Sophomore Sibs Weekend cancelled

By LAURA ROMPF
Assistant News Editor

Family has long been a part of the Notre Dame experience, but one campus tradition that celebrates family ended.

Sophomore Sibs Weekend recently was cancelled by the Office of Student Activities.

"It may no longer be a viable program," said Joe Cassidy, director of student activities. "It was my decision to cancel Sophomore Sibs Weekend. There were no specific incidences that caused this decision, rather it was due to increasing questions regarding the program."

Cassidy stated that there were a variety of reasons for the cancellation, especially noting low attendance.

"In comparison to Junior Parents' Weekend where there is around 1,000 couples of parents, Sophomore Sibs Weekend only draws in a few hundred children," he said. "Even though there's not a lot of children, dorms still cannot have other social activities and that caused some See SIBS/page 6

FROSTED DOUGHNUT

Students hurry by Notre Dame's famous art Thursday as temperatures dipped below freezing and approximately 10 inches of snow were dumped on the campus. Temperatures are expected to be in the teens today with a break from the heavy snowfall

King nominated to martyrdom list

By ERIN PIROUTEK
Assistant News Editor

People of all faiths mourned the loss of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. on April 4, 1968, but celebration of his dream and accomplishments is ever present.

To honor his death in the name of justice, U.S. bishops recommended King be recognized as a 20th century martyr. His name joins a group of more than 9,000 suggested by Church leaders in response to Pope John Paul II's worldwide request for Catholics to recognize individuals they believe to be last century's most prolific martyrs.

The project is part of the celebration for the Jubilee year 2000.

Martyrdom often calls to mind images of early Christians thrown to the lions, however, martyrs also had a real presence in the 20th century.

The pope acknowledges the vital role of martyrs in the first millennium of the church and consequently wants to ensure that the numerous 20th century martyrs are also remembered.

"In our own century the martyrs have returned, many of them nameless, 'unknown soldiers' as it were of God's great cause." writes the pope in his encyclical as The Third Millennium Draws Near. "As far as possible, their witness should not be lost to the Church."

The catechism of the Catholic Church recognizes the importance of martyrdom, calling it "the supreme witness given to the truth of the faith: it means bearing witness even unto death."

A key aspect of this round of nominations is that not only Catholic martyrs are included, but martyrs of all Christian faiths. King, a Baptist minister, can be included.

"The witness to Christ borne even to the shedding of blood has become a common inheritance of Catholics, Orthodox, Anglicans and Protestants," writes the pope, emphasizing the ecumenical intent of recognizing the martyrs.

Experts on campus said King is a fitting candidate for martyrdom.

"(King), beginning in the 1950s, fought passionately for civil rights ... when it was a very dangerous thing to do," said theology professor Lawrence Cunningham. King carried out his work as a Baptist minister, he added.

"In a sense out of his Christian faith he became a civil rights worker, and as a civil rights worker he was killed." Cunningham theology professor

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Six-year-old Elian Gonzalez became the center of a storm of debate when he was washed ashore and found floating on an inner tube Nov. 25 off the coast of Florida.

Elian's mother died in the journey from Cuba to the United States, leaving the question: Should Elian be sent back to Cuba to live with his father, or should he remain in Florida with relatives?

There should be no question of what to do. Elian is a little boy who should be living with his nearest relative and guardian, his father.

Elian's father, Juan Miguel Gonzalez, is alive and well — and anxious for Elian's return to his home in Cuba. There is no evidence that Elian's father is anything but loving and devoted to his son. There are no signs that he ever abused Elian.

Instead, Elian lies in limbo in Miami, his fate uncertain.

People on all sides of the argument have spoken up with their two cents, all claiming to have Elian's best interest at heart.

President Bill Clinton said the law should be changed. Elian's case is one of the hottest topics on this year's presidential campaign. Congress members on both sides of the aisle are lobbying for Elian.

Elian's future has become yet another huge thing in the U.S.-Cuba relations. Thousands of Cuban exiles in the U.S. are protesting the immigration and Naturalization Services decision to send him back to Cuba. In Cuba, meanwhile, Castro denounces the U.S. refusal to let Elian return to the United States and thousands of Cubans rallied behind Castro.

INS ruled that Elian return to Cuba by Jan. 14, a deadline come and gone while Elian remains in Miami. U.S. Rep. Dan Burton (R - Ind.) filed a Congressional subpoena requesting that Elian testify before Congress. Elian's relatives in Florida are taking the case to federal court.

This is a boy who turned 6 years old last month. He doesn't need to testify before Congress. He is a little kid who needs to see his father.

Where were all of these interested people when a boat full of Haitian refugees was sent back to Haiti a few weeks ago? If it isn't in Elian's best interests to go back to live in a Communist country, why is it best for them to go back to Haiti to live in poverty?

Elian's U.S. is going to keep Elian in Florida against his father's wishes, what does that say about parents' rights? Are they nonexistent?

If Elian is a little boy, doesn't deserve to live in Cuba because he won't have the same opportunities for freedom there, what about the millions of people living in Cuba? All of the people who are so adamant he remain in the U.S. don't seem want to "free" the rest of Cuba's citizens from Communism.

Is anyone truly thinking of what would benefit Elian most? This decision shouldn't be based on election-year politics or the ruffle between the U.S. and Cuba.

It's about a little boy with a father who loves him, a father who wants his son back. Elian lost his mother: why should he now lose his father?

Let Elian go home.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Law grad receives Court clerkship

By MARIBEL MOREY
News Writer

Margaret Ryan Collins, a 1995 Notre Dame Law School graduate, has been appointed to a Supreme Court clerkship, one of the most prestigious honors a recent law school graduate can receive.

She credits the education she received at Notre Dame for much of her success.

"If it weren’t for the Notre Dame faculty past, present and new, I wouldn’t be clerking for the Supreme Court," said Collins.

Collins applied — with references from three Notre Dame law faculty — to each of the nine Supreme Court Justices. She was notified she had gotten a response from the one she wanted to work with, Justice Clarence Thomas.

"This opportunity is like a gift from God because there are so many qualified people," said Collins, who graduated first in her class. "Ninety percent is luck and recommendations."

Collins assist judges in research and prepare documents through information presented in court.

"I ravel at the fact that you can reach out to the truth," said Collins.

She will work for one year on the story of the 10th Circuit and the Clinton/Lewinsky scandal.

In ‘Indecent Liberties,’ Robert Schmuhl wisely suggests that we remember the value of moderation," says F.J. Dionne, Jr., syndicated columnist and author on the Brookings Institution. "But, happily, he is immoderate when it comes to offering us intelligence, sharp insight, and independence of mind. At a time when so much commentary lives on polarization and exaggeration, Schmuhl is a national treasure. This book is a trove of some of his best thinking and writing.

A member of the Notre Dame faculty since 1980, Schmuhl has served since 1997 as director of the University’s John W. Gallagher Program in Journalism, Ethics & Democracy. His teaching and research focus on American political life, journalism and contemporary affairs.

Schmuhl is the author or editor of nine books, including "Democracy’s Demands" (1994), "Stake and Stagecraft: American Political Life in the Age of Overspill" (1990 and 1992), and "Foundling Titans: American Presidents and the Politics of Power" (1996). His edited volumes on克莱尔的class issues in Journalism," has been published in four foreign editions and translations since appearing in 1984.

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about Father Jozef Maj, a member
of the University's Martin Luther
King Jr. Commission, also praised the
nomination.

"I'm very enthused ... that our Catholic bishops are able
to see the valuable contribu-
tions that someone like Martin Luther King has made to not
only his church, but also the
larger church community," he
said.

Outlaw, however, cautioned
that although King's nomina-
tion is an honor, his work for
civil rights is still unfinished.

"We need someone to follow
in his footsteps," she said.

Anthony Trozzolo, Thinking
professor emeritus of chem-
istry at the University was
selected a fellow of the Inter-
American Photochemical Society (I-APS).

Trozzolo was recognized for
his lifetime achievements in
organic photochemistry and
his leadership in the photo-
chemical field, according to
Frederick Lewis, vice presi-
dent of the I-APS.

His nomination noted his
pioneering studies of photo-
chemically generated reactive
intermediates are substances
that exist, sometimes fleeting-
ly, between what the chemist
starts with and his end prod-
uct.

The creation and detection of
reactive intermediates are
Trozzolo's chief research
interests. His methodology
often involves low-tempera-
ture or solid-state photochem-
istry.

Trozzolo has published 90
articles on this subject and
has been issued 31 U.S. and
foreign patents.

Additionally, he has deliv-
ered more than 300 invited
lectures at universities, interna-
tional meetings, American Chemical Society symposia and indus-
trial labora-
tories.

Trozzolo is an elected fellow
of the New York Academy of Sciences, The American Association for
the Advancement of Science and the American Institute of
Chemists. He also is an active member of the American Chemical
Society and has served as associate editor of the Journal of the
American Chemical Society, editor of Chemical Reviews and a member of the
editorial advisory board of Accounts of Chemical Research.

Trozzolo was also chair of
the first Gordon Research Conference on Organic Photochemistry in 1964 and
has attended every meeting of
that conference since.

While at Notre Dame, Trozzolo developed and
taught a new course for non-
science majors titled, "Seeing
the Light in Science," in which
the many facets of light in
everyday phenomena was
the focus. He served as assistant
dean of the College of Science
from 1993-98.

Trozzolo received his bache-
or's degree in chemistry from
the Illinois Institute of
Technology and his master's
and doctorate from the
University of Chicago.
Trozzolo was also a member
of the technical staff at the
Bell Telephone Laboratories
in Murray Hill, N.J., until he
joined the Notre Dame faculty
as Huisking professor in 1975.
Canada denies bail for terrorist

MONTEAL
An Algerian man facing U.S. terrorism charges was denied bail in Canada on Thursday after police testified that he coordinated plans to smuggle explosives into the United States, allegedly to be used in an attack. The ruling will keep Mokhtar Haouari, whose last name was previously given as Haouari, in custody until at least hearing March 15. "The proof that has been revealed satisfies me that he belongs to a terrorist organization," said Quebec Superior Court Judge Jean-Guy Bollard. Bollard said Haouari, whose claim for refugee status was refused by Canadian authorities in 1994 and 1995, was only in Canada because of a moratorium on deportations to Algeria. He has a history in Canada of fabricating official documents and using fake or stolen credit cards, Bollard said.

BUSH ADDRESSES ABORTION
PITTS, Iowa
George W. Bush said Thursday that if the child of a relative or friend were raped and asked him about abortion, he would "be inclined to respond with sympathy and would advise that it's up to her whether to have the operation. However, the Texas governor and Republican presidential front-runner also said that the Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion "was a reak." And he said he would "would not be inclined to accept" government approval of abortion-inducing medicines such as the French pill RU-486. "It's abortion," Bush told reporters during a news confer­ence at Central College that featured a string of abortion questions. Bush fured criticism on the issue from rival candidate Steve Forbes, who said abortions can leave women emotionally scarred and advised Bush of not doing enough to oppose the operation.

Smuggling creates scandal
BEIJING
A wide-ranging investigation into smuggling in a southeastern Chinese port city has become modern China's biggest corruption scandal, creating concern in the communist leadership and implicating the wife of a senior leader, party officials said. Dozens of officials have come under suspicion in the smuggling of billions of dollars worth of oil, cars, cigarettes and other goods through Xiamen, and the case has become a test of President Jiang Zemin's resolve to fight gov­ernment corruption. Over 700 investigators — from police to auditors — have occupied two hotels in Xiamen for months. And a member of the ruling Communist Party's inner circle is overseeing the investigation, reviewing daily reports sent from Xiamen to Beijing, the officials said. Chinese leaders have reason to be concerned.

U.S. grants visas for grandmas
Associated Press
WASHINGTON
The custody fight over Elian Gonzalez took a new turn Thursday as the grannies of the 6-year­old obtained visas to travel to the United States to make their case that the boy should be returned to his father in Cuba.
The diplomatic mission in Cuba issued visas to the two women Thursday afternoon as a group from the National Council of Churches was flying to Havana from New York to meet with them and with Cuban government officials. They were expected to fly to New York on Friday, apparently escorted by the church group. According to congressional sources, the women hope to return with the boy to Cuba. An aide to Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., said the congressman will meet with the women on the arrival in New York on Friday or elsewhere the city later on.
Rangel has been a strong propo­nent of allowing the boy to return to Cuba and has offered to accompany the boy back.
The congressional sources said New York was chosen as the location because the welcome there would be far friendlier than in Miami, where Elian has been living with relatives for almost two months and where sentiment for his remaining in the United States is strong. Elian survived a shipwreck in late November. The boat on which he was heading for south Florida cap­sized, killing his mother and nine other would-be refugees.
The United States refused to return Elian to Cuba last year, again igniting the already hostile relationship between Washington and Havana.
Roger Bernstein, one of the lawyers retained by Elian's Miami relatives, said the family is pleased about the grandmothers’ visit and hopes Elian will get to see them. He said their visit will not affect the pending decision in federal court to determine Elian's fate.
Attorneys for Lazaro Gonzalez, the boy's great-uncle, went to a federal court Wednesday to challenge the immigration and Naturalization Service's ruling that Elian must be returned to his father in Cuba.
The legal team filed a lawsuit accusing the INS of violating Elian's due-process rights and asked the judge to prevent the agency from returning the boy before it gives him an asylum hearing. "It is about protecting Elian’s civil and constitutional rights, the same as if he was any other child," said Spencer Elg, a lawyer for the great­uncle.
Many legal experts insist that Elian's U.S. relatives have no legal standing because their rights do not trump those of his father, his closest relative.
In Cuba, from the moment people turn on their radios in the morning until they switch off their televisions at night, Elian is bar­dered with news and comment about Elian Gonzalez and demands that the 6-year-old be returned from the United States.
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POLAND
Officials expel 9 Russian diplomats
Associated Press
WARSAW
Poland ordered the expulsion of nine Russian diplomats on Thursday for alleged spying. Moscow protested the move, saying it was disproportionate to relations between the former commu­nist allies.
A Polish government spokesman said Russian Ambassador Sergei Hazov had been called to the Foreign Ministry and told that each of the nine, who were not identified, had been declared persona non grata and would have to leave the country.
Polish Prime Minister Jerzy Buzek, during a visit to Portugal, said that the decision was "a question of security." He declined to say whether any NATO secrets were involved.
"We have documented very well the espionage activities of the people whose expulsion we demanded," Buzek told reporters at a news con­ference in Lisbon. "This situation obviously is very difficult but ... the incidents required Poland to take action.
The chief government spokesman, Krzysztof Latkowiak said that the evidence collected by Poland's coun­terintelligence agency involved "active espionage activities against Poland's interest in 1999."
The Foreign Ministry said the Pole did not "and cannot present" any proof of the allegations, and said the expulsions were "sanctioning the complicity of Russian-Polish relations."
"The Russian side cannot let such an openly unfriendly and provocative action pass by," the statement said. "Appropriate actions in response are unavoidable," suggesting Polish diplomats would be ordered from Moscow.
Buzek warned "this type of situation is not good for cooperation between our two countries."
Poland, a former member of the Soviet-led Warsaw Pact, joined the West's NATO military alliance March along with Hungary and the Czech Republic. Russia staunchly opposed the move.

The U.S. is deciding to grant visas to the grandmothers of Elian Gonzalez, the 6-year-old Cuban boy caught up in a months-long custody dispute between his relatives in Miami and his father in Cuba. The move comes after a federal judge ruled that Elian, whose mother died during a shipwreck in November, must be returned to his father in Cuba. The boy has been living with relatives in Miami, and his relatives have sought to keep him in the United States. The decision has sparked diplomatic tensions between the United States and Cuba.

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disgruntled students. Even though only 10 to 15 children were staying in the dorms it affected 150 to 350 students whose social life for an entire weekend was impacted.

Simple demographics are a factor in fewer visits, Cassidy said. "Another reason attendance was going down is because of a national trend in the decreasing size of families," he said. "Most households only consist of two children now and even if there are more, those children are often very close in age. Thus, the likelihood that a sophomore student would have an eligible sibling in the right age (middle school) is very small."

Cassidy also noted that Notre Dame's national nature and noted that not all students had an equal opportunity to attend the weekend. Many schools with successful programs, he said, are state institutions where the majority of students live in the region. "Notre Dame students come from all over the United States and even other countries, and travel to visit can be more expensive."

A final factor in the decision was liability and the possibility of underage drinking. Cassidy, however, stressed this reason was no more important than the others.

"We have had some problems in the past with older siblings consuming alcohol. However, the reality is those students can come to campus any given time and we face the same problems," he said.

"The decision was made because of problems all across the board. One was not the deciding factor. There was a wide range, and none of the problems could be easily solved."

All these reasons led to Cassidy to question whether to host the weekend. Last March he met with the newly elected sophomore class officers and informed them that Sophomore Siblings Weekend would most likely be canceled. "Basically from the beginning of their term last year, the decision was made to cancel the event," Cassidy said. "I warned them that it would be an uphill battle, but they still wanted to submit a proposal."

Class officers hoped their request for a Siblings Weekend would be accepted despite the odds against them. "We knew it was going to be an uphill battle and that the situation did not look positive. However, it was a risk we were willing to take," said Peter Rossmann, sophomore class president. "Rather than saying fine, the weekend can be canceled, we did what we felt our class wanted and decided to try for the weekend."

"Basically, Joe Cassidy told us that we had two options," said Brendan Harris, co-chair of Sophomore Life Committee. "Either we could appeal the decision or leave it right there. By fighting we knew we were taking on responsibility on ourselves. However, we felt the program was worthwhile and we were not willing to let go that easy."

After that meeting, the class officers began a process to try and keep the weekend. "We were informed that in order to have the weekend we would have to get the rectors' and rectresses' support," Rossmann said. "Rectors' opinions varied," Rossmann said. "One rector stepped me right there and said he thought it was a great program and that nothing should be changed," he said. "Some rectors did have valid reservations. But at the same time we felt these concerns could be alleviated in a new proposal."

During summer break, the class officers worked on an alternative program. "When we returned this fall, we had a meeting with Cassidy and were told to submit the proposal before fall break," Rossmann said. Their proposal combined Cassidy's concerns and the recommendations of rectors and included a stricter registration process, more dorm-centered activities and new alternatives to keep siblings busy at night. "The proposal was given to Cassidy shortly before fall break, and on Dec. 1 the officers were informed that the weekend had been canceled. "Cassidy congratulated us immediately on a great effort and we knew that the weekend was most likely canceled," said Kathleen O'Conner, sophomore class secretary. Still, officers are puzzled by the move. "The decision would be easier to accept if there was a major incident that caused the cancellation," Rossmann said. "It makes it harder to understand and raises the question why did it have to be our class?"

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Many second-year students expressed disappointment in the cancellation of the Sophomore Siblings Weekend, because of both the end of a long-standing tradition and the lost opportunity to share the college experience with younger siblings.

"Here at a school like Notre Dame where there is so much focus on family, where there are so many legacy students, it was really disappointing that an event which focused on family members could not continue," said Melissa Rossmann, sophomore class president. "I am disappointed as I am sure the entire sophomore class is." Other students agreed.

"I was disappointed because I was looking forward to having my younger brother visit campus that weekend and get a better understanding of campus life," said Molly Maurose, a Badin Hall sophomore.

"I was disappointed in the way the situation was handled, having a newsletter go out during finals week when everyone was busy with other things," said Jim Yavorscek, Sorin Hall sophomore.

"I am sad because it would have been fun to spend the time with my sister because she's older than my parents," said 12-year-old Daniel D'Amore.

"Sophomore Sibs Weekend was something that I got to participate in and thus wanted my younger brother to enjoy," said Carolyn D'Amore, a Badin Hall sophomore. "It made me appreciate Notre Dame more and find a respect for my older brother who attended this University."

"D'Amore's younger brother also voiced some frustration. "I am sad because it would have been fun to spend the time with my sister because she's older than my parents," said 12-year-old Daniel D'Amore.

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Poll: Bush closes in on Democrats' issues

**Bipartisan poll states that Democrats address voters' issues**

WASHINGTON

Democrats have the advantage on many issues the voters say are top priorities — such as education, health care and Social Security, says a new bipartisan poll that also shows that edge being threatened by President George W. Bush's moderate message and overall popularity.

"Others have to watch that Republicans don't steal our issues," said Celinda Lake, a Democratic pollster who conducted the bipartisan survey for the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press that Vice President Al Gore is starting to redefine himself with the public as a moderate, while his Democratic opponent, Mr. Bradley is now viewed as more liberal.

The Battleground Poll found Democrats fairly satisfied with the direction of the country, with half saying it's headed in the right direction, and Democrats and Republicans facing each other on a relatively level playing field.

The poll suggested the tension between the roaring economy and anxiety about the nation's moral values continues to be a defining theme of the campaign.

"The country has moved from things are moving in the wrong direction six months ago, to things are moving in the right direction," said Lake, looking for bright spots for Democrats. "The concern about declining morality and values is there, but it's a lot of many issues and doesn't dominate the agenda like it did last June."

She noted Democrats don't come across well with Republicans on moral and family values issues, especially in the wake of the Monica Lewinsky scandal.

Public concern over President Clinton's personal behavior — 66 percent disapproved of him personally — has dampened the impact of his 59 percent job approval rating in the nationwide survey, Gore said.

Things were different for the GOP front-runner, with Bush viewed favorably by 65 percent of those polled and unfavorably by 29 percent. Gore was viewed favorably by 47 percent and unfavorably by 43 percent.

"Gore is doing fairly well with Democrats who are fourths viewing him favorably," Gore said. "That's basically all he's getting; the Democratic base."

Democrats can benefit from Bush's emergence as a popular leader who can unite the Republican Party and help define their agenda, and as one who forces well with the public on many issues, including toppling Saddam Hussein, Gore said, usually favored on like education and Social Security.

"Republicans have gone for seven years without a spokesman," Gore said, noting that 1996 GOP presidential nominee Bob Dole was unable to define a role for Congress because he was so battered in the early primaries.

"Democrats have to watch that Republicans don't steal our issues." Celinda Lake Democratic pollster

The poll also focused on Gore and found that, with the group, which traditionally has leaned Democratic, favored Bush by 13 points against Gore — 51 percent to 38 percent, the same margin between the two men overall.

While Bush continues his substantial advantage over Gore on most issues and with potential voters in every region of the country, Gore cautioned that "the presidential race is far from over".

"We'll see a fundamental change in the dynamic once Gore becomes the Democratic nominee," said Lake, who has supervised the vice president's campaign. And she noted that Democrats have fewer open seats in the House of Representatives, which is an advantage in a pro-incumbent environment.

The Battleground Poll of likely voters was taken Jan. 3-5 and has an error margin of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

And Gore may be starting the process of redefining himself now that the public is beginning to pay attention, according to the Pew poll of 1,901 adults taken Wednesday through Sunday.

**Kerrey to relinquish seat in 2000**

Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb.

Sen. Bob Kerrey, the disabled Vietnam veteran who became governor and ran for president, announced Thursday he won't seek re-election this year as he wants to tend to his "spiritual side.

The announcement makes Kerrey the fourth Democratic senator in recent months to announce his retirement, and marks another setback for party hopes of retaking the Senate.

"It's a deeply personal decision, but I feel my spiritual side needs to be filled back up," the 56-year-old senator said at a news conference, his two children, Benjamin, 24, and Lindsey, 22, at his side.

A sometimes maddeningly unpredictable and independent-minded politician during his two terms in the Senate, Kerrey said he has not decided exactly what he plans to do after leaving office.

"Inside my heart I feel like going back to private life is the best choice for me and my family."

Kerrey's seat was considered a safe one in a state that traditionally votes Republican. The GOP holds a 55-45 majority in the Senate.

In the Senate, Kerrey has blended partisan roles, such as chairman of the Democratic campaign committee, with attempts at forging bipartisan legislation on issues such as overhauling Medicare and Social Security.

Perhaps his best-known moment in the Senate spotlight came in 1993, when President Clinton's economic program was in danger of defeat in the Senate. Kerrey was the last wavering Democrat to announce his vote. He sided with the administration, and the program passed narrowly.

Kerrey has said before of Sen. Bob Kerrey that he is always willing to be on the cutting edge of change." Clinton said Thursday.

"But the change he announces today is a bitter-sweet one for his family, his colleagues in the United States Senate and his constituents in Nebraska."

Kerrey served in Vietnam as a member of the elite Navy SEALs and earned the Medal of Honor, for directing an attack on a Viet Cong unit even after a grenade exploded at his feet. He lost part of his right leg.

After the war, he built a successful chain of restaurants and health clubs.

He was a political unknown in 1982 when he unseated Republican Gov. Charles Thune in his first bid for office. Kerrey, who is divorced, made headlines at the time for his relationship with actress Debra Winger, whom he met while she was in Nebraska making the movie "Terms of Endearment."

Despite high approval ratings, Kerrey dropped out of politics after one term as governor to teach a college course in California on the Vietnam War's effect on American society. He then returned to politics in 1988, defeating Sen. David Karnes.

He served only three years in the Senate, Kerrey announced in 1991 that he wanted to be the Democratic nominee for president. He dropped out of the race later that year.

"Some of the magic about Sena(Kerrey) is to expect the unexpected," said Anne Boyle, chairwoman of the Nebraska Democratic Party.

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Bradley comments draw fire from Gore

+ Gore says comments insulted Iowans

Gore has repeatedly complained that he has been the target of personal attacks as he campaigns in Iowa, where he is leading in the polls. This week, several installations of his comments have drawn criticism from rivals.

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John Paul II

Bradley responded that he was "absolutely not" showing disrespect to the state's Monday precinct caucuses.

Separately, Bradley, a former New Jersey senator, told senior citizens that health care reform is now inevitable because his campaign took "the risk of leadership" and restored the issue to the presidential agenda.

Gore campaigned in Iowa's western border, his voice thundering as he rallied against Bradley for spending "stacks of money" in Iowa and saturating the airwaves with TV and radio ads only to seemingly dismiss the caucuses as an institutional contest that favors Gore.

My opponent in this Democratic contest is no here — he's here today. He came here, asked for your vote, asked for your support and now, he has evidently developed a new view of the Iowa caucuses," Gore told several hundred people gathered in a gymnasium at Iowa Western Community College.

"Well, I'll tell you. Fighting for people is what the Iowa caucuses are all about! ... Fighting to save Medicare, that's not entrenched power, that's fighting for people," Gore shouted.

Bradley has trailed Gore here ever since after proving, by the Gore campaign's count, almost twice as many days in the state, said in New Hampshire Wednesday. "I think Iowa is a state that rewards entrenched power."...Gore and his aides, worried about complacency keeping their supporters home on Monday, seized on the remark as a way to prove their own team.

Bradley is "attacking grassroots caucuses in Iowa," he said in his own e-mail..."I'm sorely tempted to run. I've really got to make the race, particularly, if the nominees are 'Gush' and 'Bore,'" he added. "I am, however, deeply concerned about growing divisions in the Reform Party, I strongly urge party leaders to sit down and negotiate their differences out."

The leaders have acknowledged that it is in the party's interest to have two marquee names — Trump and Gore of the Reform Party. Buchanan, campaigning across the country to get to the ballot in 27 states, did not return a call requesting comment.

Now, those same party leaders are confronted with the first factional warfare that broadened this week from a battle over the locations of the convention to a formal

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**Pope plans pilgrimage to Egypt**

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The trip will come a month before a major pilgrimage to the Holy Land that will include stops in Jordan, Israel and the Palestinian territories.

The Egypt trip, filled with meetings, services and air travel, will be a test of the stamina of the 79-year-old pope, coming at the start of celebrations in the Vatican's Holy Year and a particularly demanding schedule in the Holy Land.

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Clinton proposes education bill

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WASHINGTON

President Clinton proposed a $31 billion plan Thursday to make college education more affordable and upended Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott for suggesting that no major legislation would be enacted this election year. The centerpiece of the proposal was a $10,000 tax deduction to help millions of Americans pay for tuition books and university fees.

"When we make college more affordable, we make the American dream a reachable reality," Clinton said. "When we make college more affordable, we make the American dream more achievable.

"We will make college more affordable; we make the American dream more achievable.

Bill Clinton

U.S. president

Where is the money going?

$35 million for college Completion Challenge grants

$176 million for Pell grants

$10,000 per family tax deduction to help Americans pay for college

$400 million for initiatives such as the Gear Up program

Clinton

The president was referring to a comment Lott, R-Miss., made to reporters a day earlier. Lott said "everyone needs to acknowledge there won't be a lot of time for big, new initiatives" on a shortened congressional calendar this year.

Skeptic s argue whether the policy proposals Clinton has made before his State of the Union address Jan. 27 can pass through the Republican-controlled Congress, but White House officials are making a political play down the political benefits of the event to Mrs. Clinton's campaign and noted that she has advocated education initiatives.

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Clinton also will seek a combined $400 million increase for initiatives such as the Gear Up program, which helps disadvantaged youths stay in high school, TRIO, which helps them from resist attrition, and Job Corps, a national education and job-training program targeted at impoverished youths.

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Clinton

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Bush should topple Bradley in the end

Even at this early stage, it is clear that the real race for the 2000 presidential election is between GOP standout George W. Bush and the surprising Democratic contender Bill Bradley. Despite the presence of numerous other hopefuls, including the Vice President, the Bush-Bradley race is where the majority of public attention has been focused, and rightly so.

After nearly eight years of campaigning by Al Gore, Democrats are still shopping. Even with his claims to war-hero status, a dynamic personality, a record of bold initiatives and a recent health care proposal, the American public will surely not be swayed by Gore's vice presidential candidate, Joe Lieberman. While it is disappointing that the least charismatic candidate, Bradley, has recently confirmed his presidential aspirations on the Republican ticket, upon closer inspection, he has a lot going for him: war-hero status, a dynamic personality, a record of bold initiatives and a recent health care proposal.

Unfortunately, a deeper look reveals that the downside to his dynamism is his stubbornness and propensity to alienate his fellow congressmen. In fact, McCain’s reputation in Congress for being hard to work with and ineffective as a result should dissuade voters from signing on to another invitation for gridlock.

So that puts us back to the front-runners. In head-to-head competition Bradley has the biographical advantage. An Eagle Scout, he hails from small town middle America and did a decade in the NBA before his senatorial career. He has also benefited from a wave of good press resulting from his unexpected success. Bradley is a direct contrast to Clinton for Democrats as a respectable messenger. His recent health care proposal was endorsed by a wave of good press resulting from his unexpected success. Bradley is a direct contrast to Clinton for Democrats as a respectable messenger.

Bush supports the preservation of Social Security for future generations through personal retirement accounts that would give individuals the opportunity to reallocate a greater return on the mandatory contributions to the system by investing them in the stock market. Bradley sets out an inadequate and effective as a result should dissuade voters from signing on to another invitation for gridlock.

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Bridget O’Connor

Guest Column

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Mothers all want their sons to grow up to be President, but they don’t want them to become politicians in the process."

John F. Kennedy

35th United States president
**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

‘Black Like Me’ represents heritage

Forget walking a mile in a man’s shoes, how about becoming him? John Griffin faced a similar question in October 1959. He was then a middle-aged white man with a wife and children, and a burning desire to experience life as a black man. He intentionally intended his accounts to be published in the newspaper. “Sens,” which later formed the book "Black Like Me." The title is taken from a Langston Hughes poem entitled “Dream Variation.”

Black like me.

On Nov. 1 1959, Griffin began his journey to New Orleans, La., by meeting with a doctor to darken his pigmentation through medical procedures, UV treatments and stainer for four-up. By Nov. 7, he had become convincingly black, even fooling a shoe-shiner he frequented that week. He spent the next six weeks traveling the South as a black man, then near the end of the term switched between the white Griffin and the black Griffin. One day, he would be refused bathroom access and given the “hate stare,” the next he could sleep in any hotel he wanted, with complete friendliness. “Black Like Me” sets the stage for the American Civil Rights movement that most textbooks omit when they begin accounts with Martin Luther King Jr, and Rosa Parks. “Black Like Me” not only represents a part of American heritage, but Roman Catholicism as well. The black Griffin often found solace in Catholic places: from a bookstore, the sole business to cash his traveler’s check, to a Trappist monastery offering refuge from a hostile society. John Griffin sacrificed greatly for his project. His family had to leave their homes, friends greeted them with silence and he gave his life. The stainer that helped him live two lives ultimately took his own by poisoning him.

John Steinberg  
Keough Hall  
January 20, 1999

Mars failure echoes Mt. Graham fiasco

Many at Notre Dame who are perplexed at the failure of the Mars mission find themselves in the same shoes of Mt. Graham failure. The Mt. Graham fiasco, the Mars failure was probably mismanagement by both Congress and the scientists.

Elise Lauter  
Phoenix, Ariz.  
December 12, 1999

**Millionaire game shows take love of money to extremes**

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif. — By now, we’ve all probably seen “Who Wants to be a Millionaire.” The game show’s “Greed” and NBC’s “Twenty-One” — if enough wasn’t enough. FOX is now pushing the limit by presenting a new millionaire game show with a different spin: “Who Wants to MARRY a Millionaire.”

What’s next? How about “How Many Millions of People are Sick of Hearing About These Corny Shows?” OK, that was a bit hypocritical. I admit it, I’m hooked too. I honestly spent last Saturday night glued to the couch, dedicating my time to this February, according to USA Today. The paper said the show has selected a millionaire groom, along with 50 women competing to become his bride.

First of all, this whole millionaire game show thing like the Taco Bell Chihuahua — it will get old very, very quickly.

Secondly, I’m not a feminist by any means, but don’t these women have any self-respect? And why is the groom the millionaire? Why not have the bride be the millionaire and have 50 grooms competing to marry her?!

Finally, what kind of guy is going to want a woman who is only interested in his money? I’m sure some guys wouldn’t care if she was gorgeous and well-endowed, but women, like men, do get old and wrinkly — what then? I was always taught that you should marry for love, not for money. What is this saying about our society, and what kind of message is it communicating? In a money- and possessory-driven society, I think the last thing we need is a game show promoting love of money. The choice to tune in to the show is entirely upon each individual. For me, however, I’m vowing not to. No more television shows involving either “Who Wants to…” or “Millionaire.” I’m going to drop them like a bad habitat, peel the couch off my back and get into the real world.

And yes, that is my final answer.

Kelly Hendricks  
California Poly State

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In search of Shermer

By LAURA PETELLE

Scene Writer

"Shermer, Illinois, 60062."

So begins "The Breakfast Club," that immortal tale of high school angst and redemption.

In the recent movie "Dogma," Silent Bob's sidekick, Jay, becomes angry that he went all the way to Illinois looking for Shermer, led by John Hughes' movies. He couldn't find it.

Jay just didn't look hard enough. It exists. I know. I grew up there.

It's not actually called Shermer. It used to be known as Shermerville, until the name was changed during Prohibition to help Shermerville shed its party-town image. It's now known as Northbrook, and sits 25 miles north of the Chicago Loop, 4 miles west of Lake Michigan, in the area popularly known as the North Shore.

John Hughes lived in Northbrook from the time he was 13 until he graduated from Glenbrook North High School in 1968. He went to the University of Arizona, dropped out and eventually began writing and directing movies. Many of his beloved teen movies, such as "The Breakfast Club," "Ferris Bueller's Day Off," "Pretty in Pink," "Weird Science" and "Sixteen Candles" are based on his experiences at Glenbrook North and are actually set there.

We who live in Northbrook grow up steeped in John Hughes lore. This is where he filmed this scene; this is where he filmed that one. Many of the teachers and administrators in his films are based on real people, some of whom are still at Glenbrook North. We know who they are. Did you hear about the time he told off the administration and refused the distinguished alumnus award? Armed with a plethora of information

Northbrook, Illinois, 60062.

Walking around my neighborhood, I am surrounded by Hughes lore. Down the street is the house where they filmed the party scene in "Uncle Buck." Right there — across the street from my house — is where John Candy's trailer was parked, where I got his autograph. Nearby is the house his sister lived in for years. House where they filmed the party scene in "The Breakfast Club," moved in. It's still here.

During the post-WWII housing boom, Northbrook quickly changed from a farming town to a suburb of Chicago, a bedroom community, perfect for commuting downtown. Like other suburbs north of Chicago, Northbrook became rapidly gentrified.

It was into this affluent community that John Hughes moved in the 1960s. Glenbrook North, the high school he attended, has an enrollment of 1,866, 84 percent white, 14 percent Asian. It was in this school that Saturday detentions, a la "The Breakfast Club," were handed out — I personally won one for having three parking tickets my senior year (sorry, no flare gun in my locker).

Other interesting statistics Glenbrook North provides for us: There were 13,208 visits to the nurse's office in 1997, seven-and-a-half visits per student. In 1996, 97.2 percent of the 396 students who graduated with me went on to college. The ACT average was 22.0 in 1998. There were 11 National Merit Semifinalists last year.

But is Northbrook Shermer?

I went to the source: my former classmates. During the obligatory Christmas break-get-together with people you haven't talked to in six months, I asked about whether they felt GBN was "The Breakfast Club.

We agreed that it was, at least in part.

"Maybe other high schools are like this, I don't know, but I find myself even now trying to categorize people according to the categories and cliques there were in high school. You know, this guy's a football jock, that one's a band nerd, this one's a spoiled princess. I still do it when I meet people, and I only discovered this year that I wasn't getting to know some great people because I was dismissing them because of those categories."

"I wonder where they ended up," added a fourth. "I mean, do all the brains have Internet startups and millions of dollars?"

So we took a brief mental survey of the Princesses, Brains, Athletes, Criminals and Basketcases, seeking out two of each to find out.

One of our Brains is working as a web designer in D.C., after finishing college in three years. The other is going on to grad school in biochemistry. Both of our Princesses are in their senior year of college, one at a liberal arts school, the other at a state university. One is majoring in English and wants to be a counselor, the other is pre-med. One of our Athletes played in college, took an injury to his knee and dropped out of school and was drifting around Chicago, the last we heard. The other is a state university. One is majoring in English and wants to be a counselor, the other is going through college for an accounting degree and doesn't play anymore.

We agreed that both took "The Breakfast Club" very seriously, but that neither looked much like Estevez. The other was that we couldn't agree where the "Basketcases" were. One of our Rebels was a drifter, who had left home and dropped out of school and was drifting around Chicago. The last we heard he was on the streets. The other Rebel, a big "problem child" in high school, majoring in business and works for a bank. One Basketcase wasn't interested in college but has a steady job at a local supermarket. The other none of us could remember hearing about in over two years.

Two things surprised me. The first was how splendulously boring we're all turning out to be. Those hard lines of demarcation in high school have given way to a plethora of "suit" jobs: banker, consultant, accountant.

"I mean, it doesn't hang over me, I couldn't agree where most of the people we knew would fit. Which I guess means that "The Breakfast Club" was right: "What we found out is that each one of us is a brain, and an athlete, and a basketcase, a princess, and a criminal."
Ferris Bueller's Day Off
Everyone has had that senioritis-feeling before of "How can they possibly expect me to handle school on a day like this?" The sun is shining and school is simply not an option for the day. Ferris Bueller has just this "dilemma" in "Ferris Bueller's Day Off." He knows he has to get his "sick" best friend out of bed. spring his girlfriend out of school and live by the philosophy: "What AREN'T we going to do today?" Ferris and his friends set out to conquer Chicago in a day and take on parades, museums, the Sear's Tower, a Cubs game and everything else they can get caught up in. Ferris knows it is his ninth and final sick day, so he better make it count.

Breakfast Club

Saturdays are not meant to be school days. Unfortunately for five students in "The Breakfast Club," this Saturday finds them stuck in school the whole day for detention. Each student comes from a different clique and does not normally associate with the others, but for one day, they find that the others are their only means of survival. As the day wears on, each of the students' walls begins to come down, brick by brick, and they discover that Andie is a girl whom Andie is not comfortable with her, though, because she is the perfect, popular kids. In "Pretty In Pink," Andie is a girl who does not fit the mold of many of the high school cliques. That is okay with her, though, because she has her friends Iona and Duckie with whom Andie is quite content to hang out. Things begin to get a little uncomfortable when Blane moves to town. Blane is one of those kids who could fit into any group. He's rich, handsome and fits in with the popular crowd that Andie never felt comfortable with because he lives on the other side of the tracks. Andie sees something in Blane, though, and develops a crush on him. When she tells her friends about it, Duckie becomes jealous because he has always had a secret crush on Andie. Can two people from opposite sides of the tracks make it work, or will Andie realize that she has had a secret crush on Duckie, too? No matter what the outcome, one thing is for sure; at her prom, Andie will be the one who is "pretty in pink."
Collins ordered to stay in Florida

Associated Press

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Collins, who testified on his own behalf, said he did not know what he was signing.

"I was not new here," Collins said. "I was just told there were papers I had to sign."

Collins' attorney, the office referred those flying in by Garnett, who was appointed to the probation officer in Baton Rouge.

"We read and discussed every- thing that's happening on his behalf, but it also is a habitual liar. That was proved by the testimony of the probation officer from Louisiana," Lewis said.

Secondly, there appears to be some type of collusion between the Miami Dolphins football team and the Collins family, in which many Dolphins stay, to have covered up his conduct.

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football not Nitro or Raw. Walsh, 21, felt the 29-year-old Fusza looked like the answer to any team's woes.

And the Rocket was making Donnels scream while outrun- ning Sean Taylor. Yount was baseball's first three-million-dollar man. And Indians struggled to attract any fans. Lou was still picking grass and sounding beautiful Navy. And the Dome had yet to be burdened with David. Six home runs were still an unreachable number, simply too high. And Bird was discovering the game had begun to pass him by. The only Kurt Warner skill his name Carte, and Chicago's best baseball slugger with a cookie - not Sona, the Big Hurt.

The world had yet to experi- ence Sammy Sosa and Elvis, and the Rebels brought home Tark Collins. The polls told the Buffs and Tech to share their football title, while the window was won by a horse name Unbridled. Tyson was beaten, Steenbrenner banned, Gatherings remembered by a Kumite's left hand.

We still were grasped by the presence of Sweetness, Witt.

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To move the beds out or not move the beds out - that is the question.

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Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Suspended Miami Dolphins running back Cecil Collins, jailed in a probation violation, apparently won't be heading back to Louisiana or even Florida courts are through with Collins.

"It's a national problem and the behavior of spectators at the youth level, she said. "Let's see what hap- pens when the noise isn't there."

The problem, as she sees it, is a symptom of a larger deterioration of manners and venting of anger in society much like road ruck.

"If today's hearing shows anything it's that Cecil Collins, in addition to being a sexual predator, is also a habitual liar." Jim Lewis

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**NBA**

**Rockets blast Nuggets, 122-115**

Associated Press

HOUSTON

Shandon Anderson had 26 points and 11 rebounds as the Houston Rockets won their season-high fifth straight with a 122-115 victory over the Denver Nuggets on Thursday night.

Anderson was one short of his career high, rookie Steve Francis added 22 points and seven assists and Kenny Anderson had 13 points and 10 rebounds. 2000's Melo had 17 points.

The Rockets offset Antonio McDyess' season-high 20 points with a 10-for-20 shooting from the floor and Hunter (12 points) didn't seem to be the obvious shooting choice.

**Sonics 104, Bucks 96**

Vince Baker had 31 points and Gary Payton added 22 points, 10 rebounds and seven assists as the Seattle SuperSonics won their seventh straight.

Baker carried the Sonics through the first half with 26 points, but Payton made all the big plays late. He scored seven straight points for Seattle after Milwaukee tied the game with 1:57 to play, and he forced Ray Allen into a turnover that sealed the Sonics' sixth straight road win.

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Owners give Selig unlimited power

Associated Press

PHOENIX - If baseball owners go to war with their players again in two years, Bud Selig will have unprecedented power - maybe enough to win the salary cap many teams see as unfair.

Or, if he wants to avoid a war, he'll have the power to negotiate an extension of baseball's labor contract.

"The developments of the last two days in any historical context are staggering, inconceivable 10 or 12 years ago," Selig said Thursday after a two-day meeting reversed years of erosion of the commissioner's authority. "I don't think people understand the significance of what's happened here in the last 24 hours."

Owners voted Thursday to give all their Internet rights - including radio broadcasts and video when technology becomes available - to the commissioner's office.

A day earlier, they gave Selig power "without limitation" to ensure "there is an appropriate level of long-term competitive balance among the clubs" and told him to use it.

He can override all of baseball's rules - even blocking trades - and attempt to impose a salary cap if he thinks bargains with players after the 2001 season has reached an impasse.

"It will strengthen the position of major league baseball," Houston Astros owner Drayton McLane said. "He's had best-interests power over the integrity of the game. Now he has best-interests power over the economics of the game."

Baseball, which has had eight work stoppages since 1972, is still recovering from the last one, a 232-day strike in 1994-95 that wiped out the World Series for the first time in 90 years.

The sport's labor contract runs through this season, but the players' association is expected to exercise its right to a one-year extension.

Then, barring an extension, it's back to the bargaining table, and many teams want a salary cap that will allow them to compete with the large markets.

While the New York Yankees had baseball's highest payroll last year - $92 million - Florida spent less than one-eighth of that, $15.15 million.

Under the current contract, approval of the players' association is needed for any revenue-sharing changes, one of the reasons large-market teams didn't object to Selig's new power. Several high-level baseball and team officials said on condition they not be identified.

They think the union wouldn't approve radical change because it would take money away from baseball's biggest spenders, who raise the top salaries, the officials said.

Selig has also gained the power to ignore the ownership hawks who want a salary cap at all costs. He could negotiate the best extension he can get with the union and say it's in baseball's best interests to avoid another work stoppage.

Union head Donald Fehr wouldn't comment extensively on Selig's increased power, other than to say the players' association had a duty to ensure that "the collective-bargaining process and our agreements are adhered to."

Selig, while not saying what he would do, agreed with commissioner Bowie Kuhn's June 1976 decision to stop Oakland owner Charlie Finley from selling pitcher Rollie Fingers and outfielder Joe Rudi to Boston for $2 million and pitcher Vida Blue to the Yankees for $1.5 million.

"In his mind, at that time, he was protecting the best interests of the game," Selig said. "In the end, I was supportive of Bowie's decision."

Selig said he would await the report of baseball's latest economic study committee, expected by opening day, before using his new power.

Doctors clear Elliott to suit up for Spurs

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO - The sport's labor contract

NBA

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Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO - San Antonio Spurs forward Sean Elliott said Thursday he has been cleared to play, just five months after receiving a kidney transplant. Elliott said he would support the best interests of the game, said Selig said. "In the end, I was supportive of Bowie's decision."

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Elliott underwent a kidney transplant on Aug. 16, recovering the organ from his brother, Noel Elliott.

Elliott had been practicing with the NBA champions for nearly a month, but has yet to participate in contact drills.

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Begay ready to face consequences

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. - American Indian golfer Notah Begay, a NCAA basketball star who made his name with the Washington Wizards, was charged with aggravated driving Tuesday following a late-night parking-lot collision, said Thursday he wants to take full responsibility and face the consequences.

Begay was arrested again.
**NBA**

Smith learns to live before NBA

Associated Press

Leon Smith, whose bid to go from high school star to NBA rookie has been a disaster, said problems with the Dallas Mavericks and a former girlfriend led him to try committing suicide.

"The truth is I was trying to end my life," Smith, who swallowed 250 aspirin on Nov. 14, told KRIV-TV in Houston on Thursday. "I was trying to get rid of the pain. That was the only way I knew how to do it."

"There are plenty of ways to commit suicide, but I thought that would be the least painful because I was already in pain from the inside. There was no need to have it from the outside.

The 19-year-old, who never played or even practiced with the Mavericks after being signed Nov. 2, said he wasn't sure what to think when he woke up in a hospital.

"Part of me was like, 'I should've died, I should've gone, I don't belong here,'" and part of me was like, 'Well, God gave you another chance, so make the best of it,'" he said.

But he didn't. Smith returned to Chicago, his hometown, in early December and got into trouble with police on consecutive days.

He allegedly threatened the ex-girlfriend with a gun, then got out of jail and allegedly rammed a car belonging to the ex-girlfriend's mother and smashed out all the windows. He's facing a Feb. 3 court date for two counts of criminal damage.

"I'm not afraid to admit I was in love and that added on to a lot of things that were going on," he said. "It drove me crazy. It got the anger to start building up inside of me."

The NBA player's association stepped in shortly after and placed Smith in psychiatric care.

"I belonged there because I needed to find myself," he said. "I didn't want to hurt anybody or me."

Smith has been living in Houston for about two weeks and is under the watchful eye of Purvis Short, a former NBA player who is now director of player programs for the players' union.

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**NFL**

Rams kicker ready for NFC Championship

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS

Just like the regular players, Jeff Wilkins is determined to play with pain.

The Rams' kicker ignored the tendinitis in his left knee and booted several 50-yarders indoors Thursday, pronouncing himself fine for Sunday's NFC championship game.

Wilkins' plant leg was shaky last week, and he abandoned form on a 42-yard field goal attempt that was wobbly and wide right. On Thursday, the form was back.

"I'm really ready to take on the responsibility," Wilkins said.

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Irish fencers prepare for life after ’99 season

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Associate Sports Editor

For the first time in four years, the Irish fencers begin a season without All-Americans Sara Walsh, Myriah Brown, Luke Laklile and Nicole Mussilh on the roster.

Even with the loss of so much talent in the Class of 1999, the fencing program has rebounded with the addition of several top recruits and improvement in the returning fencers.

"We did lose some key players but we gained some new freshmen," according to women's foil captain Morton said. "The players that were on the team last year are improving and making up for the loss of those players." The Irish get their first NCAA test this weekend when they travel to New York to take on fencing powers Columbia, Stanford and St. John's. That's followed by a lighter unit, according to women's foil captain Morton.

"We have tried to regroup and reorganize and clean out our fencing program to use the talent we have now in a better environment," she said. "I think the team is really together and more understanding of each other." The men's team returns three NCAA-qualifying fencers from last year and is bolstered by the addition of many strong freshmen.

Once again the men's saber team is the best in the country. Even with the loss of 1998 national champion LaValle, the team is still very deep. First team All-American Gabor Szelle returns to the strip after a successful freshman year and is bolstered by the addition of many strong freshmen.

Rounding out the saber squad is junior Andrzej Ozren, who won an open national championship as a freshman and earned three All-American letters, has switched from epee to foil to strengthen the team. Although he fenced foil before coming to Notre Dame, the adjustment to foil has been tough. "It was hard and I think I have adjusted all right," Krol said. "I have fenced foil for Canada before and last year I was still getting some foil hands, so it is not like I am starting from scratch. It was mostly a mental adjustment." As the full captain, she faces the daunting task of rebuilding a squad that lost two four-time All-Americans in Walsh and Brown and a solid captain in Nicole Paulson. Returning seniors are playing a bigger role this year and freshman Liza Bolesnikas has been especially impressive.

"Stemiel Almee Kalagora and two senior walk-ons - Sofly Orsi and Liz Dailey — have really stepped up because women's foil has shrunk so much," Krol said. "Even with the addition of Liza, the seniors have definitely stepped up and showed progress." Bolesnikas is currently ranked 59th among senior sabreurs and the 17th best American Junior.

With Krol switching from epee to foil and the graduation of Mussilh, the women's epee squad is also rebuilding.

Two freshmen, Meagan Call and Anna Carrick will probably be the top female reopeists for the Irish this year. Both Call and Carrick are top 30 U.S. junior fencers. For the first time in NCAA history, women will compete in saber. Captain Carantine McGolough leads the Irish team.

While most of the squad is made up of walk-ons, freshman Natalia Masur, who is ranked 15th among American Junior fencers, brings a lot of experience to the team despite her youth.
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Dusbabek also has continued his strong play this season with a game-winning goal against Lake Superior State, and leads the Irish in CCIIA points with three goals and six assists. He has also had four points in the last five games.

The Irish are also counting on their defense for help in the offensive zone. Freshman Evan Nielsen has two goals and three assists in the last nine games, while Sean Seyferth and Sean Molina appeared to be headed for career bests in points this season.

"We have been working on special teams mostly this past week," said Dunlop. "They have a very good offense. Their power play is very good. We have been concentrating on our penalty kill, but they are also very good short-handed. They have scored a lot when they are short-handed."

The defensive play of the Irish has helped freshman goaltender Tony Zasowski to rank seventh in the league in goals-against average.

His current mark of 2.47 is better than the Irish record set by Forrest Karr last season.

The defense will be in focus as Western Michigan brings their fourth-ranked offense into the series, while ranked second in power play percentage. Junior center David Gove is the CCHA's third-leading scorer (20G-11A) while sophomore center Mike Bishai is tied for 12th on the CCHA scoring charts (19G-10A).

Mary Calash/The Observer

Ryan Dolder battles for a loose puck against Alaska-Fairbanks. The Irish hope that a victory over the Broncos will turn their season around.

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rebounder and a good scorer," Carroll said. "So we're going to concentrate on him."

Senior guard Kellii Taylor poses a defensive challenge for Notre Dame, as he ranks third on Pittsburgh's all-time steal list. Both Jarrett Lockhart and Chris Seabrooks are averaging double digits for the Panthers.

The Panthers' top returning player, senior forward Isaac Hawkins, is red-shirting the season after breaking his right tibia during the preseason.

Notre Dame sophomore sensation Troy Murphy is averaging just under 25 points per game and nearly 11 rebounds. Murphy is one of 30 finalists for the Wooden Award, an honor handed out to the top college basketball player each year.

Carroll and sophomore forward David Graves also average more than ten points per game. Dillon is dishing off six assists per outing for the Irish.

"They are a team that is a good team," Doherty said of Pittsburgh. "They had a good record going into the Big East. They did hang tight with Syracuse, and probably deserved to win that game. They're a pretty confident team, and they're hungry for a win."

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Irish ride 10-game winning streak into Miami

By KERRY SMITH
Assistant Sports Editor

When the Irish travel to Miami to take on the Hurricanes Saturday, they will try to hand onto their perfect Big East record and maintain the highest national ranking in school history.

Grabbing the fifth spot in the Associated Press poll in the midst of an impressive 10-game winning streak, the Irish show no signs of slowing as they head full throttle into the second half of the regular season.

"We're not feeling too much pressure at the top — it's more that we're proud of what we've done," said forward Meaghan Leahy. "We're taking each game seriously and using it to prepare for the Big East tournament and the NCAA at the end of the season."

Led by All-Americans candidiate Ruth Riley under the basket and guards Niele Ivey and Alicia Ratay, the Irish have been a strong presence on the court defensively and a potent force on offense.

Ratay has proven to be a big menace, leading the Irish in scoring with more than 15 points a game. Shooting at 50 percent from behind the arch, Ratay is a threat from anywhere on the court.

Riley follows closely behind on the scoring chart and has racked up 49 blocked shots while leading the squad in rebounding to head the defensive effort. With 11 games left in the regular season, Riley is on par to match the 101 blocks she delivered last season — the third most by any NCAA player in the '98-'99 season.

Ivey, who averages just more than 11 points per game, has proven to be a big playmaker on the court. Leading the squad with 114 assists — almost three times as many as any other Irish player — Ivey's presence has been an asset to Notre Dame all season.

Since beginning their winning streak with a victory over Michigan State, the Irish have handed their opponents losses by big margins — the squad has won nine of their last games by at least 15 points.

"Our team has really come together in the last 10 games," Meaghan Leahy said. "We know what needs to be done and you can feel the excitement and see it on the court when we play. We're not as hesitant as we were at the beginning of the season, especially on defense."

The Hurricanes will have an opportunity to boost their seventh-place Big East ranking if they can upend the Irish.

"Miami is very athletic. They trash the boards well and can rebound so we are going to need to box them out," said Leahy. "We have to go there mentally ready to play in order to win. Even though we're undefeated in the conference we keep on focused on each game."

At 6-7 on the season, Miami has struggled to maintain a winning record. Alternating between wins and losses for the last 16 games, the Hurricanes will need a strong performance by their freshman keep the pattern alive with a win.

Freshman starter Alicia Hartlaub leads the Hurricanes in conference play. The forward recorded her third straight Big East double-double with 16 points and 10 rebounds in Miami's loss to Georgetown on Wednesday.

At 2-1 in the conference, the Hurricanes have struggled off the bench all season. With little depth, they must rely on their starters for the majority of their points. In the loss to Georgetown, the Miami starters scored all but eight of the team's 81 points.

The Irish hold a 5-1 record against the Hurricanes in regular season play.
Injured Irish track athletes

By MOLLY MAVOY
Assistant Sports Editor

With as many as three top players out with injuries, the Notre Dame men's tennis team will test its foundation this weekend against the 26th-ranked Washington Huskies at the Ice Volley in Minneapolis.

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Juniors Matt Dwyer and sophomore Javier Taborga will also be questionable, according to Bayliss. If either is unable to play, a number of very capable freshman can step up and play, Bayliss said.

"Each (freshman) has demonstrated the ability to get the job done," he explained. Because of the injuries, the doubles pair was still up in the air Thursday afternoon.

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**Vertical Horizon and Stroke 9**

All of campus is invited to attend the concert committee meeting Tuesday at 5:30 in 201 LaFortune to help plan the upcoming concert.

**American Beauty**

TONIGHT 8 & 10:30pm

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The decade is over ... It's 2000 at last. So let's take some time to look back at our past. Sports have changed a ton in 10 short years. Much more than just the games themselves. It's the people and the times if we look back at our past. You think in years. 10 times if we look back at our past. Not much time at all.

1990 when the Pirates began. And look back at our past. The 90's winner was the team by the Bay. Pittsburgh. No way. The Braves waited for better days. The Pirates were there throughout the decade.

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On to the next chapter. Pittsburgh has a new coach at the helm in Ben Howland, who comes to the Trojans after a five-year stint at Northern Arizona.

The tenured coach said, "Our team travels to Coral Gables, Fla. Saturday to take on Big East rival Miami." The decade is over. It's A Decade Ago. Some things stay the same.

They had won seven straight games before the losses to Syracuse, the only remain­ ing undefeated team in Division I and Rutgers. "Right now, we're focusing on coming out and playing a lot of tough defense," Fresh­ man guard Matt Carroll said, "and playing with a lot of energy and a lot of inten­sity."

Although Pittsburgh is just above .500, it played a close game against Syracuse, falling 15-12, in a game many thought Pittsburgh should have won. "They might not be at the top of the standings right now," Dillen said. "But they are a tough team. We know that every team in the league has the opportunity to top any other team," Pittsburgh has a new coach at the helm in Ben Howland, who comes to the Trojans after a five-year stint at Northern Arizona. During that time, Howland turned his team around. They went 18-16 and 6-20 during his first two years. Followed by three straight 21-win seasons with two post-season appearances. "They had a lot of success at Northern Arizona," Doherty said. "He's got them (the Panthers) playing hard. They're going to be good. If not this year, then next year."

Pittsburgh's top thrust is probably small forward Ricardo Greer, who averages 18 points per game and 11 rebounds. "We know he's a good player," see BBALL/page 23

ND looks to kick losing skid against Broncos

By MATT OLIVA Assistant Sports Editor

With only 12 games remaining in Notre Dame's regular season schedule, the Irish are looking to improve their playoff position starting with this weekend's home series against Western Michigan. (8-10-2, 7-7-2) is currently ranked in the fifth and last home-ice playoff position. Friday night's match-up will be the first time that the Irish and the Broncos have met since 1999. The Irish won that contest 9-5, and have played 40 CCHA games against other opponents since.

The Broncos hold a series edge of 26-13-2 overall, but the Irish have gone 5-3-1 against the Broncos over the last three seasons. During this time the Irish have averaged 3.6 goals per game, including a 17-8 scoring edge last season (7-1, 1-2, 9-5). Irish captain Ben Simon is the team's career leader in points scored against WMIU with two goals and 10 assists. With a pair of victories this weekend, the Irish can help their playoff positioning, while ruining the Broncos' chances in the process. Western Michigan is tied for fifth-place with Ferris State, but the two teams are only two points ahead of the Irish. A successful weekend could push the Irish ahead of the Broncos in the standings.

This is a huge series for us," said center Connor Dusop. "There are five or six teams all within a handful of each other. This series could really boost us and take us up to fourth place. The rest of our games this season will be really important for the playoffs."

ND looks to kick losing skid against Broncos

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN Assistant Sports Editor

Head basketball coach Matt Doherty is glad to be back home, and he's glad the stu­ dents are finally home too, as the Irish prepare to host Pittsburgh Saturday.

"The students are very important to us, and the energy that they were giving us in the Joyce Center," Doherty said. "We missed them during the break."

The Irish played their last two games on the road, dropping the first on Sunday to No. 6 Syracuse 80-57 and another on Tuesday to Rutgers 76-51.

"Down at Rutgers, we just got outplayed, and out-hustled," senior point guard Jimmy Dillen said. "Rarely does our team get outplayed out there. We need to get back on track. We had a couple big wins to start off the Big East, and then we had a couple tough losses. We need to get out there and strike back against Pittsburgh."

At Rutgers, Notre Dame shot only 30 percent from the field and was out­ rebounded 43-31. The Irish (8-10-2, 7-7-2) must improve on both counts to score the home victory over the Panthers (8-7-5).

"It's not so much the shooting as the execution of the offense," Doherty said. "It's more that we didn't get good shots, not that we didn't shoot well.

The goal for the Irish is to get another run started. The decade is over. It's A Decade Ago. Some things stay the same.