock radio

The Meat Puppets went through two breakups in the '90s and early '00s, but after each they revived themselves with a new lineup. The band is still active and consists of two of the three original members, Meat Puppets II" to even further into the country western vein. Distancing them-
Associated Press

WEDNESDAY, NOR DID HE DO HIS
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Favor prepares for bitter return to Green Bay

PHILADELPHIA — Brian Westbrook will be a game-time decision for the Philadelphia Eagles against the New York Giants on Sunday after suffer-

ing a concussion earlier this week.

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

Westbrook was knocked unconscious in the Eagles' 27-17 win over the Washington Redskins on Monday night when he took a knee to his head in the first quarter.

The NFL instituted a rule in 2007 that states a player who loses consciousness during the course of a game cannot return to that game.

Westbrook did not practice Wednesday and did he his scheduled weekly press confer-

ence.

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 the taking the one-day-at-a-time approach, is also encouraged by his progress.

"He knows everything," Burkholder said. "He knows his brother is fine. And he knows his kids are fine.

Burkholder said Westbrook was walking before the game, getting 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 comes and goes, it's a mild headache, but it's still a headache. Once that clears out, we'll get his heart rate up and see how he responds. If he's ready, we'll run some football drills.

Burkholder said through the years he has seen players who were knocked unconscious come back fast and play the follow-

ing week and players who were not knocked unconscious not able to play the following week.

"Everything is different," the trainer said. "Some guys take 10 days, some guys take three days.

"We have a one-day rule. We have one day less to get Westbrook back, after playing Monday night.

"I told him about some of the things I told management after the game. Burkholder said. "We have a short week. That will make it hard 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 run-

ning back LeSean McCoy, the team's second-round draft pick out of Pitt.

 McCoy played in place of Westbrook, so he 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. The NFL has been well done with an 84-yard punt return for a touchdown in the Eagles' win in 2009. In nine games against New York, he has topped 100 rushing yards twice. He has also scored 11 touchdowns in those games.

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Chiefs suspend Johnson for gay slurs

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 check will cost the troubled former Pro Bowl about $213,000.

In a three-sentence release, the Chiefs said Johnson would be suspended until Monday, Nov. 9. The team is on its bye week and will not play again until traveling to Jacksonville on Nov. 8.

The Chiefs had been saying for three days that they were “investigating” the situation. Johnson was told to stay away from the team on Tuesday.

In 2007, Johnson signed a five-year contract extension that guaranteed him about $19 million and could be worth as much as $45 million. But because of those latest problems, his future with the Chiefs beyond Nov. 8 may still be cloudy.

Coach Todd Haley and first-year general manager Scott Pioli have repeatedly said they are trying to build a new culture and a new attitude for a struggling franchise which has sunk to the bottom of the NFL and that disloyalty will not be tolerated.

A two-time Pro Bowl who needs just 75 yards rushing to break the team’s career record, Johnson first used the gay slur on his Twitter account in an exchange with one of his followers on Sunday night. Earlier he had posted comments calling Haley’s qualifications into question.

Then in a whispered remark on Monday after telling reporters in the locker room he was not talking, Johnson repeated the slur, according to the Kansas City Star which has posted audio of the alleged comment.

The three-sentence news release issued Wednesday night said only that Johnson, who turns 30 in a few weeks, was suspended for conduct detrimental to the club. The Chiefs said they would have no further comment on Johnson’s status “at this time.”

Johnson wrote the objectionable material on his Twitter account several hours after the Chiefs (1-6) lost 23-7 to San Diego, one of their most lopsided home losses ever.

Johnson issued an apology on Tuesday, almost exactly 12 months after apologizing to the team and its fans and ownership for two incidents in Kansas City nightspots that led to his pleading guilty to disturbing the peace.

In Brief

Iverson sits out season opener against Pistons

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — The Memphis Grizzlies will have to wait a while longer for the debut of veteran guard Allen Iverson.

Iverson, the Grizzlies’ highly publicized free-agent signing, was listed as inactive Wednesday night for the season opener against his former team, the Detroit Pistons.

Iverson is still recovering from a partially torn hamstring he sustained early in the preseason. When an MRI revealed the tear on Oct. 7, the initial scheduled return was Wednesday’s opening night.

But Iverson has been unable to practice while rehabilitating the injury and was not game ready.

“He’s starting to work with us in a non-contact aspect, so that’s a positive,” Memphis coach Lionel Hollins said. “That makes me feel good that it won’t be long.”

Sanchez donates 500 hot dogs and hamburgers

NEW YORK — New York Jets quarterback Mark Sanchez donated 500 hot dogs and hamburgers to the Community Soup Kitchen of Morristown, N.J.

“Something happened here and I wanted to turn it into a positive,” Sanchez said Wednesday.

Sanchez was grilled Sunday after television cameras caught him trying 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 disrespect,” Sanchez said.

Edwards refuses to comment on assault charge

FLOREY PARK, N.J. — New York Jets wide receiver Braylon Edwards refused to provide details Wednesday about the misdemeanor assault charge he faces over accusations he punched a man outside a Cleveland nightclub.

“I have lawyers for that, and that’s their job to take care of that,” Edwards said in his first media availability since the charge was filed Monday. “It’s not a football thing. That’s what I’m here to do. Those people can take care of that, and I can focus on helping this team out.”

Edwards is accused of punching promoter Edward Greene, a friend of NBA star LeBron James, following an argument Oct. 5. Two days later, the Browns traded Edwards to the Jets.

The charge carries a maximum sentence of six months in jail and a $1,000 fine.
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.

Indiana will also recognize former Brand by naming an endowed faculty position for cancer research for him.

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 upcoming autobiography contains an admission he used crystal meth in 1997 and failed a drug test — a revelation he said would come as a shock to many.

According to an excerpt of the autobiography "Open" published Wednesday in The Times of London, the eight-time Grand Slam champion wrote that he sent a letter to the ATP tour to explain the positive test, saying he had accidentally drank from a soda spiked with meth by his assistant "Slim." He said he would come 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 the 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 sport," 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.

The president of WADA, Jim0 Moreau, said he was disappointed by Agassi's revelations and expects the ATP to "shied light on this allegation."

Agassi, who married tennis star Steffi Graf and has two children, retired in 2006. Excerpts from his autobiography, which comes out Nov. 9, are being published on People newspaper, as well as Sports Illustrated and People magazines.

In a posting on People's Web site Tuesday, Agassi says: "I can't speak to addiction, but a lot of people would say that if you're using anything as an escape, you have a problem."

According to the Times of London, Agassi writes in his book that he was the person who introduced him to crystal meth, dumping a small pile of powder on the coffee table.

"I snort some. I ease back on the couch and consider the Rubicon I've just crossed," Agassi wrote.

"There is a moment of regret, followed by vast sadness. Then comes a tidal wave of euphoria that sweeps away every negative thought in my head. I've never felt so alive, so hopeful — and I've never felt such energy."

"I'm seized by a desperate desire to clean. I go tearing around my house, cleaning it from top to bottom. I dust the furniture. I scour the tub. I make the beds."

U.S. Fed Cup captain Mary Joe Fernandez, a contemporary of Agassi, described the revelations as "a bit of a shock."

"It takes a lot of guts and courage to come out and say something that nobody would have really known about," Fernandez said. "I've always admired Andre. He was a huge part of inspiring my generation, and he did a lot of great things and continues to do a lot of great things. He's opening up now, and that's his choice. Maybe people can learn from it and not make the same mistakes."

Among the most successful and popular tennis players in history, Agassi drew attention not just for his play, but also for his outfits, hairstyles and relationships with women, including a failed marriage to actress Brooke Shields.

Agassi's first major championship came at Wimbledon in 1992, and he won a gold medal at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics. But by late 1997, he dropped to No. 141 in the rankings, and he was playing in tennis' equivalent of the minor leagues.

He resuscitated his career in 1998, making the biggest one-year jump into the top 10 in the history of the ATP rankings. The next season, he won the French Open to complete a career Grand Slam, then added a second career U.S. Open title en route to finishing 1999 at No. 1.

After an exhibition match Sunday in China against longtime rival Pete Sampras, Agassi was asked if his autobiography contained any major revelations.

"I think I had to learn a lot about myself through the process," Agassi said. "There was a lot that even surprised me. So to think that one won't be surprised by it, it would be an understatement.

"Whatever revelations exist, you'll get to see in full glory," he added. "But the truth is, my hope is that somebody doesn't just learn more about me, what it is I've been through, but somehow through those lessons, they can learn a lot about themselves. And I think it's fair to say that they will."

In a posting on People's Web site, Agassi says he was "worried about a moment, but not for long," about how fans would react if they found out he used drugs.

"I were my heart on my sleeve and my emotions were always written on my face. I was actually excited about telling the world the whole story," Agassi says. According to the publisher, he worked closely on the book with Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist J.R. Moehringer, author of "The Tender Bar."
NFL
NFL's Goodell downplays effect of concussions

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — NFL commissioner Roger Goodell did not acknowledge a connection between head injuries on the football field and later brain diseases while defending the league's policies on concussions before Congress on Wednesday.

That frustrated several members of the House Judiciary Committee, including the committee chairman, Michigan Democrat John Conyers, who 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. Ira Casson, chairman of the NFL's committee on concussions, had not testified.

Rep. Linda Sanchez, D-Calif., gave Casson some exposure anyway, playing a clip of a TV interview in which he denied any connection between smoking and evidence of a link between chronic traumatic encephalopathy, said there is "growing and convincing evidence" that repetitive concussive and subconcussive hits to the head in NFL players leads to a degenerative brain disease known as chronic traumatic encephalopathy.

"The public health risk is already here, and we cannot afford to wait any longer to make changes in the way we play football," he said.

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49ers name Smith starter against Indy

Associated Press

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Mike Singletary has taken on the role of 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 started against the next season at a salary more nearly $10 million this season in '05.

"I think it's just coincidence I'm back starting again 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 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 type of team player, through this process," Singletary said. "The thing that spoke volumes to me about him was in the off-season he had a chance to move on and to go to another team and make more money. But he decided to stay 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 and I'm not going to build too much into it. 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 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 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 reaffirm their 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 quarterback position because of injuries.

“We need a strong performance out of our defense,” senior quarterback Sarah Cline said. “We have an awesome offensive line 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 Pasquerilla West 30-6, but they hope to carry only the positives over from 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 like we are 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 win-less this regular season but hopes 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 lack of 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.

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**Interface Forum**

OUSTD:

A presentation on race, identity and multicultural histories by Stable Museum of Art Curator/Behavior Montagnaro

**About the Presentation**

This presentation will explore the Choctaw nation’s controversial decision to make “Indian Blood” a requirement for citizenship in 2007. The policy ultimately stripped tribal citizenship from almost 3,000 descendents of African American slaves owned by the Choctaw. The manner has exploded into an all out blood war, as tensions over race and tribal citizenship continue to rise.

The presentation will conclude with a discussion about how these current events speak to a larger reexamination facing bi-racial and multi-cultural persons, especially, who identify as both their cultures and who and in whom do I belong?

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or from current senior forward Jerod Brovsky. It was Mena's first goal in an Irish uniform and it tied the game at 1-1.

It was a really, really good goal," Clark said. "He hadn't scored one like that since he was a sophomore against Georgetown, met a similar quality of defense and basically went straight for it. The ball just kept going and going and going and going all the way and it hit the crossbar. This time it hit it better and it went in. It was an replay goal for him.

The score remained tied into halftime, though Clark said the team wished the first half hadn't ended.

"We were good, we were back in the game, pushing the game at 1-1. We were fighting our butts out to get back into the game," Clark said. "We're going to come out with renewed focus," Waldrum said.

One point, every team is good and winning the regular season title for Notre Dame has been a solid, if not elite, football team.

The Irish will also be fighting for a chance to make the NCAA tournament. Before Wednesday's game the 7-4-1 is in place to maximize the number of home games for Irish fans, which sounds great on the surface. But if we're getting home games against Western Michigan and Tulsa, is it really worth it?

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The main problem of the 7-4-1 is in place to maximize the number of home games for Notre Dame. The rule is that Notre Dame can realistically schedule both games against the Broncos and Golden Hurricane according to South Bend is because they agreed to do so without demanding a home-and-away trip from the Irish. Any top-caliber team would demand at least one game against the Irish at their stadium.

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Notre Dame's biggest challenge to winning another automatic bid could 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 NCAA poll. However, the Scarlet Knights finished the regular season with the opposite side of the bracket in the tournament, thus, receiving the opposite side of the bracket in the tournament, thus, receiving the opposite side of the bracket and finishing in second place finish and would only face the Irish should both teams reach the Final Four.

On Notre Dame's side of the bracket, Waldrum said a challenging match-up could occur with the winner of the first round matchup 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 BARBRECK 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. 

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Lyons vs. Cavanaugh

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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) put off to an early lead with a goal by forward Rubin Bega 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 the 36th minute as sophomore midfielder Michael Rose slides for the ball during a 3-0 loss to Indiana Oct. 14.

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ND WOMEN’S SOCCER

Team nets No. 1 Big East seed

By MIKE GATIMER

Sports 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 a bye 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, 

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Late goal gives Belles 1-1 tie in season finale

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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 along with Crabbe has noted Sloan’s improvement this season.

"Patty with 12 saves was tremendous in goal," Crabbe said. "Jessie showed a lot of toughness and determination as well. It was great to see them both earn a shutout score the goal late to tie the game and she was assisted by fellow senior Katie 

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