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 the mysteries of the universe. Six faculty members are involved in the project. Professors Randy Ruchti, Michael Hildreth, Mitchell Wayne, Kevin Lannon, 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. As the particles circulate around the

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, Career Center director Lee Svetel said. The plethora of companies ranged from “Fortune 500s to small businesses that are looking to grow,” Svetel said. Final numbers on attendees were not available Wednesday night, but the Joyce Center was a crowded mix of hundreds of students and recruiters, as well as Career Center employees dispensing last-minute advice and making introductions.

Although last year’s Fall Career Expo featured more companies, with a tally of 196, students were generally happy with the number of businesses and organizations represented.

“It was encouraging to see so many companies interested in Notre Dame students,” senior theology major Chris Aguilar said. Many students, like Aguilar, were looking to grow,” Svete said.

Campuses remember 9/11 attacks

Residence halls to host prayer service

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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 organizers decided to head “south.” They put on their sombreros and threw a “Fiesta” on South Quad for three hours Wednesday night.

As music blared, party-goers were entertained by an array of carnival games. An inflatable moon bounce was a popular attraction. 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 Schimpf 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 Fam 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 1984 and the Ravens establishing themselves in 1996. This left me with a gaping 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 column (except a few diehards in Wisconsin) turned their back on him.

The conversations changed from where Favre would grace the cover of Madden 09 — fast forward to 2008, when Brett Favre retired in winter. When Favre turned their back on him, I did nothing but support him. Most of his former fans (except a few diehards in Wisconsin) turned their back on him.

And so my hopes and dreams rose how down I was when he fell to the Jets game — likely the only time I will make mistakes. I if we have made a mistake, I will correct our error.

So lay off Brett Favre. He just loves the football. Brett Favre.

Offbeat

Man crashes motorcycle into bear

MISSOULA, Mont. — A middle school teacher suffered some bruising and a big scratch on his back after he struck a bear while riding his bicycle to school.

Jim Litz said he was traveling about 25 mph Monday morning when he came upon a rise and spotted a black bear about 10 feet in front of him. He didn’t have time to stop and T-boned the bruin.

He tumbled over the handlebars, his helmet hit the bear’s back and the two went cartwheeling down the road.

The bear rolled over Litz’s head, cracking his helmet, and scratched his back before scampering up a hill above the road.

Firefighter revives cat in burning apartment

NEW BEDFORD, Mass. — A man and woman whose last known address was the building on Friday took nearly my full 90 seconds.

Missoula’s fire department sprung into action about an event to benefit Hannah and Friends.

The event, called “Recycled Percussion,” is hosting a concert at Washington Hall called “Recycled Percussion” on Saturday. The event will also feature Executive Chairman Herb Kelleher and President Colleen Barrett of Southwest Airlines.

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Saint Mary's alumnae share post-college tips

By ALYSSA PINON
New West

Even though the school year is less than a month under way, 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.

Jessica Stuifbergen, an SMC alumna and the assistant director of Alumnae Relations, said "Grace Under Pressure" is really a time for students to connect with women who have gone through the stresses of life after Saint Mary's and are willing to help in any way they can.

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Senior Sarah Dalton is planning on attending 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 in not only helping me network, but to keep me connected to Saint Mary's," senior Anna Hoefer 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@smarys.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
New West

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 5 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. "It's a privilege, that we as women are among the third or fourth generations to vote. We have the right to vote," King said.

Saint Mary's core value this year is justice, she said. They are hoping to tie this in heavily with their move to get students to vote.

BOG meetings are always open to the student body, but the Board said Wednesday they are hoping to hear more from students. "If there is something they really want to talk about and they bring it up at the meeting, we will be more than willing to listen and see what we can do about it," student body president Sarah Falvey said.

The Board is working to have meetings in larger locations to make students feel more welcome, she said.

The first open forum will be Wednesday, Sept. 17 at 6:30 p.m. and the other will be held later in November. The locations of both meetings will be announced as the date gets closer.

In other BOG news:

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

- A Constitution Day panel discussion will take place in Haggard 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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ring, they gain more and more energy until they are smashed together, he said.

Large detectors, "sort of like a giant digital camera," which were in part designed by the Notre-Dame team, will be there when the collisions happen to collect data, Jessop said.

These machines detect all the particles that are created in the collisions, which will replicate the particles in existence about one microsecond after the Big Bang 13.7 billion years ago.

This, Jessop said, is extremely important.

"We are the remnants of the Big Bang," he said.

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 45 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 component 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.

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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
News Writer

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 5 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 Alicia 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 flyers 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 not yelling, 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, making thousands of people still unable to return to their homes."

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British seek retrial 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 for a second trial after London jury was unable to agree on charges related to an alleged plan to bomb jetliners. The jury convicted these two men on separate conspiracy to murder charges and acquitted an eighth man.

The plot was announced, airports in the U.S. and Europe ground to a halt. New security precautions were imposed severely restricting the quantity of liquids in carry-on luggage — limits that remain in place until today.

South Korea: Kim Jong Il in recovery

SEOUL — North Korea's Kim Jong Il was recovering, said Lee Dong-kwan, the official said on condition of anonymity, citing official policy.

The surge in Galveston Bay was expected to blow toward a swath of the Louisiana after Hurricane Gustav — power outages for hundreds of miles, with 700 miles east of Houston, damaging areas could push floodwaters into Mexico, the strengthening hurricane would conduct training missions 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.

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

Associated Press

JOSEPHINE WILLIAMS and her grandson Robert Lee Williams are evacuated at the Okeechobee Senior Center in Corpus Christi, Tex., Wednesday.

Chavez deploys strategic bombers

CARACAS — Two Russian strategic bombers have landed in the Western Hemisphere since the Cold War. The provocative foray into Venezuela was certain to add to the strain in U.S.-Russian relations created over Russia's war in Georgia.

Chavez called the deployment part 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.

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

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Block Party co-commissioner Lauren Conney explained the change in location and addition of a theme.

"We're just trying to switch it up this year," she said. "To make it more accessible to Notre Dame students, we wanted to make sure everybody had a chance to come." Proceeds from the event will be sent to the **Touching Tiny Lives Foundation**, which is committed to fighting AIDS and expanding care in rural parts of Southern Africa. The University has a special relationship with the foundation, as the Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh Initiative supports the overall mission and strategic plan of Touching Tiny Lives. The Initiative encourages the Notre Dame community to join the cause by sponsoring research, service and internship programs abroad.

By every indication, Welsh Family's event was a success.

"We are very thankful for the great turnout this year," sophomore Denise Martin said.

Sophomore Jordan Feldrich also attended.

"It really showed us how much the Notre Dame student body cares about issues affecting humanity abroad."  
**Jordan Feldrich**  
**sophomore**

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attack in American history.

Cavanaugh, Zahn, Keenan, Stanford, Breen-Phillips, Farley and Lewis are sponsoring the prayer service, which will start at 9:45 a.m. and last between 30 and 45 minutes, junior Angela Rosi said.

Rosi, one of the organizers of the service, said the event should symbolize "hope for the future." She thinks it would be something people should be interested in coming to, because when it happened, a lot of us were younger, and we might not necessarily have been able to process everything that was going on," Rosi said. "But now, seven years later, we have seen how it has affected us and how it has affected people physically, psychologically and emotionally, but that doesn't mean we can just give up and forget about it. I think it's important to keep it close in our hearts."

Though the event is sponsored by mostly North Quad dorms, Rosi said the entire campus is invited. Seven years ago, on the day of the attacks, a mass for the entire Notre Dame community was held on South Quad.

Rosi said North Quad campus ministry commissioners wanted to start a new tradition to commemorate Sept. 11.

"It seems like there are smaller things every year, but maybe not necessarily something planned by the students to remember it, so we really wanted to get that started," Rosi said.

In addition to the prayer service, a special Mass for peace will be celebrated in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at 5:15 p.m. today. Father Peter Rocca, the rector of the Basilica, said.

On Saint Mary's campus, Campus Ministry will hold a prayer service in the Stapleton Lounge at 9:30 p.m.

Notre Dame Army ROTC has a run planned for Thursday morning and after the run, Father Rocca will lead the ROTC raidet in prayer to commemorate the anniversary.

Sept. 11 is also the second day the Army ROTC is hosting a blood drive, along with the American Red Cross, in the Grand Ballroom of LaFortune Student Center.

"In a way, you can kind of say it something we are doing for Sept. 11," he said. "It will all go to the Red Cross blood bank. So obviously the intent is to help out anybody who needs blood, so doing something good for the local community here.

In past years, the Notre Dame Army ROTC has held a ceremony on Sept. 11, designated as Patriot's Day, but this year they will not hold a similar event.

"Patriot's Day is not necessarily a military event and probably shouldn't be perceived as such," said Capt. Dale Nees, the commanding officer of the Notre Dame Army ROTC unit and a professor of Naval Science. "About 98 percent of the people that lost their lives that day had nothing to do with the military. We didn't want to take it on the context of it being a militaristic celebration or memorial — it was more than just that."

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The Notre Dame Glee Club performs on Fieldhouse Mall during a 2005 ceremony in remembrance of Sept. 11.

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block party co-commissioner Lauren Conney explained the change in location and addition of a theme.

"We're just trying to switch it up this year," she said. "To make it more accessible to Notre Dame students, we wanted to make sure everybody had a chance to come."

Proceeds from the event will be sent to the **Touching Tiny Lives Foundation**, which is committed to fighting AIDS and expanding care in rural parts of Southern Africa. The University has a special relationship with the foundation, as the Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh Initiative supports the overall mission and strategic plan of Touching Tiny Lives. The Initiative encourages the Notre Dame community to join the cause by sponsoring research, service and internship programs abroad.

By every indication, Welsh Family's event was a success.

"We are very thankful for the great turnout this year," sophomore Denise Martin said.

Sophomore Jordan Feldrich also attended.

"It really showed us how much the Notre Dame student body cares about issues affecting humanity abroad."  
**Jordan Feldrich**  
**sophomore**

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Lehman Brothers tries to rescue itself

Investment firm open to options; stock plunges from $67.73 to $7.25 in one year

Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Richard Fuld, Jr. takes part in conference at National Press Club in Washington in January.

Government wastes money after storm

WASHINGTON — The government wasted millions of dollars on four no-bid contracts, it said Thursday, and was rebid on a commercial real estate assets after it reported an almost $4 billion third-quarter loss.

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The nation's fourth-largest investment bank plans to sell a 55 percent stake in its mortgage unit.

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 Minneapolis against CBS Interactive, a Business Wire and Sports Wire vendor, in Minneapolis over the use of player statistics in fantasy football games.

In a filing in Minneapolis on Monday, the NFL Players Association filed a civil lawsuit against CBS Interactive over the use of player statistics in fantasy football games.

Fuld presented seemingly long on hope, short on detail and raised questions about timing and execution, analysts said. Fuld's presentation was to see a solid plan in place to offset nearly $6.5 billion of losses during the first three quarters.

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FEMA did not always properly review and inspect the invoices submitted by the four companies, including Shaw, Bechtel, Fluor Corp. in the days immediately before and after the August 2005 storm that smashed into the U.S. Gulf Coast.

It found that FEMA wasted at least $45.9 million on the four contracts that together were initially worth $400 million. FEMA subsequently raised the total amounts for the four contracts twice, both times without competition, to $2 billion and then $3 billion.

FEMA did not always properly review the invoices submitted by the four companies, exposing taxpayers to significant waste and fraud, investigators wrote. In many cases, the agency also issued open-ended contract instructions for months, with work needed to be done and the appropriate charges.

"We question how FEMA determined that the amounts invoiced were allowable and reasonable," the IG report states, warning that its review was limited in scope to that additional waste and fraud might yet to be found.

Responding, FEMA said it generally agreed with the IG report and would further investigate the $45.9 million in questioned costs and recoup the money as necessary. FEMA said it has taken several steps to improve its disaster response since the 2005 storm, such as requiring a standard invoice form and better tracking inventories.

The agency also noted that the four no-bid contracts were rebid on a competitive basis in August 2006. The contracts were subsequently awarded to six companies, including Shaw, Bechtel, CH2M Hill and Fluor, which received the original no-bid agreements.

As FEMA works toward refining its programs, the office of inspector general's independent analysis of program performance greatly enhances our ability to continuously improve our activities," wrote Marko Bourne, director of FEMA's office of policy and program analysis.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Lehman Brothers put itself on the block Wednesday in its latest all-out effort to rescue the investment bank from bad bets on real estate-related holdings that have already laid low other storied Wall Street firms.

The 158-year-old company's chief executive, Richard Fuld, known as the "gorilla" for his blood-lustful approach to investment banking, outlined a plan to sell off Lehman's well-respected investment management unit and spin off its commercial real estate assets after it reported an almost $4 billion third-quarter loss.

Fuld, 62, the longest serving CEO on Wall Street, also said the firm would examine all other options — including a sale of the company he joined right out of college. Finding a buyer now is too difficult to attempt any hostile takeovers and would take place.

The firm is also exploring a "big bet that a spin-off of its commercial real estate assets will get a strong market reception in early 2009," an official said.

Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Richard Fuld, Jr. takes part in conference at National Press Club in Washington in January.

Finding a buyer might preclude any hostile takeovers and would take place.

Lehman Brothers has had to restructure its capitalization of $7.6 billion.

"It would be a very attractive proposition that was compelling for shareholders," Fuld said on a conference call. "We remain committed to examining strategic alternatives to maximize shareholder value."

In a filing in Minneapolis names the wrong 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. The so-called "early warning" data was released because companies are facing by a federal appeals court in July that barred the government from withholding key data reported by manufacturers.

Some data was allowed to remain confidential, including warranty claims and data not submitted by the manufacturer.

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were interested not in typical corporations but in opportuni-
tive work with corporations like the Peace Corps or the
Alliance for Catholic Education (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 (CSCI) Oct. 1, Svet
e said.
The busiest booths were financial services companies like
KPMG and Deloitte, who each rented three booths—worth
of space. Most of the companies repre-
ent in the fair had a Midwestern connection and were
recruiting for the Chicago area, Svet said, although com-
panies like HSBC and Credit Suisse have offices around the
world.
Even students who aren’t ten-
ers, 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 of-
fer many internships to soph-
omores—but I found one I
liked,” Smith said.
Svet advised students to start early in their hunt for
internships, since companies are looking especially for soph-
omores and juniors for summer positions.
“A few years ago, only 20
percentage of companies at our
career fair would hire interns, but
70 percent of the companies at
today were recruiting for inter-
als as well as for full-time posi-
tions,” Svet said.
Although most companies present were recruiting under-
graduates, according to the
Career Expo booklet included in
Wednesday’s Observer, even Ph.D. students like chemical
engineer Changsheng 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 a 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 Mendoza College of Business, Svet said, but this
fair catered to students of all majors.
“Before this fair, we were see-
ing 200 students a day [at the Career Center], of all levels
and majors, business, liberal arts, engineering and science,” Svet
said.
Arts and Letters students in particular shouldn’t be discour-
aged when confronted by cor-
porate recruiters, since many
accept qualified applicants from all backgrounds.
“Not all consulting firms —
Boston Consulting Group and Bain & Company — which people
type of business for business
students, but they’re hiring peo-
ple from all majors,” Svet said.
Svet encouraged students who did not find a suitable posi-
ton to lose heart, and instead look forward to January’s Winter Career and Internship 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 them
more in January,” Svet said.
At companies like internatio-
nal 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’ll be 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, authorities said.
Bail for Corey King was set at $1 million. Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Deputy Aura Sierra said.
Authorities had called King, 18, of AltaMesa, 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 firefigh-
ters on Tuesday found the victims in different rooms of the burning house in Lancaster, a Mojave Desert city of about 145,000 resi-
idents about a 70-mile drive
north of Los Angeles.
Coroner’s officials on
Wednesday identified the dead
woman and two of the girls.
Durfield, 43, of Lancaster. The identities of the other three vic-
tims were not immediately con-
firming 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 Kralikia 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."
The 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.

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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 five years.

Now, let me talk about how absurd it is that this line is necessary before anyone, anywhere criticizes John McCain or his policies. Because this point of character is unsailable. McCain has taken to using it as a defense for all sorts of missteps and mistakes that tend to be unrelated to his armed service experience at all. The constant use of this plea to patrician diminishes not only his sacrifices, but also the sacrifices all veterans have made for their country.

We’ll start with the gaffe-related incidents and move on to those that generate much more cause 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 host to show that information from his staff. While embarrassing and perhaps a little ego, 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 a 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 dangerous 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, the number McCain later estimated for himself. The question had nothing to do with his record, nor was it an attack on 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 paradigm that John McCain seems to bring to the table with his veteran policy decisions. On the one hand, he implies that he righteously 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) majorly popular and passed with a veto-proof majority easily. 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 benefit 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, 70 percent. 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, it is unfair to make a claim on every bill that he voted on over the past two decades. Given the system of committee review, where the VA sub committee reviews each G.I. 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 race 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 defense against almost any criticism without working to improve the benefits for others who have shared with him in those sacrifices.

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The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
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 inter-faith couples. I knew well that these relationships, however loving, often presented challenges for the couple. But even I was caught a little off-guard 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 an atheist." Courageously, I tried to get out of it, arguing that having no faith can't possibly count as an inter-faith couple. But they didn't buy it. So, with a bit of apprehension, I decided to take a walk with this young man — break the ice in a casual way, try to figure out what he thinks about things that matter deeply to his bride-to-be, like Christianity. So, we're walking around St. Mary's Lake, and to my surprise, we quickly hit it off. This guy was great, one head, no weapons. Even more, our conversation revealed him as a great lover of humanity. He believed in respecting every human being, tried to treat others fairly and was profoundly ethical. So finally, about a half-hour into the conversation, I ask, "So, what do you think about Jesus?" 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 flattering 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 them the very 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. Even the disciples 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, connected 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." Then I start to form an answer: "Jesus is my healer — He is the one who forgives my sins and heals my soul, my hurts 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 — but then, suddenly, I knew nothing more certainly than Him.

I especially think of my favorite passage: the beautiful encounter between Jesus and Mary Magdalene at the tomb on Easter morining. She recognizes him, but when he says her name — "Mary" — she suddenly knows it is him and tries to throw her arms around the one she loves. And I think, "Jesus is the one who knows me the most intimately, my whole being, and calls me by name to a deeper friendship with Him."

So keep inviting the CIA and Raytheon back. Send our fellow students into the careers offices what people are saying about him. I really want to be able to say more about Jesus than an atheist can!

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**Letters to the Editor**

**Notre Dame presence essential in CIA, Raytheon**

In a recent Viewpoint article ("Career fair participants unwelcome," Sept. 10), you were criticized for welcoming the CIA and the Raytheon Company onto campus. The four co-authors laid forth impressive statistics and numbers on both the Central Intelligence Agency and Raytheon Company, which I will not dispute. The CIA and its domestic counterpart, the FBI, have both used tactics that range from questionable at best and complicated sensitivity to the poverty, injustice and oppression that burden the lives of so many." On the one hand, the University Administration and the Career Center welcome to campus organizations that will, by their very nature, cause pain and suffering to people in the world, on the basic level of human rights. It is up to us, the University, the CIA and Raytheon must be allowed and indeed encouraged to recruit students from the Notre Dame community. Students that have lived the Notre Dame experience will have a place where "learning becomes service to justice." The University has done well in training moral and upstanding men and women for decades done well in training moral and upstanding men and women for decades and at worst violations of human rights.

Mr. Andreoli, Ms. Haas, Ms. Quinon and Ms. McKinnon said that students [....] are presented with a contradictory picture at the Career Expo." On the one hand, we, the University community, are called to "develop a 'dis-\n\n\n---

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Okkervil River's Latest Album Diverse Fun

By JAMES DuBRAY
Scene Writer

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. The irony here is not surprising considering Sheff's hyperbolic "Bruce Wayne blues" 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 now defunct member of OK, Jonathan Meiburg, who is now officially devoted to his fellow Austin band, Shearwater. With this single, Sheff reflects on touring, commenting, "And everyday finds us rocking and rolling on waves wild and white/where we have lost our way/but no one will say it outright." 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 "On 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 "Bruce Wayne Blues," which Sheff interviewed on the roof of the Chelsea Hotel, 1979," a song about the 70s glam rocker, Jubriah. Campbell was the first mass-marketed pop star, as well as the first openly gay pop star. The huge marketing campaign behind Jubriah failed though, and he released only two poor selling albums, Campbell eventually changed his "stage name" to Colin Berlin, morphing into a cabaret singer who performed in diners and at small parties until he died of AIDS in 1983. The ultimate lesson of "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.

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The ultimate lesson of "The Stand Ins" is to not get too wrapped up in rock culture, and it is meant to apply to the hipsters, pop lovers, arena rockers, and indie bands alike.
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 Stonyehenge/Fieldhouse Mall on North Quad. It will include music by the 4:7 band Tobias Tuan, 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 110 p.m. A full night of fun at beginning with Student Comedy and Humor Artists, followed by the Late Night Tailgate at 12:00 a.m. Come for free tailgate food, a corn hall tournament and other festivities. The events are free, but a ND5M/JC ID is required.

Tickets are $3. (There are also showings on Thursday 10 p.m., Friday 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. "Iron Man" is more than just a superhero movie. It centers on the character of Tony Stark (Robert Downey Jr., a sarcastic, morally ambiguous playboy and engineering genius. While in Afghanistan showing dying soldiers a 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 make 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.)

By MICHELLE FORDICE
Assistant Scene Editor

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 pepazz. It takes some creativity and a lot of walking around isome of these recipes are best not done at peak dining hall hours, you have to visit so many bars at once, sometimes it’s 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.

**Dining Hall Dish**

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**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 enough of the dining hall’s prepared egg salad to fill your sandwich. Pick up bacon slices, spinach, and good sandwich bread. Rip up the bacon and add it to the bowl. Mix together the ingredients. Spread the egg salad mixture on bread and add in spinach.

**Balsamic Vinaigrette over Greens or 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 in 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, romaine or spinach. Iceberg lettuce has been cultivated to remove bitterness. It’s mostly water, thus nearly tasteless and of little nutritional value. Add oranges (mandarin if they have them, or grab an orange and peel it yourself), red onion, olives and crumbled feta. 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 the dining hall pasta sauces. This will 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!* E-mail mfordice@nd.edu.

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**Friday, September 12th: Forum Films - Sustainable Energy, “Up the Yangtze” at 8:00 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 residents 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 pertinent current event before the forum. Tickets are $3.

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**Saturday, September 13th: SU Movies presents “True Lies” 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 of Tony Stark (Robert Downey Jr., a sarcastic, morally ambiguous playboy and engineering genius. While in Afghanistan showing dying soldiers a 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 make 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 12:00 p.m. Do you love to play ultimate Frisbee or just want fun plans for this Sunday? Join in the campus wide ultimate tournament by forming co-ed teams of at least five people to play in 20 minute 6-on-6 games at Stepan 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 Stepan to support your friends and a great cause!**

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**NFL**

San Diego linebacker Shawne Merriman looks to the crowd during the fourth quarter of the Chargers' 26-24 loss to Carolina on Sunday in San Diego.

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 the subject veered from the injured Shawne Merriman to one of his backups, Jyles Tucker.

"Who?" Cutler said.

"Jyles Tucker," said Cutler, which was repeated.

"Nothing," Cutler replied. It turns out Cutler does know a little bit about Tucker, who's played in only seven regular-season games for the San Diego Chargers in his two-year NFL career. Tucker will be asked to help fill the chassis left when Merriman told the Chargers on Tuesday that he will have surgery on two torn ligaments in his left knee.

"Didn't he just sign a new deal?" Cutler said about Tucker, who indeed was given a five-year contract extension late last month — despite his limited experience — as uncertainty surrounded Merriman's situation.

"He's going to come out and want to fill the role that Merriman had. I don't know if he's going to be able 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 1/2 sacks in the past three seasons and played 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 at Chargers Park.

An associate of Merriman's said the linebacker probably wouldn't talk until doing a radio show on Wednesday night. It's believed that Merriman is paid for doing the show, late in training camp, Merriman said that the pos-

**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 night.

Jim Bollman, one of the Buckeyes' two offensive coordinators, said he was encouraged by Wells' play.

"I would say he was 75 percent, something like that. He got a lot of work today, certainly more than he's had," Bollman said. "We'll see how sure he is tomorrow, then go from there."

Darrell Hazell, also an offensive coordinator, said Wells had a good practice Wednesday and did not limp off.

"We won't know until game time on Saturday night," Hazell said when asked whether Wells would be fully recovered. "If I know him he'll be out there ready to go."

Cowboys' QB Romo banged up after Cleveland game

IRVIN, Texas — The bangle was off, the stitches hardly visible under the wound, but on the very next snap he threw a 19-yard completion. He led the Cowboys to a touchdown on that drive, too, before trainers got a chance to patch him up.

Patriots' QB Cassel says he is ready to take over

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — The day after Matt Cassel dropped a fly ball in a high school game, his teammates thought they'd tease him.

So they posted a picture of his miscue on his locker.

"I've never seen so many guys scramble out of that locker room in a hurry when he went in there and saw that," said Tom Meusborn, the coach of that Los Angeles area team. "He was going to track the guy down and probably body slam him. He had fun with it."

Cassel can take a joke. But he hates making mistakes, whether it's on the baseball or football field.

On Sunday, the Patriots' new quarterback will shake off what remains of seven years of cobwebs and deal with any butterflies in his first start since high school — against the
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 168 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. ’I’m confident with all our guys. However we piece it together, whoever is on the field knows what to do and they know they’ll get their opportunities.’

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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.

Once considered a first-day draft prospect, the big defensive tackle went undrafted in 2007 draft.

"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.

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Titan rallying around Young after incident

Associated Press

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

He reported to work, watched practice with a wrap around his sprained left knee and avoided reporters wanting to talk about his mother’s comments indicating he doesn’t want to play because of the negativity he’s faced since being housed 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. And 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 linebacker 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. “He’s his third year. He’s moving on. He’s moving forward. He’s learned from it and moved on.

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’s happy to be a resource for Young, but hasn’t shared his own story yet.

“I was a young guy who played a lot. I 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.

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NFL

49ers’ QB Alex Smith to miss rest of season

Associated Press

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Alex Smith’s season is over with another shoulder injury. The high-priced quarterback’s short career with the San Francisco 49ers is probably finished as well.

The 49ers put Smith on injured reserve Wednesday with 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.

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 gruff coach over his latest injury, which popped up during the club’s final practice 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 black realities of NFL salary cap life mean the club is likely to release him before next season.

General manager Scot McLaughlin 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 separated shoulder from a game in late September 2007. He attempted to play through pain after the injury, but obviously struggled in all three games, culminating in an awful effort in a 24-0 loss at Seattle.

“I thought he wasn’t ready to go,” said Seahawks linebacker Julian Peterson, Smith’s former teammate in San Francisco.

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in push through and make some noise in the Big East this year.

So far, Sciacca said, so good for the Irish.

“We’ve had a few up-and-down games,” she said. “But we’re on the upswing now.”

As far as her own play goes, the management major has also been happy with herself this year.

“So far, I’ve had one off game against Eastern Washington, where I didn’t play as well as I wanted to,” Sciacca said. “But overall, I’ve been pretty pleased with how things are going, personally.”

Sciacca currently is third on the team with 51 kills, and second with a .273 hitting percentage. As far as Sciacca sees those numbers, though, there’s only room for improvement.

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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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Mary's claimed its first victory over local rival Bethel in 15 years. The nailbiting, 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 live-game losing streak and has dropped six of seven overall. In addition, the Comets have not pushed a single one of its last four 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 disappointed 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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ND ready to take home another Big East championship

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 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'll definitely be out there with targets on our backs ... Notre Dame coach Randy Waldrum said. "If the Irish teams will be gunning for us."

But so what? Every year the Irish play each of their games against an opposing fighting for the win of its season.

Other teams look for resume-building victories against Notre Dame.

But much more often than not, the Irish send their conference challenge home with a David Spudt-style "Rubber." In fact, the team is riding a 12-year, 73-match unbeaten streak in the conference. Waldrum attributed his 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 minimize 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 here [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"

By SAM WERNER

Sciaccia off to strong start

Sophomore team leader hopes to build on outstanding first season

"We went through a little bit of a frustrating year last year," Sciaccia said. "I want to have a fairly high hitting percentage." He said "I led the team in hitting percentage last year, so I want to try and do that again." Sciaccia said圣 Mary's last three games after

... Notre Dame's 5-0 victory over the Bulls on Sept. 7.

Saint Mary's began the season 4-1, but dropped its next two games. Including match against conference opponent No. 17 Hope, who dominated in straight sets (25-18, 25-21, 25-12) at the home facility in Holland, Mich. Despite scoring inconsistently the first three games, Sciaccia said Saint Mary's all season, reared head again in a match against DePaul.

The sophomore middle blocker has spent the offseason working and concentrating on making herself even better. Specifically, Sciaccia has been practicing her blocking.

"I've been working on that in the offseason," she said. "I've been very strong about my blocking."

"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, Sciaccia made an immediate impact for the Irish and was named the AVCA Northeast Region Freshman of the Year. The Monogram, Colonial native was first on the team with a .343 hitting percentage."

"I want to have a fairly high hitting percentage," she said. "It led the team in hitting percentage last year, so I want to try and do that again." Sciaccia said Saints high energy, optimistic approach has carried over into the new season. After a strong performance year, the Irish struggled, going 15-13 and falling to Louisville in the Big East semfinals.

"It was hard," Sciaccia said. "If I'm being successful but the team isn't, it's not worth anything."

But Sciaccia — 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," Sciaccia said. "As a team we told 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 for the first time in a long time," she said. "It's important to let our defense settle in with just one of them, but I hope I can give both of them a good game.