The three student government tickets discussing issues from food services to non-discrimination clause began.

**By MADELINE BUCKLEY**

The three student government tickets competing for student body president and vice president debated food services, student safety and town homes Wednesday evening in LaFortune Student Center.

Soler and Bell were discussing the issue of improving campus meal plans. Noel said his ticket has also researched the issue and found it is not feasible.

**By LIZ O’DONNELL**

Scores of students clad in business attire ventured to the Joyce Center Wednesday evening to attend the 2010 Winter Career and Internship Fair.

Over 120 companies — slightly less than years past — were on hand to talk to students about post-graduation jobs and summer internships.

The industries represented at the fair ran the gamut and included big-name firms such as Lockheed Martin, General Electric and Procter & Gamble.

Freshman Andrew Romero, a prospective marketing major, said he wanted to attend the career fair to get a general feeling for what the event is like. He said it was informative.

“It was pretty cool how it was arranged with all the companies tables set up inside,” he said. “It didn’t seem that intimidating.”

Romero said he spoke with the Raytheon Corporation and Lockheed Martin.

**Four businesses start at Innovation Park**

**By LAURA KNAUF**

Four promising new businesses have recently been established at Innovation Park, the facility just south of Notre Dame’s campus.

Kevin Upchurch settled at Notre Dame University’s research efforts was because being part of the University’s research efforts was important to their business plan.

Being so close to campus enables us to consider projects that take our core designs and extend them into new application areas, where the expertise of other university faculty can be beneficial,” Upchurch said.

Emu, which stands for Enhanced Memory Utilization, is a company that develops computer technology to help "bridge the gap between memory and logic capabilities in computer systems," according to a Jan. 26 press release.

Brookman said Emu Solutions benefits from skilled student faculty and alumni from Notre Dame, who aid in their research and marketing endeavors.

"Aside from the three founders, we’ve hired a number of consultants, of which more than half have Notre Dame connections," Brookman said.

**Concert raises funds for Sisters**

**By CAROLYNN SMITH**

A charity concert — “Singing for the Sisters” — was held in the Little Theater Wednesday night on Saint Mary’s campus. It was organized by the Student Activities Board (SAB) in order to support Belles for Africa and their work with the Sisters of the Holy Cross in Uganda.

“Belles for Africa is a program started by the Student Athletics Advisory Committee (SAAC) to raise funds for Uganda,” Student Activities Board (SAB) president Michele Peterson said. “100 percent of the proceeds will be donated to the Belles for Africa program on behalf of the student body.”

This event brought together a cappella groups from Saint Mary’s, the University of Notre Dame, DePaul University and the University of Chicago.

Senior Lauren Theiss leads Bellacapella as they sing at ‘Singing for the Sisters’ in Little Theater at Saint Mary’s.
Like Christmas

For many college football fans, National Signing Day is like Christmas. However, instead of young children jumping out of bed in the morning to find out what Santa Claus brought them, on Signing Day throngs of middle-aged men run to their computer to hit the refresh button all day while anxiously awaiting this year's recruiting haul.

There is a fine line between a healthy interest in who will be playing for your school the next four years and a creepy obsession with 18-year-old kids making a choice that will affect them the rest of their lives. Unfortunately, it seems as if that line is crossed more often every year.

An example of this trend involves high school senior Chris Martin. The five-star defensive lineman out of Aurora, Colo., originally committed to Notre Dame while Charlie Weis was still at the helm. Like many other prospects, wanted to keep his options open and opted to visit other schools while still holding a verbal pledge to Notre Dame. During this process, alumni from several schools took it upon themselves to “friend” or send a message to Martin on Facebook to plead their case. That is not necessarily what the recruit would never say, “Wow! 500 Notre Dame fans sent me a message on Facebook today. That must be the top of the polls at the end of virtual recruitment.”

Martin had to delete many messages, as he sometimes received hundreds in a given day. He eventually committed to California last month, ending a hectic year-long process in deciding which school to attend.

While these “fans” believe they are helping their school land elite prospects by stalking them, such interference can only affect that school negatively. It is an NCAA violation for fans to contact a recruit. And even if it was not a violation, a fan’s creepy obsession with 18-year-old kids making a choice that will affect them the next four years and a healthy interest in who will be playing for your school the next four years are not necessarily those of The Observer.

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### QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS YOUR DREAM JOB?

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Have an idea for Question of the Day? E-mail observer.questions@gmail.com

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### OFFBEAT

**Deputy arrested for drunk driving locked in K-9 cage**

BLOUNTVILLE, Tenn. – A Tennessee sheriff’s deputy arrested on a drunken driving charge wound up in a dog house before he was taken to the big house.

The Kingsport Times-News reported the details of a Tennessee Highway Patrol arrest report, which said 47-year-old Samuel Monroe Bledsoe was kicking the windows of a trooper’s cruiser on his way to a hospital for a blood test.

The report said Bledsoe was then locked inside the cruiser’s K-9 cage for his safety.

Trooper David Osborne said in the report that Bledsoe performed poorly during a field sobriety test — even after it was explained to Bledsoe 18 times.

**Canaloupe intercepted by jail officers contained drugs**

KENNETH, Wash. — The donated cantaloupe that arrived at the Chelan County Regional Justice Center looked more like a pumpkin.

Jail Administrator Phil Stanley said there was a noticeable cut around the top. And jail officers who intercepted the melon Monday before it reached inmates found tobacco and a haggie full of oxycodone pills stuffed inside.

Stanley said the jail routinely uses surplus food from local grocery stores and convenience stores to give to the jail staff. In this case, a surveillance camera at the Plaza Super Jet showed two young women dropping off a shopping bag containing the melon. It was placed with surplus food that was later picked up by jail staffers. Plaza Super Jet workers called and alerted the jail after they looked at the video.

**Information compiled from the Associated Press.**

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### IN BRIEF

A blood drive will be held at 11 a.m. today in the Rolfs Sports Recreation Center. To register, call 574-631-6100.

Daily Mass will be held at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart today at 11:30 a.m. and 5:15 p.m.

A seminar titled “Bridging Majors” will be held today at 6:30 p.m. The seminar will be held in 115 Spa Unica Hall at Saint Mary’s College.

The Richard Alston Dance Company will be performing at 7 p.m. today. The performance will take place in the Decio Mainstage Theatre in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. For tickets, call 574-631-2800.

“The Greatest Silence: Rape in the Congo” will be presented in the Browning Cinema in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m. today. For tickets, call 574-631-2800.

The film “La Graine et le maïs” (“The Secret of the Grain”) will be shown as part of the French Film Festival today at 7 p.m. The film will be shown in the Student Center at Saint Mary’s College.

A panel titled “Black Collar Workers: A Forum of Labor, Race and the Recession” will begin at 7 p.m. today in Decio Auditorium in Geddes Hall.

“Men who Smoke at Goats” will be presented by the Student Union Board at 7 p.m. today in 101 DeBartolo Hall. Admission is $3.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to owens2@nd.edu

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Class of 2010 picks legacy gift

By IRENA ZAJICKOVA
News Writer

Last year, students and alumni signed a petition asking for renovations and improvements to the Hesburgh Library. Next year, their cause will get some added help in the form of the Class of 2010’s Senior Legacy fund, which will go towards purchasing new books for the library.

Every year, the Student Development Committee (SDC) chooses the beneficiary of the Senior Legacy fund. The 20-member committee asks for suggestions from the senior class, then narrows these down to the three choices they believe would have the most impact on the university.

This year, the three choices were a fund for the library, a fund to assist seniors in traveling to job or graduate school interviews and a study abroad fund to help low-income students that want to study in a foreign country but cannot afford it. Students voted, and the library fund won out.

Senior Emily Everett, SDC co-chair, said the best part of the library fund is that it will benefit every student at Notre Dame since the library is such a wide-open institution. “I think it’s a gift that benefits every student,” Everett said. “Every student goes to the library at some point during their career so I think it’s a gift that will benefit everyone at Notre Dame.”

This year, senior class is the first one to choose to donate their Senior Legacy funds to the library. Senior Ian Secviar, SDC co-chair, said the recent petition was likely a key reason why seniors chose the library fund over one of the other two choices.

“Part of it was the publicity about the library renovation in addition to the petition that was circulated about library collections falling behind some of our peer institutions, so I think that kept in it a lot of people’s minds,” Secviar said.

Fundraising will start in March. Every senior will get a letter and a call from Notre Dame’s Call Center asking for a donation. The Web site supporting nd.edu/seniorlegacy can be used to donate to the Senior Legacy.

Additionally, the Class of 2010 is expected to continue to give to the library fund each year so the library can improve even more.

An added incentive to help the library through the Senior Legacy fund is that only students who do so can be entered in the 2011 football ticket lottery. They will have to give a minimum of $5 by Dec. 31, 2010 to make it into the lottery.

An additional goal of the SDC with regards to this year’s Senior Legacy is to reach a 100 percent giving rate, where every member of the Class of 2010 makes a donation.

Secviar said even though Notre Dame ranks high in alumni giving, they do not fare quite so well in the area of senior giving.

“Ideally, we’d like to be up with the Ivy Leagues in terms of senior giving,” Secviar said. The SDC is trying very hard to achieve this 100 percent giving rate, and Secviar said if every senior participated, it would send a positive message to the Notre Dame community.

“It’d be a great statement to make, to say that this year, every percent of seniors felt compelled enough to give back to something as important as our University library,” Secviar said.

Even if the Class of 2010 falls short of full participation, the Senior Legacy is still a great way to make an impact on the university, according to Secviar. “The cool thing about senior legacy is it’s a way to leave a mark after you ever leave campus,” Secviar said.

Everett emphasized the importance of helping the University grow, especially since the University has helped seniors so much throughout their time here.

“The school has given us so much and now it’s our turn to give back to them,” Everett said.

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GPA requirements raised for elections

By MEGHAN PRICE
News Writer

Board members discussed the upcoming elections for student boards at last night’s meeting of the Saint Mary’s Student Government Association (SGA). Jenny Hoffman, student body president, said elections will be held the weeks before and after spring break. Students will be voting for the SGA various offices including student body officers and class officers.

In preparation for the elections, the board reviewed the bylaws for running for office. In the past the policy had been that students must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 to run for office.

“The average GPA at Saint Mary is significantly higher,” Hoffman said. “It is as if this policy is saying that is it okay for our class representatives to be below average.”

Hoffman also said it was a requirement that the candidate has never been on academic probation. Emily Skittish, the SGA executive secretary, had requested the information from the college. They found the average GPA in most departments was a 3.3.

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Shakespeare honored in Sonnet Fest 2010

Special to The Observer

All of Shakespeare’s 154 sonnets will be read aloud by University of Notre Dame administrative faculty and students during “Sonnet Fest 2010,” a public event that will take place Feb. 10 (Wednesday) from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Great Hall of O’Shaughnessy Hall on the Notre Dame campus. “We want people to hear the beauty and power of Shakespeare’s verse,” said Peter Holland, McMeel Family Professor in Shakespeare Studies, “stop- ing as they pass by to enjoy the sound of such wonderful language.”

Sponsored by Shakespeare at Notre Dame and the Department of English, the event will feature readings by Notre Dame Presidents Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C., Provost Thomas Burish and John McGreevy, T.A. O’Shaughnessy Dean of the College of Arts and Letters. Shakespeare at Notre Dame is comprised of the Notre Dame Shakespeare Festival, Notre Dame’s professional theater in residence, the McMeel Family Chair in Shakespeare Studies, and Actors From The London Stage, a professional touring residency experience. The motion of Shakespeare at Notre Dame is to establish the University immediately and currently as a center for the study of Shakespeare in performance.

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MSA a ‘well received’ club at Notre Dame

President says club has never had problems with events, activities despite being a minority

Students involved in the Muslim Student Association participate in prayer as other students observe on Jan. 26.

By IRENA ZAJICKOVA
News Writer

Although Notre Dame is a predominantly Catholic university, students of other religions are active in forming groups and communities to worship and share their experiences. One such group is Notre Dame’s Muslim Student Association (MSA).

According to Akmal Niyazmatov, the club’s current president, of the approximately 40 Muslim students attending Notre Dame, about 25 are active club members. The MSA serves as mentors to local Muslim youth and gathers to celebrate religious and cultural holidays. MSA club members are also active at a local mosque, the Islamic Society of Michiana (ISM) mosque, and are currently planning a book drive that will benefit the ISM mosque’s new library. They hope to collect at least 50 books.

Niyazmatov, a law student at Notre Dame, said the MSA has never experienced problems with running the club or staging activities, despite their status as a religious minority on campus.

“I can’t think of any occasion where the MSA had difficulty functioning as a Muslim student club at Notre Dame.”

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such as the enhancement of the prayer room in the Coleman-Morse Center. It now better suits Muslim needs and includes a special section where Muslim students can take ablutions before they pray.

He also said Fr. Theodore Hesburgh, University president emeritus, often attends MSA events and has told the club they are welcome and appreciated on campus.

“Fr. Hesburgh is a frequent guest at many MSA activities,” Niyazmatov said. “He always emphasizes that Notre Dame welcomes us and is ready to work with us to accommodate us in the best possible manner.”

The MSA also has high hopes for dialogue and interaction between Muslim and non-Muslim students, particularly with regards to coming together to find solutions to today’s major issues.

“I think we can learn a lot of things from each other,” Niyazmatov said. “We should focus on differences between us. There are countless common grounds that bring us all together that can serve as a valuable point of convergence to start working on pressing global problems.”

The MSA has several events coming up, including speaking engagements at Culver Academy, a private school approximately an hour away from South Bend, and an Islam Awareness Day that is still in the planning stages.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Mexico starts planting GM corn

MEXICO CITY — Capping a decade-long battle, Mexican companies in Mexico have begun the first legal plantings of genetically modified corn, the Agriculture Department said Wednesday.

Environmentalists and farm groups announced an appeal with the Inter-American Human Rights Commission, arguing the government has been unwilling or unable to halt the illegal spread of GM crops in Mexico, the birthplace of corn.

They say the government shouldn’t authorize legal plantings until it investigates contamination from past, illicit biotech plantings.

Sculpture sells for record $104m in UK

LONDON — A life-size bronze sculpture of a man by Alberto Giacometti was sold WEDNESDAY at a London auction for 65 million pounds ($104.3 million) — a world record for the most expensive work of art ever sold at auction, Sotheby’s auction house said.

It took just eight minutes of furious bidding for more than 10 bidders to reach the hammer price for “L’Homme Qui Marche I” (Walking Man I), which opened at 12 million pounds, Sotheby’s said.

The sculpture by the 20th century Swiss artist, considered an iconic Giacometti work as well as one of the most recognizable images of modern art, was sold to an anonymous bidder by telephone, the auction house said.

LOCAL NEWS

Dallas-Seattle flight diverted to OKC

The Dallas-Seattle flight diverted from Dallas to Seattle was diverted to Oklahoma City and landed without incident Wednesday afternoon after passengers heard “a kind of a bang” and the plane lost cabin pressure, according to a passenger.

Flight 621 had just reached its 30,000-foot cruising altitude and was about 70 miles north of Corpus Christi, Texas, when the incident began, said Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Lynne Lunsford in Fort Worth, Texas. The plane landed at Will Rogers World Airport shortly after 11:30 a.m.

No injuries were reported. The plane suffered a mechanical issue and the incident was under investigation, according to an administration official in Washington, D.C., who spoke on condition of anonymity because the official was not authorized to speak publicly.

NM gov. wants vote on domestic partners

SANTA FE, N.M. — New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson is pushing for a vote by all state senators on a proposal to allow domestic partnerships.

Richardson said Wednesday he doesn’t want the bill to get bottled up in a Senate committee this session. The bill has cleared one committee but needs to get through two more to reach the Senate floor.

Richardson said at a news conference that all senators should have a chance to vote because domestic partnerships represent an important civil rights issue. The Senate rejected the measure last year.

Australia

Minister blocks suspicious shipments to Iran

SYDNEY — Australia recently blocked several export shipments to Iran because of concern the cargoes may have been destined for Tehran’s nuclear weapons programs, Prime Minister Kevin Rudd said Thursday.

The bans were ordered by the defense minister to avert the risk of providing material that could be used in weapons of mass destruction.

“In the case of Iran, the defense minister has on a number of occasions — I’m advised three — exercised his power under the act and has done so entirely appropriately,” Rudd told Australian Broadcasting Corp. radio.

Rudd declined to say what the material in the shipments was, or give details about when they were blocked.

The Australian newspaper first reported the blocked shipments and said one of them was understood to include pumps that could have been used to cool nuclear power plants.

The report said there were up to three other shipments — one more than Rudd mentioned — but that no details were known about them.

Australia has imposed various trade sanctions on Iran as part of U.N. efforts to persuade the Middle East country to end its nuclear programs.

Rudd said that Iran’s nuclear ambitions posed a threat to global peace and international pressure must continue to convince Tehran to abandon them.

“If you look at the status of Iran’s nuclear weapons program and their consistent thumbing of the nose to the International Atomic Energy Agency, the international community is more broadly and the continuation of their nuclear weapons program despite international condemnation, there are no alternatives other than to maintain a hard line,” he said.

WORLD & NATION

Compiled from the Observer’s wire services

Thursday, February 4, 2010

Glitches, delays plague border fence

Washington orders reassessment, looks to cut $189 million in funding from project

PHOENIX — An ambitious, $6.7 billion government project to create nearly the entire Mexican border with a “virtual fence” of cameras, sensors and radar is in jeopardy after a string of technical glitches and delays.

Having spent $672 million so far with little to show for it, Washington has ordered a reassessment of the whole idea. The outlook became gloomier this week when President Barack Obama proposed cutting $189 million from the venture.

Ultimately, the project could be scaled back dramatically, with the government installing virtual fences along a few segments of the nation’s 2,000-mile southern boundary but dropping plans for any further expansion, officials said.

“The worst that happens is that we have a system which gives us some value but we conclude that it’s not worth buying any more of it,” said Mark Borkowski, the government’s director of the project at U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

The first permanent segment of virtual fence — a 23-mile stretch near Sasabe, Ariz. — was supposed to be turned over to the Border Patrol by the main contractor, Boeing Co., for testing in January, but the handover has been delayed by glitches involving the video recording equipment.

The Bush administration launched the project in 2005 to help secure the border against illegal immigrants, drug smugglers and other intruders, which were viewed as another layer of protection, in addition to thousands of Border Patrol agents and 650 miles of real fences.

The system was supposed to let a small number of dispatchers watch the border on a computer monitor, zoom in with cameras to see people crossing, and decide whether to send Border Patrol agents to the scene. Although there are sensors, cameras and radar at many points along the border, they are not conditioned to cover large expanses.

Originally, the virtual fence was supposed to be completed by 2011, that date has slipped to 2014, largely because of technical problems.

Among other things, the radar system had trouble distinguishing between vegetation and people when it was windy. Also, the satellite communication system took too long to relay information from the ground to a command center. By the time an operator moved a camera to take a closer look at a spot, whatever had raised suspicion was gone.

The Homeland Security Department and Boeing said the early problems were fixed, but other glitches keep popping up. The latest: a software bug that causes video recording devices to lock on to the wrong cameras, hindering agents trying to collect evidence against illegal border-crossers.

The government is trying to negotiate a deal with Boeing to let the Border Patrol begin using the first permanent stretch of virtual fence at night while the contractor is still working on it. Otherwise, the Border Patrol might have to wait until late summer or fall to take control of the section.

In ordering a reassessment of the project on Jan. 8, Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano said that the delays were unacceptable and that the government needed to consider more efficient and economical options. She did not elaborate.

“Americans need border security now — not 10 years down the road,” Napolitano said.

As for the possibility of the project being scaled back by government officials, Tim Peters, a Boeing vice president, said, “They really need to come up with the right calculus, and we’ll support that answer and look to be their preferred contractor to build whatever portion of what that calculus is.”
Mass of Thanksgiving

TO HONOR THE ARRIVAL OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES TO THE DIOCESE OF FORT WAYNE/SOUTH BEND

Tuesday, February 9, 2010, 5:15 p.m.  Basilica of the Sacred Heart
Music to be provided by the Notre Dame Liturgical Choir

All are invited to a reception following the Mass in the Rotunda of the Main Building.
IN BRIEF

Yahoo sells HotJobs for $225m

WASHINGTON — Key Democrats and Republicans neared agreement Wednesday on plans to give businesses a tax break for hiring unemployed workers, a rare glimmer of bipartisan progress that could hand President Barack Obama a badly needed political victory.

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Senate passage would be a break-through for bipartisan work in a chamber that has been split sharply along party lines on many important votes. It would also put House Democrats on the spot to help Obama. Some House Democrats have been wary of the jobs tax credit because they doubt it would be effective and they question whether it would be open to fraud.

The Senate plan is modeled after a proposal by Democratic Sen. Chuck Schumer of New York and Republican Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah. It would save companies 6.2 percent of the new workers' salaries that are subject to Social Security taxes, and would cost about $11 billion over 10 years, according to updated estimates.

Boeing tests inside of new 787

Company hopes changes will add up to strong passenger demand for new planes

EVERETT, Wash. — Boeing Co. designers and marketers are betting that a lot of subtle changes in the interior of their new 787 jetliner will add up to strong passenger demand to fly on the plane.

Boeing Commercial Airlines Airplanes on Wednesday showed off the first 787 with a passenger cabin installed. The plane, the third 787 to be built, is among six that Boeing is using in its flight test program this year.

While the other aircraft will test flight characteristics and aircraft strength, this plane, scheduled to fly later this month, is dedicated to cabin features and safety “the passenger experience” as Boeing describes it. Everything from the ventilation system to the coffee pots, must be certified by the Federal Aviation Administration before 787s can go into passenger service.

Bigger windows that are dimmed electronically, mood lighting, more spacious lavatories and other features all were carefully chosen to please passengers, said Tom Galantowicz, the company’s director of 787 interiors.

Among the “very simple things,” he said, are more convenient latches on the larger overhead baggage bins.

The bins, which swing up and away, also allow more headroom. Lavatories have imitation tile floors and toilet seats that close electronically — no need to touch should they close electronically — said Derek Muncy, a flight test engineer. The initial 787-8 model will carry 210 to 250 passengers on routes of up to 9,400 miles, such as New York to Hong Kong. Aircraft comfort becomes more important as passengers travel longer distances.

Business passengers tend to chase the aircraft they like and will actively seek out those aircraft types, he said.

Boeing undertook an unprecedented global study of airline passengers to see what they liked, said Blake Emery, Boeing’s director of differentiation strategy. “We were looking for the deep psychological needs that people have when they’re inside an airplane,” he said.

The research, Emery said, found that people making their first flight were fascinated, while experienced, economy-class passengers said they wanted “no one in the seat next to them, and they slept all the way.”

The 787, with its high ceilings and more space just inside the doors, presents “an architectural welcome” for passengers who have just endured a cramped, crowded jetway, Emery said.

The cabin’s LED lights have a full range of colors, with airlines able to pick different lighting schemes during the flight, including a sky blue while boarding and “warm lighting” to make the food look better.

Cabin pressure is lower than in earlier aircraft, which should make people feel better during and after a flight, designers said.

Boeing officials say many of these features could be adopted in their other models, including the 737.

The test plane is sparsely equipped, with only economy-class seats and its midsection filled with nine racks of electronics and workstations for engineers. Orange test wires run throughout the cabin and several windows have been replaced with test instruments.

Besides making sure all the passenger comforts work, the jet will test cabin safety systems, including oxygen masks, evacuation slides and methods of fighting onboard fires, said Derek Muncy, a flight test engineer.

Kent Craver, Boeing Co’s regional director for passenger satisfaction and revenue, shows off the passenger cabin of the first Boeing 787 with the interior installed in Everett, Wash., Wednesday.

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An audience member asked the candidates how they plan to approach the issue of adding sexual orientation to the University’s non-discrimination policy. The Soler-Bell ticket and Noel-Corona ticket each said that including the clause would be a focus during their time in office.

“we can’t discriminate against anyone for who they are,” said Bell. “Soler’s ticket will take ‘tangible steps’ to see the addition to the clause continues to be pursued in student government.”

An audience question also asked the candidates to address how they would improve pep rallies.

As a former football player, Noel said he felt disconnected from the student body at pep rallies when the team was separated from the students.

“We want to have those pep rallies where the students are. Let’s take it together and he said ‘Those have intensity.’

Soler said her ticket also hopes to return to more student-oriented pep rallies.

“Our first order of business would be to sit down and talk with Game Day Operations, who runs the pep rallies and voice the dissatisfaction of student body,” Bell said. “The pep rallies at Irish Green just aren’t student friendly. We want to put the focus back on students.”

Elections for student body president and vice president will be held Monday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. If necessary, a run-off debate is scheduled for Feb. 10 and run-off election for Feb. 11.

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about possible internships, but was hoping to find one closer to his home in southern California.

“My parents work for Raytheon,” he said. “I would like to try to find a way to work in the company possibly.”

While many underclassmen that attended the Fair were focused on finding internships, other attendees at the Fair were more focused on finding jobs for after graduation. Senior KerriAnn Hopkins, a senior Economics and Finance major said she went to the Fair to speak with a specific company she knew was at the Fair about a job opportunity.

“I wanted to drop a resume with one company,” she said. “I don’t have any major expectations, but it was nice to have the chance to attend this event.”

Graduate students and MBA students also went to the Fair in hopes of finding career placement.

2010 MBA candidate Adrian Love said he spoke with six different companies at the event.

“I am looking for more full-time opportunities that are available for MBAs,” he said. In addition to looking for full time employment and summer internships, some students went to the Fair to reconnect with contacts they made at prior events.

Senior political science major Jason Soler said she went to the Fair to speak with a representative from a specific service organization.

“I met a representative at the Post Graduation Service Fair in the fall from the Mercy Home for Boys and Girls in Chicago,” she said.

Schulie said she had not yet applied for the program but she was meeting with the representative to check back in with her and ask some questions about the opportunity.

In order to prepare for the Fair, many students worked closely with the Career Center to refine their resumes and interviewing skills.

Love also utilized the Career Center’s resources.

“I spoke with a career advisor prior to attending the Fair,” he said.

The 2010 Winter Career and Internship Fair was the second employment fair Notre Dame hosted during the school year. The first took place in the fall, which was also well attended.

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Rodeo canceled due to budget cuts

McALESTER, Okla.—
Cowboys are the latest victims
of Oklahoma’s budget woes.
For the first time in nearly 70
years, Oklahoma’s annual
prison rodeo has been canceled
— hurting business owners,
disappointing tourists and
stealing the rodeo-riding
dreams from penitentiary-
bound participants.

Gone is the financial bonanza
generated from motel stays,
ticket sales and souvenirs.
“IT’s a tremendous loss,”
lamented Terry Crenshaw, a
warden’s assistant who grew
up four blocks from the prison
and used to ride to the rodeos
on his horse to obtain free
admission.

Without looking at a calen-
dar, the 18,000 residents here
know when it’s rodeo time at
the Oklahoma State
Penitentiary: Motels are booked
solid, restaurants bustle and
traffic along downtown’s main
drag slows to a crawl.
Up to 15,000 visitors typically
pour in — they came from 15
states last year — and foreign
documentary film crews and
freelance photographers are
commonplace as inmates test
their skills with amateurs and
professionals from beyond the
walls.

Inmates grow equally excited,
and are eager to strut their
stuff in front of their sweet-
hearts, some who traveled hun-
dreds of miles to see them. Out
of the 1,000 inmates at
McAlester, only about 100
make the show ring.
Even though the rodeo can
bring hundreds of thousands of
dollars to McAlester business-
es, the $120,000 or so needed
to stage the games was deemed
a luxury as Oklahoma struggles
with an expected 20 percent
drop in revenue. Already the
state has cut social programs
and a handful of agencies are
using furloughs to trim their
spending plans.

At the prison, rodeo overtime
alone cost $30,000 last year,
and preparing the arena on
the expansive prison grounds took
at least $25,000.

On Wednesday, Crenshaw
showed off the haggard rodeo
arena. The field was a soggy
mess, the blue paint on the
bleachers flaking. The lack of
maintenance was evident.

Inmate Nicholas Hand, a
skinny 28-year-old with tattoos
on one arm and a buzz haircut,
is in for selling marijuana, and
credits the four seconds he
spent on a bucking bull with
changing his life.
“I used to sell weed and do
tattoos, and now I’m looking
forward to jumping on a bull
and hanging on,” said Hand,
two weeks away from parole
and maybe a new career on the
professional riding circuit.

Some small businesses along
the main drag in town had yet
to find out that this August’s
rodeo was off.

Associated Press

The state penitentiary in McAlester, Okla., offers an annual inmate rodeo
in this arena. This year, the rodeo will not be offered due to budget cuts.
I cannot stand the cold. Whenever I announce this — in a furious, despondent tone, typically — I am reminded by my friends that I am the son of a northern climate — that I came of age in Minnesota. I am most of us, hoping each morning for the glory of a first snow. Some days I will not. I must. It is a daily outrage to walk outside and feel the cold wind against my face, fighting my every step, working its way inside my coat and clothes and even my very joints. The walk from Joyce Lot to Malloy Hall is, each and every morning, an argument to stay in bed. I do not say this to complain. But the truth is the cold has become, to me, more than an inconvenience. It is something to come to recognize — no, embody — the whole force of winter, its darkness and duration and lack of college football. More, the cold has come to embody my frustrations, my regrets, in the whistling of the winter wind is every hour I have ever wasted, every opportunity I have ever missed, every extra excuse I have ever made. The wind carries on its breath the remainder of our lives, even though — medicines of — middle term papers, of overbearing bosses, of tyrannical friends and lovers. It is the echo of struggle and failure, the chorus of all the girls who got away. It is the every extra malaise in my life, all rolled into one.

I do not say this to complain. I have, to a certain extent, come to embrace the cold — to welcome it as a challenge, to see in it the opportunity to prove myself against all those failures that haunt my dreams. Every morning, when I wake and walk outside and feel the cold wind against my face, it is as though I have been given a second chance — to write that paper the way it should have been written, to embrace what that city had to offer, to tell that girl that I really do care about her. But to get on that flight across the ocean. To be the son, friend, and lover that I should have been in the first place. Every morning, the cold wind whispers the promise that I can change it, that I can change all of it — that I can remake myself, if only I am strong enough to brave the South Bend winter. I have said that the cold has come to embody everything malvolent in my life. This is a metaphor, but only barely: there are times when, walking through the frozen air, I have come to almost convinced myself that this redeemptive possibility is more than delusion born of a narcissistic personality and Vitamin D deficiency — that, in looking winter in the eye, I really can make that qualifying time, really can find that courage to live. In the midst of those people back when it still mattered. That I can change all of these things, even though they are a decade past and more.

Obviously, this is absurd. The hard truth is that the winter wind does not hold the promise of redemption. The regrets that haunt my dreams cannot be obviated by courage found after the fact, no matter how monumental. This is done — and what undone, undone. I am what I have made myself. This is a harsh lesson, and accepting it takes real courage. But there is a lesson yet harder. I am what I have made myself, but I have made myself what I am because of what I was. Regret is a deeply human thing — because regret is easy; how different- ly I would act, I told the indifferent night, if only I had it all to do over again? But I really had it all to do over again — if I were really back there, burdened by the same responsibilities, the same promises, the same hopes and fears — I would do it all exactly the same.

There are some philosophers who suggest that this realization makes regret easier to bear. I cannot for the life of me see how that could be. But it is, at any rate, the real lesson of winter.

It is easy to be happy in the summer — to race beneath the hot sun up the steps of the art museum, to reach the summit and pump both fists into the air. To race ahead of the past and face its tireless regrets — to forget them, and live in the warm light of the present. But winter always comes again. To fight the cold on its own terms — to stare regret in the face, unblinkingly and nonetheless to go on living — would be something like enlightenment. Winter offers it, if only I can find the strength to take it.

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During the lovely month of February in South Bend, those of us who don’t have access to a condo in Florida and want to get there can frequently find ourselves falling into a rut. Sleep, study, eat, repeat. Try to stay warm. Look for occasional sunshine. Those of us who live on campus would add the following to this rou-
tine: Skovel, Hack at ice. Repeat. I shouldn’t whine about South Bend, it’s too easy a target, and besides, you can grind through the weather. In this Sunday’s gospel, Simon Peter has perhaps fallen into a rut of his own – and he fished each day on the beautiful Lake of Gennesaret in the greenest part of the Son’s life. He was certainly convinced that all was well in all of Israel. He may not have even noticed how pretty it was anymore. Fish, clean nets, sleep, repeat. Then, of course, Jesus came along to shake things up a bit. A colleague of mine with whom I worked years ago in Brooklyn, New York, played softball on one of the many very competi-
tive teams organized inside and out-
side the horizons of New York City. He played center field and would always, always run in to try and catch a ball on the fly rather than hang back and play it on the bounce, even if he had to dive for it, even if his odds of actually catching it were small, even if it could end up carvenging over his head. When I asked if he found this strategy a little risky, he would always respond, “You gotta dare to be great.” Today, you can find that motivational phrase, and variations of it, on coffee mugs, t-shirts, key chains and web sites: “Dare to be yourself.” “Dare to do as many things as you dream of.” “Never be afraid to dare.” “Dare to err and to dream.” So, why not something more humble? “Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch.” If it doesn’t grab you, that’s all right, it didn’t do much for Simon Peter either. He protested he could. “Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower your nets.” Simon’s response, the first-cen-
tury version of “whatever,” indicates that he’s not out to be great, he’s not experi-
encing the thrill of risk-taking, he’s not ready to step out of his comfortable habits. While his response might have been based on both these characteristics, neither has any affect on the ability of the person in question to “pursue the good, the true, and the beautiful.” If chastity is the aim, is this not equal-
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The ghost of the Gipper is not alone in the depths of Washington Hall. He’s got some company from the people churning out programming for NDtv, Notre Dame’s student-run television channel.

For 24 hours a day on Channel 53, NDtv broadcasts original programming produced by Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s and Holy Cross students. As executive director, Notre Dame senior Nick Andert is in charge of a staff that includes writers, anchors, camera operators, producers and editors. The group had a variety of majors.

The organization has come a long way since it started out in 2002. “Our first show was on the local PBS station. It was called ‘New Dimension Television’ because we weren’t allowed to say ‘NDtv.’” Andert said.

“I was the guy who started it because he thought that Notre Dame should have a TV channel covering every other respectable college does. They petitioned to be a club, the University said it was cool, we became Notre Dame Television,” Andert explained.

In 2006, Andert’s freshman year, NDtv got on campus cable and moved to new offices and a studio in the northeast corner of Washington Hall. But with a 24-hour channel, it was difficult at first to fill all that time.

“It was harder four years ago. When I was a freshman, we only had three shows running. We had ‘News,’ ‘Late Night’ and were just starting a movie-review show called ‘The Final Cut.’ We didn’t have a whole lot of back episodes because we really only had two shows. So we aired a lot of repeats of the same stuff, which could get old after a while. But last semester we had 11 shows, which is unprecedented,” Andert said.

“We have hundreds of back episodes now. We actually have enough material to program a pretty diverse week of television.”

Andert said NDtv has also benefitted from its reclassification as an organization under SAO, which comes with a hard-line budget that allows the station more flexibility in choosing projects to develop.

“We tried to get it to a point where we’re really stable. We’re getting more and more of what we need every year to be able to fuel the number of people who want to make stuff for NDtv.”

Andert said. He hopes the progress only continues.

“One of our main goals is to expand our programming and get people involved. We definitely are always trying to get more viewship. We try to market ourselves more, and we’re always trying to push the quality of our stuff, too. It’s always difficult when you’re working with students who have classes and deadlines and other stuff to do, but people put in a lot of really hard work.”

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Dueling Pianos, 10 p.m. 
Dueling Pianos is a national sensation and a campus favorite. It involves two talented piano players who, on their baby grand pianos, take requests and entertain the audience in a high-energy performance. Audience members can expect a mix of top-40 hits, oldies, dance music and novelty songs. Extra points to anyone who can stump these piano wizards; they each claim to know thousands of songs! Dueling Pianos returns to Legends on Friday night at 10 p.m. and as usual, there is no cover charge. Also don’t forget to stick around afterward for the Black Light Party with free glow sticks included.

Laura Izibor & Legends, 10 p.m. 
Legends is excited to present Laura Izibor at 10 p.m. on Saturday night. An Irish R&B singer, Izibor has made it onto the R&B scene with her single “Shine.” Featured on the soundtrack of the “Nanny Diaries,” Raised in Dublin, Ireland, Izibor discovered her love of music at an early age. At 17, she signed her first record deal and has been making music ever since. Influenced by James Brown, Aretha Franklin, and Carol King, Izibor has a smooth R&B style. She has opened for such acts as Estelle and John Legend on tour. Her first album, “Let the Truth Be Told,” was released in May of 2009.

Simon Boccanegra @ DPAC, 1 p.m. 
Starting Place Children’s Theatre presents the Verdi’s gripping opera “Simon Boccanegra” as part of the Metropolitan Opera. It tells the story of Boccanegra, an aspiring Genoese politician. Having fallen in love with the daughter of Genoese noble man, Boccanegra agrees to run for office, hoping that upon winning he will be permitted to marry his love, with whom he already has a daughter, Maria. Boccanegra begs for permission to marry her, but is forced to surrender Maria to her grandfather in payment. It is then that Boccanegra realizes that Maria has gone missing. What follows is a twisted tale of political cunning and deception. Tickets are $15 for students.

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By STEPHANIE WALZ 
Scene Writer

The pink and red posters on the bulletin boards around campus indicate that it’s that time of year again for the dancers of Notre Dame to come together for the largest dance show on campus.

DanceFest, sponsored by Welsh Family Hall, features dancers that represent each of the dance performing groups on campus in one all-encompassing event.

The performers have been preparing since last semester for the program, titled “Bad Romance,” which will take place this Friday and Saturday, February 5 and 6 at 7 p.m. From elegant ballet folklorico to toe-tapping swing dancing to percussive stepping, the show offers something for everyone and gives viewers a taste of many different genres of dance.

Performers from nearly ten different groups give new meaning to community service as they will dance for a cause on the Washington Hall main stage to raise money for a local charity. Money made from ticket sales (tickets will be sold at the door for $5) will go directly to the Robinson Community Learning Center, which fosters relationships building and education among South Bend’s youth. The dance festival supports the community center’s arts program by donating money to the RCLC’s Shakespeare Company, which allows students to study Shakespeare’s famous works.

“Bad Romance” features routines from the Notre Dame Dance Company, Notre Dame Pomp Squad, Ballet Folklorico, Troop ND, Irish Dance Team, Ballroom Dance Club, ND Swing Club, First Class Steppers and the DanceFest Dancers. Each of the dancers look forward to DanceFest from the start of the school year not only because they enjoy being on stage to show off their talents, but because it brings out a different side of their personalities.

Sophomore Kathleen Rijojas, one of the featured DanceFest Dancers said the event gives her a chance to express herself. “I do this because it’s a different side of me. It’s like an alter ego: normal student by day, dancer by night,” she said. “I enjoy working with other people that strive to be the best dancer possible simply because it’s a passion. You can really see that when we get on stage.” DanceFest gives students a chance to show off their talents, and is expected to be an entertaining show for all involved. No matter what type of dance tickles your fancy, DanceFest has something for everyone — good music and energetic moves.

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making less money than their counterparts in other bargaining agreements. If concessions aren’t made after the 2011 season without a salary cap, Bisciotti hinted the NFL owners may be asking for even more, possibly in the unenviable position of having to make a decision that could result in the league going out of business.

Baltimore Ravens owner Steve Bisciotti said Wednesday that the club is “doing well financially” and will be allowed to spend upwards of $100 million on the roster that doesn’t mean a team can’t address that.”

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The Observer accepts classifieds every business day from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the North Dallas office.

Ozzie Newsome is eager to work within the system to enhance their wide receivers and fortify their pass rush. But that’s just what the Ravens have planned. The Baltimore Ravens are put on 31 other teams’ radar, too. Newsome said, “We've got to be better than the other 31 clubs in order to make our football team under these circumstances. I look at it as a challenge. It puts the pressure on us to dig deep into our system. The Ravens won 9-7 this season and reached the second round of the playoffs, the first time since 2002 they had avoided elimination by Indianapolis. Bisciotti said the Super Bowl victory over the New England Patriots last season, quarterback Joe Flacco will be the key to success in 2011. FLACCE's ability to excel could be helped by new quarterback Joe Flacco will be the key to success in 2011. Flacco's ability to excel could be helped by new quarterback Joe Flacco will be the key to success in 2011. Flacco's ability to excel could be helped by new quarterback Joe Flacco will be the key to success in 2011. Flacco's ability to excel could be helped by new quarterback Joe Flacco will be the key to success in 2011. Flacco's ability to excel could be helped by new quarterback Joe Flacco will be the key to success in 2011. Flacco's ability to excel could be helped by new quarterback Joe Flacco will be the key to success in 2011. Flacco's ability to excel could be helped by new quarterback Joe Flacco will be the key to success in 2011. Flacco's ability to excel could be helped by new quarterback Joe Flacco will be the key to success in 2011. Flacco's ability to excel could be helped by new quarterback Joe Flacco will be the key to success in 2011. Flacco's ability to excel could be helped by new quarterback Joe Flacco will be the key to success in 2011. Flacco's ability to excel could be helped by new quarterback Joe Flacco will be the key to success in 2011. Flacco's ability to excel could be helped by new quarterback Joe Flacco will be the key to success in 2011. Flacco's ability to excel could be helped by new quarterback Joe Flacco will be the key to success in 2011. Flacco's ability to excel could be helped by new quarterback Joe Flacco will be the key to success in 2011. Flacco's ability to excel could be helped by new quarterback Joe Flacco will be the key to success in 2011. Flacco's ability to excel could be helped by new quarterback Joe Flacco will be the key to success in 2011. Flacco's ability to excel could be helped by new quarterback Joe Flacco will be the key to success in 2011. Flacco's ability to excel could be helped by new quarterback Joe Flacco will be the key to success in 2011. Flacco's ability to excel could be helped by new quarterback Joe Flacco will be the key to success in 2011. Flacco's ability to excel could be helped by new quarterback Joe Flacco will be the key to success in 2011. Flacco's ability to excel could be helped by new quarterback Joe Flacco will be the key to success in 2011. Flacco's ability to excel could be helped by new quarterback Joe Flacco will be the key to success in 2011. Flacco's ability to excel could be helped by new quarterback Joe Flacco will be the key to success in 2011. Flacco's ability to excel could be helped by new quarterback Joe Flacco will be the key to success in 2011. Flacco's ability to excel could be helped by new quarterback Joe Flacco will be the key to success in 2011. Flacco's ability to excel could be helped by new quarterback Joe Flacco will be the key to success in 2011. Flacco's ability to excel could be helped by new quarterback Joe Flacco will be the key to success in 2011. Flacco's ability to excel could be helped by new quarterback Joe Flacco will be the key to success in 2011. Flacco's ability to excel could be helped by new quarterback Joe Flacco will be the key to success in 2011. Flacco's ability to excel could be helped by ne...
Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning throws a pass during the AFC Championship game against the New York Jets. The Colts are now preparing for the Super Bowl against the New Orleans Saints Sun., Feb. 7.

Super Bowl expected to have plenty of passing

Associated Press

MIAMI — In the 1973 Super Bowl, Bob Griese threw a grand total of 11 passes to help the Miami Dolphins complete the NFL’s only perfect season.

The sport was more wide open a generation later, when winning quarterback Troy Aikman tossed 23 passes in the 1996 championship game for the Dallas Cowboys. The Baltimore Ravens allowed Trent Dilfer to throw a whopping 25 times when they won the league title in 2000.

Peyton Manning and Drew Brees may surpass those numbers before halftime in Sunday’s Super Bowl between the Indianapolis Colts and the New Orleans Saints, because passing wins like never before.

Every 12-year-old fan can recite the NFL’s common coaching mantra: Run the ball, control the clock and play good defense. But that timeless model for winning championships may be headed the way of leather helmets.

“The game has changed,” former Pittsburgh Steelers coach Bill Cowher says. “It’s catered to throwing.”

Brees and Brees do it better than anyone else, which is a big reason their teams are in the title game. Brees set an NFL record with his completion percentage of 70.6, and Manning was second at 33. Brees passed this year, there will be more passing next year.

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The Columbus Blue Jackets fire coach Ken Hitchcock.

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The Blue Jackets play their next game at home against Dallas on Thursday night.

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NFL

Knee surgery keeps New Orleans guard out of game

Pavin announces new assistants for Ryder Cup

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The Colts will play for the title despite ranking a distant 32nd and last in rushing. The Arizona Cardinals also ranked last a year ago when they reached the Super Bowl.

No team had previously achieved that dubious feat, according to STATS LLC.

So what happened to the notion of keeping the ball on the ground to win?

“That day has gone,” says NFL draft consultant Gil Brandt, who has worked in the league since the 1960s. “If you get 10 carries as a running back now, that’s good. And whatever amount teams passed this year, there will be more passing next year.”

Pavins announces new assistants for Ryder Cup

LOS ANGELES — U.S. captain Corey Pavin announced four assistants for the Ryder Cup on Wednesday, including two players who have never competed in the matches against Europe.

Pavin said he had selected Tom Lehman, Davis Love III, Jeff Sluman and Paul Goydos.

About the only assistant not considered a surprise was Lehman, one of Pavin’s closest friends. Lehman was the Ryder Cup captain in Ireland in 2006 and chose Pavin as one of his assistants.

The big surprise was Goydos, although the announcement brought a thumbs-up from Phil Mickelson.

“That’ll be cool,” Mickelson said.

Goydos, who has only Ryder Cup experience has been watching on TV.

Even so, he is among the most popular PGA Tour players in the locker room because of his dry wit and honest opinions.
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NFL

Lefty bends on wedge use

LOS ANGELES — Phil Mickelson won’t be using the Ping Eye2 wedge that led a fellow player to accuse him of “cheating,” even though he hopes others will take advantage of the controversial club to keep attacking him, just that he calls a “ridiculous rule.”

“I won’t be playing that wedge — or whatever you call it — because I didn’t make it,” Mickelson said Wednesday on the eve of his two-time title defense at Riviera. “But if these governing bodies can’t get together to fix this loophole, if players stop using this wedge — which would be at the pressure of the issue — then I will relook at it and put the wedge back in play.”

The Ping wedge has grooves that no longer conform under a new USGA regulation, adopted by the PGA Tour. However, any Ping wedge made before April 1, 1996, is approved for play until a legal settlement from two decades ago is made.

Mickelson is among five players who have used the Ping wedge in competition this year.

Several players believe using the club goes against the spirit of the new grooves regulation, although Scott McCarron fueled the debate when he said of Mickelson and others, “it’s cheating.”

A Ping Eye2 wedge — which would stop groove action after saying he was “publicly slandered.” He said Mickelson offered him a sincere apology on Tuesday night, when he accepted.

“We all make mistakes, and we all say things we wish we could take back,” Mickelson said. “I’ve done it a bunch in my career. And the fact that it’s also not easy to come up and face that person, look them in the eye and apologize, appreciate him being a big enough guy to do that.”

Instead, Mickelson vented his anger at the USGA and its lack of transparency in developing the new rules for grooves. He has complained that his submitted wedges that fit the guidelines, only for the USGA to reject the club for violating the intent of the new rule.

“I’ve been upset with the way the rule came about, the way one man essentially can approve or not approve a golf club based on his own personal decision, regardless of what the rule says,” Mickelson said. “This has got to change.”

The next step remains murky.

PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem met with players on Tuesday night and conceded that tour officials did not realize a Ping wedge from 25 years ago would become such a big issue.

Finchem said the Ping Eye2 wedge produces spin at about 60 percent of the rate from last year’s wedges, but about 10 percent more than wedges approved for competition this year.

“There’s no pressure among these organizations to make changes, I will immediately put the club back in play,” Mickelson said.

On the other option is to work out an agreement with Ping chairman and CEO John Solheim. He said Solheim will meet with the USGA over the next few weeks, and “I can only hope progress is made in that regard.”

Ping plays the biggest role in any solution because of its lawsuits against the USGA and PGA Tour over square grooves.

Finchem said the third option involved a complicat- rated process in which the tour’s independent commit- tee on equipment tries to establish a local rule. He called that a “cumbersome process.”

Any solution could be weeks, if not months, away. The only resolution, Mickelson said he would not use the wedge at the Northern Trust Open, even though he’s hopeful otherwise.

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Babcock ready to win gold for Team Canada

Associated Press

DETROIT — Mike Babcock relishes the chance to coach Team Canada.

Pressure?

Please.

Babcock’s every move from behind the bench at the Vancouver Olympics will be dissected and debated in the hockey-crazed country. If the Canadians win gold in front of their fans, he’ll enjoy a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

If not, he’ll never be able to forget it.

Babcock said it was “absolutely devastating” when Anaheim lost Game 7 of the 2003 Stanley Cup finals — in his first season as an NHL head coach — but that disappointment would likely be trumped by failing short at the end of the month.

Babcock’s piercing eyes don’t blink and sharp tongue isn’t stunted, though, when pressed about his emotions as he approaches what might be the defining moment of his stellar career.

“It’s the biggest honor anyone coaching hockey could have. It’s the ultimate,” Babcock said. “I’m sure Ron Wilson coaching the U.S. feels the same way about it, but hockey is a religion in Canada and it’s the NHL sport. That’s what makes it so exciting.

“Being the best hockey nation in the world means a lot to Canada.”

Babcock seems about as prepared and qualified as possible for the job.

He helped the Detroit Red Wings hoist the Stanley Cup in 2008 and was a win away from repeating last year. He won more games in the playoffs (58) and regular season (282) than any other NHL coach in his first six seasons. Scotty Bowman, Glen Sather, Fred Shero and Babcock are the only coaches in the expansion era that started four decades ago to coach in three or more Stanley Cup finals in their first six seasons.

The Red Wings hired him after away from the Ducks after he climbed the coaching ladder with Cincinnati in the AHL, Spokane and Moose Jaw in the WHL, the University of Lethbridge Pronghorns and Red Deer College.

Babcock also paid his dues for Hockey Canada, becoming the country’s first coach to win a world championship (2004) and world junior championship (1997).

“He has a great track record as a proven winner,” said Hockey Canada executive director Steve Yzerman, who picked Babcock to coach the team he assembled.

Babcock’s duties in Vancouver will include being the face and voice for his team. The 46-year-old Babcock can handle a sea of reporters and TV cameras with ease by delivering stern messages in one breath and regaling the media with stories the next.

“He’ll be perfectly comfortable on and off the ice because he enjoys coaching and everything about it,” Yzerman said. “He’s a strong leader.”

Very strong.

During a relatively casual orientation camp last August in Calgary, Babcock’s style came across as clear as a Canadian lake.

Several of Babcock’s players were asked a couple weeks before the Vancouver Games begin for their impressions of him and almost all of them said “intense” within the first few words.

“He’s very intense, very serious, obviously,” San Jose Sharks forward Dany Heatley said. “He expects a lot out of you. I had him before in a world championship in ’04. I know him a little bit from there. He’s very organized and knows what he wants you to do and expects a lot out of you.”

Babcock makes no bones about being brash at times.

“No. Am I too harsh sometimes? Maybe,” Babcock once said in an interview with The Associated Press. “But players will always know where they stand with me and what pleases me because I’ll let them know, and I don’t play games.”

Babcock will have only one day to run a practice with his team before it plays Norway on Feb. 16 in the preliminary round. If the Canadians aren’t skating hard or don’t look focused — even if it’s a morning skate — they’ll hear about it.

“He’s very vocal,” Dallas stars forward Brenden Morrow said.

Morrow pressed against Babcock when he was coaching Spokane, was one of his players at the world championships and is on his 23-man roster in Vancouver.

“He’s a great motivator,” Morrow said. “He wants a lot of tempo and energy. For a quick tournament like that, trying to get guys together, he’s the right guy for the job.

FORMULA ONE

Schumacher lukewarm on Mercedes F1 chassis

Associated Press

VALENCIA, Spain — Michael Schumacher expects the Mercedes GP car to be “competitive” this season but isn’t sure if the team can win the Formula One championship.

Schumacher will be aiming for an eighth Formula One title.

Schumacher was pleased with his first full day of driving a competitive F1 car on Wednesday, saying it was “running very smoothly, very nice, I’m looking very positive into the season.”

But he didn’t sound bowled over in his return after a three-year retirement.

“We will be competitive, but whether it’s right away a winning car or not that’s another story,” Schumacher said. “I wouldn’t expect to be winning right from the beginning, it wasn’t something I was aiming for and expecting to be the case. But we need to be strong enough in the development.”

The 41-year-old German drove 82 laps to close the pre-season’s first testing session before a hydraulic leak forced him off with the third-fastest lap time. It was nearly one second slower than pace-setter Fernando Alonso of Ferrari.

Schumacher said improvements are needed because he considers his former Ferrari team a potential front-runner.

“We need to be there, we need to take good points at the beginning,” Schumacher said.

Schumacher and most of the F1 teams will head to the next test session from Feb. 10-13 in Jerez, Spain.

“The main focus now is to look at the reliability, to do as many laps as we can and not worry too much for the lap times,” Schumacher said.

“Yes, you look at (the lap times) but you need to pinpoint and focus on main, important (things).”

He did find it easier than expected to return as he pairs again with team principal Ross Brawn, who was instrumental in each of his seven previous championships. Brawn GP won both drivers and constructors’ titles last season before being bought by Mercedes.

“Much easier than I expected it to,” Schumacher said of adapting to an F1 car. “I thought it needed more time, but it went pretty quickly.”
Big Easy preparing for Super Bowl Sunday

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Mardi Gras falls on a Sunday this year. The city of the Saints is filling up with ex-New Orleanians and others ahead of the Super Bowl, many looking to cast off a legacy of football futility and natural disaster — others just looking to party down in one of the world’s greatest party towns.

“We’re gearing up for Sunday just like Mardi Gras day,” said Earl Bernhardt, a bar owner in the French Quarter. “We’re staffing just like we do for Mardi Gras, and if the Saints win, we won’t close at all. We’ll stay open as long as people are standing.”

After 43 years in existence, the Saints will make their Super Bowl debut in Miami if the Saints make the big game.

“People are booking the entire weekend for the hotels in downtown New Orleans,” said Roman. “We did a survey and hotels are running about 90 percent full in the week, and that jumps to 95 percent on Sunday. People are definitely coming to New Orleans for Super Bowl.”

Sorry, Colts fans, but it’s a different story up north.

“We’re gears up for Sunday for the Indianapolis Convention & Visitors Association, said there was no noticeable jump in hotel occupancy there for the weekend. She noted, however, that one hotel had set aside 44 rooms at the special rate of $144 in honor of the 44th Super Bowl. If Indianapolis wins, she said, the rooms will be free for those staying in them.

At New Orleans’ Roosevelt Hotel, an upscale hotel where suites start at $259 a night and go up, marketing director Mark Wilson said they are seeing a “huge surge” of people who want to celebrate the Super Bowl in New Orleans.

“Let’s face it, not everybody can get a ticket to the game,” Wilson said. “And a lot of people seem to think being in New Orleans is a good alternative.”

The Roosevelt is about 80 percent booked, which is 10 percent over the average in the French Quarter this season. “This is turning into a very big weekend for the hotels in downtown New Orleans and the French Quarter,” said Roman. “We did a survey and hotels are running about 90 percent full late in the week, and that jumps to 95 percent on Sunday. People are definitely coming to New Orleans for Super Bowl.”

Some are probably just looking for a party. But a lot of former residents, I think. People in New Orleans have looked for this day a long time and now they want to be here for it.”

Police will increase their coverage in the French Quarter this weekend, adding approximately 600 officers, police spokesman Bob Young said. That’s about the number the city would deploy if New Orleans were hosting the game.

Rick Watson, and his wife, Katherine, are among the natives coming back.

Now residents of North Carolina, 35-year-old Watson said it took them a long time to believe the Saints had really made the big game, but not much time to decide who to watch it.

“When something big happens, you go home, and this is big,” Watson said. “Besides, where would you rather be if the Saints win, the French Quarter or Miami? Even if they lose you want to be in New Orleans.”

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“We pity anybody who needs something done in New Orleans these days. We can’t concentrate on anything but the game.”

Steve Sabrier
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We hope to see you in our Class of 2014.
Rondo leads Pierce-less Celtics past Wade, Heat

Johnson and Crawford combine for 56 points to lead Hawks in comeback to top Clippers, team improves to 20-5 in Atlanta

Associated Press

Even without Paul Pierce, the Boston Celtics had too much for Dwyane Wade and the Miami Heat.

Rajon Rondo had 22 points and 14 assists, Kevin Garnett had a season-high nine assists, and Tony Allen made a key steal in the final minute to help the Celtics beat the Heat 107-102 on Wednesday night.

Wade watched from the bench in street clothes after spraining his left foot Monday night. Garnett played in just his seventh game after missing 10 because of a knee injury. And backup guard Marquis Daniels missed his 27th straight game with a thumb injury that required surgery.

“It plays with the rhythm of your team,” Garnett said. “For the most part, we haven’t even been at full strength.”

Allen started in place of Pierce, Boston’s leading scorer, and stripped the ball from Wade near the Miami free-throw line with 37 seconds left. He was fouled and made both shots for a 53-51 halftime lead.

Wade had the Heat one last chance when his 3-pointer cut Boston’s lead to 105-102 with 7 seconds left, but Ray Allen secured the win with just two free throws with 4.9 seconds to go.

Miami dropped below .500 at 12-16 after the opener of a four-game road trip. Their stretch they got to the line a combined 34 times, fewest in the league this year.

Horford and Johnson combined for 24 points and hit 10 of 11 free-throw attempts in the fourth quarter. They cut the lead to 3 going into the fourth. Going down the stretch they got to the line a lot and made a lot of free-throws.”

“They were the more aggressive team in the second half,” Davis said. “They started making shots, which helped them get confidence. A good sign like this is hard to contain when they start knocking down shots.”

Crawford’s free throw.

“We can’t afford to have a setdown,” Johnson said.

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it was hard fought. But instead of dwelling on the loss, the team is trying to grow from it. The girls know they have to focus on a couple of specific things to improve.
"As a whole, we'll be working on doubles," Mathews said. "Each person has individual things they're going to focus on.
In the end, the girls may be thanking the Tar Heels for giving them a wake-up call for the rest of the season. "I definitely think that if we get a chance to play them later in the season we could get a different result," Mathews said.

In the meantime, Notre Dame will focus its attention on the matches this weekend as the team travels to Kansas City with a new focus and intensity.

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an opportunity to reach their full potential for the rest of the year.
There is a lot of room for improvement, but we still know what we need to work on in practice," Mathews said. "We want to peak for NCAs.
The match against North Carolina was as motivating as each other a little bit. Maybe me and Tony need to try to get together and get the guys together and have a heart-to-heart talk with the team.
Whatever they say, the team knows firsthand how tough C i n c i n n a t i plays. The Bears out-rebounded the Irish 30-31 the last time they met.
"We need to concentrate on boxing out," Nash said. "I need to make sure we have our body on everyone."
Sophomore forward Yancy Gates, at 6-foot-9 and 260 pounds, leads the Bears in rebounding with 6.7 per game. He also averages 10.5 points per game. Freshman forward Lance Stephenson leads the team in scoring, averaging 12.2 points per game.

Notre Dame is 3-1 in Purcell Pavilion in conference play, the only loss coming against a Syracuse team now ranked No. 3 in the country. Harangody continues to lead the Big East in scoring with 24.2 points per game.

Considering the outcome of the last game against Cincinnati, the players say they're looking forward to the game, physically and all.
"We know we have to get tougher," Harangody said. "Cincinnati banged us around a little bit down there. I'm really looking forward to this game Thursday." Nash said the physicality, while extreme due to the athleticism of the Bears, was nothing new, and he wanted revenge against them.

We're going to come in here Thursday and try to beat Cincinnati because we kind of owe them from losing down there at Cincinnati," he said.
"We let that one slip away kind of and it left a sour taste in our mouth.
They're tough," Nash said. "It's going to be gritty. It's going to be a little war out there. That's the Big East, that's what we signed up for."
defensive ability as well as soft hands, and who we can be able to contribute early. In his final season Jones could be called upon to pass for 3,394 yards and 18 touchdowns.

As you know, Talier Jones, forward Andre Jones was of ways in Kelly’s offense. As a senior, Jones lined up both at wide receiver and in the backfield, scoring nine touchdowns off pass and five off the ground.

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LB Do Lo Wood, 5-11, 176, Apopka H.S., Apopka, Fla.

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FOOTBALL RECruITING

Class of 2014

ThRee qBs, ot James lead offensive recruits

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Associate Sports Editor

Four-star offensive tackle Matt James highlights the class of 11 offensive players in Brian Kelly’s first class with Notre Dame. The veteran coach will look to add these new weapons into his spread offensive system and replace the output of departed stars Jimmy Clausen and Golden Tate.

QB Andrew Hendrix, 6-2, 215, Moeller H.S., Cincinnati, Ohio
One of three quarterbacks signed in Brian Kelly’s first class at Notre Dame, Hendrix was ranked as the No. 11 quarterback in the Class of 2010. Hendrix has prototypical size for a quarterback and a cannon arm.

“He's got a very strong arm. I think what stands out about Andrew is that he’s only been a starter for a year and a half,” Kelly said. “He has not played a lot of football. His best football is clearly in front of him.”

He led Moeller to a 9-2 record in his senior season, throwing for 1,242 yards and registering 14 total touchdowns.

QB Luke Massa, 6-5, 205, St. Xavier H.S., Cincinnati, Ohio
A one-time commit to Kelly at Cincinnati, Massa followed the coach to Notre Dame. Massa led football powerhouse St. Xavier to a 9-3 record and passed for 1,300 yards and 16 touchdowns.

“He led a very, very good football team for three years as the starter. The offense changed on three occasions.”

QB Andrew Hendrix

First class shows Kelly’s potential

This is the best recruiting class of Brian Kelly’s 19-year head coaching career.

Of course, it should have been. He’d never had the opportunity to deliver the Notre Dame pitch until the past few weeks, and despite the team’s recent struggles, the University and the program still have an incredible package to offer high school football stars.

There are many ways to judge the merits of this group of 23 recruits. Some will consider the number of four-star commitments. Others will bemoan the two late de-commitments and the near-misses won’t have any impact on Notre Dame’s opening week game plan against Purdue. In truth, most of these 23 committed players won’t even be on the roster.

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But that is the only way to judge Kelly’s class today.

Defensive recruits will get chances early, often

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

And the defensive help has arrived.

Notre Dame brought in 11 defensive recruits Wednesday, some highly rated and others lightly recruited. But each one, Irish coach Brian Kelly said, fills a role on the team.

“Again, the fact that we’re looking for here at the University of Notre Dame,” Kelly said. “They’re going to be able to come in and represent us in the manner that we want them to do that.”

Here’s hoping they can tackle.

DB Chris Badger, 6-1, 192, Timberview H.S., Poteau, Okla.
Badger enrolled early to Notre Dame and is already on campus working out. He was a first-team all-state defensive back and led his team to four straight state titles. He made 77 tackles and had three interceptions in his senior season.

“I love his contact skills,” Kelly said.

Kelly said he likes how he can play off the hash mark and attack the ball in the air.

DB Spencer Boyd, 5-10, 175, Cape Coral H.S., Cape Coral, Fla.

Boyd also enrolled early. He played running back as well as defensive back in high school and rushed for 516 yards and live touchdowns his senior season. He was an all-district cornerback in 2009, when Cape Coral won the state title, but he missed the playoff games due to injury.

“Again, I like his physicality and ability to tackle in the open field.

Men’s Basketball

Physical play awaits Notre Dame

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

All Big East teams play tough and physical. But the Notre Dame players say Cincinnati may be the most physical in the conference.

“They might be among the most physical teams in the Big East right now so it’s nothing out of the ordinary,” senior forward Luke Harangody said of the Bearcats, who face the Irish at the Purcell Pavilion at the Joyce Center tonight.

The Bearcats (14-7, 5-4 Big East) are trending up right as the Irish are struggling. They have won three of their last four games, while Notre Dame (15-7, 4-5) has lost four of its last five. In the Big East, that’s hard to snap out of, but Jun-

ND Women’s Tennis

Home defeat helps Irish regain focus

By JOHN HELMS
Sports Writer

Coming into last weekend’s ITA Kickoff, Irish coach Jay Louderback said Irish would get their first glimpse of where they really stood among the nation’s best teams. After Notre Dame fell to No. 17 North Carolina Sunday, it found it still had some work to do to live up to its top-10 national ranking.

For the Irish, it was their first real test of the year. The team came into the match ranked No. 6 in the nation and undefeated. A week before the girls had easily defeated Iowa and Wisconsin, and a day before the defeat girls had handled Big East rival No. 46 DePaul. But North Carolina brought a new set of challenges.

“(The Tar Heels) were very intense, we gave them credit, and they came here with confidence,” sophomore Shannon Mathews said. “They came out and were ready to play.”

Notre Dame won four of six singles points and earned the doubles point by taking two and the third doubles. The two bright spots for Notre Dame were players Krist Frilling and Kali Krietsch, winning both at their singles positions and as a doubles pairing. Frilling is currently ranked 30th in the nation.

The rest of the girls are using this match as motivation and...