Senators vote to amend Constitution

Student body president must brief representatives on meetings; 'abstain' vote debated

By KAITLYNN RIELEY
Assistant News Editor

The Student Senate passed an amendment to the Student Body Constitution Wednesday that formally requires the president to share certain information with representatives, but failed to pass a second constitutional amendment as senators debated the role of the vote to abstain.

The Senate unanimously passed a resolution describing the role of the student body president in his or her interactions with the Community/Campus Advisory Coalition (CCAC). The CCAC was created by the South Bend Common Council to bring together city, resident, student and college representatives from South Bend.

The CCAC’s goal is to help the Council identify neighborhood concerns related to the local colleges, to propose solutions, and to develop long-term strategies regarding community relations. It was created as a final amendment to the party permit ordinance passed by the Common Council on Sept. 24.

Siegfried senator Tim Lockwood proposed an amendment Nov. 7 that spelled out the responsibilities of the student body president regarding his or her interactions with the CCAC.

New FedEx Kinko’s draws business

Students, staff compare service, prices of LaFortune location to old Copy Shop

By GENE NOONE
News Writer

Business has been strong for the new FedEx Kinko’s in the LaFortune Student Center, said Director of Administrative Services and Business Operations Dan Skendzel.

The new location, which is the second on campus, opened Oct. 29. The first FedEx Kinko’s opened in Grace Hall in 2005.

FedEx Kinko’s replaced The Copy Shop, a privately owned business under Copy Services, Inc., which operated in the LaFortune basement for 18 years. The business closed after a nearly two-year-long legal battle.

Compared to The Copy Shop, Skendzel said FedEx Kinko’s prices are “much more competitive” than the rates at The Copy Shop.

Pricing for black and white copies is $0.04, down from The Copy Shop’s charge of $0.08 per black and white copy.

Saint Mary’s sophomore Catherine Gormer paid $6.70 for 70 black and white flyers for the Equine Club of Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s.

Aidan Project expects high turnout

Students to make blankets, buy T-shirts to help chemotherapy patients

By MEG MIRSHAK
News Writer

The Aidan Project, a blanket-making drive now in its second year, will take place this Saturday. Organizers are promising high turnout.

Students made fleece blankets and T-shirts last year as part of The Aidan Project, which was created by the South Bend FedEx Kinko’s LaFortune location to old Copy Shop.

Senior Tera Hancock, who co-chaired the project with senior Erin Greenberg, hopes to “raise awareness and get students to really think about the issues and relate them to their own lives and their own situations.”

The week began with the sale of red shirts in the dining halls to create unity among students.

The main incentive has been our theme: ‘Live solidarity, keep the promise,’” Hancock said. “We are trying to push solidarity and inspire students to show support by wearing the shirts.”

The sale from the shirts sponsors a children’s choir in Uganda with 1,500 children who have been orphaned.
Inside Column

Talking to Tebow

With only nine days remaining in the race for the most prestigious award in football, Florida quarterback Tim Tebow hopes to become the first sophomore to win the Heisman Trophy. Along with Chris Leak, dual-threat Florida Gators quarterback, Tebow is a national championship contender. So what is Tim doing to prepare for his trip to New York? "You could be the first sophomore to ever win this award?" he was asked. "That's what Tebow had to say.

MM: What role has your Christianity played in your athletic career and your life, and how has it been tested in college?

TT: Faith is at the No. 1 thing in my life, above school and football. Being a Christian totally changes your perspective on life, priorities, and how you treat people. It's a guideline for how you live your life, even in football and school. It does test every day with stuff at college, but growing up in a strong Christian family and having pastoral influences has really helped me stay grounded.

MM: Your Gators are 10th in the country, but only fourth in the SEC. How would you describe the competition in the nation's best conference, and do you think it has helped or hurt your team this year?

TT: The competition in the SEC is as good as you can get anywhere in the country, and that's one of the reasons I chose to go to Florida. Every week you play in a championship type atmosphere in amazing stadiums with players who will soon be playing in the NFL. The passion for football is unbelievable. This year I'd say it hurt us having to play such great teams, but at the same time it makes us a better team. I wouldn't trade the experiences for anything.

MM: You've already won a national championship, broken school and SEC records, and you're the first person in NCAA history to rush and pass for 20 touchdowns in a season. Are you considering going to the NFL?

TT: Right now, I'm not considering it. Later on I want to be playing at the University of Florida, I love being a Gator, and I want to get my education. Professional football is not something I'm focused on right now. Staying here for four more years would be a great opportunity. Plus, I'm having too good a time to leave early.

MM: Right now, you're the top candidate for the Heisman Trophy. How does it feel knowing that in a little over a week you could be the first sophomore to ever win this award?

TT: Well, it is an honor just to be mentioned with the Heisman Trophy, the prestigious award you dream about when you're younger. Just be mentioned with guys like Danny Wuerffel ('96 Heisman winner, Florida quarterback) is a privilege in general, not just specifically because I'm a sophomore. Win or lose, it's something I'll remember for the rest of my life.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Meghan McMahon at mmcmahon2@nd.edu

Corrections

The Observer regrets a mistake in the names of the athletes and musicians on the cover. Contact Meghan McMahon at mmcmahon2@nd.edu

Question of the Day: What item do you wish the Bookstore would sell and why?

Pat Moran Michelle Nguyen Brendan Geisler Paul Pokaski Jennie Weiler

freshman Keenan sophomore Farley sophomore Keenan freshman Welsh Family

"Cheaper course packets." "Real life clones of football players." "Salsa con queso." "Call of Duty 4." "Those green and navy fleeces that the athletes wear."

In Brief

Mass will be celebrated in the Alumni Hall Chapel at 5 p.m. Friday, November 23. The Gregorian Schola will sing Gregorian chant.

Carroll Hall will host "A Carroll Christmas" Friday at 7 p.m. It will feature a tree lighting ceremony, a performance by the Undertones and karaoke. Ugly Christmas sweaters are encouraged.

The Notre Dame Chorale and Chamber Orchestra will present Handel's Messiah Friday at 8 p.m. in Leighton Concert Hall, DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets can be ordered by calling ticket office at (574) 631-2900.

As part of the Solidarity film series, there will be a screening of the film "We are Together" in DeBartolo Performing Arts Center Center Friday at 10 p.m. The film focuses on the story of the children of the Agape Orphanage as they overcome the adversity of growing up among Africa's 12 million AIDS orphans.

The Voices of Faith Gospel Choir will perform their fall concert, "Come Back to Your First Love" Saturday at 7 p.m. in Washington Hall.

Habitat for Humanity will host "A Home for the Holidays" Sunday from 3:30 p.m. to 8 in the Stetson Center. Groups of students can register online to build a gingerbread house. The cost of registration ranges from $30 to $50 per group, depending on size of the house. There will also be performances, entertainment and food to raise money for the organization.

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

Offbeat

Lottery winner wasn't supposed to gamble

BOSTON — The winner of a $1 million lottery scratch ticket may not be as lucky after all. He's a convicted bank robber who isn't supposed to gamble. Timothy Elliott faces a Dec. 7 court hearing over whether he violated his probation when he bought the $10 ticket for the $400 Million Spectacular game at a supermarket in Hyannis.

Elliott was placed on five years' probation when he pleaded guilty to bank robbery and tampering with evidence at a supermarket in Hyannis. He was convicted for a 1997 heist at a bank in Hyannis. Elliott was placed on five years' probation after pleading guilty to theft and embezzlement.

Collins said no one knows when Elliott bought the $10 ticket for the $400 Million Spectacular game at a supermarket in Hyannis.

The ditty on the flip side appears to have been painted in black paint, by jail inmates. It's titled "Pretty Boy Floyd Redmond" and tells the story of someone who came to town to "do or die."

Information compiled by the Associated Press.

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Board holds glasses drive to help needy

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
News Writer

As part of Disabilities Week, the Student Diversity Board (SDB) at Saint Mary’s is sponsoring an eyeglasses drive to benefit the poor in Africa and Latin America who cannot afford new lenses.

Jana Blake, disabilities representative for SDB, is in charge of the drive, which began on Monday.

"This year the Board decided to take a proactive step in actually helping the segment of the world’s population who struggles with visual impairments by collecting glasses," she said.

Students are asked to donate any pair of prescription reading glasses or sunglasses to the drive. Collection boxes are located in all Saint Mary’s residence halls at the front desk.

This year, the Board worked with New Eyes For The Needy, a group that has helped more than 6.5 million people since its founding in 1932. New Eyes For The Needy sends donated eyeglasses to charities in Latin America and Africa, where the price of eyeglasses can sometimes be more than the average annual household income, Blake said.

"It is probably unfeasible to many of the students here that there are people in the world who cannot afford something as simple as a pair of glasses," Blake said. "I think this drive is an excellent opportunity for Saint Mary’s students to share some of the many luxuries we, as Americans, have that many people throughout the world do not.

When Americans get new frames, they tend to leave their old ones lying around, and through the drive, these old glasses can go to good use, she said.

The prescription lenses will be sent to people who work in schools. Blake said Sunglasses that are donated will be sent to areas near the equator to protect people’s eyes from UV rays.

The Board is also showing the movie, “Emmanuel’s Gift,” during Disabilities Week. It will be today in Vennet Theater at 6:30 p.m. Popcorn and pop will be served.

Disabilities Week is an annual event. Each year, the Board chooses a different disability as its focus. This is the first time the SDB decided to hold an eyeglasses drive.

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Coins hidden for treasure hunt

By AMBER TRAVIS
News Writer

The Sophomore Class Council and American Airlines are sponsoring a campus-wide treasure hunt that begins at 8 a.m. today as part of a nationwide event that includes 40 colleges and universities.

"The airline sees this as an opportunity to serve students in a way that will build a loyal relationship in the future," said sophomore Grant Schmidt, sophomore class president.

Schmidt said 221 gold coins, labeled with "treasure hunt," and "American Airlines" have been placed all over campus in various locations, possibly including residence halls, recreational facilities and the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Finding the coins all over campus allows all students to be involved in the treasure hunt, he said.

The coins can be redeemed for golden envelopes in the Dooley Room of LaFortune Student Center between 1:30 and 4 p.m. today, and student IDs are needed, Schmidt said. Each student can only turn in one coin.

All Notre Dame undergraduate and graduate students are eligible to participate in the treasure hunt, a choice made by the Sophomore Class Council.

"So many of the events on campus are dorm related, class related, or tied to specific events or causes, and we are trying to bring all of that together," Schmidt said.

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"This isn’t an event that requires attendance. You don’t have to change your schedule, he said. "I could be walking to Theology at 9 a.m., and I happen to see a gold coin, which makes me a part of it."

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Midnight - Club Jazz
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10pm - Mega 80’s Show
Midnight - Totally 80’s DJ

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10pm - The Format
Midnight - Hip Hop

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"I thought the pricing was really reasonable," she said while picking up her copies.

Bridget Kent, an administrative assistant in the Academic Programming Office, agreed.

"The time frames are a lot less," she said. "But I liked The Copy Shop more on services.

Kent said the new FedEx branch with the former campus-based Copy Shop.

The legal battle over the Copy Shop in LaFortune began in August 2005, when the University of Notre Dame law school, which plans to expand its operations, is in need of an additional positive role model, said the organization's Web site. Also, the cheaper you have access to the multitude of corporate businesses.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Refugees return to Iraq from Syria

BAGHDAD — About 20 buses carrying hundreds of Iraqi refugees returned to Baghdad from Syria late Wednesday, a move the government hailed as part of its plan of repatriating public officials that Iraq was finally on the road to stability.

The convoy was the first from an Iraqi-funded effort to speed the return of families that fled the country’s violence. The buses rolled into a central Baghdad neighborhood near the Green Zone.

National Security MinisterSherwan al-Waili, who met the convoy, said Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki had asked for a priority in repatriation of displaced families from Syria.

The bus drivers said they hoped they would be able to start their long journey to surround families who returned to the areas they had left.

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Blankets
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As the Vice President of Service for Circle-K, the largest organizer of service opportunities on campus, Esther presented the idea of a service project to raise cancer awareness.

Last December, The Aidan Project brought 250 students together to make more than 100 blankets. Circle-K is encouraging students in give whatever time they can to The Aidan Project, an open-house-type event. Making blankets requires no sewing and instructions will be provided, Circle-K President Katie Teigten said.

The event will include refreshments and musical entertainment by Pat McQuillan, a Knott resident and friend of Fitzgerald. The completed blankets will be donated to the Indiana Cancer-Pavilion at Indiana University Medical Center, where Fitzgerald underwent treatment last year.

Teigten hopes a large turnout at the event will make 120 blankets, which would surpass the amount from last year's event.

Circle-K is also selling T-shirts this week to support The Aidan Project and to further cancer awareness on campus.

Circle-K is encouraging students to wear a T-shirt to The Aidan Project, which will be held Saturday in the LaFortune Center Ballroom from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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because of AIDS. A select number of children in the village are able to form a choir and tour for six months.

They gave a concert at Notre Dame Wednesday and collected donations.

"The donations and shirt sales goes toward a program in Uganda that houses the orphans, and gives them food and an education," Hancock said. "These are kids that come from nothing, and our goal is to raise $2,500 to send back with the choir."

While it addresses the global AIDS problem, World AIDS Week also approaches the AIDS epidemic on a more local scale.

"AIDS affects young people from the ages of 18-24 in huge numbers more than ever," Hancock said. "That's our age. It really does affect everyone. It doesn't discriminate."

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"This is something I have been really passionate about getting because there is such a stigma about testing. People think, why do we need it here? But the reality is that some are at risk. It does affect everyone," she said.

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Dow on rise as Fed hints at rate cuts

Investors pleased that companies hit by mortgage crisis have raised extra cash

NEW YORK — Wall Street barreled higher Wednesday for a third day in a row, giving the Dow Jones industrial average its biggest two-day point gain in five years after a Federal Reserve official suggested that doing so would bank, may lower interest rates again.

Investors were renewed hopes for a rate cut added to their belief that companies made losing bets on sub-prime mortgages, such as Citigroup Inc. and Freddie Mac, are coming up with ways to raise cash. The market was clearly optimist that at least some of the damage from the months-long credit crisis was finally being mitigated.

However, Wall Street has been fickle in recent months, with the Dow often rising and falling by triple digits, and no one is betting that the mortgage crisis that tripped up the nation's financial industry this year is over or that the market's huge gains so far this week will last. Despite its spectacular advance, the Dow remains more than 6 percent below its Oct. 9 record close over 14,000, having plummeted to worries about how the housing market's slump will lead to further losses for banks, and that the Fed can't keep slashing rates.

"The market's perception of whether the Fed cuts or not really changes by the day," said Michael Mather, chief market strategist at Spencer Clarke LLC. "We still have more economic news to come."

Early Wednesday, Fed Vice Chairman Donald Kohn told the Council on Foreign Relations that recent turbulence has reversed some of the gains the housing market had made in recent weeks, and could squeeze credit for households and businesses. He said tight financial conditions may merit "offsetting" policy from the central bank.

The possibility for lower rates seemed more compelling to investors than persistent concerns about a slowdown in economic growth. The Fed has already reduced rates at its last two meetings, and continues to inject billions of dollars into the financial system through repurchase agreements to help calm the shaky markets. The central bank will hold its final rate-setting meeting of the year Dec. 11.

Fluctuating oil and gold prices also fueled investors' hopes for a rate cut — if inflation is in control, policy makers have less reason to keep rates high. The Fed's Beige Book of economic activity around the country said with the economy expanding at a reduced pace, most core prices are stable or down slightly.

The Dow soared 331.01, or 2.55 percent, to 13,289.45, adding to the technology-dominated index its largest two-day point gain since April 19, 2001.

The Nasdaq composite index shot up 82.11, or 3.18 percent, to 2,662.91, giving the technology-dominated index its largest two-day point gain since March 4, 2000.

Spending, economic growth slow down

SACRAMENTO — The business climate appears to be improving, according to a survey released Wednesday, suggesting the state's economic recovery is on track.

The survey, conducted by the California Chamber of Commerce, found that businesses are more optimistic about the future than they were a year ago.

The survey found that the state's economy has improved significantly, with the unemployment rate dropping to 5.8 percent, the lowest level since 2002.

However, the survey also found that the state still has work to do to fully recover from the recession that began in 2008.

The survey found that businesses are more likely to hire new workers, to invest in capital equipment, and to expand their operations.

The survey also found that businesses are more likely to purchase new technology, to upgrade their computer systems, and to improve their marketing strategies.

The survey found that businesses are more likely to offer incentives to employees, such as bonuses and stock options, to retain their best workers.

The survey also found that businesses are more likely to invest in research and development, to develop new products, and to enter new markets.

The survey found that businesses are more likely to participate in community activities, to support local charities, and to volunteer their time and resources to help their communities.

The survey also found that businesses are more likely to support education, to provide scholarships and grants, and to participate in parent-teacher organizations.

The survey found that businesses are more likely to support arts and culture, to sponsor events and exhibitions, and to support local artists and performers.

The survey also found that businesses are more likely to support sports and recreation, to sponsor athletic teams and events, and to support local parks and trails.

The survey found that businesses are more likely to support environmental causes, to promote sustainable practices, and to support local nature preserves and wildlife refuges.

The survey also found that businesses are more likely to support social causes, to promote social justice, and to support local social service agencies.

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Illegal immigrant rescues child

Migrant abandons walk to the U.S. to save boy stranded in desert

Associated Press

PHOENIX — An illegal immigrant who gave up his long walk into the U.S. to help a boy whose mother was killed in a van crash in the desert said Wednesday that he never thought of leaving the child.

"I am a father of four children. For that, I stayed," said Cordova, a 25-year-old man who was two days into his walk north of the Mexican border when their van ran off a cliff in a remote area who had walked away from the accident site.

Cordova spoke the other's language, but the boy took the migrant to the edge of a canyon and showed him the accident site. Authorities said Cordova and his mother, 45-year-old Dawn Alice Tomko, had been in the area camping.

Cordova was driving on a U.S. Forest Service road when she lost control of the van, which landed 300 feet from the road.

By the looks of the mangled van down below, Cordova said, it was obvious the boy's mother had died. The child was distraught but did not cry.

"I felt frustrated and sad because I couldn't do anything for the mother," Cordova said.

"And I didn't know how to console the boy, so I just sat next to him." Cordova gave the boy the sweater he was wearing, climbed down to the van, and found chocolate and cookies to feed him.

He then built a bonfire, and the two hunkered down. The boy slept most of the night. Cordova kept watch and tended the fire.

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"I didn't know how to console the boy, so I just sat next to him," Cordova said. In a telephone interview with The Associated Press from his home in Magdalena de Kino, Cordova said Christopher had scrappy on his leg and was dressed in shorts despite the desert cold.

The boy had his dog with him and was holding a side mirror from the wrecked van.

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Netherlands

Nazi archives opened for first time

Documents could provide new information on inner workings of persecution

Associated Press

AMSTERDAM — After more than 60 years, Nazi documents stored in a vast warehouse in Germany were unsealed Wednesday, opening a rich resource for Holocaust historians and for survivors to delve into their own tormented past.

The treasure of documents could open new avenues of study into the inner workings of Nazi persecution from the exploitation of slave labor to the conduct of medical experiments. The archive’s managers planned a conference of scholars next year to map out its unexplored contents.

The files entrusted to the International Tracing Service, an arm of the International Committee of the Red Cross, have been used until now to help find missing persons or document atrocities to supplement compensation claims. The U.S. government also has referred to the ITS for background checks on immigrants it suspected of lying about their past.

Inquiries were handled by the archive’s 400 staff members in the German spa town of Bad Arolsen.

On Wednesday, the Red Cross and the German government announced that the last of the 11 countries that govern the archive had ratified a 2006 agreement to open the files to the public for the first time.

“We are three. The doors are open,” said ITS director Reto Meister, speaking by telephone from the Buchenwald concentration camp where he was visiting with a delegation of U.S. congressional staff members.

Survivors have pressed for decades to open the archive, unhappy with the minimal responses — usually in form letters — from the Red Cross officials responding to requests for information about relatives.

“We are very anxious,” said David Mermelstein, 78, an activist for survivors’ causes in Miami, Fla., who wants to scour the files for traces of his two older brothers whom he last saw as he passed through a series of concentration camps.

“I now hope we will be able to get some information. We have been waiting, and time is not on our side,” said the retired businessman.

The U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington and the Yad Vashem Memorial in Jerusalem began receiving digital copies of the entire archive in August, allowing survivors and historians more access.

Izzy Arbeiter, 82, the head of a survivor’s organization in the area of Boston, Mass., said he hoped to go to the museum next month to browse the files.

“My goodness, I don’t know where I would start, there are so many things I am interested in,” he said. “The history of my family, of course. My parents. One of my brothers is missing. We never knew what happened to him.”

Yad Vashem said the opening of the archives was “a breakthrough” for survivors and others.

“Our understanding and knowledge of the personal story of the Holocaust will be deepened,” said Yad Vashem’s chairman Avner Shalev.

The records are unlikely to change the general story of the Holocaust and the Nazi era, probably the most intensely researched 12-year period of the 20th century. But in depth of detail and original documentation they add texture to history’s worst genocide, and are likely to fuel a revival of academic interest in the Holocaust.

Among its files, seen by The Associated Press during repeated visits to Bad Arolsen in the last year, are the list of deportees from the Netherlands to Auschwitz on Aug. 1, 1944, and the list of victims evacuated by the Nazis from the Neuenegunne labor camp who later died on prisoner boats mistakenly bombed by the British air force.

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SUDAN

Teacher charged with inciting hate

Associated Press

KHARTOUM — Sudan charged a British teacher Wednesday with inciting religious hatred — a crime punishable by 40 lashes — because she allowed her students to name a teddy bear Muhammad as part of a class project.

The country’s top Muslim clerics pressed the government to ensure that the teacher, Gillian Gibbons, is punished, comparing her action to author Salman Rushdie’s “blasphemies” against the Prophet Muhammad.

The charges against Gibbons angered the British government, which argued that the Sudanese ambassador to discuss the case, British and American Muslim groups also criticized the decision.

Gibbons, 54, was arrested at her home in Khartoum on Sunday after some parents of her students accused her of naming the bear after Islam’s prophet. Muhammad is a common name among Muslim men, but the parents saw applying it to a toy animal as an insult.

Sudanese prosecutors charged Gibbons with inciting religious hatred, a crime punishable by 40 lashes, six months in jail and a fine, said Abdul-Daem Zumrawi, Sudan’s national security minister. Gibbons could be released without charge.

If convicted, she faces up to 40 lashes, six months in jail and a fine, said Abdul-Daem Zumrawi, an undersecretary at the Justice Ministry. The verdict and any sentence are up to “the discretionary power of the judge,” he said.
Mysterious admissions standards

In a few months, we will ruin thousands of lives. And most people around here will hope that next time, we get to ruin more lives than we did this time around.

...And when we reject kids, I'm willing to guess that at least some of them don't immediately think, "You know what? I bet I just wasn't as smart or involved as those other kids."

They don't blame the Black Boyogram — the amorphous "affirmative action-admit" who, no doubt, took their spot in the class.

They are convinced that if it weren't for the "dirty strength" admitted students, they'd get to go to Notre Dame. And at a certain point, some of them are right: There are kids, each year, who would have gotten in had we not granted substantial preference to ethnic minorities.

But this isn't a column about affirmative action based on race — in fact, I happen to believe that it is justified. It is a column about the way we "sell" these preferences and how we engage those who feel slighted by these preferences.

If we truly want to advance the cause of diversity, we need to confront those who blame affirmative action for their rejections. We need to demystify the Black Boyogram.

How? Much the same way that we share general profiles of admitted students each year, we should share profiles of different types of admitted students in our pool. We should offer a general profile of our admitted students who are legacies, a general profile of our admitted students who are ethnic minorities, and a general profile of our other admitted students.

Why? For one, sharing these numbers means that rejected students will no longer be able to blame affirmative action for their rejections. With full disclosure, you can effectively engage and defeat the ignorance that the current vague narratives foster.

And it's the only way to address the ultimate goal of affirmative action — greater ethnic diversity. Without acknowledging the gap and its magnitude, it's easy to deny the need for diversity and preference. But the fact that an achievement gap will exist for as long as humans walk the earth underlines the need for affirmative action programs — a need that many people cannot appreciate when considered only in abstractions.

Dismantle the "Black Boyogram" and let them know that Notre Dame education is available to everyone — even those 10,000+ to whom we say, "no thanks."

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I’ve noticed that the Viewpoint section has gotten rather stale lately. I yearn for the glory days when we debated so vigorously over music._lyric changes that have gotten rather stale lately. I will reserve the right to resort to demagoguery. My part in this is simple, to clean up front — this is the weekly Faithpoint article.

The title promises a story about this season of Advent, so I want to come clean up front — this is the weekly Faithpoint article.

As we look inside ourselves, we find that we humans are incomplete. Every sidebar ad teeming with wants and longings. Where do you come in, gentle reader? Why you must respond with equal vitriol, and even less reliance on logic, of course! I want you to flood the inboxes of my editor with strongly worded pieces for public consumption, while demonstrating none yourself. If you wish to contribute to the discussion on the editorial page, just remember this: There’s a freshman out there somewhere composing a letter stating that her class should be referred to as “freshpeople” in order to be more appealing. There is something in here for everyone to argue about: music-lovers, sports fans, and people of all major religious persuasions believe in at least half of the state- ments, and that I am willing to fake it on the rest. Do your worst, Notre Dame!

I believe that Robert Louis Stevenson’s “The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde” is beyond ques- tion the greatest of all 19th-century British epistolary horror novels. “Dracula” and “Frankenstein” back- ers, undoubtedly.

The biggest fault to be found with Charlie Weis isn’t arrogance, foul language or occasionally questionable playing. It is his taste in music. I’m about as New Jersey as they come, but I can’t stand Ron Jovi, and the next time I respect someone after hearing that they love “Living on a Prayer” will be the first.

“Mickey’s Christmas Carol” is the best version ever made of the Dickens story, Scrooge McDuck is much more convincing in the Ebenezer role than Alastair Sim. Last summer I created the calculus. People who are truly refined only refer to it as “the calculus.”

Tyring “plagiarism” into Wikipedia in order to make a moderately acceptable reference is completely acceptable.

I removed a joke about Ron Paul from this column because I don’t want to give Libertarians anything else to whine about.

People who complain about the low quality of American television but claim that “30 Rock” are empty- headed pedants who do not have to be taken seriously.

Bacon, ham and pork are all wildly overrated meats. I eat so few pig pro- ducts that I’m afraid I’ll run up on a government watch list. It shame me to admit it, but I’ve seen that’s been true over so many years of arguing for the positive aspects of the Hayes presidency, but, Tilden really should have won in 1876.

Your favorite beer is slick. All beer is slick. ResLife, you know where to mail my check.

The worst result of the Cola Wars was that R.C. Cola got left in the dust because it was unable to lure Max Headroom or Michael Jackson to be its spokesman. The best way to cure doubts of one’s sanity is to spend 90 seconds in conversation with a Chicago sports fan.

The Cubs are not lovable. Your Felix Grossman jokes are funny. You’re not a Bulls fan if you can’t name more than five post-jordan players. Go away and try to figure out if Luc Longley or Bill Wennington is still playing.

I am as yet unsatisfied that Fermat’s Last Theorem has been proved.

George Harrison had the best solo career of any of the Beatles. Anyone who cites “Imagine” while making the case for John Lennon is deafer than John E v e r e t t is a senior English major. He is thought to be somewhere between 21 and 45 years of age. He is considered cantankerous. If you have any information regarding his whereabouts, please contact jevetr@nd.edu. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

This season of longing...
By MARK WITTE  
Scene Writer

"No Country for Old Men" is a movie about evil. It is a movie about murder and it is a movie about uncertainty. It may be the Coen Brothers' "(Fargo," "The Big Lebowski") finest work. Based off of author Cormac McCarthy's novel of the same name, "No Country for Old Men" begins its merciless brutality with Anton Chigurh (Javier Bardem). Chigurh is a man who speaks softly and carries a big tank of compressed air, which he uses to punch holes in the heads of his victims. The killing begins when he strangulates a police officer, breaking out of jail. The movie then follows the path of destruction he leaves in his wake. But for the most part, his motive for killing falls upon the unfortunate head of Llewelyn Moss (Josh Brolin), a poor Vietnam vet­ eran living in a trailer with his wife Carla Jean (Moss). The down-and-out in Texas near the Mexican border. Llewelyn's trouble starts when, while deer hunting one day, an unsavory tide comes upon the aftermath of a bloody shootout, involving a slew of dead bodies, a truck-bed of drugs, a dying Mexican pleading for "agua" and a suitcase of cash. Llewelyn decides to take the money and return home. Later that night, against his wife's pleading, he returns to the bloody scene with a jug of water, but his charitable action quickly puts his life in danger. He returns to find the man dead, the drugs gone, and an angry truck­ loaded of Mexicans who flatten his truck's tires before chasing him into a nearby ravine.

Chigurh soon arrives at the scene with a couple of well-dressed Americans and, upon finding Llewelyn's truck and a transponder for his money, and the film doesn't either. Instead it focuses on dealing with what he was goin' to hell. Reckoned he'd be some­one for as long as he could remember. Said if I let him out of there, he'd kill somebody again. Said he was goin' to hell. Reckoned he'd be there in about 15 minutes. Bell continues, "I don't know what to make of that, I really don't."

The incomprehension of such evil lies at the heart of the film, and none of the characters understand it. Bell spends most of the film in Chigurh and Llewelyn's footsteps, hopelessly trying to catch up. Bell never once judges the decision Llewelyn made in taking the money, and the film doesn't either. Instead it focuses on dealing with what comes next. Carson Wells (Woody Harrelson) is a witty, fast-talking hitman hired to track down Chigurh, and he provides some comic relief in the mostly-serious film. On the whole, the movie moves at a slow pace. However, there's something fascinating about the way the Coen Brothers' film their character. It's hard not to be captivated by their struggles. The Coen Brothers create suspense through the actions of their actors. From the sound of Chigurh's boots, to the heavy breathing of Llewelyn, down to the cracking of a gun, a serious un­ peneve pervades the film. The story's desert setting is barren, not only in landscape, but in people, too. There aren't many extras in this film and the ones who are in it die quickly. The barren backdrop makes for quite a few shots in which only one character appears in the frame. You'll feel Llewelyn's loneliness and his fear as Chigurh chases him through empty streets. The Coen Brothers' film was nomi­ nated for the prestigious Palme d'or at Cannes Film Festival this year. The film never once descends into clichés, and sticks to a serious plot. The film won't rile your emotions, but it will make you think.

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By RYAN RAFFIN  
Scene Writer

Concept albums are notoriously hit or miss. Double albums are infamous for their self-indulgent filler. So it's pretty easy to be apprehensive about the new 27-song effort by L.A.'s Say Anything, titled "In Defense of the Genre." The hype surrounding the album and the band is enormous. Frontman and lead­er Max Bemis has been heralded as "the new Bob Dylan" as often as the New England Patriots get called "the best team in the NFL." The album is definitely not for every­one, but there are some real gems here. Max Bemis is certainly a capable songwriter. He puts his entire self onto paper in a way that never seems forced or cheesy. While a solid chunk of the songs are not memorable, a few are awful. The first half of the album is better than the second. The album is definitely not for everyone, and the only people who will truly enjoy it are diehard Say Anything fans.

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The best songs are usually the angri­est ones, such as "Skinny Mean Man," "Surgically Removing the Tracking Device" and "People Like You Are Why People Like Me Exist." There are some good quiet songs as well, such as "Spores" on the second disc.

In Defense of the Genre  Say Anything

Label: J Records  Recommended Tracks: "Skinny Mean Man" and "Spores"

For the most part, though, the pop­rock focused, "In Defense of the Genre" is a half-decent listen. The lyrics are occasionally cringe-worthy, sometimes hilarious (in a good way) and always honest. It's obvious they come from the heart of one of the most talented songwriters now. One of the first memo­rable songs is "That is Why," a bizarre cabaret piece, which is not really good or bad, but just strange. It features some of the funniest lyrics on the record, such as: "Though once I was emot­ing and Rono lyric quot­ing/ Baby Girl, I'm a Blur"

"No Country for Old Men" captivates with haunting murder streak

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"In Defense of the Genre" is Say Anything's third studio album.
By BRITTNY FLINT and AMELIA THOMPSON

Our favorite retired rapper is back. Again. Following his supposed retreat from the music world, Jay-Z proves once more why he deserves the self-proclaimed title, "The Best Rapper Alive" with the release of his latest, "American Gangster." The rapper's first concept album, which follows the storyline of Ridley Scott's recently released film bearing the same title, breathes fresh air into a hip-hop industry that reeks of banality. Smart and innovative, "American Gangster" does not claim to "Walk it Out" or "Superman." Instead, as Jay-Z proclaims on the song "No Hook," he simply does not need one. He also does not need to be backed by contrived hip-hop controversy (think Kanye and 50 Cent). Jay-Z is able to stand on his own and show why he continues to be relevant in the music industry. Revisiting many themes explored on past albums, "American Gangster" reveals an updated and more refined Shawn Carter. A few tracks stand out as the brightest of the bunch.

♦  "Party Life." While performing this song on VH1's "Storytellers," Hov requested red lighting — and justifiably so. This song is hot. Transporting us to the '80s era, this track is the definition of swagger. Combining sultry vocals with Jay-Z's undeniable cool, "Party Life" makes you want to do just that.

♦  "Roc Boys." This track is sure to have us all throwing up the Roc. As declared in Beyonce's "De Ja Vu," "Roc Boys" proves that Jay runs the bass, high hat and the snare. Toned down "black superhero music" this song has an element of blithe. From the moment the horns start, it's impossible to not invoke the gods of funk. With brilliant instrumentation and lyrical content, this song is sure to be a Roc-A-Fella anthem and classic.

♦  "Fallin." Laced with Hill's vocals, "Fallin" is introspective and thought-provoking. Both the lyrics and the beat have an element of sadness. Strategically placed after the track titled, "Success," "Fallin" examines the juxtaposition of success and failure. Alluring his listeners with a sort of intimacy detailing his own "rise and fall," Jay-Z reminds us why he continues to rise and rise again.

♦  "Hi l l Wayn e's magnetism, this track is guaranteed to be a club favorite. The song is a sort of ode to the city of New York and its influence on Jay-Z as an artist. One of the more upbeat tracks on the album, "Hello Brooklyn," exudes energy. Personifying Brooklyn, the duo recognizes the importance of the city to hip-hop. While Hill's verse is not his best, both he and Jay prove why they are considered rap royalty.

♦  "Blue Magic." Surprisingly not featured on the soundtrack to the film, "Blue Magic" outlines one of the major themes of the movie and album — the hustle. Hova teams up with Pharrell Williams on this track to reiterate the power of the collaboration.

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Photo courtesy of movieweb.com

Jay-Z recorded his album "American Gangster" as a soundtrack for the Ridley Scott movie of the same name, starring Denzel Washington (center).
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Atlanta's bench provided the spark the Hawks needed to beat Milwaukee 96-80 Wednesday. With each team playing for the second straight night, depth was crucial as Atlanta pulled away late and beat the Bucks on Wednesday night, including a dominant 43-7 advantage in bench scoring.

"Our bench was great," Hawks coach Mike Woodson said. The Hawks recovered from a disappointing 90-78 loss at Chicago on Tuesday night in which they were outrebounded 60-37. Atlanta outrebounded Milwaukee 38-34.

"To come out and play the way we did tonight I think is a great sign of maturity," said Joe Johnson, who led Atlanta with 21 points. "One way we did tonight I think is a real sign that we're starting to play the way we did all year.

The Bucks lost for the second straight night following a win at Milwaukee 114-99 on Wednesday night.

"We're a very confident team," Williams said. "When we shoot well, we get a lot of assists and convert easy baskets.

Andre Iguodala led the Sixers with 20 points while Andre Miller added 16. Lou Williams chipped in with 13 while Willie Green and Samuel Dalembert scored 11 each.

It was a frustrating night for the Sixers (4-10), who picked up a win at Milwaukee 114-99 on Tuesday.

"We talked before the game about eliminating layups and they (Hawks) had 20-plus layups," Sixers coach Maurice Cheeks said. "That's something I'm trying to stop.

Utah shot 54 percent from the field while the Sixers shot 44 percent.

"I thought we were as good defensively as we've been all year," Williams said of Boozer. "A lot of guys have had a tough time scoring (25.3) behind LeBron James. Boozer was 12-for-27 with 6:46 remaining.

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Iguodala drove into the lane and finished with 32 assists on 39 made baskets.

"We were executing on offense," Boozer said. "Deron Williams is doing a great job of running the offense and getting good shots on pick-and-rolls.

Boozer said the 76ers will look to feed assists into Boozer more often.

"A win is a win," said Richard Hamilton, who led Detroit with 18 points. "LeBron is a big part of their team, but they've still got five guys with an NBA jersey on the court. The Cavs said James' X-rays were negative, adding he would be evaluated again Thursday.

"I think he's day to day," Cleveland coach Mike Brown said. "We'll see how he is tomorrow before we worry about anything beyond that.

James returned to Cleveland's bench late in the third quarter, sporting a suit and turtle neck, with tape wrapped around his index and middle fingers on his non-shooting hand. Late in the half, ice was packed and wrapped briefly over his left hand.

James did not respond to a few questions as he walked to the team bus after the game carrying a pizza.

He appeared to be injured with 4:41 left in the first half, when Detroit center Nazr Mohammed fouled him.

"I didn't hit him that hard, but it's easy to sprain a finger," Mohammed said. "I'm sure he's sore.

James made both free throws and stayed in the game.

He had 15 points and three assists in the first half, scoring for more than one-third of the Cavs' points in a rematch of the Eastern Conference finals.

Cleveland was lost without him.

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In Brief

CARDINALS' LA RUSSA PLEADS GUILTY TO DUI CHARGES

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former St. Louis Cardinals manager Tony La Russa pleaded guilty to driving under the influence Wednesday, eight months after police found him asleep inside his running sport utility vehicle at a stop light and smelling of alcohol.

La Russa said he had decided to plead guilty to the misdemeanor because it was in the best interest of all concerned.

"I accept full responsibility for my conduct, and assure everyone that I have learned a very valuable lesson and that this will never occur again," La Russa said in a statement released by his attorney, David Boiselle. La Russa did not appear in court to plead guilty.

As part of his plea agreement, La Russa will serve at least six months probation, pay a $678.50 fine, complete DUI school and any recommended probation, pay a $678.50 fine, complete DUI school and any recommended probation, pay a $678.50 fine, complete DUI school and any recommended probation, pay a $678.50 fine, complete DUI school and any recommended probation, pay a $678.50 fine, complete DUI school and any recommended probation, pay a $678.50 fine, complete DUI school and any recommended probation, pay a $678.50 fine, complete DUI school and any recommended probation, pay a $678.50 fine, complete DUI school and any recommended probation, pay a $678.50 fine, complete DUI school and any recommended probation, pay a $678.50 fine, complete DUI school and any recommended probation, pay a $678.50 fine, complete...
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Simpson enters not guilty plea in court

O.J. faces charges of armed robbery and kidnapping

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — O.J. Simpson stood before a judge Wednesday and firmly spoke a phrase he has uttered in other courtrooms in the past: "Not guilty."

This time the former football star was arraigned, along with two other men, on suspicion of kidnapping and armed robbery of sports memorabilia dealers in a strange case that has ballooned to 12 charges that could send Simpson and the others to prison for life.

Simpson's notoriety, gained from past trials on charges of murder and road rage, looms in the background of the Las Vegas episode. His lawyer said jury selection would be an "onerous" task that would probably last longer than the trial itself.

"I am very concerned that we get 12 people on the jury that can listen to the evidence that occurs in the courtroom," attorney Yale Galanter said on the courthouse steps. "People are going to have opinions."

Simpson's co-defendants, Charles "Charlie" Ehrlich, 53, and Clarence "C.J." Stewart, 53, also entered not guilty pleas, and Clark County District Judge Jackie Glass set trial for all three men on April 7.

Ehrlich's lawyer, John Moran Jr., said he would challenge the case resolved without a trial, that seemed unlikely unless prosecutors dismissed all charges. A plea bargain, he suggested, was not on the table.

"I don't know what my client did wrong," Galanter said. "And that's why it would be difficult for us to enter into any kind of a plea agreement. It wasn't a trespass because he was invited into the room. It wasn't a robbery because it wasn't the unlawful taking of someone else's property."

The prosecutor declined to comment outside court.

Simpson landed in court after leading an odd raiding party in a Sept. 13 hotel room confrontation with two sports memorabilia dealers to take collectibles and family heirlooms he claimed were his.

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Hunter to sign with Angels

L.A. acquires seven-time Gold Glove center fielder from White Sox

Associated Press

LA HORE — Torii Hunter had a news conference with the Los Angeles Angels even before completing his contract. Hunter was introduced Wednesday along with starting pitcher Jon Garland, acquired this month in a trade with the Chicago White Sox. A seven-time Gold Glove center fielder, Hunter reached a preliminary agreement Nov. 21 on a $90 million, five-year contract with the Angels but has yet to finalize the deal.

"We're just working out the final details of Torii's contract and that should be done relatively quickly," new Angels general manager Tony Reagins said, "but he hasn't officially written his name, but we've agreed to all the terms."

Hunter, who hit .297 with 28 home runs and 107 RBIs for Minnesota this year, was obtained two days after the Angels dealt Gold Glove shortstop Orlando Cabrera to Chicago for Garland. But owner Arte Moreno denied the team acquired Hunter as insurance in case incumbent center fielder Gary Matthews Jr. got caught up in baseball's investigation into performance-enhancing drugs.

"That never really entered our minds, to be honest," Moreno said. "I think it's a Pandora's box. I don't know what's going to happen here. Obviously we've had communication with the commissioner's office, but to be able to get an athlete and a person like Torii Hunter was something we wanted to make an investment in."

Hunter acknowledged he always admired the Angels from afar — especially since they boot his Twins in the 2002 AL championship series en route to the club's only World Series title. He hammied it up Wednesday with a rally monkey given to him by an Angels staffer, keeping the stuffed animal on his shoulder as he answered questions.

"I told myself years ago that if I ever become a free agent, I'm going over here with the Angels," Hunter said. "But at the time of my free agency, they had a center fielder already, so I kind of threw them on the back burner and looked at other teams — and then they came out of nowhere."
**Swimming**

Coughlin advances to national championships

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Have suit and goggles, will travel.

That’s Natalie Coughlin’s motto as she goes just about anywhere in pursuit of competition.

Starting Thursday, the five-time Olympic medalist will hit the water, along with Michael Phelps, at the U.S. short-course national championships, a meet contested in yards instead of Olympic meters.

Phelps will test his surgically repaired right wrist for the first time in competition since he hurt himself getting into a car in October.

“I’ve been doing a lot of turns full-speed on it. I’ve been able to get a lot of pressure put on it to see how it’s all going to handle,” he said. “It feels fine. The first few times it hurt a little bit because I hadn’t done those motions before in a while.”

It’s another chance for Coughlin and Phelps to fine-tune their starts, turns and strokes in the year’s last major meet before the Olympic year begins.

“I’m just here for the racing experience,” said Coughlin, who jetted into Atlanta from Brazil, where she won three races at a World Cup meet last weekend. “Regardless of what happens this weekend, I’m pretty happy with where I am physically. My World Cups are all just off my best times, if not my best times.”

Coughlin trains with the women’s team at California. But having completed her college eligibility in 2005, the 25-year-old swimmer can’t compete with her teammates in meets.

“That’s half the reason I travel so far,” she said. “Frankly, it’s hard to find meets when you’re older and it’s a good excuse to go to Brazil and Singapore and South Africa.”

And she lives the dry-land benefits.

“Singapore was incredible,” she said, smiling at the memory. “Great shopping — I got a new camera there. Great food. It’s a another chance for athletes to have.” she said. “A lot of people kind of freak out about time changes and morning finals.”

In Brazil, Coughlin competed in finals that began at 9:30 a.m. in Beijing, finals will be in the morning and preliminaries at night for the first time in several Olympics. “It’s going to affect everyone exactly the same,” she said.

“It’s the Olympics. People are not going to be tired and sluggish in the morning.”

Coughlin is considering swimming six events in Beijing, one more than she swam at the 2004 Athens Olympics when she won five medals, including three in relays.

“No way am I going to try and swim more events if it hinders my performance,” she said. “I’m not going to try to be an ironwoman just to be one.”

USA’s Natalie Coughlin competes during the women’s 100m butterfly semi-finals at the World Swimming Championships in Melbourne on March 25.

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Former Houston coach Art Briles moves to Baylor

Bears to replace Morriss after long stay in Big 12 cellar

Associated Press

FORT WORTH, Texas — Houston coach Art Briles is next to take on the task of pulling Baylor out of the Big 12 basement.

Briles confirmed he was leaving in a news conference Wednesday at Houston after meeting with his players.

Baylor spokesman Nick loos said a news conference was scheduled later in the day on the Waco campus to announce the school's new football coach.

Briles led Houston to four bowls in his five seasons. He was offered the job Wednesday, a day after meeting with Baylor athletic director Ian McCaw in Dallas.

"Life is full of decisions. Sometimes, you have to look at things from a professional, personal standpoint," Briles said. "Professionally, (Houston) ... is great university with a situation I'm proud to be a part of. Personally, the move allows a person of my nature a little more security. When you're getting up in my age, that's an important factor in life."

The Houston Chronicle reported on its Web site that Briles will get a seven-year contract for about $1.8 million per season. Briles, who turns 52 Monday, had four years left on his Houston contract with a base salary of $900,000 annually.

Briles replaces Guy Morriss, who was fired Nov. 18 after five seasons. Morriss' firing came the day after the Bears (3-9) completed their 12th straight losing season with their 12th consecutive Big 12 loss, 45-14 to Oklahoma State.

Houston (8-4) has already accepted an invitation to play in the Texas Bowl on Dec. 28 in Houston against an undetermined opponent. The Cougars won the Conference USA title last season.

Briles was 34-28 in five seasons at Houston with only one losing season. Before his arrival, the Cougars had only two winning seasons in the previous 12 years.

Before going to Houston, where he was a four-year letterman as a receiver and played in the 1976 Cotton Bowl, Briles spent three seasons as running backs coach at Texas Tech. His previous head coaching job had been at Stephenville High School, where in 12 seasons he was 136-29-2 and won four Texas state championships.

Morriss was 18-40 overall, 7-33 in conference games. The Bears were 0-8 in the Big 12 this season.

The leading candidate initially was Mike Singletary, the assistant head coach for the San Francisco 49ers. But the Pro Football Hall of Fame linebacker and Baylor icon took his name out of consideration after a lengthy meeting with McCaw last week in California.

Briles was also on Baylor's short list, along with Houston Nutt, who resigned at Arkansas on Monday and was hired by Mississippi on Tuesday.

Baylor's 12 consecutive losing seasons have come under the four coaches since Grant Teaff left in 1992 after 128 victories and eight bowl appearances in 21 seasons.

The Bears are the only Big 12 team without a bowl appearance since the conference's inception in 1996. Only two teams from Bowl Championship Series conferences have gone longer without a bowl, but Indiana (7-5) is expected to play its first postseason game in 14 years, Vanderbilt (5-7) lost its season finale to miss making its first bowl in 25 years.
Thursday, November 29, 2007

**NFL**

**Taylor shooter is unknown**

Associated Press

ASHBURN, Va. — Sean Taylor's father urged the Washington Redskins to make a playoff push, while Miami police asked for the public's help to solve the safety's death in what they suspect was a random burglary.

Miami-Dade police director Robert Parker said Wednesday there were no indications the slain 24-year-old was targeted or knew his assailant.

"There's nothing that indicates thus far that there's some kind of involvement on the victim's part," said Parker, adding it was "more like a random event."

Police have no suspects in the fatal shooting.

"We have no reason to think this was anything other than a burglary or a robbery involving an intruder," Parker said.

"It was a break-in at Taylor's home, in which police said someone fired a window, rifled through drawers and left a kitchen knife on a bed.

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The shot and fed a streaking Alex Yoshinaga at the far post. Yoshinaga tapped the cross in to give the Irish a 1-0 lead.

"I knew I was getting a substitution soon, so I knew I had one more run to make," Yoshinaga said. "I just took off and, the guy that was on me was watching the ball, and I got to the goal." 

Oakland struggled to control the ball for the rest of the half as strong winds killed every ball the visitors sent down the field. The Irish were able to maintain offensive pressure for the remainder of the half.

"(Oakland) is a very direct team. The way they play, playing with the wind is a big advantage for them," Irish coach Bobby Clark said.

Ten minutes into the second half, Lapira added an insurance goal for the Irish. Fifth-year senior Ryan Miller crossed the ball and Lapira timed the play perfectly, sneaking behind his defender for a sliding tap-in.

"I was timing my run in front of your man at the near post like that, that was a thing of beauty," Clark said.

Lapira, a 5-foot-10 senior, holds the record for career NCAA Tournament goals at Notre Dame — five — and has a habit of breaking up at the right time of the season.

"Coach always preaches all about getting to the near post. I kind of made a habit of being at the near post. I haven’t been doing it as a much," Lapira said.

Oakland turned up the pressure after the second Irish goal, eventually settling to a 3-4-3 formation and pushing the ball deep into Notre Dame territory.

Grizzlies forward Endre Onses cut the deficit to one with an unassisted goal with just under 25 minutes remaining in the game. Onses collected a loose ball inside the penalty area, spun before his senior keeper Chris Cahill in the lower left corner.

The goal was the third of the year for Onses. Oakland continued to pour on the pressure with good scoring chances in the 70th and 73rd minutes. At one point, senior Sebastian Harris got loose and fired a rocket to the near post, but Cahill was in position and swatted the ball away with both hands.

"Cahill did very well handling high balls into the box tonight. That was always a worry," Clark said.

Like Cahill, all three Notre Dame players that noticed points are experienced veterans playing in their final NCAA Tournament.

"This group of seniors really wants it," Clark said.

"From the minute we last left last year, they have worked tremendously hard. This is the culmination of their work and hopefully we can push this thing a little bit further." 

Notre Dame will travel to California Saturday to take on UC-Santa Clara in the NCAA Round of 16.

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Maxwell finished with a time of 1:03.31 in the 100-yard breaststroke and set a personal best in the 200-yard breaststroke. Both finishes were personal bests for her and season-bests for the Irish. Miller finished just behind her in the 100-yard breaststroke with a 1:05.46 in the 100-yard breaststroke.

Other bright spots for the Irish have been freshman Lauren Parisi, who finished third in the 200-yard backstroke against Wisconsin and Northwestern with a time of 2:06.32 and junior Christa Riggins, who recorded a season-best of 1:03.15 in the 100-yard breaststroke and a 1:05.15 in the 200-yard breaststroke.

"What is important is getting fast times to qualify for the championships," Irish coach Carrie Nixon said.

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The Observer apologizes for the absence of Tastes Like Failure. It will return in tomorrow’s paper.

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9. 29 He-man
10. 32 Albino in “The Da Vinci Code”
11. 34 Like waves on a shoreline (5)
12. 37 It’s on the St.
13. 38 Something to look sad
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16. 40 Womb
17. 41 Passed
18. 42 Brown, in ads (6)
19. 43 Passed
20. 44 See 33-Across
21. 45 Closed tight
22. 46 Bob Dylan’s first
23. 47 Make a ship
24. 48 See 1-Down
25. 49 Womb
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27. 50 See 5-Across
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29. 54 Make a ship
30. 55 Newscast lead
31. 56 Stinky
32. 57; Paul Shaffer, 58
33. 58 Bob Dylan’s first
34. 59 Airline rarity, a hint to this puzzle’s theme (6)
35. 60 See 60 Across
36. 61 Underwater cavew
37. 62 One of a series
38. 63 __-_Cat
39. 64 Suffix with order, informally, with (8)
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41. 66 Stinky
42. 67 Suffix with order, informally, with (8)
43. 68 One of a series
44. 69 Go-getter
45. 70 Neither good nor bad Down
1. With 69-Across, burger go-with (9)
2. Treat splendidly
3. Ones saying “I do”
4. Letters before Liberty or Constitution (5)
5. Sprung (from)
6. ___-Cat
7. Toy sometimes seen on a beach
8. Ordeal
9. Big name in talkers
10. Unisex dress
11. Female gamettes
12. 1995 philosophy biography by C.
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15. Musician Brian
16. Breezed through
17. One of a series of joint Soviet-U.S. space sales agreements
18. Dragged out
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20. Shake, in a way
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23. Hitch, line, or course (9)
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**Horoscope**

**EUGENIA LAST**

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Scarlett Johansson, 19; Joe Stewart, 45; Ed Harris, 57; Paul Shaffer, 56.

Happy Birthday: If you expect too much or overreach, overreach can undo you this year, your plans will falter. Changing the right perspective, friends and cooperation will help you realize the new plans you need. A truth is sometimes expressed in an obvious manner. A plaid shirt, long coat or a smirk can help you. You can’t pull yourself up. Take these ideas to heart and you will find success, can’t do it, can’t do it, can’t do it. You need to comprehend and listen to what others have to say. Talk face to face if you want to resolve issues without hassle. An added burden may cause you some worry. 2 stars.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21):** Do things a little differently and you will be recognized. Whether it is a word, school or a job, say a few words; be a fountainhead that others will admire and try to imitate. A close friend or relative will give you the go-ahead for something you want to do. 4 stars.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** You will be able to make changes that are overdue and will contribute to your advancement. More responsibility is heading your way but will also bring futures and respect. Aggrandizements on your part will help you. 5 stars.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** You can’t waste time spinning your wheels where there is so much to do. So much to gain. You will be the one with the ideas, the plans and the spark that ignites everyone else. Love is definitely present and a furry-feline romance can develop today. 3 stars.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** You’ve got a whole lot of issues to deal with this year, your plans will backfire. Choosing the right partners, friends and colleagues can help you. 4 stars.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Don’t treat what others are offering or promising. Get what you want in writing. Someone you thought you knew well will prove otherwise. Don’t be afraid but do prepare to move on. 2 stars.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** You can’t move now when you are so close to something. You need to focus on one thing and get up and out of the crowd. Have the confidence to sell your talent. Love, live and be happy. 5 stars.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21):** You’ve got a whole lot of issues to deal with, and if you keep spinning what needs to be done, you will continue to stall. Set your mind on ending old conditions and let go of what you no longer need. You need to be clear at heart, being a leader is now more important than ever. You can’t expect others to put your interests above your own. Check out good investments and refuse to let emotions, love or personal sentiments dominate you. A change in direction, career or the use of your talents will lead to advancement and new connections. 3 stars.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** You’ll be connected up for whatever comes your way and you can’t keep the crowd at bay. Set yourself up so that you can get better relationships and probably more money if you put your talent to work for you. Love is in the air, 3 stars.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Be careful with whom you deal. Choosing the right person is key. You are doing things well and may do the difficult work. Focus on what will bring the highest return financially. 3 stars.

**Buddha’s Rule:** You are dedicated to your beliefs, friendships and family traditions but are otherwise about everything that is unfamiliar. You are impulsive, passionate and playful.

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**MEN'S SOCCER**

Irish defeat Oakland 2-1, advance to NCAA round of 16

By DAN MURPHY
Associate Sports Editor

No. 10 Notre Dame survived a late flurry of Oakland shots to advance to the NCAA round of 16 with a 2-1 victory at Alumni Field Wednesday night.

With the wind at their backs, the Irish dominated the first 45 minutes of play, outshooting the Grizzlies 8-2 in the first half. They also had a 2-1 advantage in corner kicks in the half.

Grizzlies goalkeeper Steve Clark managed to keep the game scoreless until the 35th minute when senior forward Joseph Lapira beat his defender to a pass near the goalmouth. Lapira passed up a defender to a pass near the goalmouth. Lapira passed up

**ND WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING**

Swimmers travel to Washington for Husky Invitational

Divers leave for Ohio State Invitational in Columbus this weekend

By JARED JEDICK
'Sports Writer'

Notre Dame travels to the 58th annual Husky Invitational in Federal Way, Wash., today with hopes of earning qualifying time for the NCAA Championships at the end of the season. The diving team, meanwhile, will head to the Ohio State Invitational in Columbus, Ohio.

"Our main focus out in Washington this week will be to swim fast times so we can get more girls qualified for the NCAA Championship in March," head coach Carrie Nixon said.

The Irish come into the weekend with a disappointing 1-5 dual meet record. Their only win so far this season was at the Dennis Stark Relays earlier this year. But Nixon said the record is not indicative of her team's progress this year.

"The regular season is more competitive and there's just so many people who can get in and do something good," McGraw said. "It's just great. I was worried about it in the beginning of the year, but the depth has been the thing that has been making us good because it's competitive and there's just so many people who can get in and do something good.

McGraw has run three- and four-guard sets effectively, mixing and matching from among Notre Dame's deep talent pool in the backcourt. This system has helped spark the Irish offensively, with three guards averaging double-figures in points this season. It's about a half-dozen more Tuesday, Notre Dame is proving it should be considered one of the top teams in the country.

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**HOCKEY**

Shootout belt eludes Hanson

Practice tradition important part of icer's weekly routine

By KYLE CASSILY
'Sports Writer'

Notre Dame hockey equipment manager Dave Gilbert put the odds of center Christian Hanson winning a shootout at a trillion to one.

"He thinks he's got skills. His dad has more skills - even now," Irish hockey radio announcer Mike Lockert said, referring to Dave Hanson, a 10-year pro hockey player known for his legendary role as one of the Irish junior center Christian Hanson looks down the ice during Notre Dame's 2-1 win over Bowling Green on Nov. 20.

**ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

Team's depth has left opponents confused

Irish boast ten players in regular rotation

By JAY FITZPATRICK
'Sports Editor'

After recording its third straight win of 30 points or more Tuesday, Notre Dame is proving it should be considered one of the top teams in the country.

The Irish have been getting production on both ends of the court from 10 players this season. The depth has enabled Irish coach Muffet McGraw to run a variety of offensive and defensive sets, often allowing the Irish to confuse opponents.

"When the other team is looking at their scouting report, I'm not sure who they're going to try out to guard," McGraw said. "It's just great. I was worried about it in the beginning of the year, but the depth has been the thing that has been making us good because it's competitive and there's just so many people who can get in and do something good.

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Sophomore Ashley Barlow leads the team with 13.7