U.S. forces attack Iraq

Associated Press

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 "disarm 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 Iraq's leaders were thought to be. U.S. officials offered a salvo.

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, 8:15ST, announcement 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."

He spoke using a U.S.-led 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.

"In my order, coalition forces attack Iraq."

The strikes were a failed attempt of an ambush at dawn.

The president's announcement marked the dawn of a new war.

The White House residence with first lady Laura Bush when his chief of staff, Andrew Card, called. Card informed the president that intelligence officials had no information that Saddam had left Iraq.

Early, Fleischer spoke of somber realities of war. "Americans ought to be prepared for loss of life," he said.

Extra security enclosed the executive mansion while aides inside whispered rumors of Iraqi defections and surrenders.

The president began his day with the usual briefing from FBI Director Robert Mueller and CIA Director George Tenet. He also met throughout the day with his war council, including Generals Wolfen, Vice President Dick Cheney, Secretary of State Colin Powell and National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice.

They reviewed the final details for war in Iraq, aides said, poring over weather forecasts and troop positions.

Bush also discussed battle plans by telephone with Prime Minister Tony Blair, who has promised 40,000 British troops to the Persian Gulf.

Bush sent Congress formal notice that he had determined "further diplomatic and other peaceful means alone" would "not be enough to contain the threat posed by Iraq." Bush has contended that Saddam possesses chemical and biological weapons that he could use.

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By HELENA PAYNE
Senior Staff Writer

Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., will address the Class of 2003 as the keynote speaker for the University of Notre Dame's 158th Commencement exercises on May 18.

Lugar, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, is in regular communication with the White House regarding the conflict with war, most recently meeting with President George W. Bush, the 2001 commencement speaker, on Monday.

"At a time when American foreign policy is going in dramatic new directions, we believe his vast experience in Iraq, depending on how it develops in the coming months."

The senator has a spectacular grasp of international relations. "I'm sure that will come up at some point," Weber said.

Lugar is chairing the Senate see SPEAKER/page 6

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Alcohol policy affects dorm life

- Hall staff report less alcohol in the dorms, more students off campus

Editor's Note: A year after Notre Dame announced the most significant alcohol policy changes in more than 20 years, said residence hall staff, there was "no indication whether the attack was successful."

By KATE NAGEN Gast
Senior Staff Writer

Rectors and resident assistants campus-wide agree that the alcohol policy introduced last 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 decrease in the number of reported cases of alcohol poisoning since hard alcohol was banned from the residence halls. Only 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." Rozum's claims are not without their critics. "I'm not claiming that there's no drinking going on," Rozum said. "...the only time we had an ambulance run it was for a hard 911 call that seems to be the biggest thing when students get sick, they seem to be able to handle it with wine and beer."

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Children's parents collect a lot of things that show their children's successes — trophies, medals, photographs, scholarships, letters, acceptance letters. They keep scrapbooks with grade school diplomas and tickets from honor dinners. They watch clips of winning passes in football games and sob in high school play. But when I called home the other night, I realized my parents were collecting something that wasn't quite as normal for most parents. As I was talking to my dad on the phone he reminded me that they were now up to their second or third book full of not only articles I had written over the last four years, but every mention of my name in the paper — that includes the little box in viewpoint that has 'Tuesday's Observer.' That's a lot of cutting out.

Don't think they do this just because my mom is a preschool teacher and wants some practice with her kid-proof scissors. Or that my dad, who works from home, needs a break from the basement. As he often reminds me, he has the dog for company.

But the truth is, they do it because they care enough to weed through all those pages of news about new alcohol policies, unknown speakers and losing teams to find articles that might just have my name under them. That's pretty amazing.

And I'm not even going into journalism. With a house full of Saint Mary's I'll hang up my journalist's notebook and my mini tape-recorder, I'll leave behind the football memories, the sports information contact lists, and I'll sign my name for the last time under an inside-column for The Observer. That will be the end.

But it won't be the end of the kind of care and dedication it takes to weed through all those pages. I learned one very big, very unexpected lesson this year. The lesson wasn't that people drift out of your world sometimes. That was a lesson I learned, but it wasn't the important one.

The lesson I truly learned was that there really are people in your life you can always count on. I learned that regardless of the entrance of new acquaintances and the exits of very old friends, there are people who will always, always be there. No matter what.

Sometimes those people come into your life unexpectedly. Sometimes they simply fall into your lap and even though you've only known them for a few months, you feel like you've been their kinds of people for years. And you're pretty sure that in five years, 10 years time that will still be the case.

Sometimes they are the people you live with. Sometimes they are the people you work with. But sometimes, most importantly, they are the people who sit at home when you are nearly 300 miles away, probably with your mind on anything but home, who are always thinking about you.

And cutting out your articles.

The pieces expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

Katie McVoy
Senior Staff Writer

Making a pie is one of the most rewarding things one can do. The process is simple, but the end result is delicious. Here are some tips and tricks to help you make the perfect pie.

**Ingredients**

- 1 9-inch pie crust
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 2 1/2 cups flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

**Instructions**

1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
2. In a large mixing bowl, combine sugar, flour, and salt.
3. In a separate mixing bowl, beat egg yolks until thick and lemon-colored.
4. Gradually add egg yolks and milk to the dry mixture, stirring well to combine.
5. Pour batter into a 9-inch pie shell and bake for 15 minutes.
6. Remove from oven and allow to cool completely.

**Servings**

Serves 8

**Nutritional Information**

Calories: 230

Fat: 8g

Carbohydrates: 35g

Protein: 3g
**ROTC: War talks helpful**

By MATT BRAMANTI

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 in a free republic, and part of its greatness is that people can express their opinions." Shelton and Lt. Col. David Mosinski, Army ROTC commander, both see discussions at Notre Dame as an extension of their own educational discussions at their respective academies.

"Our units are trained and ready to carry out whatever missions are assigned," said Lt. Col. David Mosinski, Army ROTC commander.

The officers downplayed that some might be possible that would leave and go to a sur face ship immediately," but that is very unlikely, Shelton said. "For the first two years, the risks of deploying are low," Gehri said. "We have had huge technological advances," he said. "There is a high chance that students great- ly benefit from and learn more when studying in groups rather than studying alone."

Lt. Col. David Mosinski, Army ROTC commander, emphasized the Navy's readiness for battle. "Our units are trained and ready to carry out whatever missions are assigned," he said, citing previous military successes in the Gulf, Kosovo and Afghanistan.

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**Student Senate**

Senators propose later weekly parietals

**Resolution to move ROTC Review also passes**

By MAUREEN REYNOLDS

Senators introduced two resolutions at their meeting Wednesday regarding parietals and the ROTC Presidential Pass in Review. The first resolution, passed unanimously by the Senate, dealt with extending weekday parietals. The resolution stated that the reasons for extending weekday parietals are that students often study with each other, and that parietals are a way to help students study because of the presence of televisions and other social activities. The resolution also stated that students should study with others, and that extending weekday parietals is not out of the picture.

Senators unanimously approved the Senate's extension of parietals as well, by 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. "There is a very good chance that students greatly benefit from and learn more when studying in groups rather than studying alone."

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"We've had four ambulance transports so far this year," Bright said. "That was fairly aversive to do a monitoring past - and each of those four incidents involved hard alcohol.

Bright became rector of McIlhenny in August when the alcohol policy changes first went into effect. Though she had no prior experience in Notre Dame residence halls, she said her own college experience, 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 skin experience their own vulnerability.

"Drinking on college campus 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, it's not good to drink 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 also 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 at 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 have 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 amount of time they spend in the hall community shifted where their focus has shifted away from alcohol this year. He said there have been considerably fewer social gatherings in the dorm and a decrease in dorm pride as a result.

"A lot of guys have spent a little more time off campus and taken chances with South Bend authorities ... but on the whole, freshmen don't place the same importance on alcohol," he said. "This is sometimes reflected in the amount of video games they play and the amount of time they spend in their own dorm rooms.

RAs in female dorms said, similar to past years, the majority of alcohol-related problems they encounter revolve around hall dances.

Angie Gubana, a Lewis Hall RA, and Andrea Johnson, an RA in Cavanaugh Hall, both said they have only confiscated hard alcohol from parties before hall dances. Generally, RAs agreed that under the new alcohol policy they are not required to search rooms for hard alcohol, but only to enter parties that draw attention and confiscate obvious violations.

"I have talked to the girls one-on-one and the freshmen who drink are pretty responsible about it," said Johnson. "I would say the majority of my freshmen are non drinkers, and if they are ... they're not only responsible for themselves, but for each other. They take good care of each other off campus."

Rectors and RAs agreed that overall drinking on or off campus is a matter of individual responsibility.

"I think people are making their own choice and I don't think it's tied to the policy," said Lewis. "High risk drinking is not a result of a University policy any more than it is the result of a broken relationship, a bad grade or even a 21st birthday. It's the result of an individual choice."

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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. U.S. military and Kuwaiti officials confirmed that the captives had surrendered around nightfall and were in the custody of Kuwait authorities. However, there was confusion about how many gave themselves up.

EU probes phone taps found in offices: The European Union revealed Wednesday that bugging devices were found on phone lines of several countries in the building used for EU consultations and summits, but denied a major security breach. The electronic lis­ tening devices were used to tap into the phone lines of France, Germany, Spain, Britain and Austria at the EU’s headquarters in Brussels. The taps were discovered Feb. 26 during regular security sweeps on phone lines but their existence wasn’t revealed until Wednesday.

IRAQ

U.S., Britain embark on Operation Iraqi freedom

The United States launched the opening salvo Wednesday night of a war to topple Saddam Hussein, firing cruise missiles and precision-guided bombs against targets in Baghdad.

"This will not be a campaign of half measures and we will accept no outcome but victory," President Bush said in an Oval Office address shortly after explosions ricocheted through the pre-dawn light of the Iraqi capital.

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 explosi­

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.

Another official said the strikes were not part of the opening of an attack, but rather an attempt to take advan­tages of the "time-sensitive" targets, meaning fresh intelligence on the whereabouts of Iraqi leaders.

Even so, it was clear from Bush’s words that the war to topple the Iraqi dictator and eliminate his weapons of mass destruction had begun.

An American-led invasion force of 300,000 troops awaited the broader order of strike. U.S. and British forces massed in the Kuwaiti desert close to the Iraqi border, giant B-52 warplanes were loaded with bombs and Tomahawk missile-carrying ships were in position, all awaiting an attack order from Bush.

Bush has given Saddam 48 hours to leave the country or face war.

Health officials disclose 11 U.S. cases of mystery illness

Prevention chief Dr. Julie Gerberding said the suspected U.S. cases are peo­

WHO said Wednesday.

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 mysterious bug in announcing the govern­ment’s plan to spend $100 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 paramyx­

or virus. First German, then Hong Kong doctors reported finding it in case specimens there. WHO said its labs will study other cases 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 Bush administration experts cautioned that it’s still too soon to be sure this is the culprit behind the mys­tery illness.

"The laboratories that have identi­fied this virus have not yet done laborato­ries," Gerberding said. "But we don’t at this point know what it means.

The virus in these patients’ nasal passages, she said, and "it hasn’t yet been identified from any iso­lations or from any laboratory speci­mens that would directly implicate it as the cause of the illness.”

Paramyxo virus is from a virus group that includes common childhood ill­nesses, such as mumps and measles.
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Foreign Relations Committee for the second time. He was also the chair between 1984 and 1986. Weber said Lugar is dedicated to keeping the committee the most active in Congress. The full committee currently meets between three and five times a week. During Lugar's 27 years, it has tackled the issues of the Korean peninsula, the war on terrorism, embassy security and the foreign operations bill.

"The senator has been involved in a myriad of issues," Weber said.

Lugar plans to speak at other commencement ceremonies this spring, including his alma mater, Denison University in Ohio, where he majored in economics.

The Indiana senator graduated from Denison at the top of his class and attended Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar.

Weber said.

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the dorm held one dance at the LaFortune Ballroom before 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 fewer.

"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 for other venues.

"Our contention was that it was just too
too pricey," Davidson said.

Jim Lewis, the rector of
Carroll Hall, agreed with Lewis on the success of this
year's dances.

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Dances harder to plan post policy change

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

Because of a lack of enthusi­
am, Goyal said the dorm had to
reschedule its first dance for
another date and had difficul­
ty getting stu­
dents to attend.

"We forced people to go. Freshmen
were not interested," he said. "We generally have two
dances now."

Goyal said he was also con­
cerned about how the dorm
would fund its dances even with
the additional $1,000 provided by 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 assist­
ant in Badin Hall, said her
dorm experienced some prob­
lems planning for their dances.

One of their dances was sup­
pended to be held in the South
Dining Hall, but the same room
had been double-booked.

"We ended up having to can­
cel the dance," she said.

At both of the dances Badin had
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 Palme-Ball, presi­
dent of Siegfried Hall. "One of the recom­
mandations that I've made to Hall.

Presidents Council is that [the
University] increase that
$1,000."

Marcus Harvey, one Farley Hall's
dance commissioners, also felt
that having dances out of the
dorms strained her hall's
finances.

"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 attend­
dance was down for Farley's
dances, often with less than 50
percent participation.

Palme-Ball said he saw a
lack of enthusiasm for the dances in Siegfried. "The fresh­
men were really hard to motiv­
eate at the beginning of the year."

Joe Reimer, assistant rector for Carroll Hall, felt that dances
had gone fairly well for his

"It seemed like the students
had a good time," he said.

Reimer said that the dorm
rented buses to transport stu­
dents from the dorm to the
clubhouse at the Warren Golf
Course. At Carroll's dances, Reimer
said there were many major
problems with students drink­
ing or becoming sick.

"For us drinking hasn't been
a big problem," Reimer said.

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DETROIT

Toyota Motor Corp., Japan's top automaker and a leading player in the U.S. market, said Wednesday it will stop TV advertising on the major networks for an indefinite period in the event of war with Iraq. The other top automakers, who rank among the biggest advertising spenders in the United States, say they'll make most decisions on television advertising if and when the fighting starts.

"We'll probably put things on hold for as long as a week, then re-evaluate and start to reinstate our advertising depending on circumstances and the progress of the war," said Toyota spokesman Mike Michels.

At the start of war coverage there generally is not a lot of availability for television advertising as networks pull ads in favor of round-the-clock reporting. Many automakers want their ads and products to be associated with happier, family-type activities. Automakers also want to ensure if they do run advertising, it is appropriate to the events at hand.

If other carmakers mirror Toyota and hold their ads for a length of time, media entities could lose a huge source of ad revenue.

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 shelied 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.
Tarrow: City dwellers loyal to their towns

By JOE TROMBELLO

Modern cosmopolitans remain increasingly attached 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 as "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 who engage in regular activity that requires participation in transnational connections and contexts," Tarrow said. "They have to particular positive or negative valence and can be deeply rooted in their own country, or even a global one."

Tarrow explained how religious education and publishing engendered the formation of cosmopolitans in early modern Europe who broke out of a narrow and provincial identity to bring new modes of thought back to their residence. In addition, he described himself as a scholar "intrigued by the location of the cosmopolitan."

"What most of us think of as globalization exists in the capacity of quite ordinary people to shift effortlessly between a variety of different identities," Tarrow said. "My approach insists on the importance of ordinary cosmopolitanism."

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 no doubt merge 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 activism 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 20th 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 Hollenhorst, 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 Robert Hohl, library faculty member and former interim director.

The search committee was led by reference librarian Julie Long and was composed of six members of Saint Mary's faculty and administration.

The committee interviewed six candidates for the position before deciding on Fore.

"Ms. Fore brings a strong commitment to undergraduate education and a recognition of the importance of information literacy skills in today's world," Long said.

Fore comes to Saint Mary's from the University of Arizona where she was a team leader in undergraduate services for 10 years. Her experience includes developing an Information Commons center at the Arizona campus. The development received much attention within library communities for addressing the need to combine technology and traditional in the library education and integrating them into undergraduate education.

Long believes that Fore's wide range of previous experiences will prove an asset to Saint Mary's small environment. Fore is also excited about Fore's creative and inventive skills and optimistic about what she will bring to Saint Mary's.

"She is able to integrate many resources into learning and knows exactly what we are hoping to accomplish here," he said.

Along with the rest of the library staff, Hohl expects to see Fore successfully build on the library's directorship heritage and support Hollenhorst's example of service to faculty and students.

"It is important to maintain gradual and consistent improvements of library resources," said Hohl. "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. They've given students a great opportunity by taking care of transportation to the game," Updike said.

In addition to offering students 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. "It's definitely worth it," said sophomore Brent Hayden. "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 is wonderful that the tournament's proximity gives so many students an opportunity to go down and support the squad," Walsh said.

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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.

Russet, who received her master's and doctorate degrees from Yale University, recently published a book titled "Catholic Women's Colleges in the United States." The widely anticipated assertion was mostly speculative and Russet cited the late 1960's as the turning point for women's colleges.

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

The president also met with New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, who emerged from the White House to say the long night was about whether to go to war or not. Bloomberg made a pitch for more money to help his city prevent a terrorist attack and respond to any that occurs.

Conflicts between the religious communities that founded the schools and their members also placed a strain on the institutions.

Furthermore, with cooperation spreading to most American colleges and universities, Catholic women's colleges could no longer expect the attendance of students previously guaranteed.

Financial crises and plunging enrollment forced many colleges to merge with other colleges, become coeducational, or simply close.

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

Some of colleges that Russet identified, made changes that were quite drastic. One such example is Alverno College in Milwaukee, Wis., which developed an 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.

One of the Catholic women's colleges that remain has found their own particular niche, Russet 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," Russet said.

Not to say that 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 roots.

"There are many alumni at Trinity who are deeply unhappy with the direction Trinity has taken," said Russet. "And it is very much class-based." However, that although the Catholic women's colleges of today may not 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 Russet 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

KEY WEST, Fla. - A Cuban airliner carrying 29 passengers was hijacked 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 spokeswoman Judy Orihuela 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 descent 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 8:20 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.

The alleged hijackers were in FBI custody and the passengers were being interviewed by U.S. Customs and Border Protection officials.

"The hijackers were sepa rated fairly quickly from the passengers and crew. Everyone's O.K.," she said.

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

The Foundation for the Defense of Democracies Undergraduate Fellowship Program

The Foundation for the Defense of Democracies is seeking qualified undergraduate students to participate in a year-long fellowship program, "Defending Democracy, Defeating Terrorism.

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Microsoft warns users of critical Windows flaw

Associated Press

WASHINGTON Microsoft Corp. on Wednesday warned about a serious vulnerability 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 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 "Bladex," 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 of the 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.

"No experts believe it is likely to be used for any malicious purposes," Steve Cooper, a security expert for TrustSec 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 fixed down quickly once they are detected.

"I doubt we will see an attack based on this," Cooper said. "It's pretty unlikely any malicious attempts will 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 software code was compromised years ago and included in every successive generation of Windows software without programmers even realizing it was so seriously flawed — even after the intensive scrutiny of Microsoft's latest flagship, Windows XP, the company has billed as its most secure ever.

"I would have hoped there would have been a fix," Lipner said. "Clearly it's one of those things we'll be looking at.

Lipner said Microsoft's automated scanners were being updated to detect similar problems. He said the flaw announced Wednesday was "not obvious by any stretch of the imagination" even to experts studying software blueprints.

There was some good news. Microsoft said customers using the newest versions of its e-mail software, Outlook Express 6 and Outlook 2002, were protected from hackers trying to exploit the problem using e-mails.

Older versions of Outlook would also be safe if customers had manually applied another security patch, which Microsoft released in September after the spread of the damaging "LOVEYOU" virus.

Microsoft said customers could manually adjust settings hidden deep within its Internet Explorer browsing software to prevent Windows from processing the dangerous code. Experts, however, said that was not easy to do for many users and that it would cripple convenient 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 no-fly zones over Iraq.

In the event of a war, fighters at Incirlik would apparently not be able to fly over Iraq.

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 overflights.

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 in asking parliament to approve an agreement. A first agreement that would have allowed in U.S. troops failed by just four votes.

Cabinet spokesman Cemil Cicek said a motion on allowing in U.S. troops could be considered at a later date.

The decision sent markets tumbling Wednesday with traders fearful the Cabinet decision to only allow airspace rights marked the end of a $15 billion U.S.-aid package linked to the U.S. troop deployment in Istanbul's 152nd Air Base, benchmark IMKB100 index dropped about 6 percent and trading Wednesday, to close at 9.9 percent.

Economy Minister Ali Babacan said the original U.S. aid package was no longer valid, but he left open the possibility of a new financial deal.

"The package does not exist now, but it is not possible to say what will happen in a few days," Babacan said.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said overflights are routinely granted without provisions of economic assistance and that the United States expects the overflights concerning Turkey "will be handled in that manner." The U.S. warplanes based in Europe or the United States would need to cross Turkey to strike Iraq. The United States could also use Turkish airspace to ferry troops into 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 matter.

The resolution sent to parliament does not request allowing U.S. forces to use Turkish air bases or refuel in Turkey. Incirlik 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 Zaimay Khalilzad held two days of talks with Turkey, the United States and 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, U.S. and Turkish officials said.

Turkey says it could send its forces 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.

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An abusive relationship with Hollywood

I'm trapped 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 divorce 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 up 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 in which aliens blow up White House. After seeing the film I left the theater wishing that aliens would destroy 20th Century Fox Studios in a lethal but just act of intergalactic film criticism.

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 sublimely devoid of the merest hint of an idea, that I can actually feel myself getting stuck in 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 to suggest that to be good a film must be 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 90s Hollywood executives noticed that however excruciatingly bad 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 any more indigestible things to feed it. My guess is that the executives' epiphany happened in 1988, shortly after the release of "Police Academy 2: Assignment Miami Beach."

Somehow, good films do still get made. One is good-old-fashioned corruption. The distributors may offer exclusive information, images or interviews in exchange for a rave review. But a sizeable amount of reviewers seem to be genuinely enthusiastic about the awful films they praise in order to give the impression of being so awed by the miracle of moving pictures that they feel that to demand anything further—witty dialogue, character development, even a minimally coherent plot—would be churlish in the extreme.

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 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 movies in the first place. More often than not I get to see a film so awful that I can almost hear its mocking voice: "Go on, I dare you! What are you going to do without me, read a book?" Peter Wicks

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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 letter: "See Men Shredded, 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 went in without a second and died quickly. Sometimes they went in first and died quickly. Sometimes they went in first and died screaming. It was horrible, I saw 30 people die just like this. Their remains would be placed in plastic bags and we were told they 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—pinning the high concept phenomenon on us. The difficulty is finding them. The critics are no help at all. It's not that they care 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.

Andrea Arnould
class of '95
March 19

QUOTE OF THE DAY

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

H.L. Mencken
Journalist
T'was most two in the morning, and all through the hall
The students were stirring, awake one and all.
Axious they waited, like wild beasts in their lairs.
In hopes that the hour soon would be there;
The cords were nested all snug in their beds,
While visions of debauchery danced in their heads.
The roommate is sexiled, the door remains locked,
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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 to be so.
God is unambiguously the best in the world.

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**Letter to the Editor**

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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 beside God, or even above Him. We often demand the ultimate authority for ourselves and our pride leads us down roads we should not walk. I sometimes wonder if a direct visitation from God telling those who support this war that God does not want it would sway them, or if they would write Him off as another unpatriotic pacifist.

Criticizing this country does not make one unpatriotic. If I didn't care about the country, why would I bother to criticize it? Why would I not simply live my 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 allows me to see the amazing promise that we have. I've been to Belfast, 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, and I want to be part of doing things, and I've seen the love that we can inspire when we work the kind of miracles that we can.

I love America, but I love what it could be more. I care about my country, and what I want, more than anything, is for freedom 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 tried 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 every flaw." I think, rather than turning on me and calling me unpatriotic, the time of patriots everywhere would be far better spent in working on helping to answer that prayer.

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Nicholas Gaebel
Washington, D.C.
March 19

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God isn't American
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 beside God, or even above Him. We often demand the ultimate authority for ourselves and our pride leads us down roads we should not walk. I sometimes wonder if a direct visitation from God telling those who support this war that God does not want it would sway them, or if they would write Him off as another unpatriotic pacifist.

Criticizing this country does not make one unpatriotic. If I didn't care about the country, why would I bother to criticize it? Why would I not simply live my 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 allows me to see the amazing promise that we have. I've been to Belfast, 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, and I want to be part of doing things, and I've seen the love that we can inspire when we work the kind of miracles that we can.

I love America, but I love what it could be more. I care about my country, and what I want, more than anything, is for freedom 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 tried 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 every flaw." I think, rather than turning on me and calling me unpatriotic, the time of patriots everywhere would be far better spent in working on helping to answer that prayer.

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Washington, D.C.
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"No, well—" said Poorman, his eyes all a glitter.
"For at two in the morning, on Saturday eve
I knew, oh I knew, that this time couldn't last,
While visions of debauch'ry danced in their heads;
Not a soul allowed out, until nine o'clock,
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Movie Review

‘Quiet American’ speaks

By CHRIS BANNISTER
Scene Movie Critic

You were never supposed to see “The Quiet American.” In his infinite wisdom, following the tragedy of September 11th, Harvey Weinstein, the Miramax chairman, decided to shelve the film because he thought its criticism of U.S. policy in Vietnam and its gentle reminder that our nation has had its own flirtations with sponsoring terrorism would not be well received.

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 up 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 it is a thoroughly worthwhile and timely film that outsells some of the most critically lauded films of the year.

Based on a Graham Greene 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 borrowed from the novel. We are entranced by Caine’s subtle intonations as we watch military firefight 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 the 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 sustainable pace.

A few jump cuts 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.

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Christopher Guest: Master of the documentary

By MARIA SMITH
Scene Editor

When it comes to deadpan humor, no one is quite 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 1975 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 Infield." The year after working with Reiner for the first time, Guest began work on the mockumentary "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 formerly popular sensationalist hair band into their later years when their 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.

Guest also met his future wife Jamie Lee Curtis through the film. The star first gave her number to Guest's agent after seeing a publicity photo of the cast in Rolling Stone Magazine. During the next decade Guest took on a few high profile entertainment projects, appearing regularly on Saturday Night Live in 1984 and 1985 and acting in "The Princess Bride" in 1986. Guest made a directorial debut in 1989 with "The Big Picture," a Tinseltown satire.

Guest often works with the same actors, recruiting many of the stars from "Waiting for Guffman" for "Best in Show." The movie also starred Eugene Levy, as well as Jennifer Coolidge, more famously known as Stiller's mom from "American Pie." While Guest's films have a large following much in the tradition of Monty Python, none of the films are as extremely successful box office hits. The humor is arguably too offbeat for everyone to enjoy. "Some recently asked me, 'Why is "Best in Show" funny?'" said Guest in an interview with Jessica Hudson of salon.com. "That's a strange question. First of all, is it funny? Is it funny to you?" Guest recognized that the origins of humor are always obscure. "Eugene Levy makes me laugh," said Guest. "Why? Here we are again: I don't know." Other examples of mockumentaries, such as the 1999 hit "The Blair Witch Project," have been more financially successful than Guest's work. However, Guest's particular style of humor remains unique in mockumentaries and in the film world in general.

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Stefan and Scott (Michael McKeon and John Michael Higgins) with their preened pets in "Best of Show."
Artest commits 8th flagrant foul of season

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS
It took only seconds for Ron Artest to get himself in trouble again. It'll likely be much longer before he plays again.
Artest committed his eighth flagrant foul of the season just seconds after tipoff, then scored 16 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 he again insisted he wouldn't change the aggressive way he plays.
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The Pacers desperately needed win, their only 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 the opening tip and was slapped hard on the head by Artest and Artest's teammate for "picking." Artest said he didn't think they're picking on me, but I don't think it was a Big Brother-type thing.
Artest has been suspended twice already for exceeding the maximum number of flagrant foul points. If the league doesn't rescind the foul, he will miss Friday's game against Memphis and Saturday's against Boston. Artest didn't return until next Wednesday against Washington.
"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.
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Hornets 101, Knicks 96
Jamal Mashburn scored 25 points and the Hornets finished off their first start in nearly two months by beating the New York Knicks 101-96 Wednesday night.
Mashburn finished off his scoring assault, hitting a two-foot jumper with two minutes left that gave New Orleans 96-89. He also had eight rebounds and assists to help overcome the absence of David Wesley (bruised foot).

Davis' 3-pointer with 4:50 left sent the New Orleans Hornets to 83-84 on a jumper by Michael Doleac.

The victory moved New Orleans ahead of Boston and into fourth in the East while New York dropped three games behind eighth-place Milwaukee.

Allan Houston, coming off 50- and 40-point performances in New York's previous two games, scored 29 but had only four points in the final 12 minutes in a 2-0 shooting duel.

Mardy Collins had 17 points and eight rebounds for New Orleans, while P.J. Brown added 10 points and eight rebounds as the Hornets outrebounded the New York 45-33.

New Orleans also had a 42-24 advantage on points from inside.

Davis struggled with his scoring early on but kept going to the basket and was 9-for-12 from the foul line.

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The Hornets made a run early in the second half, led by Zydrunas Ilgauskas' 11 points in the first six minutes, to close to 82-72. Memphis would even.

The Heat's plan against the Pacers was simple: Double-team him every time he rolled to a win over the Heat.

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NCAA FOOTBALL
Gag order placed on Rix
Associated Press

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.”

Bened 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.”

Florida State quarterback Chris Rix gets tackled by Glenn Earl during Notre Dame’s 34-24 victory this fall.

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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 will Crudup take the first snap next season?

Florida transfer Brock Berlin, sophomore Marc Guillon and freshman Kyle 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 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 doesn’t plan to select a No. 1 quarterback anytime soon. He hopes to narrow down the competition by the spring game April 5, and then pick a starter after fall practice begins.

“We’ll try to narrow it down because we’ve got to get somebody ready to play, somebody these guys can rally around and know who their quarterback is,” he said.

Coker has carefully made plans for each practice. The coaching staff will chart every throw, then break down every decision even more while reviewing videotape of the workouts.

Coker also will try to control the hype surrounding the competition. Miami closed spring practice for the first time in hopes of limiting the scrutiny on the four quarterbacks. The team also is making just one quarterback available for daily interviews.

“We’re not going to let it take away from spring practice,” he said.

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 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.

Guillon, a 6-4 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.
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 business.

The Jets reluctantly let Coles become a free agent 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 say they are not going to pay a player asking," 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. "Bradway needed the Redskins for overpaying for Coles and another Jets player, unrestricted free agent guard Randy 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 historical 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 is always a constant juggling act, with the needs of today as it relates to borrow­ings 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 Santanna Moss, a 2001 first-round pick who has been slowed by injuries. Bradway said the Jets are informing the one or their two first-round choices — they also have a demand list all — 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.

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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 eight­division 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 backing, was dropped after a record num­ber of overtime games in the regular season, seems to have lost momentum in the two months since.

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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 Big Easy sees 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 more against strong international fields in Australia. In his other two stroke-play tournaments, Els finished second by one shot. “For me to get better, I’ve got to set new goals and loftier standards, and that’s what I’ve been trying to do,” Els said. “Let’s see where we go.” It has taken him on a collision course with the world’s No. 1 player. Woods appears up to the challenge. Despite missing two months after knee surgery, he has won twice in three tournaments, including the Match Play Championship. “That was a bit 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 (1924-27) 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 to win 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 ever 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. This week brought a rare confession that Woods and Els represent a rivalry. “I guess you might be able to say we’re at the beginning stages of it,” Woods said. “If there’s any player in the world that I’ve competed against more down the stretch, it’s him. That’s not just on our tour, it’s around the world.” 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 watched 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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Indians replace Brown with Willis as pitching coach

Associated Press

WINTER HAVEN, Fla. — Indians manager Eric Wedge made his first pitching move with the Cleveland Indians.

Wedge changed pitching coaches just 12 days before the club's season opener, firing Mike Brown and replacing him with Carl Willis on Wednesday.

Wedge had been the pitching coach at Triple-A Buffalo the past two seasons under Wedge, who has made it clear in his first spring training camp that the Indians are his team.

Wedge said he decided to make the move in the past couple of days and did it with general manager Mark Shapiro's approval. Wedge felt it was necessary to make the change before the regular season started.

"You have to be comfortable in your staff and believe in the guy," said Wedge, adding that the timing of the coaching change won't have any affect on his team. "That fit was something that was important to me. We're not going to miss a beat."

Brown became Cleveland's pitching coach before last season after being the club's roving pitching instructor from 1995 to 2001. He helped develop some of the Indians' young pitchers, including C.C. Sabathia and DanyS Baez.

Brown, 44, has been offered an unspecified assignment in the organization. He has not yet decided if he wants to stay with the Indians.

"I'm disappointed," said Brown, who was told Monday he had been fired. "I'm not Eric's guy. He's not comfortable with me and he doesn't trust me."

Brown drove back to his home in Stow, Ohio, after being dismissed and spoke during a conference call.

"Eric's personality and mine just didn't mesh," he said. "We were in the same book, we just weren't on the same page."

Wedge had made just one other addition to Cleveland's staff since last season, bringing in Buddy Bell as his bench coach, before switching pitching coaches.

"It's been something that I've been wrestling with and agonizing over," he said. "It's something that I felt needed to happen. This comes back to me and it's the fit that I want for me and my ball club."

Willis is the Indians' third pitching coach in three years. Dick Pole was fired following the 2001 season and replaced by Brown.

"I was shocked, to say the least," Willis said.

The Indians will begin the season with two rookies — Jason Davis and Ricardo Rodriguez — in their starting rotation. Willis, 42, has worked with many of Cleveland's pitchers before.

"Most of the guys I had in the minor leagues, and I think that makes this easier for them," he said.

Willis pitched in 267 games as a major leaguer, going 22-16 while playing for Detroit, Cincinnati, the Chicago White Sox, California, Cleveland and Minnesota.

He won eight games for the Twins in 1991 when the club won the World Series.

Shapiro said Terry Clark has been promoted from Double-A Akron to take Willis' spot in Buffalo, and Steve Lyons will move up from Kinston as Akron's new pitching coach.

Notes:

• 1B Ricky Gutierrez played in the field for the first time this spring as he attempts to come back from neck surgery. Gutierrez didn't have to make any fielding plays during his four innings at third and said he's pleased with his progress. "If you'd told me in January that I'd be this far along, I might not have believed you," he said.

• 18 Ben Broussard swung a bat for the first time since injuring an oblique muscle on Friday. Broussard is competing with Travis Hafner for the starting job. ... The competition for the backup catcher's spot between Tim Laker and A.J. Hinch is "too close to call," Wedge said.

C.C. Sabathia pitches during a game last season. The Indians' named Carl Willis as the new pitching coach Wednesday.
The Bruins also fired assistant coach Jim Hughes but kept assistant Wayne Cashman. Mike Sullivan, head coach of the Bruins' AHL affiliate in Providence, R.I., was promoted to assistant in Boston, and Scott Gordon was named Providence head coach.

"This change is being made at this time because of this team's record over our past 46 games and the fact that, fairly or unfairly, the coach is judged on the record," O'Connell said.

Ftorek became coach in May 2001 after a season in which Pat Burns was fired eight games into his fourth year. His replacement, Mike Keenan, coached the Bruins to their second straight non-playoff season.

Ftorek, in his second season as Boston's coach, was the Bruins' 10th coach in 18 years.

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The Bruins got off to a strong start this season despite the loss of three key players and before weaknesses in the defense and goaltending surfaced.

Bill Guerin, who scored 41 goals last season, signed as a free agent with Dallas, and defenseman Kyle McLaren held out rather than stay with the Bruins. They also chose not to re-sign goalie Byron Dafoe, who eventually joined Atlanta.

The team has also played most of the season without injured forward Sergei Samsonov. Samsonov, coming off consecutive 70-point seasons, had surgery in December on an injured right wrist.

The loss of Dafoe may have been the most damaging as Boston began the season with goalies Steve Shields and John Grahame, neither a regular starter in the NHL. They shared the job until Grahame was traded to Tampa Bay and McLaren was traded in a deal that brought Jeff Hackett to Boston from Montreal.

Ftorek did have plenty of offense with Joe Thornton, Glen Murray and Brian Rolston. And the defense was more aggressive than it was last season, leading to scoring opportunities.

But after their outstanding start, the Bruins had trouble stopping opponents. Since McLaren left, the team lacked a defense-minded defenseman.

The team tried to strengthen its defense by obtaining Dan McGillis from San Jose and Ian Moran from the Pittsburgh Penguins for draft picks at the trading deadline earlier this month, but that wasn't enough to save Ftorek's job.

"We are looking now at the final nine games of the regular season, and my focus has to be on winning those games, clinching a playoff position and getting this team performing in a consistent enough manner to do some damage in the playoffs," O'Connell said.

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**MLB**

New York Yankees’ Rondell White follows through on his three-run homer in last year’s game against the Orioles. White is sent to the Padres Wednesday for outfielder Bubba Trammell and minor leaguer Mark Phillips.

**Associated Press**

PIEROBA, 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 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 in 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.

New York had little room for him following the signing of Japanese star Hideki Matsui, who figures to be the Padres are interested in star Japanese shortstop Kazuo Matsui and Oakland’s Miguel Tejada, the reigning AL MVP. Both are eligible for free agency after the season. The Padres could also save money if they don’t exercise closer Trevor Hoffman’s $10 million option and get him to come back for a lower base salary in an incentive-laden contract. Hoffman is out until after the All-Star break after undergoing a second shoulder surgery. Trammell, 31, had a breakout year in 2001, hitting .261 with 25 homers and 92 RBIs.

**IN BRIEF**

Burr says war will change Masters protest

Martha Burr thinks war with Iraq would “alter the tone and possibly the size” of her planned protest during the Masters.

But Burr, chair of the National Council of Women’s Organizations, said Wednesday she still intends to protest April 12 at Augusta National — unless the all-male club allows female members or postpones the tournament.

“If the country is at war it will alter the tone and possibly the size of any action that we bring,” Burr told The Associated Press. “I want to stress that whether or not we are there is 100 percent the club’s call.”

Burr said the club should consider postponing the Masters if the nation is at war.

“The tournament is more than a golf match — it is a large corporate party; liquor and entertainment flow freely throughout the week,” she said. “These are things I don’t think the country is going to want to see happening during a time of national conflict.”

The Masters was canceled for three years (1943-45) because of World War II — the only time since 1934 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.

**Baseball cancels season-opening series in Japan**

Ichiro Suzuki must there would have been no trouble once the Seattle Mariners and Oakland Athletics actually arrived in Japan. Getting there might have been the risky part.

Major league baseball took no chances, deciding Tuesday to cancel next week’s season-opening series in Tokyo between Seattle and Oakland because of the threat of war in Iraq.

“You can’t just open the door and be in Japan,” said Suzuki, Seattle’s star leadoff hitter. “You have to take the logistics into account. Japan is probably the safer place but getting to Japan is what you have to worry about.”

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.”

The games were rescheduled for April 3 and June 30 in Oakland. Baseball opened its 2000 season in Tokyo, with the New York Mets and Chicago Cubs playing two games.

**around the dial**

**COLLEGE BASKETBALL**

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**NHL**

Pittsburgh at Philadelphia 8 p.m., ESPN
FOOTBALL

Willingham names new grad assistants

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame head coach Tyrone Willingham announced today the hiring of D.J. Durkin and Chad Klunder as graduate assistants for the 2003 football season. Both Durkin and Klunder will begin work immediately.

Durkin will work on the defensive side of the ball, assisting with all aspects of the defense and working 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.

Hockey

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

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An Irish player fights off two Western Michigan defenders during a game earlier in the season.
MENS BASKETBALL

Seed no indication

* Irish see formidable opponent in Panthers

By JOE HETTLER

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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 local newspaper on ESPN.

"I had to 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 understands 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 an easy win 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 aware of our opponent and their two best players, Dwyon Tucker and Dylan Page, to win a school-record-tying 24 games.

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

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Page had a breakout season, upping his scoring average from 6.1 points per game during the sophomore campaign to 17.7 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 still have not seen what it's like to play in front of 10,000 people.

"The Panthers rely heavily on a full-court press to disrupt their opponents' offense, and hope they can get enough stops on defense," Brey said. "The veterans - and three-point specialists - have been the strength of the Irish all season long.

The Irish really haven't faced a press all season long, so we have no idea how they'll handle the press. We need to see how Notre Dame's team can handle the press well.

"They have not stepped on the court yet [or] seen 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 seize 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 Xavier in 2001 and Charlotte in 2002. But the Irish failed to reach the Sweet Sixteen in both seasons.

This year's squad hopes that trend won't repeat itself and wants to focus on just now Thursday's game for right now.

"This group talked about (focusing the next step) all summer. We want to play on the court on Thursday's game and then advance past the second round," Brey said.

"We have to be ready; but we're looking at this as a four-team tournament in Indianapolis, instead of looking at the whole bracket.

"It is a new season now. It is a new year, but the freshmen have done little for the Irish. Tucker believes his team can not only compete with the Irish, but pull off the upset.

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"Pearl isn't shy about throwing baskets on defense, so we have to be ready to see him with the ball. He's got a knack for finding open players, and the Panthers have a bunch of veteran players who have seen lots of playing time.

"This is the first NCAA Tournament appearance for Pearl Brey, meanwhile, has years of experience thanks to his time at Duke, Delawawa and now at Southern Indiana in 1995.

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

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Thomas returns home to Indy for NCAA tourney

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If history is at all indicative, Chris Thomas and Notre Dame should be just fine this weekend when they face Wisconsin-Milwaukee in the first round of the NCAA Tournament at the RCA Dome. It will be a homecoming for Thomas, an Indianapolis native, who was 3-0 at the RCA Dome in his high school career. And the 6’1’’ guard isn’t overlooking the fact that he’s so close to hometown.

“It was very exciting when I saw we were going to Indianapolis,” Thomas said. “The first time Indianapolis site got called I was in class and I didn’t realize there were two groups of teams coming in. When I heard we were in, I started jumping up and down at coach’s house.”

But Thomas doesn’t want to play the way he did at the RCA Dome his freshman year at Pike high school, when the 16-year-old could scarcely make a shot.

“Whenever I walked onto the floor that night, I remember I was 1-10 (shooting) and scored two points as a freshman, but we won the state championship,” Thomas said. “But I am 3-0 in the dome. I feel real confident playing here.”

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Success linked to leadership

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Success in the NCAA Tournament over the past two years, and his classmate Dan Miller went to a Final Four two years ago when he played at Maryland.

Together, the two — who are one loss away from seeing their college careers end — are trying to rally the Irish and prepare them for an extended tournament run by keeping them focused on Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

“Our team goal right now is Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and whoever we’re going to face tomorrow, we want to watch them and come prepared to play,” Miller said. “You can’t look ahead. We’re not going to be thinking about the other team — we’re going to be thinking about today.”

Late start

Tip-off for Notre Dame’s first-round game tonight isn’t scheduled until around 9:40 p.m., which leaves Brey and his staff finding creative ways to adjust the team’s schedule.

“They’ve got a lot of ticket requests,” Thomas said. “We’re not worried about that. We’re just going to watch the game.”

While he has relished the chance to play in his hometown, Thomas wants to keep his focus on Wisconsin-Milwaukee and breaking their press.

The Panthers like to consistently pressure their opponents and Thomas feels this gives him the opportunity to make plays.

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Howell plays with a fire that ignites teammates

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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. Holding 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 option for Notre Dame on offense when he signed his letter of intent.

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. In only five games, Howell has tallied six more goals and 10 more assists than he did in his first two seasons with the Irish.

With 11 goals, Howell is tied with fellow junior attackman Dan Berger for the team lead. Howell also has 11 assists. 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. 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 his style of play is an infectious thing," Corrigan said.

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 attackman 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 about that. He's back and I'm looking forward to having him with us this year."

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Happy Town

What do I call this one?
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operation super freedom express
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operation desert storm

Perfect, sir.

Saturday's Jumbles

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Jumbles

Tuesday, March 20, 2003

Happy Birthday: You will face some adversity this year if you have been lazy in the past. Pull your act together and work hard to accomplish the most. Be aggressive and determination will pay off. The end results will be good if you refuse to let anything stand in your way or take over. Your numbers are 3, 7, 13, 22, 36, 49.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Clear up any issues you have with a partner. Finish off old projects so you can start a new creative project. You will be emotions when you come to crises of the heart. ★ ★ ★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Expect business deals to move along swiftly today. Your choice of partners will make a difference to the outcome of any venture. Mingle with experienced individuals. ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): As long as you are true to your work, your popularity will double. You will learn something about yourself if you deal with strange people. Consider making a change that will bring you added confidence. ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Brace yourself - changes are about to happen and you need to be ready. Consider making a change that will bring you added confidence. ★ ★ ★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Love and beauty today. You should make plans to do something special. Take a short trip or visit a friend. Conversations could easily lead to serious discussions. ★ ★ ★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): For your money into something you believe in. Invest in yourself. You can make extra cash if you are quick to try something new. ★ ★ ★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You will be emotional today. Engaging in a relationship should be exciting and fun to all sorts of possibilities. ★ ★ ★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You may not have the most sound judgment today, especially if you are concerned about your personal life. Sort through your own feelings and rethink the past five days. Consider your options and make plans, but no changes yet.★ ★ ★ ★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You may have some dilemmas when it comes to making money for a good cause. You will be more considerate today, fighting for what you believe in, and those who may not be able to fight for themselves. ★ ★ ★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You won’t be likely to make the best choices for yourself today. Losing will make you happy. Do not blame someone for something he or she may not have done. ★ ★ ★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You should be on the go today. Put yourself in a position where you can take advantage of travel and learning. Your contributions to any group will be appreciated. ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You will have the looks, the charm and the intelligence to get whatever you want. You will have to focus on how you can give back in order to have true fulfillment.

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MENS BASKETBALL

Irish shave heads to create team unity

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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 needed," 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 jovial mood in the locker room Wednesday, few chuckled at Brey's comment because his words were taken quite seriously.

Senior Matt Carroll struggles to recover the ball during Notre Dame's loss to Connecticut this season. The Irish are a No. 5 seed in the NCAA Tournament.

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 the first round; the other five all swept their first round opponents in two games at home.

The Irish face No.3 seed Ohio State Thursday at 4:05 p.m. at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit. The Buckeyes are the highest-ranked 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 heartbreaking 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 keynote of the Ohio State offense, leading the team with 52 points (25 goals, 27 assists) during the CCHA season.

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

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