

NLAA wipes out Final Four appearance Camby says he'll repay to school the \$151,617 fine

By MARTY DOBROW Staff Writer

AMHERST -History has been rewritten.

The run to the Final Four — the proudest moment in the athletic history of the University of Massachusetts has been removed from the official records of the NCAA.

Yesterday the Executive Committee of the NCAA delivered its long-awaited verdict, penalizing UMass for using an ineligible player during the 1995-96 season. That player was Marcus Camby, the National Player of the Year who has just completed his rookie season with the Toronto Raptors of the NBA. Camby was deemed ineligible because of his admitted acceptance of money and gifts from agents while he was still a student-athlete at UMass. Camby last night said he will donate to the university the full \$151,617 that the school has to repay the NCAA. There can be no restitution, however, for the other part of the penalty: UMass' performance in the '95-96 NCAA Tournament has been deleted. The trophy that the school earned for making it to college basketball's greatest showcase shall be returned. UMass Chancellor David K. Scott expressed the somber mood on campus, describing "a great sense of loss for the university and its supporters." Speaking to reporters by teleconference last night, Camby was repentant. "I'm truly sorry for what I did," he said. "Right now I'm in the process of learning from my mistakes." **UMass Athletic Director Bob Marcum** expressed disappointment with the NCAA ruling, but added that the university will not appeal the decision. "We're part of the association (NCAA)," Marcum said. "And those are the bylaws." The bylaws Marcum was referring to are in the weighty NCAA rule book under sections 31.2.2.4 (covering games) and 31.2.2.5 (covering finances). Those rules have been applied to other schools in similar situations. Indeed, UMass is the sixth Final Four team in



It is still uncertain whether UMass will be permitted to continue to hang the Final Four banner from the rafters at the Mullins Center.

history to be stripped of its appearance. One of those cases, the expunging of the 1971 Villanova team from the NCAA Final Four because player Howard Porter accepted money from an agent, bore an eerie resemblance to the UMass case. (Ironically, UMass' first 1995-96 NCAA game came against Central Florida, a team whose star was Howard Porter Jr., son of the former Villanova player.) Also yesterday in a separate case, the NCAA stripped the University of Connecticut of its 1995-96 tournament appearance and ordered a return of tournament revenues. (See story on Page 4). Camby said he will always tresaure the memory of his team's achievement. "We worked long and hard to get to the Final Four," he said, "and those memories will last forever." The sentiment was echoed by many people connected to the UMass basketball program. Head Coach Bruiser Flint, the top assistant of the 1995-96 team, said, "I know what kind of team that was -it was a special team. Getting to the Final Four was pretty much the ultimate. (Former coach) John (Calipari) always talked about that vision. It's something that you can't ever



plunges

BOSTON (AP) — Crime fell 9 percent across the state last year, including a 27 percent drop in the number of murders, numbers which brought smiles to the faces of government and law enforcement officials.

Robberies also dropped 10.8 percent, while incidents of aggravated assault declined by 2.7 percent and rapes fell by 0.7 percent.

Officials credited the growth in community policing, support from the public and a new sense of inter-agency cooperation for the results.

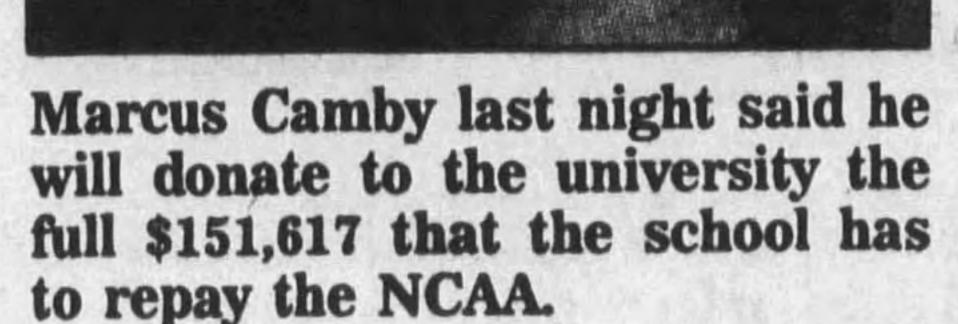
"When we pool our resources and coordinate our efforts, we're much more powerful in our campaign against crime," Public Safety Secretary Kathleen M. O'Toole said during a Statehouse news conference Thursday.

"Historically, the many components of the criminal justice system have functioned independently with disparate resources and information," she said.

Yarmouth Police Chief Peter Carnes, president of the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association, also used the occasion to issue a warning.

"The message to the street criminal - the drug dealer, the sex offender, the gang member selling guns — is clear: Don't conduct your business on the streets of Massachusetts. The local agencies, the state police and the prosecutors stand ready to make you the next arrest statistic," Carnes said. The statistics were compiled from reports filed by 285 law enforcement agencies in Massachusetts. They range from city and town police departments

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Mass must learn lessons from Camby affair. Page 6 Current UMass basketball players respond to the penalties imposed by the NCAA. Page 23

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Congress targets juvenile criminals

WASHINGTON (AP) - House members have passed a bill that would allow youths as young as 13 to be tried as adults on charges of committing violent federal crimes.

Charges of murder, rape, aggravated assault, armed robbery and major drug offenses routinely would be tried in adult courts unless the attorney general holds that the public interest would be better served by trying those 14 and

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School choice program a go in city MHC board to vote

The difference this year was that choice, and Mayor Mary Ford heading Willard championed school choice as an irresistible opportunity to bring much needed funds to the district.

By KIRSTEN ANDELMAN Staff Writer

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NORTHAMPTON - School Committee members last night sealed the city's participation in the school choice program. The program opens Northampton schools to tuition-paying students from other communities and is expected to bring \$200,000 to the city's financially strapped schools.

With Superintendent Bruce E. Willard leading the contingent for school

up the opposition, the committee voted 5-5, effectively approving school choice. School systems that fail to defeat school choice automatically participate.

The panel has voted for years not to participate and last night's vote came despite the fact that all of the district's six school councils recently registered their opposition, saying the program discriminates against poor school districts and pits one school district against another.

"These are extremely difficult times," Willard said.

Ford, explaining her refusal to support the initiative, said that school choice revenue would show up as shortterm, small gains that would be ineffective at supplying the city with necessi-

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on controversial plan

By MICHELLE AGUILAR Staff Writer

for its 1995-1996 season rests in

the corner of a trophy case at

the Mullins Center Thursday. It

will be returned.

SOUTH HADLEY — Mount Holyoke College's Board of Trustees arrive on campus this weekend to vote on an academic and economic plan that sparked a wave of student rallies and building takeovers last month.

Trustees will consider the Plan for Mount Holyoke 2003, an ambitious strategic policy written over the past academic year by a specially formed **Educational Priorities Committee. It** is designed to overhaul the college's academic and financial profile within six years.

Trustees are scheduled to vote on the plan Saturday.

The plan has caused controversy on campus as the trustees meeting has neared. While many say they are excited by the vision and academic innovation in the plan, some say they

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New England's edge eroding in higher education

BOSTON (AP) — First daughter Chelsea Clinton, who chose Stanford University last month over several top schools in New England, apparently is not the only student turning down acceptances to the region's famous brick-and-ivy colleges and universities.

New England's proud tradition of importing a disproportionate number of the nation's college students is eroding, along with its share of allimportant higher education research spending. Officials blame the higherthan-average tuition and increasing competition from less-expensive public universities in other sections of

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The Belchertown boys baseball team is hitting, scoring, pitching, and winning.

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Northampton briefs

- Volunteers sought to aid in NHS 'coverup'

NORTHAMPTON — People at the Northampton High School. rassed an officer. years, the Northampton High 21, of 59 East St., Easthampton,

of cleaning, painting and light directly in the middle of the maintenance at the school.

from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 foot traffic. When Hayes saw to 4 p.m. Volunteers will paint Officer Robert Moriarty walking the main office, several class- on Main Street, he allegedly rooms and bathrooms and the yelled and swore at him. nurse's room. They will also Moriarty said that if Hayes did hang artwork in halls.

its final meeting for the year at 7 p.m. in Room 103 at the school. taken into custody. He was Topics will include general expected to be charged with school issues — including a being a disorderly person. proposed building renovation and search for a new principal. There will also be a presentation on

Man arrested after police say he blocks way

NORTHAMPTON --- Police arwilling to help are still needed rested a man on Main Street for Saturday's "Coverup" project Tuesday after he allegedly ha-

Every spring for the past few Police said Shawn M. Hayes, School PTO has organized a day was positioned in a wheelchair sidewalk outside of Thornes Mar-The project Saturday will run ketplace, causing a nuisance for

not move himself from the mid-On May 20, the PTO will hold dle of the sidewalk, he would be arrested. Hayes refused and was

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forget."

Calipari, now the head coach of the New Jersey Nets, said he was saddened by the decision, but added, "I will always be proud of the team's and staff's efforts and accomplishments during the 1995-96 season."

"They can take away the tournament wins," said Edgar Padilla, the point guard on that team who just completed his collegiate career. "But we know what we did. They can never take away our memories."

While Marcum accepted the punishment, he expressed dismay that so many people who were not involved in the case are forced to suffer its consequences. "You just wish there was a better solution to address the problem," he said.

The presence of largely unregulated agents has become pandemic in college sports. The NCAA exerts no control over them. Professional sports leagues such as the NBA and NFL, which benefit from talented athletes joining their ranks, have done little to address the problem. And universities are illequipped to monitor the full range of contact that agents have with players, their friends and families. Marcum insisted yesterday that UMass had done a good job in warning Camby and other student-athletes about the perils agents." Even the NCAA found no fault tee on statistics. with the university. The organization's enforcement staff con- · Marcum said he was not sure cluded that UMass "did not know, nor should (it) have known" about Camby's involvement. Because of that conclusion, UMass did not incur any penalties affecting the future: no probation, no restriction on tour- • It was not clear whether other nament appearances, etc. Still, Atlantic 10 schools would be according to NCAA official Bill forced to refund NCAA Tourna-Saum, some degree of punishment was warranted because "They still received the benefit of a competitive advantage by competing with the ineligible stu-

More on Camby

plus earlier stories about Mar-GazetteNET.

UMass penalized for Camby actions

against UMass, check out the GazetteNET Opinion section.

Both can be found at www.gazettenet.com on the World Wide Web.

dent-athlete."

The \$151,617 UMass must return represents 45 percent of the NCAA Tournament revenue the school was scheduled to receive for its participation and advancement to the Final Four. (The money was to be distributed through the Atlantic 10 Conference, based on a prearranged

This story, a timeline on the NCAA investigation of UMass, UConn stripped cus Camby's dealings with sports agents, can be found on the UMHOOP section of Of Some of its '96 Also, to offer an opinion about the NCAA penalties NCAA penalties against IIMass check out the

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) -Now that John Lounsbury has given up being a sports agent, he Eastern Michigan before being might try his hand at magic. He eliminated by Mississippi State just helped Connecticut and in the regional semifinal. The Massachusetts disappear from NCAA put a value of \$67,385 on the 1996 NCAA tournament each round of competition that record books.

The NCAA on Thursday Under past decisions, the settle cases that each are report- tournament. edly at least partly linked to In a prepared statement, ath-Lounsbury.

school's last appearance in the put the matter behind it. NCAA tournament, was ordered to return \$90,970 in tournament revenue because two players accepted plane tickets from Lounsbury. Lounsbury, who became a certified agent in 1994, said he was getting out of the business earlier this year and has filed for bankruptcy protection. In the UConn case, the NCAA suspended Ricky Moore, a sophomore, for five games this season and ended the career of Kirk tor. King, a senior, after UConn reported in January that both players accepted airline tickets in the fall of 1995 from Lounsbu-

During the 1996 tournament, UConn defeated Colgate and year.

stripped UConn and UMass of NCAA allows schools to keep their showings in last year's some of the tournament revenue tournament and demanded both if they were found not be aware return postseason revenue to of the violations during the

letic director Lew Perkins said UConn, which reached the the school would comply with regional semifinals in 1996 in the the ruling and was anxious to

teen dating violence. "There's something for everyone," said John Sass, a teacher and group leader.

Merrill Lynch open house set for Saturday

NORTHAMPTON — A new brokerage firm in Northampton will hold an open house Saturday, where representatives will talk about the investments work they do.

Merrill Lynch & Co. now operates a branch office at 34 Bridge St., across from the main city post office. The event runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

The office is headed by David Lusteg, assistant vice president, and has four financial consultants, including Michael Sarsynski, Martin Moebius and Lisa Hahn.

Driver blames foggy window in **Route 5 crash**

NORTHAMPTON — The heavy rains on Tuesday caused a woman's windshield to fog up while she was driving on Mount Tom Road and reportedly caused her to collide with a car in front of her. 91, of 21 Ferry Ave., Northampton, was driving south on Mount Tom Road, also known as Route 5, at 4:10 p.m. when she said her windshield fogged up when it started to rain, according to police. Krukowski then collided with Karlisha Crummedy, 20, of Tulsa, Okla., who was driving in front of her. Krukowski told police later on the scene that she did not see Crummedy. Holyoke resident Anne Dupont, who was a passenger in Crummedy's car, was taken for back pain to The Cooley Dickinson Hospital, where she was treated and released.

thampton Chapter 484 of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees will meet Monday at 1:30 p.m. in the Salvo House cafeteria, 81 Conz St.

Officers will be elected. The speaker will be Polly Gabriel, manager of the Hospice shop on Market Street. Reservations will be taken for a lobster bake on June 25. For information, call Joan Phakos at 527-5395.

B'NAI SISTERHOOD: Members of the Sisterhood B'Nai Israel, at 253 Prospect St., will hold a Mother's Day plant, tag and bake sale on Sunday. Many families hold offer tag sale items, along with foods and books. It will run from 8 a.m. to noon in the parking lot, but will move into the synagogue social hall if it rains.

SMITH VOCATIONAL AL-**UMNI:** The Alumni Association of Smith Vocational and Agricultural High School will hold its annual banquet and meeting tonight, starting with a social hour at 5:30 p.m. at the 80 Locust St. school Tickets are \$15 at the door.

Police Log

 An Amherst woman was cited for her involvement in a car accident on Main Street at 8:45 p.m. Wednesday, police said. Police said Maureen Jones Buchanan, 44, of 313 North

formula that pools NCAA funds accrued by all member schools. Three other A-10 teams made the NCAA Tournament and added to the pool.) That 45 percent figure, Marcum said, was consistent with what the NCAA has required of other schools in similar situations.

There are still a few lingering uncertainties about the case:

 Marcum said he did not know what the official record of posed by dealing with agents. the UMass team will be for the Camby expressed the same sen- 1995-96 season. Possibilities intiment: "The university had no clude the actual record of 35-2 knowledge of my actions or the with an asterisk, or 31-1 (the actions of my friends," he said. team's record prior to the NCAA "They (UMass) did the best they Tournament). Next week, Marcould to give us information on cum indicated, he should get the answer from the NCAA commit-

> whether UMass would still be permitted to hang the Final Four banner from the rafters at the Mullins Center.

"As far as I'm concerned," he said, "it's staying."

ment money based on the UMass case.

Material from the Associated Press was used in this report.

According to NCAA rules, an athlete may not accept money, return next season. gifts or any other benefit for his . The NCAA periodically punservices.

The NCAA previously deter- cused of violating agent rules. mined that athletic department In one of the largest cases officials had no way of knowing ever, more than 40 college footof the infractions. But King and ball and basketball players were Moore have admitted they knew identified as taking money from they were breaking the rules two agents, Norby Walters and when they accepted the tickets. Lloyd Bloom, between 1985 and

In reaching its decision Thurs- 1987. \$202,155 it earned for advancing 1994 tournament after a player ment.

"Now that we have reached closure in this matter, we look forward to moving ahead and preparing for the 1997-98 academic year," he said.

Perkins, UConn coach Jim Calhoun and other athletic officials were not available for comment because they were attending a retirement dinner for a fellow staffer, according to Tim Tolokan, associate athletic direc-

Neither King nor Moore could be immediately reached. King, who has said he is on track to graduate this year, has signed with the Skyhawks of the USBL. Moore, a point guard, plans to

ishes players and schools ac-

day, the NCAA, relying on prece- In August, the NCAA ordered dent, determined that UConn Missouri to return \$96,774, or 45 should return 45 percent of the percent, of its earnings from the three rounds in the 1996 tourna- accepted cash and airline tickets from an agent.

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Agency seeks host families for visiting students

NORTHAMPTON — The International Language Institute is looking for area hosts to house international students during its summer program, which runs from July 7 to Aug. 29.

The students will study an intensive English program and will be in the area two, four or eight weeks, throughout the summer.

The students are between 18 and 20 years old and come from a variety of backgrounds and countries, including China, Spain, Turkey, Japan, Switzerland, Germany, Colombia, France, Thailand and Korea. They will be enrolled in a 21hour-per-week course and participate in evening and weekend activities coordinated by the school. Hosts are asked to provide a private room and meals and be on a bus route or within walking distance of Sullivan Square in Northampton. A weekly stipend is provided. For more information, call Caroline Gear at 586-7569.

Pleasant St., Amherst, was driv-Police said Emilia Krukowski, ing west on Main Street in the middle lane when she made an abrupt right turn into the path of Lisa D. Melnick, 41, of 20 Hampton Ave., Northampton, who was driving behind Jones.

> Buchanan was cited for making an improper turning movement, police said. No injuries were reported.

 Police said the arrested Carlos Cortes-Galban, 30, of 81 Conz St., #225, Northampton, at 4:25 p.m. Wednesday on warrants from Northampton District Court for motor vehicle violations.

Officers reported to the apartment of Cortes-Galban's former girlfriend, who they said called police after Cortes-Galban came to the apartment seeking money. Police ran a background check on Cortes-Galban and found the warrant for his arrest, they said.

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Father leads police to alleged use of drugs

NORTHAMPTON - Police ar- ment. rested an Old South Street man on drug charges Tuesday after a girl's father came to the police station saying he believed his daughter was with the man.

Police arrested Michael Deppe, 17, of 7 Old South St., Northampton, at 12:10 a.m. and were expected to charge him with possession of a class D substance (marijuana) and contributing to the deliquency of a minor.

Police said the city father came to the station to tell officers that he was concerned that his 15-year-old daughter was not home from a date yet. The father's son suspected that the daughter was at Deppe's apart-

When officers went to the apartment, they said they could detect an odor of marijuana outside the front door, according to the police report. When the

officers were let in by Deppe, the 15-year-old girl was seen on a sofa with a marijuana pipe known as a bong in her lap, police said.

Deppe admitted that the bong in the girl's lap, along with another one in the apartment seen in plain view by officers in the apartment, was his, and was arrested. He was later found to have a small packet of marijuana at the police station when he was being booked, police said. - MARK CYBULSKI



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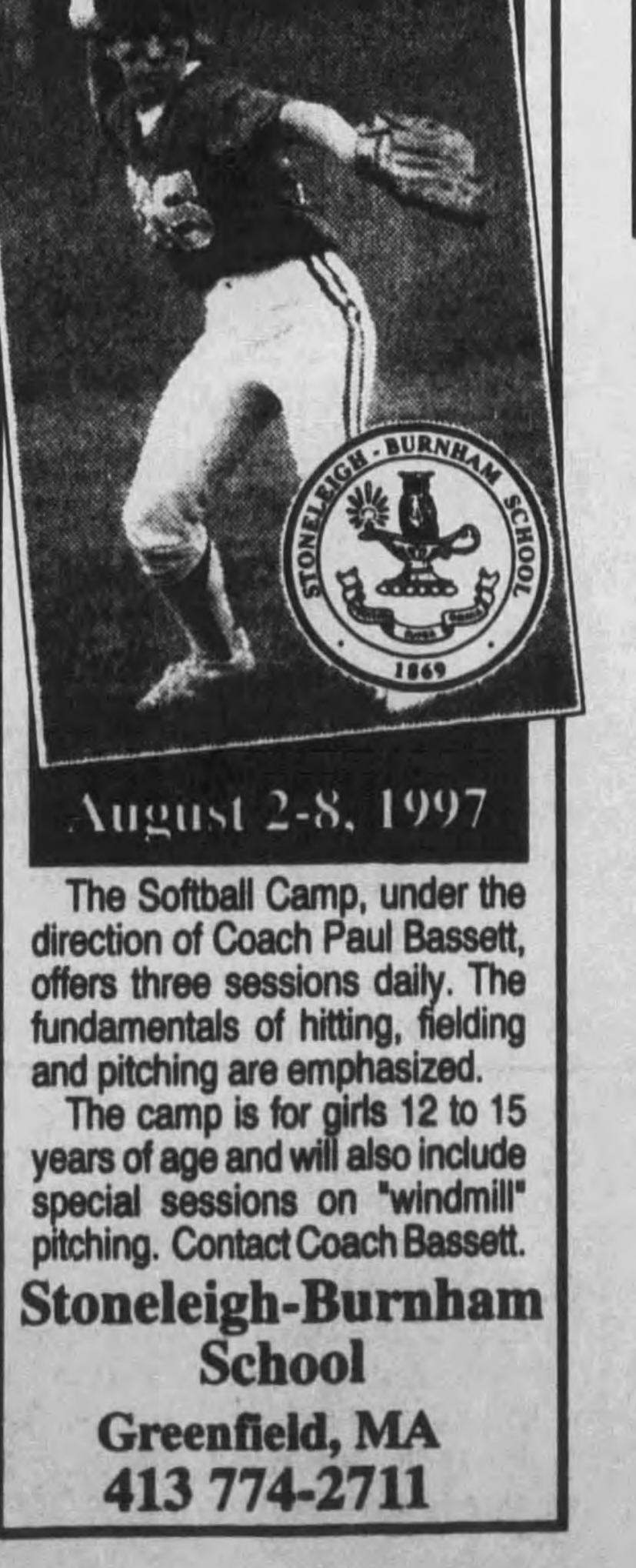
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