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 James Caldwell’s political campaign for St. Joseph County. His duties as a campaign consultant involve analyzing the results of surveys and providing advice on campaign strategy. As Caldwell’s campaign manager, Pierce realized he would be taking a more active role, but it was a role Tom was ready and willing to assume.

“We lived across the street from one another downtown. We’ve been close friends for about 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 for a long, long time.”

Caldwell is also no stranger to the political life. According to Pierce, Caldwell has been the administrative assistant to the last two mayors. Pierce believes that Caldwell’s experience will aid him in winning the position as County Commissioner.

“We need to have more folks like him who value public life and have a really deep and abiding concern for their fellow citizens,” Pierce said. “We need to see more of those folks running for office and winning.”

Managing a political campaign, local or national, is no easy task. Pierce discovered that there were many differences between advising a campaign and actually running one.

“The thing I’m learning about managing a campaign is that the details become exceedingly important,” Pierce said. “In the past I didn’t have to worry about the details. You could talk about campaign strategy without the burden of implementing that strategy. The general outlines of strategy I knew before — now I have to learn something new. Now I have that burden.”

However, Pierce went on to explain that the campaign team consists of more than just Caldwell and himself.

“The benefit is that task is made-easier by the number of local politicians and party activists are also involved and tremendously helpful,” Pierce said. “They’re very bright folks. It constitutes one of the real pleasures of managing a campaign.”

As an academic, Pierce appreciates his coworkers not only for their zeal for the campaign but also for their usefulness between advising a campaign and actually running one.

Senate calls for more power

By JASON McFARLEY
News Editor

With the backing of the University’s top academic official, the Faculty Senate pushed passage Tuesday of a resolution to reorganize the senate and give the body more formal authority.

After Provost Nathan Hatch expressed support for the measure, senators voted unanimously to approve the restructuring resolution and forward it to the Academic Council. A subcommittee of the council will convene Monday to consider allowing the senate to reconstitute and align itself more closely with the Academic Council.

The resolution overhauls the description of the senate contained in the Academic Articles of the faculty handbook. Changes to the articles require approval of the Academic Council, University president and Board of Trustees.

Graduate Student Union

GSU members dismiss discord

By ANDREW THAGARD
Assistant News Editor

The Graduate Student Union (GSU) has dropped a motion introduced in December to dismiss vice president Kishore Deshpande from the executive board.

“As part 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 Packet.

Burgos introduced the motion in a closed December meeting, alleging 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.

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**INSIDE COLUMN**

**Thursday is family night**

People love to criticize South Bend as this po­
dunk little town in the middle of nowhere where nothing exciting ever goes on. I am from New York City and I have done the bar and club scene there, but I have to admit, I have a great time every

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**THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS**

**Wednesday**

- Lecture: *José Limón, The Devil and Danzors, Yankee,* Washington
  - Professor José Limón, Hall room 101, be purchased at LaForte 7:30 pm.
  - Box Office.

**Thursday**

- Theater: *Dann, Damn*
  - Yankee,* Washington
  - Professor José Limón, Hall room 101, be purchased at LaForte 7:30 pm.
  - Box Office.

**Friday**

- Celebration: Brazilian Carnival. Music performed by the Chicago Samba School. Alumni Senior Club. Free, open to public. p.m.

**Saturday**

- Reading: Poetry reading by Craig Grant, slam poet; actor on HBO’s “Oz.”
  - LaForte Ballroom, 8

**HASTY PUTTING MEMBERS ARRAIGNED FOR LACRASY**

Cambridge, Mass.

Suzanne M. Pomey and Randy J. Gomes will be arraigned Tuesday morning in Cambridge’s Middlesex Superior Court on charges of grand larceny, after allegedly withdrawing funds from the Harvard University Hasty Pudding Theatricals and depositing them into their personal accounts. Sources within the Theatricals place the value of the alleged theft at more than $100,000. The alleged co-conspirators each face up to 10 years in prison if convicted. Pomey and Gomes are required by law to present at their arraignments Tuesday morning, at which time they will each enter a plea to the charges. “The defendant ordinarily enters a plea of ‘not guilty’ at his/her first appearance,” accord­
ing to the Middlesex County district attorney’s office. Judge Carol S. Ball will preside over Tuesday’s arraignments, which are open to the public. Members of the Theatricals said they expected many members to be present.

**MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY**

Cigarette smoking prevalent

Milwaukee

College students across the country are lighting up. Cigarette use is continuing to grow at campuses nationwide, with college students leading the pack in tobacco use. According to the Core Institute on Alcohol and Other Drug Use on College Campuses Survey, 35.5 percent of college students reported using tobacco within a one-month period. “This is more than double the national average, which is 23 percent of adults,” said Jessica Thieleke, program coordinator for the Wisconsin branch of the American Lung Association. “Here in Wisconsin, our adult tobacco use is right around the national average rate, between 23 and 24 percent.” Thieleke is concerned about this growing number of college students who are becoming regular users of tobacco. “Something startling that is happening is that more and more young adults are coming into college who weren’t previ­ously using tobacco, and they’re starting to do that in college,” Thieleke said.

**TEXAS A&M**

Students react to decision

College Station, Texas

The halls of the Memorial Student Center were empty moments after Texas A&M University President Dr. Ray M. Bowen told students there would not be an Aggie Bonfire in 2002. In the upstairs room where he spoke to students and reporters, broadcast to Rudder Theater and the MSC Flagroom and KAMU on-campus channels, students gasped as Bowen named reasons for discontinuing the 90-year tradition he had placed on a moratori­um until this year. Then, in one collective movement, students in the press conference room, the Flagroom and Rudder Theater rose, gathered their bags and left, refusing to hear the rest of Bowen’s announcement. On Nov. 18, 1999, 12 Aggies died and 27 were injured when the Bonfire stack swayed and fell at 2:42 a.m. Student Body President Schuyler Houser, an industrial engineering major and member of the steer­ing committee that worked for 18 months on the Bonfire 2000 project, told students Bowen’s decision was “the collapse of a great tradition.”

**LOCAL WEATHER**

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**NATIONAL WEATHER**

The AccuWeather.com forecast for noon, Wednesday, Feb. 6. Links explain high temperature zones for the day.

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INSIDE

Wednesday, February 6, 2002

The Observer
Student government extends beyond politics

By ERIN LARUFFA

When the four tickets running in Notre Dame's student body election face off tonight, 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.

"It's not an issue because you're working with the person in the past and you know you can respect them," said Foley.

Foley, Moscona, Williams, and Oxley all came together in high school and have been friends ever since. The two freshmen running with Bishop and Foley knew each other in high school as well.

"We're all friends," said Moscona. "I didn't think I probably would not ask him to run with her, the two " discussed it as a possibility," Moscona said.

But if I eventually did decide to run I probably would said Bishop to run with her to be my running mate," Bishop said. "I didn't feel 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 that I wasn't going to think about it until Christmas break, but if I eventually did decide to run I probably would said Bishop to run with her to be my running mate," Bishop said. "I didn't feel it only natural to call Moscona before making a decision."

For Bishop and Foley, running together was a natural choice. "It was a little awkward at first because you've worked with the person in the past and you know you can respect them," Foley said.

"I don't see this campaign as a personal conflict," said Bishop. "Sometimes it's hard because their campaign and their platform is always going to affect you more."

For Williams and Oxley, one challenge did arise they were running together. "It makes it a little more emotional," said Bishop. "Four 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 Oxley and Williams's mutual friends have decided not to get involved in either campaign, according to Williams, while others have helped each candidate 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 TERRY RESTIVO

Teresa Ghilarducci, associate professor of economics at Notre Dame, testified Thursday at Ivy Tech State College.

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

Ghilarducci, 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 committee," said Ghilarducci. Also on the agenda for the committee was the economic woes they are currently facing.

"To maintain the working class education is not enough, new jobs need to be created that pay a living wage, also unionization plays a role. Supply of [work] does not create it's own demand," said Ghilarducci.

Ghilarducci 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 Ghilarducci. 401Ks are retirement funds where workers invest a percentage of the money they earn back in to the company, gaining security as they retire. Enron recently filed for bankruptcy amongst 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

By TERRY RESTIVO

An exhibition on documentary filmmaking by Jill Godmilow, professor of film, television and theater 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." "This is a decade of work, released in 1998 that is a perfect replica of "Inextinguishable Fire," a 1969 German film. 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-tary," also will be on view in the museum's Art League Gallery and The Project Room.

In more than three decades of film and video making, Godmilow has earned a substantial reputation as a producer/director and is considered one of the primary theorists/practitioners in the American non-fiction genre. She has been a member of the Notre Dame faculty since 1992 and is the recipient of Rockefeller and Guggenheim fellowships and a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.

The South Bend Regional Museum of Art is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays and noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday, located at 200 S. Michigan St. Admission is suggested for nonmembers.
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Executive Council creates new student activities calendar

By ERIN LaRUFFA
Assistant News Editor

Students wanting information about lectures, sporting events and other activities going on around campus will soon have a 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

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modifications of the senate," 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," said senate chair Jacqueline Brogan, who since last fall has consulted with officials on the restructuring of the senate.

Senator John Robinson worked closely on the effort with Brogan on the effort. He said the plan strays little from the changes the senate has talked about since October.

Robinson acknowledged that "this becomes less if the Academic Council accepts it."

Ironically, a senate resolution last spring that required approval from the Academic Council was the impetus for Tuesday's action.

In May, the 2000-2001 members voted to disband the body, citing perceptions among faculty and administrators that the senate was powerless and ineffective. The senate, in fact, lacked authority to dissolve itself because such a move would have required a change in the Academic Articles.

University officials publicly urged the senate to remain in existence but never formally considered the resolution.

That's because the 2001-2002 senate, seated in May, overturned the decision to disband and began work on the restructure plan.

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GSU

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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 council meeting.

"I do recognize there could be differences of times, mainly arising out of our different backgrounds and upbringings, but I do not believe such differences in opinions cannot be overcome through an open and frank dialogue," she said in the letter.

The GSU will elect new officers in April and both Burgos and Deshpande have chosen not to seek reelection. Both Burgos and Deshpande were not available for comment on Tuesday evening.

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**World News Briefs**

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 for Lent, the period of fasting and penitence before Easter. It begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 13.

**National News Briefs**

Student arrested after child found: A 21-year-old Muskingum College student was arrested Tuesday after the body of her newborn son was found Monday evening in a trash bin behind her home in New Concord, Ohio. She is being held in the Muskingum County Jail pending charges. An autopsy will be performed to determine the cause of death.

McCain gets a nose job: Sen. John McCain also had plastic surgery done on Monday to remove a cancerous lesion on his nose. The lesion was non lifethreatening, 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 melanoma, one in 1993 and one in 2000.

**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.

**Market Watch February 5**

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**Program matches bags, flights**

WASHINGTON

A pilot program to match checked luggage with passengers on connecting flights is being developed by the new Transportation Security Administration. Transportation Security Undersecretary John Magaw said Tuesday that the TSA was working with the airlines to look at how to make sure that baggage from a connecting flight is not transferred to another plane unless the passenger also boards.

Under federal law all checked bags must be either screened for explosives or not loaded on a plane unless the passenger also boards. But if a passenger is scheduled to change planes, the airline does not have to make sure that the traveler boards the second flight before loading the bags.

“The gap in the process for passengers with connecting flights needs to be closed,” said Kenneth Mead, the Transportation Department’s inspector general.

Magaw told the Senate Commerce Committee that he was developing a test program to see whether passenger bag matching could be done on connecting flights.

“We are going to do a pilot,” Magaw said. When the Transportation Department first announced that airlines would meet the Jan. 18 deadline for inspecting checked bags, some lawmakers and airline security experts criticized the government for not requiring bag matching on connecting flights.

The airline industry, which for years has fought such a requirement, had said it would be too disruptive.

Mead, however, said, “We have not seen evidence to support their concern that positive bag match cannot be done (on connecting flights).”

Under the airline security law, all checked bags are to be screened by explosive detection machines by the end of the year.

Deputy Transportation Secretary Michael Jackson said the department was ready to order 100 new machines and expected to certify a third manufacturer to produce the equipment.

“We have made a very significant step forward,” Jackson said. “We’ll hit the end-of-the-year target.”

**Men face 2nd trial in trooper case**

DETROIT

Two white men accused of beating a black state trooper for dancing 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.

Jases Barker, 22, and Travis Sales, 21, were jailed on racial 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.
Powell demands Arafat choose peace or terror

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Secretary of State Colin Powell demanded Tuesday that Yasser Arafat choose between peace and terror and make clear which option the United States expects.

The Palestinian leader "must act decisively to confront the sources of terror and doom once and for all," Powell said in his blunt statement about the death penalty.

For months, Powell has demanded that Arafat curb Palestinian attacks on Israelis. At this same time, he has reminded Arafat and Arab leaders who see a pro-Israel tilt in U.S. policy that the United States reflects the views of a Palestinian state on land now held by Israel.

Testifying Tuesday before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Powell said, "The Palestinian people will never see their aspirations achieved through violence."

And in a message to Arab and European leaders pushing the Bush administration to resume a stalled mediation role, Powell said Arafat "cannot enslave us and others in the pursuit of peace and, at the same time, permit or tolerate violence and terrorism.

Powell called Palestinian arms smuggling attempts "absolutely unacceptable" and said Arafat must ensure such activities cease.

At the same time, Powell urged Israel to alleviate the suffering of the Palestinians.

The thrust of his testimony, however, was focused on Arafat. It reflected a judgment within the administration that promises by the Palestinian leader to curb attacks have fallen short of U.S. expectations.

As Powell spoke on Capitol Hill, Israeli security officials with U.S. officials, denounced Arafat's Palestinian Authority as "an entity that should be part of President Bush's "suds of evil." In his State of the Union address last month, Bush accused that regime to warn Iran, Iraq and North Korea to stop exporting terror.

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U.S. Secretary of State
Palestinian gunmen kill 3 in courtroom

**Mob claims Palestinian justice system is powerless**

Associated Press

JENIN

An enraged mob led by two dozen gunmen, including members of the Palestinian security forces, burst into a heavily guarded courtroom Tuesday and killed three men convicted in a vigilante killing — heightening a breakdown of law and order in the Palestinian territories.

The Palestinian justice system was notable for its one-day trials and heavy reliance on security courts, rather than civilian courts, even before the Mideast fighting began 16 months ago.

Since then, the legal system has become more chaotic — as many other services provided by Yasser Arafat's Palestinian Authority.

Many Palestinians acknowledge the problem, but say restrictions imposed by Israel, combined with Israeli bombing raids, have made it impossible for the Palestinian Authority to be a proper government.

On Tuesday, in a court session lasting less than an hour, three members of the Kameel clan pleaded guilty to the murder Friday of another clan member, an officer in the security forces.

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 Palestinian security forces, though all were in civilian clothes, witnesses said. Most or all of the gunmen were believed to be related to Osama Kameel, the man shot dead Friday.

Police hid the three defendants in a bathroom, but were quickly overpowered by the gunmen who brandished automatic rifles and pistols. The gunmen quickly found the trio and shot them dead, witnesses said.

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

The vigilante killings "show that the Palestinian courts and the judicial system are weak and don't have the confidence of the people," said Ghaith Khatib, 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 deadliness suicide bombings have originated in Jenin, in the northern West Bank.

The killings marked the latest bloody chapter of violent death and revenge within the Kameel clan.

It began in 1988, shortly after the outbreak of the first Palestinian uprising and Israeli occupation of Jenin, when when Hamas, a clan in Arafat's Fatah movement, began killing suspected collaborators with Israel.

In all, six suspected collaborators in the Kameel clan were killed between 1988 and 1990 by a group of gunmen headed by Hamas Arafat.

He served several years in an Israeli prison for the killings, but after the establishment of the Palestinian Authority in 1994, he was eventually freed and joined the Palestinian Preventive Security service.

Last Friday, Kameel was killed after being lured to a garbage dump on the outskirts of his hometown of Qabatiyeh, near Jenin.

Three members of his clan, Mahmoud Kameel, 38, Khaled Kameel, 18, and Khald Kameel, 17, were charged with the killing and brought before the military tribunal Tuesday.

When the judge asked the defendants why they had waited so long with their reprisal, they said they believed the Palestinian security services were weak and they could not get away with the killing.

"We call on people not to take the law by their hands," said Zuhair Manassra, the governor of Jenin. "We have to maintain the judicial system in the Palestinian areas, to have it independent and free. But with the Israeli attempts to destroy the Palestinian Authority, it is extremely difficult to achieve this."

Intercommunal feuds are not uncommon among the Palestinians but they are usually spring up between rival clans, not inside a single one.

The worst case since the establishment of the Palestinian Authority was in June 2001, when nine people were killed in a single day of clashes between two families in the Gaza Strip.

The killing began when a man who had been the fighter in the first Palestinian uprising was shot dead in Khan Younis by the family of a man whom he had murdered as a suspect Israeli collaborator.

In a more typical case, a Palestinian policeman was thined down last year in his way to work by the family of a merchant whom he had shot dead three years earlier for failing to stop at a road-block.

Two people were later sentenced to death for the assassination of the policeman, but the sentences were not carried out because Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat did not approve them.

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That year, when you are about to embarrass yourself, your special buddy steps in and curbs your attention towards them. 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 doldrums part of the year, when 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 who you really are 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 blatantly 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 handful to back and you think the target of your affections would most likely vomit at the idea of hooking up with you, 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 be really crazy. You think we’re busy with school and school-related activities — drinking — so most of us from time to time insti­
tute 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 is 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 effec­
tive strategy. Now if overly forceful, your “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 tail.

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 hanged up, they won’t notice you watching them or walking circles around them. That’s important as you do not want to be detected 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 drinking 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 infatuated 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 ungodly 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 orches­
trated 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 embar­
rassing 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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gies falling, but will accept full responsibility if they work. Also, if they work, he wants to know how and if you have superpowers. This column appears every other Wednesday. He can be reached at larson.123@nd.edu.

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Wednesday, February 5, 2002

Service means feeling at home anywhere

A phone call, and my father was on his way — carrying me home half asleep in his arms simply because I was homesick after just a few hours. As a child, I never 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 and I would rattie off a litany of memories: the smell of a Kansas autumn, playing baseball after dark snow on Christmas morning in 1987. And always, home felt the same. During the past few years, 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 through 1,000 snowflakes falling on slanted sidewalks.

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I have called both these places home, yet the opportunity to serve them has been my opportunity to be home— 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 becoming a homemaker.

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 chatted with 6-year-old children in campers, too-rigorous to play soccer even with these kids half my size. There I was — 20 years old, two years of expensive private college education behind me and I’m back in third grade being the last boy picked for kickball.

We went on field trips, read books, played basketball, but no matter what activities I tried, I never felt I could reach my kids. There was nothing I could do, so I seemed, because I always felt like a stranger, an outsider. And so I was to my kids, a stranger. Perhaps, it is just that feeling which unnerve you the way a parked suitcase might — some things you just know in your stomach. While we did not share 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 conversation improved, I realized that my most important job in Pilsen was just living there. The act of being present for others necessarily begins with sharing a home.

That summer, I gained an immigrant and I became a child. My kids learned to trust me, because I chose not to be an outsider anymore. We began to live 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 until we build a home where we are weary and wake up to new views through different windows. And being homesick, sometimes, is not a longing for the home we clung to as children, but for the one in which we are called to serve, no matter how foreign.

They still call me a homesick kid, but not for a more just and humane world. For a More Just and Humane World is the center for Social Concerns at the University of Notre Dame. Miguel Vieyra is a junior at Notre Dame. He is one of four students who participated this past summer in the Hispanic Leadership X: San Ysidro Service Orientation program run through the CSC, in collaboration with partners in Chicago and San Diego. More information on this program, and other similar programs, are available at the CSC. Contact the CSC at ray.11@nd.edu.

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Student government seeks participation

Student government at Notre Dame has made an impact on students’ lives, and continues to do so on a daily basis in countless ways that aren’t publicized. Student government can make a broader impact on campus, but it can’t do it alone.

When you DARTed online last semester, a much better alternative to the old system students had to suffer through, that was the product of years of collaboration between members of the student government and the Registrar’s office. But students complained about the old system that student leaders had a very strong base to argue for change and change was made.

When you walk into Grab N’ Go, one of the dining halls or the Huddle and see new items and services you have publicized. Student government can make a difference.

It’s easy to sit in a dorm room on your computer and fire off an article that says that student government is a joke or look at a campaign poster and claim that it doesn’t matter who gets elected because they are only in it for their own glory. Anybody can do that. But that will not change anything.

Student government will not be more active on this campus until more students get involved. That is how things will change.

So, instead of writing off this election and claiming that student government is useless, I challenge our student body to get involved. Run for office. Go to the town hall meetings. Go to a Student Senate meeting and make your voice heard. There are lots of ways to get involved, and the door to the student government office on the second floor in LaFortune is always open. I know for a fact that Brooke Norton and the rest of the students working up there would love the help.

Student government can make a difference. But can’t do it alone.

Editor’s note: Ryan Becker is a former student from Zahm Hall who ran for student body president last year.

Ryan Becker
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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, after the company pays for the $7,000 to $8,000 in 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.

"Damn Yankees" is probably mostly about what's important in life and having glory and success... it 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. "Part of the charm of PEMC is that we come in as a society and many of the foundational texts on the nature of the Devil, its always playing in the back of my mind, Cunningham said.

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

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 major 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.

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Mr. Applegate (Alan Macginn) and his devillettes, clockwise they are: April Trimble, Lindsey Horvath, Shawna Monson and Kat Walsh.
Just nine days before the start of the 2002 season, Selig decided Tuesday to shelve any plans to move the date of the exhibition period until 2003.

Baseball has 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 hold spring training.

"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 issued an appeal of the injunction by the Twins and Selig. Owners voted Nov. 6 to eliminate two teams but did not specify which ones. The labor negotiators later told the players' association the Twins and Expos were targeted.

Despite the court defeats 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 just nine days before the start of spring training, and he vowed to press forward with contraction to 2003.

"Contraction was an initiative of the 30 clubs and continued to be wholly 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 objectives may well be affected by the economics of the industry in 2002.

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.

Arbitrator Shyam 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."

Owners claim they must bargain with the union only on effects of contraction, such as player dispersal, not the decision to eliminate teams.

The Twins didn't even wait for Selig's announcement, telling their players after Monday's court ruling that the team would rule on its 42nd 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 year last year, and we expect to have a good year this year."

The Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission, which operates Minneapolis' Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome, sued to force the Twins to honor their lease. The Hennepin County District Judge Harry Seymour Crump issued the injunction on Nov. 16.

The Minnesota Court of Appeals upheld the order Jan. 22, 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 is reviewing proposals for a new stadium that could ensure the team's long-term survival.

Republican Rep. Harry Mares, 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 $660 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 $210 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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Associated Press

HOUSTON

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 and license 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.
By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

Wednesday night could be a leap-sided battle for the Belles of Saint Mary’s as they try to stave 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. Saint Mary’s scores an average of 57.4 points a game and allows 62.1.

Hope’s Becky Sutton leads the conference in 3-point shooting, making 46.5 percent of her shots from beyond the arc. Saint Mary’s has the worst field goal shooting percentage in the conference, making 30.7 of their attempts from the floor. Their opponent

Hope leads the league in average assists per game with 15.9. Saint Mary’s must not let their opponent

Hope’s best player Amanda Kerkstra has been out for the past two weeks due to injury. On bright side for Saint Mary’s, the Belles are riding on a surge of confidence stemming from their upset over Alma, Saint Mary’s must not let Hope’s home crowd advantage demoralize them.

"Hope probably has one of the best crowds. They get a lot of people to watch their games because it’s a small town and that’s the main highlight. We need to ignore that and play above it," Creachbaum said.

"Our goal is to expect to win, and play to win. And so much more (learn about) what we’re ranked in the conference," Miller said. "We know that we can beat this team. Anything can happen on any given night."

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Belles take on top-ranked Flying Dutch

Saint Mary’s point guard Katie Boyce defends as an Alma player brings the ball up court during Sunday’s home victory. The Belles take on the Flying Dutch of Hope College tonight.
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, their quarterback and unpresidential leader, was elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame, any football fan couldn’t help but feel 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 load 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 modern era 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 returned a playoff game to throw two touchdowns. Then there’s the tale that has him running 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 what Kelly has done off the field. Shortly after the omi¬

A secondary goal of ETHICS WEEK is to establish a foundation for future ethical discussions in and out of the classroom. Once the area of ethics has been examined, students may want to pursue the area in papers, presentations or in engaging class discussions.

The topics expressed in this col¬

Hall of Fame quarterback Jim Kelly holds his daughter Erin on his shoulders with his wife Jill holding son Hunter as the family celebrates Hunter’s first birthday on Feb. 14, 1998.
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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-
ners will have to handle the task of stopping Rutgers' potent guards. Jerome Coleman, the Scarlet Knights' leading scorer, is averaging 16.3 points per game and Ricky Shields averages 11.7 points.

"Once they get going, they get on fire," Carroll said. "They've got some long range shooters who we've got to slow down."

The Scarlet Knights are about as streaky from behind the 3-point line as the Irish. As a team, they average 32.5 percent from behind the arc. If Rutgers has trouble scoring from the perimeter, they typically throw the ball in to 6-foot-6, 275-pound Rashod Kent, who averages 10 points and 10 rebounds a game.

"Solid defense is what sets the tone for our program and allows us to get easy baskets on our end," Thomas said. "Rutgers is pretty much limited offensively, and if we shut their perimeter down, we'll be fine."

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

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Popular columnist Joe Licandro notes that Notre Dame, inspired by Tyrone Willingham, can ignite a spark in the Irish like Bill Belichick inspired the Patriots.

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. 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 woe-some 2-11 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 huddle 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 Pats 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 benefit 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 stated he would bring in his opening statement as head coach.

Under Bob Davie, Notre Dame never played to win, but always played not to lose. Dave's players were always worried about making mistakes. Davie coached each game with the intent of keeping the game close going into the fourth quarter rather than allowing his players to just go out and win the game from the opening.

Fox television analyst John Madden disagreed with the Patriots' decision to try to drive for a field goal with less than one minute remaining in the game. Madden argued that the Patriots should run the clock out and wait until overtime. Hmm... this sounds a lot like the Nebraska game from two years ago when Davie showed no trust in his offense and opted to wait until overtime.

Patriot head coach Bill Belichick proved Madden wrong and wisely didn't follow the Dave philosophy of coaching. Instead, Belichick put the game in the hands of his young quarterback, and Brady delivered a clutch game-winning Super Bowl drive reminiscent of quarterback legend Joe Montana and John Elway.

Other coaches—like Davie did two years ago when Arnaz Battle went down for the season—would have greatly restricted their offense or limited the play book when a starter like Bledsoe suffered an injury early in the season, but Belichick did not.

Belichick took a risk Davie wouldn't and treated Brady like a veteran quarterback, allowing Brady to grow comfortable in the offense and make plays. Belichick treated Brady as an asset, and Brady developed a self-confidence that radiated throughout the entire team.

Just as Belichick’s decision to play Brady proved to be the catalyst to the Patriots’ season, Willingham and the new Irish coaching staff will bring a new mindset and philosophy to Notre Dame football next season.

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 Davie, Willingham will put them in a position to win again.

Now, it is just a question of the Irish players believing in themselves.

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Panthers managed to eat away at that lead in the second half, outscoring the Irish 13-10 to bring the game within four. But a rebound from freshman point guard Allison Allison had to play a lot of shots. Allison got in foul trouble and so solid effort to rebound by the Irish , Notre Dame outrebounded 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.

Batteast finished with 16 points and 12 rebounds in Notre Dame's win Tuesday night.

The first half showcased some young Irish talent, at times seeing four freshmen on the floor with junior Alicia Ratay and two foul shots by Batteast in the first half were Batteast, Burton, and Kelsey Wicks. Burton recorded a double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds in aid the Irish effort.

"She played very, very hard," McGuff said. "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 outrebounded 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.

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Missouri or Notre Dame. Wide 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.

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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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Football Class of 2006
Notre Dame still awaiting 3 decisions

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Writer

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

Later today, several of the Notre Dame's top football recruits— including Lorenzo Booker, Derek Hart and Willa McKnight— will announce where they will be playing football next fall.

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

"We're really turning 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 commitment 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 Allen 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 presence that he has the ability to sign or even go after someone like Lorenzo Booker who would not be considering ND at this stage in the game," said Wallace. "If he gets Lorenzo 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."

Booer will announce his decision tonight at 6:30 p.m. on ESPNews.

The Irish also have a very good chance of landing wide receiver and safety Harrison. Harrington, rated 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 he has him penciled in as a wide receiver but he can play anywhere depending upon what a program needs," said Wallace.

Harrington will choose from either Missouri or Notre Dame.

ND Women's Basketball
Irish make history in victory

By KATIE McVOY
Associated Press Editor

It was a milestone game for the Irish on Tuesday as they defeated the Pittsburgh Panthers 68-56. The win marked the 600th win in the program's history, making the Irish just the 10th Big East team to reach that mark. It also tied Notre Dame with Boston College for second place in the Big East.

After a close victory at Seton Hall on Saturday, the 12-point win was an improvement. Led by solid play from Jackie Batteast, Teresa Horton and Alicia Ratay, Notre Dame looked more comfortable as it took home its fourth consecutive victory.

"We feel like we're definitely coming off back-to-back wins that was on a 10-0 run. 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 opponent 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," said coach Muffet McGraw. "They're a very confident team."

Last week, the Scarlet Knights knocked off No. 22 Connecticut 63-53, 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 dangerous. They can beat anyone.