ND physicists help with ‘Big Bang’ experiment

Six faculty members joined dozens of scientists in particle project to gain insight into universe’s creation

By JENN METZ
News Editor

Notre Dame particle physicists are participating in an experiment almost 20 years in the making designed to uncover high energies, “almost to the speed of light,” Jessop said.

“We’ve been a part of this community for many, many years,” he said.

The experiment, which uses a particle accelerator called the Large Hadron Collider (LHC), launched Wednesday in Geneva, Switzerland. The Notre Dame team, part of a larger contingent of American physicists and scientists from many countries around the world, is participating in an experiment almost 20 years in the making designed to uncover the mysteries of the universe.

Jessop said.

Six faculty members are involved in the project: Professors Randy Ruchti, Michael Hildreth, Mitchell Wayne, Kevin Lamann, Dan Karmgard, along with Jessop. Two post-doctoral researchers, Jeff Kolb and Nancy Marinelli, are currently at the European Organization for Nuclear Research, better known by its French acronym, CERN, in Switzerland, the operation center for the LHC.

The LHC collides protons — subatomic particles — together at extremely high energies. The $10 billion machine is located about 300 feet beneath the ground on the French-Swiss border and spans a circumference of 17 miles.

A ring of superconducting magnets accelerates the particles to extremely high energies, “almost to the speed of light,” Jessop said.

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Students pursue careers, internships

The Career Center hosted the annual Fall Career Expo, which featured 148 companies

By JOHN-PAUL WITT
News Writer

Despite the economic woes facing the United States, things were looking up at Wednesday’s Fall Career Expo, which featured 148 companies in the Joyce Center.

Lee Svete, director of the Career Center, told students to look for companies looking to hire this fall, adding that the economy has improved.

“I would recommend if you’re in the market for a job this fall to come out and attend,” Svete said.

The Career Expo featured more companies, with a tally of 196, with a number of businesses and organizations representing.

Residence halls to host prayer service

Seven years ago today, Lewis Hall rector Linda Cirillo was doing an internship as a chaplain at Georgtown University Hospital in Washington D.C., when terrorists flew an airplane into the Pentagon in nearby Arlington, Va.

Cirillo, who had retired as a lieutenant colonel in the Air Force after 20 years of service, became “intimately involved” in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, a day when planes also struck the World Trade Center Towers in New York City and a plane crashed into the ground in Shanksville, Pa.

“I was actually there on the frontline in the hospital with one of the burn victims that escaped and got out of the Pentagons alive, but not without being burned from head to toe,” she said.

Cirillo, who is now a certified Catholic chaplain, ministered to the burn victim, a lieutenant colonel in the Army. The man survived his injuries.

Cirillo will share her memories of Sept. 11 today during a prayer service on Fieldhouse Mall to commemorate the seventh anniversary of the worst terrorist

Welsh Fam hosts ‘fiesta’ on quad

By ROBERT SINGER
News Writer

Spurning their usual location on West Quad and introducing a theme for the first time, the Welsh Family Block Party organizes decided to head "south." They put on their sombreros and threw a "Fiesta" on South Quad for three hours Wednesday night.

As music blared, partygoers were entertained by an array of carnival games. An inflatable obstacle course and fun house, free pizza, chips and salsa, balloon darts, volly ball, wiffle ball and a ping pong toss for the chance to win a gold fish were among the attractions. In addition, an iPod shuffle was raffled off and T-shirts were sold.

Wednesday’s Fiesta was the highlight of Welsh Family Hall’s spirit week, which has traditionally been an effort to boost hall pride and raise money for a worthy cause. In years past, the event has raised donations for Hurricane Katrina victims and for schools in third world countries.

Dorm president Tara Schlimpf said earlier events this week have included yoga, dorm breakfasts, s’mores and an after-mass social.

Residents try out the moon bounce at the Welsh Family block party Wednesday on South Quad.

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**INSIDE COLUMN**

**I just love football**

When I began actively watching football, there was no NFL team in Baltimore. I was stuck in the interregnum between the Colts leaving in 1964 and the Ravens showing up in 1996. This left me with a gangplank hole in my fandom. Sure, I had the Orioles for baseball and the Terps for basketball, but what was I to do on Sundays? Who would be my team?

And then, I remember this gun-slinging country boy who just loves football. Brett Favre.

No, this is not meant to be sarcastic, nor is it my own personal take on the Frank Caliendo-John Madden banter. Let’s face it, Favre just loved the game, and that made him and the Packers fun to watch.

And so my hopes and dreams rose and fell with the fate of the Green Bay Packers. I can remember how great I felt when Favre led his team to Super Bowl glory against the Patriots, and how down I was when he fell to the Broncos the next year.

Even after the Ravens moved to town, I still held a special place in my sporting heart for Favre, who was thankfully still in the league, and I did nothing but support everything he did.

Fast forward to 2008, when Brett Favre retires in winter.

A part of me is sad that one of my last childhood icons is moving on, going the way of Cal Ripken, Jr. But the guy had just broken every major career passing record and was in the soon-to-be ancestry Hall of Fame. EA Sports announced that Favre would grace the cover of Madden 09 — the first retired player to do so.

But then, over the summer, as you all assuredly know if you watched, listened to or read anything sports-related during a three-month span, Favre came back in a kind of shaky way. Most of his former fans (except a few diehards in Wisconsin) turned their back on him. The conversations changed from where he ranks among all-time great quarterback-to-a-some South Parkian question of whether he is a giant douche or a turd sandwich.

And yes, even I turned my back on him.

But then, during my fantasy football draft, as I scrolled through the QB rankings searching for a backup quarterback, I saw “Favre, NY”. “Favre, NY?” Debating between him and the Broncos’ Jay Cutler, I took nearly my full 90 seconds. And then I caved. In a rebirth of my childhood passion for the Packers, I took Favre.

And then last Sunday, when the NFL made its long-awaited return, I watched the Jets game — likely the only time I have watched a Jets-Dolphins game with such vigor and enthusiasm, to watch Favre do his thing. And he did not disappoint. Watching the Jets last Sunday, I saw the same Brett Favre that made me a Packers fan in my youth.

The city has changed. The shade of green has changed. But the Favre remains the same. He is still the gun-slinging country boy he always was. So lay off Brett Favre. He just loves football.

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**OFFBEAT**

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**IN BRIEF**

The Army ROTC is sponsoring a blood drive through the American Red Cross today from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of LaFortune Student Center.

Michael Novak will be speaking regarding his book “Business As A Calling” on today at 7 p.m. in the Delorto Auditorium, room 101.

The Mendoza College of Business is sponsoring a lecture Friday at 10:40 a.m. is the Jordan Auditorium of Mendoza featuring Executive Chairman Herb Kelleher and President Colleen Barrett of Southwest Airlines.

The first campus-wide carnival “Cirque du Lax” will take place Friday from noon to 4 p.m. on South Quad. The event will include twenty-five dorms and clubs and will raise money to benefit Habitat and Friends.

The Student Activities Office is hosting a concert at Washington Hall called “Recycled Percussion” Friday at 9 p.m. Recycled Percussion infuses Junk rock with visual effects.

The Student Activities Office is hosting “Pop Culture Night” on Saturday at 10 a.m. It will include a pop culture trivia contest, food and music.

The Saturday Scholars Series’ “Peter Pan as a Cultural Icon” hosted by the College of Arts and Letters will take place Saturday at noon in the Annenburg Auditorium of the Seitz Museum of Art.

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

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Saint Mary’s alumnae share post-college tips

By ALYSSA PINON
News Writer

Even though the school year is less than a month underway, Saint Mary’s juniors and especially seniors, are well aware that life after college is quickly approaching.

"To help ease the transition," the Alumnae Association Board of Directors is holding an event called "Grace Under Pressure." The event presents an opportunity for juniors and seniors to listen to different alumnae from all over the country who have come back to talk about the many places their SMC education has taken them.

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Senior Sarah Dalton is planning to attend the event. "I am excited to see what opportunities and insight I can gain from hearing about the careers of SMC alumnae, so that I can apply it to my own career path," she said. Students said they are hoping to use what they learn at this event in the remainder of their time at Saint Mary’s. "I’m excited to learn more about networking," I believe that the Alumnae Association is a great tool to not only help me network, but to keep me connected to Saint Mary’s," senior Anna Hofer said. "Grace Under Pressure" will be taking place today in the Saint Mary’s Student Center Lounge. Space is limited, but students who are still interested are asked to contact alumnae@saintmarys.edu with any questions.

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BOARD OF GOVERNANCE
Group plans election events

College aims to inform, register voters for absentee ballots by Nov. 4

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
News Writer

Saint Mary’s will be hosting events every Tuesday prior to the November presidential election. Sarah King, the Saint Mary’s Board of Governance (BOG) missions commissioner, said Wednesday. Saint Mary’s chapter of the "Rock the Vote Campaign" will be hosting a kick-off day Sept. 16 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Student Center. Information tables will be set up to talk about absentee ballots and so students can ask questions about voting.

After the informational event, Project Vote Smart’s national bus will arrive on campus at 3 p.m. and remain until 6 p.m. Project Vote Smart is a non-partisan education system that visits colleges to teach young voters about the Election Day process.

The College is holding events that not only encourage students to vote, but teach them how to be informed voters as well.

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BOG will be sponsoring a bus trip to Chicago on Sept. 20, student body president Mickey Gruscinski said. Students will receive e-mails from BOG with details about the trip.

A Constitution Day panel discussion will take place in Haggar Parlor Sept. 17 at noon. Assistant professor of political science Amy Cavender, Hodge Patol, district director for U.S. Rep. Joe Donnelly (D-Ind.), and Brooks Grainger, a South Bend criminal defense lawyer, will be speaking on the panel.

The one-year anniversary of the beatification of Basil Anthony Moreau is Monday, Sept. 15, King said. In honor of the day, Saint Mary’s will have a special dinner in the dining hall on Tuesday, Sept. 16, and there will be masses held in his honor.

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The data will help in understanding the interactions of the particles at the early stages of the universe that have determined how the universe is today," he said.

Three Notre Dame graduate students — Ted Kolberg, Jamie Antonelli and Sean Lynch — are currently in Switzerland collecting data and helping to operate the detectors. They will remain at the experiment site for one or two years before returning to Notre Dame and finishing their degrees.

The Notre Dame team worked on the detectors in all phases — including commissioning the detector, making it work, and running it," Jessop said. When the switch was first turned on Wednesday at 1:30 a.m., it was "our time," Jessop said. "We put the first beam into the accelerator... it was a seminal moment for us.

A principle goal of the experiment is to discover the existence of the Higgs boson particle — a key to understanding our theories of the universe," Jessop said. Physicists have been looking for this particle — deemed "The Holy Grail of particle physics" — for 42 years. Its discovery will help answer the question of what is mass. Mass is property of objects in the universe. The Higgs boson particle, named after Scottish physicist Peter Higgs, is that which gives every particle mass, Jessop explained. Without this particle, scientists do not understand why there is mass in the universe.

"This is crucial to our theories of explaining the properties we have. It is a key constituent in understanding why every other particle has mass," he said. The experiment will probably last for 20 years, Jessop said. During the project the machines involved will constantly improve.

"It's very exciting. It's taken us 20 years to get here, and we expect to make amazing discoveries to elucidate problems about how the universe is right now," he said.

Notre Dame physicists — graduate and undergraduate — will be analyzing the data from the experiment for the next 20 years.

Graduate students have already begun looking at the data, and will continue to do so for the entirety of their Ph.D. program, a Jessop said. The data will be available to undergraduate physics majors, who possess the technical knowledge to comprehend it, in the next several months. The results of the experiment will be taught to general science classes at the University.

Notre Dame is involved in an outreach program called QuarkNet — named after the particle called a "quark," the most fundamental of all particles that everything is built of — which allows high school teachers and students to do research at Notre Dame. The results of the LHC experiment will be shared through this program, "bringing the results to younger students as well," Jessop said.

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Students protest CIA at Fall Career Expo

By JOHN-PAUL WITT

Six members of the Notre Dame Peace Fellowship, in partnership with the Progressive Student Alliance and Human Rights ND, distributed flyers outside the Fall Career Expo Wednesday at the Joyce Center protesting the presence of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and Raytheon, a defense and aerospace systems supplier.

The protestors entered the Joyce Center to distribute flyers, but were immediately escorted out by Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) officers and physically barred from re-entry by police. The protest dispersed as the career fair ended at 8 p.m.

Representatives from the CIA and Raytheon were not authorized to speak with the media, and NDSP officers on the scene had no comment.

When reached at home Wednesday evening, Notre Dame Security/Police Director Phil Johnson said he was not willing to comment without "complete information on the situation."

Event coordinator Alanis Quiros, a Notre Dame junior, said the group had been informed that they would be permitted by the Student Activities Office and Student Affairs to pass out fliers inside the JACC after "three meetings with Notre Dame officials. She said there was a contradiction between what the groups were told in writing from Student Affairs, and what later happened.

"We did not have banners, we were simply passing out flyers to educate members of the Notre Dame community, and if the University will not permit this, it's gone down a road that's dangerous," Angulo said. Peace Fellowship member Michael Angulo said he opposed Notre Dame allowing the two organizations to solicit applicants at Notre Dame.

"The CIA continues to torture detainees, 60 years after the passage of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the U.N.," Angulo said. "I'm against Al-Qaeda, but I'm also against the CIA kidnapping people. People recruit at Notre Dame because Notre Dame students are engaged and intelligent — these organizations want to take these qualities and corrupt them."

Raytheon's career fair handouts describe the company as a "technology leader specializing in defense, homeland security and other government markets."

But Angulo protested Raytheon's role in perpetuating the use of weapons.

"They manufacture things that kill people, and we're against things that kill people, especially civilians," Angulo said. "Cluster bombs — mines released through the air — are still exploding in Lebanon today, maiming and killing people."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

British seek retribution for explosive plot

LONDON—British prosecutors are seeking the retrial of seven men accused of plotting to down trans-Atlantic airliners using liquid explosives disguised as soft drinks.

Britain's Crown Prosecution Service said Wednesday it will ask the courts for a second trial after a London jury was unable to agree on charges related to an alleged plan to bomb jetliners. Just three men on separate conspiracy to murder charges and acquitted an eighth man.

After the plot was announced, airports in the U.S. and Europe ground to a halt. New security procedures were put in place to search more rigorously for explosives, and the quantity of liquids in carry-on luggage—limits that remain in place until today.

South Korea: Kim Jong II in recovery

SEOUL—North Korea's Kim Jong II is on the road to recovery from a stroke and still in control of his isolated country's communist regime, South Korea suggested Wednesday, disputing reports that the leader is gravely ill.

President Lee Myung-bak convened a meeting of top security ministers, who were briefed on intelligence that indicates Kim was recovering, said Lee Dong-kwan, the president's chief spokesman.

The North Korean leader was currently "not seen to be in a serious condition," the spokesman said in a statement after the meeting. Citing reports of the briefing, Lee said the "quantity of liquids in carry-on luggage—limits that remain in place until today."

VENEZUELA

Chavez deploys strategic bombers

CARACAS—Two Russian strategic bombers took off from Kyrgyzstan on Wednesday as part of military maneuvers. President Hugo Chavez said, welcoming the "new paradigm in the region," that the planes would be used to protect Venezuela from potential threats.

The Venezuelan leader said the two Russian Tu-160 bombers will conduct maneuvers and that he hopes to fly one of those things" himself.

Russian military analysts said it was the first time Russian strategic bombers have landed in the Western Hemisphere since the Cold War. The provocative foray into Venezuela was certain to add to the strains in U.S.-Russian relations created over Russia's war in Georgia.

Chavez called the deployment of a "move toward a pluripolar world"—a reference to moving away from U.S. dominance. "The Yankee hegemony is finished," Chavez said in a televised speech.

The Russian Defense Ministry said the bombers flew to Venezuela on a training mission and would conduct training flights over neutral waters in the next few days before returning to Russia, according to a statement carried by Russian news wires.

Ministry spokesman Alexander Drobyshevsky refused to say how long the deployment would last or say whether the planes were carrying any weapons. Military officers in the past have said Russian strategic bombers do not carry live weapons on patrol flights.

NATO fighters escorted the two Russian bombers on their 13-hour trip to Venezuela over the Arctic and Atlantic Oceans, the Defense Ministry said.
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**ANALYSIS**

**NEW YORK** — Lehman Brothers put itself on the block Wednesday as part of a last-ditch effort to rescue the investment bank from bad bets on real estate holdings that have already laid low other storied Wall Street firms.

The 158-year-old company, cited by sources as possible directors to the firm, chose Lehman Brothers as a way to offload its real estate assets after it reported an almost $4 billion third-quarter loss.

Fuld, 62, the longest-serving CEO on Wall Street who has been at the helm since 1994, said the firm would examine all other options — including setting up a sale of the company he joined right out of college. Fuld said he would not reject any hostile takeover offers now that Lehman’s stock has plunged from $67.73 a year ago to $7.25 Wednesday, giving it a shrunken market capitalization of $6.7 billion.

If anybody came with an attractive proposition that was compelling for shareholder value, it would be brought to the board, discussed with the board, and the board would make a decision,” Fuld said on a conference call. “We remain committed to examining strategic alternatives to maximize shareholder value.”

For investors, the company’s future is uncertain. Fuld presented seemingly long odds on hope, short on details and raised questions about buying and execution, analysts said. Investors had hoped to see a solid plan in place to offset nearly $6.3 billion of losses during the first three quarters of the year.

Fuld is also agitating for shareholders, said Mark Williams, a professor of finance at Boston University School of Management. “Fuld was supposed to unveil a war room started in March, when Bear Stearns nearly collapsed, to solve these problems, and at this point he has failed miserably.”

The nation’s fourth-largest investment bank plans to sell a 55 percent stake in its investment management division, which includes its prized Neuberger Berman asset management unit. Lehman said it is in advanced talks with several bidders, but refused to give a timeline about when a deal would take place.

Investors were discouraged that no bidder had been named. Lehman began pitching a deal to private-equity firms two months ago. Analysts believe the sale could fetch about $3 billion.

Further, the firm is also taking a big bet that a spin-off of its commercial real estate assets will get a strong market reception in early 2009. The new entity will be called Real Estate Investments Global, and will be run by an independent management team.

Williams believes that Fuld now has a limited amount of time, perhaps until March, to unveil a bona fide deal or run the risk of shares tumbling even further. And, he said, that could lead to a worst case scenario where rumors about the company cause anxious trading partners to pull business — a scenario that felled Bear Stearns six months ago.

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**In Brief**

**NFL Players marketing files lawsuit**

MINNEAPOLIS — The for-profit marketing arm of the NFL Players Association has filed a lawsuit in federal court in Minnesota against the players association for its collective bargaining agreement, exposing taxpayers to significant waste.

The lawsuit, filed Tuesday, comes as the NFL’s interactive website lists the NFL Players Association in federal court in Minneapolis. That suit seeks to clarify what constitutes the statistics the agency underwrites for fantasy football games.

The NFLPA, which handles all licensing and sponsorships for the players, contends that the NFLPA was registered interest in football, but that the association overstepped its tax幻想 football.

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**Database publicizes vehicle accidents**

WASHINGTON — The government unveiled a new public database Wednesday that will enable consumers to look up the number of alleged deaths, injuries and cases of property damage involving passenger vehicles.

Consumer groups have sought the information, which was part of legislation passed by Congress after the massive recall of Firestone tires in 2000.

The law requires manufacturers to provide data on numerous safety complaints and was devised to help the government quickly detect potential problems.

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were interested not in typical corporations but in opportuni-
ties for service with corpora-
tions like the Peace Corps or the Alliance for Catholic Edu-
cation (ACE).

“Service organizations seemed to be well-represented
proportionally,” Aguilar said.

A service-oriented Career and Internship Fair will be held
through the Center for Social Concerns (CSC) Oct. 1, Svet
said.

The busiest booths were financial services companies like
KPMG and Deloitte, who each rented three booths-worth
of space. Most companies present in the fair had a Midwestern
connection and were recruiting for the Chicago area, Svet
said, although companies like HSBC and Credit Suisse have
offices around the world.

Even students who aren’t sen-
tiors, like Saint Mary’s sopho-
more Megan Smith, found the
fair worthwhile. In her first
year attending a career fair, Smith said she was impressed by
how friendly the companies were, even to students who were not about to graduate.

“I wasn’t sure at first because I know that companies don’t offer many internships to sopho-
more and juniors, but I found one I liked,” Smith said.

Sveti advised students to start early in their hunt for inter-
ships, since companies are looking especially for sopho-
more and juniors for summer positions.

“A few years ago, only 20 percent of companies at our
career fair would hire interns, but 70 percent of the companies here today were recruiting for inter-
s as well as full-time posi-
tions,” Sveti said.

Although every company present was recruiting under-
grads, according to the Career Expo leaflet included in
Wednesday’s Observer, even Ph.D. students like chemical
engineer Changdequn Su had luck finding potential jobs.

“At first I was worried there wouldn’t be anything for me, but companies were interested even though I’m in grad student
and an international student, I just need more resumes,” Su said.

Career fairs at Notre Dame have a history of association
with the Menlo Park College of Business, Sveti said, but this
fair catered to students of all majors.

Before this fair, we were seeing 200 students a day at the
Career Center, of all levels and colleges, business, liberal arts,
engineering and science,” Sveti said.

Arts and Letters students in particular shouldn’t be discour-
gaged when confronted by cor-
porat recruiters, since many accept qualified applicants from
all backgrounds into their inter-
ning programs.

“You have consulting firms Boston Consulting Group and
Rain & Company — which people may think of as for business
students, but they’re hiring people from all majors,” Sveti said.

Sveti encouraged students who did not find a suitable posi-
tion to lose heart, and instead look forward to January’s Winter Career and Inter-
ship Fair.

“For-profit businesses are able to project their hiring
needs eight months in advance, but not-for-profit organizations
and government agencies won’t know their full-time and sum-
mer hiring needs until later in the year, and we expect to see
more of them in January,” Sveti said.

At companies like international
financial services firm Credit
Suisse, “good grades are impor-
tant,” but the company espe-
cially looks for new employees
who “have an idea of what they’re getting into,” recruiter
Sean Turner said. Turner was attending the Expo for the third
straight year.

“You need to make sure you like what you’ll be doing — in
any job, if you’re working 100 hours a week, it doesn’t matter
how smart you are, you won’t be good at your job if you don’t like it,” Turner said.

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Teenager arrested for four murders

Associated Press

LANCASTER, Calif. — A teenager was arrested for inves-
tigation of four counts of murder

Wednesday in the killings of a
woman and three girls whose
bodies were found in a burning

house.

Ball for Corey King was set at $1 million, Los Angeles Count

Sherriff’s Deputy Aura Sierra

said.

Authorities had called King,
18, of Altadena, an associate or
friend of the victims when he
was brought in for questioning

Tuesday. A telephone listing for
King could not be immediately
located.

Los Angeles County firefig-

ters on Thursday found the victims

in different rooms of the burning

house in Lancaster, a Mojave

Desert city of about 143,000 res-

idents about a 70-mile drive

north of Los Angeles.

Coroner’s officials on

Wednesday identified the dead

woman as Sonya Evette

Durfield, 43, of Lancaster. The identi-

cies of the other three vic-

tims were not immediately con-

firmed because the bodies were

badly burned, said Ed Winter,
assistant chief of the coroner’s

office.

The victims had “trauma to

the body” not associated with

the fire, Winter said. He did not

elaborate.

Gregory Kealikoa Stewart

identified himself as the

estranged husband of the slain

woman and said the young vic-

tims were his three daughters,
ages 8, 12 and 14.

Stewart said he was in a

“world of disarray.” He received

a cell phone call while standing in

front of reporters outside the

fire scene Tuesday and said, “Oh

Lord, it’s my wife.”

Sheriff’s Lt. Patrick Nelson

said Wednesday that King was a

“close friend” of the woman’s

19-year-old son, who currently

lives out of state. King appeared

to have been a frequent visitor
to the woman’s home, Nelson

said.
Andrews Scholars CELEBRATION

We express our gratitude to the Andrews and McMeel families for sponsoring over 1600 students in the Summer Service Learning Program in the 28 years of the James F. Andrews Scholarship Fund. As we gather with the 148 Andrews Scholars for 2008 this evening, we celebrate the inspirational legacy of James F. Andrews.

THE 2008 ANDREWS SCHOLARS
Let me first make myself clear: I honor John McCain’s service to this country as a man in uniform during the Vietnam War. Furthermore, I applaud his courage in standing strong as an American P.O.W. for just over seven years.

Now, let me talk about something absent: it is that this line is necessary before anyone, anywhere criticizes John McCain or his policies. Because this point of character is unassailable, McCain has taken it upon himself to use it as a defense for all sorts of mistakes and mistakes that tend to be unrelated to his armed service experience at all. The constant use of this plea to patriotism diminishes not only his sacrifices, but also the sacrifices all veterans have made for our country.

We’ll start with the gaffe-related incidents and move on to those that generate much more concern for concern. In an interview, McCain was asked how many houses he owned. After a bit of thought, he realized he was not sure and told the show to get that information from his staff. While he was fumbling and perhaps a little off, this was a slipup that could probably be overcome.

To me, what was embarrassing was the following week when McCain was featured on the Tonight Show. Jay Leno and John McCain were doing the usual late night spiel, joking around about the campaign and the headlines. Everything was fine until Leno asked McCain about the house gaffe. For “one million dollars, how many houses do you have?”

He replied: “Could I just mention to you Jay ... I spent five and a half years in this prison cell, I didn’t have a house, I didn’t have a kitchen table.”

Again, I honor his service, but to bring his service up in this context is a discredit and an affront to the thousands of other Vietnam P.O.W.s who may or may not even own one house, much less five. I think the number McCain later estimated for himself. The question had nothing to do with his record, nor was it an attack or insult to it. Rather, it was a late night comedian joking about an interview mishap with a politician known for his ability to kid with the press. While this seems to be much ado about nothing, this actually brings me to my point: the larger, more pertinent paradox that John McCain seems to bring to the table with his veteran policy decisions. On the one hand, he implies that he rightly deserves what he has in reward for his time in uniform. But, on the other hand, he consistently votes against legislation that would enable other veterans to achieve similar success in reward for their service.

Earlier this summer, a new G.I. bill was put to vote that, if put into effect, would give aid in full to veterans to attend any public four-year college after three years of service. The bill was fairly popular and passed with a veto-proof (Bush had threatened to veto it) majorities. The sponsors of the bill in the Senate, however, met some resistance. John McCain and a group of nine other senators were pressing against the bill in part because they thought it was too expensive. Granted, $4 billion per year is a lot of money. But this amount seems trite in contrast with the $10 billion per day spent in Iraq that was authorized by these very senators.

One could give McCain the benefits of the doubt, assuming this is a rare case for him: voting against veterans. Unfortunately it is not. In fact, Disabled Americans for America found that McCain has voted against veteran funding 70 percent of the time. That means 7 out of 10 times he was saying that veterans should not have the opportunity to go to college until they served for 12 years, or shouldn’t have a full and immediate mental and physical evaluation on returning home.

Of course, if they are true, a claim on every bill that he voted on over the past two decades. Given the system of committee reviews, where the VA sub-committee reviews each GI bill, it is accurate to say, however, that each bill was beneficial in some way to veterans. We also have to take into consideration that to increase spending so many times would be irresponsible, but it is also probably inaccurate that 70 percent of the bills introduced were too expensive to be enacted in good conscience, especially if such extravagant spending on the war was so easily justified.

The heart of the issue lies in the case with which McCain will play the P.O.W. card at any criticism leveled against him in light of his dismal record on veteran funding bills. While I do not doubt in the least that John McCain understands and appreciates the sacrifice of our men in the armed services, I also don’t understand how he can so easily use his own experience as a deflection against almost any criticism without working to improve the benefits for others who have shared with him in those sacrifices.

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Lessons from an atheist:
Deep into the life of Christ

A few years ago at a Marriage Prep retreat at Notre Dame for young alum­ni, I was responsible for meeting with all the couples before the retreat. I thought that these relationships, however lov­ing, often presented uniquechal­lenges for the couple. But even I was caught a little off­guard when, before the retreat, the Director of the Marriage Retreats approached me and said, “This woman from Notre Dame is a practicing Catholic. And the man she is marrying is not. For this reason, I tried to get out of it, arguing that having no faith cannot possibly count as an inter­faith couple.” But they still bought me in.

So, with a bit of apprehension, I decided to take a walk with this young man — break the ice in a casual way, get to know him. I began by asking him the question I’m sure I could come up with anything more probing.

Now, fortunately, he didn’t ask, but the question lurked in the back of my mind for the rest of our walk. When I went to bed that night, I was still thinking about our conversation, and the question really started to hit home: “What more do I have to say about who Jesus is?” Call it a matter of pride, but I really want to be able to say more about Jesus than an atheist can.

Looking back, the encounter reminds me of a similar exchange between Jesus and his disciples. Jesus asks his disci­ples what people are saying about him. They respond with some pretty flattening descrip­tions: Some think he’s John the Baptist back from the dead, others that he’s Elijah or one of the great prophets. And these are not hugely bad guesses.

So perhaps, like me, the disciples squirmed when Jesus paused, looked at them and asked the same question that I was faced with after my walk with the atheist: “But you, who do you say that I am?”

Peter, when confronted with the ques­tion, is given the grace to blurt out, “You are the Christ, the Son of God.” But such a gift of immediate recognition is not always at hand. More often, I have to wrestle with my belief. And as I wrestle with the question, “Who do you say that I am?” I find myself reflecting on other stories from the Gospels, conc­erned to particularly significant moments in my life, gracing me with a deeper, more intimate understanding of Jesus.

“Who do I say that Jesus is?” I am led, for example, to the scene of the healing of the paralyzed man: “Your sins are forgiven. Take up your mat and walk.” I start to form an answer: “Jesus is my healer — He is the one who forgives my sins and heals my soul. My hands and tells me to walk where he leads.”

I am led to the encounter on the road to Emmaus — and I think, “Jesus is the one who has walked beside me my entire life — and sometimes I hardly knew it. I’ve recognized him before, I might have, but I’ve known nothing more certainly than Him.”

I think especially of my favorite pas­sage: the beautiful encounter between Jesus and Mary Magdalene at the tomb on Easter morning. She doesn’t recog­nize him, but when he says her name — “Mary!” — she suddenly knows me of a similar exchange between Jesus and his disciples. Jesus asks his disci­ples what people are saying about him. They respond with some pretty flattening descrip­tions: Some think he’s John the Baptist back from the dead, others that he’s Elijah or one of the great prophets. And these are not hugely bad guesses.

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Okkervil River's Latest Album Diverse Fun

By JAMES DuBRAY

Will Sheff had an idea for a double album, but decided against it, thinking it would be "super pretentious." Maybe Sheff just didn't want the inevitable, lazy comparisons to exile that come with every double album because pretentiousness doesn't seem to be a problem for the Okkervil River frontman, who once wrote an article to Mick Jagger telling the king of rock and roll, "for God's sake, give it up." There certainly are more people than Sheff who believe that the androgynous, British leader of the Stones has started it back up too many times, but it's an odd declaration coming from the lyricist who most recently declared that he was in a "mid-level band."

Sheff & Co. continues what they started with 2007's lauded "The Stage Names" with their most recent release entitled "The Stand Ins." The record is meant to be related to its predecessor and the covers match up to form the full picture. Yet, the titles are somewhat deceptive. "The Stand Ins" is about more than a b-side to "The Stage Names," rather it explores similar themes, this time from the perspective of the not so successful artist. The irony here is not surprising considering Sheff's hyperliterate lyrics, which have led to comparisons with Orwell's "The Decemberists." This linkage completely forgets that Sheff isn't taking a British accent and a more apt analogy may be to fellow Austin indie rockers Spoon. Okkervil River could easily be opening for Spoon in an upcoming tour, a shame because Spoon should be opening for them. Sheff blows Spoon's somewhat childish and annoying Brit Daniel out the water.

"The Stand Ins" is the fifth studio effort by Okkervil River, and is largely an album about an up and coming rock band trying to avoid categorization. This doesn't seem to be a problem for Okkervil River: the second song of the album, "Lost Coastlines" roughly sounds like an up-tempo mixture of alt-country and indie-pop. The tune features a duet between Sheff and new defunct member of OR, Jonathan Meiburg, who is now officially devoted to his fellow Austin band, Shearwater. With this single, Sheff reflects on touring, commenting, "And every night finds us rocking and rolling/on waves wild and white/where we have lost our way/but no one will say it out right." The song almost acts as Sheff's goodbye letter to Meiburg, saying "It's alright, I understand why you had to leave, buddy."

Unlike their previous album, "The Stand Ins" feature three brooding instrumental tracks, "Stand Ins, One," "Stand Ins, Two," and "Stand Ins, Three," possibly used to give the crew time to change the set. The new album is fun, diverse, and insightful, which is rare combination considering the recent direction of indie rock. Bands like The Hold Steady and The National somewhat compartmentalize themselves to create their respective worlds. This problem does not affect Okkervil River, whose reflective piano shines in the song "Tour with Zykos," which features Sheff commenting "I go home, take off clothes/Smoke a bowl, watch a whole TV movie/ I was supposed to be writing the most beautiful poems, and completely revealing divine mysteries up close." In the bombastic "Singer Songwriter," Sheff calls out all hipsters, singing, "You've got taste. What a waste that's all you have."

The highlights of "The Stand Ins" are the fifth and seventh songs, "Blue Tulip" and "Pop Lie" respectively, which are separated by a short, 31-second instrumental clip. "Blue Tulip" is a six and a half minute guitar driven epic, which echoes early Zeppelin and is followed by the explosive "Pop Lie," where Sheff bounces and croons like he's on fire. These two songs echo the brilliance of Okkervil River.

The album closes with "Bruce Wayne" and "The Stand Ins" which features Okkervil River, and is the fifth and seventh songs, "The Stand Ins" is not to get too wrapped up in rock culture, and it is meant to apply to the hipsters, pop lovers, arena rockers, and indie bands alike.

The ultimate lesson of "The Stand Ins" is to get too wrapped up in rock culture, and it is meant to apply to the hipsters, pop lovers, arena rockers, and indie bands alike. Sheff gives some simple advice: sit back, enjoy life, maybe catch a rock show, and during that time, God forbid, have some fun.

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The Stand Ins
Okkervil River

Recommended Tracks: "Lost Coastlines," "On Tour with Zykos," "Blue Tulip" and "Pop Lie"
### Weekend Events Calendar

**Thursday, September 11th**
- **9/11 Prayer Service on North Quad 9:30 p.m.** Finish your day off right by attending a prayer service to remember those whose lives were lost or affected by the tragedy of the World Trade Center bombings. The service will take place by Stonehouse/Fieldhouse Mall on North Quad. It will include music by the 47 band Totus Tuus, prayer, reflection and the luminous mysteries of the rosary. The service will last until 10:30 p.m. Also on Thursday, festivities at Legends beginning at 10 p.m. A full night of fun at beginning with Student Comedy and Humor Artists, followed by the Late Night Tailgate at 12:00 p.m. Come for free tailgate food, a corn hole tournament and other festivities. The events at Legends are free, but a NDSMHC ID is required.

**Friday, September 12th**
- **Forum Films: Sustainable Energy.** "Up the Yangtze" at 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. in Browning Cinema. Get a jump-start on the Notre Dame Forum this year by venturing out to see "Up the Yangtze," directed by Yung Chang. Chang’s film depicts the difficult situation surrounding China’s Three Gorges Dam on the Yangtze River. It will be the largest hydroelectric power station in the world, but it is displacing more than a million people and destroying numerous historical sites. The film follows two young people, each affected by the construction and captures the beauty of the landscape before it is destroyed and lost forever. At just over an hour and a half, this is a great way to get caught up on a current event before the forum. Tickets are $3.

**Saturday, September 13th**
- **SUB Movies presents "Iron Man" in 101 DeBartolo at 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.** "Iron Man" is more than just another super hero movie. It centers on the character Tony Stark (Robert Downey Jr.), a sarcastic, morally ambiguous playboy and engineering genius. While in Afghanistan showing the new missile Stark is captured by evildoers who want him to build the missile for them instead, he creates an armored suit and breaks out, escaping back to the United States where he announces that his company, Stark industries, will stop producing weapons. But not everyone is happy with Stark’s change of heart. Can ‘Iron Man’ stop his nefarious foes? The film also stars Gwyneth Paltrow, Jeff Bridges and Terrence Howard as Stark’s friend Col. James Rhodes. Admission is $3. (There are also showings on Thursday 10 p.m., Friday 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.)

**Sunday, September 14th**
- **Campus Ultimate Frisbee Tournament 12-5 p.m.** Do you love to play ultimate Frisbee or just want fun plans for this Sunday? Join in the action at ultimate tournament by forming co-ed teams of at least five people to play in 20 minute 5-on-5 games at Stepans Fields. Sign up at LaFortune between 8-11 today! If you win your bracket, you will compete in the championship bracket. The entrance fee is $5 per person and all proceeds go to Robinson Community Learning Center. Even if ultimate is not your game, go out to support your friends and a great cause!

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### Dining Hall Dish

**By MICHELLE FORDICE**

In having to feed thousands of students and visitors with very diverse tastes, the dining halls have a very difficult task. In order to offend none, it has to pull back some of its flavor punches. But that means there are plenty of good foundations that are hanging around, ready to be given a bit of pizzazz.

It takes some creativity and a lot of walking around to some of these recipes are best not done at peak dining hall hours, you have to visit so many bars. It sometimes its worth giving up and just picking up one of the dining hall’s creations, all set to go and, admit it, pretty tasty), but you can dress up the basics into something made just for you.

#### Egg Salad Sandwich—Only Better

This is an easy way to take egg salad that is a bit bland and overly creamy and make it a little more sharp and savory. Fill a bowl with a dab of Dijon mustard, black or green olives to your taste, and dressing helps balance out the balsamic vinegar's tang. Add some salt and pepper. Pour that dressing over your salad and a dab of honey. Pick up a lemon wedge. Layer a plate with greens. I recommend the mixed greens, or grab an orange and rip up the bacon and add it to the bowl. Mix together the ingredents. Spread the egg salad mixture on bread and add in spinach.

**Layer a plate with greens.**

**Pick up bacon slices, spinach, and good sandwich bread.**

**Rip up the bacon and add it to the bowl.**

**Mix together the ingredents.**

**Spread the egg salad mixture on bread and add in spinach.**

#### Balsamic Vinaigrette over Greens and Oranges

The vinegars and oils that the dining hall provides by the salad bars are a blessing in making various dishes, especially your own salad dressings. When you’re in a rush, a splash of one of these is enough to dress a salad if you’re tired of the usual offerings, but add it to a couple of other ingredients and they become truly yummy. Adding honey and lemon to this dressing helps balance out the balsamic vinegar's tang.

**Fill a bowl with enough balsamic vinegar to pour over your salad and a dab of honey.** Pick up a lemon wedge.

**Layer a plate with greens.** I recommend the mixed greens, or grab an orange. Squeeze the lemon into the vinegar and honey and then mix. Add salt and pepper. Pour over salad.

#### Quick Tip

Add your own vegetables to dining hall pasta sauces. This can make the dish not only more interesting and colorful, but more healthy as well. If you like cooked vegetables, look at the lighter side bar. For uncooked vegetables, try the salad bar. Sometimes the Mexican bar offers a few things the others don’t as well.

*Have your own dining hall recipe? We would love to feature it!*

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Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Ricky Nolasco struck out eight in 7 2-3 innings and Luis Gonzalez homered to lead the Florida Marlins to a 7-3 win over the Philadelphia Phillies on Wednesday.

Josh Willingham snapped a 3-3 tie with an RBI double in the eighth inning and helped the Marlins take the lead for good in an eight-inning, three-game series. Dan Uggla added a two-RBI single in the ninth.

The victory fell short of the games behind the NL East- leading Cardinals, who played later Wednesday night.

The Phillies also dropped four games behind Milwaukee in the NL wild-card race, but the Phillies hope for a second straight playoff appearance could go up in smoke if they're thwarted — when they open a four-game series with the Brewers on Thursday at Citizens Bank Park.

Ryan Howard hit his major league-leading 42nd homer for the Phillies. Nolasco (14-7) struck out Howard, Pat Burrell and Shane Victorino in the first, and even had an RBI single. He hasn't allowed more than three runs in any start since June 20, and has a 1.99 ERA in 10 starts since then.

The NL wild-card leading Brewers clinched the NL Central with a 7-3 win over the Cincinnati Reds, avoiding a three-game sweep.

Miami rallied to beat the Milwaukee Brewers 6-3 Wednesday night, lifting the Marlins into a three-game lead over the Nationals for the NL East lead.

Nolasco struck out the side in the fourth and was staked to a 3-1 lead when Coste hit a sacrifice fly late in the inning.

But Coste also struck out on a fourth pitch of the at-bat, and the rally was foiled.

Mike Cameron, the former Brewers center fielder, was 4 for 4 with an RBI double in the fourth.

Nolasco allowed four hits and three walks in what was a relatively uneventful outing for the right-hander in a game that began at 6:30 p.m. eastern time.

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Florida left fielder Luis Gonzalez hits a two-run home run off Phillies pitcher Brett Myers during the third inning in Philadelphia in their 7-3 win on Wednesday.

Nolasco fans eight for Marlins in rout of Philadelphia
Chargers' Merriman replaced by Tucker

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Denver Broncos quarterback Jay Cutler was on a conference call with San Diego reporters Wednesday when he was asked if took his NFL career.

"He's going to make some plays," Merriman said. "If he's going to play at that high level right away, but he's definitely going to make some plays for them."

Tucker didn't seem to care that Cutler doesn't know who he is. Perhaps the two will meet up Sunday, when the two-time defending AFC West champion Chargers play their first division game, at Denver.

"That's cool," Tucker said. "As long as we win the game, that's all that matters. It's not about me, it's about winning the game and getting to the championship. That's all that matters."

The Chargers were upset 26-24 by the Carolina Panthers on Sunday, then found out two days later that they'll be without Merriman for the rest of the season. Merriman was placed on injured reserve on Wednesday. The team said it didn't know when he'll have surgery.

Merriman had an NFL-high 39 sacks in the past three seasons and in 2005 and in three straight Pro Bowls. Nicknamed "Lights Out" because of his punishing hits, the normally media-friendly Merriman remained mum for the second straight day. He didn't return e-mails seeking comment, and a team spokesman said he wasn't available because of the injury.

Associated Press

In Brief

Ohio State running back Wells back in practice this week

COLUMBUS — Ohio State tailback Chris "Beanie" Wells worked out with the team in pads and is on target to play against No. 1 Southern California on Saturday.

"He's going to play," coach Jim Tressel said.

"He's had a little bit of a setback, but it's nothing that he can't work through," Tressel said. "He's working hard and he's going to be ready to play."
Saints’ Colston to be out four to six weeks

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Marques Colston, the New Orleans Saints’ top receiver during the past two seasons, had surgery on his left thumb and will miss four to six weeks.

Colston said he had a torn ligament resulting from a play Sunday when he reached forward to make a catch while taking a helmet-first hit to his hands from Ronde Barber.

“I don’t know if my thumb just got caught in an awkward position. It just bent all the way backward,” said Colston, who was wearing a cast over his left hand. “I guess the only silver lining is that I’m going to have a chance to come back and play a good portion of the season and hopefully be back in time for that playoff push.”

Colston tried to continue playing with the injury during the Saints’ 24-20 victory over Tampa Bay, but finished with only three catches for 26 yards. He made one catch after the injury.

Colston was a seventh-round draft choice out of Hofstra in 2006. At 6-foot-5, 225 pounds, he provides quarterback Drew Brees a big target and emerged as one of Brees’ favorite receivers during his rookie year. Colston went on to compile 2,241 yards receiving for 19 touchdowns in his first two seasons.

His 164 catches are more than any NFL receiver has had through only two seasons. During the summer, Colston agreed to a three-year contract extension that could keep him in New Orleans through the 2011 season.

“It’s tough, especially when you lose a guy as productive as him,” Brees said after Wednesday’s practice. “But there’s always an opportunity for a younger guy to step up or guys that might not get as much playing time ordinarily to step up and contribute even more.”

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Colts' DT under arrest for drug possession

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Indianapolis Colts starting defensive tackle Ed Johnson was arrested early Wednesday on a drug possession charge.

Colts president Bill Polian said the team was still gathering facts about the case before determining how it will discipline Johnson, but Johnson will not play Sunday at Minnesota.

"He will not play this week, for sure," coach Tony Dungy said.

Polian said Johnson was stopped for speeding between midnight and 1 a.m. on Interstate 465 just north of Indianapolis. Police also charged him with marijuana possession.

He later was released on bond from the Hamilton County Jail.

Johnson was temporarily expelled from Penn State in 2005 for violating the school policy on sexual misconduct and confining another student against the student's will. He was reinstated in 2006, but later suspended for the Outback Bowl for violating team rules.

"We had a talk with him and I thought he was going in the right direction," Dungy said last summer when Johnson was trying to make the team. "He has to understand the environment he's coming into and what we expect from him."

Johnson's past indiscretions could also have an impact on whether the league takes action.

"As in any other incident of this nature, it will be reviewed under the league's substance abuse policy," league spokesman Greg Aiello wrote in an e-mail to The Associated Press. "A player's prior history can be considered in evaluating potential discipline under the program."

The 6-foot-2, 296-pound Johnson was the biggest surprise in training camp last year. He took advantage of an injury-depleted defensive line to start all 16 games, finishing with 63 tackles, one sack and one forced fumble.

The Colts (0-1) had even bigger expectations for Johnson this year, but Wednesday's arrest has the Colts reassessing those plans.

Johnson was not in the locker room Wednesday to answer questions.

The arrest couldn't have come at a worse time for the Colts. They allowed Chicago to run for 183 yards and average 4.7 yards per carry in a season-opening 29-13 loss and now face back-to-back games against two of the NFL's best running tandems: Minnesota's Adrian Peterson and Chester Taylor, and Jacksonville's Fred Taylor and Maurice Jones-Drew.

One option for Dungy is moving 274-pound defensive end Raheem Brock inside, where he was the starter last season. Second-year player Keyunta Dawson is the other starter.

They also could use their most experienced tackle, Darrell Reid, in the lineup.

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NASHVILLE — If Vince Young isn’t sure he wants to play football anymore, he didn’t show it Wednesday.

He reported to work, walked up to practice with a wrap around his sprained left knee and avoided reporters talking about his mother’s comments indicating he doesn’t want to play because of the negativity he’s faced since being booted heavily during a 17-10 win over Jacksonville.

His coach and teammates are sticking with their quarterback and the official story that whatever happened that prompted coach Jeff Fisher to alert police to help locate Young and check on his emotional well-being was just a misunderstanding. But that it was blown out of proportion by the media.

And no, Young doesn’t have to prove his commitment to either Fisher or his teammates.

“He led us to the playoffs last year. We just want him to get healthy and back on the field,” Fisher said.

Young stood with lineman Keith Bulluck and former college teammate Michael Griffin for part of practice.

Bulluck said he knows Young is fine after speaking with him. The best way they can help the quarterback? Go beat Cincinnati on Sunday.

Bulluck said he’s seen Donovan McNabb and Steve McNair get down after losses, something that goes with the pressures of being the quarterback.

He expressed his confidence that Young will take the good and the bad of his position.

“that’s just things quarterbacks go through. They probably wear red shirts for a reason. They’re a little more sensitive than any position on the field,” Bulluck joked before becoming serious. “...Being his third year I’m sure he has a lot on his plate like we all do. I know he’ll rebound, and we’ll be all right. That’s why I’m saying that the situation will take care of itself.”

Corner Kevin Mawae called Young still a leader whose teammates trust and believe in him.

“Anything that happens outside the locker room will be outside the realm of football, that’s something that’s between him and his family and whoever’s handling that with him,” Mawae said.

The quarterback didn’t talk to reporters, but Fisher did promise Young will speak “at some point.”

Young is the only person who knows what he was thinking Monday when he skipped an MRI exam to determine the extent of his sprained knee. Fisher and a psychologist met with the quarterback at his home, then he took off in his Mercedes to eat chicken wings and watch football.

But whatever he said at home prompted someone to call Fisher, who said Tuesday night the information he had didn’t allow him the luxury of waiting. On Wednesday, Fisher only called it a misunderstanding, but defended what the team did as concern for an employee.

For now, veteran Kerry Collins will start. The Titans signed Chico Simms as insurance Wednesday and will not project when Young will be healthy enough to play. Fisher said the starter’s job remains Young, but admitted the quarterback has some work to do.

“He has to put some things back in perspective, and first and foremost has to get healthy,” Fisher said.

Young was booed in 2004 while in college when Texas was shut out by Oklahoma, and he was benched for the second half of a win over Missouri the next year by an announced 12,000 fans.

“Anybody that knows Vince knows how competitive he is,” Texas coach Mack Brown said. “He has a very high standard for himself. When he doesn’t feel like he reached that standard at that moment, he does get disappointed.”

“But he’s fine. He’s moving forward. He’s been honest. He’s been forthright. He’s been criticized before. His worst moment was his best moment because after he played so poorly against Missouri he never lost another game.”

Young’s fellow quarterbacks are offering up suggestions on dealing with the unique pressure of playing in this league.

Collins, the fifth overall pick in the 1995 draft, said he didn’t learn how to handle all the attention until he wound up with his third team, the New York Giants in his fifth season. He said he always was happy to be a resource for Young, but hasn’t shared his own story yet.

“I was a young guy who played a lot, had success early and did some things that looking back probably weren’t the right things to do. I learned from it. I think that’s the most important thing, as it is in life. You make mistakes, you learn from it and move on,” Collins said.

Bengals receiver Chad Johnson said football is fun, while pressure is being sent to fight in Iraq. Cincinnati quarterback Carson Palmer, who had to heal up from his own knee injury, doesn’t know Young well, but he believes the key is not to worry about what anyone outside the team says.

“If you’re a guy who is always worried about what people are saying about you, it’s going to be tough, it’s going to be tough to eat at you and you. But you need to experience it and figure it out and then eventually roll with it,” Palmer said.

Nolan Rodgers has dealt with his share of criticism in Green Bay and suggests keeping priorities straight.

“If you live your life and you value your joy and happiness in life (is based on what people say about you or think about you, you’re going to be up and down every day).”
SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Alex Smith’s season is over with another shoulder injury. The top pick in the 2005 draft probably will require more surgery on the joint that limited him to seven games last season.

Coach Mike Nolan improbably claimed to know little about the injury that ended his former franchise quarterback’s fourth NFL campaign before Smith even played in a regular-season game this fall. Smith’s teammates expressed more concern than their guфф coach over his latest injury, which popped up before last week’s season opener.

“I feel sorry for him,” said running back Frank Gore, the Niners’ third-round pick in Smith’s draft. “He was a great teammate and worked hard. I just hope the best for him, and hope he gets well.”

After paying Smith more than $31 million during his four years with the 49ers, the block realities of NFL salary cap life mean the club is likely to release him before next season. General manager Scot McCloughan said last week that San Francisco can’t risk paying $9 million in base salary to a backup quarterback in 2009.

Smith lost his starting job to journeyman J.T. O’Sullivan in training camp.

“I’m not going to answer any hypothetical questions about the future,” said Nolan, who had an embarrassing public spat with Smith last year over the severity of the quarterback’s shoulder injury. “We’ll cross that bridge when we get there. My focus right now is on (Sunday’s game against) Seattle.”

Smith refused to comment after practice, and didn’t respond to an additional request for comment Wednesday afternoon.

Smith had surgery on his shoulder in December to repair a broken bone in his right shoul­der. The top pick in the 2005 draft probably will require more surgery on the joint that limited him to seven games last season.

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Eagles
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All four of our goalkeepers come to practice every day and perform very well. We’re lucky for that."

Though Notre Dame surely looks the part of the favorite on paper for tonight’s tilt, the Irish are taking nothing for granted as they begin their quest to repeat as Big East Blue Division champions.

"Anyone who’s ever coached or played in the Big East knows there’s no easy wins in our league," Clark said. "It’s going to be very competitive. You’ve got to stick with your game and hope it works your way."

Notre Dame will continue its Big East slate when the Irish host St. John’s Sept. 19.

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Olivet
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Mary’s claimed its first victory over local rival Bethel in 15 years. The nullifying five-set win (25-22, 15-25, 12-25, 25-15, 18-16) nearly escaped the Belles, who rallied from behind 14-12 in the final set and faced four match point situations. Olivet is struggling through a five-game losing streak and has dropped six of seven overall. In addition, the Comets have not pushed a single one of its last five matches beyond three sets. Regardless, Schroeder-Biek said Saint Mary’s is not overlooking the Comets, noting the intensity of their play and the strides the program has made.

"Olivet has been known to really play with a lot of emotion against us," Schroeder-Biek said. "They tend to make for a competitive match. Their program has continued to improve over the last few years. The key factor for us is simply playing our game, together with the intensity to win."

The match begins tonight at 6 p.m. at the Saint Mary’s Angela Athletic Facility.

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we’re excited for because we normally don’t get to play them," he said. "Marquette always gives us a really tough game so that should be a battle."

In the end, though, the Irish should end up contending with Connecticut and West Virginia for the Big East crown. West Virginia, which was the preseason selection to win the American Division, defeated Notre Dame in the conference title game last year in a shootout. The Mountaineers are not on the Irish regular-season slate but Waldrum said his team might very well end up facing its pesky rivals.

There could be a great possibility that we see them in the [Big East] tournament," he said. "And I know our kids would love the opportunity to play them again because we didn’t feel like we played as well as we should have in that game (last season)."

So the Irish are still disappoint ed about losing the conference title game in a shootout even though they went on to the College Cup semifinals as one of the top four teams in the nation last season.

Add "extremely high expectations" to the list of reasons for Notre Dame’s unprecedented Big East success.

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Irish sophomore defender Julie Scheidler attempts to clear a ball during Notre Dame’s 5-0 win over Villanova Oct. 14, 2007.
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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Ryan Phillippe, 34; Amy Irving, 55; Joe Perry, 50; Steve Buscemi, 53

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't make assumptions or let your emotions lead you astray. You've probably produced some exciting yet perhaps impractical projects on your own. If you form your projects properly, you will have an even bigger problem. Keep a cool head. 2 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Take part in the social aspect of your work and enjoy the flattery being offered. The tighter you are with the people you work with, the more people will praise you. The higher the position. Love can be enhanced if you avoidations. 4 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Market yourself for success. Don't let someone who does a poor job or takes a lot of time off tempts you to join him or her. Hard work will pay off. A love interest will help you move ahead. 3 stars

CANCER (June 22-July 22): Don't give away a secret. If you overreact, overdo or overestimate, you'll pay dearly in the end. Offer compassion but don't take on too many responsibilities that aren't yours. Undertake a home improvement project. 3 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Get introspective but apply for a job that interests you or contact with a headhunter. Opportunities to make more money may develop through someone you need to work with or from a company that is in competition with the one you are currently working for. 3 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Pay attention to your well-being and that of your close friends and family. Help them through anything. You see your ego and pride as barriers to your personal happiness. 3 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Take action and plan your day strategically. Emotions will be difficult to control and avoiding situations will be important. Take time to yourself. Focus on the future. 4 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Talk your way through any difficult situation you face and you will come out on top. The social situation will only lead to someone's getting the wrong impressions and annoying something that may not be true. Be a little different. 4 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You can turn last but not get stuck into doing something that works too good to be true. Do your research and you can avoid being embarrassed by someone out to get your money. Love is in the picture but be cautious. 3 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):Everyone with kindness and refrain from assuming that anything is not true. Be a little different. 4 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't give up something you want. Stand up for your rights and continue until you get what you want. Things are not what they seem and you will be disappointed. 4 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): A partnership can form with someone who likes the way you think. Expand your thoughts and make new friends with people who can help you one. Knowledge and experience are being offered; listen and learn. 4 stars

Birthday Baby: You love a flair for the arts, a way with words and a definite sense of mind. You welcome new ideas and learn from them. There is much to be discovered. 3 stars

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**Woman's Soccer Analysis**

Surprise, surprise ... Notre Dame is once again the team to beat in the Big East. Beginning with their first conference matchup against DePaul on Sept. 19, the No.2 Irish will look to capture their 11th Big East crown in 13 seasons.

And the soaring Irish -- who defeated No. 3 North Carolina and No. 12 Duke over the weekend -- will be flying anywhere but under the radar. "We definitely be out there with our backs ... " Notre Dame coach Randy Waldrum said. "I do think teams will be gunning for us." Every year the Irish play each of their games against an opponent fighting for the win of its season. Other teams look for resume-building victories against Notre Dame. But much more than not, the Irish send their conference challenges home with a David Spade-style "Barbie".

In fact, the team is riding a 12-year, 72-match unbeaten streak in the conference. Waldrum attributed the team's staggering Big East success to its game-by-game approach. "The [players] are very good about heading into the Big East season with a workmanlike attitude," he said. "You don't hear them talking about any games other than the next one."

The Irish would be wise to maintain that mindset because Waldrum said the conference has improved dramatically since its inception. "The conference, every year, gets better and better," he said. "In the 10 years since I've been at Notre Dame, I've seen it grow a whole lot ... And this year we expect the conference to be fantastic."

In addition to the traditional Big East powers, Waldrum named Rutgers and Villanova as new, viable threats. "Those two teams are off to fantastic starts and we get to play them both," he said. Notre Dame was the unanimous preseason pick to repeat as Big East National Division champions. Marquette and South Florida, who are both in the Big East American Division, are uncommon foes on the Irish schedule. Waldrum said he is looking forward to those contests because the Irish do not typically have the opportunity to face those teams. "Those are two good teams in our BIG EAST."

**Men's Soccer**

Eagle hunting

Streaking Irish get ready for Marquette

By MATT GAMBER Associate Sports Editor

When No. 5 Notre Dame hosts Marquette tonight at 7 p.m. in both teams' Big East openers, the Irish (3-1-0) will enter having scored seven goals in their last two games compared to the Golden Eagles' (1-0-2) zero.

But that doesn't mean it will be an easy victory for the home side, Irish coach Robin Clark said. "They've played six games [including exhibition matches] and haven't lost," he said. "To come down here, they're as confident as they can be. They're a good side -- it'll be a tough game."

Notre Dame will try to ride the momentum of a three-game win streak during which the Irish have outscored opponents 11-2. The Irish were shut out in their season opener against Akron, Marquette has gone in the league doormat their season opener against their 11th

**SMC Volleyball**

Squad gets set for league doormat Olivet

By MICHAEL BLASCO Sports Writer

Saint Mary's began the season 4-1 before dropping two consecutive MIAA matches. Now, the Belles are searching for answers.

Saint Mary's (4-3, 0-2 MIAA) will try to generate some momentum tonight when it takes on winless Olivet (1-6, 0-3 MIAA) at 6 p.m. at the Angela Athletic Facility. Belles coach Jodi Presler-Riek emphasized the importance of playing with emotion and passion when trying to break out of a slump. "We just need to turn up our game," Schroeder-Biek said. "It is there. We have just played flat. That is the area of our focus -- bring not only our skill but our heart to the court."

The Belles enter tonight's match coming off a loss to conference opponent No. 17 Hope, who dominated in straight sets (25-18, 25-15) at their home facility in Holland, Mich. Offensively inconsistent, which has plagued Saint Mary's all season, reared its head once again in the match with a disappointing 9-of-19 attack percentage.

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"I want to be a more dominant blocker than I was last year. I did fairly well with blocking last year, but I want to do even better and feel more confident with blocking calls and my footwork."

Last year, Sciacca made an immediate impact for the Irish and named the AVCA Northeast Region Freshman of the Year. The Monument, Colo native was first on the team with a .343 hitting percentage. "I want to have a .350 hitting percentage," she said. "I led the team in hitting percentage last year, so I want to try and do that again."

"I'm being successful at a career-high .339 percentage this year, the Irish struggled, going 15-13 and falling to Louisville in the Big East semifinals. "It was hard," Sciacca said. "If I'm being successful but the team isn't, it's not worth anything."

But Sciacca -- and the rest of the Irish -- are putting last season behind them and focusing on one goal this time around -- a Big East title.

"We went through a little bit of a frustrating year last year," Sciacca said. "But as a team we held ourselves to forget about that and just move on with this season.

"Louisville is great competition, but we feel confident that we have the talent on our team to see SCACCA/page 21