

**Smart, clever and inspiring...** There is something magical stirring up the turf in Evanston. **Something in the Game: An All-American Musical**, with a book by Buddy Farmer, shepherded through development by director and choreographer David H. Bell and put to music by the multi-talented Michael Mahler, is now having a professional staging at the Wirtz Center for the Performing Arts.

The new musical, presented under the auspices of the American Music Theater Project (AMTP) at Northwestern University, tells the life and career of Notre Dame's famed football coach Knute Rockne and Bell has assembled the top-shelf creative team and company necessary to bring this smart, clever and inspiring story to life.

Rich and colorful... Northwestern alum Michael Mahler's body of work is significantly expanded with the emergence of *Something in the Game*. With Farmer's book and lyrics by Mahler and Bell, the production team also includes returning set designer Alan Schwanke and lighting designer Jesse Klug whose crisp and clean work is complemented by the rich and colorful Robert Kuhn period costumes, football jerseys and speakeasy outfits.