

# AAC Tournament Champs

The top seeded Montreat men won the AAC conference tournament with a 78-67 win over Union College.



Junior Jazz Cathcart and Sophomore Kinard Barnett



Junior Tim Lewis



Senior David Robinson

Continued on Page 6

# Iraqi Blast Damages Shia Shrine

BBC News Press Release



Courtesy of BBC News

Dozens of Sunni mosques are reported to have been targeted and six Sunnis killed after a gang blew up the dome of the al-Askari shrine in Samarra. Iraq's top Shia cleric, Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, has appealed for calm and called for a week of mourning. Iraqi President Jalal Talabani said the country must work to avoid a civil war. In a television broadcast, Mr Talabani, a Sunni Kurd, accused the attackers of trying to sabotage attempts to form a coalition government. "We must... work together against... the danger of civil war," he said. Saleh al-Mutlaq, a leading Sunni politician in Iraq, told the BBC the emergence of a new broad-based government was critical. "If we do not act in a very positive way to create a

government of national unity, a government which contains everybody, a government which can control the security in Iraq, if we stay as we are now, we kill our men... then we're very near [to] civil war," he said. No-one has claimed responsibility for the attack on the shrine, although Iraqi television said several people had been arrested in connection with the bombing. The BBC's Jon Brain in Baghdad says the attack was almost certainly designed to raise the existing tensions between the majority Shia and minority Sunni populations.

### Clashes

Following the attack, thousands of demonstrators gathered near the shrine, waving Iraqi flags and calling for jus

Continued on Page 2

**VERSE**  
*of the*  
**WEEK**

"I love the LORD, because He has heard my voice and my supplications. Because He has inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call upon Him as long as I live."  
 - Psalm 116:1-2 NKJV

109. **7**

**INSIDE**  
 2006 KING OF HEARTS