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# 10 athletes to repay colleges, avert prosecution

By Chris Mortensen

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At least 10 football and basketball players, including former Ohio State All-American Cris Carter and three former Clemson players, have agreed to reimburse their universities for part of their scholarships to avoid federal prosecution for dealing with agents Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom.

Repayment of the scholarships is a stipulation of a pretrial diversion program being offered to most athletes who have testified before a Chicago federal grand jury that is completing its investigation of Wal-

ters and Bloom, sources close to the case said Monday. Athletes who accept the program are assured they will not be indicted for their dealings with the agents.

Attorneys representing athletes confirmed details of the agreement being offered by the U.S. Attorney's office:

■ The athlete must report to a U.S. pro-

bation officer for one year, during which he will perform community service.

The athlete "will also agree to make restitution to the (blank) university for all monies he received to which he was not

The agreement ends with this paragraph: "Upon successful completion of the

program, Mr. (athlete's) case will be closed. He will not be federally prosecuted for any offense involved in his signing the contract with, and receiving money from, World Sports and Entertainment while at the same time he was representing himself to

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# Macy boosts Federated bid \$200 million

Amended offer aimed at professional traders

> By Melissa Turner Staff Writer

R.H. Macy & Co. sweetened its offer for Federated Department Stores by \$200 million to \$6.3 billion Monday afternoon, as it became apparent that rival Campeau Corp. could walk away with the company before Macy's had the opportunity to buy any shares.

Macy's amended merger agreement should be more enticing to professional traders, who hold a minimum 60 percent of outstanding Federated stock, according to Macy's financial advisers.

Some traders have said that they would tender their Federated shares to Campeau, which is offering an all-cash deal, if the hostile suitor wins a crucial court battle this week.

While Federated's board of directors had agreed to be acquired by Macy's in a friendly merger two weeks ago, Toronto-based Campeau has waged an aggressive counterattack. The Canadian real estate developer had been offering slightly more cash — \$75 a share — for the first 80 percent of Federated's outstanding shares, and a guaranteed \$44 cash for the remaining 20

percent. Under terms of the amended merger agreement unanimously approved by the Federated board, Macy's will offer \$77.35 a share for the first 80 percent of Federated stock, up from \$74.50 per share in its initial offer.

The company still proposes to swap the remaining 20 percent of the stock for 36 percent of the equity in a merged Macy's-Federated Inc., down from 40 percent in its initial bid.

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The Associated Press

Panamanians express frustration Monday over the country's economic troubles by burning trash and setting up barricades for the first

time in Panama City's business district. Many workers have gone unpaid because of U.S. restrictions on the country's money supply.

# Fanamanians lose patience in cash crisis

Teachers protest, dockworkers strike after government fails to pay salaries

From Wire Reports

PANAMA CITY, Panama — Dockworkers paralyzed Panama's two main ports and riot police teargassed protesting schoolteachers in the capital Monday as the embattled regime of Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega searched for stopgap solutions to the country's economic and political crisis.

The work stoppage at the ports and the teachers' demonstration were provoked by the government's inability to pay salaries. The situation could worsen today, when other public employees are scheduled to be paid amid indications that the government will not be able to come

up with the cash. Money is short in Panama because the courts and the Reagan administration have taken steps to deny the Noriega regime access to Panamanian government funds on deposit in U.S. banks and due from other U.S. sources. Noriega is under indictment in

the United States on drug-trafficking charges, and the Reagan administration is trying to push him out of power by squeezing the Panamanian economy, which uses the U.S. dollar as its medium of exchange.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Charles Redman confirmed that Assistant Secretary of State Elliott Abrams conferred Friday with Spanish officials to discuss Spain's offer to provide refuge

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# Tech's reactor dilemma is one faced by many other universities

By Charles Seabrook Environment Writer

Like dozens of others on university campuses around the country, the \$4.5 million nuclear reactor at Georgia Tech began its life as a state-of-the-art research facility where engineers would train to operate commercial nuclear power plants and researchers would explore the frontiers of biology

and materials sciences. That was in 1964.

Now it may cost more to dismantle it than it did to build it.

When safety problems forced the shutdown of the Frank H. Neely Nuclear Research Center in February, federal investigators found the reactor was being used, among other things, to irradiate 25 marblesize topaz gemstones — a process designed to deepen their blue hue.

During the past 24 years, the uses of Tech's five-megawatt reactor — and the justification for its continued operation — have

changed substantially.

The changes are so fundamental that Tech officials are using the shutdown, ordered by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), to re-examine the reasons for the reactor's existence and continued use.

Tech President John Patrick Crecine says there is "a distinct possibility" that the reactor will be permanently closed and dismantled — a process that could cost the university up to \$7 million.

Similar decisions confront many of the

50 U.S. universities that operate small research reactors. Four already have decided to dismantle their reactors and bury the radioactive parts.

"Our reactor had become a business, mainly serving industry and outside researchers," said Dr. Keith Furr, a nuclear physicist at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, which recently decommissioned its campus reactor. "A university shouldn't have any

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### Winter's parting shot: one more hard freeze

By Charles Salter

Spring is on hold in Atlanta. Winter refuses to

Temperatures around Atlanta and across much of Georgia were expected to plummet to below freezing this morning and again tonight, endangering flower buds and fruit crops.

However, a warming trend will begin Thursday, three days before Spring officially arrives Sunday, National Weather Service Meteorologist Shirley Lamback said.

The temperature is expected to fall into the low-20s in metro Atlanta this morning. Today the weather will be mostly sunny and cold with a high only in the low 40s and northwest winds at 15 to 20 mph. Tonight skies will be clear, and temperatures will drop into the low 20s.

Tonight, the Weather Service said, "Georgia residents should take precautions to protect tender vegetation, budding fruit trees and flowers and any other plants foolish enough to think spring had arrived.

Snow flurries were seen late Monday morning from downtown Atlanta to the northern parts of the metro area, including Dobbins Air Force Base, but no snowflakes fell at the Weather Service at Hartsfield International Airport. The flurries were very light and no snow accumulated. Atlanta's low Monday was 35 degrees and the high was 45.

Spring officially arrives at 4:39 a.m. Sunday, which the Old Farmer's Almanac said will be the earliest start of the season since 1897. Spring actually begins at the time of the vernal equinox, when the sun crosses the equator, making the length of day and night on March 20 equal throughout the earth.



CALVIN CRUCE/Staff

A pedestrian on the square in Marietta lowers his head and makes his way in a snow flurry, one of several in the metro area Monday.

# Democratic chief admits no nominee in sight

Kirk will ask remaining candidates to break deadlock after last primary

By Andrew J. Glass

Journal-Constitution Washington Bureau

Democratic National Chairman Paul Kirk, conceding for the first time that the remaining primaries and caucuses are unlikely to yield a presidential nominee. said Monday he plans to ask the Democratic candidates to meet with him in June to "forge a strong ticket."

In revealing his plans for averting a multiballot struggle at the Democratic National Convention in Atlanta in July, Kirk said, "It's probable that one candidate won't have an absolute mathematical majority to put him over the top" after the final round of primaries

If a clear winner does not emerge, Kirk said in an interview with several reporters, "I expect to have a meeting of the presidential candidates who are still active to assess where we are and try to sort things out."

Kirk, who long had held that the nomination would be sewn up through the primary and caucus process, said he also would invite the finance chairmen of the respective campaigns to the private session, presumably to devise an acceptable formula for handling the

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### Big Mac a mouthful in Yugoslavia

From Wire Reports

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia -Next time you're in Belgrade, you'll be able to satisfy your Big Mac attack, but don't try to place your order in the native tongue. You could choke to death.

Yugoslavia's equivalent of the hamburger is called a Pljeskavica, so you can just imagine how hard it'll be to tell the counter clerk of your desire for two-allbeef-patties-special-sauce-lettuce-cheese-pickles-onions-on-asesame-seed-bun.

If you'd like to try, the longawaited opening of the first Mc-Donald's on one of Belgrade's main downtown squares will take place March 24, the Yugoslav news agency Tanjug reported. John Onoda, a spokesman at

McDonald's Oak Brook, Ill., headquarters, said it was the first of the chain's outlets in a communist country.

Belgrade's press has said that the success of the American restaurant depends on Yugoslavians making the switch from the Pljeskavica, which is made of ground pork instead of beef, and smothered in onions.

Negotiations have been going on for years for expanding the fast-food chain to the Soviet Union, but no agreement has been announced.



#### THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN

# Dole says he, not aides, will decide when it's time to quit

### Jackson pushes to upset Simon in Illinois race

By Mike Christensen Staff Writer

CHICAGO — Insisting that a loss in today's Illinois primary will not drive him out of the Republican presidential campaign, Sen. Bob Dole said Monday that he, not his advisers, would decide when to stop chasing Vice President George Bush for the presidential nomination.

"When a decision is made, it'll be made by Bob Dole and nobody else," he said in reply to reports that his top aides had urged him to leave the race. Several of those advisers were not around Monday, including campaign Chairman Bill Brock, who was traveling with Dole's wife, Elizabeth.

Facing another major loss to Bush in Illinois, Dole planned to spend today campaigning in Wisconsin and Connecticut. "I've made a judgment that Illinois, whatever happens, we're going to keep going," the Kansas senator said.

Bush's reply: "I'm not sure I understand what he's doing."

"It is the precincts, the wards, the grass roots that are going to get me victory tomorrow," the vice president told his final Illinois campaign rally Monday in the heavily Republican Chicago suburbs.

While Bush held what seemed a



The Associated Press

Vice President George Bush talks with Joan shop. Bush has reason to smile, with a large Brant on Monday in a Des Plaines, Ill., coffee lead in polls for today's Illinois GOP primary.

commanding lead — a Chicago Tribune poll said he was the choice of 62 percent of likely Republican voters, with only 28 percent for Dole the Democratic standings appeared to be changing hourly.

Illinois Sen. Paul Simon, once a strong favorite here, had slipped to a virtual tie with the Rev. Jesse

Jackson in the Tribune poll, and there were indications that Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis was gaining ground, particularly in the ethnic areas of Chicago.

"On the eve of a significant breakthrough in politics in Illinois ... with your help, we the people can win Illinois," Jackson told

about 1,800 cheering supporters in the southern Illinois town of Carbondale. The crowd was an equal mixture of blacks and whites of all

Jackson said, "We're running a poor campaign with a rich message: Stop drugs. Save jobs. Invest in our children. Peace in the world."

Dukakis, hopscotching across the state, concentrated his speeches on Simon's contention that winning the bulk of Illinois' delegates would give him a bargaining position at a brokered convention in Atlanta in July.

It "would be a disaster" for the Democrats to end the primary process without a clear nominee, Dukakis said, with "negotiating, dealing, people behind closed doors trying to decide who the nominee ought to

Simon, who has yet to win a primary and who skipped Super Tuesday, is putting all of his hopes on his home state.

Rep. Richard Gephardt of Missouri and Sen. Albert Gore Jr. of Tennessee, meanwhile, fought over the Democratic cellar.

A total of 173 delegates are at stake on the Democratic side in Illi-

One Dukakis goal is to win some of those delegates, a difficult task given the complicated nature of the state's ballot. Voters not only cast ballots for presidential candidates, they also vote directly for delegate candidates. A vote for Dukakis in the "beauty contest" portion does not necessarily mean a vote for him in the delegate selection process.

On the Republican side, Dole hopes to win 40 percent of the 82 delegates at stake, but it will be a tough battle. Bush, campaigning in southern Illinois, was downplaying suggestions that his victories last week in the South have all but guaranteed him the Republican nomina-

ten ahead of the story," he told reporters aboard Air Force II as he headed for the state capital of Springfield, although he acknowledged that the aftershock of Super Tuesday "seems to be more persuasive, have a heavier impact than we would have predicted."

No one was feeling that aftershock more than Dole, who admitted he still is trying to find the means to slow down Bush. "We've got to win one of these states," he said. "We've got to turn this around. We've got to get people to stop and

Dole's normally pungent style took on a harder edge during a news conference Monday. He continued trying to bait Bush into a de-

"Why should somebody who's as far ahead as he is be afraid to stand up and debate issues with somebody he indicates doesn't have any leadership ability in the first place?" Dole said. "I think it's a mark of weakness."

Supporters who have put money and work into his campaign "are going to trust my judgment," Dole said, "but not if I cut and run the first little bad news we get, so we're not going to do that."

Republican Pat Robertson was to be in Washington, D.C., on primary day, where he planned to meet with the visiting Israeli prime minister, Yitzhak Shamir. The Robertson campaign characterized it as a meeting of "two old friends."

## Detroit mayor picks Dukakis over Jackson

The Associated Press

Detroit Mayor Coleman Young says he will vote for Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis for president, in part because he believes the Rev. Jesse Jackson cannot win.

Young, Detroit's first black mayor, told the congregation at Big Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Atlanta on Sunday that Democrats must band together to support a candidate who can

Young, a delegate to the party's national convention in Atlanta, said he will vote for Dukakis not because he does not appreciate "everything Jesse's done," but because "I don't believe this country is going to let a black man in as president, and I don't think Jesse believes it either."

Relations between the two black leaders never have been cozy. Young snubbed Jackson in 1984 by endorsing Walter Mondale, who went on to a huge win in the Michigan state caucuses.

#### Reagan: Dukakis' pet project doesn't deserve federal funds

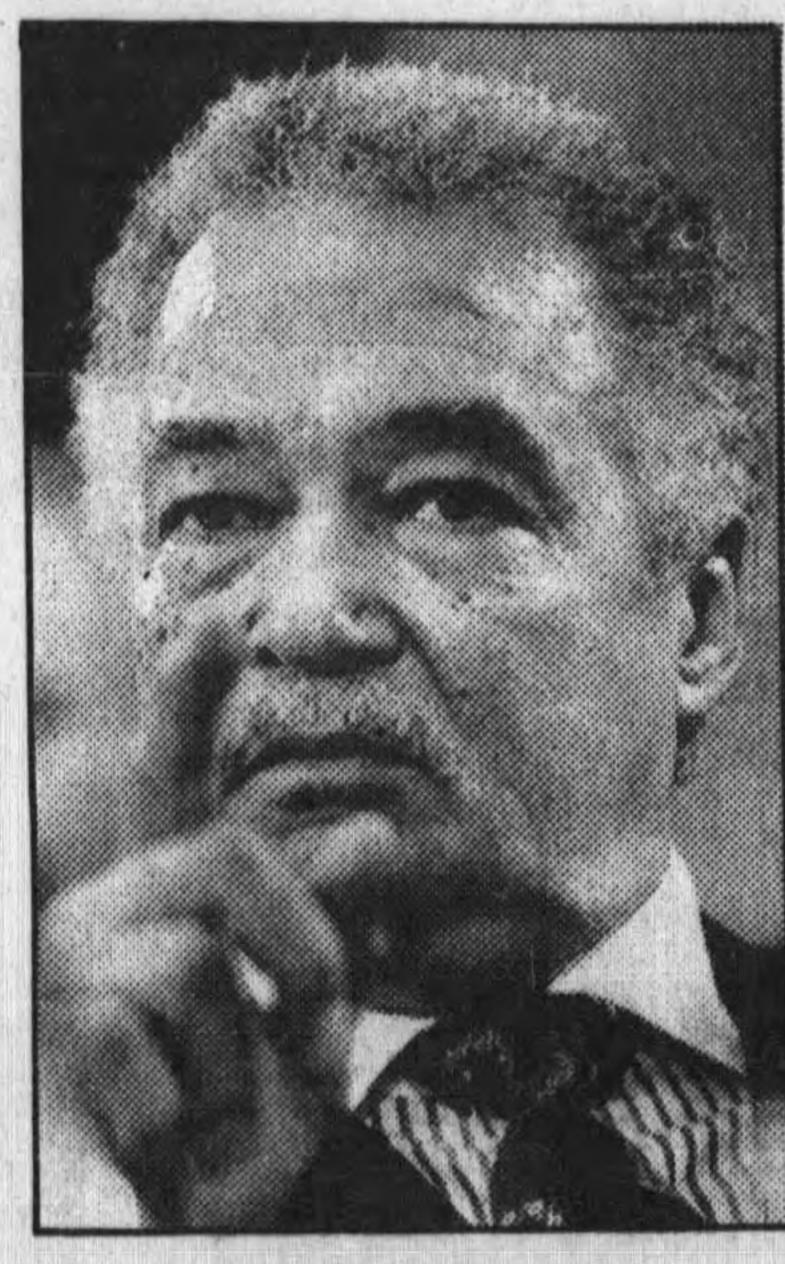
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Reagan has labeled as a prime example of waste the federal funding of a planned biotechnology research park in central Massachusetts that Gov. Michael Dukakis often points to while campaigning for president.

Reagan listed the \$100,000 for the Worcester, Mass., project among \$1.15 billion in "pork" he would have cut out if allowed to cull projects from last year's massive congressional spending pack-

The center is part of the governor's "Centers of Excellence" program designed to develop technologies of the future, such as photovoltaic technology, polymers and biotechnology.

"The Centers of Excellence program is another example of an



**Detroit Mayor Coleman Young** said in Atlanta that voters will not elect a black as president.

innovative experiment hatched at the state level," said Dukakis campaign spokesman Steve Akey. "For too long Washington has turned its back on these innovative ap-

#### Gephardt, Dukakis challenge for share of delegates in N.D.

The Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. — North Dakota Democrats have begun a twoweek process of picking the delegates who will attend the state convention and eventually cast ballots for president.

Rep. Richard Gephardt of Missouri and Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis have maintained the most active campaign offices in the state, said George Gaukler, chairman of the state Democratic

Democrats in the state hold 53 district conventions, which began Sunday and will continue until March 27, to select delegates to the state convention in Fargo. State convention delegates will cast their ballots for president when they meet in April.

Delegates to the national convention in Atlanta in July will be chosen based on their presidential preference.

# Robertson aide: Bush shouldn't count on Ga. win

By Tom Baxter Staff Writer

Supporters of Vice President George Bush and Pat Robertson are still disputing who won Georgia's Republican county conventions, a step along the way to the selection of delegates to the Republican National Convention.

Final results of the conventions, held Saturday, will not be known until the results from each county have been mailed to the state party headquarters, but the Bush and Robertson campaigns have been keeping their own counts.

Fred Cooper, Bush's state chairman, claimed victory in six of the state's 10 congressional districts: the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 7th and 8th. That would give Bush a majority at the party's state convention and assure him 36 of the state's 48 nation-

al convention delegates.

"What I would hope we can do now is sit down and talk very candidly about the benefits of working together," Cooper said of the Robertson followers, who have waged a sharp battle with GOP regulars for control of the state party.

Andy Steinhauser, Robertson's state precinct and convention organizer, was not ready to admit de-

"That's a very inaccurate statement," Steinhauser said of Cooper's delegate tally. "The Bush forces will certainly find out differently come the district conventions."

Each of the 10 congressional districts will elect three national delegates at their conventions April 16. The remaining delegates will be elected at the state convention in Albany on May 20 and 21.

Steinhauser declined to say

which districts he would dispute with the Bush camp. He said that, as "greenhorns" in the process, Robertson's followers released numbers after the precinct caucuses in February that "sort of hurt

paign was considering a challenge to the results of the Cobb County convention, where Robertson's followers walked out after delegations from several precincts where they held majorities were disqualified.

But Steinhauser said the cam-

"We played hardball politics -I'll admit that. But they are playing illegal politics," Steinhauser said.

Jim Hokkanen, the Cobb Republican chairman, said the Robertson campaign had been told there were questions about some of their followers who voted in the precinct caucuses, such as whether they actually resided in the precinct. He said the Robertson campaign refused to reorganize those precinct delegations before the convention

Steinhauser said there were problems at five or six conventions, including Cobb's.

In Muscogee County (Columbus), the party disqualified one precinct delegation because a woman said she felt she had been put to a religious test during the precinct caucuses. Muscogee County Republican Chairman Robert Steele said the woman, a Robertson supporter, wrote the party that she had been offended when she was asked what church she attended before it was determined whether she would be a delegate or alternate to the county convention.

## Kirk

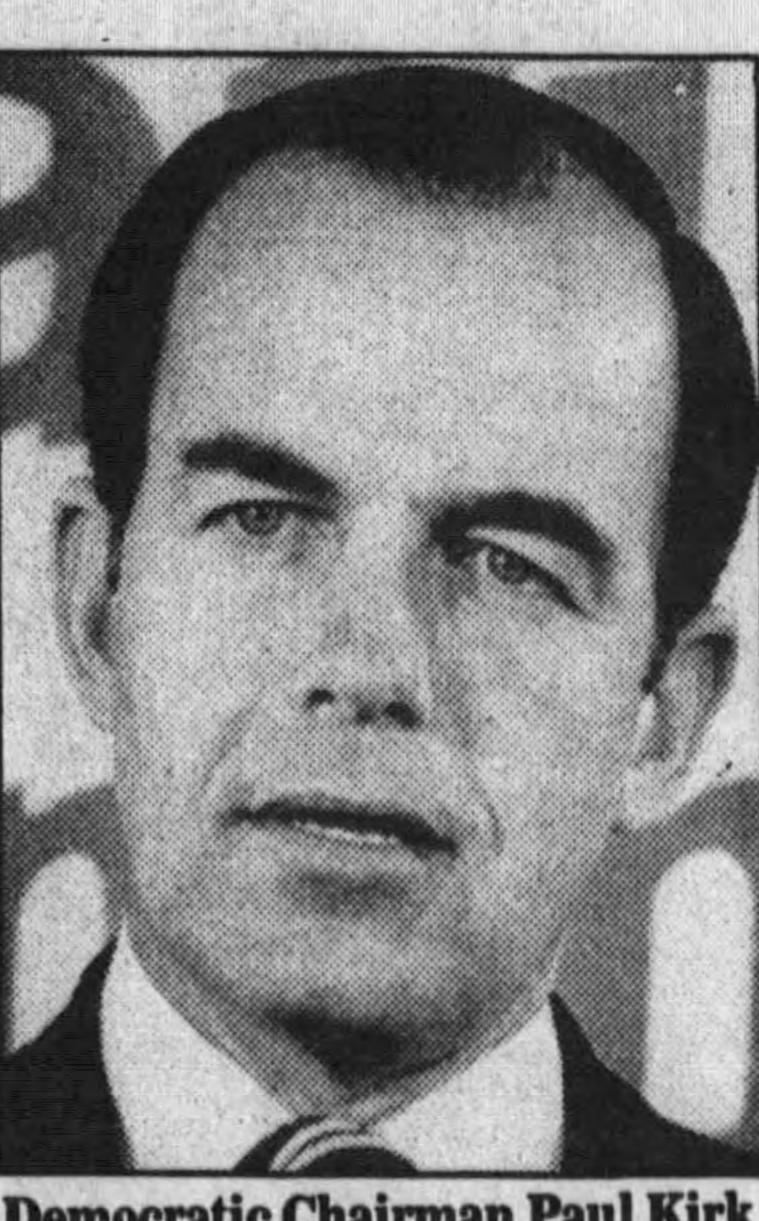
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debts of unsuccessful candidates. He said he would call the meeting "within a week or so" after June 7, the date of the last primaries, headed by contests in California

and New Jersey. In trying to strike a bargain in advance of the convention on the presidential and vice presidential nominees as well as the platform, Kirk said he and like-minded party elders hope to forestall "an intensely interesting media week in Atlanta — with the reporters playing

'who's on first.'" Kirk apparently announced his plan before discussing it with the candidates. Fred Martin, campaign manager for Democratic candidate Sen. Albert Gore Jr., said the Tennessean's campaign had not been contacted by Kirk and called any discussion of post-primary bartering "premature."

"All of us want the strongest possible ticket for the fall, and that's what we're all going to be working for now and in May and June and July and after July," Mar-



**Democratic Chairman Paul Kirk** wants candidates to 'forge a strong ticket' before convention.

tin said. "But before any of us proposes a new method of forging that ticket, let's give the voters a chance in the 20-some contests that remain before us and the 21/2-months of campaigning that remain for these candidates."

Kirk stressed his own political neutrality Monday and said he is

certain "the nominee will come out of the ranks of those who are contending." Later in the day, Kirk left for New York for a session with Gov. Mario Cuomo, a non-contender who has been mentioned as a possible choice of a brokered Democratic convention.

Kirk said the key to avoiding such a brokered contest lies with the 645 "superdelegates," who under party rules remain unbeholden to any candidate. The "superdelegates" - mostly governors, members of Congress and top party officials — will cast nearly 31 percent of the 2,082 votes needed for nomination. Most of them will not be named until late April.

"This is not just a token salute to elected officials," Kirk said. "They have to run with and ultimately govern with the eventual ticket. I expect they will close ranks behind whomever is the inevitable nominee."

Kirk declined to speculate on whom in the Democratic field might possess the stamp of inevitability.

Most political analysts view Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis as the front-runner. But even the most optimistic of Dukakis' advisers believe he is unlikely to win more than 1,500 delegates in prima-

ries and caucuses.

As chairman, Kirk said, his top priority is "to bring some sense of order and pragmatism to the [nominating] process and to keep our eye on the ball." That requires, Kirk added, "having everything pretty much worked out beforehand as folks recognize the inevitable and get behind the front-runner."

"If there's not an absolute mathematical majority behind one candidate, then those folks [the 'superdelegates'] have a special responsibility to unite behind the inevitable nominee," he said.

Kirk also predicted Monday that Dukakis would finish third in today's Illinois primary, running behind two favorite sons: Illinois Sen. Paul Simon and the Rev. Jesse

Kirk said he had written Jackson on Monday morning "to thank him for being such a team player."

"The Jackson candidacy is very different from 1984," Kirk noted. "He's saying, 'I'm going to support the Democratic Party.' I complimented him on the style of his campaign and told him that it has enhanced the chances of winning in November."

Staff writer Kevin Sack contributed to this article.

# Agents

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the university as an amateur athlete eligible to play college football (or basketball)."

Assistant U.S. Attorney Howard M. Pearl of Chicago devised the program and met initial resistance from some athletes and their attorneys in recent weeks, sources said. Pearl did not return repeated

telephone calls. Pearl has told the athletes that they must pay back money only for the years they would have been in-

eligible because of signing with Walters and Bloom, sources said. Carter is among the athletes who have agreed to enter the program, sources close to the investiga-

tion said. The wide receiver signed with Walters and Bloom before his junior season, which he played, and was declared ineligible when his signing was exposed before his senior season last year. He now plays for the Philadelphia Eagles of the National Football League.

Others who have accepted the prosecutors' offer, sources said, are former Clemson football players Kenny Flowers of the Atlanta Falcons, Terrence Flagler of the San Francisco 49ers and Terrence Roulhac; former Michigan football players Garland Rivers of the Detroit Lions and Bob Perryman of the New England Patriots; former Pittsburgh football player Tony Woods of the Seattle Seahawks; former Florida football player Adrian White of the New York Giants; former Fort Hays State football player Frankie Neal of the Green Bay Packers (who 'The government is artificially creating a loss by creating a remedy.

- Attorney Mike Trope

"Most of the athletes are being

played some of his college career at Florida) and former Ohio State basketball player Brad Sellers of the

The athletes have been warned by Pearl not to talk publicly about any aspect of the investigation, sources said, and have been told that the program can be withdrawn between now and the time indictments are announced, probably no later than April 15.

grand jury, which began its inquiry

last May 19.

offered the pretrial diversion plan," source said. "The ones who are not offered the program probably Chicago Bulls. will be indicted along with the Walters and Bloom face possi-

ble charges of fraud, mail fraud, wire fraud, tax fraud, extortion racketeering and obstruction of justice, sources close to the investigation said. About 60 athletes have been

Athletes who are not offered, or do not accept, the pretrial diversion subpoenaed to testify before the program are facing possible charges of fraud, income tax evasion and, in

isolated instances, obstruction of justice because of untruthful statements to the FBI, sources said.

Stipulating that the athletes repay their scholarships — generally valued between \$4,000 and \$7,000 annually — is an effort to support Pearl's contention that Walters and Bloom defrauded universities by signing the players prematurely, sources said.

Pearl has told athletes entering the program that the scholarship they accepted was a benefit that could have been given to another amateur athlete, sources said. In order to apply a recently narrowed mail fraud statute, the government must prove that the agents' action had tangible damages, sources said.

Mike Trope, an attorney repre-

senting Bloom, criticized the strategy of Pearl's program. "The government is artificially creating a loss by creating a remedy," Trope said.

Additionally, any athlete who

received Pell Grants — federally funded stipends for financially needy students — when he should not have been eligible also will have to make repayment.

Michigan athletic director Don Canham expressed reservations about accepting repayment from Rivers and Perryman.

"I'm not sure what I would do about that," Canham said. "I'm not sure they cheated anyone except Walters. Plus, we pulled their scholarships. They lost a chance to get their diplomas, and that is a penalty. This [repayment] is an interesting twist to the whole thing."