Running mates contemplate their union

By ERIN LaRUFFA
News Writer

Most Notre Dame students pay little attention to why two candidates in the student body election end up running together. But to the candidates themselves, running mates are very significant. In fact, some presidential candidates put a great deal of time into deciding whom they would ask to run with them.

"I wanted someone who was a strong leader," said presidential candidate Ryan Becker, who considered several different potential vice presidential candidates before deciding on Nikki McCord in November.

"I think Ryan picked me because he felt I was a very qualified candidate," McCord said, explaining that she and Becker know each other from working together on the Student Senate this year.

Running mates Brooke Norton and Brian Moscona met through their involvement in class council. Last year, Norton was an advisor to the freshmen class council, which Moscona was part of.

"We've been able to work together for the past year and a half. ... We work very well as a team," Moscona said.

Norton called Moscona at home in January to ask him to run with her, he said. The two talked on the phone for several hours.

"He's a really good person. He has his values in the right place," Norton said.

"I was really flattered ... because I have tremendous respect for Brooke," Moscona said. "I feel absolutely honored to be running with her."

Moscona added their respective strengths and weaknesses complement each other well, a characteristic other tickets also find beneficial as they run their campaigns.

"I think there has to be a chemistry or a compatibility (between the president and vice president)," Allison Henisey said. "Holt (Zeidler) and I definitely have that."

In fact, these two running mates have been friends for almost three years, and also have been involved in student government together.

"We met each other on the first day of freshman year," Henisey said. "We've always been able to work together to get things done."

Zeidler did not originally consider Henisey, she said, because the two are so close. However, he realized that she would be a strong running mate and called her over break, according to Henisey.

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The inclusion of both sexes is an important issue in this year's elections. "I felt that it was important to have a female to balance the ticket," said presidential candidate Ryan Becker.

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First of all, you have to understand this about me. I moved to North Carolina when I was 13. The years between 12 and 18 are what I call "the formative years." These are the ages when you first learn about pop culture, and begin to form opinions on things.

It was at this time that I learned about the good and evil in sports programs. Duke and Notre Dame were teams I considered "good" because they both have outstanding reputations. On the other hand, North Carolina was a team I considered "evil" because of the cockiness of their fans. I can remember my coach explaining to me how people in North Carolina call UNC-Chapel Hill "Carolina."

"What about a team like South Carolina?" I asked.

My coach replied, "There is only one Carolina."

From that point on, I have hated UNC. The way that people in North Carolina talk about the Tarheel basketball team, you would think that Jesus Christ was a God, and that he won 35 national championships in his 35 years of coaching. Duke, however, won 2 championships as a coach, and on one of those championships he needed the help of a certain #23 that is the greatest basketball player ever. I believe UCLA would have something to say about being the greatest college basketball program of all time (10 championships in 12 years). Ok, so you get my point. I hate the North Carolina Tarheels.

Last summer the plot thickened when UNC decided to hire away Matt Doherty from Notre Dame. Doherty, in case you have forgotten, was sort of like a basketball version of Lou. He was flamboyant and emotional, and best of all, he really wanted to be there. So when Carolina decided to steal him away, I was very emotion­ally upset. How dare the cockiest college ever decide to hire away Doherty. It was amazing for me to see a national championship team with lines as enthusiastic and confident as ever.

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**ARKANSAS STATE**

Expenditures favor athletics

JONESBORO, Ark. - Arkansas State University spends a higher percentage of money on athletics than it does on academics, according to a Faculty Senate Finance Committee report. Out of the total budget, only 29.74 percent of expenditures for academic purposes have increased for academic purposes like technology, teacher salaries and instructional materials. According to the Finance Committee’s report, athletic salaries have increased 76.24 percent since 1996, while expenditures for educational purposes have increased only 18.16. Students, however, must bear the brunt of the athletic expenditures. According to a comparison of athletic fees paid by Arkansas college students, ASU students pay $10 per credit hour, while students at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville do not pay athletic fees. Money taken from auxiliary funds and the educational and general fund is used to balance the university’s budget when the athletic department has a budget deficit.

**OHIO STATE**

Papers stolen from campus

COLUMBUS, Ohio - Students all over campus found Monday’s issue of the Lantern missing. According to Bay Catallo, Lantern business manager, papers were confirmed missing in the Ohio Union, Sullivan Hall, the Main Library and the Journalism Building. This brought the count in the early morning up to 1,000 papers unaccounted for. "It’s really the last time papers were taken," said Brian Clark, Lantern news editor. "Whoever did it doesn’t have any respect for the amount of time the entire Lantern staff gives to produce the newspaper everyday. Unfortunately newspaper theft happens on college campus throughout the country. It’s illegal, but I’ve seen it happen at OSU three times now."

Photo editor Melissa Miller found newspapers thrown away in dumpsters. "This is the first time in a long time that we’ve had this happen on this campus," Catallo said. "It has happened on other campuses too when certain groups want to prevent the paper’s message from reaching the campus.”

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Graduate Student Union

Members debate healthcare plans

By NATE PHILLIPS

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Trade panel: U.S. violated NAFTA

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

A trade panel ruled unanimously yesterday that the United States violated the North American Free Trade Agreement by barring Mexican trucks from most of its highways. But it said the United States can require Mexican trucks to meet U.S. safety standards.

The ruling leaves President Bush the question of how to comply while ensuring the American public does not see a U.S. highway choked with unsafe Mexican trucks.

Bush is expected to order a reinterpretation of the trade agreement to allow the trucks to travel.
The state has issued a warning to Clay County nursing home residents. The Cloverleaf home, located near Knightville, has been noted as having a history of health violations. Forest Collins, 84, died of a heart attack while ignoring an alarm triggered when the man's room went on trial Tuesday despite the tribe's attempts to thwart prosecutors.

Miami man goes on trial: A Miccosukee Indian accused of drowning his two sons by driving into a canal went on trial Tuesday despite a nurse's assistant and their mother for rejecting and disobeying him.

Weeks of rain, the heaviest to hit Bolivia in recent years, have driven thousands from their homes across the country, the government said Tuesday. News reports said at least 20 people have been killed as a result of the flooding. Norwich, VT, Thursday Oct. 16, 1997. (AP Photo/Robert F. Bukaty)

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Sharon takes Barak at the polls

Associated Press

JERUSALEM
Ariel Sharon, the tough-talking former general dubbed "The Bulldozer," lived up to his nickname Tuesday with a landslide victory over Ehud Barak, the prime minister whose peace hopes were dashed by some of the worst Israeli-Palestinian bloodletting in decades.

"The state of Israel has entered a new path, a path of security and true peace," the portly, white-haired Sharon told cheering supporters at his campaign headquarters.

"I call upon our Palestinian neighbors to cast off the path of violence and to return to the path of dialogue and solving the conflicts between us by peaceful means," he said. "I know peace requires difficult compromises — from both sides."

Sharon said President Bush had called to congratulate him and to urge close cooperation, and also urged Barak to join forces with him in a broad-based national government.

An emotion-choked Barak conceded defeat soon after TV exit polls predicted Sharon had rolled over him with 59.5 percent of the vote to his 40.5 percent. Partial official results — about 25 percent of the vote — showed a nearly identical margin of victory.

"The road we chose is the one and only true path," Barak said as backers, some teary-eyed, slowly waved blue — and — white Israeli flags. "The true path requires courage ... and it is possible that the public is not fully ready for the painful truth ... The truth will prevail."

Barak, who said he would step down as Labor Party leader and give up his seat in parliament, did not rule out an alliance with Sharon, but made no promises either.

"We should not rule out being part of a unity government," he said. "If it is not possible, the Labor Party will be a fighting opposition, and will fight for what it believes."

It could take weeks or months for Labor to choose a new leader, depriving Sharon of a negotiating partner in the rival political camp.

Once complete election results are announced, within eight days, Sharon will have 45 days to form a coalition government and get it approved by Israel's parliament, or Knesset.

USDA may seize suspect sheep

Associated Press

MONTPELIER, Vt. — The U.S. Department of Agriculture can seize two flocks of imported sheep suspected of carrying a form of mad cow disease, a federal judge ruled Tuesday.

U.S. District Judge J. Garvan Marthinus said the owner of the sheep, a Vermont farmer, has not made a decision on whether the sheep are infected.

The USDA moved to seize the 355 sheep in July, after a laboratory test indicated that four animals were infected with a form of "transmissible spongiform encephalopathy," a family of illnesses that includes mad cow disease.

The owners, Linda and Larry Faillace of Warren, and Houghton Freeman of Stowe, appealed the ruling in U.S. District Court. They claimed the science used in determining that the sheep were infected was flawed.

In November, the owners turned down a government offer of more than $2.4 million for the sheep.
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Zimmerman and Nelson first discussed running during last year's student body president election, according to Nelson. Zimmerman initially suggested the idea, so he is the one heading up the ticket.

"This was the first person to say we should run, so that's why he's president," Nelson said.

Although not roommates, Maureen Gottlieb and Victoria Fetterman are good friends and partners on the debate team, according to Gottlieb.

"At the end of the day, we're friends, and I think that's the most important thing," said Gottlieb. "We didn't just come together as a ticket to run. We work together all the time."

They first talked about running together a year ago, but did not decide definitely until the beginning of this semester, according to Gottlieb.

"We both wanted to do it," Gottlieb said. "We picked each other."

As for running mates Demetra Smith and Yogeld Andre, they met while studying in France last year.

"We formed a very strong bond. We have a mutual respect," Andre said.

"Yogeld was the first person who popped into my head," Smith said of her decision on a running mate. "I thought about a number of people, but in the end, Yogeld seemed like the person I should run with. He was very enthusiastic."

For Smith and Becker alike, it was important to have a running mate who was not an outsider as chair, according to Gottlieb.

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Palestinians willing to talk peace

Associated Press

RAMALLAH

The Palestinians said Tuesday they are ready to conduct peace talks with Ariel Sharon. Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat was quoted as saying, "If Ariel Sharon wants to talk about the peace process, he has to understand that we have to begin where we left off, we cannot go back to point zero," said Saeb Erekat, a Palestinian negotiator.

"If [Ariel] Sharon wants to talk to us, he has to understand that we have to begin where we left off," Erekat said.

In scattered clashes in the West Bank, three Palestinians were wounded by live rounds and 43 hurt by rubber-coated steel pellets fired by Israeli troops. Gun battles erupted in the West Bank, and Barak, Sharon's Palestinian counterpart, called for a "day of rage," but the clashes were relatively muted by the standards of the past four months.

The mood across the West Bank and Gaza Strip was one of indifference, with many Palestinians saying both men have a history of oppressing them, and that they don't believe their situation can get worse under Sharon. Palestinians do not have the right to vote, unlike Israel's Arab citizens.

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The mood across the West Bank and Gaza Strip was one of indifference, with many Palestinians saying both men have a history of oppressing them, and that they don't believe their situation can get worse under Sharon. Palestinians do not have the right to vote, unlike Israel's Arab citizens.

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Appeals court weighs Microsoft's fate

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The appeals court weighing Microsoft's antitrust case Tuesday invited lawyers on both sides to debate whether to bring up the federal judge's decision on whether to bring up the company's brought to the public.

Last week, the software giant and the Justice Department agreed it was unnecessary to bring up the U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson's extrajudicial comments in oral arguments later this month.

But the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia wanted to talk about them, allotting one hour to discuss them.

Jackson made critical comments about Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates as well as the appeals court during numerous interviews with reporters after the trial ended last summer.

Legal experts following the case said the decision to consider the matter indicates the court is likely to remove Jackson from the case if it is returned to the district level. That could be a major blow to the government's efforts to prove Microsoft used anticompetitive business practices and should be broken up.

"That means there's at least one judge, perhaps more, that can cast a lot about Judge Jackson's out-of-court statements, and they're talking about the issue very, very seriously," said University of Baltimore School of Law professor Bob Lande.

Lande predicted the court will probably "slip them down" for his comments to reporters about Microsoft after the trial ended.

"It's an eye in their eye," Lande said of Jackson. "He did it in a legal way when he wrote his own opinion, but his out-of-court statements were just outrageous."

Washington University law professor Bill Kovacic said Jackson's comments will be an "awkward and difficult" topic in the court's deliberations and will spell Jackson's removal from any further part in the case.

"He's not going to have a part in the sequel, he's finished," Kovacic said.

Jackson declined to comment on the court's decision.

After Jackson ruled in June that the Redmond, Wash., company should be split in two, he gave numerous interviews to reporters, filled with comments critical of Microsoft. Experts said Jackson went too far when he directly attacked the appeals court now hearing the antitrust case.

In Ken Auletta's book "World War 3.0: Microsoft and Its Enemies," Jackson was quoted as calling the appeals court judges "superfluous" and lacking practical trial experience. He said they "emblemize law with unnecessary and, in many cases, superficial scholarship."

Jackson also explained the reasoning for the unusual step of issuing separate findings of fact and conclusions of law.

"What I want to do is confront the court of appeals with some of the factual record which is a fait accompli," Jackson said.

"And part of the inspiration for doing that is that I take paid off interviewers to their realisation of my preliminary injunction and the de novo decree case, where they went ahead and made up about 90 percent of the facts on their own."

Microsoft spokesman Jim Cullinan said the company looks forward to presenting its arguments.

"We are ready to talk about any of the issues the court wants to talk about," Lande said.

Justice Department spokeswoman Gina Talavera declined to comment.

The appeals court also decided to devote a total of 90 minutes to discuss penalties against Microsoft. The company and the government had settled on only 60 minutes.

Talamona declined to comment on the penalties.

The court is likely to render its decision immediately announced its own alternative president a day before Aristotle's inauguration.

The 15-party opposition alliance Convergence announced former presidential candidate Gerard Gourgue as the country's provisional president, setting up a power struggle with Aristotle.

One of the Convergence leaders, Evans Paul, called for the people "to rise up" and peacefully demonstrate their rejection of the national president in front of the National Palace on Wednesday where he is to give his inaugural address at noon.

Convergence refuses to recognize Aristotle's legitimacy as president, saying his party won legislative and local elections last year through fraud. The opposition boycotted the presidential vote.

The talks, which began Saturday, had aimed to find a common ground and the two parties had set a deadline of midnight Monday to reach an agreement.

Negotiations extended into the early morning, but then failed, according to those who were there.

Aristide's Lavalas Family party and the opposition alliance blamed each other for the breakdown, with mutual accusations of intransigence.

Gourgue, a 75-year-old lawyer and human rights activist, was minister of justice in the ruling junta that followed the ouster of dictator Jean-Claude Duvalier in 1986. He was a presidential candidate in the 1987 elections that were aborted by the army.

The selection of Gourgue (pronounced GOOR-goh) as a provisional president was revealed to The Associated Press by Hubert Desroches, a leading member of Convergence. The Cabinet members in the opposition's parallel government have yet to be appointed.

Closer ties, a senator in Aristotle's party, criticized the government's attempt to make him prime minister of the "mad dream."

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The U.S. also said in a statement on Jan. 29, when it decided to block $49 million in aid to Haiti. Some $17.7 million, intended to help cover the country's budget deficit, also was suspended.

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The opposition rejected Aristotle's offers, saying last year's elections should be nullified and new elections should be held.

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Bush urges airlines to avoid strikes

Bush, in Washington, urged airlines to avoid strikes this spring and said he would "explore all options" if they are unable to settle their differences.

"I am worried about strikes at airlines. ... It could have a harmful effect on our economy," Bush said during a visit to a toy store in the Washington suburb of McLean, Va., to promote his tax plan.

Urging agreements, he said, "The president's got some opportunities if they're unable to do so. ... I will explore all options."

In the next few months, Delta will have to settle with its pilots, American with its flight attendants and United with Northwest and their mechanics. The four airlines combined carry more than two-thirds of the 588 million domestic passengers who travel on U.S. airlines annually.

The prospect of major disruptions during spring break travel and summer vacations has attracted the attention of the White House, which last week began confering with the National Mediation Board, the government agency that oversees labor relations in the airline and railroad industries. White House spokesman Scott McClellan said if federal mediation fails, Bush could declare an emergency and create a presidential emergency board to force an end to a strike for 60 days while it considered recommendations for a settlement. Those recommendations would be nonbinding. But Bush also could ask Congress to order the board's recommendations be followed, he said.

The first pending strike could come as early as next month if an agreement is not reached between Northwest Airlines and the Aircraft Mechanics Fraternal Association, which represents about 9,500 mechanics and cleaners.

Both sides met Monday afternoon with National Mediation Board mediators and talked through the night until about noon Tuesday, said Steve Lanier, union secretary-treasurer. Negotiations were resuming Tuesday night and another all-night session was expected, said Lanier, who would not discuss details or progress.

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Thoughts from an American classroom

All right. Here we go. Only 52 minutes. I can handle this. Just don't think about the time. Concentrate on the professor. Yeah. This sounds important. Like test material. I should learn this.

Concentrate. Concentrate. That's a Scott Blazszak nice coat.

Black leather. I should get a coat like that. Then I would be cool. Who am I kidding? I can't pull off a coat like that. You have to know your limitations. Right. Okay.

51 minutes. Come on clock. Move. Don't look at the clock. Pretend it's not even there.

I think Shiny-Watch Brunette is looking at me. Maybe. Nice eyebrows. She looks very studious today. I should try to talk to her after class. Ask her to borrow her notes. So didn't I see you at Corby's this weekend? I could say. Or something. She'd probably look down on me because I didn't do the reading.

Or maybe she'd like it. Rebellious. Brave. My own man. Like a young Steve McQueen. Hollywood Bad Boy. Him. I'll talk to her next week. Yeah. It will be easier to pull off some time next week. Certainly. I'll even remember to shave.


Uh oh. Discussion time. God I hope she doesn't call on me. Look very unassuming. Look. Very. Unassuming. Oh good. Ask her. She'll know the answer. You can tell by her posture. Yup. I know she'd have the answer. That's it. Keep talking. Keep talking. Keep talking up time. I tried to read it. I really did but the paragraphs were so daunting. Two or three-page paragraphs. Like continents.

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What led to our confusion? There were less than 20 buttons on the controller, in lots of colors. They had weird symbols on them like an X, a circle and a triangle, but no A button or B button. Once Jeff and I finally made it past the opening screen, we had to make countless choices about the game we were going to play. Choice after choice after considering difficulty level, weather and the condition of the players like an X, a circle and a triangle, but no A button or B button. We started to play, and I had to pick almost 100 plays every time. I just wanted to run up the middle on third-and-9 in honor of my personal hero Bob Davis, but I couldn't find the play.

The sharper graphics of PlayStation2 didn't really do anything for me, because it was all blurry anyway. Not surprisingly, I didn't remember who won, and I didn't care. We quit after a half because it looked forever. It just wasn't fun for someone who "didn't know when to say when."

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What led to our confusion? There were less than 20 buttons on the controller, in lots of colors. They had weird symbols on them like an X, a circle and a triangle, but no A button or B button. Once Jeff and I finally made it past the opening screen, we had to make countless choices about the game we were going to play. Choice after choice after considering difficulty level, weather and the condition of the players like an X, a circle and a triangle, but no A button or B button. We started to play, and I had to pick almost 100 plays every time. I just wanted to run up the middle on third-and-9 in honor of my personal hero Bob Davis, but I couldn't find the play.

The sharper graphics of PlayStation2 didn't really do anything for me, because it was all blurry anyway. Not surprisingly, I didn't remember who won, and I didn't care. We quit after a half because it looked forever. It just wasn't fun for someone who "didn't know when to say when."

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"Majora's Mask" is the newest installment in the popular "Zelda" series, following the adventures of Link as he travels through the land of Termina.

"Majora's Mask" challenge a must-have for Zelda fans

By ADAM TURNER

Scene Video Game Reviewer

As we move through life, a few things are constant. Engineers get no play. The best way to a woman's heart is not through haiku poetry. Fish and peanut butter do not go together. When you score a touchdown, "Tecmo" shows the same animation every time. There is no instant replay. You can't go for two. The quarterback for the Raiders is Jay Schroeder. Oh, and that's the Los Angeles Raiders. But despite having too much "nectar of the gods" that night, I could still hear "Tecmo" through a tattered N64. Fish and peanut butter do not go together.

"Mario Tennis" is really simple and really fun. It has easier levels that can be mastered quickly, and much more challenging modes for those hard-core folks trying to fill their time in between Dungeons and Dragons tournaments.

"Majora's Mask" is a good game, so good you might confine it with an actual NFL game. There comes a point where if you want to become that real and that in-depth into football, you should just get nine friends together and go play in the park or revert back to the days of Nintendo. Sometimes simple 8-bit graphics and old school players are just more fun.

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Magic of 'Final Fantasy IX' creates best in series

By JOSE CUELLAR
Some Video Game Reviews

Known as one of the most popular series in the role-playing game genre, "Final Fantasy" returns with its ninth installment under this title, the last to appear for the PlayStation console. "Final Fantasy IX" is a great overall game. The full-motion videos are incredible, with great detail. The graphics are a step higher than those from previous titles, and the music is just as impressive.

Composer Nobuo Uematsu has written the music for all the "Final Fantasy" installations. Since this is the last "Final Fantasy" for the PlayStation, Uematsu decided to do something that was unheard of for previous titles. "Final Fantasy IX" is the first title to have a character with a voice — Garnet the princess.

Unlike "Final Fantasy" VII and VIII, this ninth installment has a great mix of old and new. The creators wanted to return to the style that made the series popular.

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"Final Fantasy IX" features a return to the old magic system and a cast of new characters like Freya (right) and Vivi (left).

Fan of the series should instead seek to find them out for themselves, for this game should be considered the best in the series.

Enjoy this game if you have the energy and the time, because "Final Fantasy IX" was made for the long haul. And for those who end up playing this game and become trapped in the eighth hour, as in the case of "Final Fantasy VI" and "Final Fantasy VII" and VIII, there are also several other options besides singles for "Mario Tennis." There is a tournament mode, which will test your ability to master the sport and win against artificial surfaces. There are two mystery players that are revealed when you win one of the tournaments.

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By CHRISTINA MARTINI

A rich blend of vibrant music, impressive dance moves, eye-catching cast numbers, colorful comedy, well-honed New York accents and raw talent combine to produce a premium Pasquerilla East Musical Company performance of Frank Loesser's classic musical, "Guys and Dolls."

The musical, opening Thursday, is directed by senior Matt Baggetta and senior assistant Tiana Checchia, also the show's choreographer.

"Guys and Dolls" is set in New York City and tracks the back-alley shenanigans of well-known gambling coordinator, Nathan Detroit.

The plot is centered on Nathan's scheme to get a date with virginal mission worker Sarah Brown.

Amidst the crap shooting and glitzy gambling scene, Nathan also devours a meal with his comical cronies, Tommy Curtin, Tommy's fiancée of 14 years, Miss Adelaide, is played by the talented junior Heidi Kellner.

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Their efforts have clearly paid off. The musical gleams with professionalism and every character, supporting or principle, is extremely talented.

The show is fast-moving, as each cast member devotes all to the lines, songs, dance moves and jokes. "Half of the funniest people on campus are in this show," said junior Alan Maginn who stars as Nathan Detroit.

"The auditions were the hardest part," Checchia said. Out of the 120 students who auditioned, only 29 were chosen.

From the large pool of budding actors and actresses, several freshmen were selected and one, Tricia Gilbert, was even given the principal role of Sarah Brown.

Gilbert has vocal, acting and dancing talent. Her voice is superb and she plays the role of Sarah with maturity and style.

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Due to Detroit's elusive marriage promises, Adelaide develops a psychosomatic cold that leaves her stage-bound. "I was also cast in the part. "It was neat to do the role again because I was able to see the ways I changed and how that affected the way the character changed," he said.

Maginn's experience is evident in his performance of Detroit. His easy-going attitude and acting ability is perfect for the conniving yet lovable crankshopper.

Tommy Curtin plays Sky Masterson, the gambler who pursues Sarah Brown. Finesse and sensitivity are needed for this part, and that's exactly what Curtin gives. "Guys and Dolls" marks Curtin's third performance with the company. "I always loved theater and it's especially great with a company like this," Curtin said. "The people you meet make the experience — that's what lasts."

Detroit's fiancée of 14 years, Miss Adelaide, is played by the talented junior Heidi Kellner. Kellner's petite frame and powerful voice make a great combination on stage.

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Cunningham and Areaux have a charismatic flair that makes the not-so-bright duo particularly likable. Their duet which gives the musical its name — "Guys and Dolls" — consists of a complicated yet precise tap act.

Another fun full-cast number is "Sit Down, You're Rockin' the Boat" a big closing act performed by Nicely-Nicely Johnson at the Save-a-Soul mission. This is a well-known song that is energetic, catchy and pleasing to the eye — a wonderful end to a spectacular show.

Good directing, a wonderful cast, time, talent and dedication are expertly packaged together in this spring's production of "Guys and Dolls."
Sergei Fedorov scored his team-leading 24th goal and the Detroit Red Wings beat the Ottawa Senators 4-2 Tuesday night, extending their unbeaten streak to seven games.

Sergei Fedorov scored 3-5-8 in the game and the Red Wings are 2-0-1-1 in their last four and have won four of the last five games since Nov. 26, 1997.

Columbus beat the St. Louis Blues 4-1 as Robert Knorr's first goal since November gave the Blue Jackets a 2-1-1 lead over the Blue Jackets with 14.5 seconds to play.

Blues goalie Christian Laflamme. It was the second time in seven games the Blues and Blue Jackets are now 12-13-2-1 early in the third period. He only had two assists as the Devils extended their points streak to 13th NHL playoffs.

Bruce Arena led the league to 2-1 at 10:28 of the second period when Shawn McEachern put a shot over Detroit goalie Tugnutt.

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Robinson arrested on drug charges

Associated Press

PHOENIX

Cliff Robinson rebuilt his career with the Phoenix Suns. Now, he's the third member of the team to run afoul of the law in less than two months.

"Everyone knows that we've been going through," a chastened Robinson said Monday. "This is another shot that we didn't need."

Robinson was arrested early Monday in Scottsdale on charges of possession of marijuana and suspicion of driving under the influence. He joined Jason Kidd and Penny Hardaway on the Suns rap sheet.

Robinson knew he was added to a serious image problem for the franchise.

"I want to say this is a very embarrassing situation for myself, especially under the circumstances that we've been going through," Robinson said Monday with Suns owner Jerry Colangelo at his side.

"I definitely want to apologize to my teammates and the organization for putting the added stress on the team."

Kidd faces a charge of assaulting his wife and has asked the fans for forgiveness. Hardaway was caught in Scottsdale last month in an incident involving a handgun, but prosecutors dropped the charges when the woman involved declined to cooperate.

Colangelo, a deeply religious man who always has preached that he seeks players with high character, found himself defending his franchise.

"We have some guys on this team who are really quality people, and there are a lot of quality people in this league," Colangelo said. "I think it's inappropriate to pull down a whole group of players or a team based on the individual conduct of a few."

"I have no idea what's going to take place with Cliff Robinson, but I promise you, I assure you we will be held accountable for his actions."

The news conference with Robinson and Colangelo came in an incongruous setting.

As the two spoke, the last of students were filing out of America West Arena.

The children had earned a trip to a Suns practice in the "Quest for the Best" program.

The program challenges the youngsters to come up with a way to improve their school. The trip to practice is one of the rewards.

The last three players introduced to the cheering youngsters were Robinson, Kidd and Hardaway.

Professional athletes should accept that they are role models, Colangelo said, but that doesn't mean they are infallible. He also said the organization does everything it can to select the right kind of people.

"We want good people, we want solid citizens, but people fall," Colangelo said.

"That's the point I'm trying to make with everyone. People make mistakes so we have to deal with it... This is who we have. This is our team right now. We have to rally our troops and get what we can out of this season. There's a lot at stake."

Colangelo said that the collective bargaining agreement prohibits him from taking any action against players until the legal issues are resolved.

Robinson, in the second year of a four-year, $29 million contract, had been a model citizen of a four-year, $29 million contract, had been a model citizen and the franchise's most consistent player since he signed as a free agent in 1997 following some tumultuous years with the Portland Trail Blazers.

Police said Robinson's yellow 2001 Porsche was stopped about 1:30 a.m. because it was going 55 mph in a 40-mph zone and weaving in and out of traffic.

Robinson agreed to a blood alcohol test, but results won't be known for several days. Police said they also found a pipe and a small foil packet containing what they believed to be marijuana.

Marijuana testing was added to the NBA's new collective bargaining agreement before last season. Under the agreement, players who test positive for the drug must undergo mandatory counseling, and a second positive test would include a $15,000 fine.

Subsequent positive tests would result in five-game suspensions.
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tured during the early part of the season.
Also missing tonight's game will be forward Dallas Williams, who is ill and will not make the trip.
Even playing shorthanded, Walles expects her team to put out a good effort.
"That's going to be tough to play there but we'll go in there and try to do as best we can," she said. "We're going out there with few bodies, but we still look for a good outcome."

In Notre Dame's last two games against Boston College and Providence, the Irish have struggled to build a significant lead—not leading by double figures until the final minutes of the first half in each game. McGraw looks to improve on that tonight.

"We worked a lot on our offense (Monday) and I think we're getting back to being just a little bit sharper," McGraw said. "I think since we're playing at home that we'll shoot the ball a little bit better."

Despite Notre Dame's superior record, the Irish are aware that they must play the full 40 minutes. Letting up almost cost them a game in the past few years. They haven't been able to get dominating players like Shaun Cody," Emfinger said.

Max Emfinger
Recruiting Expert

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that he has yet to play a college game. But if the Irish land Cody, Emfinger will elevate the Irish from his current "16, 17, or 18" to "12 or 13" in his national recruiting rankings.

Thus far, Notre Dame has received 20 verbal commitments. In addition to Cody, the Irish have received verbal commitments from Alvin Freeman, who has narrowed his choices to Notre Dame, North Carolina running back Alvin Pearman, and Northwestern.

Lydell Ross, a running back from Florida, may also sign with the Irish. He verbally committed a few weeks ago but changed his mind after visiting Florida and Ohio State. Emfinger believes Ross will sign with Florida and that the Irish trail Ohio State, as well.

"On my Web site I've had Notre Dame people ask me questions all year if they're going to get Lydell Ross or some other big-name running back," Emfinger said. "But if you lose a Lydell Ross and pick up a Ryan Grant (a running back who verbally committed to Notre Dame), I don't see how there's that much of a difference between those two players. In fact, I think Grant's a little bit faster." Grant's situation shows how difficult it is to trust recruiting analysts' predictions. While Emfinger believes Grant could be a great running back, Lemming says, "I think he's an All-American at safety."

Grant, a 6-foot-1 200-pounder from New York, ran for over 2000 yards as a senior. Other top players who have verbally committed to the Irish include offensive lineman Mark LeVoir from Minnesota, Linebacker Corey Mays from Chicago and wide receiver Carlos Campbell from Virginia.

The Irish have also received commitments from five offensive linemen and four defensive backs.

But Cody is the real story on signing day 2001. The 6-foot-5 240-pounder is ranked fifth among Lemming's top 100 recruits.

"Cody's the kind of players that Notre Dame has gotten in the past few years," Emfinger said. "But they've slipped in the past few years. They haven't been able to get those dominating players like Shaun Cody."
Jackie Robinson is a legendary figure and his name is now synonymous with the desegregation and redefinition of professional sports. From his earliest experiences with his family in Pasadena, California, he quickly learned that he had to actively respond to racial identity. In his first three years in the league, Jackie was forced to passively respond to racist taunts and threats. In fact, the required silence was his most difficult sacrifice, as it went against how he had chosen to live his life. When he was free to speak out, it became clear that he had his own athletic and political agenda to pursue. Throughout the week, especially in his final years in baseball, he used his athletic stature and popularity, to turn society’s focus towards humanity and equality for blacks and whites. Robinson is heroic, in part, because of the excellence of his athletic achievement; and equally important, for his political commitment to racial equality. He reaffirms for Blacks that those in a history of struggle, survival and accomplishment.

Marian Anderson, an artist and musician, was renowned throughout the world for her extraordinary contralto voice and remembered for her dignity and grace under pressure. Before her death in 1993, Marian Anderson placed her personal papers—including letters, music scores, programs, photographs, and sound recordings—with the University of Pennsylvania Library. Thankfully, it is still possible to enjoy Ms. Anderson’s renderings of Lieder and spirituals, to get a glimpse of the preparation and performance of her repertoire, and through the papers that she left behind, investigate and understand how, when, where, and with whom her life took shape, which was enriched, and became enriching not only for her audiences but also for others in need.

Test your knowledge of some of the key events and happenings in Black history.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

The answer to question 1 chose the 2nd week of February for Negro History Week because it marks the birthdays of two men who greatly impacted the American black population.

Frederick Douglass & Abraham Lincoln.

1. In the 1920s which African-American created and promoted Negro History Week?
   a. George Washington Carver
   b. Harriet Tubman
   c. Carter G. Woodson
   d. Martin Luther

2. George Washington Carver is best known for cultivating what?
   a. Cotton
   b. Peanuts
   c. Rice
   d. Wheat

3. When he was a lawyer, what landmark court case did Thurgood Marshall win?
   a. Roe vs. Wade
   b. O.J. Simpson vs. the State of California
   c. Brown vs. the Board of Education
   d. Plessy vs. Ferguson

4. Thurgood Marshall was the first African-American to sit on the Supreme Court. Which president appointed him?
   a. Ronald Reagan
   b. John F. Kennedy
   c. Dwight Eisenhower
   d. Lyndon Johnson

5. The NAACP distributes an award for the “highest of noblest achievement by an African-American during the preceding year or years.” What is the name of the award?
   a. The Spingarn Award Medal
   b. The NAACP Award of Merit
   c. The Hugo Award
   d. The CAPI Award

6. Who was the first Black woman from the South to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives and call for the impeachment of Richard Nixon?
   a. Shirley Chisolm
   b. Ann Richards
   c. Barbara Jordan
   d. Jane Addams

7. Which African-American entertainer began his career at the age of three performing with his father and uncle?
   a. Bill Cosby
   b. Spike Lee
   c. Sammy Davis, Jr.
   d. Flip Wilson

8. Which civil rights leader has been referred to as the “Black Moses?”
   a. Malcolm X
   b. Louis Farrakan
   c. Harriet Tubman
   d. Martin Luther King, Jr.

9. Martia Luther King, Jr. was the leader of which boycott, spurred by Rosa Parks?
   a. The Montgomery Bus boycott
   b. The Tallahassee Bus Boycott
   c. The Oil Boycott
   d. The Baton Rouge Bus Boycott

10. In 1949, Jackie Robinson was the first black player to receive what prestigious baseball award?
    a. The Most Valuable Player Award
    b. A nomination into the Baseball Hall of Fame
    c. A retired number
    d. Sportsman of the year

*Answers: http://www.mhsii.com/modules/quizzes/hml1999_quiz.cnp*
Belles aim for upset against league-leading Flying Dutch

By KATIE McVOY Special to the Observer

As female athletes are recognized nationwide, the Belles are looking to soar to victory over the No. 1 ranked Flying Dutch of Hope College tonight.

Today, National Girls and Women in Sports Day, is set aside for recognizing high school and college women in athletics. During tonight's half time, student athletes at Saint Mary's will be recognized for their contributions to athletics and scholarship. But, for the basketball team, tonight's focus is on Hope.

The Belles, who have recently hit a nine-game losing skid, will have a challenge in the 18-2 Flying Dutch who are still unde-

 beaten in the MIAA. However, Saint Mary's is still hoping for victory.

"To me, you always have to go out for the win," head coach Suzanne Smith said. "We played a good game the last time we played them and we're excited to play them at home."

The last time these two schools met, Hope defeated Saint Mary's 75-51. This time Saint Mary's is aiming to play hard ball.

"We are really working on being aggressive," Smith said. "Hope really gets after you both offensively and defensively."

Last year marked the first time in Hope history that the Flying Dutch had consecutive 20-win campaigns; they are currently only two wins short of extending that record to three years. With 11 returning letter winners and two players that have been named MIAA Player of the Week, Hope will make a strong bid for one of those two need-

ed wins.

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A concussion during Saturday's game may bench Belles' post player Kristen Matha who recently returned to the court after suffering a big flexor muscle injury. Smith will count on Kelly Roberts again to

play in the starting post position along with Anne Blair and guards Julie Norman, Mary Campione, and Katie Christiansen.

Matha will warm up with the team and, depending on her con-

dition, she may play during the game.

"We're counting on Kelly to start and if Kristen can come off the bench, that would be great," Smith said.

With Blair leading the offense, Saint Mary's will be focusing on minimizing turnovers. In Saturday's loss to Calvin, the Belles turned the ball over 13 times in the first half alone.

"We've been trying to push the ball, which is why we've had so many turnovers," Smith said. "Now we're trying to make bet-

ter decisions and clean that up."

The Saint Mary's defense will have its work cut out facing a strong Hope offense.

"We have to shut down their offense," Smith said. "They have a great transition game and very good post players."

The defense will have to keep an eye on Hope's leading scor-

ers. Junior forward Laura Poppema and sophomore post player Amanda Kerkstra aver-

age 10 and 16 points a game respectively. Joining them are senior forward Kristin Kuengknecht, who averages eight points and eight rebounds a game, and sophomore guard Amy Baltmanis, with eight points a game.

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National celebration calls attention to women athletes

Belles and Irish celebrate National Girls and Women in Sports Day

By KATIE McVOY
Assistant Sports Editor

Today isn’t about being Division I or Division III or about being nationally ranked or unknown. Today women on the Saint Mary’s campus and women on the Notre Dame campus have something very important in common. Today all the women athletes of the nation are being recognized for their contribution to the world of sports. Today is National Girls and Women in Sports Day.

Girls and Women in Sports Day exists to highlight the current and past careers of high school, college, and professional women athletes. Established by the Women’s Sports Foundation, the day celebrates women in athletics and encourages gender equality in sports.

The national celebration began in 1987 in remembrance of Olympic volleyball player Flo Hyman, whose career and work towards the equality of women in sports showed that women are major players in the athletic world.

In a world that has been dominated by men’s sports, both in the media, and in financial circles, women’s sports have been making more and more appearances in recent days. The Women’s Sports Foundation came into existence to make sure those appearances keep happening, and chose Feb. 7 to highlight the place of women in sports.

The celebration will be spotlighted in Washington D.C. and high schools and universities across the nation will join in presenting the accomplishments of their athletes.

Tonight, both Saint Mary’s women athletes and Notre Dame women athletes can come together in a mutual celebration of women in athletics.

“This is a great way to call attention to all women in sports,” Saint Mary’s athletic director Lynn Kachmarik said.

The Saint Mary’s athletic department has prepared a special half time presentation during tonight’s basketball game against Hope College. Vice President for Student Affairs, Linda Timm, will lead the ceremony that is aimed to reward athletes for academic and athletic success.

The Belles volleyball team will be honored during the celebration, along with several individual Saint Mary’s athletes.

The Saint Mary’s spikers earned a team GPA of 3.69 during the first semester. This presentation will highlight the importance of academics and athletics.

Joining the volleyball team during halftime will be any woman who made an all MIAA team. This includes women from several teams, including this fall’s golf and volleyball teams.

“This gives us a chance to recognize our athletes,” Kachmarik said.

“This is the first time that Saint Mary’s has planned events to help celebrate this day. As the athletic director at an all women’s college, however, I think it is important. She hopes that this will be only the beginning.

“This is the first time we’ve done this,” Kachmarik said.

“Each year we’d like to see this grow.”

The Notre Dame athletic department does not have plans for a special celebration or any presentations. However, the No. 1 ranked Lady Irish will take the court against Pitt at home.

The hoopsters have epitomized the importance of women in athletics as they took the No. 1 spot this year, boosting fan attendance and keeping the program in the national spotlight.

Although the Irish are a nationally ranked, Division I program, and the Belles are a lesser known, Division III program, both teams are looking to showcase the aspirations of women athletes in America.

By 7:30 tonight, 10 women will be on the court showing fans why women in athletics have received so much attention in recent years.

The Irish hoopsters (right) will join the Saint Mary’s Belles in celebrating National Girls and Women in Sports Day. Members of the Belles soccer team (below), along with other Saint Mary’s student athletes, will be honored during tonight’s basketball game against Hope.

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Irish recruiters have high hopes for defensive end

By TIM CASEY
Assistant Sports Editor

Irish recruiters have high hopes for defensive end Cody, who committed to Wake Forest on signing day, just weeks after Bob Davie and his assistants assured the North Carolina native that they would not sign another signal caller. Last season, following weeks of predictions and scrutiny, Holiday chose Notre Dame over Nebraska on signing day. Today, Cody, one of the nation's top defensive recruits, is expected to announce his intentions. He has apparently narrowed his choices to UCLA, USC, Washington, Miami and Notre Dame.

Cody, according to ESPN.com recruiting analyst Tom Lemming, has been assigned to pursue Cody. "[Notre Dame needs Shaun Cody]," said Max Emfinger, a recruiting analyst for USA Today and Rivals.com. "He's everything that's been written about him. In the All-Star games, he was dominant. He beat up everybody, all the offensive lineman in the country. You just can't block him. He's everywhere."

Irish hoopsters look to dominate power forward

By NOAH AMSTADTER
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Preparing for tonight's game against Pittsburgh, the No. 1 Notre Dame women's basketball team brought in a new opponent Tuesday — football guard Jim Jones. Jones took on All-American center Ruth Riley in a game of H-O-R-S-E on Tuesday before practice. Riley won the showdown.

"She got me by two letters," Jones said.

Tonight, the Irish move their focus from a big offensive guard to a talented young forward. The Panthers (9-12, 3-7 in the Big East) boast one of the Big East's top power forwards in sophomore Mandy Wittenmyer.

Wittenmyer leads Pittsburgh in scoring and rebounding, averaging 13.8 points per contest to go along with nine boards. When these two teams last met Feb 2, 2000, Wittenmyer had 15 points, seven rebounds and six steals.

"She's their best player," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said of the sophomore. "She had a really good game against us here last year. She's tough to guard because she goes to the basket well and shoots the free throw jumper."

Wittenmyer has impressed Pittsburgh coach Traci Waite with her maturity this season. "She is banged up — a sore ankle and a sore knee. She's doing everything for us in terms of rebounding," Waite said Tuesday in a teleconference. "She's taken on a leadership role, she's obviously scoring. It's just nice to have a sophomore that's willing to carry that weight for us."

Wittenmyer isn't the only banged up Panther. Guard Monique Toney, who averages 10.8 points and nearly four assists per game, is out with a variety of hand injuries.

"She got kicked in the Seton Hall game and fractured one of the bones in her shooting hand," Waite said. "Her left hand was fractured in a recent game. The Irish will take on the Pittsburgh Panthers tonight at the Joyce Center."