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Jazz trumpeter named dean of Hartt music school

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) - Aaron Flagg, a jazz trumpeter who has played with Wynton Marsalis and recorded with Roberta Flack, has been named the dean of

the 89-year-old Hartt School in-Connecticut.

tive June 30. Flagg

The 39-year-old Flagg is execudirector of the Music Conservatory of Westchester in White

Plains, N.Y., and has served on the faculty at the Juilliard School. He is the first black dean of the music school, part of the University of Hartford, and will start his new job

Flagg says he's honored to lead a school with a tradition of excellence.

He is taking over for Malcolm Morrison, who is returning to teaching at Hartt.

Hartt alumni include singer Dionne Warwick and television producer Kent McCray, who worked with actor Michael Landon on "Little House on the Prairie."

White supremacists win attorney fees

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - The white supremacist Nationalist Movement was awarded over \$17,000 in attorney fees accrued during its dispute with Jena, La., over regulations covering demonstrations.

About 50 of its members marched in Jena in January 2008 to protest an earlier, massive civil rights demonstration held in support of the Jena 6 - six black high school students accused of beating a white schoolmate.

The Nationalist Movement, based in Learned, Miss., sued the town over a requirement of a \$10,000 bond before rallying. The group had sought \$74,420, but U.S. District Judge Dee D. Drell rejected that claim. Drell, however, found that Nationalist attorney Richard Barrett should be compensated for just under 95 hours work at a rate of \$200 for legal work and \$45 an hour for nonlegal work. That resulted in an award of \$17,143.30.

Chicago Olympic organizers sign equality document

CHICAGO (AP) - The president of Chicago's bid for the 2016 Summer Olympics says the committee has agreed

to share any hiring and economic opportunities with underserved communities

Chicago 2016 president Lori Healey announced the signing of a legally binding document Thursday that outlines equality efforts in hiring and contracting for the games, as well as affordable housing.

Chicago Urban League president Cheryle Jackson says her organization is "excited and encouraged" by the agreement.

Members of the International Olympic Committee are due to tour Chicago next week.



Rev. Jesse Jackson reunites with the now-23-year-old Stuart Lockwood in London.

Jackson reunites with boy he rescued from Iraq

BY DON TERRY NNPA SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

LONDON - Rev. Jesse Jackson took the tall, dark haired stranger by the arm and went looking for a quiet place to talk.

It would not be easy. Another man was chasing after Jackson, begging for his autograph.

'Later, buddy, later," Jackson said.

He led the self-effacing stranger through the crowd gathered at a posh London hotel where the Baptist preacher from Chicago was being celebrated for his long career fighting for human rights by, among other people. Britain's Deputy Prime Minister, Harriet Harman.

"Jesse," Harman said. 'you are the chain linking

Women players outdo men in the classroom BY DAVE SKRETTA



Stuart Lockwood, then 5, with Saddam Hussein.

Martin Luther King to Barack Obama.' Jackson was moved by the

gala, but was overwhelmed by emotion when he saw the stranger.

"Man, I can't believe it's you," Jackson told him. "I've been waiting a long time for this. I kind of talk a lot, but now I don't know what to say.

For Jackson, seeing the young man he had met only once nearly 19 years ago was more important than a thousand fancy dinners in his honor

"He's why I do what I do," Jackson said.

The stranger's name was Stuart Lockwood, a 23-yearold, first-year physical education teacher in a small town about 120 miles north of London.

But in the late summer of 1990, when he was just 5 years old, a photograph of little Stuart ignited the world's outrage on the eve of the first

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Huckabee likens abortion to slavery

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) - Former Arkansas governor and Republican presidential candidate Mike Huckabee likened abortion to slavery in a speech during a fundraiser for an anti-abortion group.



Huckabee said that when it abolished slavery, the U.S. debated and decided it was immoral for one person to have complete, life-or-death power over another. He said that should not change whether the control involves racial bigotry or a pregnant woman making a decision for her unborn child.

Jackson

What are we saying to the generation coming after us when we tell them that it is perfectly OK for one person to own another human

being?" Huckabee said. "I thought we dealt with that 150 years ago when the issue of slavery was finally settled in this country, and we decided that it no longer was a political issue, it wasn't an issue of geography, it was an issue of morality. That it was either right or it was immoral that one person could own another human being and have full control even to the point of life and death over that other human being.

He said civilization cannot survive if "one group of people have life and death control over another for no particular reason other than their own conveniences and, in that case, prejudices.

The half-hour speech was the keynote address during a luncheon fundraiser for the Jefferson City-based Vitae Caring Foundation. The organization, created in 1991. sponsors advertisements across the country encouraging women to seek alternatives to abortion.

Huckabee was the governor of Arkansas from 1996-2007 before launching an unsuccessful bid for the White House in 2008. He has written a book and is a commentator for the Fox News Channel and ABC Radio Networks.

Missouri NAACP President Mary Ratliff, who said she learned of Huckabee's remarks when contacted by The Associated Press after the speech, said the comparison of abortion to slavery was "apples to oranges" and called it offensive to use the issue of slavery for an unrelated political point.

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The women's NCAA tournament has been played in the shadow of the men's event for years. When it comes to academics, however, the women own the spotlight.

Four teams in the women's round of

16 had perfect graduation rates, while five of the remaining men's teams

graduated 50 percent or fewer

of their players, according to a study released Wednesday.

Lapchick

The report from the Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sport found that topseeded Connecticut, Ohio State, Stanford and Vanderbilt gave diplomas to 100 percent of their women's players during a six-year period. Seven other teams still alive had higher graduation success rates than the two top men's teams.

"The fact that there were so many women's teams that were higher than the top men's team was a little startling," said Richard Lapchick, who heads the institute at the University of Central Florida.

The report accompanies an annual study that examined Graduation Success Rates and the Academic Progress Rates for men's and women's NCAA tournament teams. The graduation rates were reviewed over four freshman classes beginning in 1998-99; the APR uses four-year data beginning in 2003-04.

Leading the men's programs were Duke and Villanova, each graduating 89 percent of its players. North Carolina (86), Xavier (82) and Purdue (77) also fared well,

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