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Sophomore Sibs Weekend cancelled

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

Sophomore Siblings 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

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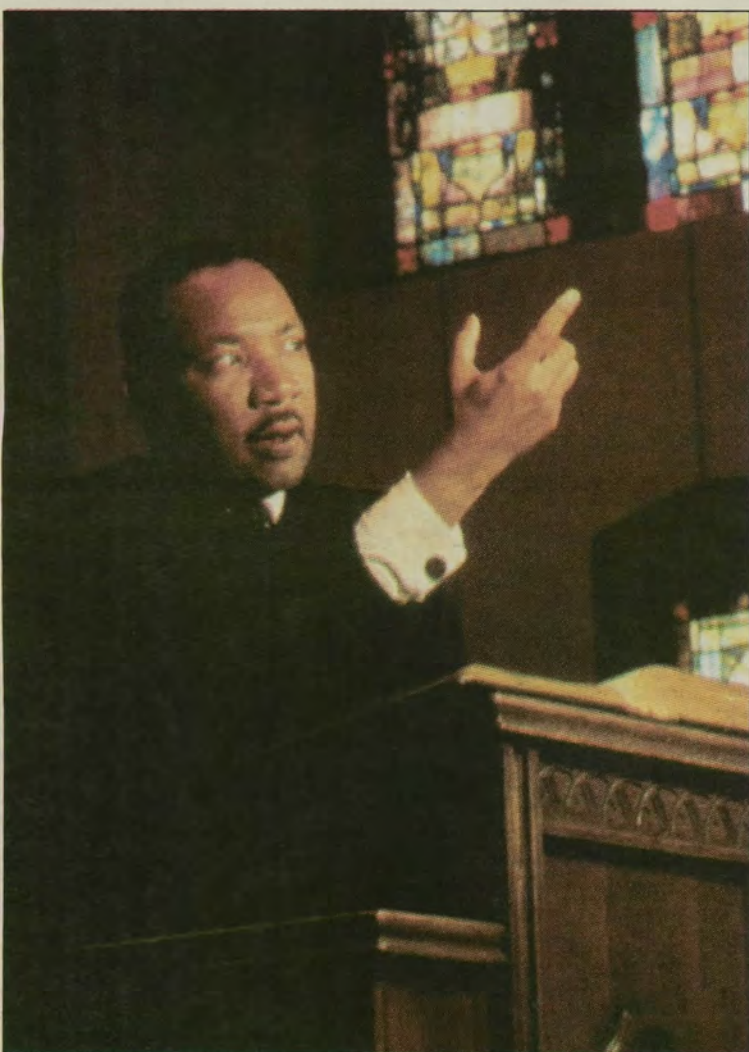
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FROSTED DOUGHNUT



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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.



BLACKSTAR PHOTO
 Martin Luther King Jr. was nominated to the martyrs of the 20th century list for his work as a civil rights leader.

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 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," Cunningham

said, explaining why King's death allows him to be considered for martyrdom.

Yet martyrdom should not be confused with sainthood, which includes a lengthy and official canonization process. Although some martyrs have also been recognized as saints,

"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

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INSIDE COLUMN

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?

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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 or neglected 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 interests at heart.

President Bill Clinton said the law should decide. 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 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 denounces the U.S. refusal to let Elian return to Cuba, 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 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, one 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 riff 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.

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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.

SUFR sits in at Student Affairs
Jan. 22, 1991

The Students United for Respect (SUFR) protested on Martin Luther King Day at the office of the vice president for Student Affairs Patricia O'Hara. SUFR demanded more staff for the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs, increase in hiring of minority faculty and a University policy prohibiting racial harassment.

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

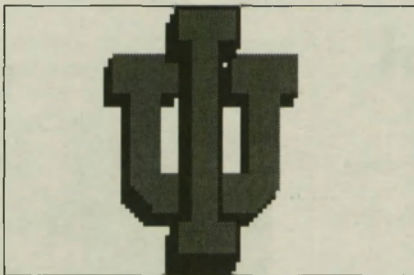
Citizens' group charges IU with illegal dumping

BLOOMINGTON, Ind.

In the wake of Monday's cancellation of the proposed Jack Nicklaus-signature championship golf course on the Indiana University's Griffy Lake watershed, a group of Bloomington citizens allege that mistreatment of the University-owned land has taken place by IU, including the dumping of waste materials containing PCBs and other hazardous chemicals.

IU director of Environmental Health and Safety Ted Alexander said Wednesday these allegations are unclear, stating the University is in full compliance with federal and state regulations.

Bloomington attorney Mick Harrison delivered a notice of intent to sue IU to the University Counsel office Jan. 12 on behalf of Bloomington residents Greg Moore, Leona Wolfe, Jim Cartnell and unnamed "John and Jane Does."



The intended suit would be brought on the grounds that IU allegedly failed to report hazardous and toxic waste dumps and implement timely remedial action. The notice also alleges the University has engaged in the storage and disposal of toxic substances without permits and approvals required by law, creating an imminent hazard.

"We have minimum expectations, and then there are some things that are negotiable," Harrison said. "The

minimum is that the site has to be carefully tested and characterized for what contaminants are present and there has to be cleanup of contaminants found. Whether we insist on attorney's fees or other damages will be up to my clients. We're waiting for the university response."

University Counsel Dorothy Frapwell declined to comment at press time. Her office said she was preparing a statement.

But Alexander, who worked as assistant commissioner for the Indiana State Department of Health for nine years and has been at IU for more than four years, said IU has been in compliance with standards set by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) for years.

New Mexico murder trial stalled

ALBUQUERQUE

Jury selection in the murder trial of Jesse Avalos, accused of killing New Mexico State University freshman Carly Martinez in January of 1998, has proved to be a slow-moving affair. On Tuesday, trouble locating a Mandarin Chinese interpreter for a prospective juror caused Judge Lourdes Martinez of Las Cruces to adjourn the court without completing voir dire on the 86 prospective jurors slated for questioning on Tuesday. After finding the interpreter, questioning by both sides continued through Wednesday and will pick up again Thursday. One hundred and forty-six Albuquerque residents were summoned to the courtroom Tuesday and Wednesday to be questioned by lawyers in Avalos' case. Avalos is accused of the murder, rape and kidnapping of Carly Martinez, who was last seen alive on Jan. 14, 1998. Her body was found two months later in the deserts west of Las Cruces. One month after that, Avalos and co-defendant Jason Desnoyers were charged with Martinez's murder.

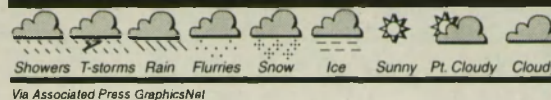
Baylor freshman dies in hit-and-run

WACO, Texas

Baylor University freshman Malisa Denise Caffey, of Wichita Kan., was pronounced dead at the scene of a hit-and-run accident at Ninth Street and Bagby Avenue at 10:18 Wednesday night. Sgt. Keith Vaughan 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 Omega 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.

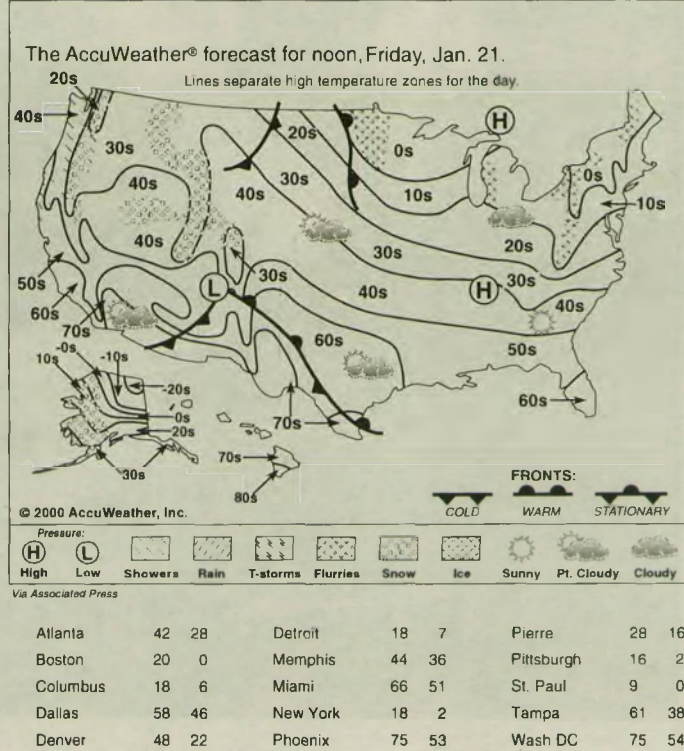
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NATIONAL WEATHER



ND Press publishes book celebrating Irish

Special to The Observer

The University of Notre Dame Press has published "The Encyclopedia of the Irish in America," a unique compendium of Irish-American edited by Michael Glazier.

The encyclopedia includes articles on the most important events, themes, and people in the Irish experience of America, from 1584, when Richard Butler, a sailor from Tipperary became the first historically documented Irishman to set foot on American soil, to the present. Its 1,096 double-column pages contain accounts of the Irish communities in each of the 50 states, more than 500 biographies of Irish-American men and women, and more than 300 illustrations. The more than 900

themes and topics it covers include literature, religion, immigration, emigration, sports, labor, theater, education, medicine and business.

In one encyclopedia article, entitled "Notre Dame and the Irish," Father James Connelly, historian of the Congregation of Holy Cross, traces the history of the University from its founding in 1842, when four of the seven Holy Cross brothers who arrived on the Indiana frontier with Father Edward Sorin were Irishmen, to 1998, when the University established the Keough-Notre Dame Study Center in Newman House on St. Stephen's Green in Dublin. According to Connelly, the Irish were "instrumental in the founding of Notre Dame, prominent in its development and conspicuous in its leadership."

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 attain.

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."

Margaret Ryan Collins
Supreme Court clerk

Collins applied — with references from three Notre Dame law faculty — to each of the nine Supreme Court Justices. She considers herself lucky to have 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 references."

Clerks assist judges in culling through information presented in court.

"I revel at the fact that you can reach at the truth," said Collins. She looks forward to focusing

purely on legal issues as a clerk; at her current firm, Collins focuses on one side of the story — the side she represents on behalf of her Washington law firm.

After graduating from Knox College in Illinois in 1985, Collins served as a military com-

munications officer with the Marine Corps, and later joined the Corps' law education program. This program allowed Collins to choose any law school she wished; she picked Notre Dame.

"They really believe that to be a lawyer, you need to be a good person, too," she said. "The Supreme Court is interested in people with excellent characters who have the ability to do work and discern from briefs and find the truth."

At law school, Collins met her husband, who graduated second in their class, and the couple wed before Collins traveled to Japan with the Marines.

Not wanting to make the military a full-time career, she returned to Washington, D.C., to be with her husband and practice private law.

After working for a firm in the nation's capital for one year, Collins now will move to the Supreme Court and take a 66 percent pay cut for the opportunity.

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Prof gets 'indecent' in new book

♦ American studies chair examines excesses in U.S. history

Special to The Observer

A new book by Robert Schmuhl, professor and chair of American studies at the University of Notre Dame, takes a critical look at the American penchant for going to extremes in the arts, popular culture, politics and social movements.

Published by Notre Dame Press, "Indecent Liberties" is a series of eight essays in which Schmuhl analyzes the dangers and consequences of carrying fundamental American freedoms too far. He argues for seeking public and private equilibrium because to do otherwise results in "indecent liberties" that endanger the nation's future.

Schmuhl considers historical examples — such as the hunting of buffalo in the West, Prohibition, and business ven-

tures in the Gilded Age — but devotes most of his attention to contemporary affairs, including shock entertainment, the decline of privacy, and excessive media coverage of stories such as the O.J. Simpson trial and the Clinton/Lewinsky scandal.

"In 'Indecent Liberties,' Robert Schmuhl wisely suggests that we remember the value of moderation," says E.J. Dionne, Jr., syndicated columnist and senior fellow at 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. Gullivan Program in Journalism, Ethics & Democracy. His teaching and research focus on American political life, journal-

ism and contemporary affairs.

Schmuhl is the author or editor of nine books, including "Demanding Democracy" (1994), "Statecraft and Stagecraft: American Political Life in the Age of Personality" (1990 and 1992), and "Wounded Titans: American Presidents and the Perils of Power" (1996). His edited volume, "The Responsibilities of Journalism," has been published in four foreign editions and translations since appearing in 1984.

Schmuhl's academic articles and reviews have been published in such journals as Critical Studies in Mass Communication, The Review of Politics, Style, National Forum, and Journalism Quarterly. He also has worked extensively in journalism, writing features, columns and reviews for dozens of newspapers and magazines, including The Washington Post, USA Today, Sports Illustrated, Editor and Publisher, The Chicago Tribune, The Philadelphia Inquirer and The Boston Globe.

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inclusion on the list of 20th 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 Jozef 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 for the ceremony do not include naming individuals but

rather a general thanksgiving for all martyrs, Maj said.

Many people on campus applaud King's nomination.

"It'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 enthused ... 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 of 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 are substances that exist, sometimes fleetingly, 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-tempera-

ture 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 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 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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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Canada denies bail for terrorist

MONTREAL

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 Haouri, whose last name was previously given as Haouari, in custody until an extradition 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 Boilard. Boilard said Haouri, 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, Boilard said.

Bush addresses abortion

PELLA, Iowa

George W. Bush said Thursday that if the child of a relative or friend were raped and asked him about abortion, he would hope 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 reach." And he said he "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 faced criticism on the issue from rival candidate Steve Forbes, who said abortions can leave women emotionally scarred and accused Bush of not doing enough to oppose the operations.

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 Xiamen 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 grandmothers of the 6-year-old obtained visas to travel to the United States to make their case that the boy should be returned to his father in Cuba.

The U.S. 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 in the city later on.

Rangel has been a strong proponent of allowing the boy to return to Cuba has offered to accompany the boy back.

The congressional sources said New York was chosen as a destination 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 immediately to Cuba, aggravating 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 proceedings in federal court to determine Elian's fate.

Attorneys for Lazaro Gonzalez, the boy's great-uncle, went to 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



Elian and his great-uncle walk outside their Miami home in little Havana. The 6-year-old boy has become the center of political outburst for Cubans in Miami.

as if he was any other child," said Spencer Eig, a lawyer for the great-uncle.

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, Cubans are bombarded with news and comment about Elian Gonzalez and demands that the 6-year-old be returned from the United States.

Elian's face peers from the front page of every newspaper, hundreds of billboards and posters, hundreds of thousands of T-shirts.

Every night experts debate the boy's future for hours on live prime-time television broadcasts, often with President Fidel Castro present. Clips of those shows are repeated throughout the following day.

For the communist state's formidable propaganda machine, the boy has been a gift, the flashpoint for one of the major national crusades of recent Cuban history.

"It is about protecting Elian's civil and constitutional rights, the same as if he was any other child."

Spencer Eig
Gonzalez family attorney

POLAND

Officials expel 9 Russian diplomats

Associated Press

WARSAW

Poland ordered the expulsion of nine Russian diplomats Thursday for alleged spying. Moscow protested the move and said it was damaging to relations between the former communist allies.

A Polish government spokesman said Russian Ambassador Sergei Razov 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 secu-

rity." 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 Luft, said earlier that the evidence collected by Poland's counterintelligence agency involved "active espionage activities against Poland's interest in 1999."

In Moscow, the Russian Foreign Ministry said the Poles did not "and cannot present" any proof of the

charges, and said the expulsions would "seriously complicate 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.

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disgruntled students. Even though only 10 to 15 children were staying in the dorms it effect 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, these 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 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, 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 sub-

mit 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?"

"The decision was made because of problems all across the board. One was not the deciding factor."

Joe Cassidy
director of student activities

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Sophomores react to cancellation

By LAURA ROMPF
Assistant News Editor

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 Peter Rossmann, sophomore class president. "I am 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 Matune, a Badin Hall sophomore.

Some were concerned because of the end of the tradition and were unsatisfied with the reasoning behind the

decision.

"I didn't see the reason why it was canceled," said Melissa Rauch, a McGlinn Hall sophomore. "I have one brother and one sister and they both were planning on attending. I'm disappointed because it is a long-time Notre Dame tradition and it doesn't seem fair to be canceled this year."

Many students were upset with the fact that they were not informed sooner that the weekend might be canceled.

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

But informing students earlier, while sophomore class offi-

cers were still trying to work out an alternative, could have created false expectations, according to Joe Cassidy, director of Student Activities.

"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 collect information from the sophomores

and were willing to look at alternatives. We did not want the information to get out simply because we did not want to raise expectations that somehow this decision would be determined by popularity."

Overall, sophomores seem disappointed because they will not be able to share the experience of the weekend with their younger siblings.

"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 cooler than my parents," said 12-year-old Daniel D'Amore.

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Peter Rossmann
sophomore class president

Clinton urges Arafat to proceed with talks

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

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 accord.

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 of another 6.1 percent of the West Bank to the Palestinian Authority.

"Within two weeks, we will receive the 6 percent," Arafat said. "This is something Prime Minister Barak and I agreed to 24 or 48 hours before arriving."

Arafat and Barak met outside Tel Aviv 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 remark 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.

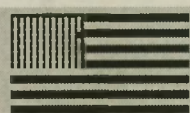
Direct Israel-Syria talks were set to resume Wednesday at Shepherdstown, W.Va., but they were suspended indefinitely. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and other U.S. officials have said each side wanted its demands given immediate priority.

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

Associated Press

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.

"Democrats have to watch that Republicans don't steal our issues," said Celinda Lake, a Democratic pollster who conducted the bipartisan Voter.com Battleground Survey with GOP pollster Ed Goeas. It was sponsored by the Internet political site.

Another poll released Wednesday by the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press found that Vice President Al Gore is starting to redefine himself with the public as a moderate, while his Democratic opponent Bill Bradley is now viewed as more liberal.

The Battleground Poll found voters 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 one of many issues and doesn't dominate the agenda like it did last June."

She noted Democrats don't compete 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 by 62 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 [with three-fourths viewing him favorably]," Goeas said. "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 fares well with the public on many issues, including topics Democrats are usually favored on like education and Social Security.

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

The poll also focused on Hispanics and found that 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, Lake 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 advised 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 1,000 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 1,091 adults taken Wednesday through Sunday.

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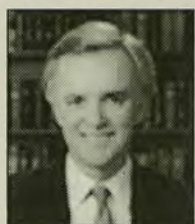
Celinda Lake
Democratic pollster

Kerrey to relinquish seat in 2000

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 because he wants to tend to his "spiritual side."



Kerrey

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 indicated two weeks ago that he was a candidate for the presidency of New School University in New York City, and

on Thursday he said he had not decided whether to accept the position if it were offered. New School officials refused to comment.

And while he said he wants to return to private life, Kerrey would not rule out a return to politics. Kerrey has campaigned for Democratic presidential candidate Bill Bradley and said he would consider being a candidate for vice president if asked.

"It's not that I'm leaving as a consequence of being unhappy," he said. "It's just that 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.

"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 bittersweet 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, America's highest military 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 Thone 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.

And after 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 less than a year later.

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

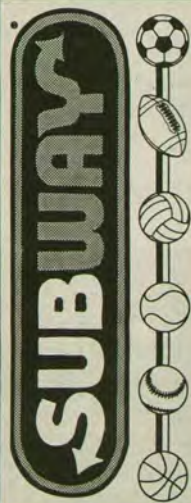
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Bradley comments draw fire from Gore

♦ Gore says comments insulted Iowans

Associated Press

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa — Aiming to rile his own supporters to work harder, Vice President Al Gore suggested to Iowans Thursday that they should be insulted by Bill 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 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 on Iowa's western border, his voice thundering as he railed against Bradley for spending "stacks of money" in Iowa and saturating the airwaves with TV and radio ads only to seemingly dismiss the caucus as an organizational contest

that favors Gore.

"My opponent in this Democratic contest has come 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 is 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 playing 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 troops to go out and work harder."

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



Bradley

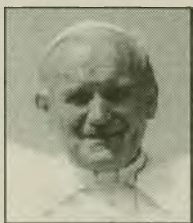
Pope plans pilgrimage to Egypt

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY

Making the first of his millennium 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



John Paul II

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 frail, 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 new millennium, trips he says are purely for religious reasons and without political significance.

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 dropped the plan after Baghdad said it could not organize the visit.

Rifts in party concern Trump

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

New York tycoon Donald Trump said Thursday he is "deeply concerned" about the increasingly bitter infighting among Reform Party members and may not run for the party's presidential nomination if its leaders can't cease 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 involved in factional warfare that broadened this week from a battle over the location of the party's nominating convention into a formal

effort to oust National Chairman Jack Gargan during an unusual meeting of the party's 150-member national committee Feb. 12 in Nashville, Tenn. Gargan's allies, meanwhile, are trying to remove their opponents from the executive committee he chairs.

"Constant bickering and party infighting 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 dated Jan. 15 to party members.

In Nashville, he said, he will call for Gargan's removal, and 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 afoot to hold a rival meeting the same day to reinforce Gargan's position.

Some of Gargan's supporters want Gerald Moan ousted from the committee, along with any other supporters of party founder Ross Perot.

"This EC [executive committee] is made up of the most rotten, dumb and ego-driven bunch of clowns I've ever seen in my entire life," 2000 Convention Chairman Ronn Young said in his own e-mail earlier this week, in calling for Moan's ouster.

The disputes, 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 for the party's convention in August and \$12.6 million in federal matching funds the party earned by its showing in the 1996 presidential election.

Gargan and his supporters hung up on a telephone executive board session 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 he switched parties, a campaign official said. Buchanan did far better financially running as a Republican four years earlier, taking in \$7.3 million by the end of 1995.

Trump, meanwhile, faces possible problems getting on the ballot for New York's presidential primary March 7.

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Donald Trump
Reform Party candidate



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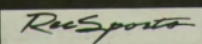
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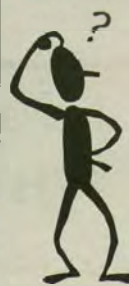
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Clinton proposes education bill

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

President Clinton proposed a \$31 billion plan Thursday to make college education more affordable and upbraided Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott for suggesting that no major legislation would be enacted this election year.



Clinton

The centerpiece of the proposal was a \$10,000 tax deduction to help millions of Americans pay for tuition, books and university fees.

Where is the money going?

- ♦ \$35 million for college Completion Challenge grants
- ♦ \$716 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

ment, on the first day of the last year of his presidency, were Hillary Rodham Clinton, who is running for the Senate from New York, and a fellow New York Democrat, Senator Charles Schumer.

"Some in Congress, I note, are saying that because this is an election year we really

shouldn't try to do anything for the American people," Clinton said. "Nothing, not a national election or a Washington snowstorm, should get in the way of making a college education more affordable for all Americans."

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.

Skeptics question whether the policy proposals Clinton has made before his State of the Union address Jan. 27 can pass the Republican-controlled Congress. But White House officials, seeking to address those concerns, seized on Lott's statement and insisted voters want action on education.

"Members of Congress who have been in their districts understand that education is the top priority for most Americans," White House press secretary Joe Lockhart said. "I think there will be a political cost for those who want to walk away."

Lott fired back, saying that Congress would move ahead to balance the federal budget, protect Social Security and Medicare, improve education and health care and the national defense.

"In addition," Lott said, "We will continue to resist at every turn the Clinton-Gore liberals' call for more government, less freedom, and higher taxes."

When Clinton's \$30 billion

"College Opportunity Tax Cut" is fully operational in 2003, a family earning \$120,000 or less annually could receive a tax deduction of up to \$10,000 for tuition, fees and job-related training. Alternatively, taxpayers could seek a maximum credit of \$2,800 a year. A similar proposal sponsored by Schumer died in Congress last year.

Mrs. Clinton noted that average college tuition has doubled over the past 20 years, outpacing median incomes. "This

touches Americans in all incomes and from all walks of life," she said.

While the White House accused Republicans of threatening to put politics ahead of

progress, officials played down the political benefits of the event to Mrs. Clinton's campaign and noted that she long has advocated education initiatives.

The president's proposal included \$35 million for the college Completion Challenge grants, designed to spur college dropouts to return to class; \$40 million for a new initiative to help minorities pursue five-year dual-degree programs in fields where they are underrepresented; and \$716 million for Pell grants.

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 stay in college; and Job Corps, a national education and job training program targeted at impoverished youths.

"When we make college more affordable, we make the American dream more achievable."

Bill Clinton
U.S. president

Helms bashes Security Council

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS

Senator Jesse Helms, who has made a career of lambasting the United Nations, kept up the attack as he addressed the Security Council on Thursday, saying Americans feel "a lack of gratitude" from the world organization.

Helms, R-N.C., who has previously branded U.N. officials as "dysfunctional" and "cry babies," tempered his criticism by proposing a new spirit of cooperation with the world body and suggested formal, annual visits between members and U.S. lawmakers.

"If we are to have a new beginning, we must endeavor to understand each other better," Helms said in the first-ever address by a U.S. lawmaker to the Security Council.

Despite his courtly tone and offer of a "hand of friendship," delegates reacted coolly to Helms' litany of U.N. excesses and failings.

American tardiness in meeting its payments and Helms' insistence on a lower U.S. contribution "has hindered and not helped" peacekeeping efforts, said Jeremy Greenstock, the British envoy.

Sergey Lavrov, Russia's representative, complained that the United States failed to abide by terms of a U.N. budget that all members approved. "All the other members of the United Nations expected the United States to keep its word," he said.

"The money we spend on the U.N. is not charity," Helms declared. "To the contrary, it is an investment — an investment from which the American people rightly expect a return."

Congress last year voted to pay \$926 million in back U.S. dues over three years.

The United States paid a \$100 million installment late last year. But to get the rest, the United Nations must meet about a dozen conditions drafted by Helms, the Senate

Foreign Relations Committee chairman, and Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., the committee's senior minority member.

The conditions includes a reduction the U.S. share of the U.N. peacekeeping budget from the current 31 percent to 25 percent and of the regular budget from 25 percent to 22 percent.

Helms said the United Nations must also trim its spending and not draw the United States into "entangling alliances."

"A United Nations that seeks to impose its presumed authority on the American people without their consent begs for confrontation, and — I want to be candid — eventual U.S. withdrawal," Helms asserted.

The senator also accused the General Assembly of an anti-American bias. "The American people hear all this, they resent it. And they have grown increasingly frustrated with what they feel is a lack of gratitude," he said.

Helms was invited to speak by U.S. Ambassador Richard Holbrooke, who holds the rotating council chairmanship.

Despite the blunt exchanges, Holbrooke said he hoped Helms' appearance would help in "bringing to a close a chapter of great tension between Washington and the U.N."

"It will help us push the reform package, which is our highest priority," he said.

The full 188-member General Assembly must approve any major changes in the organization's operations and cost-sharing formula.

Helms told the Security Council it had a "mixed record" in recent conflicts.

While it "performed admirably" in ending Iraqi aggression against Kuwait in 1990-91, "In the more recent case of Kosovo, it was paralyzed," Helms said.

"The U.N. peacekeeping mission in Bosnia was a disaster, and its failure to protect the Bosnian people from Serb genocide is well documented," he added.

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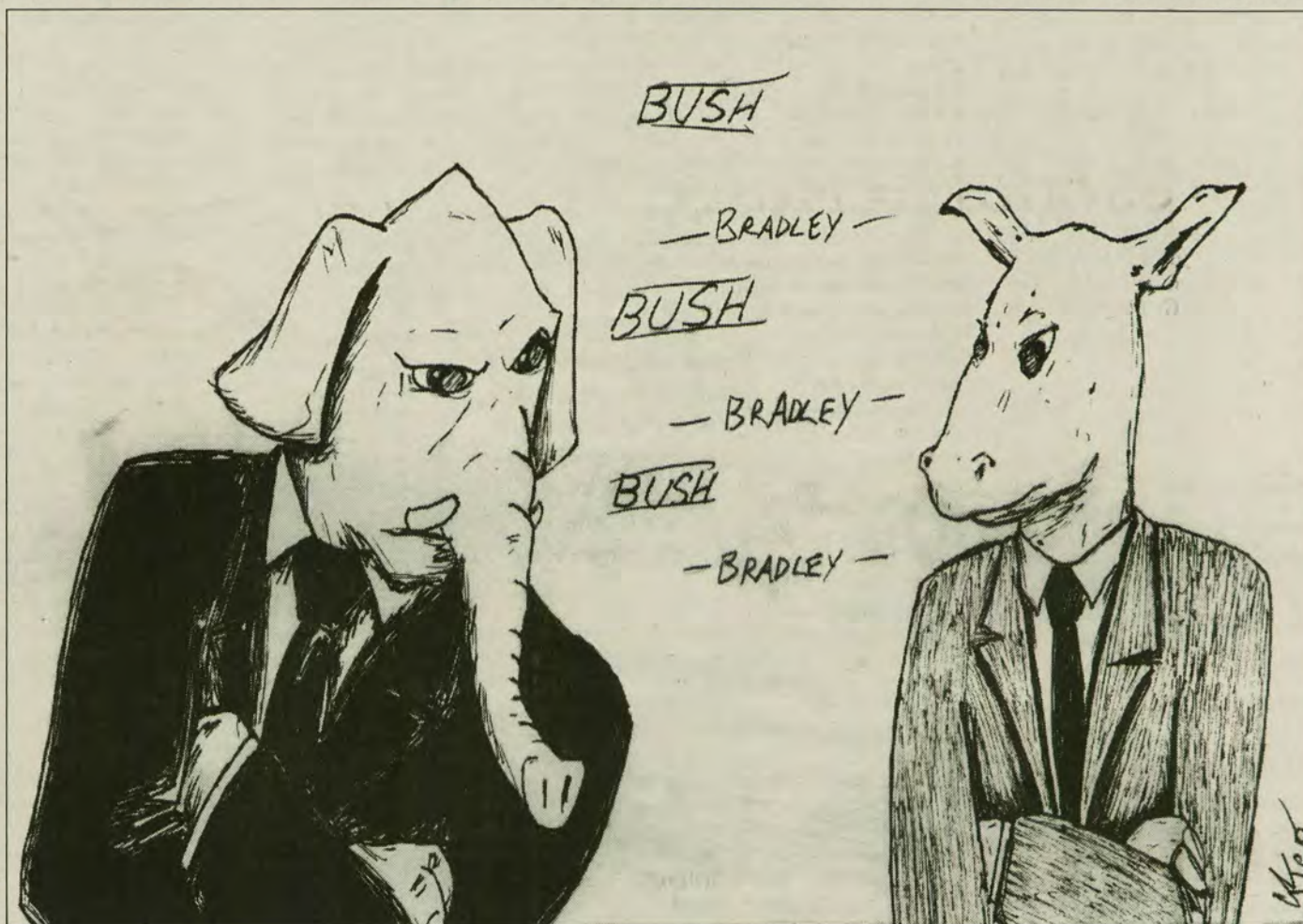
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Bush should topple Bradley in the end

Even at this early stage, it is clear that the real race for the 2000 presidential election is between GOP stand-out 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 inventing the Internet, Gore remains the stiff sidekick to 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 including taking on campaign finance and tobacco.

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 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 alarmingly lacking. 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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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 originally intended his accounts to be published in the newspaper, "Sepia," which later formed the book, "Black Like Me." The title is taken from a Langston Hughes poem entitled "Dream Variation."

Rest at pale evening...

A tall slim tree...

Night coming tenderly

Black like me



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 Catholic 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.

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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.

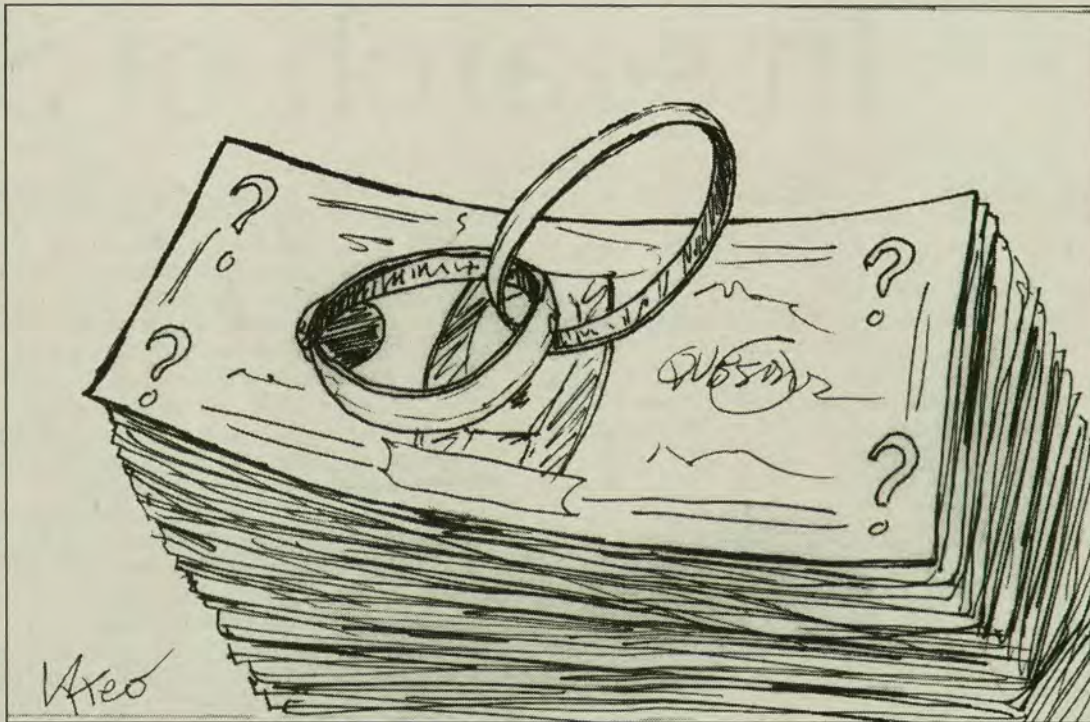
History shows it was some of both. Tucson Congressman Jim Kolbe inserted clandestine language in a 1997 bill designating \$10 million in NASA funds for a University of Arizona Large Binocular Telescope (LBT) on Mt. Graham. This would have taken money from ongoing NASA research on two clearly superior telescopes in Hawaii. LBT was years from completion whereas the NASA research in Hawaii used two existing telescopes. Clinton vetoed this waste but Congress revoked the line-item veto.

Was it also agency mismanagement? Scientists are in advertising wars with each other for federal grants, even when it means bad science. Look again at Mt. Graham. University of Arizona scientists advertised this as a science breakthrough to Congress to get exemptions from environmental and native American religious protection laws.

In reality, Graham had been rejected by 20 key U.S. universities because of bad cloud cover, snowstorms and bad optical clarity caused by Graham's bad topography and dense forestation. Furthermore, this science blunder was based on a highly advertised University of Arizona mirror technology prone to construction failures and delays. University of Arizona languishes in either 11th or last place in the world race to build gigantic 8-meter telescopes.

Like the Mt. Graham fiasco, the Mars failure was probably mismanagement by both Congress and the scientists.

Elise Lauster
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." 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."

Kelly Hendricks

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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 Regis and the many contestants who work their way up to nearly half a million dollars and end up losing most of it because they give in to their greed. They go for the million by answering tricky Titanic trivia questions (another overdone topic) and being confident that the answer is, "I Will Always Love You" by Celine Dion (which had to have been the most entertaining answer of the whole show).

FOX is probably thinking that this million-dollar game show fad will never die out. The network is presenting its "Marry a Millionaire" show 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 is 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 50 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 possession-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 habit, peel the couch off my back and get into the real world.

And yes, that is my final answer.

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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 on John Hughes and a complete list of his movies, I set off 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 a suburb that sometimes fits the description given it by native Ernest Hemingway, having "wide lawns and narrow minds."

Shermerville was incorporated in 1901, a little town surrounded by farms that grew up around brickyards and inns. It halfway between Chicago and Milwaukee, Racine and Kenosha — as far as a traveling salesman could get in a day, making it a popular overnight stop and creating good business for the taverns.

On weekends, people would come down from Chicago to picnic and drink. Legend has it that Shermerville was famous for its brothels

("bricks and brothels"), and the town fathers changed the name seeking to shed this image. I checked at the Northbrook Historical Society, and they said this probably wasn't true. Another cherished childhood belief shattered.

Later on, the brickyards faded and Culligan ("Hey, Culligan Man!") 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 GBN 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 25.0 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.

"I mean, it doesn't hang over my head," said one. "But the stereotypes are there."

"The snobbery is there," interjected another.

"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 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 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.

It was tougher to figure out where the Criminals and 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. 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.

The other was that we 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."



Photo courtesy of Universal Studios



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, (left) though its message is long since painted over. Also unforgettable, the steps of the school, Glenbrook North, where Ferris' girlfriend, Sloane, awaited his arrival as he swept her away from school for a ditch day of fun.

LAURA PETELLE/The Observer



The best of John Hughes

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

By CASEY McCLUSKEY
Scene Movie Critic

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.

FERRIS BUELLER'S DAY OFF



Photo courtesy of Paramount Pictures

Sixteen Candles

It's the time of your life that may last a lifetime.



Photo courtesy of Universal Studios

"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 Dong 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.

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, and an athlete, and a basket case, a princess, and a criminal."

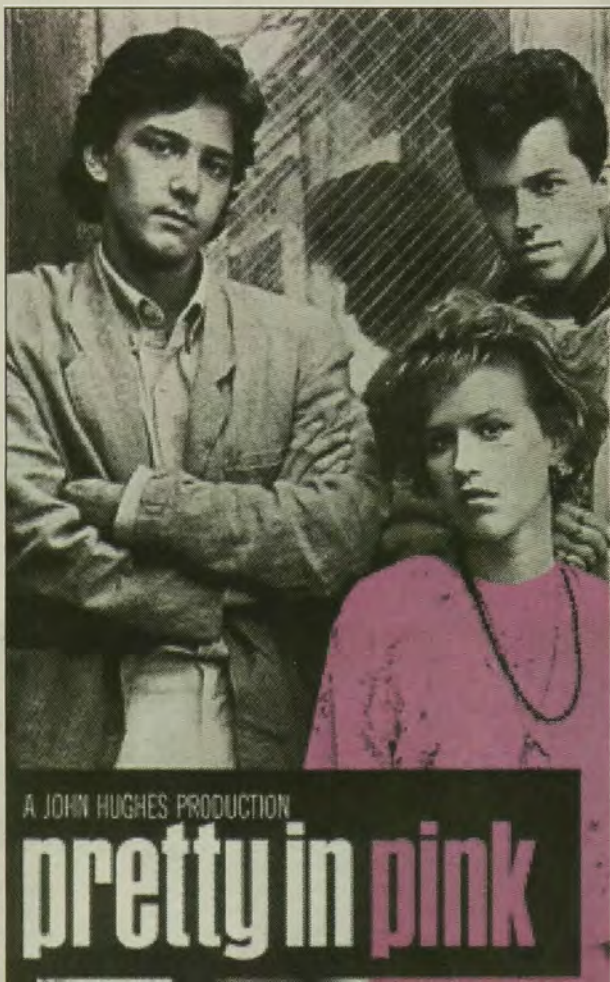


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Weird Science

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 Wyatt and Gary and her perfect body are the boys' ticket to cool parties and popularity. Lisa gets the guys everything they need to be "cool" and then helps them talk the talk and walk the walk to coolness. The problem is that

*It's all in the name
of science.
Weird Science.*



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the guys stumble over their words and can't seem to get the walk down either. Lisa has to bail them out of all sorts of interesting situations on their way to popularity.

Sixteen Candles

In the midst of crazy adolescence, many girls look forward to their

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."

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 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 she lives on the other side of the tracks. Andie sees something in Blane, though, and develops a crush on him. When she tells

'Silent Saturday' 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 allowed to cheer, clap, yell or speak to players on the court.

Oh, and no noisemaking. Welcome to Silent Saturday, which actually extends to Sunday and affects hundreds of boys' and girls' basketball teams. It's an attempt by 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 this to say, 'Hey, we've got a problem out there,'" recreation administrator Franklin Chaney said.

Recreation officials said they'll try to add a bit of levity to a serious situation by distributing lollipops and pieces of tape at some games to help spectators keep their mouths occupied.

"This should be one hell of a Saturday," joked Ron Mox, who supervises 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.

Not everyone likes the silent treatment.

"They're doing social engineering here. It's just stupid," said Frank Dean, whose 17-year-old daughter is scheduled to play in a silent game Sunday. "I'm not going to let the county tell me not to cheer. Kids like encouragement."

Fans are allowed to smile and make signs during games — and Dean said he has one particular hand gesture in mind. Officially, paper signs are also allowed, provided they're tasteful.

Fans may applaud only at the end of games. "I think it's a good idea," said Bob Marshaus, commissioner of the Maryland Basketball Officials Association, which supplies referees for county games. "People are forgetting what these kids are there for. They [parents] need a wake-up call."

The idea has been kicking around for months. In November, parents of youth league players had to sign a pledge promising good manners at games. That's been a success, but officials said more needs to be done. Silent Saturday is modeled after a program instituted by an Ohio soccer organization.

The silent treatment is new in Maryland and other places, so recreation departments around the country are waiting to see how it all turns out, Lisa DiGiacinto, division chief of recreation and athletics, said.

"It's a national problem — the behavior of spectators at the youth level," she said. "Let's see what happens 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 rage.

Churney

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

And the Rocket was making Domers scream while outrunning fouts.

Yount was baseball's first three-million-dollar man,

And the Indians struggled to attract any fans.

Lou was still picking grass and soundly beating Navy,

And the Dome had yet to be burdened with Davie.

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 Kurt Warner spelled his name Curt,

And Chicago's best baseball slugger was a rookie — not Sosa, the Big Hurt. The world had yet to experience Sammy versus Mark,

And the Rebels brought home a title to Tark. The polls told the Buffs and Tech to share their football title,

While the Derby was won by a horse name Unbridled. Tyson was beaten, Steinbrenner banned,

Gathers remembered by a Kimble's left hand. We still were graced by the presence of Sweetness, Wilt,

Payne and Joe D, The Mick, The Pistol, Ashe, Harry Caray, Cosell, FloJo and Jimmy V.

Sports sure have changed in the decade just passed,

Records were broken, statistics amassed.

Old players retired, new players turned old,

Players were traded, teams moved or sold.

But despite the changes one thing remained the same,

There joy of competition still exists, there's still the love of the game.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

NFL

Collins ordered to stay in Florida

Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. Suspended Miami Dolphins running back Cecil Collins, jailed on a probation violation, apparently won't be heading back to Louisiana anytime soon — and he might face even more charges in his Florida case.

At a hearing Thursday, Circuit Judge Dale Ross ruled a waiver of extradition from Louisiana — previously signed by Collins — was indeed 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 a neighbor's apartment Dec. 16. He remains in a Broward County jail awaiting extradition for violating his Louisiana probation.

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-year-old who accused Collins of exposing himself and rubbing against her.

"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
Noltes' attorney

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

"The waiver of extradition is valid, but the judge believes that Louisiana can't come and get Mr. Collins until 30 days after our case is over," said prosecutor Dan Losey. "Louisiana wants to come and get him, so I don't know what for sure is going to happen. I'd like to try the case."

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," Haddad said. "We knew it was going to be an uphill battle, they have a signed, executed waiver."

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

"I was never explained them," Collins said. "I was just told there were papers I had to sign."

The state's attorney's office refuted those claims by flying in Gerri Garon, Collins' probation officer 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 Ronald Nolte, the couple who accused Collins of breaking into their bedroom window while they slept, accused the apartment development and the Dolphins of perpetrating a cover-up of similar incidents.

"If today's hearing shows anything it's that Cecil Collins, in addition to being a sexual predator, is also 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 this apartment complex, in which many Dolphins stay, to have covered up his conduct."

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NBA

Rockets blast Nuggets, 122-115

Associated Press

HOUSTON

Shandon Anderson had 26 points and 13 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 Thomas had 13 points and 10 rebounds. Cuttino Mobley had 17 points.

The Rockets offset Antonio McDyess' season-high 40 points, six short of his career high. Nick Van Exel added 31 points and 11 assists, and Ron Mercer had 22 points for the Nuggets, who lost their season-high fifth straight.

Hornets 109, 76ers 100

Derrick Coleman and Eddie Jones each scored 23 points as the Charlotte Hornets rallied in the third quarter to finish with a victory over the Philadelphia 76ers.

The Hornets won their third straight since losing seven in a row, and stopped Philadelphia's winning streak at four.

David Wesley scored 15 points, Ricky Davis had 13, and Anthony Mason and Elden Campbell each added 10 for the Hornets.

Allen Iverson led the 76ers with 35 points, while Tyrone Hill had 17, George Lynch 16 and Larry Hughes 13.

After trailing by two at the half, Charlotte took the lead for good 55-54 on a pair of free throws by Mason. The Hornets put the game away late in the third period.

Nets 122, Pistons 120

Stephon Marbury had 34 points and 15 assists and Jamie Feick grabbed a career-high 25 rebounds as the New Jersey Nets blew a 17-point lead before beating the Detroit Pistons 122-120 Thursday night.

Keith Van Horn added 28 points before fouling out late and Scott Burrell hit a go-ahead drive across the lane with 48.4 seconds to play as the Nets ended a three-game losing streak and handed the Pistons their second straight loss.

The Nets' win wasn't sealed until Lindsey Hunter missed a 16-foot jumper just before the buzzer and Feick got his final rebound. The shot was somewhat questionable since Christian Laettner (28 points), Jerry Stackhouse (28) and Grant Hill (23) were all on the floor and Hunter (12 points) didn't seem to be the obvious shooting choice.

Sonics 104, Bucks 96

Vin 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.

The streaking Sonics have won all six of their road games in January, with three coming in difficult buildings. Seattle beat the Lakers, the Spurs and the Bucks, who had won seven of their last eight home games.

George Karl lost to the Sonics for the first time since being fired by the team in 1998. Karl had a 384-150 record in Seattle from 1992-98 before he was replaced by Paul Westphal.

Seattle held a small lead all night until the Bucks made a 13-3 run late in the fourth quarter. Allen's 3-pointer made it 92-88 with 2:58 left, and Allen hit Tim Thomas for an alley-oop dunk 33 seconds later.

Jazz 94, Grizzlies 89

Karl Malone scored 18 of his 32 points in the third quarter as the Utah Jazz improved to 17-0 all-time against the

Vancouver Grizzlies.

Byron Russell scored 25 and John Stockton had 12 assists as the Jazz bounced back from Wednesday's 91-88 loss to Minnesota with their ninth win in 11 games.

Malone, who went 8-for-10 from the field in the third quarter, also pulled down 12 rebounds.

Mike Bibby and Othella Harrington each had 22 points for the Grizzlies, who lost their fourth straight game, and sixth straight at home. Bibby added nine assists.

The Jazz pulled out the victory despite Vancouver's 9-2 run which cut Utah's lead to 90-89 when Shareef Abdur-Rahim hit an eight-foot hook shot from the right post with 18.4 seconds remaining.

Russell, who finished 6-for-11 from the free-throw line, sealed the victory by sinking two foul shots on Utah's next possession.

The Grizzlies' last chance to tie the game ended when Bibby threw up a wild and awkward 3-point attempt which banged off the backboard and into Howard Eisley's hands.

Lakers 111, Magic 103

Vlade Divac had 17 points, 12 rebounds and five blocks as the Sacramento Kings won their seventh straight with a victory over the Orlando Magic.

The Kings played without leading scorer and rebounder Chris Webber, who is day-to-day with a neck strain, but won for the 11th time in 13 games.

Predrag Stojakovic had 17 points and 10 rebounds, Lawrence Funderburke scored 15, and Corliss Williamson and Tyrone Corbin each had 12 for Sacramento.

Corey Maggette scored 18 points and Darrell Armstrong added 16 for Orlando, which suffered its eighth straight loss and 12th in 13 games.

Funderburke scored 10 points during an 18-4 run at the beginning of the fourth quarter as Sacramento took a 102-93 lead. The Kings never trailed again.

NHL

Dafoe, Bruins bolt past Lightning, 4-2

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla.

Byron Dafoe stopped 26 shots and Andre Savage scored a fluke third-period goal as the Boston Bruins beat the Tampa Bay Lightning 4-2 Thursday night.

The victory gave the Bruins their first two-game winning streak since Nov. 22-24. Boston also has a five-game unbeaten streak, 2-0-3.

Dafoe made point-blank saves in the first period on Fredrik Modin and Pavel Kubina. He also stopped Robert Petrovicky from in-close during the second period.

Savage was credited with a goal at 8:32 of the third, making it 3-1. Tampa Bay's Chris Gratton beat Savage on a face-off, but the puck deflected into the net off Lightning defenseman Paul Mara.

Rangers 4, Hurricanes 1

Radek Dvorak and Michael York scored 1:31 apart in the first period as the New York Rangers defeated the slumping Carolina Hurricanes.

The Rangers won their fourth straight and sixth in seven contests, while the Hurricanes dropped their season-high fifth straight. The last time Carolina lost as many was the final five games of the 1997-98 season.

John MacLean's goal 2:11 into the third period sealed the victory for the surging Rangers, who scored three goals on their first 11 shots. MacLean's empty-net score with 1.4 seconds left was the 400th goal of his career.

Ron Francis broke Richter's shutout bid, scoring with 4:05 left.

Flyers 1, Senators 1

Rookie Brian Boucher made 22 saves filling in for John Vanbiesbrouck, but the Philadelphia Flyers extended

their winless streak to four games Thursday night with a 1-1 tie against the Ottawa Senators.

The Flyers continued to struggle without injured captain Eric Lindros, who might learn Friday when he can return from his third concussion in 22 months. The Flyers have scored three goals during their 0-3-1 slide — one in each game Lindros has missed.

Coyotes 2, Sabres 1

Keith Tkachuk scored a goal and Dallas Drake added one, with Phoenix short-handed, as the Coyotes defeated the Buffalo Sabres.

Chris Taylor ruined Sean Burke's shutout attempt, scoring on a rebound with 9:05 left, but the Coyotes, who blew a three-goal lead in a 4-4 tie with Nashville two days earlier, regrouped and preserved their Pacific Division-leading 25th win.

Burke had 28 saves. He and Phoenix's special teams kept the Sabres, who had scored seven power-play goals in their last seven games, scoreless in four advantages.

Stars 5, Kings 2

Darryl Sydor and Brett Hull scored second-period power-play goals as Dallas beat Los Angeles, the Stars' 10th straight victory over the Kings.

Mike Modano and Blake Sloan each had a goal and two assists and Richard Matvichuk assisted on three goals as the Stars extended their unbeaten streak against the Kings to 21 games (15-0-6).

The streak matches Dallas' longest unbeaten stretch against any opponent. The Stars were 17-0-4 against the Kings from March 31, 1970 through Dec. 11, 1973.

Garry Galley scored for the Kings, Marko Tuominen added a short-handed goal and Sean O'Donnell had two assists.

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

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 want.

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 bargaining 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

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Bud Selig
baseball commissioner

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-sixth 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 the 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.

NBA

Doctors clear Elliott to suit up for Spurs

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, but team officials are skeptical at how quickly he can return.

"He said he was cleared to play and I said, 'No, you're not,' not until I see things in writing — then he's cleared," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said.

"The decision is up to Sean Elliott, not me. The doctors can clear him, but the ultimate decision is Sean Elliott's."



Elliott

With me, it comes down to whether he can help the team, not if the doctors can clear him."

Elliott underwent a kidney transplant on Aug. 16, receiving 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. While he has joined teammates in conditioning drills, Elliott has spent most of his practice time alone, running sprints and stairs.

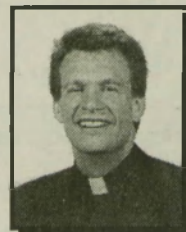
After Thursday's practice, Elliott proclaimed himself ready to take the next step.

"As it looks right now, they're going to clear me and I'll be ready to mix it up," Elliott said. "I feel pretty good. I'm in the best shape I've been in since I got out of the hospital. When I came back, I was surprised at how good I was feeling."

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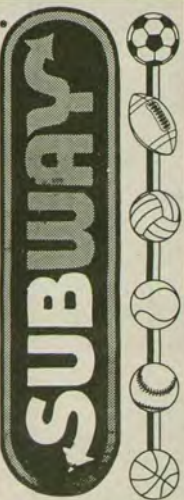
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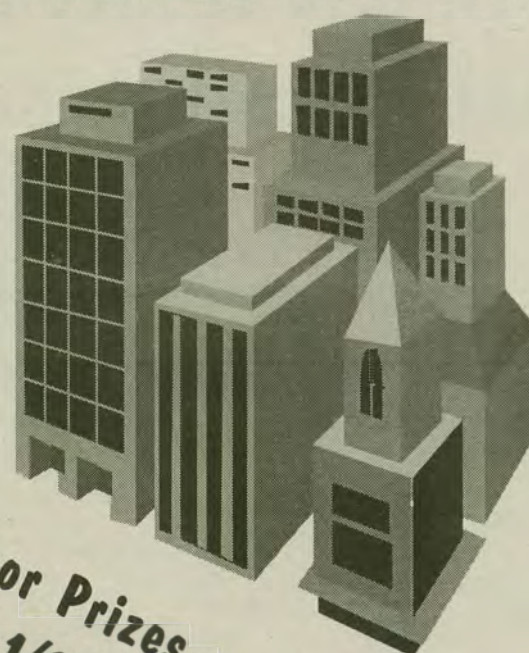
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Begay ready to face consequences

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. American Indian golfer Notah Begay, arrested for drunken driving following a late-night parking-lot collision, said Thursday he wants to take full responsibility and face the consequences.

"It's a cut-and-dried case of bad judgment," Begay said as he prepared to play golf at the University of New Mexico course. "It will not happen again."

He said he may quit drinking entirely. Begay was arrested about 11:30 p.m. Wednesday on charges of aggravated driving while intoxicated and failure to keep proper lookout.

"It was a traffic accident in a parking lot, and Begay struck an unoccupied parked car," police spokesman John Walsh said. "The owner of the parked car was standing by the vehicle."

The collision occurred outside Billy's Long Bar, a popular Albuquerque night spot, Walsh said.

Aggravated DWI, a petty misdemeanor, carries a penalty of up to 90 days in jail and a \$500 fine, District Attorney Jeff Romero said. Judges may reduce the jail time, but the aggravated charge requires a person to spend at least two days in jail, he said.

Begay, 27, who lectured youth on the dangers of drugs and

alcohol during a golf clinic last November, also visited with students on Thursday morning. He had been freed by police without having to post bail around 3 a.m.

Facing the students was hard "knowing that they look up to me," he said.

The arrest could affect Begay's six-figure endorsement contract with Nike, he said.

"If they do pull it [the contract], I deserve it," Begay said. "I'm not going to tell them not to. They've got a bigger agenda than me."

"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, Begay said.

"It's a negative impact, but I would expect nothing less," he said. "If you do something wrong, it shouldn't help you. You do something wrong, you pay the price. It's going to take some time to regain the confidence and support of some of my fans, and I'm going to lose some of them. That's just the nature of the beast."

Jordan, Selig relish new power

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 is 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 have influence with the players who wear the uniform," Jordan said.

Soon after that, in Phoenix, commissioner Bud Selig was showing around the stick he'd just been handed by the owners 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.

And 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 shrewd. And let's say cutting through the red tape of running a franchise is as easy as he makes it sound, running from the practice court to the telephone. And let's say he actually scares a few of those high-priced problems away in practice and dumps 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.

Then it won't matter that Jordan could still dribble 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 cannot balk at the going rate 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 he 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 Elmer Fudd than less money from Michael Jordan, no matter how much they respect him and appreciated 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 President out and some buzz 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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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 awoke 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.

"Basketball will take care of itself, but you have to learn to live day to day. That's what we're helping him with," Short said. "Leon is doing tremendous. We're all very proud of him."

Smith is living in an apartment and working out at the same gym where the Houston Rockets train.

"I want to play," Smith said. "I'm really ready to take on responsibility now."

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.

San Antonio made the 6-foot-10, 235-pound forward the final pick in the first round, then traded him to Dallas.

The two sides squabbled from the beginning.

The Mavericks wanted Smith to start in a developmental league, but he refused and later forced them to sign him on opening day.

His troubles erupted less than two weeks later. He was suspended indefinitely in December.

Critics have accused the team of not doing enough to ease the transition into the NBA for Smith, who was raised as a ward of Illinois after being estranged from his parents at age 5.

Smith said he's not angry with the Mavericks.

"I don't think they handled certain situations right," he said, "but I don't blame them because I couldn't handle myself back then."

Smith said he still would consider playing for the Mavericks because "that's the team that traded for me."

"I've sinned a lot and I'm struggling every day to get better," Smith said. "I want to be able to just play ball and really get away from all the other stuff."

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 tendonitis 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.

"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.

"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 was 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.

Lyle, a Pro Bowl second alternate despite missing nearly half the season, was upgraded from questionable to probable on Thursday. Vermeil said Lyle likely will play in nickel coverage.

"I think the doctor has more or less left it up to Keith," Vermeil said. "I don't think he's 100 percent, but I think he can play."



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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 LaValle and Nicole Mustilli 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 several 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 slack," 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 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. The Irish will also face Vassar, and NYU. Team cohesion has been stressed in the off season and the team is a tighter unit, according to women's foil captain Magda Krol.

"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 sabre 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 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, graduated, 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 sabremen. 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 Andrzej Bednarski who returns to the team after taking his sophomore year off. Bednarski is currently ranked 19th among senior sabremen 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 sabre 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."

The sabremen face two tough challenges this weekend in Stanford's David LaValle and Columbia's Patrick Durkan — both qualified for the NCAA tournament last year.

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

"He is a real good kid and an

awesome fencer," Gaither said. "He is a real asset to the team."

The men's foil squad is the only men's squad without a returning NCAA-qualifier. The Irish will have to do without last year's NCAA competitors. Stephane Auriol graduated and Chas Hayes left the team. The squad does return its wins leader from last year in sophomore Steve Mautone.

The squad also is bolstered by the addition of two stellar freshmen in Forest Walton and Ozren Debic. Walton is ranked 32nd among U.S. juniors while Debic 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 foil lessons, so it is not like I am starting from scratch. It was mostly a mental adjustment."

As the foil 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 Paulina. Returning seniors are playing a bigger role this year and freshman Liza Boutsikaris has been especially impressive.

"[Senior] Aimee Kalogera and two senior walk-ons — Kelly 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."

Boutsikaris is currently ranked 59th among senior foilists and the 17th best American junior. With Krol switching from epee to foil and the graduation of Mustilli, the women's epee squad is also rebuilding.

Two freshmen, Meagan Call and Anna Carnick will probably be the top female epeeists for the Irish this year. Both Call and Carnick are top 30 U.S. junior fencers. For the first time in NCAA history, women will compete in sabre. Captain Carianne McCullough 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 sabrewomen, brings a lot of experience to the team despite her youth.



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Dominic Guarnaschelli (right), shown here against Ohio State, is one of the experienced Irish epeeists on this year's squad.

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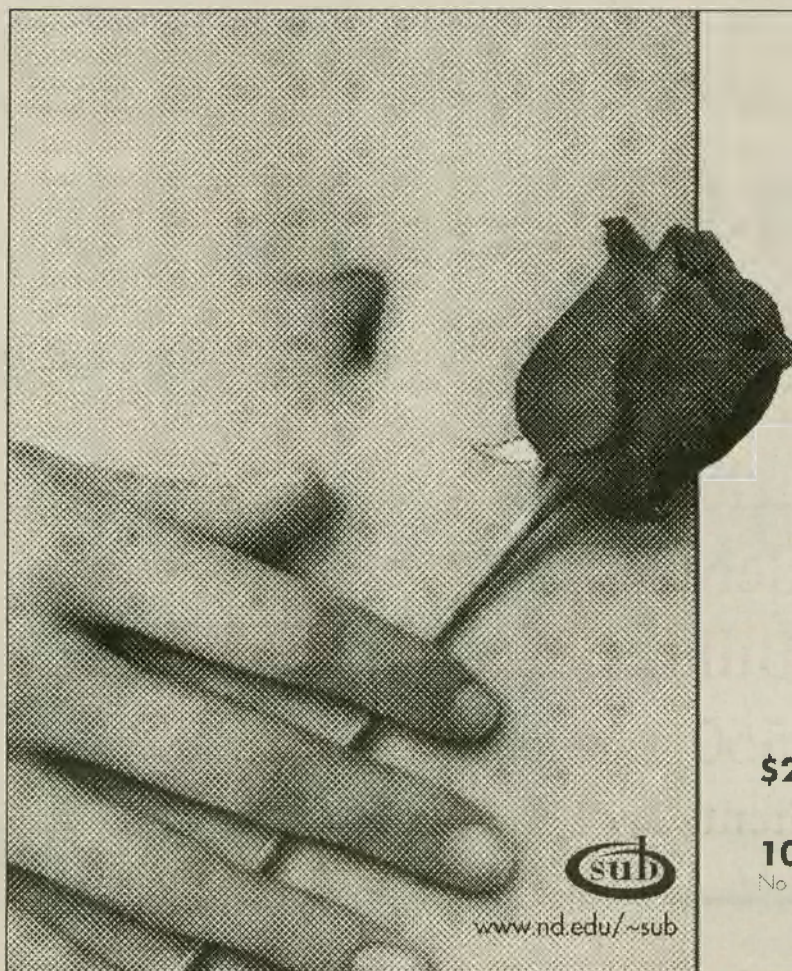
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Dusbabek also has continued his strong play this season with a game-winning goal against Lake Superior State, and leads the Irish in CCHA points with three goals and six assists. He has also had four points in the last five games.

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 shorthanded."

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).



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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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Bball

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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.

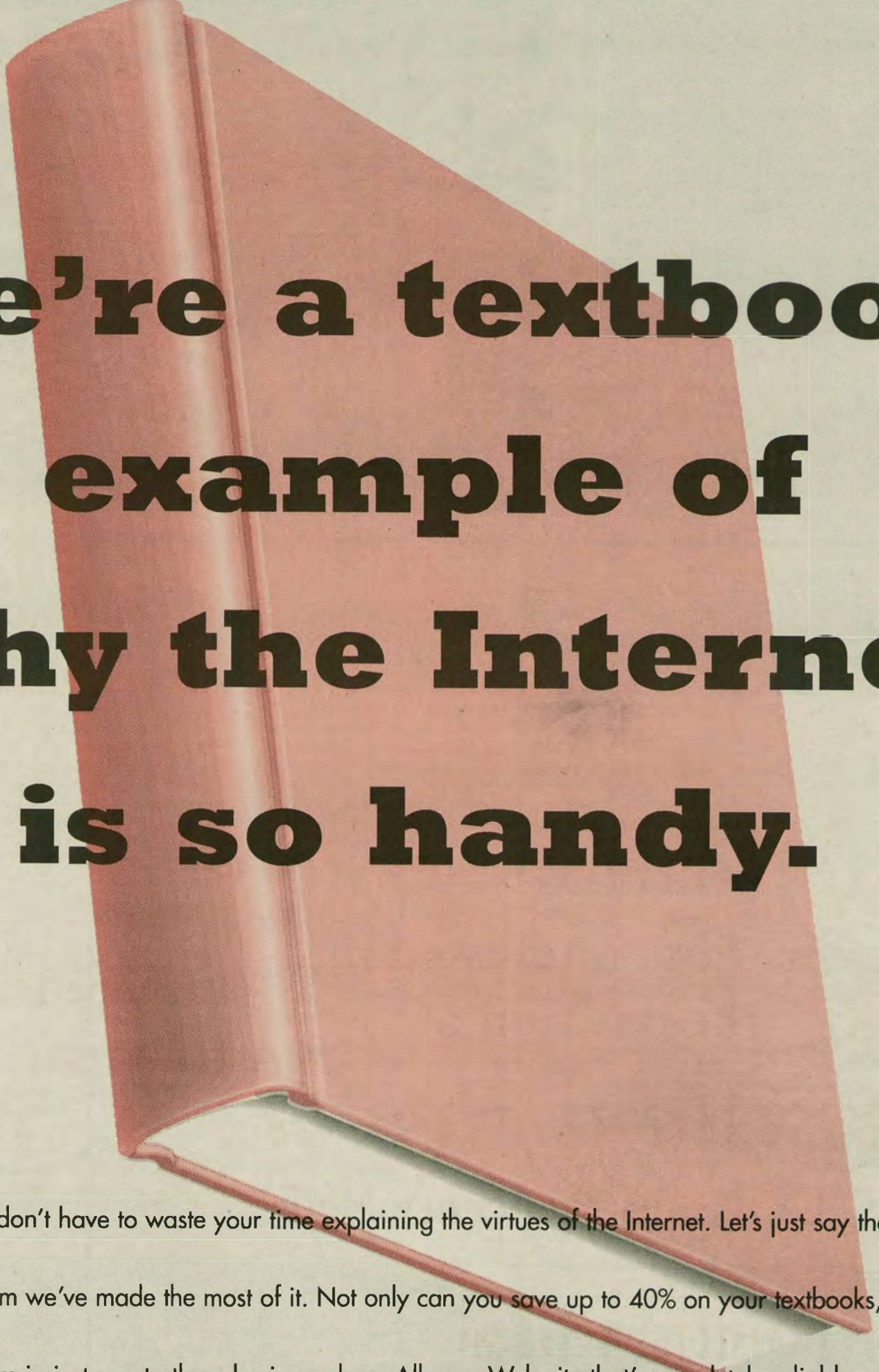
The Panthers' top returning player, senior forward Isaac Hawkins, is red-shirting the season after breaking his right tibia during the preseason.

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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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish ride 10-game winning streak into Miami



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Niele Ivey, shown here against Butler, leads the Irish this weekend against the Hurricanes as the Irish try to maintain their top 5 ranking.

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 where 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 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 10 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 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 upend the Irish.

"Miami is very athletic. They crash 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 undefeated in the conference we keep focused on each game."

At 8-7 on the season, Miami has struggled to maintain a winning record. Alternating between wins and losses for the last 10 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 2-2 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 61 points.

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

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Three Domers lead U.S.A to Australian Cup

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Associate Sports Editor

Three Irish women's soccer standouts filled some pretty big shoes earlier this month, stepping in for stars of the 1999 Women's World Cup team, who sat out the Australia Cup because of salary disputes with U.S.A. Soccer.

With star players like Mia Hamm and Kate Sobrero at home in the U.S., Irish stars Jenny Streiffer, LaKeysia Beene and Kelly Lindsey played key roles as the U.S. National Team compiled a 2-0-1 record and won the Cup.

They showed the world that the future of women's soccer was just as bright as the present was a goal of the team, Streiffer said.

"It was a weird situation because we didn't have much pressure and we weren't expected to do very well," she said. "We wanted to show that the future of women's soccer is strong."

Streiffer scored two goals and added two assists while Lindsey and Beene led a defense that allowed just two goals. The national team coaches had plenty of opportunities to evaluate the talent of the Irish players; Streiffer played 195 minutes at forward, and Beene and Lindsey played every minute at goalkeeper and defensive back, respectively.

"[The coaches] are always evaluating you," Streiffer said. "So it was just another opportunity to show them how you can play."

The U.S. coaches were especially impressed with Beene's play.

"Several players made tremendous individual impacts on the games — LaKeysia Beene came up big when

she needed to, and overall it was a great team win," co-coach Jay Hoffman told the Associated Press.

In the opening game, Streiffer scored two goals and assisted on another as the U.S. cruised to an easy 8-1 victory over the Czech Republic.

In the second game, Beene picked up a shutout as the U.S. tied Sweden 0-0. Beene gave credit to the defense.

"The defense was solid all game," she said in a prepared statement. "They really stuck into tackles and won most of the air balls, which was very important against Sweden because they have some big players. I couldn't be more confident in the defense."

The Americans got back in the win column with a 3-1 win over the Australians. Since the U.S. out-scored its opponents by a nine-point margin and Sweden out-scored its opponents by just four goals, the U.S. won the Cup.

Streiffer said the competition was similar to teams she faced last summer as a member of the Nordic Cup-winning, U.S. Under-21 team.

"The team's we played weren't really at their peaks right now," she said. "They were basically equivalent to the U-21 teams we played this summer."

The chance to compete with her Irish teammates again was one of the most enjoyable parts of the tournament, Streiffer said.

"I've played with Keysia a lot on those types of teams. She is always great and performs so well. I always have a lot of confidence in her," Streiffer said. "It was great to see Kelly playing. I was great to have them around. It helps you relax."

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TRACK

Notre Dame opens year indoors

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Assistant Sports 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 head 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 Scott Winsor said. "It's a long hard workout process without competing. Everyone's excited about starting to compete."

The Irish will use this quad-rangular to test their fitness level and to see how prepared they are for the Big East meet next month.

"Really this meet is sort of a benchmark to see where we're at," sprints coach John Millar said. "It's hard to really get a feel for where we're at until we have a meet."

Long distance runners Ryan Shay and Alison Klemmer, middle distance runner Antonio Arce, sprinter and long jumper Marshaun West, and high jumper Jennifer Engelhardt were All-Americans a year ago and will lead the Irish this season.

"Basically again this year," Engelhardt said, "we just have a great opportunity with the incoming freshmen to really win the Big East. We have a lot of added depth. The Big East is the pinnacle of our season."

Playing the field

Engelhardt, who serves as

one of two women's team captains this year, placed ninth at the NCAA Indoor Championships in addition to winning the Big East Outdoor Championships.

Besides Engelhardt, Winsor will look to freshmen Tameisha King in the long jump and Jamie Volkmer in the pole vault and triple jump.

West comes off of a standout season in which he was named the Big East Conference's most outstanding track performer. He captured indoor All-America honors in the long jump, placing sixth with a 24-foot-10 mark.

West also won the 200-meter race at the Big East Indoor and Outdoor Championships.

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 indoor and outdoor."

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

"Points that we got from Mike Brown winning we're trying to get through depth now," Winsor said. "Andrew Cooper was really coming along and looking like he was going to be our number one high jumper, so that definitely hurt, but hopefully Quill Redwine can fill in for Andrew and we've also got Nick Setta. Hopefully those two guys can fill in and get the job done."

For throwers, Notre Dame will rely on Dore DeBartolo, who recorded an NCAA provisional mark in the discus in 1999.

On the men's side, senior Matt Thompson returns as the Irish record holder in the 35-pound weight throw.

Sprinting full-speed ahead

West, senior Chris Cochran and junior Terry Wray will anchor the men's sprints team. Cochran was the Big East outdoor champion in the 400-meter run last year.

All three runners competed on Notre Dame's 1,600-meter relay team that placed third at the Big East outdoor championships.

"The main goal for track is the overall team championship indoors and outdoors at the Big East," Cochran said. "And personally trying to do all that I can to help us do that. I don't think the other teams in the conference gained much on us."

For the women, sophomore Liz Grow is the most successful veteran.

She ran the fastest indoor team for the Irish last year in the 60 meters, 200 meters and 400 meters.

King and fellow freshman Kymia Love also have strong potential coming out of high school.

"I think mainly for the team to win Big East is a big goal of mine, and to hopefully qualify for nationals," Grow said. "I feel like I'm more experienced just because of the season I had last year. Losing in nationals helped me a lot in terms of experience."

Going the distance

Returning All-Americans Shay and Klemmer will pace the distance squads, although the women will have to make up for the loss of JoAnna Deeter.

Neither Shay nor Klemmer will compete tonight. Seniors Patty Rice and Arce will be strong at the middle distance.

"We're not necessarily running people in their best events this weekend," Connelly said. "In terms of track fitness, Alison may be in better shape than ever."

Distance coach Tim Connelly has placed improvement at the top of his priority list.

"I think overall we want to continue to improve," Connelly said. "We made some big steps last year, especially on the conference level. Probably the biggest improvement and she showed this during cross country, was Chrissy Kuenster. She's gone from a girl who struggled to be on the team to being one of our better kids."

Tonight's meet is the first of three indoor invitations at home for the Irish this season.

MEN'S TENNIS

Injured Irish test skills against No. 26 Huskies

By MOLLY McVOY
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 of the season," senior Ryan Sachire said. "But, hopefully, some of the younger guys will be able to contribute and get some experience."

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

"[Losing Overdeest] 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 Daly and sophomore Javier Taborga are also 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 double's pairing was still up in the air Thursday afternoon."

Washington will surely test Notre Dame, ranked 22nd of 75 teams by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association. The Irish nearly won the NCAA Championships last season and are 2-0 this season.

"Washington is a tough first round opponent," Bayliss explained. "We'll take the matches one at a time."

Sachire agrees it will be tough, but he believes the team is ready.

"We're looking forward to this weekend," he said. "We've been back playing each other, but we're all itching to face someone else. I think all the teams are comparable. It should be a good weekend."

Sachire will undoubtedly be a team leader again, ranking 14th in singles and a two-time All-American. Senior Trent Miller will return as Sachire's doubles partner sometime this season. The pair went 14-6 at No. 2 doubles their freshman year.

This season will be tough for the Irish, with or without injuries. They are scheduled to face at least 12 ranked opponents including No. 4 Duke, No. 11 Illinois and No. 17 Texas.

Bayliss looks forward to this challenge and has faith that his team can handle it.

"One great thing about coaching and playing sports is learning how to overcome adversity," he said.

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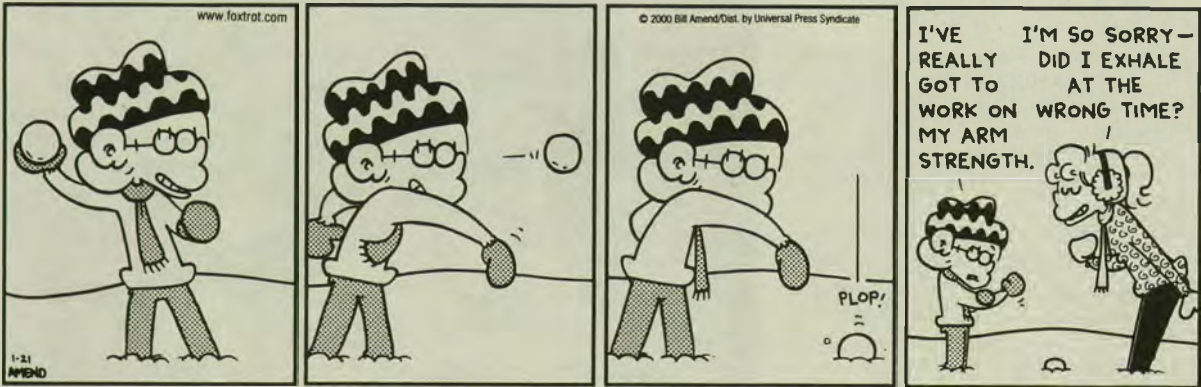
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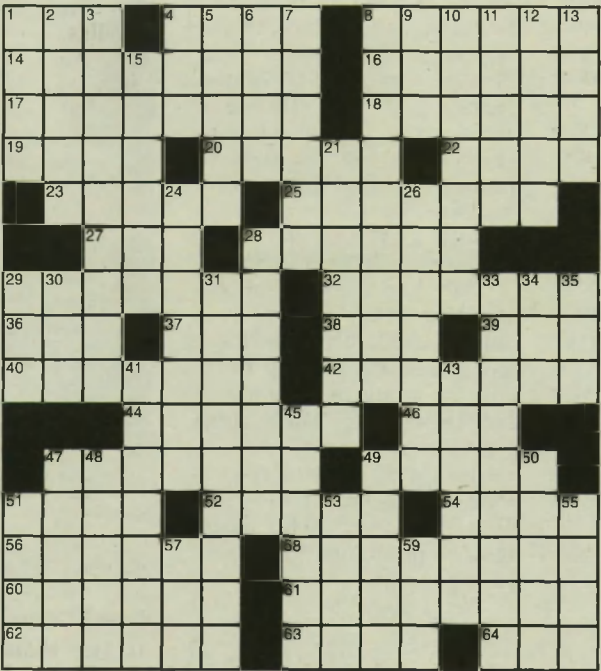
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- ACROSS**
- 1 It may be part of a club
 - 4 Pet store purchase
 - 8 Baggypiper's wear
 - 14 Classic object of blame-shifting
 - 16 Glenn Miller protégé Ray
 - 17 Salon worker
 - 18 Indian's neighbor
 - 19 Narc's find, perhaps
 - 20 Köln or Nürnberg
 - 22 Mideast money
 - 23 Deep-six
 - 25 Way to storm off
 - 27 Proscholastic org.
 - 28 "Restaurant"
- DOWN**
- 29 Swore
 - 32 Word after sand or sound
 - 36 Gent
 - 37 Narc's find, perhaps
 - 38 The Eagle that landed
 - 39 Satellite dish producer
 - 40 Set for the nursery
 - 42 One may be limited
 - 44 Skilled in
 - 46 Big inits. in video games
 - 47 Reagan Supreme Court nominee
 - 49 1973 resignee
 - 51 Order
 - 52 Going to get

- 54 Overexercising result
- 56 Where Mark Twain is buried
- 58 Some people are convicted in it
- 60 1998 "Les Misérables" star
- 61 They may arouse a farmer
- 62 Courses, in combinations
- 63 Sloughs
- 64 Unlike 63-Across



Puzzle by Gilbert H. Ludwig

- 26 Linking (up)
- 28 Appended
- 29 Deaf talk: Abbr.
- 30 Road that leads to Rome?
- 31 Dwellers on the Gulf of Finland
- 33 In three parts
- 34 System starter
- 35 Bled
- 41 Far from humility
- 43 Ricky Ricardo vis-à-vis Fred Mertz

- 45 Pound notes?
- 47 Crude carrier
- 48 Tiny part
- 49 Unlawful firing?
- 50 Fan's noise
- 51 Provide (for)
- 53 Kind of concerto
- 55 It may come before going
- 57 Eggs
- 59 The first of several?

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Happy Birthday: Your confidence and savvy will help you accomplish all that you set out to do. You will pick up valuable information just by watching and observing others. You will learn quickly if you attend seminars or travel. You will be open and receptive to others' ideas and good at coordinating what will and won't work.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You may cause grief at home if you don't control your erratic behavior. Temper tantrums will be directed toward in-laws. Try to keep busy. Don't get worked up about your concerns.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Family members may not be too receptive today. Don't push your luck; just stay out of the way. This is not the best day to confide in anyone. Try to sort things out yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You're in a spending mood, so be sure to leave your credit cards at home and take only the cash you can afford to part with. You can make new friends if you try new forms of social activity.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Re-evaluate your situation and try to come up with ways to make things better. You might want to talk to someone you trust about your personal relationship.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You can expect to have problems with authority figures. Stick to your original plans, but be somewhat secretive about them. Don't let others put

demands on you or curtail your freedom.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Make your plans carefully. You are prone to get confused about appointments. Your impatience will be noticeable, and you must make every effort to control your temper.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You can make major financial gains by using your intuitive senses. Talk to your personal financial adviser or a good friend who does well with investments before parting with cash.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Problems with your emotional partner will hold you back. Put your personal dilemmas on the back burner and concentrate on getting ahead professionally. Be firm in your decisions.

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Infatuations are likely. You must use discrimination in your personal dealings and refrain from falling all over someone who you think feels the same way you do.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Romantic encounters may very well develop through work relationships. Take care of your health. Minor ailments are likely and will cause setbacks in your career objectives.

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SPORTS

Story 'bout a Hurricane

The women's basketball team travels to Coral Gables, Fla. Saturday to take on Big East rival Miami.

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THE OBSERVER

A Decade Ago

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 you think ... more than it appears.

Let's try to remember those times if we can,

And look back to 1990 when the 90's began.

On top of the baseball world were those spend-happy A's,

As the last-place Yanks and Braves waited for better days.

If I told you that a division winner was the team by the Bay,

You'd think San Francisco ... Tampa — no way.

St. Louis was still mourning the loss of its football team,

And the Jaguars existed only in Jacksonville's dreams.

The Reds were Nasty, the Pistons were bad.

KG and Kobe were just learning to add.

The Super Bowl was less important than the NFC title game,

And the Clippers still stunk ... some things stay the same.

MJ hadn't retired once, let alone twice.

The Super Bowl was dominated by Montana and Rice.

Bo still knew Diddley, the Great One still reigned,

And OJ's rep had been neither tarnished nor stained.

A Tiger was still a large, striped cat,

And Mitchell and Canseco were feared at the bat.

Seattle was wowed by Jr. — a sophomore sensation,

And nothing was more of an oxymoron than Notre Dame on probation.

The Big Tuna coached the other team in New York,

And the Bulls had yet to pop a champagne cork.

In the NHL, the Oilers prevailed,

While Charlie Hustle was convicted, sentenced and jailed.

College basketball's most dominant player called himself the L-Train,

While the world was preparing for the Olympics in Spain.

Neither Irvin nor Phillips nor Moss had broken the law,

And Monday nights were for



Brian Churney

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Doherty happy for return of students

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Assistant Sports Editor

Head basketball coach Matt Doherty is glad to be home, and he's glad the students 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 Dillon 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 (11-7, 2-2) must improve on both counts to score the home victory over the Panthers (8-7, 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.

They had won seven straight games before the losses to Syracuse; the only remaining undefeated team in Division I and Rutgers.

"Right now, we're focusing on coming out and playing a lot of tough defense," freshman 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 82-72 in a game many thought Pittsburgh should have won.

"They might not be at the top of the standings right now," Dillon said, "But 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 Panthers after a five-year stint at Northern Arizona. During that time, Howland turned his team around. They went 8-18 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 threat is sophomore small forward Ricardo Greer, who averages 18 points per game and 11 rebounds.

"We know he's a good

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David Graves, shown here against Vanderbilt, and the Irish look to stop their losing streak against the Pitt Panthers on Saturday.

HOCKEY

ND looks to kick losing skid against Broncos

◆ Irish must turn season around in 12 games

By MATT OLIVA
Sports Writer

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.

The Irish (8-13-5 overall) are tied with Nebraska-Omaha and Miami for seventh-place in the standings

with a 5-7-4 CCHA record, holding the tie-breaker advantage over Miami with two more games to play against UNO. 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 1998. 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 WMU 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 Dunlop. "There are five or six teams all within a few points 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."

Notre Dame will look to several key players to lead them in its push for the playoffs.

Junior right wing Ryan Dolder has 10 points in the last 12 games and is the leading scorer for the Irish with 16 points overall. Senior Joe

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