U.S. forces attack Iraq

WASHINGTON

U.S. forces launched a strike against "targets of military opportunity" in Iraq, President Bush said Wednesday night. He described the action as the opening salvo in an operation to "dismantle Iraq and to free its people."

Bush spoke after the U.S. military struck with cruise missiles and precision-guided bombs against a site near Baghdad, where Iraqi leaders were thought to be, U.S. government officials said. There was no indication whether the attack was successful.

The strikes used Tomahawk cruise missiles and precision-guided bombs dropped from F-117 Nighthawks, the Air Force's stealth fighter-bombers, military officials said.

Bush addressed the nation about two hours after his 8 p.m. EST ultimatum for Saddam Hussein to give up power.

"Now that conflict has come the only way to limit its duration is to apply decisive force," Bush said. "We will accept no outcome but victory."

Washington Post aides said the lead force of 300,000 troops ringed Iraq ready to launch a ferocious assault to topple the Iraqi dictator and capture any weapons of mass destruction.

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By KATE NAGENGAST
Senior Staff Writer

Rectors and resident assistants campus-wide agree that the alcohol policy changes this past spring changed Notre Dame dorm life and reduced the presence of alcohol on campus, but they still worry about students drinking off campus.

There has been a drastic decline in the number of reported cases of alcohol poisoning since hard alcohol was banned from the residence halls. There were fewer than 20 incidents occurred during the fall of 2002 versus 51 cases in the fall of 2001, according to the University Office of Alcohol and Drug Education.

Father George Rozum, who has been rector of Alumni Hall for more than 20 years, said residence hall life this year has been the best he has ever experienced.

"Generally, [the alcohol policy changes] have made a positive difference," Rozum said. "There have been fewer incidents of excessive drinking. I'm not claiming that there's no drinking going on but ... the only time we had an ambulance run it was for hard alcohol that seems to be the big thing when [students] get sick, they seem to be able to handle mostly the wine and beer."

McGlinn Hall's rector Elizabeth Weber said the most significant change hall life this year has been the new policy that makes it difficult for students to get alcohol delivered to their rooms.

"There are fewer parties, fewer bottles in the hall and a less conspicuous use of alcohol," Weber said. Referring to his remarks at Commencement last year, "I'm not sure that will come up at some point," Weber said. Lugar is chairing the Senate considering the Iraq resolution."
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✦ Student bus to NCAA Tournament in Indianapolis 4:30 p.m.; bus leaves for the BCA Dome

✦ Careers for Political Science Majors Night 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Flanner Hall, R-20 A-panel

✦ Blind Date Program 7:30 p.m. at the Galvin-Morse Lounge

WHAT’S HAPPENING @ SMC

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WHAT’S GOING DOWN

Employee injures eye

NDSP transported a University employee from St. Michael’s Laundry to Health Services Tuesday for treatment after the employee’s eye was injured in an accidental ocurrence.

Abandoned bike found

An abandoned bike was discovered outside O’Neill Hall Tuesday and brought to NDSP for safekeeping.

Employee reports vandalism

A University employee reported vandalism to her vehicle while it was parked near the Joyce Center Tuesday morning.

2 students’ vehicles towed

Two students’ vehicles were towed for parking violations Tuesday. One vehicle was removed from a lot near the stadium, the other was taken from nearby the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

Student treated for sports injury

NDSP transported a student to Health Services Tuesday to treat a sports injury the student suffered at Loftus Sports Center.

Suspicous activity reported

A visitor reported suspicious activity near Fitcher Graduate Housing Tuesday. The case has been referred to an outside agency.

WHAT’S COOKING

North Dining Hall

Today’s Lunch: Fettucine with fennel, asi prosciutto pizza, Betsy Flannigan chicken breast, boulangerire potatoes, cherry crisp, arroz con portobello and cream, broccoli quiche, scrambled eggs with cheese, breakfast ham, raisin bread, French toast, BBQ beef sandwich, fried potato skins, onion rings, Secheaun beef and vegetables, lone-star rice, chicken and cheese chimichanga, basil-garlic linguine, Hawaiian pizza, chicken tempura, California Eldorado cassette

South Dining Hall

Today’s Lunch: Chicken fajita pizza, yeast bread, pretzel sticks, mushroom strawgnog, sauteed zucchini and yellow squash, meatloaf, Mississippi-fried catfish, baked glazed ham, mashed red skin baked potatoes, cut corn, gyro, fried potato skins, onion rings, sweet and sour pork, chili crispito, flame-roasted fiesta corn & black beans

Saint Mary’s Dining Hall

Today’s Dinner: Chicken breas Vesuvio, rice with black olives, veal parmagiana, steamed spinach, beef stew, roast pork loin, roasted popcon and corn, hot chunky applesauce, whipped potatoes, baking powder biscuits, chicken strips, beef Mongolian, Chili Frito

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CORRECTIONS

• Due to a production error, a picture of a Notre Dame student drinking a picture of beer on the front page of Wednesday’s Observer that was originally submitted as a birthday advertisement was not labeled as such.

• The picture “Trenton for Peace” on page 6 of Wednesday’s Observer was incorrectly labeled as a statue of the Virgin Mary. The statue is of St. Bernadette.

• In Wednesday’s Observer article “Police bust College Park party,” Capt. William Thompson inaccurately said that the student who fell from a balcony was taken to the hospital. The student was saved from the fall, but is in good health.

The Observer regrets the error.
**ROTC: War talks helpful**

**By MATT BRAMANTI**  
**News Writer**

While American forces prepared for an almost certain bombardment and invasion of Iraq, Notre Dame ROTC officials applauded the war debate and expressed confidence in the U.S. military and its leadership. Commanders of the Army, Navy and Air Force units characterized the debate over the impending war as generally fair and intelligent.

Capt. Jim Shelton, commander of the Navy ROTC unit, says the debate underscores the value of informed free speech.

"Listening to what knowledgeable people think is always good," Shelton said. "We live on a free republic, and part of its greatness is that people can express their opinions.

Lt. Col. Mark Gehri, who commands the Air Force ROTC detachment, agreed, noting the academic nature of the discussions at Notre Dame.

"It's been a collegial, honest and academic debate," Gehri said. "My hat is off to the Kroc Institute (for International Peace Studies)."

The Army ROTC battalion's commander, Lt. Col. David Mosinski, likewise praised the wide variety of opinions being expressed. "We've seen a large number of forums across all kinds of media," Mosinski said.

The officers declined to comment on their personal opinions regarding military action in Iraq, citing Defense Department policy. "My job is to do what the President tells me," Shelton said.

With the possibility of a long occupation and rebuilding of Iraq, there have been questions about whether graduating seniors might find themselves deployed in the Iraqi desert. The officers downplayed that likelihood, explaining that graduands continue on to further training before they are ready for deployment. Fresh Army graduates would train for four months or longer before they would be sent overseas, Mosinski said.

"It could be possible that some would leave and go to a surface ship immediately," but that is very unlikely, Shelton said. "For the first two years, the risks of deploying are low," Gehri said.

The commanders also discussed the recent focus on non-conventional weapons, including chemical and biological agents. Iraq is thought to have retained stores of VX, sarin and mustard gases, as well as anthrax spores and botulinum toxin. Mosinski said his cadets receive basic instruction on the concepts surrounding nuclear, biological and chemical warfare, including reaction to threats and the use of protective gear such as gas masks. "They're trained in their personal soldier skills," Mosinski said. "The more detailed training comes later."

The officers said that the U.S. military is ready to meet the challenge of a war in Iraq, and praised the contributions of the students in their charge.

Historically, Notre Dame ROTC graduates have done well in comparison to their peers, Mosinski said. "We just have an excellent program here."

The men were optimistic about the prospect of a quick victory against Saddam Hussein's regime. Gehri, who commanded a squadron of C-141 cargo planes immediately after the 1991 Gulf War noted the U.S.-led coalition's air superiority at that time, and he said it has improved since then.

We have had huge technological advances," he said.

Shelton, a former nuclear submarine commander, emphasized the Navy's resolve.

"We all know we have a job to do," he said, adding that Navy personnel are "pretty bright people" with high morale.

Mosinski, a military intelligence officer and airborne ranger, stressed the Army's readiness for battle.

"Our units are trained and ready to carry out whatever missions are assigned," the Army ROTC commander said.

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Alcohol

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"We've had four ambulance transports so far this year," Bright said. That was fairly average for a month this past - and each of those four incidences involved hard alcohol.

Bright became rector of McNichin in August when the alcohol policy changed. That first went into effect. Though she had no prior experience in Notre Dame residence halls, she said her own college experiences at Marquette University and her time in the "real world" gave her a broader perspective on college drinking as a part of human nature. Bright said the college years are typically a time when people test their feelings of invincibility and also experiment with their own vulnerability.

"Drinking on college campuses is not unique to Notre Dame, but the positive thing is that Notre Dame is taking a proactive step," Bright said. "In this particular case, we are engaging with hard alcohol. It's really, really needed - morally it's the right thing to do, for sure."

According to Kelly Lawrence, assistant director of the Office of Alcohol and Drug Education, the number of referrals his office has received from the Office of Residence Life has dropped this year. During the 2001-02 school year, ResLife required roughly 400 students to visit the office for alcohol assessment. Lawrence said. So far this year the office has handled 209 cases and Lawrence expects to finish the year with 300 cases, he said. However, Lawrence added, this year's case number includes a majority of the 213 students who were issued minor in a tavern citations during the Jan. 24 bust of The Boat Club, a popular South Bend bar. Although all of the students cited in the raid were sent to Alcohol and Drug Education by ResLife, Lawrence said many rectors made the decision to require alcohol assessment for their residents.

Incidents such as The Boat Club bust, other off-campus crime and Chad Sharon's death still curdle some members of the campus community concerned that the alcohol policy has curbed the number of incidents of abusive drinking that get reported, but not the activity itself.

Lawrence admitted that because of the policy changes on campus, more students are going off-campus to drink where hard alcohol is available.

"I think some students, this is probably true more with females, feel that they are too intoxicated to return to the dorms and walk past security monitors, so they end up not going back, which is a safety risk as well," Lawrence said. "The policy might have changed, but the drinking culture and the drinking habits haven't changed entirely yet, it may have just moved somewhere else."

Some RAs also worry that cracking down on drinking in the dorms may have pushed students to drink off campus where it is more difficult to find help should problems arise.

"When I became an RA I considered taking care of drunk people to be a part of my job," said Steve Holte, an RA in Siegfried Hall. "I would rather take care of people who are drinking in the dorms than those who come back drunk from off campus. We deal with it either way, but I would much rather know what's going on and be able to monitor it than have someone return out of the blue with alcohol stumbling and not know what happened."

Carroll Hall rector Father James Lewis, who also works as an assessment counselor in the Office of Alcohol and Drug Education, said he believes the policy changes are a "prudent and practical upgrade to hall and campus life" and "necessary responses to a lot of the practices on campus," but he also worries about students' safety off campus.

"There is a significant lowering in the amount of alcohol in my dorm and on campus, but an unwelcome effect of the policies has been an increase in movement off campus for access to hard alcohol," Lewis said.

Most RAs said there have been fewer parties held in the dorms this year than attribute the decline in dorm parties to both the alcohol policy and a new attitude among undergraduates.

"I think it's been a gradual change since [seniors'] freshman year with admissions standards, too," Holte said. "I think they're bringing in a different kind of student, someone more tame."

This year, however, as in the past a little more than one-third of the cases referred to the Office of Alcohol and Drug Education are freshmen.

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Health officials disclose 11 cases of mystery illness

Associated Press

ATLANTA

Health officials said Wednesday that 11 suspected cases of a mysterious flu-like illness have emerged in the United States, while on the other side of the world, medical investigators continue to puzzle over how the illness spread in a Hong Kong hotel.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention chief Dr. Julie Gerberding said the suspected U.S. cases are people who recently traveled to Asia and later developed fever and respiratory problems, matching definitions for the mystery illness, called "severe acute respiratory syndrome" or SARS.

The illness, for which there is no treatment, has caused 14 deaths, including five who died months earlier in an outbreak in China.

The worldwide number of cases, including the 11 suspect U.S. cases, now totals 264, according to the World Health Organization. Most of those cases are in Hong Kong, Vietnam and Singapore. The WHO said Wednesday that they continue to receive reports about some patients recovering from the illness, which causes high fever and severe breathing problems.

"There's a lot we still don't know about this problem," said Gerberding, who added that the CDC is still examining new samples that recently arrived from overseas.

"It's very preliminary to say any individual is a case of SARS," she said. "It is going to take some days to know for sure." She declined to say where the U.S. cases are, but health officials in New Mexico and California said they each had one case on the list.

In New Mexico, a patient from Albuquerque, who recently returned from Hong Kong, was in a hospital's respiratory isolation unit, state health officials said Wednesday.

Los Angeles County's public health official said a man with SARS symptoms was recovering after being hospi-

talized Saturday. He fell ill March 11 after returning from a visit to Vietnam, Hong Kong and part of China.

Although more cases could be identified in the United States, people who haven't recently traveled to affected areas in Asia shouldn't worry, Gerberding said.

"We don't want people who haven't traveled to this region to be concerned about this problem, at least at this point in time," she said.

Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson cited the government's plan to spend $10 million toward vaccines that would fight off new strains of flu.

He said the new disease reminds everyone of the potential danger posed by emerging infectious diseases.

So far, the mystery bug has not been identified as a new flu strain. Instead, health investigators are focusing on a family of viruses called para-

ovirus. First German, then Hong Kong doctors reported finding it in case specimens there. WHO said its labs will study other samples to see if the same virus is present.

"There is now a clue about what might be causing this," said Dr. David Heymann, WHO communicable diseases chief. "This clue will make it easier to diagnose patients."

But in Britain, health experts cautioned that it's still too soon to be sure this is the culprit behind the mys-

terious bug.

"The laboratories that have identified the virus in patients' nasal passages, he said, "and it hasn't been clear what sort of lung material or other speci-

mens that would directly implicate it as the cause of "infection."" Paramyxovirus is from a virus group that includes common childhood ill-

nesses, such as mumps and measles.

World News Briefs

Seventeen Iraqi soldiers surrender: As many as 17 Iraqi soldiers surrendered at the Kuwaiti border Wednesday, hours before a U.S. deadline for Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein to leave the country or face war.

Dozens of Iraqis, including as many as 17 soldiers, handed themselves over to Kuwaiti officials Wednesday at the border, giant B-52 warplanes were loaded with bombs and Tomahawk missile-carrying ships were in position. All await an attack order from Bush.

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IRAQ

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Defiant to the end, Saddam's state-run television broadcast this message to the Americans after the bombs struck: "It's an inferno that awaits them. Let them try their faltering luck and they shall meet what awaits them.

Anti-aircraft tracer fire made arcs across the Baghdad sky as the American munitions bore in on their targets. A ball of fire shot skyward after one explosion.

Bush described the targets as being of "military importance." A U.S. military official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said about three dozen cruise missiles were fired from a small number of ships - perhaps as few as two - in the Red Sea and the Persian Gulf. The official said they were fired at "leadership targets," but he was not certain whether Saddam was a target.

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Dances harder to plan post policy change

By TERESA FRALISH
Assistant News Editor

After planning dances under the new policy that moved them out of the dorms, students and staff disagreed on how the change affected dorm spirit and enthusiasm.

"We've had a lot of failures. We cancelled our first dance," said Abhishek Goyal, co-president of O'Neill Hall. "I think the policies are a complete failure. The dorm spirit has gone down."

"Because of a lack of enthusiasm, Goyal said the dorm had to reschedule its first dance for another date and had difficulty getting students to attend. "We forced people to go. Freshmen were not interested," he said. "We generally have two dances a year."

Jen Majcina, resident director of Badin Hall, felt that dances were being treated as "just another event" by students. "Since new policies were implemented, attendance was down significantly; however, she pointed out that this year was more challenging due to the amount of funding that dorms had available for dances."

"I don't think we could have had our dances without that $1,000," Majcina said. "One, farley Hall's dance commissioners, also felt that dances were being negatively affected by dorm policies. "I think the policy is a complete failure. We've had a lot of failures," said Brian Lautman, director of student affairs. "We used most of our funding for the first dance," he said. "Now I don't think we will break even for the second dance."

Jen Majcina, resident assistant in Badin Hall, said her dorm experienced some problems planning for their dances. "One of their dances was supposed to be held in the South Dining Hall, but the same room had been double-booked. "We ended up having to cancel the dance," she said. "At both of the dances Badin had held so far, Majcina said attendance was down compared to last year; however, she felt that the actual locations where Badin's dances were held worked fairly well."

Majcina said that Badin just completed a new social space that would have worked very well for holding dances.

"It's really disappointing not to be able to have dances in there," she said.

Others were concerned about the amount of funding that dorms had available for dances. "If the University decides to keep this plan they're going to have to give us a lot more money," said Matt Palmer-Ball, president of Siegfried Hall. "One of the recommendations that I've made to Hall Presidents Council is that the University increase that $1,000."

"Farley Hall, farley Hall's dance commissioner, also felt that dances were being negatively affected by dorm policies. "I think the policy is a complete failure. We've had a lot of failures," said Brian Lautman, director of student affairs. "We used most of our funding for the first dance," he said. "Now I don't think we will break even for the second dance."

"I don't think we could have had our dances without that $1,000. South Dining Hall was extremely expensive," she said. "They charged us $200 just to move five tables and they wouldn't let us move them ourselves."

Ryan also said that attendance was down for Farley's dances, often with less than 50 percent participation. Palmer-Ball said he saw a lack of enthusiasm for the dances in Siegfried. "I think the freshmen were really hard to motivate at the beginning of the year." Joe Reimer, assistant rector for Carroll Hall, felt that dances had gone fairly well for his dorm.

"It seemed like the students had a good time," he said. Reimer said that the dorm rented buses to transport students from the dorm to the clubhouse at the Warren Golf Course. At Carroll's dances, Reimer said there were very few major problems with students drinking or becoming sick. "For us drinking hasn't been an issue at the dances," said Reimer.

Cavagnagh Hall also had similar success with their dances, which were held at the LaFortune Ballroom and the Joyce Center. "They were definitely well-attended," said Paula Garcia, Cavagnagh Hall resident director. Garcia also said that there were fewer problems with alcohol at Cavagnagh's dances. "We had like one instance of some people getting sick. I didn't have to worry at all," she said. Becca Davidson, the rector of Breen-Phillips Hall, said her dorm's dances had been fairly successful overall.

"We got a very positive feedback from both the women and the men," said Davidson.

The rector said her dorm held one dance at the LaFortune Ballroom and another at the Palais Royale, the newly renovated ballroom connected to the Morris Performing Arts Center in downtown South Bend. Davidson noted that previous problems with alcohol in past years were significantly reduced. "We had about 500 people at the Palais Royale and we only had one alcohol incident," said Davidson. "I think that's very unprecedented.

However, the dorm did have problems with high costs of catering at the Palais Royale, which were much higher than fees for Catering by Design, the company that must be used for on-campus events. "Our contention was that it was just too pricey," Davidson said.

Jim Lewis, the rector of Carroll Hall, agreed with Davidson on the success of this year's dances. "I think we've had a pretty good experience with our two dorm dances," Lewis said. May Lewis said that the new policy had put the focus back on the dorms and not on excessive drinking.

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By MATT BRAMANTI

Associated Press

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Domestic automakers and their dealers spent $7.2 billion in total advertising last year, more than any other industry, according to New York-based CMR/TNS Media Intelligence. Foreign automakers were a close second with a tally of $7.1 billion. Toyota shelled out $937 million advertising its products in the United States last year, 16 percent more than the year before.

Michels said Toyota’s decision to pull ads from ABC, CBS, NBC and others might be a moot point during the first days of a potential conflict, when live coverage will likely air continuously.

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Tarrow: City dwellers loyal to their towns

By JOE TROMBELLO
News Writer

Modern cosmopolitans remain increasingly attuned to the specific location they identify with, said Cornell University professor of government and sociology Sidney Tarrow in a lecture entitled "Rooted Cosmopolitans: Transnational Activists in a World of States."

Tarrow spoke to an audience in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium Wednesday afternoon, tracing the rise of rooted cosmopolitans from early modern Europe to today's globalized and multinational world.

"Cosmopolitans in the past were often seen as a kind of parasite," he said. "More recently, the figure has gained a certain attraction."

Tarrow argued that modern cosmopolitans are not a "free-floating" as once thought, but instead identify themselves as people rooted and connected to their particular place of residence.

"Rooted cosmopolitans" are people and groups rooted in a specific national context, but of cosmopolitans in early modern Europe to today's specific location they identify with, said Tarrow.

Tarrow moved from a definition and a description of the rooted cosmopolitan to an explanation of how different kinds of rooted cosmopolitans currently promote political activism. He cited both Islamic radicals and proponents of the anti-war movement in the United States and Iraq conflict as examples of rooted cosmopolitans who have become transnational activists.

"Both have deep, local roots and both will not doubt back into their respective localities after their activism is completed," he said.

Tarrow encouraged future scholarship to investigate further the connections between rooted cosmopolitans and transnational activists in order to better understand the relationship between the two.

"We need to know more about the kind of people involved in transnational activism and the mechanisms that link them to one another," Tarrow said.

Tarrow's lecture is part of the Kellogg Institute's 25th Anniversary Lecture Series.

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SMC appoints new library director

By MEGHAN CASSIDY
News Writer

An extensive process comes to an end this week as Janet Fore, the new director of Saint Mary's Cushwa-Leighton Library, begins her position on campus.

The library's previous director, Sister Bernice Holmenhorst, retired last summer after holding the position for 27 years.

"The search committee for a new director was looking for an individual who possessed many of the same leadership qualities as Sister Bernice and Janet fit the bill quite well," said Holm. "We can't just provide the materials, we also need to provide good service and assistance to students using the library."

Although this is Fore's first position as a library director, she plans to continue with many of her previous responsibilities by focusing on undergraduates and serving their education and information needs.

"I am looking forward to working in this smaller setting where librarians can get to know students and their needs more personally," Fore said.

Her other duties will include helping the library staff coordinate and provide library services for the campus.

"I was attracted to Saint Mary's because of the great library on a campus that's interesting and vibrant and has significant challenges that we can all face together as a staff and campus," Fore said.

Fore has already begun to look at what needs to be addressed and how to go about it.

She said she is looking forward to creating positive changes within the library and working with the staff toward a "bright future."

Long shares the same hopes for the library's future.

"I look forward to working with her in identifying the strengths of our library and moving us forward to meet the new challenges in information delivery and service to the Saint Mary's community," she said.

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Irish basketball fans travel to Indianapolis

By CLAIRE HEININGER
News Writer

Adding to the bracket buzz that the successful men’s basketball team has generated this season was the announcement that the squad will be playing its early-round NCAA tournament action in nearby Indianapolis. This year’s selection marks the first time since 1985 that Notre Dame students have the opportunity to give their team a home-state advantage, and many have responded enthusiastically.

Hundreds of loyal students will be making the three-hour road trip to the RCA Dome to watch the fifth-seeded Irish face off against University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee on Thursday night. While the team’s die-hard student cheering section, the Leprechaun Legion, hasn’t arranged any specific activities for Indianapolis, leader Drew Updike praised the fervor of both his group and the Athletic Department in creating student support for the team’s chances in the tournament and throughout the season.

“With the team doing so well this year, the Legion added fuel to the fire, and now at tournament time the University and the Athletic Department are carrying the torch,” Updike said. In addition to offering a four-game, $70 ticket package that includes Notre Dame’s first and second round games as well as two more games, the Athletic Department is providing bus transportation for those who need it. Many students have also opted to carpool and stay overnight with family and friends in the Indianapolis area. "The selection to have the game in Indy has really hyped people up," Updike said. "The unity that comes from making the trip is a just great bonus to having the team doing so well."

Despite the team’s recent struggles in losing four of its last five games at the close of the regular season and in the first round of the Big East tournament, students showed little reluctance to make the trip. "There was no question about it in my mind," said freshman Evan Walsh. "As soon as I saw we were playing in Indianapolis, I called my brother and right away he answered, 'Yes, we're going.'"

Concerns over a demolished post-spring break budget also paled in comparison to students’ excitement over the Irish’s highest seed since 1987 and the third straight 20-win season under coach Mike Brey. "With the NCAAs being so close, there’s nothing that will stop me from driving down, not money, not war, not anything."

The consensus among students attending the game seems to be one of mixed anticipation and nervousness, but mostly of appreciation and excitement that they will get the chance to be there as the team takes its next post-season step. "It’s definitely worth it," said sophomore Brent Haydon. "Come cheer the Irish on!

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Come cheer the Irish on!
Yale prof. talks on survival of Catholic women's colleges

By MEGAN O'NEIL

Yale professor and author Cynthia Eagle Russett spoke Wednesday at Saint Mary's about the endurance of Catholic women's colleges in the United States. The widely anticipated event was attended by nearly 100 Saint Mary's students and faculty. Russett, who received her mas­ter's and doctorate degrees from Yale University, recently pub­lished a book titled "Catholic Women's Colleges in America." Saint Mary's is mentioned several times in it.

The product of a Catholic women's college herself, Russett described her alma mater Trinity College in Washington, D.C. as homogenous. The nearly all white, all Catholic school was located in a heavily black com­munity.

"It was an enclave in its midst," said Russett about Trinity in the city.

Small Catholic women's col­leges were common in the early and mid 20th century. They could count on a consistent flow of mid­dle and upper class white stu­dents through their liberal arts programs. However, this all changed and Russett cited the late 1960's as the turning point for such schools.

As the number of religious fac­ulty and staff dropped in the late '60s, already under-funded schools were forced to hire and pay lay people.

"College after college found themselves running into the red in the late '60s," said Russett.

Conflicts between the religious communities that founded the schools and lay boards of trustees made it difficult to adapt, Russett said.

"This in turn forced many colleges to merge with other colleges, become coeducational, or simply close," Russett explained.

"Schools were forced to come up with creative plans to adapt," Russett said.

Some of colleges that Russett identified, made changes that were quite drastic. One such example is Alverno College in Milwaukee, Wisc. which devel­oped its own unique curriculum.

Others, such as Mount Saint Mary's of Los Angeles and her own Trinity College, made the choice to reach out to minority students, particularly blacks and Hispanics.

"Every one of the Catholic women's colleges that remain has found its own particular niche," Russett said. "All have rec­ognized that adaptation was the key."

Trinity College has also intro­duced a graduate program, with MBAs offered in education and professional studies.

"These programs have returned fiscal stability to Trinity," Russett said. "Not to say it was easy."

Fears have been raised that in their efforts to survive these insti­tutions are losing their Catholic identity, as well as their liberal arts focus.

"There are many alumni at Trinity who are deeply unhappy with the direction Trinity has taken," said Russett. "And it is very much class-based."

She also pointed out, however, that although the Catholic women's colleges of today may not at all resemble the one she attended in the 1950's, they continue to be dedicated to educating and empowering women.

A panel discussion, made up of Russett and Saint Mary's faculty, will be held at noon today in Stapleton Lounge. Discussion will continue on Catholic women's education and its future.

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Hijacked Cuban plane lands safely

Assisted Press

KEY WEST, Fla. A Cuban airliner carrying 29 passengers was hijacked at keyport Wednesday night and landed under U.S. military escort in Key West, U.S. authorities said.

Six hijackers took over the plane and surrendered to authorities in Key West, said FBI spokesman Judy Ortenzio in Miami. They will face federal hijacking charges, she said.

There were no immediate reports of injuries among the hijackers, passengers or six crew members. Five of the passengers were minors, an airport spokesman said.

It was not immediately known what motivated the hijackers. Nor was their des­tiny clear.

The plane departed from Cuba and air traffic con­trollers at Miami International Airport spotted it on radar about 7:45 p.m. They were unable to make voice contact, said FAA spokeswoman Kathleen Bergen. Air Force fighter jets were sent from Homestead Air Force Base and escorted the Douglas DC-3 to Key West, Bergen said.

An airport worker said he saw the plane land about 8 p.m.

"It was followed by three or four U.S. Navy jets. The plane sat on the runway for about 15 minutes before the doors finally opened," Robert Accerra said.

The hijackers surrendered to airport police on the tar­mac, said Peter Horton, man­ager at Key West International Airport.

Passengers were brought into the airport within a half hour after the hijacking.

The alleged hijackers were in FBI custody and the pas­sengers were being inter­viewed by U.S. Customs agents, said sheriff's spokes­woman Becky Hirni.

"The hijackers were sepa­rated fairly quickly from the passengers and crew. Everyone's OK," she said.

The plane took off from Nueva Gerona — the prin­cipal city on the small island of Youth, about 185 miles southwest of Key West — on a scheduled flight to Havana, according to Leonardo Pena, a Cuban civil aviation official.

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on his enemies or slip to terror­ists.

Bush closed the window to diplomacy by the administration that addressed the nation, but the congressional notification was required under the terms of a resolution passed last year to authorize military action.

The president's remark re­quired Bush to verify that ousted Saddam would not hurt the global war on terrorism. Bush compiled with a seven-page report asserting that Iraq sup­ports terrorist networks, includ­ing Osama bin Laden's Al-Qaida organization.

Offering fresh justification for war, the report said one of the speels of victory may be infor­mation about terror cells in the United States.

"United States government personnel operating in Iraq may discover information through Iraq government documents and interviews with detained Iraqis that would identify individuals currently in the United States and abroad who are linked to terrorist organizations," the report said.

White House officials said the assertion was mostly specula­tive.

The United States has initiat­ed attacks in such places as Grenada and Panama, but war in Iraq would set a new stan­dard for pre-emptive military action.

The president also met with New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, who emerged from the White House to say the long national debate about whether to go to war is over.

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Microsoft warns users of critical Windows flaw

Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Microsoft Corp. Wednesday warned about a serious security flaw in all versions of its popular Windows software that could allow hackers to seize control of a person's computer when victims read e-mails or visit Web sites.

Microsoft assessed the problem's urgency as critical, its highest level, and urged customers to download a free repairing patch immediately from its Web site, www.microsoft.com/security.

A top Microsoft security official, Steve Lipner, said the vulnerability was being discussed openly among experts on the Internet when Microsoft learned about the flaw early in January.

An Internet security company, iDefense Inc. of Chantilly, Va., said Wednesday it learned about the flaw in December 2002 from Roland Postle, a respected British computer security researcher widely known on the Internet as "Blazed", and passed the information to Microsoft on Jan. 9.

But iDefense also immediately and quietly warned its clients, which include large corporations and U.S. agencies, before Microsoft could fix the problem.

"It was made public before we had our fix out," said Lipner, Microsoft's director of security assurance. "It was under fairly wide discussion in some forums that we heard about.

Microsoft and iDefense said they were unaware of any reports that hackers already had used the technique to break into computers, even though months had passed between the disclosure of the flaw and Wednesday's announcement that it could be fixed.

Russ Cooper, a security expert for TrustSecure Corp., based in Herndon, Va., predicted that antivirus software will be updated to protect users who might receive infected e-mails and that Web sites with infected pages would be shut down quickly once they are detected.

"I doubt we will see an attack based on this," Cooper said. "It's pretty unlikely any attempt to get legs.

The problem involves tricking Windows into processing unsafe code built into a Web page or e-mail message. It was particularly unusual because it affected so many different versions of Windows, from Windows 98 to its latest Windows XP editions.

Lipner confirmed that the faulty software code was created years ago and included in all versions of Windows software to prevent Windows from processing the dangerous code. Experts, however, said that was not easy to do for many users and that it could cripple conventional functions for many popular Web sites.

Turkey

US requests permission for use of air space

Associated Press

ANKARA - The government asked parliament Wednesday to grant the U.S. military permission to use Turkish airspace in an Iraq war, a delayed decision that falls short of Washington's initial hopes to station ground troops in Turkey.

The proposal would not allow U.S. planes to use Turkish air bases or refuel in Turkey.

The United States also would not be able to use Incirlik air base, a sprawling facility that houses 50 U.S. fighters used to patrol a no-fly zone over Iraq. In the event of a war, fighters at Incirlik would apparently not be able to fly over Turkish territory.

The government sent the resolution to parliament late Wednesday and a vote was expected Thursday.

The United States for months has been pressing Turkey, NATO's only Muslim member, to allow in 62,000 soldiers to open a northern front against Iraq. But as a possible date for an Iraq war draws closer, Washington has been pushing for the urgent use of Turkish airspace for overseas flights.

An Iraq war is extremely unpopular in Turkey. As a result, the government of new Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan has been dragging its feet on the issue of Incirlik and has failed to allow in U.S. troops before a recent deadline.

The decision sent markets tumbling Wednesday with widespread fear that the Cabinet decision to only allow airspace rights marked the end of a $15 billion U.S. aid package linked to the right to enter northern Iraq.

"What they have requested is for transit passage of planes only," Cicek said. "Whatever the needs will be in the coming days — that is a different scenario."

The resolution sent to parliament does not address allowing U.S. planes to use Turkish air bases or refuel in Turkey.

Incurlik was a key hub during U.S. operations in Afghanistan, serving as a supply and refueling station for flights from the United States and Europe to Afghanistan.

The resolution also would allow Turkish troops to enter Iraq if there is a war. Cicek said Washington had agreed in principle to allow Turkish troops in northern Iraq.

U.S. officials have said Washington opposes a unilateral Turkish incursion in northern Iraq. White House special envoy Zalmay Khalilzad held two days of talks with Turks Wednesday and the same day with Iraqi opposition officials to try to convince Turks to stay out of northern Iraq.

Turkey still reserves the right to enter northern Iraq, but all sides agreed to set up a "standing committee" gathering Turks, Iraqis, Kurds and U.S. officials to try and find alternative solutions.

Turkey says it could send its forces across the border into Iraq to prevent a possible refugee flow or to stop Turkish Kurdish rebels who have bases in northern Iraq from crossing into Turkey.

A senior U.S. official said Wednesday any Turkish incursion "would have to be approved by the committee and be coordinated with U.S. forces. If not, Turkey would be going in "unilaterally," the official said.

That could lead Turkish and U.S. forces to be caught in friendly fire, U.S. officials have warned. Iraqi Kurdish forces are staunchly opposed to a Turkish military intervention and say that it could lead to clashes.
An abusive relationship with Hollywood

I'm involved in an abusive relationship with Hollywood. I'm in love, but for some time now Hollywood has been treating me very badly: abusing my trust, insulting my intelligence and taking my money.

Some people are temperamentally inclined to see everywhere they look. It's important to remember that bad films are nothing new — they have existed as long as the medium itself. Nevertheless it was not until the 1980s that we saw the birth of "high concept" films which positively revved in their vacuity.

For a film to qualify as high concept it must be possible to describe it (and thus to pitch it to a studio executive) in a single sentence. "Top Gun" is like "Rocky," but with planes; "Days of Thunder" is like "Top Gun," but with cars; "Red Heat" is like every other Schwarzenegger flick not directed by James Cameron. You get the idea.

The high concept phenomenon culminated in "Independence Day," a movie which is most famous for the scene where aliens blow up the White House. After seeing the film I left the theater wishing that aliens would destroy 20th Century Fox Studios in a literal but just act of intergalactic justice.

In the '90s high concept films took second place to what I like to think of as no concept films, which can cost $80 million but give the impression of having been made entirely by accident. If you watch "Swordfish" with sufficient care (and I'm not suggesting for a moment that you should) you can actually see the point at which the film gives up even trying to make sense. In the past, films were sometimes badly written, but even in the worst cases you could tell that a writer had at least been involved in the process.

Some recent films are so dumb, so self-servingly devoid of the merest hint of an idea, that I can actually feel myself getting stupid just watching them. It's a good thing I took the GRE before watching "Resident Evil," otherwise I'd probably be at Arkansas State right now, struggling to keep up.

I don't mean for a moment that the good a film must be a profound meditation on the human condition. A well made piece of entertainment ("Ghostbusters," say, or "Back to the Future") is a wonderful thing.

The problem seems to be that at some point in the late '80s Hollywood executives noticed that however inexorably their films were, people came to see them anyway. Since then they've been behaving like a boy who, having recently discovered that his dog will eat paint, is frantically searching the house for even more indigestible things to feed it. My guess is that the executives' euphoria happened in 1988, shortly after the release of "Police Academy 2: Assignment Miami Beach.

Somehow, good films do face a similar difficulty — finding an audience. The critics are no help at all. It's not that they are always wrong (which would make their criticism quite useful, like a clock known to be exactly six hours slow), but they are in the habit of touting out praise with a wriggling, self-doubting voice that I find rather charming.

In addition to these factors, the sheer number of critics out there makes it almost a statistical certainty that for any film — however awful — at least one of them will write the sentence "If you liked 'Star Wars,' you'll love this.

So all I can do is to keep going to the movies in the blind hope that I will see something that reminds me why I keep coming back. Once in a while I get lucky and see a film so wonderful that it reminds me why I fell in love with Hollywood in the first place. But more often what I get is a film so awful that I can almost bear its mocking voice addressing me. "Go on, leave! I dare you! What are you going to do without me, read a book?"

Peter Wicks

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Defending the reckless cowboy

I have something to say to anyone else who accuses President Bush of being a reckless cowboy as Ed Cohen did in his March 19 column. "See Men Shredded, Then Say You Don't Back War," That line, by the way, was the title of an article that appeared in the Times of London yesterday, an article written by a liberal member of Parliament no less. Here is the statement of one witness:

"There was a machine designed for shredding plastic. Men were dropped into it, and we were again made to watch. Sometimes they were in front first and died quickly. Sometimes they were in feet first and died screaming. It was horrible. I saw 30 people die like this. Their remains would be placed in plastic bags and we were told that people would be used as fish food ... on one occasion, I saw Qusay [President Saddam Hussein's youngest son] personally supervise these murders."

Stories like this, of course, are common in Iraq, Witnesses and surviving refugees tell of women being raped in front of their husbands and sons, children being burned in front of their parents. Funny how human rights protest­ers seem to think Bush is the one violat­ing the human rights of the Iraqi people — kind of like the folks who crow about the plight of the inmates at Guantanamo Bay but do not care about Castro's political prisoners languishing in dungeons on the rest of the island.

As for the charge that Bush is disregarding world opinion, maybe Cohen has not heard of those 30 countries sup­porting our campaign? Or maybe he thinks countries like Algeria (which is Muslim) and Estonia, both of which know repression first-hand, do not matter? Should we listen to countries like Germany and France, which have close business ties to Saddam's country instead? Or China, which overran Tibet, and Russia, which is pbounding the hell out of Chechnya — neither of which would mind seeing America obliterated.

One more point — I found the little allusion to "starvation-grade sanctions" touching, as if sanctions are the reason why the Iraqi people are so poor, what with such a kind dictator who obviously cares for them so much. Somehow Saddam manages to scrape together enough cash to maintain a large personal army, and every time I see him, he seems to be smoking a cigar — maybe he buys them on discount.

Then there is the odd little fact that Iraq is the world's second-largest importer of cognac.

Maybe Cohen can explain all this. I find, never mind, I already know — it's all Bush's fault.

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quote of the day

"Every decent man is ashamed of the government he lives under."

H.L. Mencken

journalist
A look at war from Washington D.C.

Now that war is upon us, perspectives on how we could have avoided conflict or on how we should have come to it sooner abound. Nowhere is this truer (other than in The Observer) than here in the District of Columbia. Everyone has something to say about it, and God help you if you do not listen.

However, since opinions on how we got here seem moot at this point, I thought I would give those back on campus a slice of life here in the district.

Over the last five weeks, those in Notre Dame’s Washington Program have experienced some rather disturbing sights. During the most recent elevation of the Terrorist Threat Advisory System from yellow (elevated) to orange (height), many precautions were taken based on increased chatter from intelligence sources. On my daily drive to work, it was not uncommon to see a Black Hawk helicopter tracing a low profile across the skyline. HUM-V’s were parked on the outskirts of the city with anti-aircraft missile batteries mounted on top — all of this with a stunning view of the Capitol Building in the background. One might attribute this to any given day in Jerusalem. But not in the capital of the most powerful country in the world.

I personally have received three different emergency survival alerts to aid in the event of a terrorist attack. The one from Boston University (where our program is housed) lets its recipients know that, among other things, the upper tank of a toilet is a good source of emergency fresh water. The Washington Post sent out a similar guide, gently tucked in the Sunday newspaper, right next to the comics. My job also has an emergency plan for its building, located a half mile from the Capital, since I spend most of my time in my car, there was nothing much too applicable.

Furthermore, the silence that blankets the district when President Bush speaks is both horrible and fascinating. But at the end of a seemingly patriotic and reassuring nation, there is no cheer or reassurance. There is simply a wait-and-see vigilance that takes the place of personal security.

With all of the fear and distraction that could overwhelm a resident of this area, what does remain constant is the drive to keep going. The prevailing attitude is not to hide in the basement until the dust settles, but rather to go to work, do your job and live life as normal. It is such a reassuring thing to see the traffic jams and the continuation of the processes that we call American. It signifies that, no matter what any one says or does, we will continue on.

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The students were stirring, awake one and all;
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And Tommy! Marlayna!

However, a little life and let the country go to hell if that's what George W. wants? Or, if I really disliked the country, why wouldn't I be out there flying planes into buildings?

I care about my country. Being outside of the United States also showed me some of the amazing promise that we have. I've been to Berlin, and I've seen what American intervention did for a place that was once torn apart by what seemed like an unstoppable war. I've seen what we can do when we do the right things, and I've seen the love that we can inspire when we work the kind of miracles that we can.

I love the ideals that this country is founded on. I love the potential that I can see in our power, and our wealth to do good things and to help those who cannot help themselves. I can visualize a country that would be proud to declare my citizenship in, and I love that country very much.

I love America, but I love what it could be more. I love Ireland, and what I want, more than anything, is for it to be the amazing land of freedom that it can be and for it to truly stand for all the things that we claim we do.

I've tired of hearing patriotic songs over the months of constant bombardment, but there is one line from America the Beautiful that I like very much. It says "God mend thy flag every flaw." I think, rather than turning on me and calling me unpatriotic, the time of patriotism everywhere would be far better spent in working on helping to answer that prayer.

Patrick Marlayna
Notre Dame, Washington, D.C.
March 19

I'm a pacifist. There aren't many occasions on which I'd support a war, and the current occasion is certainly not one. One of the things that annoys me most about the current situation are the people who accuse me of being unpatriotic. What I frequently hear is that while I'm a pacifist, I should remember that this right is currently being protected by the very men and women whom I am undermining with my pacifism. Certainly I have a right to my opinion, but my choice to dissent makes me unpatriotic and unsupportive of the men and women in the American military.

I disagree. For one thing, I support those in our armed forces. One of my dearest friends is currently over there somewhere. My confirmation sponsor is also over there. So, why not? If I ever thought I loved, along with several other people who have made the greatest sacrifice, that doesn't mean I support this use of it.

Secondly, and more importantly, I'm tired of people operating under the assumption that American patriotism means agreeing with everything that our country does. I speak for all the people of Ireland, and what made the greatest impact on me was the opportunity to see America from the outside, to see how we look from afar. The answer is that from afar, we don't look infallible.

Despite the belief of many in the United States, God isn't American.

We aren't divinely ordained by God to go forth and solve the world's problems unilaterally. Everything that God does is automatically right because God defines it. But what the United States does is not automatically right because we aren't God, we aren't divinely blessed, and we aren't infallible.

Outside of America, there isn't an assumption that the United States is God's special country. If you live in Ireland, I think you sort of suspect that God may secretly favor Ireland, and I think most people from most countries feel that way. But here in America, we've taken our wealth to be a blessing from God and our power as a sign that He likes us better than everyone else.

We claim in our pledge that we are "one nation, under God," but I fear that far too often we place ourselves in the position of the one, of being unpatriotic.

Marylana Sommecker
Here We Go Again...

Letter to the Editor

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March 19
Weinstein was right. The film would have been run out of every theater in middle America if it had arrived after 9/11.

Time passed. The nation has forged ahead in its battles, Arnold Schwarzenegger's "Collateral Damage" let us all go out and vicariously shoot some terrorists, and we can even play a few special-ops video games that let us pretend to go out and extract some vengeance. Yet, "The Quiet American" remained unreleased. It was destined to die a slow, quiet death in the theaters after the Oscar season ended.

Through some powerful maneuvering by the film's star, Michael Caine, and rave reviews at the Toronto Film Festival, the film has gotten released and brought an Academy Award nomination for Caine. The film is finally getting the attention it deserves because, as is thoroughly worthwhile and timely, it outclasses some of the most critically lauded films of the year.

Based on Graham Greene's novel of the same name, the film is set in Saigon two years before the French defeat that was the harbinger of U.S. intervention. Caine plays Thomas Fowler, a jaded British journalist who hides behind the facade of journalistic objectivity but mainly spends his time with his Vietnamese mistress. Caine plays the role of the haggard, self-enveloped journalist to perfection. The weathered actor seems to intrinsically understand the role and settles into it almost organically. Caine's performance is the major part of what makes the film so enjoyable.

It would seem that the addition of Brendan Fraser playing Alden Pyle, an American on a supposed humanitarian mission could only detract from Caine's authoritative performance. Yet Fraser reminds us of his acting ability that has hidden itself in his cartoonish roles such as "Dudley Do-Right" and "George of the Jungle." His performance of the brash, idealistic American plays well against Caine's persona. Even those larger than life tendencies that are conjured up when Fraser's character bounds around the streets of Vietnam wearing a baseball cap and trailing his dog name Duke seem to enhance the scope of the American character.

The conflict of the film ensues when Alden Pyle falls in love with Fowler's mistress and aims to take her away with offers of a better, more respectable life. The two men's differing ideologies begin to clash as they each try to win the Vietnamese beauty. As the violence in Vietnam escalates, and it begins to become clear that Pyle might not be just a naive humanitari­an, the lines between romance and pol­itics become muddied. The love triangle of the film becomes a prophetic allegory of the United States', specifically the CIA's, involvement in the Vietnam conflict.

The film relies heavily on Greene's original text to help create the subtle exploration of the politics of the con­flict. For example, the film opens with a voice-over by Caine meditating on the "lure of Vietnam" that is bury­ed from the novel. We are entranced by Caine's subtle intona­tion as we watch military firefighters explode over a nighttime panorama of a Saigon river. This moment sets the tone and characterizes the whole film.

For the most part, the director, Philip Noyce, is able to maintain this contemplative tone throughout the film. He is helped enormously by the cinematogra­phy, which paints Saigon and Vietnam with lush colors.

There are a few points, however, where the pacing and editing of the film seem more reminiscent of Noyce's less thoughtful films like "Clear and Present Danger" and "Patriot Games." In fact, although the film runs at two-hours already, the film could use a longer running time to let things develop at a more suitable pace. A few jumpy transitions in the work probably hint that there were signific­ant portions of the film lost in the final edit.

Perhaps extra time could have let the film develop more fully some of the Vietnamese characters. It is a little problematic that the native characters fade to the background as the entangle­ment of Fowler and Pyle increases. However, the film gets away with it because it in many ways represents the way the nation as a whole was treated during the international imperialist jockeying.

American aid worker Alden Pyle (Brendan F. Fraser) meets Fowler's beautiful young Vietnamese mistress. Michael Caine's performance as a London Times correspondent in Saigon who is resentful of American colonialism is a major part of the film's effectiveness.
Whatever failings the film might have, it still retains the thoughtful criticism of the CIA involvement in Vietnam prior to the entrance of U.S. troops. Greene's book proved to be extremely prophetic in foretelling the consequences of the war. The film retains some of this foreboding tone at the onset of another conflict.

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Christopher Guest: Master of the documentary

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When it comes to deadpan humor, no one is quite the same as Christopher Guest. You may need a sense of humor drier than a desert to appreciate the humor of the documentary. Guest has a keen eye for seeing where the everyday begins to border on the ridiculous, and exploits it to the fullest extent. Guest's early work in obscure films and made-for-TV movies did little to showcase his talent or bring him fame. His first appearance was in a 1979 revival of "Room Service" on Broadway, and he starred in "Moonchildren" two years later. He didn't get a break into bigger show business until 1982, when he worked with Rob Reiner on the made-for-TV movie "Million Dollar Infidel."

The year after working with Reiner for the first time, Guest began work on the mock-documentary "This Is Spinal Tap." Guest co-authored the script and starred in the movie as Spinal Tap founder and lead guitarist Nigel Tufnel. The script, written to imitate a documentary, followed the course of a formely popular sensationalist hair band into their later years when wearing spandex doesn't seem quite as cool and the Prince-of-Darkness image doesn't quite fly. The character of Nigel Tufnel, who doesn't seem to have quite recovered from the drug phase of his first tours, remains one of Guest's more famous performances.

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Guest's 2000 production "Best in Show," another successful satire, features the problems, quirks and extreme pride of the owners of prize-winning dogs through the course of the prestigious Mayflower dog show. As always, Guest's characters are ridiculous precisely because they take themselves so seriously.

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Director Profile

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Artest commits 8th flagrant foul of season

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It took only five seconds for Ron Artest to hurt himself and cause a team to lose. It took another five seconds afterward to tip off, then scored 18 points as the Indiana Pacers cruised to a 102-72 victory over the Boston Celtics on Wednesday night.

Artest now faces a two-game suspension, though, again, he insisted he wouldn't change the aggressive way he plays.

"As long as I don't hurt nobody, I'm happy," Artest said.

The Pacers desperately needed the win, only their third in the last 16 games. They finished the season series against Boston tied 2-2 and moved within one game of second place in the Eastern Conference.

Boston's Paul Pierce went up for a layup after a fast-break decision and was slapped hard on the head from behind by Artest. "I don't think they're picking on me, but I don't think it was a friendly tap," Pierce said.

Artest has been suspended twice already for exceeding the maximum number of flagrant foul points. If the league doesn't overturn his foul, he will miss Friday's game against Memphis and Saturday's against Atlanta. He was supposed to return until next Wednesday against Milwaukee.

"I don't know how the league thinks," he said.

The Pacers are 4-7 without Artest in the lineup. He's missed one game with an injury.

Coach Isiah Thomas said Artest's pattern of erratic behavior continues to be noticed by the officials. Thomas said Artest's actions "are inexcusable, a very bad self-judgment by him through his actions.

Artest stayed in the game and helped the Pacers roll to their second consecutive win in a week. Reggie Miller scored 11 of his 13 points in the first quarter and Artest added seven as the Pacers opened a 16-point lead.

Magic 109, Heat 93

Miami's game plan against Tracy McGrady worked — but only for 19 minutes.

McGrady didn't have a field goal and scored only three points in the first 19 minutes, but he finished with 36 points and nine assists as the Magic won 109-93.

The Heat's plan against the NBA's leading scorer was basic: keep the ball away from him by every game he touched the ball and make everybody else be the hero.

"I saw something in Tracy McGrady that I haven't seen in a long time," Heat coach Stan Van Gundy said. "He made everybody on the court better. Our game plan was to take him out of the offense and he still got 36 points.

"I was just moving the ball and creating my teammates," McGrady said. "Miami was double- teaming us and my guys were knocking down shots. I was just making the game easy.

"I was content for a while to be the playmaker for teammates Pat Garrity and Gordon Giricek, who each had 18 points. Garrity hit four 3-pointers and Giricek two as the Magic went 12-30 from beyond the arc.

"The points that Garrity and Giricek got, a lot of it was attributed to McGrady hitting guys with passes right on the money," the Heat's Van Gundy said. "He was so smooth. It never forced him. He kept getting off the ball and he knew his shots would come. That, to me, is a guy really a handle on the game.

The Heat, who lost their fourth straight and seventh in their last eight games, were led by Caron Butler's 20 points.

Raptors 87, Hawks 86

Vince Carter scored a win over the Atlanta Hawks prove the Toronto Raptors have pride.

Carter made two free throws with 3.7 seconds left as Toronto ended its six-game losing streak with a victory over the Hawks.

Carter finished with 27 points for the Raptors, who played their last home game after a 6,500 trip road.

You guys look at it as if we have nothing to lose. We don't, at the same time that's not a reason to quit, Carter said.

"We are playing for a lot. We are playing for pride, we are playing for a season.

Atlanta's Ira Newble fouled Carter as he threw up a desperation hook shot. The shot missed badly, but Carter made the free-throw that decided it, 87-86 lead. Shareef Abdur-Rahim couldn't get a shot off in the final buzzer sounder.

I thought Carter got bailed out on that last call," Atlanta coach Terry Stotts said. "It was a tough rough to end the game.

Carter didn't expect to get the call.

"I was so surprised I had to throw down to get the free throws," Carter said.

Good shot goes. We've got to go and rebound. We'll be 19-19 from the field and 8-for-8 from the free throw line in the fourth quarter.

Grizzlies 128, Cavaliers 101

Paul Gasol scored 28 points and Jason Williams added 16 points and 16 assists Wednesday night as the Memphis Grizzlies defeated the Cleveland Cavaliers 128-101.

Six Grizzlies scored in double figures as Memphis won for the seventh time in eight games. Memphs shot 61 percent from the floor.

The game was delayed 15 minutes because of a power outage in the first quarter behind a pair of three-point plays by Gasol. Gasol scored an 11-2 run late in the quarter, including 15 straight for an 18- point lead.

Memphis never recovered, trailing by as many as 22 in the first half and 30 in the fourth quarter.

Mike Miller also scored 16 points while Wesley Person and Shane Battier added 14 each.

Carloo Boozer, the league's leading field goal shooter among rookies (53 percent), shot 12-of-15 from the field to lead the Cavaliers with 27 points. Boozor grabbed 12 rebounds. Darius Miles scored 18 points, and Jumaine Jones finished with 15.

Cleveland, which has the league's worst record (12-59), has lost 15 of 17.

Memphis, as it had done during its six-game winning streak, shot well from the field. The Grizzlies hit 61 percent in the first half, including 5-of-8 from 3-point range, while Cleveland shot 47 percent and was hindered by 11 turnovers.

The Cavaliers made a run early in the second half, led by Zydrunas Ilgauskas's 11 points in the first six minutes, to close to 82-77. Memphis would even the game at 87-87 with 1:05 left.

Horsetos 101, Knicks 96

Jamaal Maghan scored 25 points and 11 rebounds in his first start in nearly two months Wednesday night. The New York Knicks defeated the New Jersey Nets 101-96 Wednesday night.

Maghan finished off his scoring with clutch free throws. Maghan hit 10 of 12 free throws in a week.

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Gag order placed on Rix

Florida State coach Bobby Bowden placed a gag order on quarterback Chris Rix on Tuesday, forbidding the Seminoles' starter to talk to the media for the entirety of spring practice.

Bowden has said Rix let the team down when he was suspended for January's Nokia Sugar Bowl after missing a final exam. Rix enters the spring as the Seminoles' lone healthy and experienced quarterback.

"I want him to win the respect of the players back and not be a spokesman right now," Bowden said. "It is time to win the team back."

Benched for four games last season following a 34-24 loss to Notre Dame, Rix returned to start a 31-14 victory in the season finale against Florida before missing the Sugar Bowl. A 26-13 loss to Georgia.

Rix was just one Florida State quarterback to have discipline problems last sea­son. Adrian McPherson, who took over at quarterback when Rix was benched, was kicked off the team in November amid stealing and gambling charges.

Bowden has decided to bring back players from past teams to talk to this year's players. Florida State had a string of 14 straight 10-win seasons snapped in 2000 and has gone just 17-9 over the last two seasons.

Former Seminole and cur­rent Philadelphia Eagles defensive tackle Corey Simon spoke to the team before practice Tuesday. Bowden said Simon, an All-American with Florida State in 1999, would not be the last player invited to speak this spring.

"We plan to bring in some of the guys that went through the great years," Bowden said. "It means a little bit more hearing it from a for­mer player than hearing it from a coach all the time."

Miami unsure who will replace Dorsey

CORAL GABLES, Fla. — Derrick Crudup took the first snap of Miami's spring practice Tuesday, beginning the team's search to replace Ken Dorsey.

But willCrudup take the first snap next season?

Florida transfer Brock Berlin, sophomore Marc Guillot and freshman Kyle Wright figure to push Crudup for the starting job at "Quarterback U," where Dorsey broke just about every school and Big East passing record.

"I feel like it's my job," Crudup said. "I've been here long enough and I've worked hard enough and I've progressed well from my freshman year. I think it's my job. I feel real confident. I could feel it when we broke the huddle. I feel like I am the man, and I know I am the man.

"Time will tell," Coach Larry Coker said. "I've been here long enough and I've worked hard enough and I've progressed well from my freshman year. I think it's my job. I feel real confident. I could feel it when we broke the huddle. I feel like I am the man, and I know I am the man.

 Crudup, a 6-foot-1 junior from nearby Deerfield Beach, spent the last two seasons as Dorsey's backup. In 15 games, he hasn't thrown an interception. Of course, he hasn't thrown much, either.

Berlin, a 6-1 junior who left Florida in January 2002, sat out last season under NCAA transfer rules and has two years of eligi­bility remaining.

Many Miami fans believe Berlin is the most talented of the quarterbacks and will become the starter.

Guillot, a 6-1 Californian who played at the same high school as Dorsey, threw a 39-yard touchdown pass on his first at­tempt as a freshman last sea­son. He is the least-hyped of the four quarterbacks.

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Redskins outbid Jets for Coles

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The New York Jets say the Washington Redskins overpaid for Laveranues Coles. The Redskins say they were just doing good business.

The Jets reluctantly let receiver Coles go Wednesday, declining to match the Redskins' seven-year, $35 million offer — including a $13 million bonus — for a restricted free agent coming off a breakout season.

"It is extremely rare for a team to offer more than a player asks," Jets general manager Terry Bradway said. "In this case, it did happen. We did not expect that to happen."

The Jets will receive Washington's first-round draft pick — No. 13 overall — as compensation.

"We feel this is the best decision for our football team, in the short term and the long term," Bradway said. "We needed the Redskins for overpaying for Coles and another Jets player, unrestricted free agent guard Esero Thomas, who received a seven-year, $28 million deal this month."

Washington owner Dan Snyder has set new salary standards for coaches and players since he bought the Redskins in 1999, paying coach Steve Spurrier $5 million a year and assembling a $100 million roster for a team that went 8-8 three years ago.

Spokesman Karl Swanson said Snyder was not available to comment Wednesday. Vice president of football operations Joe Mendes defended the offer to Coles.

"The one thing that is historically true is that you have to pay more for a player to leave," Mendes said.

The Redskins this year have spent more than $27 million in signing bonuses on 11 free agents, nine unrestricted and two restricted, and traded for running back Trung Canidate.

They've restructured the contracts of four players to get under this year's salary cap, shuffling the numbers in a way that could set themselves up for serious cap trouble in future years. It's a constant juggling act, with the needs of today as it relates to borrowing against the future," Mendes said. "We feel like we have a good handle on it to make a nice run."

Coles became the third Jets player to wind up in Washington this winter, joining Thomas and kicker John Hall. The Redskins also tried to get Jets kick returner Chad Morton, but New York matched Washington's five-year, $8 million offer for the restricted free agent last week.

There are unresolved matters concerning the Coles and Morton contracts. The NFL is investigating whether the Redskins violated rules by not informing the league promptly after Coles agreed to an offer sheet, which could result in a fine or the loss of a draft pick.

The Jets are awaiting a possible ruling on whether they have to resubmit their matching offer to Morton because of the way the contract's structure.

The Jets have to replace a receiver who caught 89 passes for 1,264 yards in his third NFL season. They have had extended talks with unrestricted free agent Curtis Conway.

For now, the team's starters will be Wayne Chrebet and Santana Moss, a 2001 first-round pick who has been slowed by injuries.

Bradway said the Jets are interested in packaging their two first-round choices — they have the 22nd overall — for better position in April 26 draft. The top receivers are Charles Rogers of Michigan State and Andre Johnson of Miami, and they are expected to go early.

NFL considering playoff expansion

Associated Press

NEW YORK

The NFL is considering a proposal made by the New England Patriots and Kansas City Chiefs to expand the playoffs by two wild-card teams.

However, like the dozens of proposals submitted annually by teams and individuals before the NFL meetings, it probably will not be enacted this year because it takes only nine of the 32 teams to defeat it.

Under the proposal, the playoffs would increase next season from six teams to seven for each conference with only the team with the best record in each conference getting a first-round bye. It is being considered by the league's competition committee, which is split on the idea, an indication that getting it through is unlikely.

The meetings are March 23-26 in Phoenix.

When the league voted in June 2001 to go from six divisions to eight, it decided to continue with 12-team playoffs. At that time, commissioner Paul Tagliabue and other top officials said the NFL wanted to see how the system worked before changing it.

Under the new format, teams play only six of their 16 games within their divisions, leaving open the possibility that a weak division could be won by a team with a record of 8-8 or 7-9.

Because there are now just two wild-card teams instead of three, that leaves open the possibility that a team with a winning record could miss the playoffs while a .500 team makes it.

That happened in 1985, when Cleveland won the AFC Central at 8-8 while Denver (11-5) missed the postseason.

In that year, only five teams made the playoffs from each conference.

But the six teams that made the playoffs from each conference in the first season of the eight-division format were the six with the best records.

Among other items to be discussed at the meetings is a proposal to change the overtime system to allow both teams a shot at the ball. That idea, which had considerable support with a record number of overtime games in the regular season, seems to have lost momentum in the two months since.

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Woods and Els face off at Bay Hill Invitational

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. - Tiger Woods and Ernie Els are rivals again, even if the world's two best golfers haven't made eye contact in nearly five months and have rarely been within 6,000 miles of each other.

That will change this week in the Bay Hill Invitational, where both are playing for the first time this year in a 72-hole tournament.

If they happen to meet Sunday in the final round, even better.

Golf has been craving a high-powered rival for Woods ever since he left Els and everyone else in his wake five years ago.

The Easy Big eyes this not as a second chance, but perhaps his last chance.

"My expectations have risen a little bit in the last year or two, and I just feel that if I don't step up now, I probably never will," Els said. "I'm at a time in my career where I've got to really go for it, or I'm not going to do it at all."

He is showing plenty of game.

Els, who has finished second to Woods more than any other player (six times), stopped Woods' bid for a Grand Slam by winning the British Open at Muirfield, and he has been gaining momentum at every turn.

He won the first two PGA Tour events in Hawaii. He won twice the past two months after knee surgery, he has won twice in three tournaments, including the Match Play Championship.

"That was too unexpected," Els said. "The guy is a true champion. He doesn't want to let go of the gap he's got on us."

Next up is Bay Hill, where Woods will try to become the first player since Walter Hagen in the PGA Championship (1924-25) to win the same tournament four years in a row. No one has ever won the same stroke-play tournament four consecutive years.

I like my chances because I like to compete," Woods said.

Bay Hill is where the Woods-Els rivalry first began to emerge five years ago.

Woods won his first major at the 1997 Masters by a record 12 strokes. Els answered by winning his second U.S. Open.

Woods made up 11 strokes over the final 36 holes—including an eight-stroke deficit in the final round—to beat Els in a playoff at the Johnnie Walker Classic in Thailand. Six weeks later, Els was 12 strokes better than Woods in a 36-hole Sunday win to Bay Hill.

The 32-year-old Els began having problems with his back, and later questioned his desire. Woods, 27, surged on to create a gap that might be the widest in golf.

He became the first player to win four straight professional majors, an awesome stretch in which he won eight out of 11 of golf's biggest tournaments. He is No. 1 in the world for the 187th consecutive week, another record.

During that time, Woods dispatched David Duval and Phil Mickelson as potential threats, while claiming there were too many good players to have a single challenge.

Their showdowns have been riveting.

About three months earlier at Disney, Woods beat Els by one stroke when the South African three-putted for bogey on the 71st hole.

Last year at Doral, Els had an eight-stroke lead going into the final round and nervously watch Woods get within one stroke before Els closed him out.

"It's pretty tough right now for anyone to rival Tiger," Arnold Palmer said. "But certainly, Ernie Els is a man who when I first saw him play golf, I thought he would be that man who could be a rival for anyone that ever played the game. I still give him that chance."

There is no guarantee they will be in the final group late Sunday afternoon at Bay Hill. Although the course is long and tough with firm greens, and it favors the power game that Woods and Els embrace.

It's the first time they have played in a stroke-play tournament together since the Tour Championship last year in Atlanta, and neither of them was a factor.

"Until somebody beats Tiger, I'm not sure there's any rivalry," Scott Hoch said. "But I think (Els) is the best of anybody else right now. Both of them have very impressive records this year. They are by far the best two in the game."

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Associated Press

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MLB

Indians replace Brown with Willis as pitching coach

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Bruins fire Ftorek after disappointing season end

The Bruins fire Ftorek as coach in 18 years. The team has also played for two seasons before taking over as head coach of the Devils in 1998-99. He lasted two seasons there before he was fired with eight games to go in the '99-'00 season. New Jersey went on to win the Stanley Cup under Larry Robinson.

As a player, Ftorek spent five seasons in the WHA, where he was MVP in 1977 before joining the Quebec Nordiques of the NHL as a free agent in 1979. He also played for the New York Rangers in a six-year NHL career. He finished with 77 goals and 150 assists in the NHL and 216 goals and 307 assists in the WHA.

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White finds a new home in San Diego

Associated Press

PIERBA, Ariz. - Outfielder Rondell White has a place to play following his trade from the New York Yankees to the San Diego Padres for outfielder Bubba Trammell and minor league left-hander Mark Phillips on Wednesday.

More importantly, the Padres cleared approximately $5 million from the books for 2004.

The trade came less than two weeks after Padres left fielder Phil Nevin had surgery on his dislocated left shoulder, which likely will cause him to miss the season.

White was sent to the Padres Wednesday for outfielder Bubba Trammell and minor league left-hander Mark Phillips of the New York Yankees.

White finds a new home in San Diego

White will play left field and bat fifth, providing protection for Ryan Klesko. Trammell had been scheduled to play right field, but rookie Xavier Nady is now the front-runner to start there instead of to left.

White, 31, was a disappointment in his first season with the Yankees, getting hurt during spring training and failing to regain his swing until late in the season, when he was injured again. He batted .260 with 14 homers and 62 RBIs.

White had little room for him following the signing of Japanese star Hideki Matsui, who figures to play left field.

"It’s good and bad. I’m going to miss the guys," White said in Tampa, Fla.

White makes $5 million this year and is eligible for free agency after the season.

Trammell, a former New York Mets star, is at war - the only time since World War II - the only time since World War II - the only time since World War II - the only time since World War II - the only time since World War II has the tournament been canceled.

The Masters was canceled for 1943-45 because of World War II - the only time since World War II - the only time since World War II - the only time since World War II - the only time since World War II - the only time since World War II the tournament was canceled. Augusta National plans to go forward with the year's first major tournament and will monitor political developments, spokesman Glenn Greenspan said.

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The teams were scheduled to leave Wednesday for games March 25-26 at the Tokyo Dome.

"Given the uncertainty that now exists throughout the world, we believe the safest course of action for the players involved and the many staff personnel who must work the games is to reschedule the opening series," commissioner Bud Selig said. "It would be unfair and terribly unsettling for them to be half a world away - away from their families at this critical juncture."

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Willingham names new grad assistants

By appointment specifically with defensive line coach Greg Mattison. A native of Youngstown, Ohio, Durkin comes to Notre Dame after serving as the defensive ends coach and a graduate assistant coach at Bowling Green State University the past two seasons.

While at Bowling Green, the Falcons were 9-3 in 2002 and were ranked in the top 20 of both major polls. In 2001, the Bowling Green defense was first in the conference in total defense, as well as four other major defensive categories.

Krulder as graduate assistant coach at Bowling Green State after serving as the defensive ends coach and a graduate assistant coach at Bowling Green State University the past two seasons.

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Hockey

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(20 goals, 15 assists).

The goaltenders will almost certainly come into play in this game, with Irish sophomore Morgan Cey working on a two-game shutout streak. His Ohio State counterpart, Betz, only allowed two goals in the Buckeyes’ first round sweep of Nebraska Omaha.

The Buckeyes have only one loss in the last 10 meetings against the Irish, posting a record of 6-1-3. They have not lost to Notre Dame since a 2-1 overtime Irish victory in Columbus on February 5, 2000.

If the Irish defeat the Buckeyes, they will face No. 1 Ferris State in the semifinal round on Friday.

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**Irish see formidable opponent in Panthers**

By JOE HETTLER  
Sports Editor

INDIANAPOLIS

All week leading up to his team's game against Wisconsin-Milwaukee in the first round of the NCAA Tournament, Irish coach Mike Brey was confused when he read the sports section of a newspaper. He was turned on to ESPN.

"If you do a double take a couple times in print and in TV," Brey said. "I thought we were the 12 seed."

While Notre Dame (22-9) might still be the fifth seed in the West Region, Brey understated that his Irish are facing a very formidable opponent when they oppose the No. 12 Panthers (24-7) Thursday night at 9:40 p.m. EST. Despite the fact that the Panthers are making their first NCAA appearance, they will be anything but easy wins for the Irish.

"We have an unbelievable challenge in Wisconsin-Milwaukee," Brey said. "I'm so impressed with their basketball team. They're very good. So we have to be very respectful.

The Panthers, who won the Horizon League Tournament by beating Butler 69-62 in the East Regional, relied on outside shooting, pressing and their opponent's two best players, Gay Tucker and Dyhan Page, to win a school-record-tying 24 games.

Tucker has been the cornerstone for Wisconsin-Milwaukee, winning almost every Horizon League accolade, including Tournament MVP, first team league selection and all-defensive league selection. He also averaged 18.3 points and five rebounds per game for the Panthers.

Page had a breakout season, upping his scoring average from 6.1 points per game during a sophomore campaign to 17.2 this season. He also made the all-tournament team and was a first-team league selection.

Wisconsin-Milwaukee coach Bruce Pearl said his team is confident, but that they have not seen what it's like to play in front of the nation.

"They have not stepped on the court yet for an arena the size of the arena and the size of Notre Dame," Pearl said. "I do think they're confident. We are not sure of the outcome, but we will make sure we score the opportunity that we have been provided in playing in the NCAA Tournament."

Meanwhile, the Irish are hoping to win their third straight first round NCAA tournament game and then advance past the second round after losing the past two years there. The Irish beat Xaiver in 2001 and Charlotte in 2002. But the Irish failed to make the Sweet Sixteen in both seasons. This year's squad hopes that trend won't repeat itself and wants to focus on just Thursday's game for the Panthers.

"This group talked about taking the next step all summer. We want to play on the [NCAA] bracket," Brey said. "...To be a good team you must find a way to win games against teams that will give you their best shot."

Wisconsin-Milwaukee expects to do just that to Notre Dame. Tucker believes his team can not only compete with the Irish, but pull off the upset.

"It doesn't matter if they take us seriously or lightly," Tucker said. "If they don't take us seriously, they'll have a problem on their hands. If they do take us seriously, they'll still have a problem on their hands."

Despite losing four of their last five games, Brey said his team is refreshed from a week off and ready for the challenges the tournament will present.

"It is a new season now. In the past two seasons, we've been on both ends of the spectrum heading into the tournament, and both times we've played strong," Brey said. "When we get to the court, we know we're starting with a clean slate."

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**COACHING**

**STYLE OF PLAY**

**POST PLAYERS**

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**NOTRE DAME**

Under Brey, the Irish have always played with a certain style of play, but this team is round the tournament. The challenge for the third-year Irish coach is to deal with the psyche of a team that has lost four of its last five games.

Notre Dame's philosophy is simple - reach the Sweet Sixteen and hope they can get enough stops on defense. The veteran 3-point shooters have been the backbone of the Irish all season long.

Francis is coming off his best game of the year, but the freshman will have to step up his play in tournament time. Cornette and Timmermans have done little for the Irish lately.

Although the Irish lack the depth they entered previous tournaments with, Notre Dame still has a decent cast off the bench. However, they've had relatively little impact in recent weeks.

Success in the NCAA Tournament depends on leadership, and the Irish have plenty of it. Playing close to home might give them a slight advantage, as well. One key issue will be how Thomas handles playing in his hometown.

**WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE**

In just his second season with the Panthers, Paul Tschupp has been named Coach of the Year by the Horizon League twice. He also won a Division II national title at Southern Indiana in 1995.

The Panthers rely heavily on a fast break to disrupt opposing offenses. In order to score those points, they need to slow the game down - and they average 77 a game.

Only two players on the Panthers roster were taller than 6-foot-9, but 6-foot-8 Page can be a powerful force to deal with. Page earned first-team all-Horizon League honors by averaging 17.7 points and 6.5 rebounds.

The Panthers have a beak of a player in Tucker. Four other players average double-digit scoring for Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and the Panther perimeter shooters 35 percent from 3-point range.

Pearl isn't shy about using bunches of players - and players that can contribute in many ways. Plus, the Panthers have a bunch of veteran players who have seen lots of playing time.

In all but one year since 1985, at least one No. 12 seed has beat a No. 5 seed. The Panthers hope to be a team that can contribute to that trend. While they are veteran, they have yet to play in a Tournament game.

**ANALYSIS**

This is the first NCAA Tournament appearance for Pearl Brey, meanwhile, is a legend in his own time, has years of experience, and knows the game. The Panthers have a team that he believes has a chance to win.

The Irish rely on their defense all season long, so Brey is not falling in love with how they'll handle the Panthers. Brey virtually everyone on Notre Dame's team can handle the ball well.

It might be one of the first times that Notre Dame actually could have an advantage on the court in the season. Francis is raw, but could easily be a force inside for the Irish depending on how he fares against Page.

Notre Dame's shoddy defense could spell trouble against a hot-shooting team like the Panthers. While there's no doubting Notre Dame's ability to keep pace with the Irish, there's no indication the Panthers have what it takes to win.

With all the talk of a No. 5 beating a No. 12, Brey and the Irish are starting to feel like the underdog. Their steady leadership and Tournament experience should give them an edge tonight.
Thomas returns home to Indy for NCAA tournament

By ANDREW SOUKUP Sports Writer

Indianapolis

Success linked to leadership

The players have stayed up late since they arrived in Indianapolis, and Brey said he had to keep them up late again the night before the game and let them sleep in come morning.

The team doesn't even have its shotaround until 2:00 a.m., more than an hour after the first game tips off at the RCA Dome.

"We need to keep them up late tonight and do some things to shorten the days up," Brey said. "Maybe my sense of humor can keep them loose during the pre-game meal."

Success in the dome

"Maybe it's coming from playing at a school known for a Golden Dome, but when the Irish play in domed arenas, they tend to do exceptionally well," Brey said. "In the Carrier Dome at Syracuse, the Irish lost 82-80 despite making 12 3-pointers. In fact, Notre Dame was nearly an accurate shooting from behind the arc (44.3%) as they were overall (46.3%)."

"A dome's a dome," Brey said. "We should have a good time in the Carrier Dome at Syracuse, and hopefully we'll be able to carry that over to here."

The RCA Dome also has some significance for Brey, who was an assistant at Duke in 1991, the Blue Devils won the national championship. "The atmosphere in the RCA arena has been a big plus for us, they haven't been back since."

"It's been fun. Not too many people come to the RCA Dome," Thomas said. "We need to be concerned entering tonight's game. They've lost four of their last five games, but they're averaging 87.4 points a game over that same span and now face an opponent at just as well from the perimeter as themselves."

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The Irish had been talking about shaving their heads throughout the latter part of the season, but it wasn't until the team was collectively gathered together in Thomas and Terran Jones' hotel room that the hair started to fall.

"Our spirits are up a lot now," Thomas said. "It was hard to do that before, when coach said, 'Keep your heads up,' and we were going down by 20 points." Thomas said he did most of the shaving himself — including his own head — which prompted Carroll to tell the sophomore point guard that if basketball didn't work out, he could always open a barber shop.

Nearly 24 hours before the first game tipoff, players were still in the locker room about the new hairstyles. The general consensus seemed to be that Francis and Jones looked the best, but smiling players revealed who looked the worst as they relaxed watching NIT games on television.

"You can watch the game on one TV, and on another TV over here, you have Dr. Evil," Carroll said, pointing at Thomas.

The focus in the locker room centered more on new haircuts than new opponents, closely paralleling Notre Dame's own approach to the Tournament.

While the Irish have devoted extensive time in practice on breaking the Panthers' full-court press, the players say they're more focused on playing their own style of basketball rather than adjusting to Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

"They're a great team, but at the same time, it's up to us playing our game," Thomas said. "We're not worried about how they're going to play, we're worried about how we're going to play."
MENS LACROSSE

Howell plays with a fire that ignites teammates

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

Matt Howell did not plan his career this way two years ago. Still, if it took until his junior season to prove what he could do, then that was what would happen.

Howell's the all-time career points record at his high school (232 points in three seasons) and viewed as an impact player from the beginning. Howell brought nothing but another quality veteran and scored one goal in his high school (232 points in three seasons) and viewed as an impact player from the beginning, Howell brought nothing but another quality player.

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Howell played in eight games as a freshman on an NCAA national semifinal team and scored one goal in a 16-6 win over Denver. As a sophomore, he made a promising debut and scored three goals in his first career start in a 10-9 overtime loss to Penn State.

An injury then sidelined Howell for almost the entire remainder of the season. He would play in only three games in 2002. This year, however, the 5'9, 150 pound junior attackman is playing with a fire that has not only raised him to the leading point man (22) on the Irish squad but has ignited a score of Notre Dame players to follow suit.

"Matt helps other people to raise their game," coach Kevin Corrigan said. "Howell has made his presence felt in all of the Irish's games thus far. In particular, the junior scored four goals and had two assists against then-No. 13 North Carolina and three goals and two assists against then-No. 23 Penn, both in Notre Dame victories.

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The assists category proves the junior's ability to get others involved and his unique value to the squad. "He's not a guy that relies so much on great physical ability," Corrigan said. "He does have good skills, but more than anything else he has a great sense of the game. He makes the play that has to be made. When a guy like him is out of the lineup, you miss what he contributes because this style of play is an infectious thing."

Howell has set the standard, and teammates, veteran and rookie, are stepping right up to join him. Freshman Patrick Walsh is the most noticeable, a quick attacker with seven goals and seven assists and a tremendous impact player on a potent offense.

Freshman Matt Karweck has scored six goals and notched one assist, and juniors Berger and Owen Mulford are key options, as well. Berger has the ability to dominate up front and has eleven goals. Mulford has contributed five goals and one assist.

The unselfish Irish attackmen and midfielders are feeding off of Howell's inspirational and intelligent play in the early stages of the 2003 season.

"He makes people around him play better. Missing a guy like him is like missing a guy and a half. I couldn't be happier that he's back and I'm looking forward to having him with us this year." Kevin Corrigan
Irish coach

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**MENS BASKETBALL**

Irish shave heads to create team unity

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS

When Mike Brey saw the first two of his players walk into the meeting room Wednesday morning, he noticed a pair of newly-shaven heads. “Nah, they couldn’t have all done it,” the Irish coach remembered thinking to himself.

But one by one, every Irish player walked into a room bald — a sign of team unity at a time when it is crucially needed.

“We talked about it before the Big East Tournament,” said Chris Thomas, the mastermind of the mass shaving. “It probably would have been a bad omen if we had.

“But with everything that’s going on around the world, we felt it would be a good sign of team unity and a way to support our brothers and sisters at the front.”

The bald heads are just one sign of how relaxed the No. 5 seed Irish appear to be heading into tonight’s first-round NCAA Tournament game against No. 12 seed Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

“We can’t play uptight, and if it helps them a bit, that’s fine,” Brey said. “They haven’t come after me yet, and somebody said, ‘What about you?’ If they guard people, I’ll do anything at this point.”

In spite of the joyal mood in the locker room Wednesday, few chuckled at Brey’s comment because his words have to play all three games against No. 12 seed Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

**HOCKEY**

Irish face Buckeyes in CCHA Super Six

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Sports Writer

The Irish enter the CCHA Super Six as the lowest seed in the tournament. That might be just the way they like it.

No. 6 Notre Dame was the only one of the Super Six teams to have to play all three games of the best-of-three series to win first round; the other five all swept their first round opponents in two games at home.

The Irish faced No. 3 seed Ohio State Thursday at 4:05 p.m. at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit. The Buckeyes are the highest-rated seed of the quarterfinal teams, as the top two seeds in the Super Six get a first-round bye.

The Buckeyes are currently on a five-game winning streak and are ranked No. 13 nationally.

During the regular season, the Irish faced the Buckeyes twice, both times at the Joyce Center. The Irish amassed a 0-1-1 record against the Buckeyes, with the tie coming after the Buckeyes scored a heartbreak- ing goal with just 4.7 seconds remaining to erase a 3-2 Irish lead.

In the other contest, Buckeye goaltender Mike Betz made 23 saves to backstop his team to a 2-0 shutout.

This will be the first ever meeting between the Buckeyes and the Irish in CCHA postseason play. Last season, Ohio State advanced to the Super Six semifinals before losing a 2-1 overtime nail-biter to Michigan. Northern Michigan defeated Notre Dame in the quarterfinal round 3-1.

The Buckeyes are a potent offensive team that features three first-round NHL draft picks in its center rotation and is ranked as the number one CCHA team offensively this season. Junior R.J. Umberger is the key to the Ohio State offense, leading the team with 52 points (25 goals, 27 assists) during the CCHA season.

By comparison, leading Irish scorer Rob Globe has 35 points.

**FENCING**

Severe weather postpones fencing matches

**Special to The Observer**

The NCAA Fencing Championships at the Air Force Academy’s Cadet Field House have been postponed to Saturday and Sunday, March 22-23, due to severe weather conditions.

The complete schedule of events follows below.

The event originally had been slated for a four-day schedule, March 20-23, with the mens competition now moving to the weekend schedule that will be expanded to daylong bouts from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The Academy Field House will also be at heightened security status and the event will be opened only to participants, officials, media representatives and people with a Department of Defense identification card.

Family members and other team supporters will be permitted to attend but they must contact their respective team to gain entrance to the Academy and the Championships.

Results will be available on the NCAA Web site at www.ncaasports.org and the Air Force Web site at www.airforcesports.com while the Notre Dame Sports Hotline will provide several updates on both days of competition at 574-631-3000.

The Irish are expecting their toughest competition to come from Ohio State, who sent 12 fencers, and Penn State, who sent 11 fencers. The Irish and the Buckeyes are the only two mens teams with 12 fencers representing.

Of the 12 fencers representing the Irish, none of them are first-time fencers. Last season the Irish had six first-time fencers.

The Irish mens fencing team will also be competing on Saturday and Sunday. The event will be crowded on Sunday.

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**SPORTS AT A GLANCE**

**MENS BASKETBALL**

**Notre Dame vs. Wisconsin-Milwaukee**

tonight, 9:40 p.m.

The 5th seeded Irish look for a victory against a difficult Panther squad.

**MENS LACROSSE**

Junior attacker Matt Howell has risen as Notre Dame’s leading scorer and inspirer his teammates to step up and play to his level.

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