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## Students celebrate Easter

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The Newman Center, a campus catholic community church, drew in more students and parents than it could seat for yesterday's Easter Mass.

For some students, attending a campus Mass was ideal because they had to spend the Christian holiday away from home.

Caroline Donohue, a sociology senior, said going to Mass and having dinner with her friends is how she normally spends Easter. In a month she will also celebrate Greek Easter, because she is part Greek orthodox.

Donohue said for the last four years she has celebrated Easter away from her home in Washington, D.C., and this is the third year she attended Mass at the St. Thomas More Catholic Newman Center, 1615 East Second St.

In addition to celebrating Easter, the Catholic Newman Center also confirmed many students yesterday, in which people confirm their baptism and faith in God and promise to live their lives as Jesus would. Before being confirmed, participants learn about the tenets of their Catholic faith.

Sara Poulin, a physiology junior, said she

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## War forum sparks discussion

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A forum Thursday marking the second anniversary of the war in Iraq was held to discuss the complexities of the United States occupation in Iraq — past, present and future.

A crowd of about 100 gathered in the auditorium of the Social Sciences building to listen to the opinions of three UA professors and their expertise on the controversial topic.

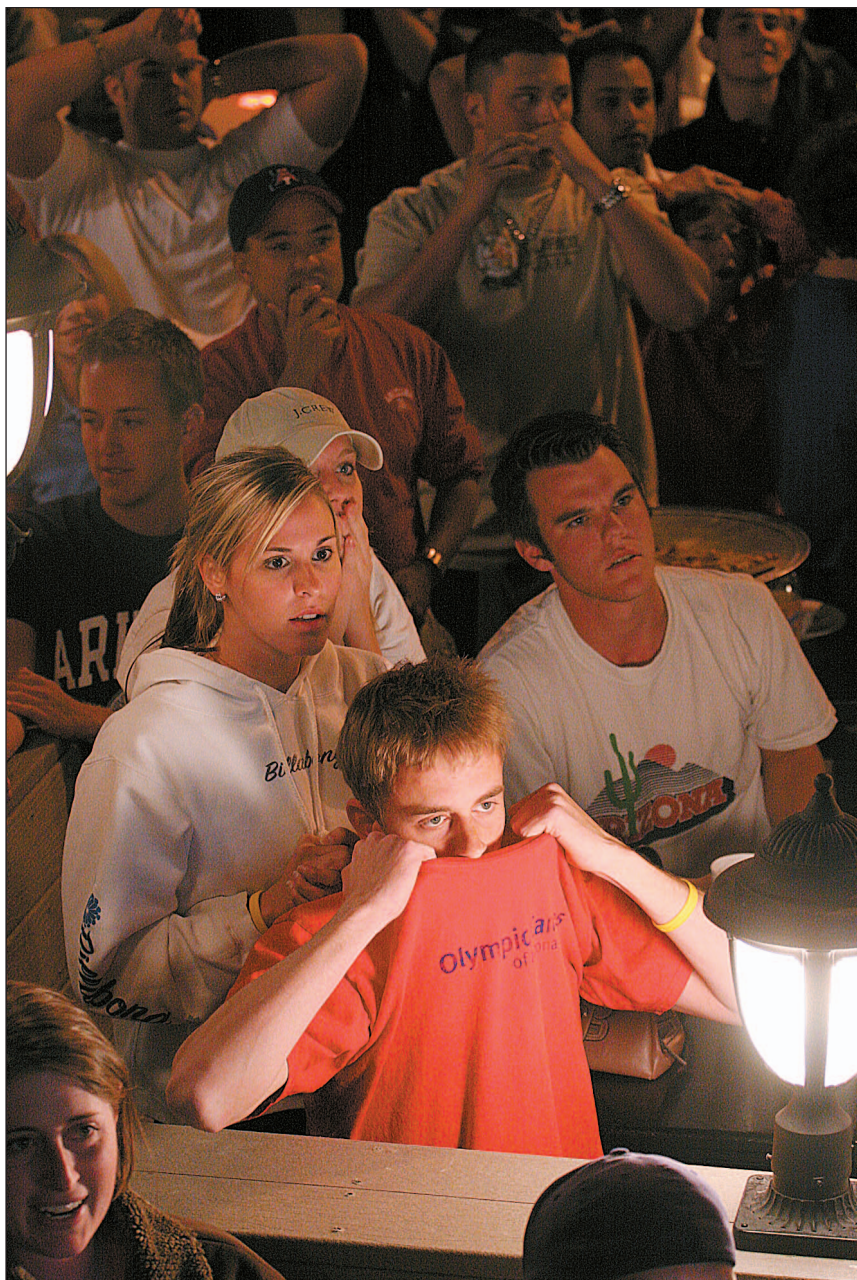
"The U.S. has offensive objectives. Officials were not reluctant to use force, but waiting," said David Gibbs, associate professor of history and political science. "The public is reluctant to use force initially until they have proof of hostile actions."

Intelligence methods were discussed in relation to both the current situation in Iraq and previous governmental incidents, such as President Jimmy Carter and Afghanistan in 1979 and its continuity in "The War on Terror" in 2001. These

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## UA BASKETBALL ELITE EIGHT LOSS TO ILLINOIS Collapse stuns UA fans

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TOP: CASSIE TOMLIN/Arizona Daily Wildcat BOTTOM: THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
TOP: History senior Robert Phelan tries to hide behind his shirt while watching Arizona lose their 15-point lead in the final minutes against Illinois at No Anchovies on East University Boulevard. BOTTOM: Freshman Jawann McClellan reacts on the court as Illinois' Dee Brown and teammates celebrate their 90-89 overtime win in the Chicago Regional championship game of the NCAA Tournament Saturday at the Allstate Arena in Rosemont, Ill.

It was a quiet end to a disappointing game.

As the game clock wound down Saturday night, hundreds of Wildcat fans packed in bars along North Fourth Avenue held their breath in anticipation of a hoops win. But despite the last-minute loss, extra police were not needed to calm the frustrated crowds.

Carlos Valdez, a public information officer with Tucson Police Department, said no incidents, such as citations or arrests, occurred Saturday night on Forth Avenue or East University Boulevard, where additional police officers were stationed as a "preventative presence."

"It was not in preparation for any riots," Valdez said. "We had extra officers out there for disorderly behavior on anybody's part."

Valdez said additional police would be stationed at the same locations during the Final Four games and the championship.

"We wanted an increased security presence to help deter violence, but I think the loss played a factor as well," said Roberto Villasenor, assistant chief of police for TPD. "Overall it's been pretty calm and quiet. We had one fight at Gentle Ben's, a few word exchanges in local hot spots, but nothing major."

After the game ended, dejected and inebriated fans piled up along Fourth Avenue, but there were no riots, no incidents — just fans looking forward to next year and vowing to "drink (their) sorrows away," said Evan Adams, who graduated in December with a communications degree.

Adams was watching the game at Maloney's, 213 N. Fourth Ave., which was packed wall to wall with Wildcat fans.

Andrew Miller, an undeclared sophomore, watched the game at Bumstead's, 500 N. Fourth Ave., where both underage and of-age students could hang out. Miller said he was upset and frustrated about the one-point loss.

"I think they had all the potential in the world to go all the way, they were up by 12 with 2:40 left in the game," Miller said.

Miller's sentiment was echoed by other Wildcat fans who were convinced the Cats were headed to the Final Four.

Georgiana Gaxiola, an elementary education alumna who graduated in 1998, watched the game at Maloney's and said it should never have gone into overtime.

"The whole game we thought we were going to win," Gaxiola said. "In the end, (Illinois) did what we usually do."

Arizona was up by 15 with a little more than four minutes left in the game, but Illinois sunk four 3-pointers, forcing the game into overtime and then scored seven straight in overtime.

Gaxiola's husband Noah Gaxiola, a Pima Community College alumnus, said like many fans, he was "in shock, awe and very stunned" during the last few seconds of play.

Wildcat fans at O'Malley's, 247 N. Fourth Ave., had to endure trash talk from a few Illinois fans, said Amanda Bruggeman, a business senior, who said intoxicated Illinois fans poured beer in her hair and threatened to cut it.

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