

## Stepping out



Katie Callahan, a senior studying Spanish, takes part in a Tai Chi class on the lawn in front of PLC.

Photo by Anthony Forney

## King's papers will stay at university, jury rules

□ The leader's widow said the papers belonged to her

BOSTON (AP) — A jury rejected claims Thursday by the widow of Martin Luther King Jr. to the papers the civil rights leader had given to Boston University.

The jury, ruling in a lawsuit filed by Coretta Scott King, found that a July 16, 1964, letter that King signed constituted a binding charitable pledge to the school where he obtained his doctorate in theology.

The Suffolk Superior Court jury deliberated for seven hours over two days.

Mrs. King filed the lawsuit in December 1987, seeking return of 83,000 letters, documents and manuscripts that her husband had deposited with Boston University in 1964 and 1965.

Mrs. King said her husband sent the papers to Boston University for safekeeping, but changed his mind about giving them to the university.

Mrs. King's attorneys, who spoke with

her by telephone, said she was disappointed the papers would not be sent to Atlanta to join the rest of her husband's personal writings at the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change.

"There was ample evidence in the trial that Dr. King had changed his mind. In my mind there was no question there," said James O'Brien, an attorney for Mrs. King.

Another King attorney, Archer Smith, said the family was considering an appeal.

Earle Cooley, a Boston University trustee and its lead attorney in the case, said the jury simply found according to the law rather than emotion.

The case focused on the 1964 letter, in which King had agreed to deposit his papers with the university. But the letter spelled out that King retained ownership of the papers until he either designated them as gifts to Boston University or until his death.

Mrs. King's lawyers argued the letter

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## Chancellor's predictions dim for Oregon's future

□ 1990's Measure 5 has changed structure of state government and politics

By Colleen Pohlig  
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The future of higher education, in case anybody has been asleep for the past two years, doesn't look too bright.

Ballot Measure 5, the property tax-limiting initiative that passed in November 1990, continues to wreak considerable damage to state higher

education institutions.

Loss of programs and positions, serious budget uncertainties about the future and tuition that has almost doubled are sealing the fate of the eight public state system institutions.

A glimmer of hope still exists, some higher education leaders say, but as legislators see the weeks fly by with no replacement revenue in sight, the glimmer dims.

The following interview with Thomas Bartlett, the chancellor for the state sys-

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## Three professors receive outstanding teaching awards

□ Brand presents awards to teachers nominated by students and faculty

By Shanti Sosienki  
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Three University professors were speechless Thursday when University President Myles Brand visited their classrooms and presented them with awards for outstanding teaching.

The professors, Louise Bishop, Kenneth Helphand and Ron Wixman, were presented with a wooden green apple

and a check in appreciation of their teaching.

"When I got a phone call from the president's office this morning saying he would like to come to see me, I thought, 'Oh no, what did I do this time?'" said Wixman, a geography professor.

The professors were chosen for the awards through nominations by students and other faculty members.

Wixman and Helphand received the Faculty Achievement Awards for Distinguished Teaching, which recognizes them as outstanding senior professors.

Bishop, an English professor, received the Ersted Award for Distinguished Teaching, given to professors who have

taught for less than six years.

"I was totally surprised," Bishop said.

Brand and a small entourage entered Bishop's classroom and presented the award in front of her students. Bishop graciously accepted the award and thanked the 1,300 or so students she has had over the years, for being the inspiration behind her teaching.

Next, Brand went to Helphand's classroom of about 80 students. Helphand, a landscape architecture professor, has been teaching at the University for 19 years.

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## WEATHER

Looks like another nice weekend. Cloudy today with a 50 percent chance of rain. Highs 60-65 degrees. Saturday is expected to be partly sunny with decreasing clouds.

Today in History

In 1941, Glenn Miller and his Orchestra recorded "Chattanooga Choo Choo" for RCA Victor.

## MENINGITIS OUTBREAK

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Two students were diagnosed with meningitis at the University of Connecticut and officials began preparing Thursday to vaccinate all 18,000 students on campus.

The outbreak will be considered an epidemic if a third student suspected of being infected is diagnosed with the disease, said Dr. Matthew Cartter, the state's coordinator of epidemiology. He said it is likely the third student does have meningitis.

Health officials said they have not yet found a link among the three cases at the Storrs campus, about 30 miles east of Hartford. Two of the students live in dormitories and the third lives off campus. Cartter said they did not appear to have any common friends or classes.

## SPORTS

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Shaquille O'Neal, the Orlando Magic's backboard-smashing center and the most celebrated player to enter the NBA in a generation, easily won the NBA rookie of the year award Thursday.

"I hope I can get an NBA championship trophy to go along with it," O'Neal said, "so that when I retire and have children, I can tell my son, 'I was bad.'"

What was the highlight for this season?

"When I ripped the backboard down on my head," O'Neal said with a laugh, referring to games against Phoenix and New Jersey when his monster dunks required new rims. "There have been a lot of highlights ... The whole season was fun."