SMC professor serves as campaign manager

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
News Writer

Saint Mary's political science chair Patrick Pierce is making good on a 20-year-old promise this election year as he runs for the St. Joseph County Council. Pierce has served as a consultant to every Democrat running in St. Joseph County. His duties as a consultant primarily involve analyzing the results of surveys and providing advice on campaign strategy.

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As Caldwell's campaign manager, Pierce realized he would be taking a more active role, but it was a role that he was ready and willing to assume.

"We lived across the street from one another downtown. We've been close friends for almost 20 years. I feel a tremendous sense of obligation to Jim," Pierce said. "He's someone who is a very close friend and godfather to one of my daughters. He is someone who has given of himself to St. Joseph County in 1988.

"He was in his 20s. It was the first campaign for him too. He now sits on the County Council," said Pierce of his campaign with Niezgodski.

Faculty Senate

Senate calls for more power

By JASON McFARLEY
News Editor

With the backing of the University's top academic official, the Faculty Senate rushed passage Tuesday of a resolution to give the body more authority in order to restructure and reorganize the committee.

By ANDREW THAGARD
Assistant News Editor

The Graduate Student Union (GSU) has dropped a motion introduced in December to dismiss vice-president Ki Khor. Deshpande from his office.

"For the sake of the Graduate Student Union, and given the time frame for the stepping down process, the president of the organization has decided not to reconsider the motion of the vice-president dismissal," GSU president Gabriella Burgos said in a letter included in the organization's Council Agenda Packets.

Burgos introduced the motion in a closed December meeting, allegeing among other things, Deshpande's unprofessionalism and failure to accomplish goals.

In the letter, Burgos promised to continue working with Deshpande and expressed satisfaction in her recent work on an Alumni Association presentation.
**THURSDAY AT HEARTLAND**

- **Lecture**: "José Limón, The Devil and Dancers."
- **Theater**: "Damm Yankees," Washington Hall. 7:30 pm. Tickets can be purchased at LaFortune Box Office.

**CAMPBELL'S SUPERIOR COURT**

- **Celebration**: Brazilian Carnival. Music performed by the Chicago Samba School.
- **Reading**: Poetry reading by Craig Grant, slam poet; actor on HBO's "Oz.

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Student government circles extend beyond politics

By ERIN LaRUFFA

When the four tickets running in Notre Dame’s student body election face off tonight in debate, the candidates will not just be debating opposing platforms — they will be debating against people they consider friends.

In fact, most of the candidates knew each other long before the current campaign started and have worked together extensively.

As freshman, four of the candidates — Nikki McCord, Brian Moscona and the ticket of Libby Bishop and Trip Foley — served together on the Senate, which Moscona chairs.

Moscona and the ticket of Libby Bishop and Trip Foley — served together on the Class of ’03’s class council.

Our freshman class advisor told us that it had been several years since he’s seen a group come together and bond the way we did,” said McCord. “We’re all friends.”

Since freshman year, the four have met in other capacities as well. For example, McCord is currently on the Student Senate, which Moscona chairs in his role as student body vice president.

For Bishop and Foley, running together for student body president and vice president represents the first time that the two are not opponents in an election.

“We ran against each other for freshman class treasurer, and I beat him. Then, against each other for sophomore class council, and she beat me. And now we’re running together,” said Foley.

On the other hand, for Bishop and Moscona, running against each other is a new experience. The two ran together for sophomore class council, he as president and she as vice president. Their ticket won.

So this fall when Bishop and Foley first discussed running together, Bishop, who was studying in London at the time, felt it only natural to call Moscona before making a decision.

“I called Brian Moscona because we had always run together and I wanted to be honest with him,” Bishop said. Although Bishop never “directly” asked him to run with her, the two “discussed it as a possibility,” Moscona said.

“I congratulated her on being asked [by Foley] and then told her I wasn’t going to think about it until Christmas break, but if I eventually did decide to run with her to be my running mate,” Moscona said. “I didn’t want to give up the vision for what student government should be.”

Bishop agreed that she and Moscona have met in other capacities as well. For example, McCord is currently on the Student Senate, which Moscona chairs in his role as student body vice president.

But Bishop, adding that he also considers Moscona to be a close friend.

“Keri and Brian were two of the first people I told when I decided torun with McCord,” said Williams. When they were sophomore class officers, Moscona and Bishop served as advisors to the freshman class council, which is how the two met.

Running mate Scott Palo and Phil Mercanti, who primarily have been involved with activities outside of student government, have not worked with any of their opponents, although both said they consider Bishop to be a friend.

With each of the candidates having friends and colleagues running, the candidates stress that professionalism is important.

“Not an issue because you’ve worked with the person in the past and you know you can respect them,” Foley said.

“Everyone’s been very professional,” said Bishop.

“I don’t see this campaign as being personal, we have a tremendous amount of respect for all of the other candidates,” Moscona said.

However, some candidates have found it a challenge to run against people they know.

“It does make it a little more emotional,” said Bishop.

“Sometimes it’s hard because their campaign and their platform is always going to affect you,” Bishop added.

For Williams and Foley, one challenge did arise when they were putting together their campaign staff.

“Some of our social circles are the same, so whenever I told someone I was running, I told them Keri was running, too,” Williams said. “I never wanted to put my friends in a position to choose between us.”

Some of Foley and Williams’s mutual friends have decided not to get involved in either campaign, according to Foley. Williams, while others have agreed to put up posters for both candidates.

“It’s a little awkward at times, but she’s such a good friend,” said Williams.

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Prof testifies on pension reform

By TERESA RIGOLLA

Teresa Gihlarducci, associate professor of economics at Notre Dame, testified Thursday at the Tech State College.

Appearing before a congressional oversight meeting of the Education and Workforce Committee, Gihlarducci testified on current economic issues, specifically pension reform and maintaining working families in the recent economic downturn.

Gihlarducci, also a director of the Higgins Research Center at Notre Dame, was asked to testify before the oversight meeting because of her expertise in the field of national pension law.

President Clinton appointed her to the Pension Guaranty Corporation’s advisory board.

“The topic of Pensions and the affects of pension reform on working individuals were discussed before the oversight meeting,” said Gihlarducci. Also on the agenda for the committee was working families and the economic woes they are currently facing.

“Maintaining the working class education is not enough, new jobs need to be created so that pay living wage, also unionization plays a role. Supply of work does not create it’s own demand,” said Gihlarducci.

Gihlarducci will testify again Thursday in front of the Congressional Education and Workforce committee dealing with the Enron scandal, but this time in Washington D.C.

Greater regulation of 401Ks need to be evaluated in light of the Enron scandal,” said Gihlarducci. 401Ks are retirement funds where workers earn a percentage of the money they earn back in to the company gaining security as they retire. Enron recently filed for bankruptcy amidst allegations that they tampered with financial records, leaving many workers without a retirement plan.

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South Bend museum features ND filmmaker’s documentary

An exhibition on documentary filmmaking by Jill Godmilow, professor of film, television and theatre at Notre Dame, will be on display February 9 through March 30 at the South Bend Regional Museum of Art, located in Century Center.

The installation will feature the production process of Godmilow’s most recent film, “What Farocki Taught,” a ground-breaking documentary released in 1998 that is a perfect replica of “Inextinguishable Fire,” a 1969 German film by Bernd and Hilla Farocki that examines the physical properties of Napalm B.

The museum exhibit will include presentations of both films as well as items from the original movie set. “Far From Poland,” another Godmilow film that she terms a "drama-tery," also will be on view in the museum’s Art League Gallery and The Project Room.

In more than three decades of filmmaking, Godmilow has earned a substantial reputation as a producer/director and is considered one of the primary theorists/practitioners in the American nonfiction genre. She has been a member of the Notre Dame faculty since 1992 and is the recipient of Rockefeller and Guggenheim fellowships and a Fulbright fellowship.

The South Bend Regional Museum of Art is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Friday and noon to 5 p.m. on Saturdays. Admission is free to museum members and a $3 donation is suggested for nonmembers.

Wednesdays and Thursdays are student events. Students receive 20% of meal price with student ID.
Pierce continued from page 1
only for their zeal for the cam-
ploy and also for their ability to
him the gritty side of poli-
"It's awfully easy to isolate
people who have to engage in politics or
the outside world," Pierce said. "It just keeps me
close to the things that really
matters and what real
citizens are really like."

Pierce plans to take what he
learned from running Caldwell's campaign back to
the classroom so his students can
benefit from his experience.
"I think all of the political
experiences I've had including
this campaign furnish wonderful
examples for students," Pierce said. "I always use stories and
elements and illustrations in
class. They make the student
understanding of larger theoreti-
cal points easier."

Although managing a cam-
paign and chairing the political
science department will keep
him very busy, Pierce is confi-
dent he can do both effectively.
"It's fairly early in the cam-
paign. The early activities are
mainly fundraising, setting out a
general strategy and trying to
discover who might run against
you," Pierce said.

"This year we had to wait until
the boundaries were set before
redistricting. Campaigns are also
a little bit like social organiza-
tions. You need to have meetings
to bring people back into contact
with the campaign. The campa-
ign activity will substitute for
the research activity I normally
talk about. Most of the campaign
activities will be in the evening.

Besides managing Caldwell's campaign,
Pierce is writing a book on the politics of legali-
zed gambling that should be com-
pleted this summer. Subjects
he book deals with include the
adoption of state lotteries and
the legislation of casino gam-
bles.
St. Joseph's County
Commissioner serves a four-year
term. Primaries will be held May
7 and the general election is set
for Nov. 5.

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made with fellow GSU officers
Tommy Scheiding and David
Rodriguez. Deshpande defended her
work as vice president in a
letter passed out at the
ouncil meeting.
"I do recognize there could
be differences at times, main-
ly arising out of our different
backgrounds and upbringings,
but I do not believe such dif-
ferences in opinions cannot be
overcome through an open
and frank dialogue," she said in
the letter.
The GSU will elect new offi-
cers in April and both Burgos
and Deshpande have chosen
to seek reelection.
Both Burgos and Deshpande
were not available for com-
ment on Tuesday evening.

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Executive Council creates new
student activities calendar
By ERIN LaRUFFA
Associate News Editor
Students wanting information about lectures,
sporting events and other activities going on
around campus will now have new resource:
an all-encompassing calendar sponsored by
student government's Executive Cabinet.
"We want everything to be on it," said Casey
Fitzmaurice, one of the students coordinating
the calendar within the office of the student
body president.
The Executive Cabinet will be distributing
the first edition of the calendar today. Issued
weekly, subsequent calendars will cover events
occurring from Wednesday to Wednesday. It
will be posted in dorms and outside the
Maximum Resource Center on the first floor of
LaFortune, as well as other locations around
campus.

Senate continued from page 1
modifications of the senate," Hatch said in his annual
address to the group. "I think we're also open to
increased overlap with the Academic
Council.

Patterned after the existing
subsection of the of the
Academic Article that explains
the senate, the resolution
includes several key features:
• decreasing the number of
senators from 53 to 45
• increasing the cooperation
between the senate and
Academic Council by giving
automatic seats on the council
to senate committee chairs
• making the senate more
representative by allowing one
senator to each academic
department and distributing
remaining seats to various
other constituencies

Hatch called the plan "very
reasonable," saying he had
received positive feedback from
other administrators, including
University President Father
Edward Malloy and Executive
Vice President Father Timothy
Scully.
"I am convinced that it will
pass, from what I've heard," he
said. "Chair Jacqueline
Brogan, who has led the
committee on the senate
redistricting, consulted with officials on the
restructuring of the senate.

Senior John Robinson
worked closely on the effort
with Brogan on the senate
restructuring. He said the plan
was the impetus for

As can be seen, the
Executive Council was very
unappreciated again.

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Human mad-cow case confirmed: Italy's Ministry of Health confirmed Tuesday that an unidentified Sicilian patient had contracted the nation's first case of human mad-cow disease. Testing was done in both Britain and Italy, where many of the cases in cows have been found. Humans are able to contract the disease when they eat meat tainted with mad-cow disease.

Pope decries some genetic testing: Pope John Paul II warned Tuesday against tampering with the "tree of life," saying that some advances in genetics may be morally unacceptable in the Roman Catholic Church. John Paul's latest attack on genetic manipulation came in his annual message to the world's Roman Catholic priests.

McCain gets a nose job: Sen. John McCain had surgery scheduled for Tuesday to cover a scar on his nose. The scar was left over from surgery he had done on Monday to remove a cancerous lesion on his nose. The lesion was non-life threatening, his office said, and was a freckle located on the left side of the senator's nose. Doctors would use skin from an adjacent area to cover the scar. McCain also had plastic surgery done after two previous surgeries for melanomas, one in 1993 and one in 2000.

Maryland resident Ann Taylor and her son help sky scrap Bryan Swinson check their bags for a flight to New York. Jan. 18 from Baltimore International Airport (BWJ), screening and matching her bags to her ticket.

Program matches bags, flights

Men face 2nd trial in trooper case

Associated Press

DETROIT
Two white men accused of beat ing a black state trooper for danc ing with a white woman at a bar face a second trial Wednesday in an overwhelmingly white county that has long had a racist reputation.

The case stems from an attack last April on off-duty Trooper Arthur Williams III on the dance floor of the Metropolis Bar & Grill in Brighton. Williams, 33, was dancing with former Livingston County Assistant Prosecutor Paulina Muzzin. Authorities said two cousins, angry at seeing a black man dancing with a white woman, shouted racial slurs, punched Williams and smashed his face with a bottle. He underwent surgery to rebuild an eye socket.

Jesen Barker, 22, and Travis Sales, 21, were jailed on ethnic intimidation and assault charges. Their November trial ended in a deadlock.

"I am really pleased that our prosecutor is pursuing this," said Howell City Councilman Steve Manor, a retired teacher and co-founder of the racial tolerance group Livingston 2001. "This behavior will not be tolerated."

The defendants' attorneys declined comment Monday. But at the first trial, the defense argued that the incident was a bar fight that got out of control. Livingston County's reputation for racism stems from its primarily white makeup, and from Ku Klux Klan grand dragon Robert Miles, whose farm was a hub of white supremacist activity in the '70s and '80s. Miles died in 1992.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS
State police investigate shooting: Indiana state police are investigating the shooting of 41-year-old Elkhart resident Rick R. Fields, the third suspect shot by Elkhart police in six months. Fields was in critical condition Tuesday at Elkhart General Hospital, after an altercation with police Friday. Fields failed to appear at a probationary hearing, and when officers entered the apartment where he was hiding, witnesses said he was hiding in a closet and refused to drop a knife when ordered. Two officers were involved in the shooting.
Justice personal, legal viewpoint conflicts

Associated Press

WASHINGTON Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia's unusual pub-
lication declaration of independence from his Roman Catholic church on the death penalty reflects years of, viewing conflicts that justices confront as they wrestle with the law and their personal beliefs.

Justices in the past have hinted at personal tendencies mainly in written court opinions. Some have spoken more candidly about their families, religion, and legal concerns — with mixed results.

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Palestinian gunmen kill 3 in courtroom

Associated Press
Tuesday, January 29, 2002

Palestinian diplomats called Tuesday for an end to Israeli violence after three men were killed in a courtroom shootout in the West Bank.

Palestinian security forces, rather than civilian courts, have brought the battle to the doorstep of the Palestinian territories.

The Palestinian justice system was notable for its one-day trial system. Last week, Palestinian security forces opened a high-profile trial in a military courtroom Tuesday in the West Bank.

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Two defendants were promptly sentenced to death, but because of their ages — 18 and 17 — the sentences were reduced to 15 years each. The third man also received 15 years.

Police had expected trouble, smuggling the defendants into the makeshift courtroom before dawn and dressing them in police uniforms to disguise them, witnesses and security officials said.

On the street, an angry crowd of about 500 people, most members of the large Kameel clan, demanded the death sentence for the three. When someone in the courtroom shouted out the window, "15 years!" the crowd became enraged.

About two dozen gunmen stormed the building. They included members of the Kameel clan, who believed the defendants were in civilian clothes, witnesses said. Most of all, the police were believed to be related to Osama Kameel, the man shot dead Friday.

Police hid the three defendants in a bathroom, but they were quickly overpowering by the police who brandished automatic rifles and pistols. The police quickly found the trio and shot them down, witnesses said.

They then dragged the bodies into the street as the crowd cheered and gunfire fired into the air in celebration. The attackers quickly fled, and the outrun police did not attempt to arrest them.

The vigilante killings "show that the Palestinian court and the judicial system are weak and don't have the confidence of the people," said Ghasan Khaiti, a Palestinian political analyst.

But, he added, "the Israeli restrictions on Palestinians are causing a semi-collapse of our system."

The public was barred from the trial, held in a makeshift courtroom in Jenin's Chamber of Commerce building, a site selected because Israel has bombed most government buildings, including courthouses, to rubble.

Israel carried out the strikes in retaliation for Palestinian attacks, saying many of the deadliest suicide bombings have originated in Jenin, in the northern West Bank.

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Last year, at this same time, I wrote a column explaining a theory about a way to get through the dullness with the least depression possible. The idea was to drink a lot and get yourself in a significant other to drink with. That way, when you are about to embarrass yourself, your special buddy steps in and curbs your attention towards you. This is a beautiful theory and I think pretty much successful on all grounds if you actually pull it off properly.

So, with this theory in mind and good old Valentine’s Day coming up, I’ve decided to attempt to compile a few strategies for obtaining this other person who is going to make life so much better during the dullness part of the year, whom we’ll call the target.

Also, these strategies are best carried out in a bar or party situation where, preferably, you and the target have been drinking and the room is kind of dark. I find that this setting is best for starting to get to know someone. That way, they think you’re really interesting and they can’t really see what you look like. With that said, let’s do this.

Your first and best strategy for landing the target of your choice is called “The Battering Ram.” This strategy includes you blantly stating your intentions from the beginning. I know this sounds preposterous, but it might just be crazy enough to work. I mean, granted, if you’re a hunchback toad, then don’t try this one, but if that is the situation, then you’re probably chasing the wrong rabbit in the first place.

The beauty of this strategy is that it preys on the tendency of college students to deal really lazy. You know, we’re busy with school and school-related activities — drinking — so most of us don’t have the time to institute a plan to acquire the desired target, so if you give this person the guarantee, they may accept just because of the absence of the tedious leg work that usually accompanies starting to date someone.

I know this pretty shallow, but sometimes people decide to date other people simply because they know the other person already wants to date them. If your target tends to tread the path of least resistance, this could very potentially be an extremely effective strategy. Now if overly forceful, “The Battering Ram” strategy could result in an embarrassing restraining order, but these are the chances one takes when dabbling in the intricacies of pulling tails.

If you don’t have the pills for a stunt like “The Battering Ram,” perhaps a more subtle strategy is your best approach. One good one is “The Vulture.” This includes you circling the target in social situations watching and waiting for the best time to swoop in and engage in witty and sophisticated conversation with them. Here, a high alcohol contingent is key. First because if you don’t have the audacity to try “The Battering Ram,” you’re going to need alcohol to make any progress whatsoever. Also, your target’s defenses will be weakened by the effects of alcohol, leaving them all the more susceptible to a successful advance from you.

If they’re all hung up, they won’t notice you watching them or walking circles around them. That is important as you do not want to be deterred early when using “The Vulture.” Again, this relies the restraining order concern. And frankly, in order for a successful operation, that is a worry you do not need.

Anyway, after you see the perfect swooping opportunity, just count on your drunken game to take you the rest of the way. If you’re worried about not having any game, don’t worry, because you and the target will be infiltrated and game is really not necessary. Just make sure you don’t fall down.

The third strategy is my least favorite and frankly, it annoys me that it has ever worked on anyone ever, but for some unholy reason, this strategy seems to be universal. You all know this one, and if your game is so bad that you have to use it, well, I feel sorry for you. May God have mercy on your soul. This is the “My House Burned Down” approach.

Of course, this is where you attempt to garner sympathy from someone by whining to them as if your house had just burned down. This act is choreographed in hopes that the target of this pathetic display feels so bad for you that they want to make everything better by giving of themselves.

For this to work, the target must be a very good person, probably Mother Teresa or Santa Claus, and they must also be the most gullible person on the face of the planet. So if you want to date a man or a piece of folklore, you’re in luck, but otherwise please don’t use that strategy. It’s embarrassing for yourself, your family and your institution of learning.

So there you have it. Three ways to try and hook yourselves up for Valentine’s Day and improve probably the most depressing month of your life in South Bend. I know this may seem a bit rash, but look outside and think about it for minute, because desperate times call for desperate measures.

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A phone call, and my father was on his way — carrying me home half asleep in his arms simply because I was homesick within just a few hours. As a child I could spend the whole night at a friend’s house. I needed to sleep in my own bed, in my own room, to wake up to the same view from my own window: swaying maple trees and my mother’s garden.

Ask me what home is a place that would ratt­le off a litany of memories: the smell of a Kansas autumn, playing basketball after dark, Caucasian Christmas morning in 1987. And always, home felt the same. During the past year, the view from my window has changed. Last summer, I could see the rusting bend of tracks as the elevated train rattled through my neighborhood in Chicago. Today, I woke up to the Dome channeling the risen sun, whose 1,000 snowflakes falling on slanted sideway. I have called both these places home, and yet the oppor­tunity to serve them has been my opportunity to be­come, to watch the view from my window change and to make my home in someone else’s home. The act of service, too, is about homemaking.

Last summer, I worked at Casa Juan Diego, a youth cen­ter serving an immigrant community in Chicago’s inner city. Clearly, I looked and felt like a stranger. I was in an unfa­miliar city, stumbling over Spanish words as I choked with 6-year-old summer campers, too clumsy to play soccer even with these kids half my size. There I was — 25-years-old, two years of expensive private college education behind me and I’m back in third grade being the last guy picked for kickbafl.

We went on field trips, read books, played basketball, but nothing activity I tried, I never felt I could cover my kids. There was nothing I could do, it seemed, because I always felt like a stranger, an outsider. And so I was in my kids, a stranger. Perhaps, it is just a feeling that unnerves you the way a parked suitcase might — some things you just used to unpack right away, while we do not share a common heritage, lifestyle or even a common language, we have a home.

Finally I realized that service is not so much about what you do, it is where you are. While my soccer game and my Spanish trances improved, I learned that my most im­portant job in Pilsen was just living there. The act of being present for others necessarily begins with sharing a home. Last summer my parents and I immigrated. And I became a child. My kids learned to trust me, because I chose not to be an out­sider’s home. We became living in between the distance that once separated my culture from theirs.

Service is a form of travel. We make camp in those places — many places — where we feel strangest, if only because we’re weary. Indeed, service is that restlessness we feel once we are weary and wake up to what home we clung to as children, but for the one to which we are called to serve, no matter how foreign.

Since returning to campus in January, I have not returned to Pilsen. Perhaps, I still live somewhere in between. And I still call my father, even late at night. Right now, I can hon­estly say on living homesick. It is a blessing never to feel at home in just one place. The Congregation of the Holy Cross takes this as its mission: “Our broader experience allows us to appreciate the critique of every culture and the disclosure that no culture of this world can be our abiding home.” Yet wherever you serve, you are home.

**For a More Just and Humane World**

**Miguel Vieyra**

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The best things in life are free, but sometimes you have to take a risk to find that out. At least that's what the Pasquerilla East Musical Company (PEMC) says with its latest production, "Damn Yankees."

"Damn Yankees" is the story of a 50-something couch potato baseball fan, Joe, who is approached by a mysterious man named Mr. Applegate (who unashamedly reveals his demonic nature) who offers Joe a chance to lead his full of heart but not so full of wins favorite team, the Washington Senators, to victory in the World Series in exchange for his soul.

Unfortunately for Mr. Applegate, Joe negotiates an escape clause in the contract, and when he begins to feel nostalgic for his old life, the wily Devil and his sinfully seductive assistant Lola attempt to trick Joe into forfeiting his soul.

"Damn Yankees" director, senior Ryan Cunningham, has been involved in student theatre since middle school. He has moved from working on the stage crew to directing. Cunningham has been involved in four PEMC shows, one for each year he has attended Notre Dame. Further, he wrote and produced his own musical, "Chance at Love," last year.

Cunningham thinks that his previous experience in student-run theatre has helped him direct "Damn Yankees." The PEMC president and vice president, seniors Sean Griffin and Tommy Curtin, selected Cunningham to direct the 2002 show at the end of last school year because of his familiarity with the PEMC and musical theatre.

The PEMC, in its fifth year of existence, has established itself as one of the highest quality theatre productions on campus. The group has sold out all its shows for the last two years and Cunningham anticipates a repeat performance this year. The group relies almost solely on its ticket sales to fund their elaborate shows.

But, the show isn't the only goal of the PEMC. Each year, after the company pays for the $7,000 to $8,000 production costs, it donates its few thousand dollars in profit to Second and Third World countries and domestic organizations that promote the development of the arts. PEMC also performs service locally. This year the cast sang Christmas carols at a local nursing home in December. Cunningham thinks that part of the PEMC's mission is service as well as entertainment.

"Service is a really nice experience to give back what we're learning at PEMC," Cunningham said.

The cast of "Damn Yankees" has come together in other ways outside the theater and working environments. Because the show was cast in September, the ensemble had many nights in dance rehearsals to get to know each other. They also got together casually at least once a week as well as took a weekend trip to Canada together. The cast even attended a special Mass together last Sunday night when they were in Washington Hall for 12 consecutive hours during their move into the theater.

Teamwork has been a hallmark of the PEMC and "Damn Yankees."

"Part of the charm of PEMC is that we come in Sunday, never having been in the theater, we go up Thursday with a show that I feel a lot of times you would think have been in this theater already doing performances for a month or two," Cunningham said.

"This cast has really taken unnecessary strides as far as doing things that their job does not call for," Cunningham said.

Service is a thing that Cunningham sees as fitting because "Damn Yankees" is a show about values.

"It's really interesting about where your priorities lay and when you realize what's important in your life ... I think it really examines what we look at as a society and what's important," Cunningham said.

Senior Lizzie Bracken, who plays Lola, thinks the show's message is particularly important to the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's communities.

"Damn Yankees' is probably mostly about what's important in life and having glory and success ... isn't necessarily the greatest thing; it's the person you go home to or who you have the most fun with," Bracken said.

Cunningham considers the PEMC's production of "Damn Yankees" to be a revival rather than a re-do of the show, he tried to incorporate a modern sense of humor into a 40-year-old show. Cunningham added lines to modernize and tighten the script as well as combine scenes to quicken the pace.

But it is the acting to pushes this fantastic show along; it takes a lot of work to make people bursting out in song and perfectly choreographed dances seem normal.

Sisters Alan Margolin and Lizzie Bracken stand out in their roles as the antagonists, Mr. Applegate and Lola. Margolin finds special meaning in his role because he is majoring in the Program of Liberal Studies and has read many of the foundational texts on the nature of the Devil.

"It's next being a PLS major having read Milton's 'Paradise Lost' and Dante's 'Inferno,' you think of things like that ... It's always playing in the back of my mind," Margolin said.

Margolin accredits his comedic portrayal to Cunningham, a longtime close friend.

"Ryan, first, has always been a really great friend of mine. So when we get to bring that dynamic to a working relationship it helps incredibly," Margolin said.

Margolin's cynical and volatile version of the Prince of
Darkness is sure to get some laughs with his acerbic portrayal of Mr. Applegate. Bracken’s fluid dance moves and charming personality could probably convince a few audience members to part with their souls.

While Macginn and Bracken’s performances are strong, they feel that it is the entire cast that brings an individual nature to the show. “I think this show really showcases everyone’s talents ... all the way through the show people’s personalities are going to pop out,” Macginn said.

He is more than correct. The ensemble is brimming with personality, from the muscular and suave mambo moves of Michael Riess to Claire McAuliffe’s precision dance spins into the splits.

Although the cast brings out even the smallest of characters, this sometimes goes too far because the cast often attempts to draw the spotlight away from the main action when its inappropriate to do so. But although it can be distracting, the minor characters are fun to watch, especially the Miller sisters and baseball players.

“Damn Yankees” is a show that audiences will enjoy. The amount of hard work the PEMC cast put into this show pays off in spades. It is not a surprise that they sell out every year and one would expect no less this year.

“Damn Yankees” opens tomorrow and runs to Saturday night at 7:30 p.m. in Washington Hall. Tickets cost $5 for general admission. To reserve tickets, call or visit the LaFortune Student Center Box Office (219) 631-8128.

Mary Beth Asmussen, Theresa Sherman, Katy Kertez, Lindsey Horvath, Shawna Walsh, Erin Porvaznik, (front row) Erin Sjostrom and Claire McAuliffe.

Old Joe (Joe Essner) watches the Senators play baseball from his favorite chair as his wife, Meg (Theresa Sherman), looks on.

Mr. Applegate (Alan Macginn) and his devilettes, clockwise they are: April Trimble, Lindsey Horvath, Shawna Monson and Kat Walsh.
Baseball holds off on contraction

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Faced with a string of legal losses, baseball commissioner Bud Selig finally decided Tuesday that the sport won't try to eliminate teams until 2003.

Baseball had attempted to fold the Minnesota Twins and Montreal Expos but was thwarted by the Twins' landlord, which obtained an injunction that forced the team to keep playing.

"While the clubs would have preferred to contract for 2002 and begin addressing the economic issues immediately," Selig said, "events outside of our direct control, including yesterday's court decision in Minnesota, have required us to move the date of contraction to 2003."

On Monday, the Minnesota Supreme Court granted a temporary injunction to stop the Twins from moving. Plans to move the team were first announced last summer, and this was the first court decision to halt the Twins' plans for 2002.

Owners claim they must bargain with the players' association before they will consider an appeal of the injunction. Selig said, "The Twins and Expos were targetted.

Despite the court defeat in Minnesota, Selig had vowed to press on, saying the elimination of teams was needed to stem industry losses, which he claimed totaled hundreds of millions of dollars last year. His admission of defeat came nine days before the start of spring training, and he vowed to press forward with contraction plans for 2003.

"Contraction was an initiative of the 30 clubs and continues to be wholeheartedly supported by that group," he said. "The clubs recognize that our current economic circumstance make contraction absolutely inevitable, as certain franchisees simply cannot compete and cannot generate enough revenue to survive. Quite a few of our clubs advocate contraction by as many as four clubs, and our ultimate implementation of contraction options may well be affected by the economics of the industry in 2001."

The Players' Association remains an obstacle to eliminating teams for 2003. The union filed a grievance to block contraction, claiming the owners' vote violated the players' labor contract, which expired Nov. 7 but remains in force.

Attorney Sharym Das was to hear his 12th-day-of testimony in the case Tuesday.

I, personally, had hoped that the union had an interest in helping us solve our economic and competitive balance problems," said Paul Beeston, baseball's chief operating officer.

"It is evident now that they have no such interest and that is a great disappointment to me.

"We had several discussions this spring and summer indicating our consideration of contraction. The union's vigorous opposition to contraction was inconsistent with those earlier discussions," Selig said.

Owners claim they must bargain with the union only on effective contract issues, such as player dispersal, not the decision to eliminate teams.

The Twins didn't even wait for Selig's announcement, telling employees after Monday's court ruling that the team would eliminate itself for its 2nd season in the Twin Cities.

"Hopefully, this gives the players a sense of security to go out and play baseball," infielder Denny Hocking said. The Twins and Expos rank 29th and 30th in revenue last year, and both have failed to obtain government financing for new ballparks. Twins owner Carl Pohlad told Selig he was willing to have his franchise folded.

"We've anticipated for the last month or so that we would be playing," Twins president Jerry Bell said. "We have a good team, we had a good year last year, and we expect to have a good year this year."

The Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission, which operates the Twin Cities' two major league clubs, is expected to force the Twins to honor their lease with Hennepin County District Judge Harry Seymour Crump issued the injunction on Nov. 16.

The Minnesota Court of Appeals upheld the order Jan. 25, ruling in a 3-0 decision that Crump did not abuse his discretion in issuing the injunction.

The battle over the future of the Twins shifts back to the Minnesota Legislature, which plans to form a new stadium that could ensure the team's long-term survival.

Republican Rep. Harry Maren, a stadium bill sponsor, said the pressure is on lawmakers.

"Either we act this session or I believe you'll still see contraction next year," he said. Alabama businessman Donald Watkins has begun talks to acquire the team from Carl Pohlad, who bought the franchise in 1984 to keep it from moving.

Meanwhile Monday, baseball owners moved forward with plans to meet Feb. 12 in the Chicago area — two days before the start of spring training — to approve the sales of the Expos and Florida Marlins.

A group headed by Florida owner John Henry was given approval Jan. 16 to buy the Boston Red Sox for $460 million from the Jean R. Yawkey Trust.

Henry is negotiating to sell the Marlins to Expos owner Jeffrey Loria for $158.5 million and Loria is negotiating to sell the Expos to the remaining 29 teams for $120 million.

Unable to eliminate the Expos, Selig intends to have the commissioner's office appoint a chief executive officer- general manager to run the team this season. Frank Robinson, the vice president in charge of discipline in the commissioner's office, is expected to become manager of the Expos.

The Senate Judiciary Committee will hold a hearing on baseball's antitrust exemption next Wednesday.

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The Houston Astros, worried about the notoriety of their stadium being named for beleaguered Enron Corp., on Tuesday asked the New York bankruptcy court overseeing Enron's bankruptcy whether the team should continue its Enron Field naming agreement.

"The Houston Astros have been materially and adversely affected by the negative public perception and media scrutiny resulting from Enron's alleged bad business practices and bankruptcy," said Pam Gardner, Astros president of business operations.

The team filed a motion in New York requesting guidance on the issue.

"We have worked diligently with Enron to transition the stadium name, but we've been unsuccessful," Gardner said. "At this point, we have no other alternative but to seek relief from the bankruptcy court."

Since Enron filed for bankruptcy protection in December, the company has spent about $108,000 for a suite and nearly $90,000 for box seats, Gardner said.

"We speculate that the only reason that Enron continues to make these expenditures is that Enron believes it can sell the baseball stadium's naming rights to someone else without the consent of the Astros," she said.

According to the Astros, Enron can't sell the field's naming rights without the team's permission.

"It is for this reason that we are asking the court to decide whether the naming rights agreement should continue," Gardner said.

Enron did not immediately return a telephone call from The Associated Press for comment.

Last month, team owner Drayton McLane Jr. told the AP that Enron was current on its payments for the 30-year, $100 million naming rights agreement with his team. However, he said other corporations have approached him about taking over the contract. He would not identify those companies.

McLane said then that it was likely the team would seek guidance from the bankruptcy court in determining whether the naming rights were an asset the former energy giant could continue. He also said he had hoped to make a decision jointly with Enron and that he had been in frequent contact with Enron officials.
Belles take on top-ranked Flying Dutch

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

Wednesday night could be a log-sid ed battle for the Belles of Saint Mary's as they try to down the Flying Dutch of Hope, who are soaring high on the wings of a 20-1 season.

Hope leads the MIAA with nine conference wins and just a single loss — a loss that ended a 39-game winning streak. Saint Mary's is second to last in the MIAA, 3-7 in conference play and 7-14 overall.

Hope scores an average of 75.1 points per game and allows opponents 53.0.

Hope's Becky Sutton leads the conference in 3-point shooting, and senior forward Anne Blair, the Belles' leading scorer, is second to Sutton in the conference, making 30.7 of their attempts from the floor.

The mental tenacity of the Belles will play a pivotal role in whether or not they succeed tonight. Even with their new-born confidence stemming from their upset over Alma, Saint Mary's must not let Hope's home crowd advantage denormalize them.

"We need to come out a lot more confident, knowing that we can play with them," said freshman Emily Creachbaum. "Even though we were down when the Belles played Hope Jan. 12, we still played with them. We need to come out, have a good start, and then go through."  

"We need to be steady throughout the game and not go through ups and downs where we're trailing and then fighting back. Catch-up is not fun to play with them," Miller said.  

Additionally, coach Suzanne Smith has been critical of the Belles' many turnovers this season. They must hang on to the ball against Hope's powerful defense, which averages 12.8 steals per game.

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Jim Kelly – more than just a superstar

Saturday was a great day for a great man. Sure I'm an unashamed homer, a lifelong fan of the Buffalo Bills, but when Jim Kelly, our quarterback and unsurpassed leader, was elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame, any football fan couldn't help but feel good for the guy. Kelly was my first real hero. His Sunday miracles are some of my fondest childhood memories. The rocket-armed quarterback came to Buffalo in 1986 to rescue a moribund franchise that had failed to make the postseason in six successive years and proceeded to lead it to eight playoff appearances in his 11 heart-stopping seasons. His career marked the conscious beginning and end of my youth.

Athletic glory came easy for the kid from East Brady, Penn. He was a brash, leader, the last quarterback with full control of an offense and the only player in the league to call all of his own plays with no help from the sweatshirt-clad coaches on the sidelines.

Such an accomplished field general was Kelly that he led the Bills to four consecutive Super Bowl appearances, no other passer has been to as many as three in a row. They used to say he was the toughest ever to play. There's the story of how he separated a shoulder and reentered a playoff game to throw two touchdowns. Then there's the tale that has him throwing an interception, chasing down the thief, and delivering such a crushing blow that he broke the defender's right leg. If you had amputated that golden right arm, he'd have thrown with his left and probably still beaten Dan Marino more than 70 percent of the time.

Respect my childhood idol for the guy. Joy, however, was short-lived as it was soon discovered that Hunter suffered from a rare affliction known as Krabbe's disease, a fatal curse that severely inhibits development and affects the white matter of the brain. The doctors said it would be a miracle for him to live even 14 months, but Hunter like his dad is a fighter. After performing miracle after miracle for the Buffalo Bills through the years, Kelly is engineering without doubt his greatest drive as he battles to save the son he loves. Shortly after the ominous diagnosis, Kelly became a leader of a different sort, creating a foundation, christened Hunter's Hope, that raises money for research in the battle to cure Krabbe's.

For Kelly it has become a full-time job. After dabbling in broadcasting for ESPN, he quit to devote all his energies to saving his son. Once burdened by the hopes and dreams of an entire city, Kelly's broad shoulders now carry the hopes only of his young pride and joy.

It's a story that has to make you feel good. It's a story that has a happy ending. Hunter is still very much with us, handicapped but smiling, and making his father smile every day. He's 5 in a week or so, a modern medical miracle given the initial prognosis. This must be the week of the Jim Kelly I looked up to as a kid. In fourth grade, during that first run to the Super Bowl, I don't think I'd have been surprised if he walked across Lake Erie. I expected him to. It's just another one of his feats of greatness.

Kelly is an anomaly in this the era of the selfish, overpaid, criminally active athlete. Saturday, when informed of his induction he could respond only in awe, managing to utter a singular "Wow." As a tear came to his eye, Kelly's thoughts quickly turned into his son, perhaps the only guy he knows tougher than he. He spoke fondly of Hunter, wiped a tear from his cheek, and wished only that his young son would make it a few more months and see his father's enshrinement.

Winning one of these four Super Bowls would have been great, but the fact that his beautiful boy is still with us is Kelly's greatest victory. My childhood hero has become my adult role model.
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body. It's going to be a tough game for us and they've got a lot of confidence."

Since losing three-straight in the middle of January, the Irish have reeled off a three-game winning streak that moved them into position to control their own destiny in the Big East West Division. If the Irish win the remainder of their games, they will repeat as West Division Champions.

Part of the reason for Notre Dame's recent run has been the addition of defensive-minded Torrian Jones to the starting lineup. Since Jones entered the lineup three games ago, he typically guards the opponent's top player early in the game. As a result, opponents haven't been able to jump out to big leads, a problem that plagued the Irish earlier in the season.

David Graves, who was sent to the bench in favor of Jones, has prospered under the switch. The senior forward hasn't had his playing time reduced and is averaging 16.6 points per game, much higher than his nine points he was averaging during the last five games he was in the starting lineup.

"Torrian lets us get after them defensively early, and when Dave comes in, he provides a spark that Torrian wasn't able to provide," point guard Chris Thomas said. "Torrian has a great offensive game, don't get me wrong, but Dave is one of the best."

Notre Dame's perimeter play...
Notre Dame can learn from New England

If you had told me before the beginning of the NFL season that the New England Patriots would win the Super Bowl, I would have thought you were crazy. But if you had told me that the Patriots would win the Super Bowl with Tom Brady as their quarterback, I would have politely asked, "What are you smoking?" After all, the Patriots were a woeful 5-11 the year before and Brady had never taken an NFL snap. Shows how much I know.

The New England Patriots' Super Bowl victory last Sunday was more than just a pleasant surprise. It was a testament to the Patriots' hard work and dedication. There are two great lessons that can be learned from their incredible season: the value of teamwork and the importance of self-confidence. If the Notre Dame football team adopts these same two principles, than perhaps it can be the surprise of next year's college football season.

The Patriots were not the most talented team in the NFL this past season. In fact, their only superstar was quarterback Drew Bledsoe, who lost his starting job after Brady replaced him in the third game of the season. What the Patriots lacked in individual talent, they made up for in unparalleled team unity. On Super Bowl Sunday, the Patriots refused to participate in the traditional introduction of the starters opting instead to run out of the locker room as a team.

When Bledsoe lost his starting job to an injury, he could have become a clubhouse nightmare by whining and demanding a trade. Instead, he remained a team player to the end, supporting Brady from the sidelines and leading the Patriots to victory when Brady went down in the AFC Championship game. The picture of Brady and Bledsoe embracing one another after New England's dramatic Super Bowl win encapsulates the Patriots' entire season.

This picture will forever be remembered as an example of what happens when people sacrifice their pride for the betterment of others around them. While most NFL analysts and football fans doubted New England, the Patriots never lost confidence in each other. The Patriots had the proper mindset to win football games because they expected to win every time they stepped on the field. This kind of positive attitude is exactly what Tyrone Willingham and the new Irish football team need to adopt.

Winning starts before you ever step foot on the field. You have to believe in yourself and the others around you. Willingham believes that Notre Dame football will win again. Unlike Dave Bubba Davie, Willingham will put them in a position to win again.

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Panthers managed to eat away at that lead in the second half, outscoring the Irish 15-10 to bring the game within four. But a rebound from Alicia Ratay and two foul shots by Batteast began a 13-3 Irish run that put the game out of reach.

“We’re doing a better job getting the right people to the floor with junior Alicia Ratay. After sophomore point guard Le’Tania Severe got into foul trouble early in the first half, freshman Allison Bustamante came in at the point guard position. “In the first half, Le’Tania got in foul trouble and so Allison had to play a lot of minutes," McGuff said. However, Bustamante took a seat in the second half due in part, to pain in her foot.

Joining Bustamante at times in the first half were Batteast, Burton, and Kelsey Wicks. Burton recorded a double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds to aid the Irish effort.

“She played great," McGuff said. “She played very, very hard. She had a lot of great rebounds and we were very, very happy with her.”

Burton was just part of a solid effort to rebound by the Irish. Notre Dame out-rebounded Pittsburgh both offensively and defensively and scored 20 points on second looks. The Panther team, smaller in stature than the Irish, could not fight off the Irish attack that often included driving down the lane.

“The Panthers will get up and guard you, so we felt like we had to put the ball on the floor, create some fouls, and get to the free throw line,” McGuff said.

Ratay led the Irish with 21 points, coming mostly from threes and free throws. Although she didn’t get too many looks, she made use of each one.

“They were doing a couple of things, trying to trap the ball and we got out of the trap and she got some looks that way,” McGuff said. “She was very efficient, she didn’t shoot a lot but made them when she did shoot them and got to the line a lot.”

The Panther effort was led by Laine Selway, the usual leading scorer, who grabbed 16 points.

The Irish will next take the court at the Joyce Center against Boston College on Sunday to fight for sole possession of second place in the Big East. Tip off is at 1 pm.

Notes:
- Batay led the Irish’s third try of the game gave her sole possession of third place on the Notre Dame list for career three-point shots made. She took over former teammate Nalle Ivey’s position with 193 3s.
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Missouri or Notre Dame. Widder receiver McKnight had previously ruled Notre Dame out but after visiting the campus has the Irish as a possible choice. McKnight is another outstanding recruit that could greatly help this year’s recruiting class.

“She’s a very good wide receiver prospect and he’s ranked as the ninth best wide receiver in the United States by SuperPrep," said Wallace. “He’s very serious about UCLA and Washington is another strong possibility.”

While waiting for these three players to commit, the Irish have been busy getting verbal commitments from some of their other top prospects from around the country.

Maurice Stovall is considered one of the top two wide-outs in the nation by many experts.

“Although we’re not nearly as confident in these three as we are the others, we still believe they’ll all play a role," said Wallace. “We're very, very happy with this group and it’s a big, big commitment because he’s a big receiver," said Emfinger. “They’ve got to have big receivers come in. [H]e can play both sides of the ball, and will return punts and kick-offs. He might be better on defense than offense. He made 11 interceptions, but nobody threw in his direction.”

Defensive end Travis Letko is another huge potential signing for the Irish. Letko runs a 4.8 second 40-yard dash and may be able to see significant playing time early in his career.

“She’s a great defensive end," said Emfinger. “He was double teamed all year long, [but] still made big plays.”

As recently as Tuesday the Irish also received a verbal commitment from running back and linebacker Nick Schiccatano who should see considerable playing time on both offense and defense.

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Irish freshman forward Jacqueline Batteast looks to post up against Syracuse last week. Batteast finished with 16 points and 12 rebounds in Notre Dame’s win Tuesday night.

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You will be at a fork in the road;
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Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):
Group activities will enable you
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EUGENIA LAST
Notre Dame still awaiting 3 decisions

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Writer

Three coaches and many months of recruiting later, Notre Dame is still wait­ ing.

Later today, several of the Notre Dame coaching staff will be in the recruiting hot seat — including Lorenzo Booker, Derekrick Harrington and Rihanna McKnight — who will announce where they will be playing football next fall.

Despite the coaching controversy late last year, the Irish have done very well recruiting so far, according to recruiting analyst Max Emfinger.

"It's the coaches making up a lot of ground," said Emfinger. "I've got them 15th in the country, I think it's great for getting a late start and losing a lot of momentum because the period of time when they didn't have a coach."

Today is the first day high school seniors can sign a letter of intent to receive a scholarship to play college football. Several players have already verbally committed to the Irish but nothing is binding until they sign their official letter of intent.

So far, most recruiting analysts haven't been blown away by Notre Dame's early commitments but the Irish can still vastly improve their recruiting class by landing a player such as Booker.

Booker, rated by many experts as the best running back in the country, has narrowed his choices down to USC, UCLA, Washington, Florida State and Notre Dame. Booker will be a difference maker wherever he goes, says Emfinger.

"He's a super player," said Emfinger. "He's awesome. He could very well play running back. I've always felt he'd be better utilized as a slot receiver because of his size. But you've got to be able to get the ball into his hands because he can make a difference." According to SuperPrep recruiting analyst Allee Wallace, new Notre Dame head coach Tyrone Willingham is the only reason Booker is considering playing for Notre Dame at this point in the recruiting process.

"It's because of Willingham's pres­ ence that he has the ability to sign or even go after someone like Lorenzo Booker who would not have been considering ND at this stage in the game," said Wallace. "If he gets Lorenz Booker, that will be the defining stamp made by Ty Willingham. That will be the key recruit of all the recruits in the entire class."

Booker will announce his decision tonight at 6:30 p.m. on ESPNNews.

The Irish also have a very good chance of taking wide receiver and safety Harrington, raised by most recruiting analysts as one of the top 50 players in the nation, runs the 40-yard dash in 4.4 seconds and can play almost anywhere on the field.

"He's a versatile athlete. Right now we have him penciled in as a wide receiver but he can play inside as well as any good football team depending upon what a program needs," said Wallace.

Harrington will choose from either Missouri or Notre Dame.

Irish run into hot Knights

By ANDREW SOUKUP
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It always seems like Notre Dame has the misfortune of playing top Big East oppo­ nents when they're on a roll. Back in early January, the Irish beat a previously undefeated in Big East Rutgers, who was on a 10-0 roll. The then-No. 7 Syracuse Orangemen beat the Irish in January to win their ninth straight. And before losing to the Irish for the second time last week, No. 21 Pittsburgh had easily beaten Syracuse by 15 points and Georgetown by 11.

Tonight, 15-6 Notre Dame hosts another red-hot oppo­ nent in 14-7 Rutgers, who is coming off back-to-back wins against Top 25 foes.

"We have run into a few teams when they've been on a roll, and Rutgers is certainly one of the hottest teams in the league," Notre Dame head coach Mike Brey said. "They're a very confident team."

Last week, the Scarlet Knights knocked off No. 22 Connecticut 61-53, who was previously undefeated in Big East play. Last Saturday, Rutgers handled No. 10 Syracuse 82-74.

"The wins they've had are just huge," guard Matt Carroll said. "It makes them real dan­ gerous. They can beat any-