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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 the mysteries of the universe moments after its creation.

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, at the forefront of the field of particle physics, has been working on the project since its inception in 1993, Associate Professor of Physics Colin Jessop said.

"We've been a part of this community for many, many years," he said.

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

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Photo Courtesy of Colin Jessop

One of the first images produced from the experiment in Switzerland shows energy deposits from particles.

Students pursue careers, internships

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



A Johnson & Johnson representative talks with students at the Fall Career Expo Wednesday at the Joyce Center.

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 Svete said.

The plethora of companies ranged from "Fortune 500s to small businesses that are looking to grow," Svete said.

Final numbers on attendees were not available Wednesday night, but the Joyce Center was a crowded mix of hun-

dreds 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,

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Campuses remember 9/11 attacks

Residence halls to host prayer service

By KAITLYNN RIELY
Associate News Editor

Seven years ago today, Lewis Hall rectress Linda Cirillo was doing an internship as a chaplain at Georgetown 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 to 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 Pentagon 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

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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, partygoers were entertained by an array of carnival games. An inflatable obstacle course and fun house, free pizza, chips and salsa, balloon darts, volley 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 Schimpf said earlier events this week have included yoga, dorm breakfasts, s'mores and an after-mass social.

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CASEY CARNEY/The Observer

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

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 showing up 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 bit. Brett 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 in the other conference. To me, he was the unparalleled best football player 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 a sure-thing Hall of Famer. 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 sleazy 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 greatest quarterbacks to a more 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, B. NYJ." Debating between him and the Broncos' Jay Cutler, I took nearly a 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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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GROW UP?



Jennie Hiatt

junior
McGlinn

"FBI Secret Agent."



Lindsay Williams

junior
Lyons

"Ask me when I grow up."



Tom Carnevale

freshman
Dillon

"Pirate."



Patricia Santamaria

sophomore
Welsh Family

"Imagineer."



CASEY CARNEY/The Observer

Sophomores Andrew Mrugala, left, and Matt Mormont race through the obstacle course at Welsh Family's Block Party event Wednesday on South Quad.

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 DeBartolo 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 Lac" 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 Hannah 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 p.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 Snite Museum of Art.

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

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 lucky cat owes one of its nine lives to a firefighter who revived it with mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Al Machado rescued the cat from a burning apartment Tuesday, telling The Standard Times of New Bedford that he saw immediately that it needed air.

Machado began performing mouth to mouth on the animal as he carried it outside.

Video shot at the scene shows Machado bent over, breathing into the cat's mouth several times. The cat, a tiger angora, was revived and resting comfortably soon after.

No humans were injured in the fire. A man and woman whose last known address was the building that burned were arrested and charged with arson, authorities said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

LOCAL WEATHER

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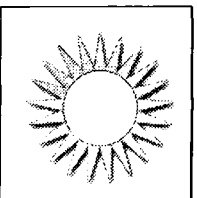
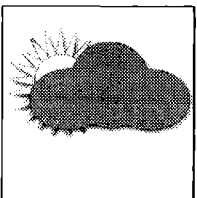
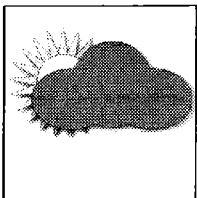
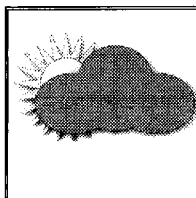
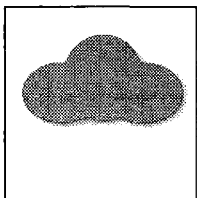
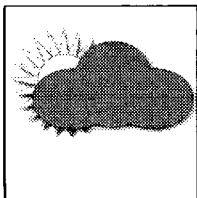
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Saint Mary's alumna share post-college tips

By ALYSSA PINON
News Writer

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 Stuijbergen, 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.

"The panel will not just be discussing interviewing and networking skills, but also proper interviewing attire, and even correct etiquette at a

dinner party," Stuijbergen said. "This event will help current Saint Mary's women in the transition from being Saint Mary's College students to alumnae".

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 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@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
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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 encour-

age students to vote, but teach them how to be informed voters as well.

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missions commissioner
Board of Governance

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 the 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 Gruscinski 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 Patel, 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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Particles

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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 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. programs, 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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physics professor

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 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 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 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 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, maiming and killing people."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

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 the courts for a second trial after a London jury was unable to agree on charges related to an alleged plan to bomb jetliners in 2006. Jurors convicted 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 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 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 late Wednesday, citing the contents of the briefing.

Earlier, South Korea's spy agency told a closed door meeting of lawmakers it had intelligence showing the 66-year-old Kim's condition had much improved, an agency official said on condition of anonymity, citing official policy.

NATIONAL NEWS

Town turns to tourism after 9/11

SHANKSVILLE, Pa. — Searching for an economic boost and home to perhaps the most compelling story of 9/11, rural Somerset County is trying to pull off a balancing act: Remembering the victims of United Airlines Flight 93 in a way that encourages development and job growth without devolving into tackiness and disrespect.

Three years before the anticipated opening of a memorial that the National Park Service expects will bring in 250,000 visitors a year, officials say they are working to make this area of western Pennsylvania more hospitable to tourists.

By necessity, they say, this would bring more inns, restaurants and other new businesses and jobs to a region where the traditional industries — steel, coal-mining, manufacturing and farming — have declined over the decades.

Teen arrested for four murders

LANCASTER, Calif. — A teenager was arrested for investigation 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 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.

LOCAL NEWS

Official expects high voter turnout

INDIANAPOLIS — The state's top election official predicted Wednesday that as many as 65 percent of registered Indiana voters will go to the polls on Election Day, largely because of interest in the presidential race.

That would mark the highest turnout for a presidential election since 1992, when 74 percent of voters went to the polls. Secretary of State Todd Rokita also predicted the state will add at least 200,000 new or updated voter registrations by the Oct. 6 deadline. As of Saturday, 539,325 Indiana residents this year have newly registered to vote or updated their registrations with new addresses or other changes.

Officials urge 1 million to evacuate

Storm threatens nation's largest concentration of refineries, chemical plants

Associated Press

HOUSTON — The frail and elderly were put aboard buses Wednesday and authorities warned 1 million others to flee inland as Hurricane Ike steamed toward a swath of the Texas coast that includes the nation's largest concentration of refineries and chemical plants.

Drawing energy from the warm waters of the Gulf of Mexico, the strengthening storm was expected to blow ashore early Saturday somewhere between Corpus Christi and Houston, with some forecasts saying it could become a fearsome Category 4, with winds of at least 131 mph.

Such a storm could cause a storm surge of 18 feet in Matagorda Bay and four to eight feet in Galveston Bay, emergency officials warned. The surge in Galveston Bay could push floodwaters into Houston, damaging areas that include the nation's biggest refinery and NASA's Johnson Space Center.

Four counties south and east of Houston announced mandatory or voluntary evacuations, and authorities began moving weak and chronically ill patients by bus to San Antonio, about 190 miles from Houston. A mandatory evacuation was also ordered for the west end of Galveston Island. No immediate evacuations were ordered in Harris County, which includes Houston.

Johnny Greer, a 54-year-old retired plant operator at Dow Chemical Corp., boarded up his house a mile from the Gulf of Mexico in Brazoria County and planned to hit the road.

"Gas and stuff is high. But you can't look at all that," he said. "I think my life is more valuable than high gas prices."

About 1 million people live in the coastal counties between Corpus Christi and Galveston. An additional 4 million live in the Houston area, to the north.

The oil and gas industry



Josephine Williams and her grandson Robert Lee Williams are evacuated at the Oveal Williams Senior Center in Corpus Christi, Tex., Wednesday.

watched the storm closely, fearing damage to the very heart of its operations.

Texas is home to 26 refineries that account for one-fourth of U.S. refining capacity, and most are clustered along the Gulf Coast in such places as Houston, Port Arthur and Corpus Christi. Exxon Mobil Corp.'s plant in Baytown, outside Houston, is the nation's largest refinery. Dow Chemical has a huge operation just north of Corpus Christi.

Refineries are built to withstand high winds, but flooding can disrupt operations and — as happened in Louisiana after Hurricane Gustav — power equipment can shut down equipment for days or weeks. An

extended shutdown could lead to higher gasoline prices.

As always, some hardened old-timers decided to ride it out. Fourth-generation fisherman James Driggers, 47, planned to spend the storm aboard his 80-foot boat docked in Freeport.

"We like to stay close to our paycheck," he said.

At 8 p.m. EDT, Ike was a Category 2 storm with winds near 100 mph. It was about 700 miles east of Brownsville, Texas, and was moving northwest at 8 mph, after ravaging homes in Cuba and killing at least 80 people in the Caribbean.

No matter where Ike hits, its effects are likely to be felt for hundreds of miles,

said Mark Sloan, emergency management coordinator for Harris County, which includes Houston.

"It's a very large storm," Sloan said. "The bands will be over 200 miles out from the center of storm, so we have to be aware of its size as it grows over the next 24 to 48 hours and what impacts it will have on Friday, Saturday and Sunday."

Isaias Campos, 27, boarded up the church he attends in Freeport. He said he was grateful the church planned to evacuate much of the congregation to Houston by bus.

"If it wasn't for the church, it would be difficult for many of our members to leave," Campos said.

VENEZUELA

Chavez deploys strategic bombers

Associated Press

CARACAS — Two Russian strategic bombers landed in Venezuela on Wednesday as part of military maneuvers, President Hugo Chavez said, welcoming the unprecedented deployment at a time of increasing tensions between Moscow and the U.S.

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 strain in U.S.-Russian relations created over Russia's war in Georgia.

Chavez called the deployment part of a move toward a "pluri-polar 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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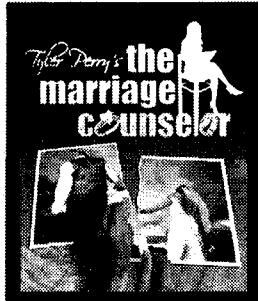
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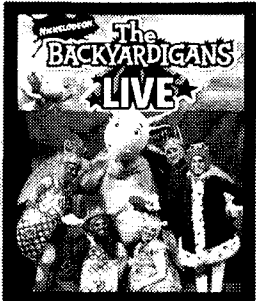
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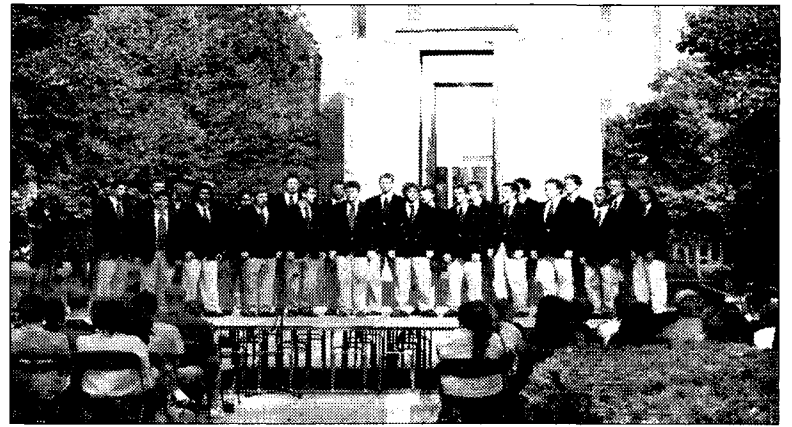
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The Notre Dame Glee Club performs on Fieldhouse Mall during a 2005 ceremony in remembrance of Sept. 11.

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attack in American history.

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

Rossi, one of the organizers of the service, said the event should symbolize "hope for the future."

"I think 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," Rossi 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, Rossi 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.

Rossi 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," Rossi 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 4:30 p.m.

Notre Dame Army ROTC has a run planned for Thursday morning and after the run, Father Rocca will lead the ROTC cadet 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, Captain Joseph Kosek of the Notre Dame Army ROTC program said.

"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 years past, the Notre Dame Tri-Military Command 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 Navy 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 it to take on the context of it being a militaristic celebration or memorial — it was more than just that."

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Block Party co-commissioner Lauren Cooney 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 Dennise Martinez said.

Sophomore Jordan Heldrich also attended.

"It really showed us how much the Notre Dame student body cares about issues affecting humanity abroad," Heldrich said.

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More than 300 people attended the party throughout the night and event organizers believe close to \$1,000 was raised for the Touching Tiny Lives Foundation.

"The party was a very big success this year," Block Party co-commissioner Meghan Manning said. "We had a good turnout and everyone was excited to help our cause."

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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 Miami against CBS Interactive over the use of player statistics in fantasy football games.

The lawsuit, filed Tuesday, comes the week after CBS Interactive sued the NFL Players Association in federal court in Minneapolis. That suit seeks to clarify who controls the statistics that underlie its fantasy football games.

NFL PLAYERS, which handles all licensing and sponsorships for the players, contends CBS Interactive filed the lawsuit in the wrong jurisdiction. It also argues that the filing in Minneapolis names the wrong defendant — the NFL Players Association rather than NFL PLAYERS.

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 required 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 of a ruling 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 field reports submitted by the manufacturer.

The data, which goes back to 2003, is reported to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration by automakers, tire makers, motorcycle companies and child seat manufacturers on a quarterly basis. The public database now provides information from 21 automakers.

Lehman Brothers tries to rescue itself

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

Associated Press

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-related holdings that have already laid low other storied Wall Street firms.

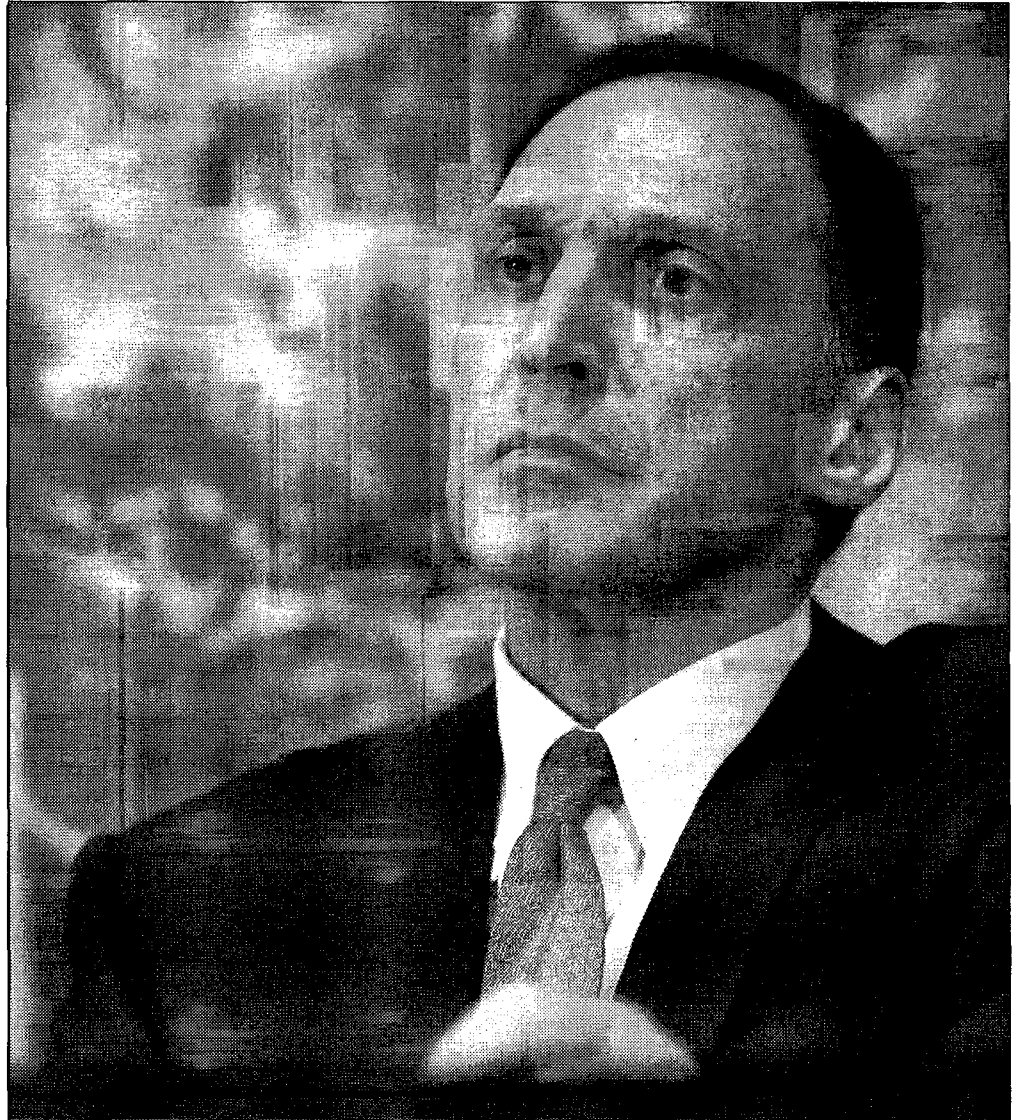
The 158-year-old company's chief executive Dick Fuld, known as "the gorilla" for his bloody-minded approach to investment banking, outlined a plan to sell off Lehman's well-respected investment management unit and spin off its commercial real estate assets after it reported an almost \$4 billion third-quarter 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 might preempt any hostile takeovers now that Lehman's stock has plunged from \$67.73 a year ago to \$7.25 Wednesday, giving it a shrunken market capitalization of \$7.6 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 evaluated," Fuld said on a conference call. "We remain committed to examining all strategic alternatives to maximize shareholder value."

For investors, the strategy Fuld presented seemed long on hope, short on details and raised questions about timing and execution, analysts said. Investors had hoped to see a solid plan in place to offset nearly \$6.5 billion of losses during the past two quarters.

"This is agonizing for shareholders," said Mark Williams, a professor of finance at Boston University School of Management. "Fuld was supposed to have a war room started in March, when Bear Stearns nearly collapsed, to solve



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

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 buyer 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.

Williams believes that Fuld now has a limited amount of time, perhaps until Monday, 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 part-

ners to pull business — a scenario that felled Bear Stearns six months ago.

Wall Street remains skittish about financial stocks since a run on Bear Stearns caused the U.S. government to orchestrate its sale to JPMorgan Chase & Co. in March. Lehman, the biggest U.S. underwriter of mortgage-backed securities, was automatically scrutinized.

Global banks have lost more than \$300 billion from write-downs since the housing slump evolved into a full-blown credit crunch. Many on Wall Street believe another major bank failure is probable.

Government wastes money after storm

WASHINGTON — The government wasted millions of dollars on four no-bid contracts it handed out for Hurricane Katrina work, including paying \$20 million for a camp for evacuees that was never inspected and proved to be unusable, investigators say.

A report by the Homeland Security Department's office of inspector general, obtained Wednesday by The Associated Press, is the latest to detail mismanagement in the multibillion-dollar Katrina hurricane recovery effort, which investigators have said wasted at least \$1 billion.

The review examined temporary housing contracts awarded without competition to Shaw Group Inc., Bechtel Group Inc., CH2M Hill Companies Ltd. and 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 without clear guidelines on what work was 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 so that additional waste and fraud might yet 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 inventory.

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 benefits our ability to continuously improve our activities," wrote Marko Bourne, director of FEMA's office of policy and program analysis.

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were interested not in typical corporations but in opportunities for service 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 (CSC) Oct. 1, Svete 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, Svete said, although companies like HSBC and Credit Suisse have offices around the world.

Even students who aren't seniors, like Saint Mary's sophomore Megan Smith, found the fair worthwhile. In her first time 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 sophomores, but I found one I liked," Smith said.

Svete advised students to start early in their hunt for internships, since companies are looking especially for sophomores 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 interns as well as full-time positions," Svete said.

Although every company present was recruiting undergraduates, according to the Career Expo leaflet 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, Svete 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," Svete said.

Arts and Letters students in particular shouldn't be discouraged when confronted by corporate recruiters, since many accept qualified applicants from all backgrounds into their training programs.

"You have consulting firms — Boston Consulting Group and Bain & Company — which people may think of as for business students, but they're hiring people from all majors," Svete said.

Svete encouraged students who did not find a suitable position not 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 summer hiring needs until later in the year, and we expect to see more of them in January," Svete said.

At companies like international financial services firm Credit Suisse, "good grades are important," but the company especially 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 in investigation 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 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 firefighters on Tuesday found the victims in different rooms of the burning house in Lancaster, a Mojave Desert city of about 145,000 residents 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 identities of the other three victims were not immediately confirmed 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 Kealikea Stewart identified himself as the estranged husband of the slain woman and said the young victims 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.

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John McCain and veteran affairs

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 unassailable, 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 patriotism diminishes not only his sacrifices, but also the sacrifices all veterans have made for their country.

We'll start with the gaffe-related incidences 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 show to get that information from his staff. While embarrassing and perhaps a little effete, 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?"



Jason Coleman

Man at Large

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 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, 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 misstep 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) 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 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 ease 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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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The rung of a ladder was never meant to rest upon, but only to hold a man's foot long enough to enable him to put the other somewhat higher."

Thomas Henry Huxley
biologist

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 unique 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.

Fr. Lou Delfra

Faithpoint

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 asked him, "So, what do you think about Jesus?"

And without missing a beat, he shoots back an amazing reply, which was more or less: "I think Jesus was a profound

teacher. He gave the world an incredible system of morals. And the thing I respect about him the most is that he lived by what he taught — even when it cost him his life. For me, he's one of the great moral examples we have of what it means to live life with total integrity and to be fully human."

And as he's answering, I'm thinking, "Darn, that's pretty good!" And then I got nervous. I felt sure he was going to ask me, "So what do you think about Jesus?" And in the moment, I wasn't sure I could come up with anything more!

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 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. 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, 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." 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 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 it is him and tries to throw her arms around the one she loves. And I think, "Jesus is the one who knows me most intimately, my whole being, and calls me by name to a

deeper friendship with Him."

Who do we say that Jesus is? When Jesus invites us to know him more deeply than before — as I believe he invited me, through this encounter with this atheist — how do we respond? When we are led past our everyday, comfortable images of Jesus, to ones of deeper, more intimate friendship with him, who do we discover? I believe, in the end, through the gift of our faith, that we are all being led to Peter's graced insight — "You are the Christ!"

But sometimes, to deepen our faith, it takes time. It takes challenges — a sickness, the death of a loved one, tragedies like 9/11 that we remember today, moments of unbelief. And we're suddenly confronted with the question: "You, who do you say that I am?"

When these challenges unfold in our own lives, stir up our hearts, make us restless and invite us to come to know Jesus more deeply, let us pray for the grace to really wrestle with the question: "Who do you say that I am?"

So that in the end, we might be led, little by little, challenge by challenge, to Peter's revelation — "You are the Christ!" — the very fulfillment of our lives.

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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 at worst violations of human rights.

Mr. Angulo, Ms. Haas, Ms. Quiros and Ms. McKinney 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 disciplined sensibility to the poverty, injustice and oppression that burden the lives of so many." On the other 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 for this reason that 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 lived at a place where "learning becomes service to justice". The University has done well in training moral and upstanding men and women for decades and these are exactly the kind of men and women we want in the CIA and Raytheon.

I believe we can all agree that sending people with consciences and strong moral compasses (like those from Our Lady's University) will fit well in any role where a strong moral compass is needed. Whether it be signing a torture order for a prisoner to extract information, selling small arms to private contractors or making the cut-throat deal in the board room, I would much rather have people from our community that will stop and think twice in those roles. I want people that have grown and learned with the mission of Notre Dame clear in their minds to be the ones that stand up in the briefing rooms or the board rooms and protest what the organization is doing or how it is conducting business.

So keep inviting the CIA and Raytheon back. Send our fellow students to work from the inside and change these organizations. Keep listening to the critics and the protesters of your policies. But don't send these companies to recruit at other, less mindful campuses.

Hope for a more peaceful future, with Our Lady guiding the way.

Matt Florian
Holy Cross College
Sept. 10

Obama's health care plan can decrease abortion rate

In response to Gregory Barr's article searching for any "proportionate reasons" to vote for Obama ("Dude, where's my proportionality?" Sept. 9), I write today to offer one reason. My argument is that an Obama presidency would likely lower the number of abortions in the United States despite his pro-choice stance due to his health care plan.

To make my case, I'd like to look at Western Europe and Latin America. Western Europe has the lowest number of abortions for any region in the world (11 per 1000 pregnancies) while Latin America has among the highest (37 per 1000). The oddity lies in the fact that abortions in Latin America are almost completely illegal while abortions in Western Europe are legal.

I am not trying to make the point that anti-abortion laws promote abortion. There is no conclusive evidence that I am aware of that suggests there is a direct correlation between abortion laws and the prevalence of abortions. Instead, I am trying to make the point that abortion is an extremely com-

plicated issue that cannot be solved merely by making it illegal. While no one knows for sure why Europe's abortion rates are so low, a popular and, in my mind, convincing argument is that abortion rates are low due to their high quality of life — specifically, the quality of health care and education.

Without going into a prolonged debate, his health care plan provides many potential solutions to the problems our health care system faces. Currently, about 46 million Americans are uninsured. If our healthcare system improves under his presidency like I assume it would, abortion rates would arguably decrease despite his pro-choice stance. If the problems in our health care system are not rectified, it seems clear to me that abortions would likely increase over the next decade. To me, this is a more-than-proportionate reason to vote for Obama.

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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 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 not simply 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 hyper literate lyrics, which have led to comparisons with Portland's "The Decemberists." This linkage completely forgets that Sheff isn't faking 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 Britt 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 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 outright." The song almost acts as Sheff's goodbye letter to Meiburg, saying "Its 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," "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 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 Campbell" interviewed on the Roof of the Chelsea Hotel,

1979," a song about the 70's glam rocker, Jobriath. Campbell was both the first mass-marketed pop star as well as the first openly gay one. The huge marketing campaign behind Jobriath 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 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. 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

Label: Jagjaguwar

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



Weekend Events Calendar

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

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 Stonehenge/Fieldhouse Mall on North Quad. It will include music by the 4:7 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 a.m. Come for free tailgate food, a corn hall tournament and other festivities. The events at Legends are free, but a ND/SMC/HC 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. Chung'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 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.

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 of Tony Stark (Robert Downey Jr.), a sarcastic, morally ambiguous playboy and engineering genius. While in Afghanistan showing off his 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 12-8 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 5-on-5 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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SATURDAY

SUNDAY

Dining Hall Dish

By **MICHELLE FORDICE**
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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 (some of these recipes are best not done at peak dining hall hours, you have to visit so many bars that 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 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 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 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 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!
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MLB

Nolasco fans eight for Marlins in rout of Philadelphia

Brewers avoid sweep in comeback win over Reds; Cameron's late-inning hit seals come-from-behind victory

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-all tie with an RBI double in the eighth inning and helped the Marlins win the three-game series. Dan Uggla added a two-RBI double in the ninth.

The Phillies fell three games behind the NL East-leading New York Mets, who played later Wednesday night.

The Phillies also dropped four games behind Milwaukee in the wild-card race. The Phillies hopes for a second straight playoff appearance could get a boost — or be 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 fourth, and even had an RBI single. He hasn't allowed more than three runs in any of his last nine starts and is 4-1 over that span.

Brett Myers (9-11) had another solid outing — nine strikeouts, four runs in 7 1-3 innings — but lost for only the second time in 10 starts since he was recalled from the minor leagues on July 20.

Myers went from opening day ace to the minor leagues and back to arguably their second-half MVP as the defending NL East champs make another late-season playoff push. He retired 10 straight until Gonzalez touched him with a leadoff single in the eighth and the game tied at 3.

After another single put runners on the corners, manager Charlie Manuel saw enough of his tiring right-hander.

Willingham ripped a ground-rule double down the third-base line for a 4-3 lead. The ball was touched by a fan, likely preventing pinch-runner Robert Andino from scoring. After an intentional walk, Chad Durbin retired Paul Lo Duca on a double play to end the inning.

The Marlins scored three more times in the ninth to put the game away. The Phillies didn't have a hit after the fifth inning.

Nolasco struck out the side in the fourth and was staked to a 3-1 lead when he ran into trouble. Chris Coste had an RBI double to center that made it 3-2. Coste, though, was stuck on third after a sacrifice bunt and Jimmy Rollins popped up. Jayson Werth, who has been sensational as a starter, poked an RBI single to left that tied the score.

Myers gave the bullpen a breather a day after six pitchers combined to go 7 1-3 innings in a 10-8 loss. He started strong, striking out four of five batters he faced in one span, then allowed a two-run shot to Gonzalez in the third. Gonzalez's eighth homer of the year gave the Marlins a 2-1 lead.

Myers allowed Dallas McPherson's leadoff double in the fourth and the Marlins third baseman scored on Nolasco's RBI single to left for a 3-1 lead.

Howard put the Phillies ahead 1-0 in the second when his 42nd homer of the season smacked off the scoreboard in left.

Brewers 4, Reds 3

Mike Cameron sure hopes his clutch hit carries over to the sputtering Milwaukee Brewers' biggest road trip of the season.

"I tell you what, it was a good spark today leaving up out of here," Cameron said. "We got the fuse lit."

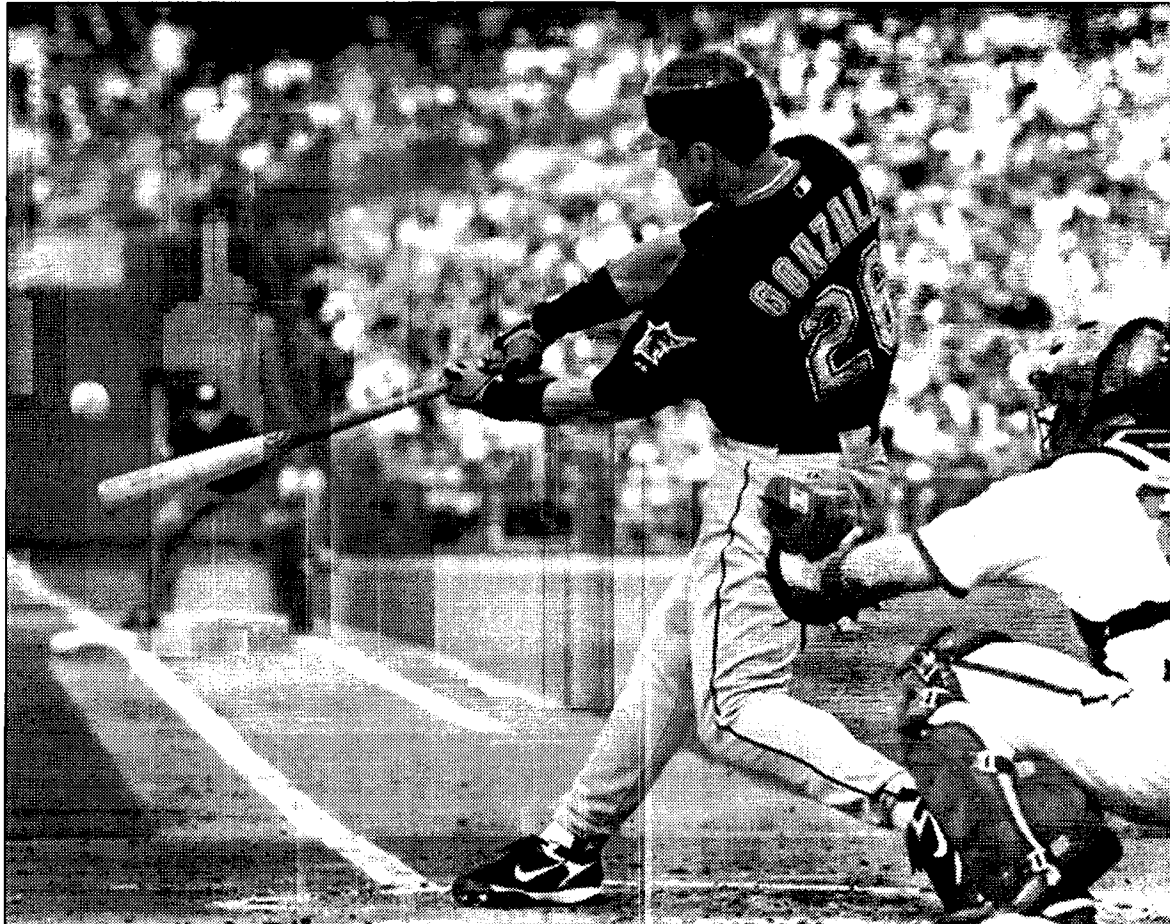
Cameron singled in the go-ahead run in the eighth inning Wednesday, and Milwaukee rallied to beat the Cincinnati Reds, avoiding a three-game sweep.

The NL wild card-leading Brewers, who have won just three of their last 10 games, looked destined for another loss against Cincinnati. They trailed 3-1 after six but their meager offense, which scored 28 runs in the 10-game homestand, did just enough.

"Yeah, there's a sigh of relief, and a change of scenery does people good, too," Brewers manager Ned Yost said. "We've been here 10 days, as much we like playing here, it's been a struggle. Now we'll go elsewhere and see if we can't get on a big roll."

Elsewhere in Philadelphia, where the Brewers will start a 10-game, 11-day trip Thursday night with four games against the Phillies, followed by three games against the Cubs.

"Some guys are playing for



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.

pennies, and some guys are playing for gold right now," Cameron said.

Milwaukee entered with a three-game lead over Philadelphia in the wild-card race with St. Louis and Houston close behind. The Brewers also were 4 1/2 back of NL Central-leading Chicago. All four teams play later Wednesday, including the Cubs at St. Louis.

"This is horribly fun, if you can understand what I am saying. It's a lot, a lot of fun, but it's a grind and there's a lot of pressure that goes with it," Yost said. "We know what we're doing. We know what we're up against."

Cameron, one of the veterans brought in for exactly this reason after Milwaukee coughed up an 8?-game lead last summer, was at the center of the important rally. He drew a leadoff walk in the seventh, moved up on a groundout and scored on shortstop Jeff Keppinger's throwing error off Jason Kendall's infield single.

Reds starter Bronson Arroyo outpitched CC Sabathia and handed a 3-2 lead over to David Weathers (2-6), who couldn't hold on to the advantage.

"(It) would have been nice to bury him," Arroyo said of

hanging Sabathia with his first NL loss. "But that is the way the game goes, keep it close and they made it happen in the eighth."

Milwaukee loaded the bases with no outs before Tony Gwynn Jr. hit into a double play that scored J.J. Hardy for the tying run. Cameron then singled in Ryan Braun to make it 4-3.

"When Cameron got that hit, I couldn't hear the rest of the players screaming because I was screaming," Yost said.

Cameron didn't hear anything, either.

"I was screaming myself," he said.

Guillermo Mota (5-5) tossed a perfect eighth to get the win and Salomon Torres struck out the side in the ninth for his 27th save in 34 opportunities.

Sabathia, who remains 9-0 in 13 starts, struck out eight and allowed eight hits in seven innings. He also drove an unearned run with a groundout in the third and added a double in the fifth.

Sabathia won't pitch against the Phillies, but will go in the opener against the Cubs on Tuesday.

"I was thinking about that today, we're going into that big series and not being able

to pitch," Sabathia said. "But I do get to pitch in Chicago, which is going to be another big series. It's a big road trip."

Jerry Hairston Jr., activated from the DL on Tuesday, hit a three-run homer off the big left-hander to give Cincinnati a 3-1 lead, but the Reds' errors cost them a chance to sweep the Brewers in Miller Park for the first time in five years.

"The unearned runs, those are two runs you gave away, you can't give away runs," manager Dusty Baker said. "That was the difference in the game."

Hairston's fifth-inning homer appeared to be enough for Arroyo, who got out of a bases-loaded jam in the bottom half by getting J.J. Hardy to hit a hard grounder that third baseman Edwin Encarnacion turned into a nifty double play.

But Cameron delivered with the heart of the Brewers' order — Ryan Braun, Prince Fielder and Corey Hart — hitting a combined .208 (22-of-106) with no homers and six RBIs in the homestand.

"It's always good when you can get a big hit, especially where we've been the last few days, the highs and lows," Cameron said.

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1 Wake Forest	550	1
2 Akron	497	5
3 Creighton	483	4
4 SMU	464	7
5 NOTRE DAME	430	8
6 California	422	11
7 Connecticut	407	3
8 Maryland	401	9
9 Boston College	377	2
10 Ohio State	344	10
11 St. John's	338	22
12 North Carolina	324	15
13 UC Santa Barbara	293	21
14 Northwestern	211	16
15 Tulsa	187	18
16 Illinois-Chicago	182	25
17 Saint Louis	176	23
18 Brown	162	12
19 Indiana	155	6
20 Georgetown	103	NR
21 South Florida	86	14
22 Virginia Tech	64	13
23 Loyola, Md.	55	NR
24 UCLA	53	19
25 Dartmouth	48	NR

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1 UCLA	782	2
2 NOTRE DAME	763	5
3 USC	694	1
3 Stanford	694	7
5 North Carolina	665	3
6 Portland	630	9
7 Florida State	601	4
8 Texas	597	8
9 Virginia	571	6
10 Texas A&M	514	11
11 Penn State	482	10
12 Duke	391	12
13 Boston College	367	13
14 West Virginia	366	13
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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, it 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 chasm 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 sore 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

IRVING, Texas — The bandage was off, the stitches hardly visible under the stubble around Tony Romo's chin.

Asked about it, Romo mumbled, "Just stitches. It'll be all right. They can be exposed."

When the injury came up again minutes later, Romo was just as dismissive, saying only, "It's fine, I'll be good."

Romo doesn't like talking about injuries or even acknowledging them. He's also not into all the praise he's gotten from teammates and coaches for the way he handled his pair of injuries in the opener Sunday at Cleveland.

The biggie was getting sandwiched by a pair of 300-pounders. He winced while on the ground, then stood up to find blood coming out of his chinstrap. He'd later need 13 stitches to close 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 mis-cue 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.

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NFL

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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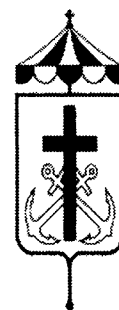
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NFL

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

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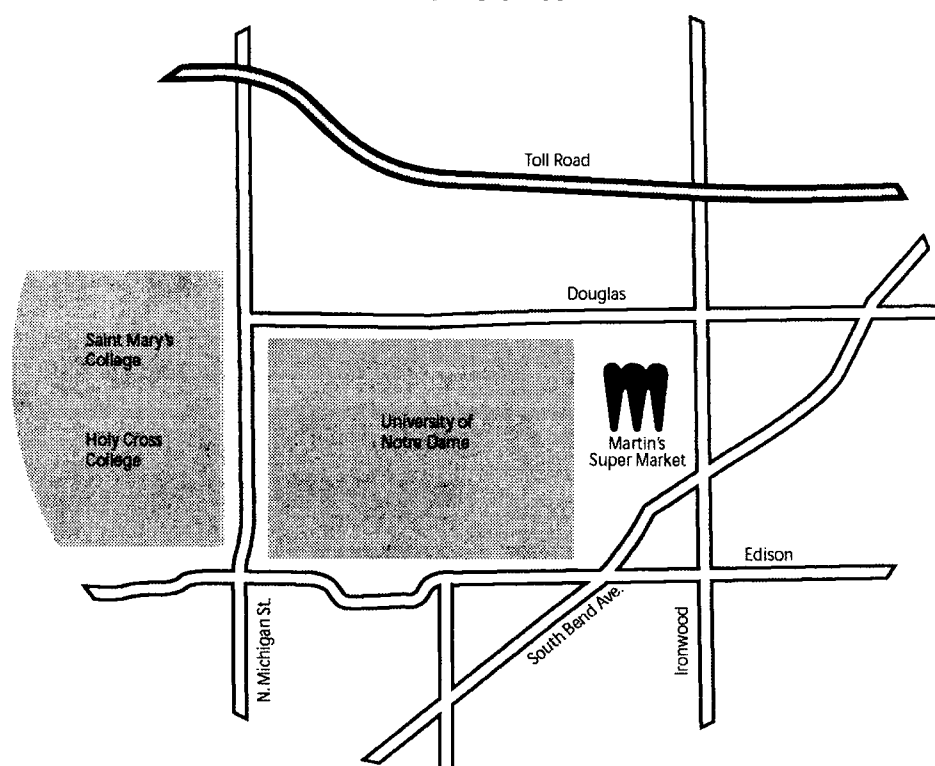
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Titans rallying around Young after incident

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 part of 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 booed 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. "... 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."

Center 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 medial collateral ligament. 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 Chris 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 week. He responded by never losing another game.

"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 booed before. He's been criticized before. His worst moment here 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'll be 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 eat at you and get at you. But you need to experience it and figure it out and learn to roll with it," Palmer said.

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

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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 bleak 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 after-

noon.

Smith had surgery on his shoulder in December to repair three torn ligaments, the product of 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.

Sciacca

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to 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."

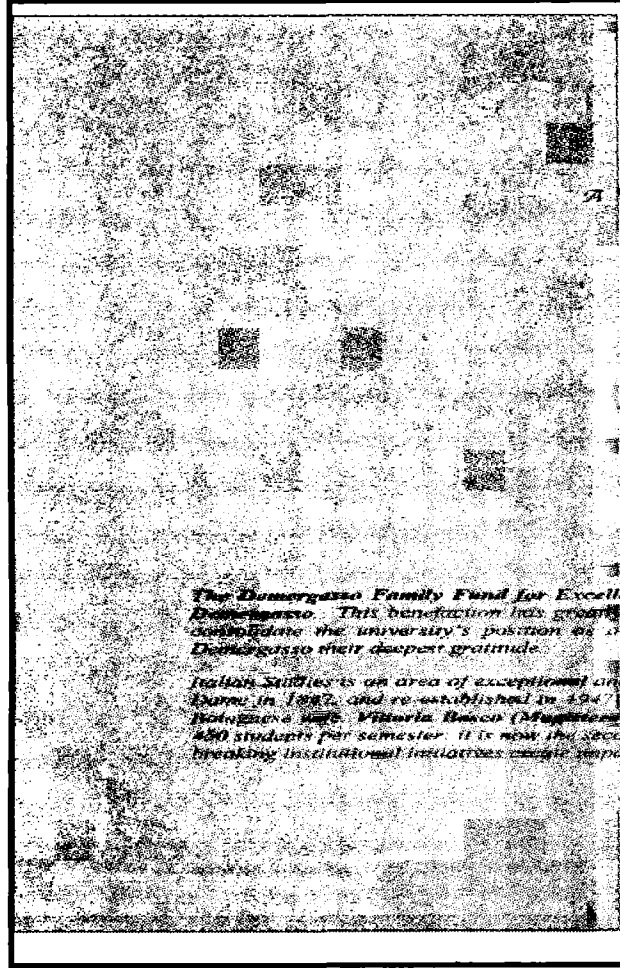
As far as her own play goes, the management major has also been happy with herself this year.

"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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run. 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 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 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 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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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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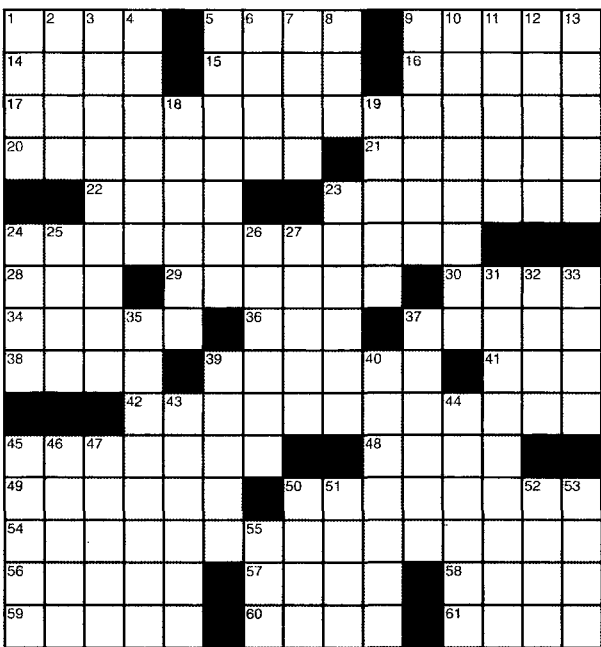
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CROSSWORD

WILL SHORTZ

- Across
1 ____ mater
5 Letter-shaped structural piece
9 Lesser-played half of a 45
14 Elementary particle
15 Vex
16 Gucci alternative
17 Upstate New York city and spa
20 Remote areas
21 Imp
22 Head for
23 The boondocks
24 Honeymooners' destination
28 Alternative to .com or .edu
29 Fix, as brakes
30 Jacob's twin
34 Track events
36 Asian New Year
- 37 Leaves port
38 Bygone U.S. gas brand
39 Mother _____, 1979 Peace Nobel
41 Napkin's place
42 Former president of Harvard
45 Kodak, Pentax and Nikon
48 The "L" in S.&L.
49 Is wild about
50 Mythical island that sank into the sea
54 Comic who played Robin Williams's son in "Mork & Mindy"
56 Auto route from Me. to Fla.
57 1930s migrant
58 Smell ____ (be suspicious)
- 59 Groups of spies
60 Fails to keep pace
61 Without: Fr.
- Down
1 "I ____ sorry!"
2 Hawaiian cookout
3 Homeowners' burdens
4 Like clocks with hands
5 Shipment to a steel mill
6 Home of the Cowboys, familiarly
7 "Sad to say ..."
8 ____ judicata
9 Spread out ungracefully
10 Isle of Man's locale
11 Rumba or samba
12 Mystery writer's award
13 Swiss city on the Rhine, old-style
18 Dwellers along the Volga
19 Working stiff
23 French city where Jules Verne was born
24 Alaskan city where the Iditarod ends
25 Angers
26 Raises or lowers a hem, say

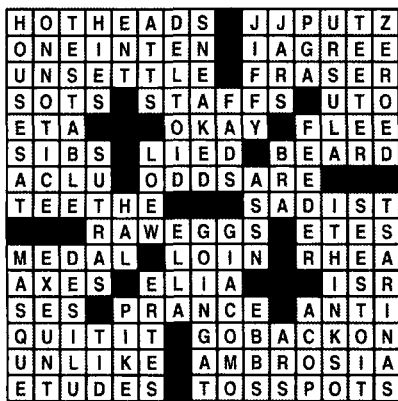


Puzzle by Richard Chisholm

- 27 Passionate
31 Time before talkies
32 Banned orchard spray
33 Letter carriers' grp.
35 Broad-minded
37 Pago Pago resident
39 Garbage
40 Besmirches
43 Mountain ridges
44 Powerful rays
45 Louisianan of French descent
46 Get ____ of one's own medicine
47 Pre-stereo recordings
50 Paul who sang "Put Your Head on My Shoulder"
51 Tiny branch
52 Tehran's home
53 Concordes, briefly
55 "You've got mail" co.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't make assumptions or let your emotions lead you to distraction. If your personal problems interfere with your ability to perform your duties properly, you will have an even bigger problem. Keep a clear head. 2 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Take part in the social aspect of your work and enjoy the friendship being offered. The tighter you are with the people you work with and the better a job you do, the higher the position. Love can be enhanced with a mini trip for two. 5 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Market yourself for success. Don't let someone who does a poor job or takes a lot of time off tempt you to join him or her. Hard work will pay off. A love interest will help you move ahead. 3 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't give away a secret. If you overreact, overdo or overindulge, you'll pay dearly in the end. Offer compassion but don't take on responsibilities that aren't yours. Undertake a home improvement project. 3 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Set up interviews or apply for a job that interests you or connect with a headhunter. Opportunities to make more money may develop through someone you used 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 those depending on you. Use your imagination and you will find ways to make your life better and improve your professional position. 5 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Take action and plan your day strategically. Emotions will be difficult to control and avoiding arguments will be important to your state of mind. If you venture out, someone new will capture your interest. 2 stars

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

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You can listen but don't get sucked into doing something that sounds too good to be true. Do your research and you can avoid being swindled by someone out to get your money. Love is in the picture but be cautious. 3 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Treat everyone with kindness and refrain from letting your personal opinions interfere with what you must do. Talks and traveling will not solve what needs to be dealt with. Listen to complaints but reserve judgment. 3 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't give up something you want. Stand up for your rights and protect what's yours. There is money to be made but only if you are the one who sets the rules and makes the first move. 3 stars

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

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WOMEN'S SOCCER ANALYSIS

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

But so what? Every year the Irish play each of their games against an opponent fighting for the win of its season. Other teams look for resume-build-ing victories against Notre Dame. But much more often than not, the

Irish send their conference challengers home with a David Spade-style "Buhbye."

In fact, the team is riding a 12-year, 72-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 main-

tain 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 fan-

tastic 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

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MEN'S SOCCER

Eagle hunting

Streiking 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 Bobby Clark said.

"They've played six games [including exhibition matches] and haven't lost," he said. "To come in unbeaten ... 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 3-0.

Marquette has gone in the

opposite direction. After handling Bryant University in their first match Sept. 1, the Golden Eagles played Penn and Columbia to scoreless draws at the Marquette Invitational over the weekend.

Clark, however, isn't fooled by those statistics.

"They played the last game with a man down and still dominated the whole way," he said. "I watched the whole tape — they just didn't score. We've got to go into it with the mentality that we've got to play 90 minutes. In fact, it wouldn't surprise me if it goes beyond that."

The Irish came into the season with the mighty task of replacing their leading scorer, All-American Joe Lapira. They have done so thus far by spreading the wealth, as seven different players have scored goals.

Senior forward Bright Dike leads the team with three goals while junior midfielders Michael Thomas and Justin Morrow each has scored twice.

While the Irish offense has gotten much of the credit for Notre Dame's early season suc-



JESS LEE/The Observer

Irish junior midfielder Michael Thomas fights for a ball with a South Florida player during Notre Dame's 5-0 victory over the Bulls on Sept. 7.

cess, senior goalkeeper Andrew Quinn has played well since a shaky first. He has given up just two goals in Notre Dame's last three games after

battling with junior Philip Tuttle for the starting spot all preseason.

"We've got two very good goalkeepers," Clark said. "I'm

trying to let our defense settle in with just one of them, but I hope I can give both of them a

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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 woeful Olivet (1-6, 0-3 MIAA) at 6 p.m. at the Angela Athletic Facility. Belles coach Julie Schroeder-Biek 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, 25-21, 25-12) at its home facility in Holland, Mich.

Offensive inconsistency, which has plagued Saint Mary's all season, reared its head once again as the Belles finished the match with a disappointing .099 attacking percentage to Hope's .333, with no Belles player contributing double-digit kills. Last week, however, Saint

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Sciacca off to strong start

Sophomore team leader hopes to build on outstanding first season

By SAM WERNER
Sports Writer

A year after turning in what can only be described as one of the best freshman seasons of any Notre Dame volleyball player, don't expect Kellie Sciacca to rest on her laurels.

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

"I've been working on it a lot in the offseason," she said. "And I feel very strong about my blocking."

"I want to be a more domi-

nant 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 was 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 fairly high hitting percentage," she said. "I led the team in hitting percentage last year, so I want to try and do that again."

Despite Sciacca's phenomenal 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 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

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