Ag assistant coach takes minor league job in Miami

Bryan/College Station Cardinal ead Coach Gene Power, who also is assistant coach with the Texas &M baseball team, has taken a job as assistant coach with the minor ague Miami Marlins.

Power, who coached the Cardinals their first two games this season, s offered the position Tuesday by arlin Head Coach Jerry Miller, a rmer coach of the Cardinals.

Power heads to Miami today and nong the Marlins he will coach are rmer Aggie players Greg Wallace d Phil Taylor. The Marlins are an affiliated minor league team.

Cliff Ranson has taken over as ach of the Cardinals, which will ay its home opener tonight at 8 m. against Flatonia at Travis Park Bryan.

It is not known whether Power will turn to assist the Aggies in 1987.

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Injured athlete improving

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The condition of North Carolina State distance runner Kathy Ormsby, permanently paralyzed from injuries she sustained after jumping from a bridge, was upgraded to stable from serious Monday, a spokeswoman for Wishard Memorial Hospital said.

Spokeswoman Karen Wilczewski also said that Ormsby was expected to be transferred at mid-week from Wishard to Duke Medical Center in Durham, N.C.

Her father, Dale Ormsby, said he wanted his daughter transferred so she could be closer to home.

The 21-year-old pre-med student from Rockingham, N.C., suffered multiple spinal fractures, a punctured lung and a broken rib when she jumped from a bridge last Wednesday night, minutes after dropping out with 8½ laps remaining in the women's 10,000-meter race at the NCAA Track and Field Championships.

Ormsby said his daughter had been sedated during her hospitalization and was unable to discuss fully the incident or events leading up to it.

"I believe, though, that it had something to do with the pressure that is put on young people to succeed," Ormsby said.

Ormsby was the collegiate recordholder in the women's 10,000 entering the championship race when she bolted from the track, ran toward a bridge about two blocks away and apparently jumped, police said.

Retiring Yale president named to NL top spot

NEW YORK (AP) — A. Bartlett amatti, retiring president of Yale, s named president of the National ague Tuesday and vowed to reect baseball tradition in the same y that as a Renaissance scholar he pects history.

The 48-year-old Giamatti, who nounced a year ago he would leave le, will become just the 12th presint in the league's 110-year history, ceeding Chub Feeney, who is ring after this season.

The appointment also puts amatti in line to succeed Commisner Peter Ueberroth, if Ueberth, as has been rumored at various nes, decides to enter politics. amatti was considered for the comssioner's job when it was open two ars ago.

Both leagues now are headed by ctors. Giamatti has a Ph.D., and bby Brown, a former New York nkees infielder, gave up a practice a heart specialist when he succeded Lee MacPhail as American ague President.

A man who often wore a Boston Red Sox hat on campus and who once said his life goal was to become president of the American League, Giamatti quickly established his allegiance to the National by calling the AL's designated hitter rule "appalling." That fit his view that baseball history should be respected.

"I think in general, one tampers with baseball as little as humanly possible," he said. "The fundamental grid, the geometric beauty of baseball ought to be altered gingerly."

Giamatti, who will officially take office at the major league baseball meetings next December, began his baseball career as the manager of the South Hadley, Mass., high school team in 1951. "That's probably the highlight too," he said.

But he didn't seem to think it strange that he would go from academia to sport. Nor did his friends.

"People of letters have always gravitated to sport," Giamatti said. "I even tried to write about it. I've always found baseball the most satisfying and nourishing game outside of literature."

Giamatti acknowledged that he has had no experience with professional sports. But he noted that he ran a university with 33 varsity teams and said that will help him during the next six months, which he will spend learning his new job from Feeney.

Officially, his chores will include scheduling, approving player contracts, supervising umpires and player discipline. But Giamatti also suggested he would take an interest in the relationships of the teams to the cities in which they play.

"There's a basic reason this game is so important," he said. "It's become a form of public trust."

He also seemed to differ with Ueberroth on what may be the first pressing issue he will face — drugs.

Where Ueberroth has ordered mandatory testing of all baseball personnel, Giamatti said he would prefer it be voluntary.

"I think it's a very difficult issue and I haven't really thought about it that much," Giamatti said. "I'm not averse to testing and I think voluntarism is much to be desired. But on balance, if it comes to it, mandatory testing might be acceptable."

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