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while studying in Bruges by periodically writing articles on the European Economic Community as a freelance writer for Time and The New York

Time hired him as a staff correspondent in 1977, sending him to London and later to Paris. In 1979, he reported for Time out of Washington as the State Department correspondent.

In 1980, Drozdiak's career sent him to Cairo, Egypt where he was Time bureau chief. During his two years in the Middle East, he also reported from Beirut and areas inside Iraq during the Iran-Iraq

Although he called the dangers he encountered in the Middle East "part of the risks of the trade," Drozdiak said his experiences there involved "the typical war stories.

Shortly after tensions between Iraq and Iran exploded into full-scale war in 1980. Drozdiak was assigned to report on the conflict from the southern front in Basra, Iraq.

"There were several incidents where artillery shells were exploding around the car we were driving in," he said.

"The dangerous thing for correspondents was that both

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Drozdiak attended the University from 1968 to 1971 on a full-tuition scholarship for basketball. He is still ranked 15th in career point totals at the University.

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