Martin Luther King Jr. was nominated to the martyrs of the dance. 

U.S. grants grandmas visas
The Elian Gonzalez story added a new chapter
Thursday as the 6-year-old’s grandmothers received visas to travel to the U.S.

Who wants to marry a millionaire?
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Sophomore Sibs Weekend cancelled

By LAURA ROMPE
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

**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 in the shedding of blood has become a common inheritance of Catholicks, 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 1950’s, 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 Christian 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."

Lawrence Cunningham
theology professor

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.

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Let Elian Go

Six-year-old Elian Gonzalez became the center of a storm of debate when he was 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 abandoned 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. 

This decision shouldn’t be based on election-year politics or the rift between the U.S. and Cuba. It’s a little boy, doesn’t need to testify before Congress. Congress members on both sides of the aisle are lobbying for Elian.

Elian’s future has become yet another huge thorn in 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 denounced the U.S. refusal to let Elian remain in Florida, 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 Elian testify before Congress. Elian’s relatives in Florida are taking the case to federal court.

This is a boy who turns 6 years old next month. Shouldn’t we need to testify before Congress. He is a little kid who needs to see his dad.

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?

If the 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 it even truly thinking of what would benefit Elian most?

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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.

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THIS WEEK IN ND/SMC HISTORY

Pasquerilla West opens
Jan. 15, 1981

Pasquerilla West opened its doors to 160 women this week 19 years ago. The new female residence hall virtually eliminated the shortage of women’s housing on campus.

Outside the Dome

Citizens’ group charges IU with illegal dumping

BLOOMINGTON, Ind.

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Baylor freshman dies in hit-and-run

WAUC, Texas

Baylor University freshman Malissa Denise Cafey, of Wichita Kan., found dead Jan. 15 after she was hit by a hit-and-run accident at Ninth Street and Bagby Avenue at 10:18 Wednesday night. Sgt. Keith Vaughn of the Waco Police Department told The Lariat that bystanders said a green Ford pickup left the scene immediately after the accident and had not been located by press time early this morning. The truck was last seen heading westbound on Bagby. Baylor Police Chief Jim Doak said, “We are sickened by this. It now becomes our mission to find the driver of the truck. “A Waco Police officer shared with me that the driver is now public enemy No. 1. It’s unconscionable what the driver did. Our officers are out now trying to make an identification on the driver,” Doak said. Caffey, who was a Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority pledge, was said to be leaving a mixer with with the Kappa Omegas Tau fraternity when she was hit by the truck. The mixer occurred in the front yard of a house near the scene of the accident.

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Law grad receives Court clerkship

By MARIBEL MOREY

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 achieve.

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

Collins applied — with references from three Notre Dame law faculty — to each of the nine Supreme Court Justices. She considered it a "once in a lifetime" opportunity to have 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 references."

"I am thrilled" that she was selected for the position, said Justice Antonin Scalia. Collins will start in October on the court, where she will assist the justices with research and writing.

Collins, who was born in Illinois, spent her early years in a small town near Chicago and earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Notre Dame in 1991. She then attended law school at the University of Chicago, where she was editor-in-chief of the University of Chicago Law Review and a member of the Order of the Coif. She served as a law clerk to Justice John Paul Stevens of the United States Supreme Court from 1996 to 1997.

In her new position, Collins will work closely with Justice Thomas, who has been on the court since 1994. Collins said she is looking forward to working with him and learning from his experience on the court.

Collins also expressed gratitude to her family and friends for their support throughout her academic and professional career. She said she is looking forward to spending time with her family in Illinois during the summer months.

"I am grateful for the opportunity to serve in this capacity," Collins said. "I believe in the importance of the Supreme Court and am honored to be a part of it."

"I am excited to be working on the Supreme Court," Justice Stephen Breyer said. "Collins has a strong background and will be a valuable asset to the court."
century martyrs does not suggest the veneration accorded to saints. This is simply public recognition on the part of the Church that these Christians died for the faith in the 20th century," said Cunningham. King may not be honored by name at the ceremony, however.

Father Joseph Maj, a member of the commission planning the event, told the Catholic News Service that the Vatican will not publicly list the thousands of nominees, because it could give rise to misunderstanding or even division. Although the Vatican is collecting names, current plans do not include naming individuals but rather a general thanksgiving for all martyrs, Maj said.

Many people on campus applauded King's nomination. "He's well-deserved," said Iris Outlaw, director of the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs, noting that the recognition should be an inspiration to Notre Dame students.

Jay Caponigro, a member of the University's Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Committee, also praised the nomination. "I'm very enthusiastic ... that our Catholic bishops are able to see the valuable contributions 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 nomination is an honor, his work for civil rights is still unfinished. "We need someone to follow in his footsteps," she said.

I-APS selects chem prof as fellow

Special to The Observer

Anthony Trozzolo, Huisking professor emeritus of chemistry at the University, was elected a fellow at the Inter-American Photochemical Society (I-APS). Trozzolo was recognized for his lifetime achievements in organic photochemistry and his leadership in the photochemical field, according to Frederick Lewis, vice president of the I-APS.

His nomination noted his pioneering studies of photochemically generated reactive intermediates that exist, sometimes fleeting, between what the chemist starts with and his end product. The creation and detection of reactive intermediates are Trozzolo's chief research interests. His methodology often involves low-temperature or solid-state photochemistry.

Trozzolo has published 90 articles on this subject and has been issued 31 U.S. and foreign patents. Additionally, he has delivered more than 300 invited lectures at universities, international meetings, American Chemical Society symposia and industrial laboratories.

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 is also 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 bachelor'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.

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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, these children are often very close in age. Thus, the likelihood that a sophomore student would have an eligible sibling in the right age [mid-senior] school is very small." Cassidy also noted that Notre Dame’s national nature and noted that not all siblings 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, and Rossmann said. "One rector stopped 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 their alternative. "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’Connor, 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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Sophomores react to cancellation

By LAURA ROMPF

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 couldn't continue," said Peter Rossmann, sophomore class president. "I was disappointed as I am sure the entire sophomore class is."

Other students agreed. "I am frustrated because I was looking forward to having my younger brother visit campus that weekend and get a better understanding of campus life," said Molly Mutone, a Badin Hall sophomore.

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Students were not informed that there was a possibility of canceling the weekend simply because this is the normal decision making process," he said. "It was not a decision that would be made by a popular consensus. We did not collect information from the sophomore class president. "I am disappointed as I am sure the entire sophomore class is."

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President Clinton tried Thursday to pick up the pace of slow-moving talks between Israel and the Palestinians, telling the two sides "no one can get everything" in an agreement.

Calling for compromise as he sat down with Yasser Arafat in the Oval Office, Clinton said he would be disappointed if a settlement were not reached. "We have the leaders who can do it," he said, offering again to do whatever he could to resolve their differences.

Arafat agreed there would be difficulties "along the way," but he said negotiations would deal with them. He declined to say whether he was willing to accept less than all his demands.

With evident satisfaction, Arafat said he had reached agreement with Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak for Israel to transfer, another 6.1 percent of the West Bank to the Palestinian Authority.

"We reached an agreement with Prime Minister Barak and I agreed to 24 or 48 hours before arriving."

"Arafat and Barak met outside on Monday to implement Israel's commitment to turn over the territory under a U.S.-brokered agreement between the two leaders in September.

It was not clear from Arafat's remarks whether the two sides had resolved exactly what land Israel would surrender.

After the meeting with Clinton, the Palestinian leader said he had asked for Clinton's help to assure successful negotiations. "It was a very fruitful and productive and important meeting," Arafat said.

With Clinton's support, Barak and Arafat last year set Feb. 13 as the deadline for resolving their disputes over Palestinian statehood aspirations and the future of Jerusalem, at least to the extent that Israel and the Palestinian Authority could complete a framework accord.

A final settlement, which also would deal with refugees and other issues, is due in the fall.

Clinton is trying to juggle slow-moving negotiations on the Israeli-Palestinian front with sidetracked peace talks between Israel and Syria.

State Department spokesman James Rubin said Syrian officials would come to Washington next week, to be followed by Israeli experts, in an effort to deal with some of the nagging issues on that track.

Direct Israel-Syria talks were supposed to be set Wednesday at Shepherdstown, W.Va., but they were suspend ed indefinitely. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and other U.S. officials have said each side wanted its demands given immediate priority.

Clinton said Wednesday he would take on the task of nudging Syria and Israel along.

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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 Republican George W. Bush's moderate message and overall popularity.

"Polls have to watch that Republicans don't steal our issues," said Celinda Lake, a Democratic pollster who conducted the bipartisan poll of the Pew Research Center in Washington. "Bush is watched favorably by 67 percent, and unfavorably by 29 percent. Gore was viewed favorably by 43 percent.

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

He said Republicans 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 faces well with the public on many issues, including topics Democrats traditionally have favored on like education and Social Security.

"Democrats have gone for seven years without a spokesman," Goeas said, noting that 1996 GOP presidential nominee Bob Dole was unable to gain a 50 percent rating because he was so battered in the early primaries.

The poll also asked those polled what the group, which traditionally has leaned Democratic, favored more, Bush or Gore. By a 13 points against Gore — 51 percent to 38 percent, the same margin between the two men overall.

While Bush continues his customary advantage over Gore on most issues and with potential voters in every region of the country, the poll also 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, looking for bright spots for Democrats. "The concern about declining morality and values in there, but it's on many issues and doesn't dominate the agenda like it did last year."

She noted Democrats don't come across as 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, Goeas said.

Things were different for the GOP front-runner, with Bush viewed favorably in 62 percent of those polled and unfavorably by 29 percent. Gore was viewed favorably by 43 percent.

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"I have 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, and for directing an attack on a Viet Cong unit even after a grenade exploded at his feet.

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 Thome 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.

Kerrey, still one of the three senators in the Senate, Kerrey announced in 1991 that he wanted to be the Democratic nominee for president. He dropped out of the race in July 1992.

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

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**Associated Press**

OMAHA, Neb. — Senator Bob Kerrey, the disabled Vietnam veteran who became governor and ran for president, announced Thursday he won't seek re-election this year.

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.

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Bradley comments draw fire from Gore

Gore says comments insulted Iowans

Associated Press

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa
Aiming to ride his own supporters to work harder, Vice President Al Gore suggested to Iowans Thursday that they should be insulted by Bob Bradley's assessment that the state caucus system "rewards entrenched power." Bradley responded that he was "absolutely not" showing disrespect to the state's Monday caucus.

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

Gore campaigned on Iowa's western border, his voice thundering as he rallied against Bradley for spending "stasks of money" in Iowa and saturating the airwaves with TV and radio ads only to "eventually divert the course as an organizational contest that favors Gore.

"My opponent in this Democratic contest has been 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, let me 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, who trails Gore here even after spending, 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 provoke their own team.

Bradley is "attacking grassroots activists who are coming a very important role in choosing the next president," said Steve Hildebrand, Gore's Iowa campaign director.

"Senator Bradley is doing nothing but firing up our campaign to go out and work harder."

But some union organizers for Gore see the potency of this strategy.

Pope plans pilgrimage to Egypt

VATICAN CITY
Making the first of his million-dollar pilgrimages to the Middle East, Pope John Paul II will visit Egypt next month in a three-day trip taking him to the very roots of Western faith.

He will stop in Cairo and then visit a monastery at the foot of Mount Sinai on the Feb. 24-26 trip, the Vatican said in announcing the pilgrimage Thursday.

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.

The stop at Mount Sinai is one of a series of pilgrimages the pope has planned to make in the run-up to their, trips he says are purely for spiritual reasons.

He had hoped to begin with a stop at what is believed to be the birthplace of the biblical patriarch Abraham in Iraq, but the Vatican denied the plan after Baghdad said it could not organize the visit.

Rifts in party concern Trump

WASHINGTON
New York tycoon Donald Trump said Thursday he is "deeply concerned" about the increasingly bitter fighting among Reform Party members and may not run for the party's presidential nomination if its leaders can't "calm their fire."

"If the party is in the shape it's in now, I am less inclined to run," Trump told The Associated Press.

"I am sorely tempted to run. I'd really like 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's and former Republican Patrick Buchanan's - competing for the presidential nomination.

Buchanan, campaigning across the country to get on the ballot in 29 states, did not return a call requesting comment.

Now, those same party leaders are fighting for factional warfare that broadened this week into a battle over the location of the party nominating convention into a formal effort to oust National Chairman Jack Jargang during an unusual meeting of the party's 150-member national committee Feb. 8 in Nashville, Tenn. Gargan's allies, meanwhile, are trying to remove their opponents from the executive committee he chairs.

"Candidate birthing and party fighting has brought our Reform Party to the brink of internal destruction," Michael Farris, chairman of the party's Presidential Nomination Committee, wrote in an open e-mail.

"He will resign if the motion fails."

The vote will be "a moment that decides whether our party is worth saving," Farris said. "We can start growing to become the major third party in America, or we can sink to the depths of oblivion, a noble experiment that will be left to the ashbin of history."

Meanwhile, a person close to Gargan's faction, which is loyal to Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura, said there was a move about a "bailout meeting the same day to reposition Gargan's position.

Some of Gargan's supporters want Gerald Moun ousted from the party leadership, as well as other supporters of party founder Ross Perot.

"What we have is a commit­tee is made up of the most rotten, dishonest, manipulative bunch of clowns I've ever seen in my life," 2000 Convention Chairman Ron Young said in his own e-mail earlier this week, in call­ing for "M.R.A.'s ouster."

The dispute, mostly over insults and differing interpreta­tions of party rules and procedures, have spread from the Internet to the legal arena. Millions of dollars are at stake, including more than $2 million during the last three months of the year, including October when both the national party and the state party received matching funds the party earned by its showing in the 1996 presidential contest.

Gargan and his supporters hung up on the Internet executive board Tuesday night after it turned into yet another blowup over rules and procedures. A flurry of nasty e-mails ensued.

While Trump said he would use his own money to fund a campaign, Buchanan has been relying on contributions and federal matching funds. Through Dec. 31, Buchanan raised $5 million, including $1.1 million during the last three months of the year, including October when both the national party and the state party received matching funds the party earned by its showing in the 1996 presidential contest.


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President Clinton proposed a $100 billion tax deduction to help millions of Americans pay for college. The proposal would make college education more affordable and raise the Senate majority vote for the bill.

The plan would allow a deduction of $10,000 per college completion challenge grants, $35 million for Pell grants, and $400 million for initiatives such as the Gear Up program. The plan is part of Clinton's larger education plan, which includes $100 billion in new spending and not drawing the United States into "entangling alliances."
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 standouts George W. Bush and the surprise 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 investing the Internet, Gore remains the stiffest salesclerk in a scandal-ridden administration. Gore lacks the personal charisma that allowed President Clinton to sidestep the numerous indiscretions and remain in favor. Without Bill, the entertainment factor of this administration is gone and we are left with the shadow of scandal.

Enter Bill Bradley

Senator John McCain from Arizona has recently confirmed his presidential aspirations on the Republican ticket. Upon first glance he has a lot going for him: war-hero status, a dynamic personality, a record of bold initiatives and tough, street smarts.

Unfortunately, a deeper look reveals that the downside to his dynamism is his stubbornness and propriety 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 recent wave of good press resulting from his unexpected success. Bradley is a direct contrast to Clinton for the Democrats as a respectable messenger. Unfortunately, his message is lacking. His recent health care proposal was promoted as revolutionary but lacks any distinctive elements from other candidates’ platforms.

Bradley’s ideas for education and Social Security reform are most alarming. His treatment of the needs of the educational system are bland at best, especially when compared to Bush’s impressive proposals for school choice and record of support for education as Texas governor.

Bush supports the preservation of Social Security for future generations through personal retirement accounts that would give individuals the opportunity to realize a greater return on the mandatory contributions to the system by investing them in the stock market. Bradley sets out an inadequate and unrealistic solution, suggesting that by simply supporting a prosperous economy future Social Security receipts will be high enough to sustain the current level of payments. Perhaps he fails to grasp the concepts of demographic growth and an aging population which threaten the system.

Bush’s stance on life issues reinforce his image as a compassionate conservative. He opposes abortion except in the infrequent cases of rape, incest or threats to the life of the mother and supports passage of the Partial Birth Abortion Ban. This is in sharp contrast to Bradley’s record of outspoken support for abortion.

The differences between Bush and Bradley will ultimately come down to questions of limited government, personal responsibility and local control in the wake of the Clinton administration. The American public will surely realize what can happen if the messenger takes precedent over the message.

While it is disappointing that the lesser contenders don’t have more of a chance at this early stage, their presence will be helpful in challenging both Bush and Bradley to stay sharp and make meaningful claims. Based on the strength of their platforms, and barring unforeseen public relations catastrophes, Bush should easily top Bradley in the final consideration.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

‘Black Like Me’ represents heritage

John Griffin sacrificed his heritage for his project. His family had to leave their homes, friends greeted them with silence and he gave his life. The Stifter that helped him live two lives ultimately took his own by poisoning him.

John Steinberg
Kovath Hall
January 20, 1999

Mars failure echoes Mt. Graham fiasco

Many at Notre Dame who are perplexed at the NASA/Mars failure and the Mt. Graham telescope controversy, which their school is involved in, may have wondered whether these events resulted from mismanagement at the agency or the congressional level.

History shows it was some of both. Tucson Congressman Jim Kolbe inserted rindstone language in a 1997 bill designating $10 million in NASA funds for a University of Arizona Large Binocular Telescope (LBT) on Mt. Graham. This would have taken money from ongoing NASA research on two clearly superior telescopes.

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The paper said the show has selected a millionaire groom, along with 50 women competing to marry him. Kelly Hendricks
California Poly State

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.” Then came FOX’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?”

FOX is probably thinking that this millionaire game show fad will never die out. The network is presenting its “Marry a Millionaire” show this February, according to USA Today.

People are sick of hearing about these corny shows. About these corny shows.

Kelly Hendricks
Kelly Hendricks is a student at California Poly State University. This column first appeared in the Mustang Daily at California Poly State U. and is reprinted here courtesy of The Observer.
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? Argh! With a plethora of information on John Hughes and a complete list of his movies, I set out to discover Shermer. I became a tourist in my hometown, a stranger in a familiar land.

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.

Northbrook is a small town of about 32,308 people, according to Uncle Sam's census bureau. It is 93 percent white. It is affluent. It's people, according to Uncle Sam's census.

"I think it's the categorization of others," said a third. "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 1997. He's looking for Shermer, led by John Hughes' movies. 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 consultant, the other is pre-med. One of our Athletes played in college, took an injury to his ACL, and dropped out of college and sports. The other is going through college for an accounting degree and doesn't play anymore. We agreed that both took Emilio Estevez-style pressure from their parents, but that neither looked much like Estevez.

The other was a drift-er, who had left home and dropped out of school and was drifting around Chicago, the last we heard. The other Criminal, a big "problem child" in high school, majored 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 splendidly 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.

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Who can forget the face of the water tower emblazoned with the immortal message "Save Ferris!" Well, perhaps the words weren't immortal, but memorable at best. The tower still stands today in Northbrook, IL, though its message is long since painted over. Also unforgettable is the steps of the school, Glenbrook North, where my friend, Sloane, awaited his arrival as he swept her away from school for a ditch day of fun.

LAURA PETELLE/The Observer

Friday, January 21, 2000
The best of John Hughes

Scene reviews John Hughes' contributions to the best teen flicks of the '80s

By CASEY McCLUSKEY

Ferris Bueller's Day Off

Everyone has bad 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 they are truly not so different from one another. They find that each of them is a "brain," an athlete, and a basket case, a princess, and a criminal.

 Weird Science

In today's computer driven world, "Weird Science" is a funny look at what a mess computers can get one into. Wyatt and Gary are two computer geeks who cannot break into the popular scene. Then one day, they discover a way to "create" their popularity. Using their computer, Wyatt and Gary create "Lisa," the perfect woman whose total devotion to them begins to come down, brick by brick, and they discover that they are truly not so different from one another. They find that each of them is a "brain," an athlete, and a basket case, a princess, and a criminal.

Sixteen Candles

"Sweet 16," the passing from awkwardness into womanhood. In "Sixteen Candles," Samantha has been looking forward to this day through all the craziness in her life. Samantha has a crush on the most popular boy, but it is the school geek who has a crush on her; Samantha has no privacy because family has invaded the house for her sister's marriage; and on top of everything else, everyone is too busy to remember Samantha's Sweet 16. With the help of a lame school dance, a foreign exchange student named Long Duc Dung and the biggest "parents-are-out-of-town-for-the-weekend" party of the year, Samantha's 16th birthday turns out to be pretty sweet after all.

Pretty In Pink

Not every teen movie is about 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 Lona 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 she 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."
**Silent Saturday’s stifles spectators’ behavior**

Associated Press

**ANNAPOLIS, Md.** Parents, fans and coaches who attend the Anne Arundel County Youth Basketball League games this weekend will not be able to cheer, clap, yell, or sit near players on the court.

Oh, and no noisemaking. Welcome a Silent Saturday, which actually extends to Sunday and affects hundreds of boys’ and girls’ basketball teams.

It’s being tried at the Anne Arundel County Department of Recreation and Parks to curb increasingly hostile and rude behavior by spectators.

Only players are allowed to speak.

First-time violators will be given a warning; repeat offenders will be asked to leave.

“We’re trying to do this,” said Bill Chalin, a recreation director. “We’re trying to keep the environment safe for the players and spectators.”

For recreation officials said they’ll try to add a bit of civility to a serious situation by distributing bags and pieces of tape at some games, so spectators can keep their mouths occupied.

“This should be one hell of a Saturday,” joked Ron Max, a recreation supervisor for the boys’ 8-14 basketball program.

Recreation officials will fan out across the county this weekend to monitor games, enforce the policy and observe its progress.

“Even though people are acting like socks, stereotypically, it’s not very smart,” said Max.

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football not Nitro or Raw. Walsh, Layland and LaRussa looked like the answer to any team’s woes.

And the Rocket was making Donners scream while outrun­ning foes for county games.

Yount was baseball’s first three-million-dollar man, but the Indians struggled to attract any fans.

Lew was still picking grass and soundly beating Navy.

And the Dome had yet to be burdened with Dave.

Sixty home runs was still an unreachable number, simply too high.

And Bird was discovering the game had begun to pass him by.

The only Kartner spelled his name Cart.

And Chicago’s best baseball slugger was a cookie — not Sona, the Big Hurt.

The world had yet to experi­ence Sammy versus Mark. And the Rebels brought home to Wat­teau.

The polls told the Buffs and Tech to share their football title, while the Ducks won by a horse name Unbridled.

Tyson was beaten, Steiberbrenner banned.

Gathers remembered by a Kumie’s left hand.

We still were graced by the presence of Sweetness, Will.

**NFL**

Collins ordered to stay in Florida

Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Suspended Miami Dolphins running back cereal Collins, charged in a probation violation, appar­ently won’t be heading back to Louisiana, at least not right away.

He could face more charges in this case or even more in other cases.

At a hearing Thursday, Circuit Judge Dole Russell ruled a waiver of extradition from Louisiana — previously signed by Collins — was not valid, but that the state will have to wait until Florida courts are through with him.

Collins is charged with one count of burglary for breaking into the home of a neighbor, Dorian Davis, on Dec. 16. He remains in a Broward County jail awaiting extradition for violating his Louisiana proba­bility.

In Louisiana, he was charged twice in the summer of 1998 with unauthorized entry at his apartment complex in Baton Rouge.

Both cases involved female residents, including a 17-year­old student, who said they were expose­d to sex by Collins and his two friends, who have not been charged.

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Notaries’ attorney

With-Collins will get to stand trial before he gets shipped back to Louisiana is still up in the air.

“Collins refused to come and get him, so I don’t know what’s going to happen. I’d like to try the case,” said prosecutor Don Loney.

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Collins’ attorney, Fred Haddad, tried to argue Collins was never told he had waived his rights concerning extradition as “spe­cial conditions” of his probation.

“We took a writ on the extradition to try to disprove or put into issue the waiver,” said Haddad.

“We know it was a legal, legal trial, so we have a case there, a strong case.”

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

“I was never explained it,” Collins said. “I just told them I had papers I was to sign.

The state attorney’s office refuted those claims by flying in Geri Hall, a former law enforcer in Baton Rouge.

“We read and discussed everything on the document,” Garon said.

“I read this and he signed it.”

After the hearing, attorney Jim Lewis, who represents Tina and Donald Nolte, the couple who accused Collins of breaking into their bedroom window while they slept, accused the apart­ment development and the judge of perpetrating a cover­up of similar incidents.

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Owners give Selig unlimited power

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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 want.

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

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Begay ready to face consequences

Associated Press

Two guys in different sports came into a lot of power yesterday. One of them used to be a player. The other one used to be an owner. Neither knows exactly what he's getting himself into. And the future of their sports may hang in the balance.

Who said the millennium wouldn't start with a bang? Wednesday in Washington, Michael Jordan promised a new magic trick. He said he would turn the woeful Wizards into NBA champions in exchange for a piece of the club down the road.

Being Jordan, he already had a plan. The first thing he did was streamline the chain of command: He said he will report to majority owner Abe Pollin; everybody else will report to him.

"I don't get to play. I don't get to wear a Wizards uniform, but I will influence the players who wear the uniform."

Michael Jordan

Wizards president

We're going to stand behind Notah. Mike Kelly, director of marketing communications for Nike Golf said. "Notah Begay is a great person. He admitted he made a mistake. We will sit down with him and see if we can help in any way. He is great for the game of golf. He is great in his community and for Native Americans everywhere."

The arrest also might have an impact on fans' view of him, said American Indian golfer Notah Begay, arrested for drunken driving following a late-night parking-lot collision, said Thursday evening following a late-night parking-lot collision, said Thursday evening. "It's a negative impact, but I don't think it's going to change for some of them. That's just the nature of the beast."

Begay's six-figure endorsement to restore competitive balance to baseball. With the sweeping powers contained in baseball's "best interests" clause, Selig can block trades, redistribute wealth and fine teams like they'd been caught dumping toxic waste instead of overpaid ballplayers.

As Selig noted, the stick only comes out after he's convinced that dangling carrots in front of people won't make them behave. "I'm not," Selig said, "going to get into the specific things I can and cannot do.

Everybody likes to say there are already enough rules on the books; that all that's needed is for somebody to enforce them. We are about to find out if that's true. Jordan is going to try to build a basketball empire from lower than scratch. He needed better players, starting last week, and the Wizards (we're not making this up) don't have significant cap room until the 2002-03 season.

But let's say Jordan is thwarted. And let's say cutting through the red tape of running a franchise is as easy as he makes it sound, running for some of the practice court to the telephone. And let's say he actually scares a few of those high-priced problems away in practice and dumbs their contracts on somebody else.

He still has to acquire a few players of his own. And wait until Jordan discovers how many problems and how little heartache all that ownership money will buy.

And then it won't matter that Jordan could still dribble a basketball around any of them with one hand tied behind his back. Or that he could dunk over any two — laid end to end — while still wearing a business suit. He can't be quite as good for talent. Not with a straight face, anyway. Jordan himself is only a few years removed from strong-arming an owner out of $33 million.

The difference, of course, is that he was worth it. Wait until Jordan finds out how much that's worth to some kid and his agent across a negotiating table. "Most players and their agents would rather take more money from Emmer Fuld than less money from Michael Jordan, no matter how much they respect him and appreciate him as a player," said Jerry Reynolds, his counterpart with the Sacramento Kings. "In the [negotiating] arena, it is, was, and always will be about money."

Jordan carries quite a few banners into this fight. Just by returning, he brought the front office back to the NBA, a neat trick at a time when interest is slipping and crowds are off by about 10 percent. And a successful segue into ownership would raise the ceiling for former players, much like Jerry West did by walking off the court and into the Lakers front office to become just as valuable an executive as he was a player. But it won't happen without a lot of pain.

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Alumni Association
Smith learns to live before NBA

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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.

"I was trying to get rid of the pain. That was the only way I knew how to do it." Smith said. He added: "I didn't belong here," and part of me was like, I don't belong here, but part of me was like, "Well, God gave you a second 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.

"Basketball will take care of itself but you have to learn to live day to day," Short said. "I want to play," Smith said. "I want to be able to play ball and really get away from all the other stuff."

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Smith said he still would continue psychiatric care.

Union chief Billy Hunter is negotiating for Smith to be released from his three-year, $1.45 million contract with the Mavericks, which would make him a free agent.

"Hopefully within the next week we should have an agreement in place," Short said.

"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 he needed to do to learn to live day to day.

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Rams kicker ready for NFC Championship

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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. "It hurts, and it's going to hurt, and I guess I've accepted it, whereas in the past we've tried to keep it from hurting," Wilkins said. "It went pretty good, so I'm playing."

Coach Dick Vermeil didn't think Wilkins' range would be affected. "His leg bothered him, but he kicked well anyway," Vermeil said. "Just like most players at most positions that play a little banged up and bruised, he's determined to kick." Wilkins knows it may be a busy day, since the Rams are the No. 1 offense in the NFL. They scored seven touchdowns against the Minnesota Vikings to reach this game against Tampa Bay.

"He's got a 1 and a good day," Vermeil said. "I don't think he's 100 percent, but I think he can play."

"Unless that thing ruptures, I think I'll be able to kick as many extra points as we need," he said. "If we score 10, that'd be great."

The news means Nick Lowery, 43, probably stays retired. Lowery, who hasn't kicked since 1996, tried out Tuesday and won Vermeil's choice in case Wilkins couldn't go.

Wilkins said Monday was the only day he was worried. But he didn't mind the Rams bringing in Lowery and two other kickers.

"If it was in the middle of the year, you never want anybody coming in to take your job," Wilkins said. "I kind of wanted them to have somebody in mind, yet still give the opportunity to give it a go if I could."

The news also was good for free safety Keith Lyle, who'll likely return after missing eight games with a bruised nerve in his left shoulder-neck area.

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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. "It hurts, and it's going to hurt, and I guess I've accepted it, whereas in the past we've tried to keep it from hurting," Wilkins said. "It went pretty good, so I'm playing."

Coach Dick Vermeil didn't think Wilkins' range would be affected. "His leg bothered him, but he kicked well anyway," Vermeil said. "Just like most players at most positions that play a little banged up and bruised, he's determined to kick." Wilkins knows it may be a busy day, since the Rams are the No. 1 offense in the NFL. They scored seven touchdowns against the Minnesota Vikings to reach this game against Tampa Bay.

"He's got a 1 and a good day," Vermeil said. "I don't think he's 100 percent, but I think he can play."

"Unless that thing ruptures, I think I'll be able to kick as many extra points as we need," he said. "If we score 10, that'd be great."

The news means Nick Lowery, 43, probably stays retired. Lowery, who hasn't kicked since 1996, tried out Tuesday and won Vermeil's choice in case Wilkins couldn't go.

Wilkins said Monday was the only day he was worried. But he didn't mind the Rams bringing in Lowery and two other kickers.

"If it was in the middle of the year, you never want anybody coming in to take your job," Wilkins said. "I kind of wanted them to have somebody in mind, yet still give the opportunity to give it a go if I could."

The news also was good for free safety Keith Lyle, who'll likely return after missing eight games with a bruised nerve in his left shoulder-neck area.

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Fencing

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 Lalaville and Nicole Mouldill on the roster.

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

“We did lose some key players but we gained some new freshmen that are taking up the role of our senior men’s sabre captain Clay Morton said. “The players that were on the team last year are improving and making up for the loss of these players.”

The Irish get their first NCAA test this weekend as they travel to New York to take on fencing powers Columbia, Stanford and St. John’s.

Two returning men (Domonic Guamashchelli, right), shown here against Ohio State, is one of the experienced Irish epeeists on this year’s squad.

Walsh, Brown, Lalaville and Nicole Mouldill on the roster.

American Gabor Szelle returns to the team after taking last year and is bolstered by the addition of two stellar freshmen, Natalia Masur, who is ranked 183rd in world senior standings, and Anna Carnick who won an epee national championship from St. John’s, graduate school.

Morton said. “The players that are taking up the slack,” Morton 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 Lalaville, the team is still very deep. First team All-American Gabor Szelle returns to the roster after a successful freshman year that saw him finish second at the NCAA championship.

Szelle is currently ranked 15th among world junior sabremen. With Keith Smart, last year’s champion from St. John’s, graduating, Szelle is considered a front-runner for the national title.

Fellow sophomore Andre Crompton is strong fencer and is currently ranked 15th in the national senior rankings and eighth among junior sabreman.

Hot on his heels in the rankings is freshman Matt Fabricant who is 17th in the senior ranking and 9th in the juniors.

Rounding out the sabre squad is junior Andrej Bednarski who returns to the team after taking his sophomore year off. Bednarski is currently ranked 19th among senior sabreman in the U.S.

The Irish will rely on the talent and experience of the sabre team, especially early in the season when the other younger squads are still improving.

“We are probably the most well rounded and deepest saber squad in the country,” Morton said. “We will be trying to win every bout in order to give the other squads who aren’t as deep a little support. We will be carrying the team a bit but not much.”

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The men’s epee team is also talented and experienced — returning two NCAA qualifiers in sophomores Brian Casas and senior captain James Gutierrez. The addition of freshman Jan Viviani has added competition to the squad as he has defeated many of his teammates in practice.

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The men’s full squad is the only men’s squad without a returning NCAA-qualifier. The Irish will have to do without last year’s NCAA competitors, Stephanie Auered and Chas Hayes left the team. The squad does return its wins leader from last year in sophomore Steve Myrouse.

The squad also is bolstered by the addition of two stellar freshmen in Forest Walton and Ozren Dobric. Walton is ranked 32nd among U.S. juniors while Dobric is 183rd in world senior standings.

The women’s side is less experienced than the men’s but still features some exciting fencers. Krol, who won an epee national championship as a freshman and earned three All-American letters, has switched from epee to foil to strengthen the team. Although she fenced foil before coming to Notre Dame, the adjustment to foil has been tough.

“It was hard but I think I have adjusted all right,” Krol said. “I have fenced foil for Canada before and last year I was still getting some foul breaks, so it is not like I am starting from scratch. It was mostly a mental adjustment.”

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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 CCHA 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.

Tyson Fraser recorded his 50th career point with an assist against UMass earlier this year.

"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 Grove in the CCHA's third-leading scorer (20G-11A) while sophomore center Mike Bishai is tied for 12th on the CCHA scoring charts (19G-10A).

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Senior guard Kelli 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 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 — that’s more we’re proud of who we are,” said forward Meaghan Leahy. “We’re taking each game seriously and using it to prepare for the Big East tournament and the NCAAs at the end of the season.”

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

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“Our team has really come together in the last 10 games,” Meaghan Leahy said. “We know what needs to get 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 upset the Irish.

“Miami is very athletic. They crush the boards well and can rebound so we are going to need to box out,” said Leahy. “We have to go there mentally ready to play in order to win. Even though we’re undeniably in the conference we keep 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 18 rebounds in Miami’s loss to Georgetown on Wednesday.

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

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

Ivey’s presence has been an asset to Notre Dame all season.

When 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 10 of their last games by at least 15 points.

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**NOTRE DAME TRACK**

Notre Dame opens year indoors

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN Against Sporites Editor

With five All-Americans returning after a 1999 season which saw men's and women's squads turn in best-ever Big East conference finishes, the Notre Dame track teams are aiming for the top of the conference in 2000.

"We told the kids today that our main goal we have is to win Big East indoors and Big East outdoors," said track and field coach Joe Piane. "That's not to say that we don't want to get kids to NCAAs, but our big goal is Big East.

"The men's strengths are that we have some outstanding individuals in both the field events and the sprints," Piane said. "The women are going to be pretty solid all the way through.

"The Irish kick off their season today with a home meet against Michigan State, Ball State and Western Michigan.

"We've been working a long time and you go all the way through the fall semester," field events coach Wino Wino said. "It's a long hard workout process without competing. Fall is the one time we really get to compete.

"This season West is concentrating on matching and surpassing his efforts from '99.

"Of course as a team, we'd like to win the Big East indoors and outdoors since we were so close last year," West said. "I think we're even a little bit better than we were last year. I look to break the 200 meters record for Notre Dame indoors, and look to go back to nationals both indoors and outdoors at the end of the year.

"The Irish lost All-American pole vaulter Mike Browning to graduation and high jumper Andrew Cooper for the season.

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**MEN'S TENNIS**

Injured Irish test skills against No. 26 Huskies

By MOLLY M'COY 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 Volleys in Minneapolis.

"It will be tough in the beginning," senior Ryan Sachire said. But, hopefully, some of the younger guys will be able to contribute and get some experience.

"Junior Mark Overdvest will not make the trip because of possible torn cartilage in his shoulder," Cooky Bayliss said. "Overdvest will be missed, but the team can compensate.

"Losing Overdvest is a big loss," Bayliss said. "In addition to being a good player, he was one of our hardest workers. However, I feel we have more depth than in years past and can fill in the gaps.

"Junior Matt Doh and sophomore Javier Taborga are also questionable, according to Bayliss. If either is unable to play, a number of very capable freshmen can step up and play, Bayliss said.

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