

National News

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Miracle Miner Returns Home

Randall McCloy, the only survivor of the Sago Mine explosion that killed 12 others, returned home Thursday, March 30. McCloy spent three months in the hospital recovering after the explosion. He suffered heart failure, one lung had collapsed, his body temperature was low, and he was in a coma for almost three weeks. Doctors also found heart, kidney, and brain damage. Even though he has returned home, his

recovery is not over. McCloy will still have to attend therapy three times a week for several months because, according to USA Today, he is still having problems with movement, balance, vision, speech, language, and think. His doctors are confident that he will make a full recovery.

US Journalist Released from Captivity

Jill Carroll, a freelancer for The Christian Science Monitor, was released from her kidnappers Thursday, March 30, 82 days after she had been kidnapped. According to statements made

by Iraqi Police Lt. Col Falah al-Mohammedawi, Carroll was released on a street near an office of the Iraqi Islamic Party. Reportedly, she walked into the party office carrying a letter in Arabic asking for help. From there, she was sent to party headquarters and handed over to fellow journalists and U.S. officials. In an interview with Baghdad TV, Carroll said, "I was treated well, but I don't know why I was kidnapped. They never hit me, never even threatened to hit me."

Crackdown on Illegal Im-

migration

In December, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a bill that would make illegal immigration a felony and could incriminate those who help illegal immigrants. The bill also suggests building two-layer fences along 700 miles of the US border with Mexico. The bill is now in the Senate for legislation. On Monday, the Senate Judiciary Committee voted for a proposal that would increase border security and document checks in workplace. It would also legalize almost 12 million immigrants in this country without proper

documentation and provide almost 400,000 more work visas a year for companies to obtain future workers. At the same time, another bill is up for debate. This bill is sponsored by Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn. It calls for tough civil and criminal penalties to employers who repeatedly employ illegal immigrants. In response to pending legislation, protests have appeared in many cities including Smithfield, NC, Los Angeles, Denver, and Northern Virginia.

NCAA Tournament Recap

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The NCAA men's basketball champs were officially decided when the Florida Gators beat the UCLA Bruins on Monday night 73-57. UCLA had defeated LSU on Saturday, April 1st, 59-45 and Florida beat Cinderella team George Mason 73-58, allowing the two somewhat unexpected teams to meet in the final on Monday night.

UCLA led only once in Monday night's game very early at 4-2. The rest of the game was all Florida. The Gators (33-6) never allowed UCLA (32-7) to make a run, though UCLA did cut a one time twenty point lead to twelve, late in the second

half, but it was too little too late. Sophomore Joakim Noah led the way for the Florida Gators with 16 points, 9 rebounds, and an all-time tournament record six blocks.

The tournament was not without its surprises, as is to be expected. Duke was the first number one seed to be knocked out of the tournament in the sweet sixteen, and the other three number one seeds, Villanova, Memphis, and Connecticut all fell in the very next round. The final four consisted of four teams that likely no one had picked to be there, with the possible exception of UCLA, who has a history of being a strong team.

It was a disappointing run

for the men of the ACC, when all four teams representing it fell out early on, by the third round. The women however, have made up for that. Three ACC teams remained in the Final four, Duke, Maryland and UNC. The fourth team was LSU. UNC took on Maryland and Maryland handed Carolina only their second loss of the season, 81-70. Carolina's first loss also came from Maryland. Duke defeated LSU 64-45, making the championship game an all ACC match-up.

Both the men's and the women's games have been very exciting and held some very unexpected outcomes and I, for one, will be sorry to see it end.

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Senior Induction Reception & Ceremony honoring the Class of 2006
Monday, April 10, 2006

Hors d'oeuvres at seven o'clock
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We hope that you will join us for the unveiling of the Class Doll, a presentation of the Senior Gift, and a special ceremony inducting you into the Alumnae Association!

A favor of your reply is requested by
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Please contact the Office of Alumnae & Parent Relations at 919-760-8599 or
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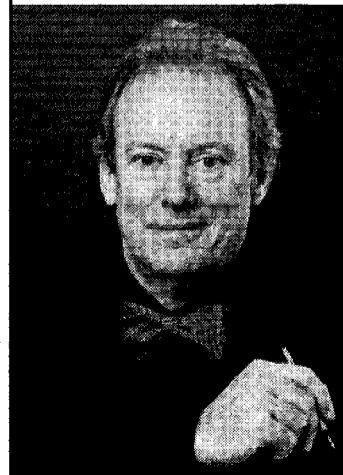
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