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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 Iraqi leaders were thought to be, U.S. government officials said. There was no indication whether the attack was successful.

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

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

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

He spoke as 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.

"On my order, coalition forces have begun targeting selected targets of military importance

to undermine Saddam Hussein's ability to wage war," the president said. "These are the opening stages of what will be a broad and concerted campaign."

As he has many times in the run-up to war, Bush declared that the United States has "no ambition in Iraq except to remove a threat. Our forces will be coming home as soon as their work is done."

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer had announced Bush's plans to speak on short notice.

Fleischer spoke as anti-aircraft fire and explosions were heard across Baghdad after air raid sirens went off at the capital at dawn.

A U.S. official declined to identify which leaders were targeted or to say whether the attack was successful.

However, a second official said the plan for targeting Iraqi leadership included using F-117 stealth bombers and a handful of cruise missiles.

Bush's speech came at the end of an anxious day of waiting at the White House.

The president scrutinized final battle plans and told Congress why he was poised to launch the largest pre-emptive attack in U.S. history.

After meeting yet again with Pentagon officials, including Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, Bush had just finished dinner Wednesday night and was in the living room of

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.

Earlier, Fleischer spoke of somber realities of war.

"Americans ought to be prepared for loss of life," he said.

Extra security enveloped 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 Rumsfeld, Vice President Dick Cheney, Secretary of State Colin Powell and National Security Adviser 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 sent 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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Lugar to give speech at Commencement

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 the field will be of particular interest to our graduates and their families," Notre Dame President Father Edward Malloy said in a statement released by the University.

Lugar, the senior Indiana senator serving his fifth term, will be the first Indiana politician to deliver the Commencement address since Lt. Gov. Joseph Kernan in



Lugar

1998.

Lugar joins the ranks of fellow political leaders who have spoken at recent Notre Dame Commencement exercises, such as Bush, United Nations Security General Kofi Annan, National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice and Sen. Elizabeth Dole.

"[Lugar] was delighted to get the opportunity," said Lugar's deputy press secretary for the Washington, D.C. office, Nick Weber. "Notre Dame is obviously a first-class university and a premier education facility and so an opportunity to speak to its graduates is well received."

Lugar, who is offered many invitations to speak at commencements each year, often talks to graduates about what they will face in the "real world" once they leave college, Weber said. Referring to his experiences in education, agriculture, business and public service, Lugar often relays his view on the state of the world.

Weber said it is probable that he will mention the situation 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

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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 over a decade, The Observer examines what effect the changes have had. This is third in a four-part series.

By KATE NAGENGAST
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 decline 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.

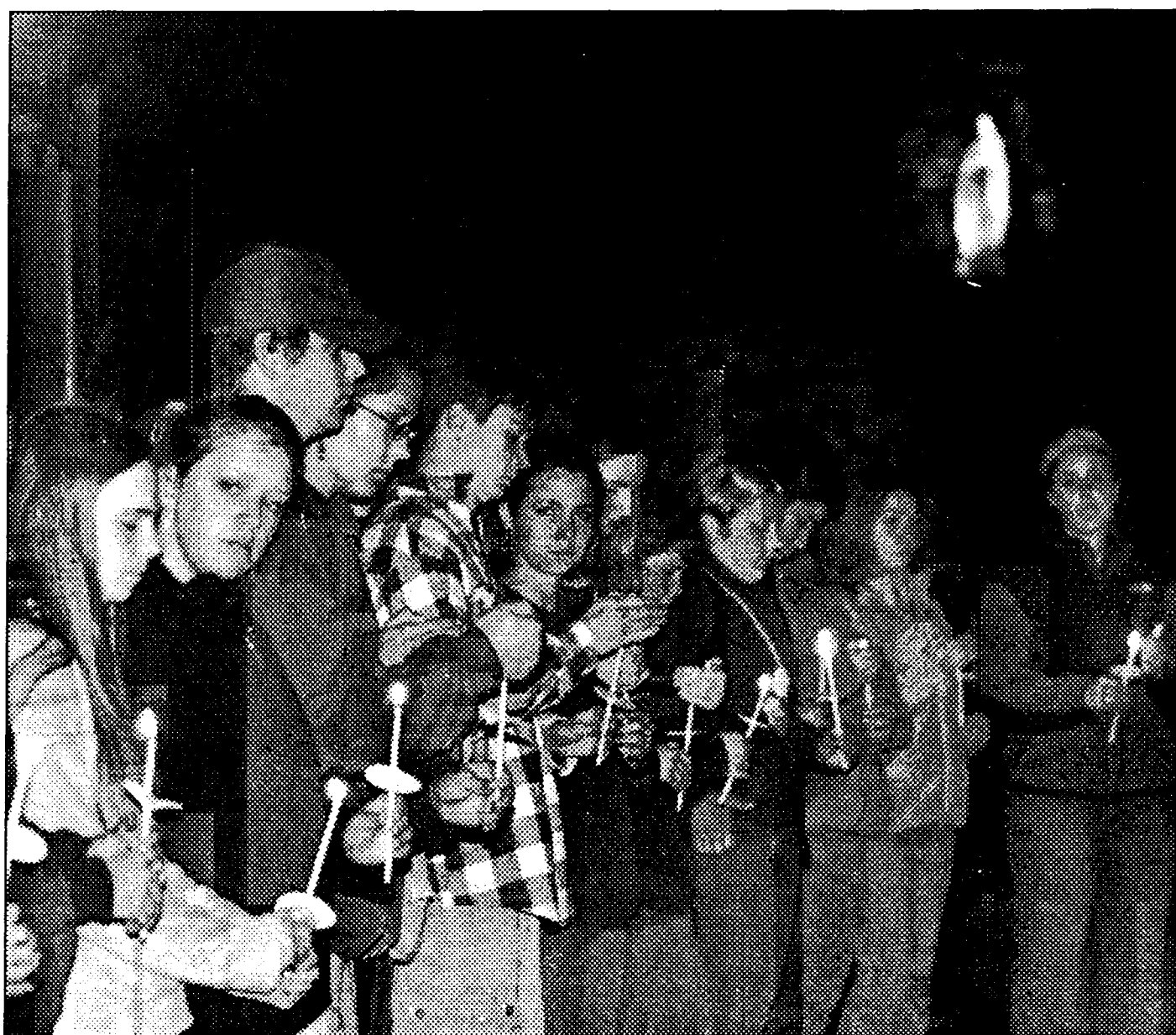
"Generally, [the alcohol policy changes] have made a positive difference," Rozum said. "There have been fewer incidents of excessive drinking. I'm not claiming that there's no drinking going on, but ... the only time we had an ambulance run it was for hard alcohol. That seems to be the big thing when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

McGlinn Hall's rector Elizabeth Bright also credited the University's hard alcohol ban with reducing the number of alcohol-related hospital visits the residents of her hall have required.

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THE FIRST NIGHT OF WAR



LAUREN FORBES/The Observer

Students hold candles and pray for peace at the grotto during the first night of armed conflict with Iraq. President George W. Bush ordered bombing in Iraq. Similar protests were held all over the country.

INSIDE COLUMN

Clippings

Children's parents collect a lot of things that show their children's successes — trophies, medals, photographs, scholarship letters, acceptance letters. They keep scrapbooks with grade school diplomas and tickets from honors dinners.

They watch clips of winning passes in football games and solos in high school plays.

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 Today's Staff. 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. When I leave Saint Mary's I will hang up my journalist's notebook and my mini tape-recorder, I'll leave behind the football media guides and the sports information contact lists, and I will 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 our lives sometime. 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 that will always, always be there. No matter what.

Sometimes those people come into your life very unexpectedly. Sometimes they simply fall into your lap and even though you've only known them for a few months, you know they are those kinds of people. And you're pretty sure that in five years time or 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 views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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WHAT'S INSIDE

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Senators propose later weekday parietals	U.S., Britain embark on operation Iraqi freedom	ND focuses on business ethics	An abusive relationship with Hollywood	'Quiet American' speaks volumes	Irish shave heads to create team unity
The Student Senate unanimously passed a resolution to extend weekday parietals to 1 a.m.	Dawn in Baghdad Thursday brought the first attacks from the U.S. and its allies.	Former CEO William George received the Hesburgh award for ethics in business.	Columnist Peter Wicks laments his addiction to bad Hollywood movies.	Scene critic Chris Banister reviews the new movie with Michael Caine.	The men's basketball team is now bald and on its way to the NCAA tournament in Indianapolis today.
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WHAT'S HAPPENING @ ND

- ◆ Bookstore Basketball Registration
11 a.m. to 2 p.m., 5 to 7 p.m. at LaFortune, cost \$15
- ◆ Student bus to NCAA Tournament in Indianapolis
4:30 p.m., bus leaves for the RCA Dome
- ◆ Careers for Political Science Majors Night
7 to 8:30 p.m. at Flanner Hall, G-20 A panel
- ◆ Blind Date Program
7:30 p.m. at the Coleman-Morse Lounge

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SMC

- ◆ Off-campus Student Luncheon
noon at the Haggar College Center, Bereznay Game Room
- ◆ Panel discussion with Dr. Cynthia Russett
noon at the LeMans Hall, Stapleton Lounge
- ◆ Richard Yanez book signing and reception
4 p.m. at the LeMans Hall, Stapleton Lounge

WHAT'S GOING DOWN

Employee injures eye

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

Abandoned bike found

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

Employee reports vandalism

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

2 students' vehicles towed

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

Student treated for sports injury

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

Suspicious activity reported

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

~compiled from the NDSP crime blotter

WHAT'S COOKING

North Dining Hall

Today's Lunch: Fettuccine with fennel, al prosciutto pizza, Betsy Flannigan chicken breast, bolognese potatoes, cherry crisp, orzo with portobello and cream, broccoli quiche, scrambled eggs with cheese, breakfast ham, raisin bread, French toast, BBQ beef sandwich, fried potato skins, onion rings, Szechuan beef and vegetables, lone-star rice, chicken and cheese chimichanga, basil-garlic linguine, Hawaiian pizza, chicken tempura, California Eldorado casserole

Today's Dinner: Honey-glazed ham, baked beans, pork gravy, whipped potatoes, couscous, Lyonnaise potatoes, Oriental shrimp with noodles

South Dining Hall

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

Today's Dinner: Chicken breast Vesuvio, rice with black olives, veal parmigiana, steamed spinach, beef stew, roast pork loin, roasted poupon potatoes, hot chunky applesauce, whipped potatoes, baking powder biscuits, chicken strips, beef Mongolian, chili frito

Saint Mary's Dining Hall

No menu available.

CORRECTIONS

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

◆ The picture "Prayers for Peace" on page 6 of Wednesday's Observer was incorrectly labeled as a statue of the Virgin Mary. The statue is of St. Bernadette.

◆ In Wednesday's Observer article "Police bust College Park party" Capt. William Thompson incorrectly said that the student who fell from a balcony was taken to the hospital. The student was never treated for the fall, but is in good health.

The Observer regrets the errors.

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ROTC: War talks helpful

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

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

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

"Listening to what knowledgeable people think is always good," Shelton said.

"We live in a free republic, and part of its greatness is that people can express their opinions."

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

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

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

said.

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

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

train for four months or longer before they would be sent overseas, Mosinski said.

"It could be possible that some would leave and go to a surface ship immediately," but that is very unlikely, Shelton said.

"For the first two years, the risks of deploying are low," Gehri said.

The commanders also discussed the recent focus on non-conventional weapons, including chemical and biological agents. Iraq is thought to have retained stores of VX, sarin and mustard gases, as well as anthrax spores and botulinum toxin. Mosinski said his cadets receive basic instruction on the concepts surrounding nuclear, biological and chemical warfare, including reacting to threats

and the use of protective gear such as gas masks.

"We focus on the basic soldier skills," Mosinski said. "The more detailed training comes later."

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

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

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

"We have had huge technological advances," he said.

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

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

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

"Our units are trained and ready to carry out whatever missions are assigned," he said, citing previous military successes in the Gulf, Kosovo and Afghanistan.

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STUDENT SENATE

Senators propose later weekday parietals

♦ Resolution to move ROTC Review also passes

By MAUREEN REYNOLDS
News Writer

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 from midnight to 1 a.m. The resolution stated that the reasons for extending weekday parietals are that students very often study with each other past parietals and 24-hour spaces in dorms are not conducive to studying because of the presence of television and other social activities.

The resolution also noted that studies show that students greatly benefit from and learn more when studying in groups rather than studying alone.

Other reasons for a parietals extension stated in the resolution are that students "have many resources in their rooms such as computers and reference materials which can be conducive to such study groups," and that these resources are more easily accessed in dorm rooms than in social spaces.

Finally, the resolution cited the fact that "approximately 80 percent of students surveyed in the 2001 'Student Survey On Parietals' favored extending parietals past midnight on weeknights."

At the meeting, it was also made clear that the main difference between this resolution and past attempts to extend parietals is that the resolution separates parietals from quiet hours. This resolution favors keeping quiet hours at their current times, combined with better enforcement, but pushing parietals back one hour to facilitate studying.

When asked about weekend parietals, Sarah Bates, Pasquerilla West Hall senator,

said, "[Extending weekend parietals] is not out of the picture right now ... however [the resolution extending weekday parietals] is the most important one to get through right now."

The second resolution, also passed unanimously, favors returning the ROTC Presidential Pass in Review to its original location on South Quad. The ceremony was moved to Loftus several years ago.

The resolution states that returning the ceremony to its original location would allow more of the student body to witness it, and holding the ceremony on South Quad, under the U.S. flag, provides a more "aesthetically pleasing environment than in Loftus."

Seán Williams, St. Edward's Hall senator and Army ROTC cadet, introduced the resolution and said he believes that ROTC cadets deserve a more public place to be honored.

The ceremony includes speeches by Father Edward Malloy, University president, as well as Father Theodore Hesburgh, University president emeritus. Williams described the part of the ceremony when the cadets march by the University president as being "in the tradition of when kings reviewed their troops."

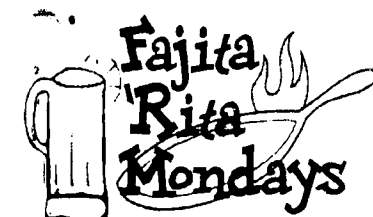
"It's more enjoyable on South Quad because we're under the big American Flag and the F16s fly over. This brings us out into a more public forum," Williams said.

In other Senate news:

♦ Tai Romero was approved unanimously by the Senate as 2003-04 director of operations for the Student Union Board. Romero was described by Stephen Christ, Student Union Board manager, as having "valuable skills and programming experience that she will bring to the Student Union Board" in his letter of recommendation for Romero to the Senate.

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Alcohol

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

Bright became rector of McGlinn 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 at Marquette University and her time in the "real world" gave her a broader perspective on college drinking as a part of human nature. Bright said the college years are typically a time when people test their feelings of invincibility and also experience their own vulnerability.

"Drinking on college campuses is not unique to Notre Dame, but the positive thing is that Notre Dame is taking a proactive step," Bright said. "In this particular case, especially 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 around 340 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 not 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 policy might have changed, but the drinking culture and the drinking habits haven't changed entirely yet, it may have just moved somewhere else."

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

"When I became an RA I considered taking care of drunk people to be a part of my job," said Steve Holte, an RA in Siegfried Hall. "I would rather take care of people who are drinking in the dorms than those who come back drunk

from off campus. We deal with it either way, but I would much rather know what's going on and be able to monitor it than have someone return out of the blue with alcohol poisoning and not know what happened."

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

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

Most RAs said there have

been fewer parties held in the dorms this year and attribute the decline in dorm parties to both the alcohol policy and a new attitude among underclassmen.

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

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

An Alumni Hall RA said he has noticed a definite change in the hall community where 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 not 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 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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*Please note that Prof. Coffee's visit has been moved up one week from the originally announced date of March 28.

IRAQ

U.S., Britain embark on Operation Iraqi freedom



British troops carry out exercises at their camp Eagle 2 in the Kuwaiti desert. U.S. and British troops moved into forward positions on Wednesday, ready to unleash a massive assault on Iraq.

Associated Press

BAGHDAD

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 explosion.

Bush described the targets as being of "military importance."

A U.S. military official, speak-

ing 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 the main air campaign but rather an attempt to take advantage of "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 to 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 had given Saddam 48 hours to leave the country or face war.

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

Associated Press

ATLANTA

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

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

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

The worldwide number of cases, including the 11 suspect U.S. cases, now totals 264, according to the World Health Organization. Most of those

cases are in Hong Kong, Vietnam and Singapore. The WHO said Wednesday that they continue to receive reports about some patients recovering from the illness, which causes high fever and severe breathing problems.

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

"It's very preliminary to say any individual is a case of SARS," she said. "It is going to take some days to know for sure."

She declined to say where the U.S. cases are, but health officials in New Mexico and California said they each had one case on the list.

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

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

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

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

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

Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson cited the 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-

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

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

But Gerberding and other 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 are very good laboratories," Gerberding said. "But we don't at this point know what it means."

The virus was found in patients' nasal passages, she said, and "it hasn't yet been identified from any tissues or lung material or other specimens that would directly implicate it as the cause of the infection."

Paramyxovirus is from a virus group that includes common childhood illnesses, such as mumps and measles.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Seventeen Iraqi soldiers surrender:

As many as 17 Iraqi soldiers surrendered at the Kuwaiti border Wednesday, hours before a U.S. deadline for Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein to leave the country or face war. 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 listening 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. 28 during regular security sweeps on phone lines but their existence wasn't revealed until Wednesday.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Senate rejects drilling in Alaska Refuge:

The Senate narrowly rejected oil drilling in an Alaska wildlife refuge Wednesday as eight Republicans defied party leaders and the White House on an issue at the core of President Bush's energy agenda. Drilling advocates said the plan was probably dead for this Congress. Despite intense lobbying by pro-drilling senators and the Bush administration, Democrats mustered the support needed to strip an oil drilling provision from a budget resolution expected to be approved later this week.

Blizzard paralyzes Denver airport:

Denver's worst blizzard in at least two decades shut down the city for a second day and closed one of the nation's busiest airports, stranding thousands of passengers. The storm dumped up to 6 feet of wet, heavy snow in the mountains and paralyzed a large swath of Colorado and Wyoming.

Hundreds in U.S. protest war with Iraq:

Anti-war protests drew noisy chants and quiet prayers across the country Wednesday as the United States moved closer to invading Iraq. Demonstrators were arrested after sitting down on the street in front of the White House and blocking entrances to government buildings in other cities. Several protesters, covered in fake blood and bandages and carrying dolls representing dead babies, visited the offices of congressional leaders.

D.C. tractor standoff ends peacefully:

The farmer who drove his tractor into a pond near the National Mall and threatened to set off explosives surrendered Wednesday after a 48-hour standoff that snarled rush-hour commutes and kept some monuments off limits to tourists. Dwight Watson, who was protesting farm policies he said were forcing him out of his family's tobacco-farming business, was taken into custody at about midday.

Speaker

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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 in the philosophy, politics and economics program.

The senator will receive an honorary doctor of laws degree from the University. It will be his 36th honorary degree.

Lugar and his wife, Charlene Lugar, have four sons, John, Mark, Bob and David. Bob Lugar lives in Indiana and the others live in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area.

Lugar showed support to Notre Dame in 2000 by speaking on behalf of Father Theodore Hesburgh, University president emeritus, when he received a U.S. Congressional Gold Medal, and in 2001 when he and other Indiana politicians honored the women's basketball team after winning the NCAA tournament.

The 2003 Notre Dame Commencement will begin at 2 p.m. in the Joyce Center May 18.

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Dances harder to plan post policy change

By TERESA FRALISH
Associate News Editor

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

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

Because of a lack of enthusiasm, Goyal said the dorm had to reschedule its first dance for another date and had difficulty getting students to attend.

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

Goyal said he was also concerned 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 assistant in Badin Hall, said her dorm experienced some problems planning for their dances. One of their dances was supposed to be held in the South Dining Hall, but the same room had been double-booked.

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

At both of the dances Badin had held so far, Majcina said attendance was down compared to last year; however, she

felt that the actual locations where Badin's dances were held worked fairly well.

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

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

Others were concerned about the amount of funding that dorms had available for dances.

"If the University decides to keep this plan they're going to have to give us a lot more money," said Matt Palmer-Ball, president of Siegfried Hall.

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Matt Palmer-Ball
Siegfried Hall president

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

Katy Ryan, 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 attendance was down for Farley's dances, often with less than 50 percent participation.

Palmer-Ball said he saw a lack of enthusiasm for the dances in Siegfried. "[The freshmen] were really hard to motivate at the beginning of the year."

Joe Reimer, assistant rector for Carroll Hall, felt that dances

had gone fairly well for his dorm.

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

Reimer said that the dorm rented buses to transport students from the dorm to the clubhouse at the Warren Golf Course.

At Carroll's dances, Reimer said there were not any major problems with students drinking or becoming sick.

"For us drinking hasn't been an issue at the dances," said Reimer.

Cavanaugh Hall also had similar success with their dorm's dances.

which were held at the LaFortune Ballroom and the Monogram Room at the Joyce Center.

"They were definitely well-attended," said Paula Garcia, Cavanaugh Hall resident assistance.

Garcia also said that there were fewer problems with alcohol at Cavanaugh's dances. "We had like one case of someone getting sick. I didn't have to worry at all," she said.

Becca Davidson, the rector of Breen-Phillips Hall, said her dorm's dances had been fairly successful overall.

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

The rector said her dorm held one dance at the LaFortune Ballroom and another at the Palais Royale, the newly renovated ballroom connected to the Morris Performing Arts Center in downtown South Bend.

Davidson noted that previous problems with alcohol in past years were significantly improved.

"We had about 500 people [at the Palais Royale] and we only had one alcohol incident," said Davidson. "I think that's very unprecedented."

However, the dorm did have problems with high costs of catering at the Palais Royale, which were much higher than fees for Catering by Design, the company that must be used for on-campus events.

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

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

"I think we've had a pretty good experience with our two dorm dances," Lewis said.

Lewis said that the new policy had put the focus back on enjoying the dances and not on excessive drinking.

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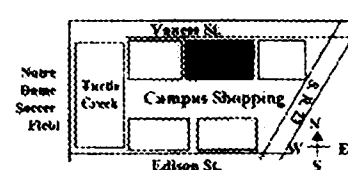
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MICROSOFT CORP (MSFT)	+1.08	+0.28	26.32

IN BRIEF

CEO Diller steps down from Vivendi

Barry Diller resigned as co-chief executive officer of Vivendi Universal Entertainment on Wednesday, saying it was appropriate for him to step down while cash-strapped Vivendi Universal considers bids for the entertainment assets.

Diller was appointed interim CEO of Vivendi Universal's U.S.-based entertainment assets, which include Universal Studios and Universal's theme parks, last year while the Paris-based conglomerate concentrated on repaying a massive debt racked up from an acquisition spree by previous management.

Former oilman Marvin Davis has offered \$20 billion for VUE, plus Universal Music Group. Vivendi also is holding talks with Viacom, MGM and other potential buyers of all or parts of its entertainment businesses.

Enron proposes pipeline business

Enron Corp. is going back to its roots with a proposal to emerge from bankruptcy as a new pipeline operating company, built on its existing assets in North America.

The Houston-based company has solicited bids on all or part of its interests in three North American pipelines as well as nine other major assets since last August with an option to sell everything off and liquidate if the prices were right.

But interim chief executive and restructuring expert Stephen Cooper said Wednesday the company's four-member board decided not to sell its interests in three pipeline companies, choosing instead to form a new company around them that will repay creditors over time with anticipated profits. Multiple bids were rejected for Transwestern Pipeline Co., Citrus Corp., and Northern Plains Natural Gas Co.

Cooper said he continues to believe, as he has since he took over in January 2002, that a new viable company built around the pipeline interests would be most beneficial to Enron's many creditors.

ND focuses on business ethics

◆ **George received an ethics award and Goodpaster spoke on corporate ethics**

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

Notre Dame presented the Hesburgh Award for Ethics in Business Wednesday to William George, former president and CEO of Medtronic, the world's leading maker of high-tech medical devices. The award was given in conjunction with the latest installment of the Cahill Lecture Series, which highlights issues pertaining to business ethics.

Kenneth Goodpaster, a professor of business ethics at the University of St. Thomas in Minneapolis, delivered a lecture entitled "A New World for Ethical Business Leadership After the Fall of 2001." Goodpaster, a Notre Dame alumnus, centered his remarks around what he called the "two falls" of 2001: the terrorist attacks on September 11 and the collapse of Enron and Arthur Andersen.

"Our confidence as a nation and as a community was hammered twice in the fall of 2001," Goodpaster said.

He went on to quote a 2002 Gallup poll that found 90 percent of Americans do not trust executives to seek their employees' interests in business decisions.

Goodpaster identified the source of shock at these crises as something called, "telepathy," or goal sickness.

"An unbalanced pursuit of purpose...can lead to callousness to human suffering," he said.

He drew parallels between the top brass of Enron and the leadership of Al-Qaida, saying they shared excessive devotion to a goal at the expense of



SOFIA BALLON/The Observer

Kenneth Goodpaster, professor of business ethics, lectured on corporate ethics on Wednesday in the latest edition of the Cahill lecture series.

others.

Goodpaster went on to caution against knee-jerk "hyper-regulation" reactions to ethical failures in business.

Goodpaster called on executives to "meet insanity with integrity" in responding to these issues.

"They should be architects of a conscience bigger than their own," Goodpaster said.

He used the analogy of Janus, the two-faced Roman god, to illustrate ethical decision making in business. Just as images of Janus were placed on the inside and outside of the gates to Roman cities, executives should have the dual role of maintaining an ethical climate within their organizations

and serving as good world citizens.

"CEOs are going to have to be more engaged with the public," he said.

Goodpaster then introduced William George, who received the Hesburgh Award.

In introducing George, who led Medtronic for 12 years, Goodpaster called him "a man whose leadership in the business community worldwide is legendary."

George spoke about what he called "the Medtronic model," saying that his company's reason for existence is to serve its customers. Medtronic's mission, according to George, is utilize biomedical engineering to combat illness and improve overall

quality of life.

He urged corporate leaders to use human terms in defining business.

George's award, named after Notre Dame president emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh, was given by the Center for Ethics and Religious Values in Business. In addition to serving as a director of investment bank Goldman Sachs, pharmaceutical maker Novartis and retailing giant Target, George is a professor of leadership and governance at the International Institute for Management Development in Switzerland.

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Toyota will stop TV ads during war

Associated Press

DETROIT

Toyota Motor Corp., Japan's top automaker and a growing player in the U.S. market, said Wednesday it will cease 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 adver-

tising 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 shelled out \$937 million advertising its products in the United States last year, 16 percent more than the year before.

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

Tarrow: City dwellers loyal to their towns

By JOE TROMBELLO
News Writer

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 no particular positive or negative valence and can be deeply rooted in their own country."

Tarrow explained how religion, 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 localism 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 tradition in the library setting 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.

Hohl 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.

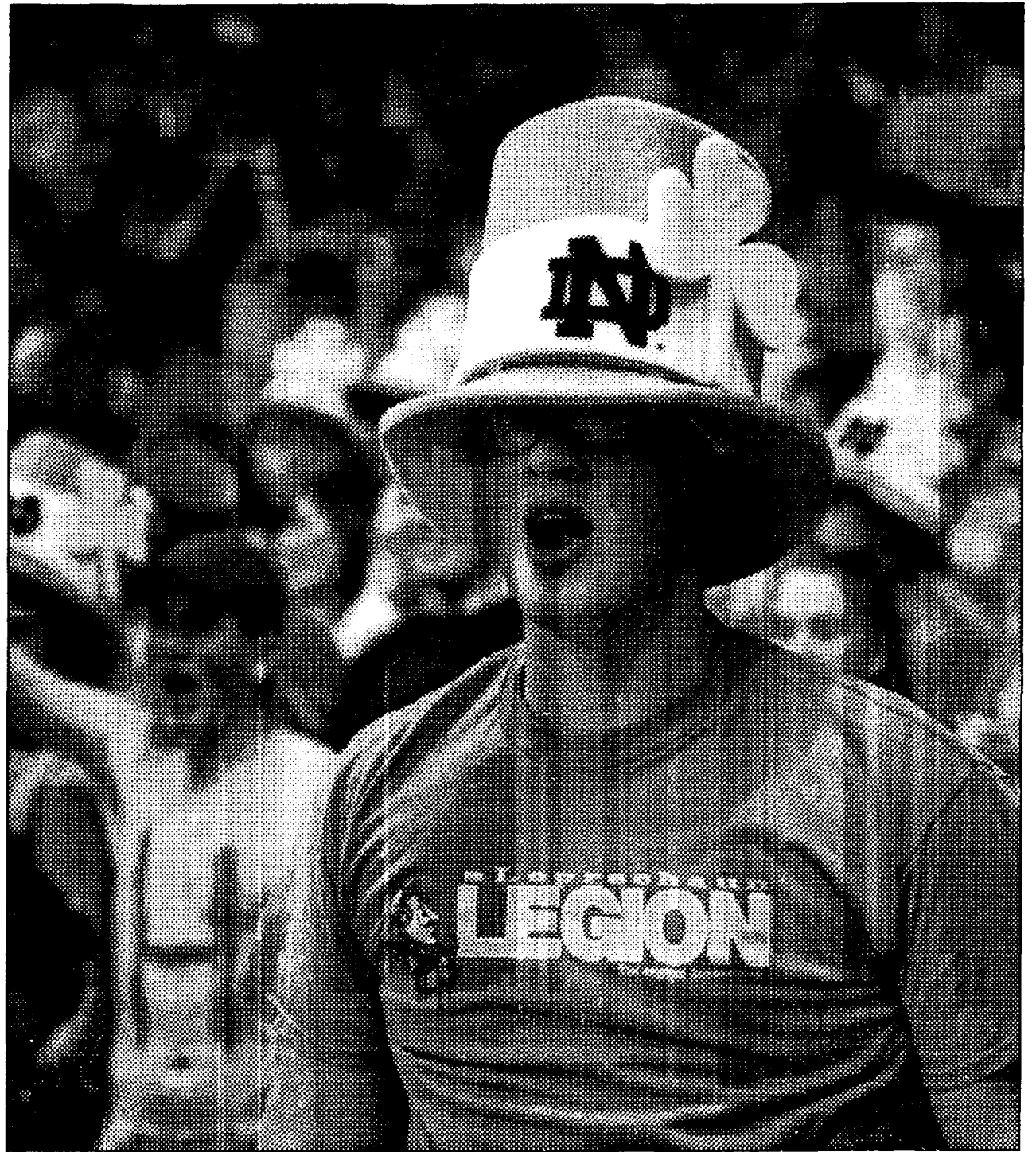
"There was no question about it in my mind," said freshman Evan Walsh. "As soon as I saw we were playing in Indianapolis, I called my brother and right away he answered, 'Yes, we're going.'"

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 Haydon. "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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Fans from the Leprechaun Legion cheer for the Irish during their Feb. 9 home game versus Pittsburgh. The Legion and other Notre Dame basketball fans plan to travel to Indianapolis today to support their team during the first round of NCAA playoffs.

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Yale prof. talks on survival of Catholic women's colleges

By MEGAN O'NEIL
News Writer

Yale professor and author Cynthia Eagle Russet 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 America." Saint Mary's is mentioned several times in it.

The product of a Catholic women's college herself, Russet described her alma mater Trinity College in Washington, D.C. as homogenous. The nearly all

white, all Catholic school was located in a heavily black community.

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

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

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

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

Conflicts between the religious communities that founded the schools and lay board of trustees members also placed a strain on the institutions.

Furthermore, with coeducation 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, Wisc. which devel-

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

"Every one of the Catholic women's colleges that remain has found 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 focus.

"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."

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

A panel discussion, made up of 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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Iraq

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on his enemies or slip to terrorists.

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

The resolution also required Bush to verify that ousting Saddam would not hurt the global war on terrorism. Bush complied with a seven-page report asserting that Iraq supports terrorist networks, including Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida organization.

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

"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.

White House officials said the assertion was mostly speculative.

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

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

Bloomberg made a pitch for more money to help his city prevent a terrorist attack and respond to any that occurs.

Hijacked Cuban plane lands safely

Associated Press

KEY WEST, Fla.

A Cuban airliner carrying 29 passengers was hijacked at knifepoint 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 destination 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 agents, said sheriff's spokeswoman Becky Herrin.

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

The plane took off from Nueva Gerona — the principal city on the small 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.

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Microsoft warns users of critical Windows flaw

Associated Press

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

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

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

An Internet security company, iDefense Inc. of Chantilly, Va., said Wednesday it learned about the flaw in December 2002 from Roland

Postle, a respected British computer security researcher widely known on the Internet as "Blazede," and passed the information to Microsoft on Jan. 9.

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

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

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

Russ Cooper, a security expert for TruSecure Corp.,

based in Herndon, Va., predicted that antivirus software will be updated to protect users who might receive infected e-mails and that Web sites with infected pages

would be shut down quickly once they are detected.

"I doubt we will see an attack based on this," Cooper said. "It's pretty unlikely any such exploit attempt 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 faulty software code was created years ago and included in every successive generation of Windows software without programmers ever

realizing it was so seriously flawed — even after the intensive scrutiny of Microsoft's latest flag-ship, Windows XP, which the company has billed as its most secure ever.

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

Lipner said Microsoft's automated software 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 2000 after the spread of the damaging "ILOVEYOU" 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.

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Steve Lipner
Microsoft director of security

TURKEY

US requests permission for use of air space

Associated Press

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

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

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

The government sent the resolution to parliament late

Wednesday and a vote was expected Thursday.

The United States for 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. Istanbul's benchmark MIB100 index dropped about 6 percent in trading Wednesday, to close at 9,938 points.

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."

U.S. warplanes based in Europe 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 address 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 Zalmay Khalilzad held two days of talks with Turkish 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, Iraqi Kurdish and U.S. officials to try and find

alternative solutions, U.S. and Kurdish officials said.

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

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

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

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A look at war from
Washington D.C.

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

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

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

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

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

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

In a land where (ideally) all voices are heard, it is a real shot in the arm to see that nothing will silence or stop that land's most important city and that which goes on inside it. I hope and pray that this war sees swift resolution. But for now, we will continue our work. You can be assured of that.

Nicholas Gaeke
junior
Washington, D.C.
March 19

God isn't American

I'm a pacifist. There aren't many occasions on which I'd support a war, and the current occasion is certainly not one. One of the things that annoys me most about the current situation are the people who accuse me, and others like me, of being unpatriotic.

What I frequently hear is that while I have a right to express my opinion, I should remember that that right is currently being protected by the very men and women whom I am undermining with my pacifism. Certainly I have a right to my opinion, but my choice to dissent makes me unpatriotic and unsupportive of the men and women in the American military.

I disagree. For one thing, I support those in our armed forces. One of my dearest friends is currently over there somewhere. My confirmation sponsor is also over there. So is the first boy I ever thought I loved, along with several other people who have mattered deeply in my life.

I support our armed forces. I sleep better at night knowing that there are people out there to protect me. Nevertheless, I don't want them invading other countries and killing innocent people. That sort of protection I do not want. That doesn't mean I don't support the military. I support the people in it very much, and I support the judicious use of it. I just don't support this use of it.

Second, and more importantly, I'm tired of people operating under the assumption that patriotism means agreeing with everything that our country does.

I spent five months last year in Ireland, and what made the greatest difference in my life was the opportunity to see America from the outside, to see how we look from afar. The answer is that from afar, we don't look infallible.

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

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

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

Marlayna
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Again ...

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 claim 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 also showed me some of 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 when we do the right things, and I've seen the love that we can inspire when we work the kind of miracles that we can.

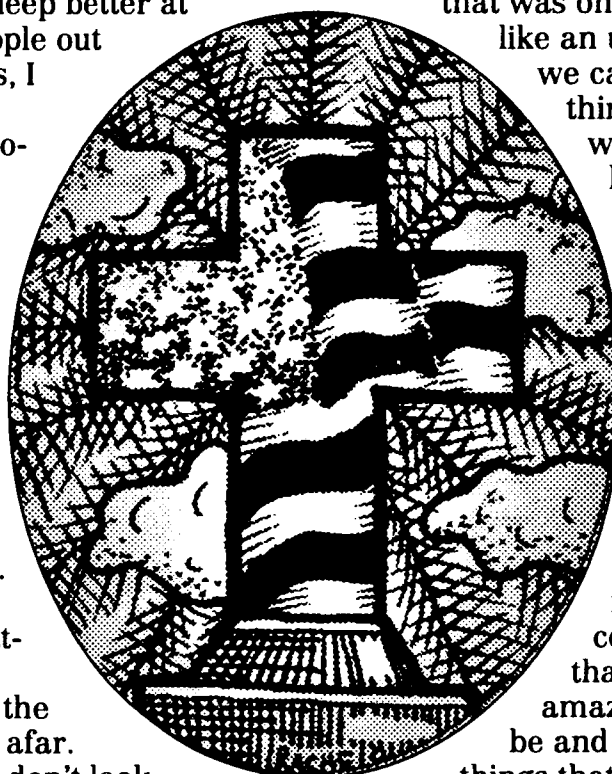
I love the ideals that this country was founded on. I love the potential that I can see in our power and our wealth to do good things and to help those who cannot help themselves. I can visualize a country that I would be proud to declare my citizenship in, and I love that country very much.

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

I've tired of hearing patriotic songs over the months of constant bombardment, but there is one line from America the Beautiful that I like very much. It says "God mend thy 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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The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

'Twas almost parietals

'Twas 'most two in the morning, and all through the hall
The students were stirring, awake one and all;
Anxious they waited, like wild beasts in their lairs,
In hopes that the hour soon would be there;

The coeds were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of debauch'ry danced in their heads;
The roommate is sexiled, the door remains locked,
Not a soul allowed out, until nine o'clock,

When out in the corridor I heard a door slam,
To my great dismay I found 'twas Father Poorman.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

The dome on the breast of the new-fallen snow
Gave luster of mid-day to objects below,
Out, out I cried to my love, heart beating fast,
I knew, oh I knew, that this time couldn't last,

For at two in the morning, on Saturday eve
'Tis bed for all Domers, and so (s)he must leave.
A clock striking twice brings hormones a' raging
Lord knows what could come of these two a.m. cravings!

'Now, Michael! now, David! now, Seamus and Johnny!
Hey, Joseph! hey Matthew! hey Patrick and Tommy!
Now open these doors gentlemen, what's all this fuss?
You couldn't be, wouldn't be hiding from us!

Touchdown Jesus gazes on from Hesburgh bemused
To think of such shenanigans under his view.
Malloy rattled doorknobs, awaiting success,
Finding one open, he called out a great 'Yes!'

But there all 'lone were three boys in a row;
Malloy, disappointed, had just turned to go,
When Poorman jumped forward, his eyes all a glitter,
For what had he seen but shots of hard liquor!

'Father Poorman!' Peter cried, his voice full of fear,
'It's not what it seems ... and what're you doing here?'
A chuckle escaped Father Poorman, what glee,
To discover these pranks, and punish the three.

'Why don't you tell it to Res Life,' chimed in Malloy,
Maybe Kirk will listen to the whines of these boys.
'Unlikely,' said Poorman, his voice sinking low.
'They have no standard regulations you know.'

'Ah, well they're doomed,' said Father Monk with some cheer,
'We won't be letting any like these in next year.'
'And they'll all graduate soon,' Poorman advances
'No more of this griping about in-hall dances!'

But Malloy became puzzled, as the very next day,
He saw Peter had gone to the grotto to pray.
Monk spoke to the boy, in the gray South Bend morn,
'Why Peter,' he queried, 'Your faith's been reborn?'

'Born again, sir?' Peter respectfully asked.
'No, I'm quite Catholic, from first to the last.'
'And you repent, Peter, the sins of last night?'
For truly your actions gave me quite a fright.'

'Father,' Peter said, 'I'll tell you something that's true.
Most of us really are good, sans reprimands too.
We pray, volunteer, go to parties at night
We are Notre Dame, and we're doing things right.'

Katie Boyle
sophomore
Cavanaugh hall
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MOVIE REVIEW

'Quiet American' speak

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 outclasses 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 façade 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 muddled. 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 intonation as we watch military firefights 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 suitable pace. A few jumpy transitions in the work probably hint that there were significant portions of the film lost in the final edit.

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

"The Quiet American"

Director: Phillip Noyce
Writer: Graham Greene (novel), Christopher Hampton (screenplay)
Starring: Michael Caine, Brendan Fraser, Do Thi Hai Yen

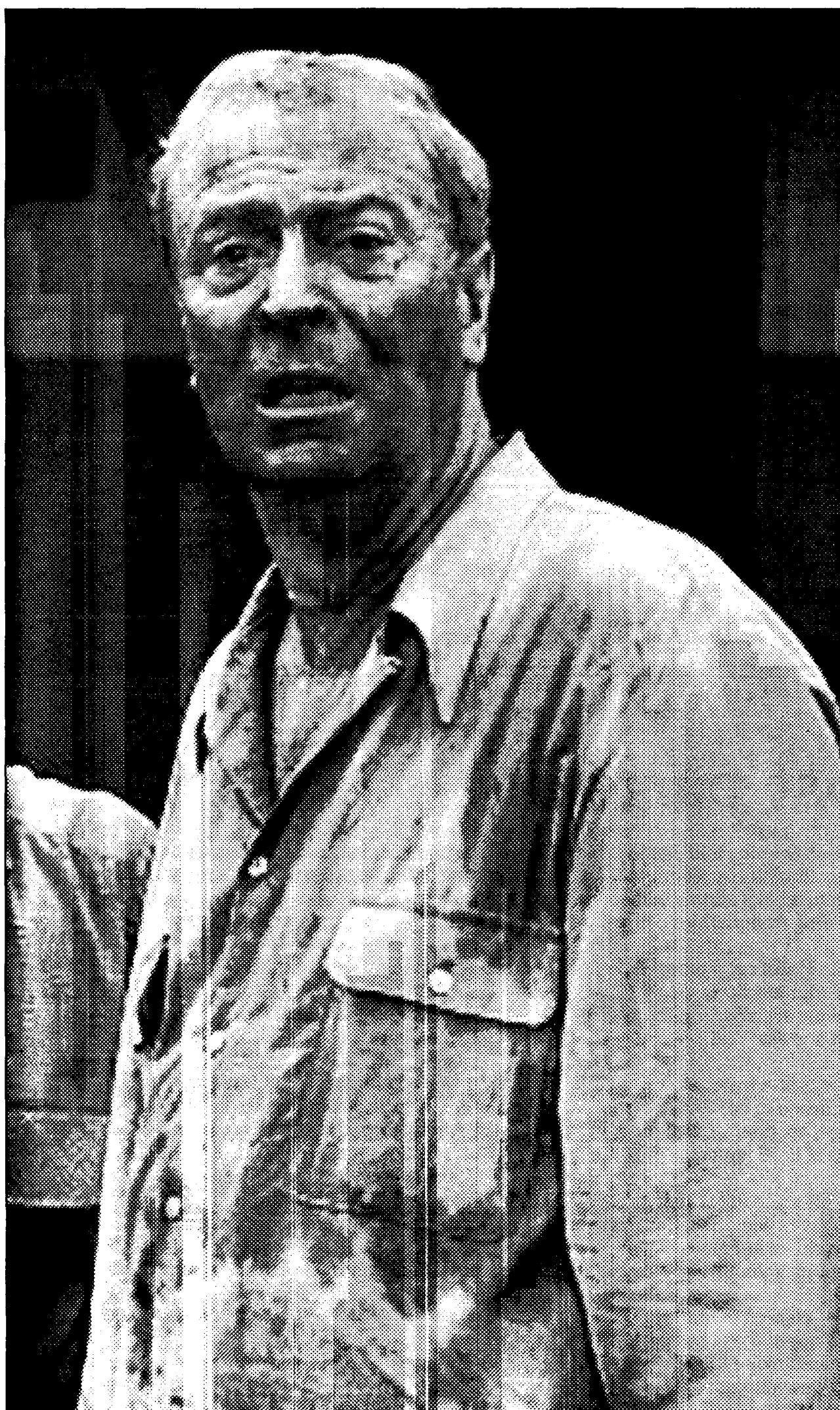


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Michael Caine's performance as a London Times correspondent in Saigon who is resentful of American colonialism is a major part of the film's effectiveness.



American aid worker Alden Pyle (Brendan Fraser) meets Fowler's beautiful young Vietnamese mistress.

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Michael Caine pushed for the film's release and earned an Academy Award nomination as well.

Whatever failings the film might have, it still retains the thoughtful criticism of the CIA involvement in Vietnam prior to the entrance of U.S. troops. Greene's book proved to be extremely prophetic in foretelling

the consequences of the war. The film retains some of this foreboding tone at the onset of another conflict.

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Fraser) befriends Fowler, but the two become entangled in a love triangle after Chinese mistress Phuong (Hai Yen).

DIRECTOR PROFILE

Christopher Guest: Master
of the documentary

By MARIA SMITH
Scene Editor

When it comes to deadpan humor, no one is quite the same as Christopher Guest.

You may need a sense of humor drier than a desert to appreciate the humor of the documentary. Guest has a keen eye for seeing where the everyday begins to border on the ridiculous, and exploits it to the fullest extent.

Guest's early work in obscure films and made-for-TV movies did little to showcase his talent or bring him fame. His first appearance was in a 1970 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 mock-documentary "This is Spinal Tap." Guest

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

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 his directorial debut in 1989 with "The Big Picture," a Tinseltown satire.

Satire proved to be Guest's genre of choice with his critically acclaimed comedy "Waiting for Guffman" in 1996. The movie portrayed the production of a musical honoring the history of Blaine, Mich., a small town proudly boasting to the distinction of "stool capital of the world." The movie featured Eugene Levy, later to appear in "American Pie" and "Serendipity," as a humor-impaired dentist. Guest once again appeared as Corky St. Claire, a self-important New York director of dubious tal-

ent.

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

His next film, "A Mighty Wind," will be released on April 16 this year. This latest effort follows the reunion of three folk bands.

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 Stifler's mom from "American Pie."

While Guest's films have a large following much in the tradition of Monty Python, none of the films were extremely successful box office hits. The humor is arguably too



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Christopher Guest plays Harlan Pepper in "Best of Show," a satire of dog shows that follows award-winning owners.

offbeat for everyone to enjoy.

"Some recently asked me, 'Why is "Best in Show" funny?'" said Guest in an interview with Jessica Hudley 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 McKean and John Michael Higgins) with their preened pets in "Best of Show."

NBA

Artest commits 8th flagrant foul of season

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS

It took only five 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 18 points as the Indiana Pacers cruised to a 102-72 victory over the Boston Celtics on Wednesday night.

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

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

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

Boston's Paul Pierce went up for a layup after the opening tip and was slapped hard on the head from behind by Artest.

"I don't think they're picking on me, but I don't think it was a flagrant," Artest said.

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 Atlanta. He won't return until next Wednesday against Philadelphia.

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

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

Coach Isiah Thomas said Artest's pattern of erratic behavior continues to be noticed by the officials. Thomas said Artest receives extra scrutiny because of his past actions.

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

Magic 109, Heat 93

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

McGrady didn't have a field goal and scored only three points in the first 19 minutes,

but he finished with 36 points and nine assists as the Magic rolled to a win over the Heat.

The Heat's plan against the NBA's leading scorer was basic: double-team him every time he touched the ball and make somebody else beat them.

"I saw something in Tracy McGrady that I haven't seen in a player all year," Heat coach Pat Riley said. "He made everybody on his team better. Our game plan was to take him out of the offense and he still got 36 points."

"I was just moving the ball and trusting my teammates," McGrady said. "Miami was doubling me and my guys were knocking down shots. I was just making the game easy."

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

"The points that Garrity and Giricek got, a lot of it was attributed to McGrady hitting guys with passes right on the numbers," Riley said. "He was so patient. He never forced it. He kept getting off the ball because he knew his shots would come. That, to me, is a guy who really has a handle on the game."

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

Raptors 87, Hawks 86

Vince Carter said a win over the Atlanta Hawks proves the Toronto Raptors have pride.

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

Carter finished with 27 points for the Raptors, who played their first home game after a 0-5 road trip.

"You guys look at it as if we have no chance. We don't, but at the same time that's not a reason to quit," Carter said. "We are playing for a lot. We are playing for pride, we are playing for next year."

Atlanta's Ira Newble fouled Carter as he threw up a des-

peration hook shot. The shot missed badly, but Carter made his free throws, giving Toronto a 87-86 lead. Shareef Abdur-Rahim couldn't get a shot off before the final buzzer sounded.

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

Carter didn't expect to get the call.

"I was so surprised I had to calm down to make sure I hit the free throws," Carter said.

Jason Terry had 23 points and Abdur-Rahim had 22 for the Hawks, who have lost three straight.

After Voshon Lenard's 3-pointer tied it at 81 with 2:37 left, Carter made a fadeaway jumper, giving Toronto its first lead since early in the third quarter.

Terry followed with two free throws to tie it with 1:32 remaining, and Glenn Robinson's wide-open 3-pointer gave Atlanta a 86-83 lead with 1:00 left. Toronto's Alvin Williams followed with a jumper, cutting the lead to one.

After Abdur-Rahim missed a 16-foot jumper, Toronto called a timeout to set up Carter's hook shot, on which he was double-teamed by Newble and Abdur-Rahim.

Jerome Williams added 10 rebounds and eight points for the Raptors.

Bucks 104, Nets 85

For one of the few times since acquiring Gary Payton, the Milwaukee Bucks combined scoring and defense.

The Bucks used a lightning quick 15-2 run to open the fourth quarter and limited the New Jersey Nets to 12 points in the final 12 minutes.

"It's about time we started playing right," Payton said after the Bucks snapped a four-game losing streak. "We played a little bit of defensive zone that worked pretty good for us. We made good shots. We've got to keep this up. We've got to put three or four together like we played tonight."

Rookie Marcus Haislip scored six of his 12 points in the game-deciding run that gave Milwaukee a half-game lead

over Michael Jordan and the idle Washington Wizards in the race for the eighth and final playoff berth in the Eastern Conference.

"Every game we play is critical for us," said Toni Kukoc, who ignited the game-winning spurt with a jumper. "If we were fighting for fourth or fifth, you can say: 'OK, we're in the playoffs.' When you lose a game you can go down to the ninth or 10th spot. Every win is a great win for us."

Payton had 23 points and Sam Cassell 22 for the Bucks, who were 11-for-19 from the field and 8-for-8 from the free throw line in the fourth quarter.

Grizzlies 128, Cavaliers 101

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

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

The game was delayed 15 minutes with 2:49 remaining in the fourth quarter for President Bush's speech regarding the attack on Iraq.

Memphis built a 10-point lead in the first quarter behind a pair of three-point plays by Gasol. The Grizzlies had an 23-2 run late in the quarter, including 15 straight for an 18-point advantage after 12 minutes. Cleveland never recovered, trailing by as many as 22 in the first half and 30 in the fourth quarter.

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

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

Cleveland, which has the league's worst record (12-55), has lost 15 of 17.

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

The Cavaliers made a run early in the second half, led by Zydrunas Ilgauskas's 11 points

in the first six minutes, to close to 82-72. Memphis would eventually rebuild the lead to 95-81 heading into the fourth.

Hornets 101, Knicks 96

Jamal Mashburn scored 25 and Baron Davis added 23 in his first start in nearly two months as the New Orleans Hornets defeated the New York Knicks 101-96 Wednesday night.

Mashburn finished off his scoring with crucial fadeaway jumper with two minutes left that gave New Orleans 96-89 lead. He also had eight rebounds and eight assists to help overcome the absence of David Wesley (bruised foot).

Davis' 3-pointer with 5:40 left started a 7-2 run after New York pulled to 84-83 on a jumper by Michael Doleac.

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

Allan Houston, coming off 50- and 36-point performances in New York's previous two games, scored 29 but had only four points in the fourth quarter on 2-of-7 shooting.

Jamaal Magloire had 17 points and eight rebounds for New Orleans, while P.J. Brown added 10 points and eight rebounds as the Hornets outrebounded New York 45-33. New Orleans also held a 42-24 advantage on points from inside.

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

Howard Easley scored 15 for New York but did not play in the fourth quarter. Othella Harrington had 15 points but did not score in the final period. Kurt Thomas added 12 points. Latrell Sprewell had only eight points on 4-of-13 shooting.

Guarded in the first quarter by defensive specialist George Lynch, Houston started slow, scoring four points on three shots.

Easley picked up the slack, however, hitting two early 3-pointers on his way to 11 points for the period.

When Lynch came out in the second quarter, Houston started firing away over Davis and Courtney Alexander, scoring 12 for the period, including a long jump shot with just over one second left to close New York's deficit to 55-53 at halftime.

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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."

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

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

Bowden has decided to bring back players from past teams to talk to this year's players. Florida State had a



BRIAN PUCEVICH/The Observer

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

string of 14 straight 10-win seasons snapped in 2000 and has gone just 17-9 over the last two seasons.

Former Seminole and current Philadelphia Eagles defensive tackle Corey Simon spoke to the team before practice Tuesday. Bowden said Simon, an All-American

with Florida State in 1999, would not be the last player invited to speak this spring.

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

Miami unsure who will replace Dorsey

Associated Press

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 Wright figure to push Crudup for the starting job at "Quarterback U," where Dorsey broke just about every school and Big East passing record.

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

Time will tell. Coach Larry Coker 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 an interception. Of course, he hasn't thrown much, either.

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

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

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.

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NFL

Redskins outbid Jets for Coles

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

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

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

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

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

"We feel this is the best decision for our football team, in the short term and the long term," Bradway said.

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

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

They've restructured the contracts of four players to get under this year's salary cap, shuffling the numbers in a way that could set themselves up for serious cap trouble in future years.

"It's always a constant juggling act, with the needs of today as it relates to borrowing against the future," Mendes said. "We feel like we have a good handle on it to make a nice run."

Coles became the third Jets player to wind up in Washington this winter, joining Thomas and kicker John Hall. The Redskins also tried

to get Jets kick returner Chad Morton, but New York matched Washington's five-year, \$8 million offer for the restricted free agent last week.

There are unresolved matters concerning the Coles and Morton contracts. The NFL is investigating whether the Redskins violated rules by not informing the league promptly after Coles agreed to an offer sheet, which could result in a fine or the loss of a draft pick. The Jets are awaiting a possible ruling on whether they have to resubmit their matching offer to Morton because of the way the contract's structure.

The Jets have to replace a receiver who caught 89 passes for 1,264 yards in his third NFL season. They have had

extended talks with unrestricted free agent Curtis Conway.

For now, the team's starters will be Wayne Chrebet and Santana Moss, a 2001 first-

round pick who has been slowed by injuries.

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



Coles

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Terry Bradway
Jets general manager

NFL considering playoff expansion

Associated Press

NEW YORK

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

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

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

The meetings are March 23-26 in Phoenix.

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

system worked before changing it.

Under the new format, teams play only six of their 16 games within their divisions, leaving open the possibility that a weak division could be won by a team with a record of 8-8 or 7-9. Because there are now just two wild-card teams instead of three, that leaves open the possibility that a team with a winning record could miss the playoffs while a .500 team makes it.

That happened in 1985, when Cleveland won the AFC Central at 8-8 while Denver (11-5) missed the postseason. In that year, only five teams made the playoffs from each conference.

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

Among other items to be discussed at the meetings is a proposal to change the overtime system to allow both teams a shot at the ball. That idea, which had considerable backing 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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Woods and Els face off at Bay Hill Invitational

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla.

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

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

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

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

The 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 wasn't 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.

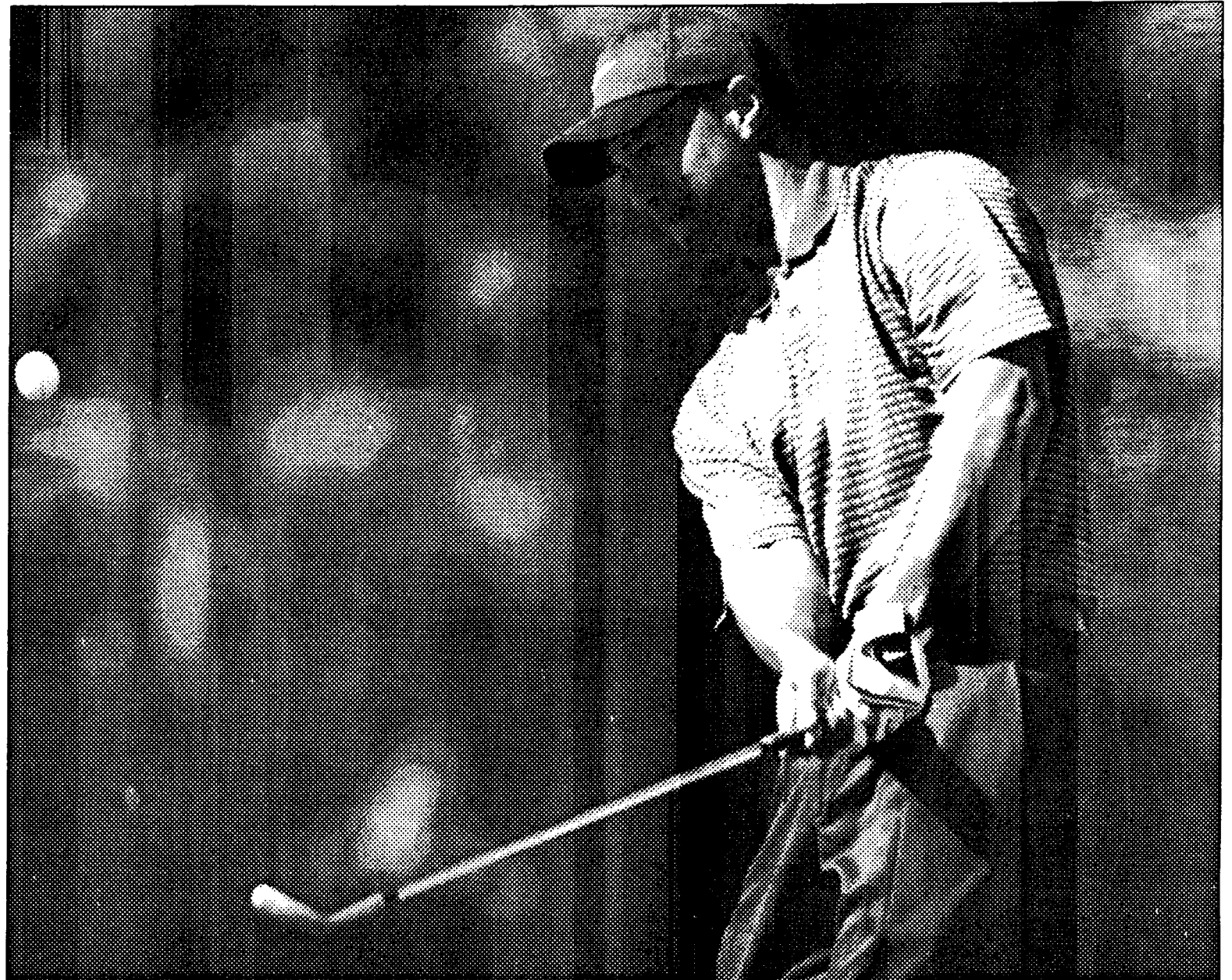
Bay Hill is where the Woods-Els rivalry first began to emerge five years ago.

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



ALLSPORT

Tiger Woods prepares to face off against Ernie Els in this week's Bay Hill Invitational. This is the first appearance this year for both golfers in a 72-hole tournament.

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 con-

cession 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 watch Woods get within one stroke before Els closed him out.

"It's pretty tough right now for anyone to rival Tiger," Arnold Palmer said. "But certainly, Ernie Els is a man who when I

first saw him play golf, I thought he would be that man who could be a rival for anyone that ever played the game. I still give him that chance."

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

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

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

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MLB

Indians replace Brown with Willis as pitching coach

Associated Press

WINTER HAVEN, Fla. Rookie 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.

Willis 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 fit," said Wedge, adding that the timing of the coaching change won't have any effect 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.

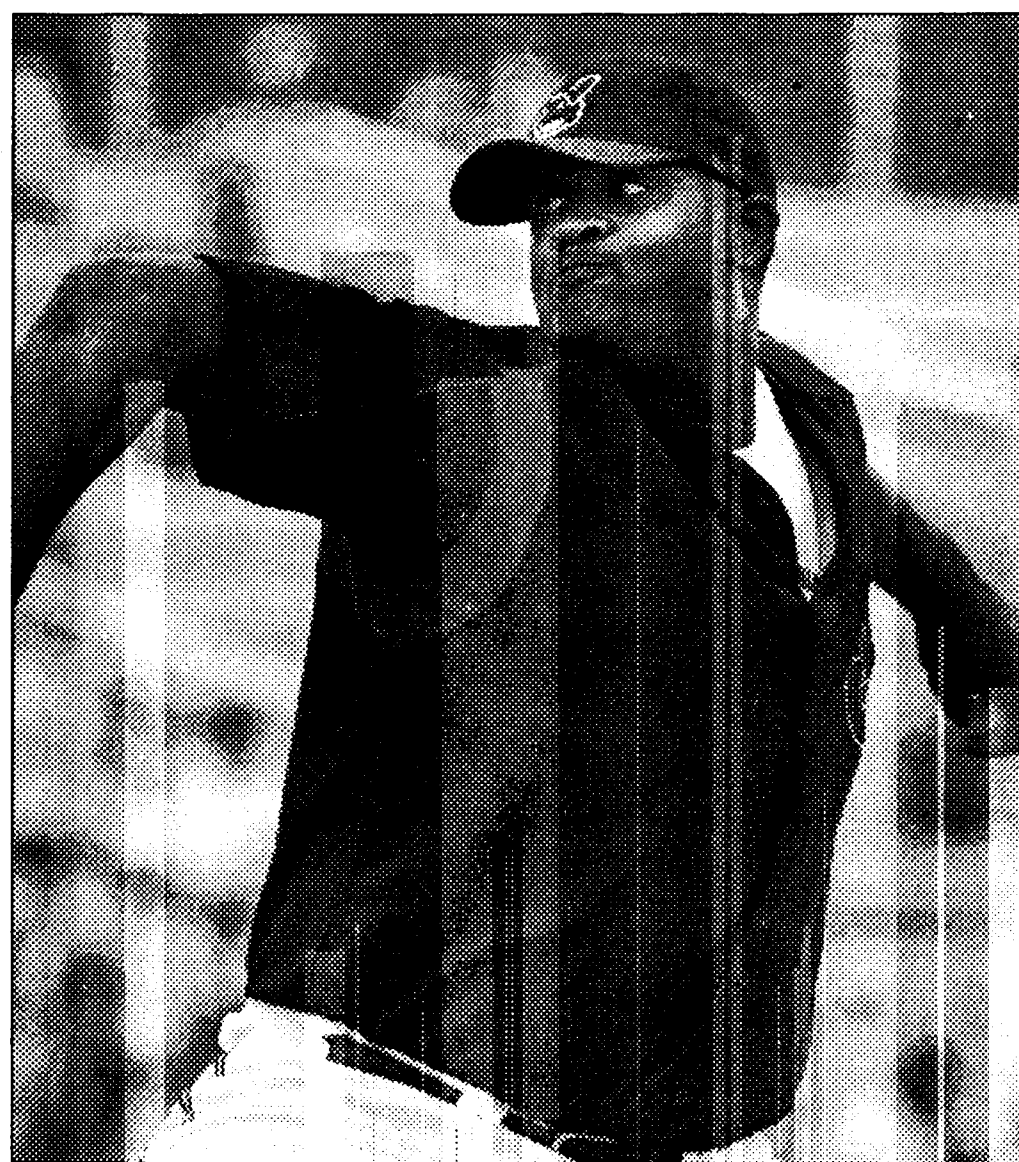
He won eight games for the Twins in 1991 when the club won the World Series.

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:

◆3B 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. Gutierrez said it's 50-50 that he'll be ready by opening day.

◆Wedge set his starting rota-



ALL SPORT

C.C. Sabathia pitches during a game last season. The Indian's named Carl Willis as the new pitching coach Wednesday.

Rodriguez, Brian Anderson, Jason Davis and Jason Bere. Wedge said the main reason for the order was to split up Anderson and Bere, the two veterans.

◆1B Ben Broussard swung a bat for the first time since

incurring 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.

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NHL

Bruins fire Ftorek after disappointing season end

Associated Press

BOSTON

Robbie Ftorek was fired Wednesday as coach of the Boston Bruins, a team struggling to make the playoffs after a strong start.

General manager Mike O'Connell replaces Ftorek on an interim basis.

The Bruins had the NHL's best record at 19-4-3-1 on Dec. 8, but slipped to 33-28-8-4 and into seventh place in the Eastern Conference after Tuesday's 2-1 loss to Phoenix.

Ftorek, in his second season as Boston's coach, was the Bruins' 10th coach in 18 years. The team also fired assistant



Ftorek

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.

A Needham native and one of the best high school hockey players in Massachusetts history, Ftorek led the Bruins to first place in the Eastern Conference last season with a 43-24-6-9 record. But they were eliminated in the first round of the playoffs by Montreal.

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. Once McLaren left, the team lacked a dominant 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.

Ftorek's first NHL head coaching job was with the Los Angeles Kings for the last 52 games in 1987-88 and the entire 1988-89 season.

He then spent five seasons coaching in the AHL and was an assistant with New Jersey for two seasons before taking over as head coach of the Devils in 1998-99. He lasted two seasons there before he was fired with eight games to go in the '99-'00 season. New Jersey went on to win the Stanley Cup under Larry Robinson.

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

He finished with 77 goals and 150 assists in the NHL and 216 goals and 307 assists in the WHA.

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Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
New Jersey	41-20-6-5	93	4-4-1-1
Philadelphia	38-19-11-4	91	6-2-0-2
NY Islanders	32-29-10-2	76	3-5-2-0
NY Rangers	29-33-9-3	70	4-3-2-1
Pittsburgh	25-39-5-5	60	0-9-1-0

Eastern Conference, Northeast Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
Ottawa	46-20-7-1	100	7-3-0-0
Toronto	39-26-6-2	86	3-4-2-1
Boston	33-28-8-4	78	5-3-0-2
Montreal	27-31-8-8	70	3-5-1-1
Buffalo	22-34-9-7	60	4-3-1-2

Eastern Conference, Southeast Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
Tampa Bay	33-23-12-5	83	7-1-2-0
Washington	34-26-8-5	81	6-1-1-2
Florida	23-29-12-9	67	4-6-0-0
Atlanta	25-36-6-4	60	5-4-1-0
Carolina	22-36-10-6	60	4-5-1-0

Western Conference, Central Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
Detroit	43-18-9-3	98	9-1-0-0
St. Louis	38-19-9-6	91	7-2-1-0
Nashville	27-29-11-5	70	3-4-2-1
Chicago	27-30-10-5	69	3-5-0-2
Columbus	25-37-7-3	60	3-5-1-1

Western Conference, Northwest Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
Vancouver	41-20-12-1	95	3-3-3-1
Colorado	35-18-12-7	89	5-3-1-1
Minnesota	36-25-10-1	83	5-3-2-0
Edmonton	32-25-8-8	80	6-3-1-0
Calgary	25-33-11-4	65	6-3-1-0

Western Conference, Pacific Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
Dallas	39-17-15-2	95	4-5-0-1
Anaheim	35-26-9-4	83	5-4-1-0
Phoenix	29-30-9-4	71	5-4-1-0
Los Angeles	30-34-5-4	69	3-6-1-0
San Jose	26-33-6-7	65	3-6-0-2

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team	W-L-T	Points
Ferris State	22-5-1	45
Michigan	18-7-3	39
Ohio State	16-8-4	36
Michigan State	17-10-1	35
Northern Michigan	14-13-1	29
Miami	13-12-3	29
NOTRE DAME	13-12-3	29
Western Michigan	13-11-1	27
Alaska Fairbanks	10-14-7	27
Nebraska-Omaha	9-17-2	20
Bowling Green	5-20-3	13
Lake Superior	3-24-1	7

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Opening Round NCAA Tournament

Marquette vs. Holy Cross 12:20 p.m., CBS

Missouri vs. Southern Illinois

2:40 p.m., CBS

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Wisconsin vs. Weber State 7:25 p.m., CBS

NOTRE DAME vs. Wisc. Milwaukee

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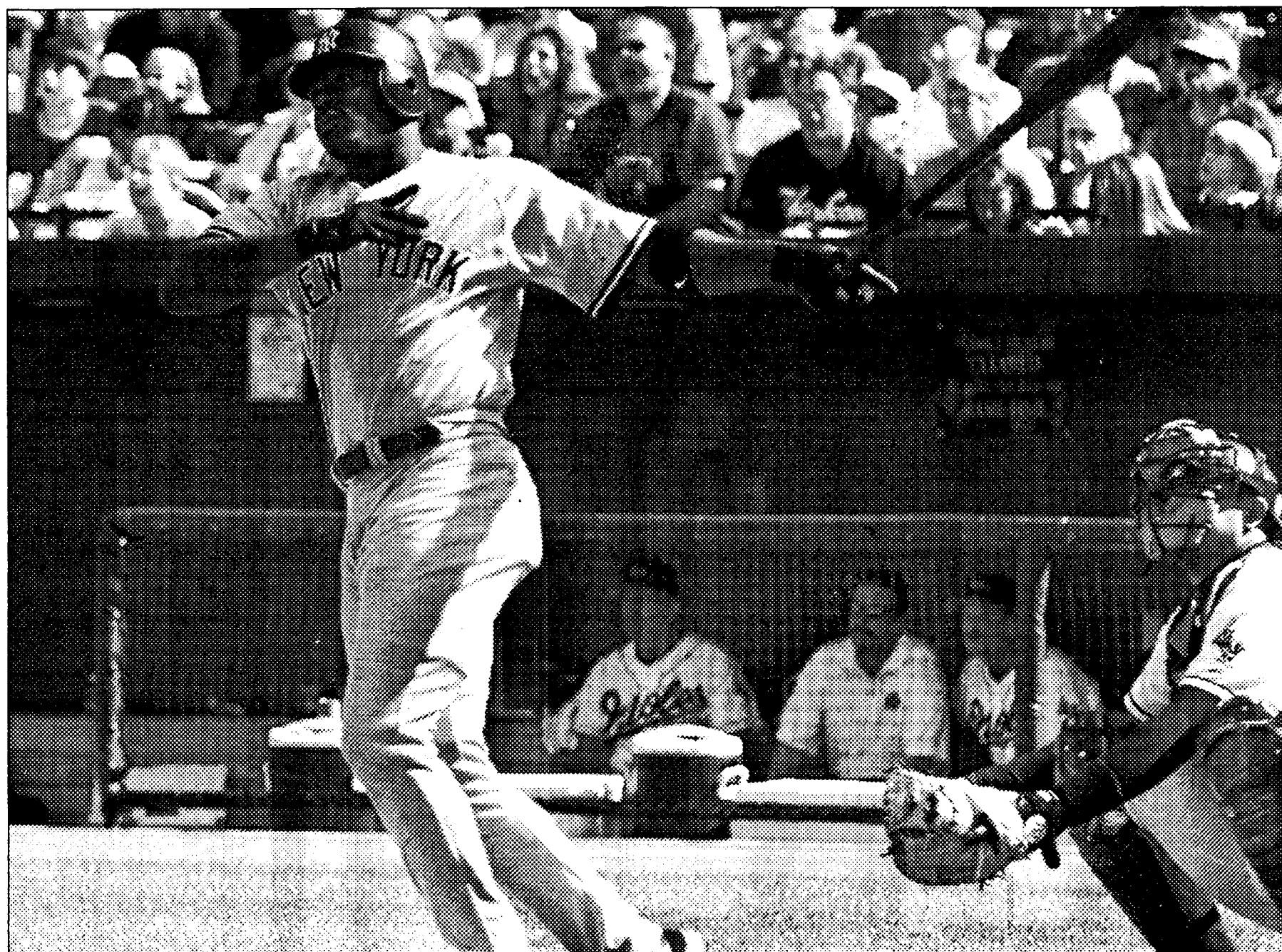
Philadelphia at Detroit 7:30 p.m., TNT

LA Lakers at Sacramento 10 p.m., TNT

NHL

Pittsburgh at Philadelphia 8 p.m., ESPN

MLB



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

White finds a new home in San Diego

Associated Press

PEORIA, 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 leaguer 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 frontrunner 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 .240 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

play left field.

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

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

Trammell, a former New York Met, makes \$2.5 million in 2003 and \$4.75 million next year. He has a \$4.75 million team option for 2005, with a \$250,000 buyout. If the Yankees decline Trammell's option, the Padres will reimburse them for the buyout.

While taking on \$2.5 million in salary this year, the Padres dumped Trammell's 2004 salary.

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

Burk says war will change Masters protest

Martha Burk thinks war with Iraq would "alter the tone and possibly the size" of her planned protest during the Masters.

But Burk, 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," Burk told The Associated Press. "I want to stress that whether or not we are there is 100 percent the club's call."

Burk 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 insists 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.

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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(20 goals, 15 assists).

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

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

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

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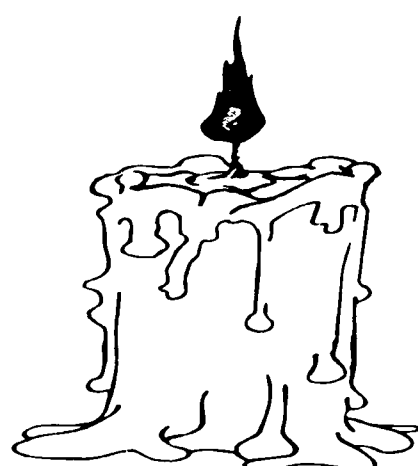
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An Irish player fights off two Western Michigan defenders during a game earlier in the season.

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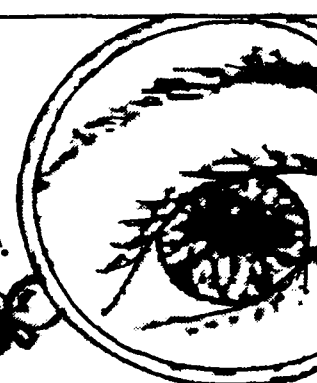
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MENS BASKETBALL

Seed no indication

♦ Irish see formidable opponent in Panthers

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

INDIANAPOLIS All week leading up to his team's game against Wisconsin-Milwaukee in the first round of the NCAA Tournament, Irish coach Mike Brey was confused when he read the sports section of a newspaper or turned 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 that his Irish are facing a very formidable opponent when they oppose the No. 12 Panthers (24-7) Thursday night at 9:40 p.m. EST. Despite the fact that the Panthers are making their first NCAA appearance, they will be anything but 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 ready."

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, Clay Tucker and Dylan Page, to win a school record-tying 24 games.

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

Page had a breakout season, upping his scoring average from 6.1 points per game during his 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 the nation.

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

"This group talked about [taking the next step] all summer. We want to play on the next weekend," 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."

Captain Matt Carroll agreed with his coach and understands that every team Notre Dame plays will give them a tough game, no matter what the seed.

"We feel that we are a great program and we take everybody's best shots," Carroll said. "... To be a good team you must find a way to win games against teams that will give you their best shot."

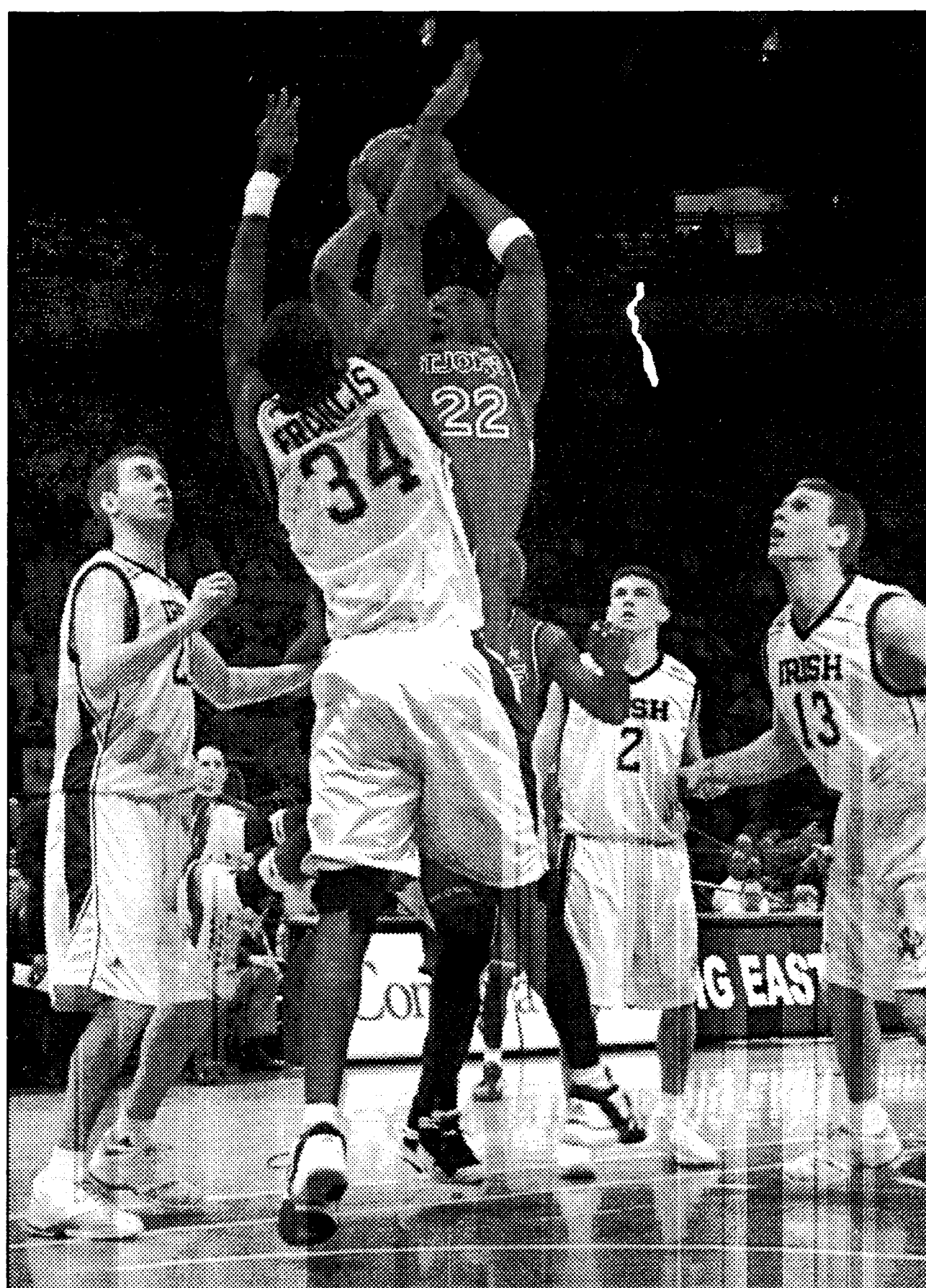
Wisconsin-Milwaukee expects to do just that to Notre Dame. Tucker believes his team can not only compete with the Irish, but pull off the upset.

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

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

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

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TIM KACMAR/The Observer

Torin Francis attempts to block a shot during Notre Dame's loss to St. John's in the Big East tournament.

	COACHING	STYLE OF PLAY	POST PLAYERS	PERIMETER PLAYERS	BENCH	INTANGIBLES
NOTRE DAME	Under Brey, the Irish have always played well in the first round of the tournament. The challenge for the third-year Irish coach is to deal with the psyche of a team that has lost four of its last five games.	Notre Dame's philosophy is simple - beat teams with their offense and hope they can get enough stops on defense. The veteran 3-point shooters have been the strength of the Irish all season long.	Francis is coming off his best game of the year, but the freshman will have to step up his play in tournament time. Cornette and Timmerman have done little for the Irish lately.	How far the Irish advance depends on their perimeter. Tonsillitis may keep Carroll from competing at 100 percent, meaning the burden of carrying the team might rest on Notre Dame's talented but erratic Thomas.	Although the Irish lack the depth they entered previous tournaments with, Notre Dame still has the bench. However, they've had relatively little impact in recent weeks.	Success in the NCAA Tournament depends on leadership, and the Irish have plenty of it. Playing close to home might give them a slight advantage, as well. One key issue will be how Thomas handles playing in his hometown.
WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE	In just his second season with the Panthers, Pearl has been named Coach of the Year of the Horizon League twice. He also won a Division II national title at Southern Indiana in 1995.	The Panthers rely heavily on a full-court press to disrupt opposing offenses. In order to get that press going, however, they need to score baskets - and they average 77 a game.	Only two players on the Panthers roster are taller than 6-foot-9, but 6-foot-8 Page can be a powerful force inside. He earned first-team all-Horizon League honors by averaging 17.7 points and 6.5 rebounds.	The Panthers have a heck of a player in Tucker. Four other players average double-digits in scoring for Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and the Panther perimeter shoots 35 percent from 3-point range.	Pearl isn't shy about using bunches of players - and players that can contribute in many ways. Plus, the Panthers have a bunch of veteran players who have seen lots of playing time.	In all but one year since 1985, at least one No. 12 seed has beaten a No. 5 seed. The Panthers hope to be a team that contribute to that trend. While they are veterans, they have yet to play in a Tournament game.
ANALYSIS	This is the first NCAA Tournament appearance for Pearl. Brey, meanwhile, has years of experience thanks to his time at Duke, Delaware and now at Notre Dame that help him manage a team in the bright lights.	The Irish really haven't faced a press all season long, so there's no telling how they'll handle the Panthers. But virtually everyone on Notre Dame's team can handle the ball well.	It might be one of the first times that Notre Dame actually could have an advantage inside on an opponent this season. Francis is raw, but could easily be a force inside for the Irish depending how he fares against Page.	Notre Dame's shoddy defense could spell trouble against a hot-shooting team like the Panthers. While there's no doubting Notre Dame's ability to score, the Panthers are good enough to keep pace with the Irish.	Notre Dame hasn't found a reliable solution coming off the bench so far this season. The Panthers, however, have.	With all the talk of a No. 12 beating a No. 5, Brey and the Irish are starting to feel like the underdog. Their steady leadership and Tournament experience should give them an edge tonight.

MENS BASKETBALL

Thomas returns home to Indy for NCAA tourney

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INDIANAPOLIS

If history is at all indicative, Chris Thomas and Notre Dame should be just fine Thursday night 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 home.

"I was very excited when I saw we were going to Indianapolis," Thomas said. "The first time Indianapolis site got called I was real sad because 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 at Pike high school, when the 16-year-old could scarcely make a shot.

"When I walked onto the floor tonight, I remembered 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."

Indianapolis is where Thomas first made a name for himself, leading Pike to two state championships

and averaging 23.4 points, 3.9 rebounds and 5.7 assists as a senior in 2001. His high school finished

that season 26-3 and were ranked 23rd in the USA Today national rankings. He also gained McDonald's All-American and Mr. Basketball from Indiana honors for his play at Pike.

Thomas also finished 11th on Indiana's all-time scoring list and finished his career at Pike as the school's all-time leader in points, assists, steals, free throws made and 3-point field goals made.

With the game so close to home, Thomas has had a chance to see local friends and family, although he said most people that know him have kept their distance this week.

"It's been fun. Not too many people have called. They at least respect that I need some space," Thomas said. "It hasn't been too bad. People have called me to say they were going to watch the game."

But those that called have usually made a small request — tickets.

"There's been a lot of ticket requests," Thomas said. "The first day 20-30 people called me for tickets. But I probably only gave 15 tickets away."

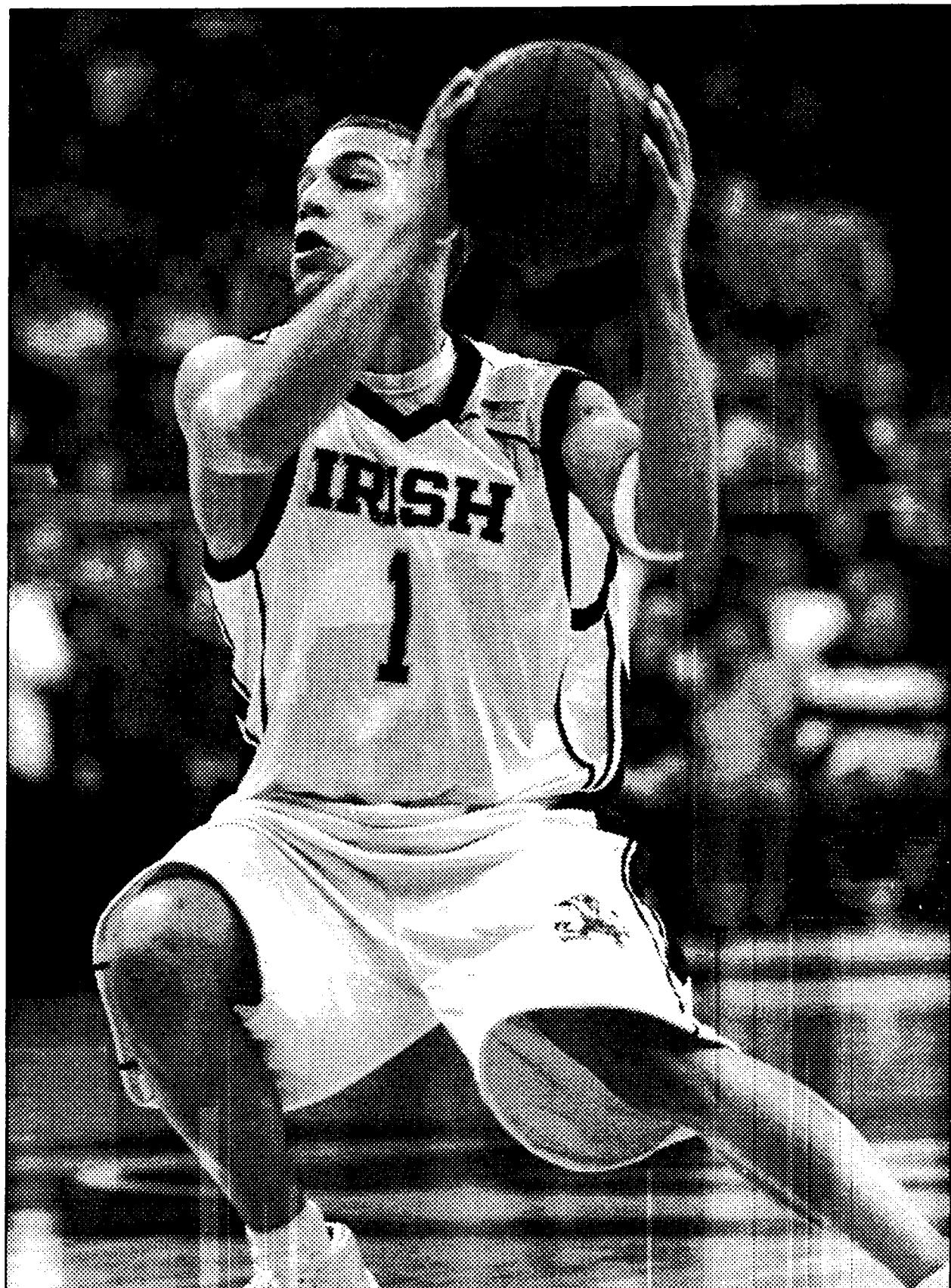
While he has relished the chance to play in his hometown, Thomas wants to keep his focus on Wisconsin-Milwaukee and breaking their press. The Panthers like to consistently pressure their opponent and Thomas feels this gives him the opportunity to make plays.

"I don't feel like a sophomore point guard. I feel like I have a lot of experience," Thomas said. "I just feel very confident that Wisconsin-Milwaukee might give me the best opportunities to play my game and that's the transition game."

All Thomas can do now is wait for game time, so he can showcase the skills he learned playing basketball in the surrounding neighborhoods of Indianapolis on a national stage.

"It should be fun," he said.

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CHIP MARKS/The Observer

Chris Thomas looks to pass the ball during an earlier Irish game. Thomas returns to his native Indianapolis for the NCAA Tournament tonight.

Success linked to leadership

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Success in the NCAA Tournament is often tied to the relative strength of leadership on a team.

And two of Notre Dame's seniors have a wealth of experience.

Matt Carroll has been arguably Notre Dame's best player 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 main goal right now is Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and whoever comes next, we'll watch tape on them and come prepared to play," Miller said. "You can't look ahead and we're not gonna."

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.

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

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

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

Success in the dome

Maybe it comes from playing at a school known for a Golden Dome, but when the Irish play in domed arenas, they tend to shoot exceptionally well.

In the Carrier Dome at Syracuse, the Irish shot 82-80 despite making 12 3-pointers. In fact, Notre Dame was nearly as accurate shooting from behind the arc (46.2 percent) as they were overall (46.3).

"A dome's a dome," Carroll said. "We shot the ball very well at Syracuse, and hopefully we'll be able to carry that over to here."

The RCA Dome also has some significance for Brey, who was an assistant at Duke in 1991, the Blue Devils won the national championship in the Indianapolis arena but hasn't been back since.

"There's a lot of good memories in this place," he said.

Brotherly advice

After Joel Cornette, the brother of Irish sophomore Jordan Cornette and a member of Butler's basketball team, lost to Wisconsin-Milwaukee in the Horizon League conference championship last week, the older brother had some friendly advice for his younger brother.

What he said, though, is a mystery.

"I'd love to tell you what he said on the phone, but there's way too many expletives to say that," Cornette said. "We're going to get them back, hopefully."

Even though Joel's team lost the conference tournament, they still secured an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament. Butler is a No. 12 seed in the East region and is slated to play No. 5 seed Mississippi State.

Hurting Irish

Cornette sat out Wednesday's practice with a bag of ice on his ankle to help heal turf toe on his left big toe. But by sitting out practice, Cornette said he expected to be able to play tonight.

Carroll is battling a case of tonsillitis, but he said he didn't think it would affect his play.

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Bball

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were so sobering.

The Irish have every reason to be concerned entering tonight's game. They've lost four of their last five games, surrendered an average of 87.4 points a game over that same span and now face an opponent who can shoot just as well from the perimeter as themselves.

But if there was any sign the Irish were worried, it wasn't evident in the locker room banter Wednesday that alternated between dissections of each player's new hairstyle and discussions about how dangerous Wisconsin-Milwaukee could be.

"We look at it as we're starting new, we're all in this together, and we're a team," said Matt Carroll. "We have went through a lot of adversity and a lot of tough losses and it's almost like this is a new season for us. We're wiping out what happened in the past and we're a new team coming into the tournament."

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

"Our spirits are up a lot now," Thomas said. "It was hard to do that before, when coach said, 'Keep your heads up,' and we

were going down by 20 points."

Thomas said he did most of the shaving himself — including his own head — which prompted Carroll to tell the sophomore point guard that if basketball doesn't work out, he could always open a barbershop.

Nearly 24 hours before the Irish begin tournament play around 9:40 tonight, the players joked around in the locker room about the new hairstyles. The general consensus seemed to be that Francis and Jones looked the best, but smiling players revealed who looked the worst as they relaxed watching NIT games on television.

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

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

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

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

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MENS LACROSSE

Howell plays with a fire that ignites teammates

By PAT LEONARD
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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," Corrigan said.

"He does have good skills,

but more than anything else he has a great sense of the game. He makes the play that has to be made.

When a guy like him is out of the lineup, you miss what he contributes because [his style of play] is an infectious thing."

Howell has set the standard, and teammates, veteran and rookie, are stepping right up to join him.

Freshman Patrick Walsh is the most noticeable, a quick 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 better players," Corrigan said. "Missing a guy like him is like missing a guy and a half. I couldn't be happier that he's back, and I'm looking forward to having him with us this year."

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Howell

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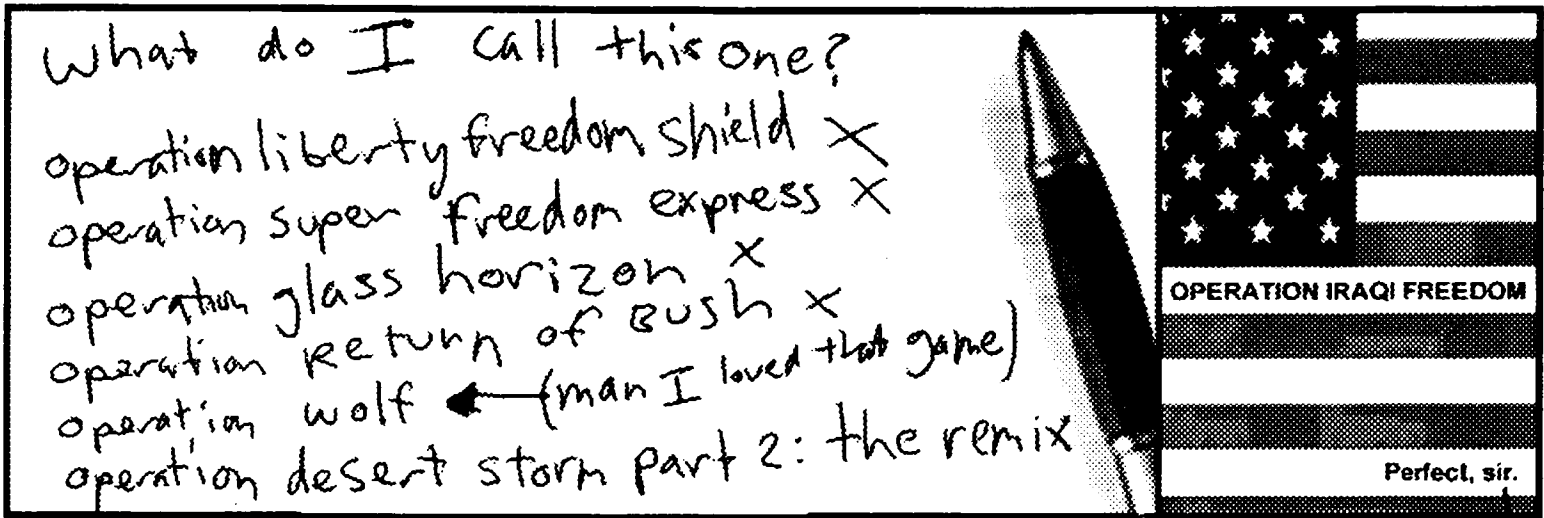
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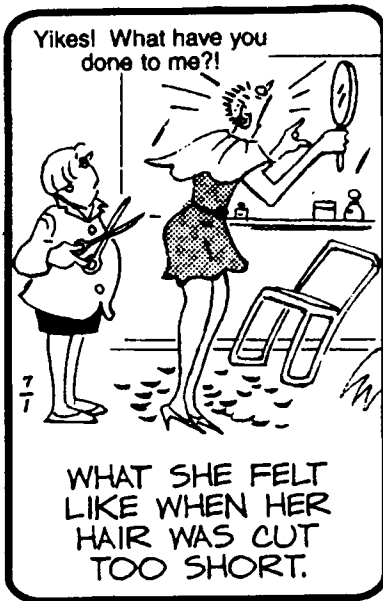
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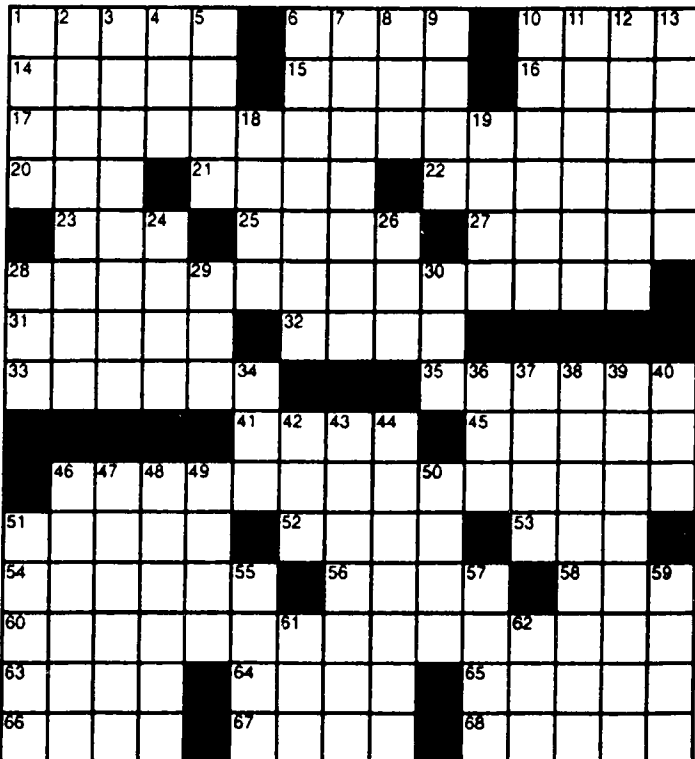
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- 1 "All I Do" (Sheryl Crow song)
 - 6 Singer in Bob Dylan's Rolling Thunder Revue
 - 10 Clinches
 - 14 Afghan, e.g.
 - 15 Director Wertmuller
 - 16 Clammy
 - 17 Number one assistant, strictly speaking?
 - 20 Some degree
 - 21 Posted
 - 22 Orwell's "Animal Farm," e.g.
 - 23 Lbs. and ozs.
 - 25 Pain
 - 27 Instruction for casual dress
 - 28 Going around a clock every minute?
 - 31 Sheikdom of song
 - 32 Regarded guardedly
 - 33 Enlivens
 - 35 Shrimp dish
 - 41 Bric-a-
 - 45 Diamond situation after a single hit
 - 46 Nonchalant gait?
 - 51 Trap
 - 52 Hubbubs
 - 53 Without limit
 - 54 Doo-wop hits, e.g.
 - 56 Has markers out
 - 58 Cleveland ____ O.
 - 60 Where farm workers take a dip?
 - 63 Indigo plant
 - 64 Chip in
 - 65 Place for a hawk
 - 66 Burns and Allen: Abbr.
 - 67 Doldrums, for one
 - 68 "Texaco Star Theater" star

- DOWN**
- 1 Tip off
 - 2 So to speak
 - 3 Second half of a doubleheader
 - 4 "No way"
 - 5 Aardvark's prey
 - 6 "A Streetcar Named Desire" role
 - 7 Is of value, slangily
 - 8 Eliminate
 - 9 Eliminates by remote control
 - 10 Words of agreement
 - 11 Per ____
 - 12 Chef Lagasse
 - 13 Wild time
 - 18 Cattle rancher's unit
 - 19 Called
 - 24 Sad sounds
 - 26 Suffix with ethyl-
 - 28 Weaken
 - 29 School situated at Washington Sq.
 - 30 Person with a practice: Abbr.
 - 34 Alley org.
 - 36 Bunko game



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- 37 "The King and I" character
- 38 Hamburg honorific
- 39 Barbie feature, at times
- 40 Like Mahler's Symphony No. 4
- 42 Carrier of genetic info
- 43 Expand
- 44 Packed
- 46 Reading e-mail, e.g.
- 47 Movie technique
- 48 Gimcrackery
- 49 Take note of
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MENS BASKETBALL

Irish shave heads to create team unity

By ANDREW SOUKUP
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INDIANAPOLIS

When Mike Brey saw the first two of his players walk into the meeting room Wednesday morning, he noticed a pair of newly-shaven heads.

"Nah, they couldn't have all done it," the Irish coach remembered thinking to himself.

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

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

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

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

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

In spite of the jovial mood in the locker room Wednesday, few chuckled at Brey's comment because his words

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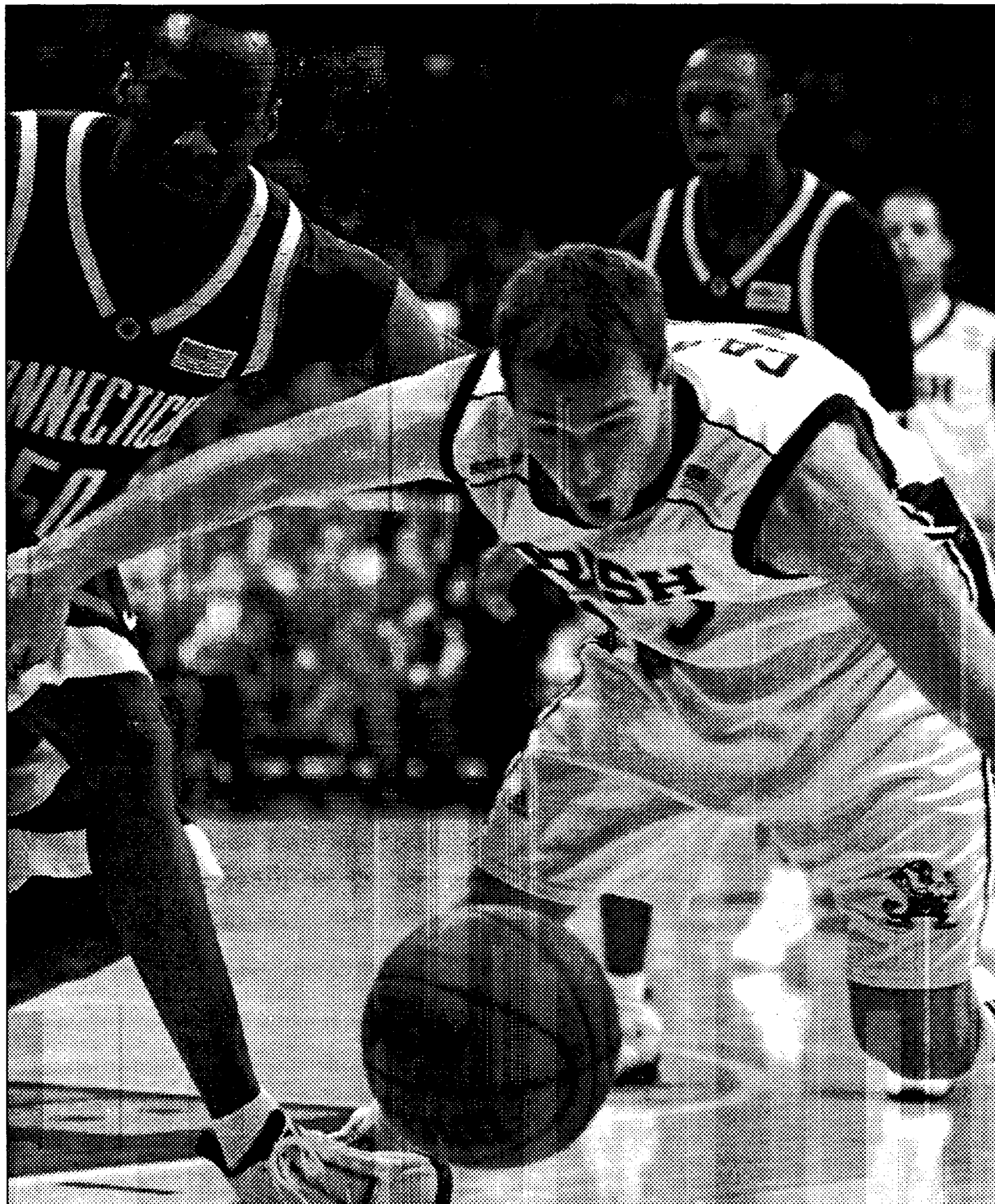
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Senior Matt Carroll struggles to recover the ball during Notre Dame's loss to Connecticut this season. The Irish are a No. 5 seed in the NCAA Tournament.

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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-rated seed of the quarterfinal teams, as the top two seeds in the Super Six get a first-round bye.

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

During the regular season, the Irish faced the Buckeyes twice, both times at the Joyce Center. The Irish amassed a 0-1-1 record against the Buckeyes, with the tie coming after the Buckeyes scored a heartbreak-

ing goal with just 4.7 seconds remaining to erase a 3-2 Irish lead.

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

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

round 3-1.

The Buckeyes are a potent offensive team that features three first-round NHL draft picks in its center rotation and is ranked as the number one CCHA team offensively this season. Junior R.J. Umberger is the keystone 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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FENCING

Severe weather postpones fencing matches

Special to The Observer

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

The complete schedule of events follows below.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Irish womens fencing team will also be competing on Saturday and Sunday. The national champion will be crowned on Sunday.

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AT A GLANCE

MENS BASKETBALL

Playing in the NCAA Tournament will be a homecoming for Indianapolis native Chris Thomas. Thomas hopes to continue his winning streak in the RCA Dome as the Irish take on Wisconsin-Milwaukee tonight.

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MENS BASKETBALL

Notre Dame vs. Wisconsin-Milwaukee

tonight, 9:40 p.m.

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

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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.

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