

Lacrosse Players Charged in Attack

Arrested for rape, kidnapping

(AP) — Two Duke University lacrosse players were arrested on rape charges Tuesday in a scandal that has rocked one of America's elite campuses and raised explosive questions of race, class and the privileged status of college athletes.

The two players - both graduates of Northern prep schools - were promptly booked and released on bail in Durham, N.C. District Attorney Mike Nifong said a third player could also be arrested but has yet to be firmly identified.

Reade Seligmann, 20, of Essex Fells, N.J., and Collin Finnerty, 19, of Garden City, N.Y., are accused of attacking a stripper at a team party at an off-campus house on the night of March 13. They were charged with first-degree rape, sexual offense and kidnapping and were released on \$400,000 bail each.



Duke University lacrosse player Reade Seligmann is processed at the Durham County Detention Facility in Durham, N.C., Tuesday on charges of rape and kidnapping. (AP photo)

The district attorney would not say what evidence led to the charges. But Seligmann's attorney, Kirk Osborn, said: "Apparently it was a photographic identification. And we all know how reliable that is." Seligmann is "absolutely innocent," Osborn said. "He's

doing great." Finnerty's attorney, Bill Cotter, said: "The next jury will hear the entire story, which includes our evidence, and we're confident that these young men will be found to be innocent."

The case has raised racial tensions and heightened the long-standing antagonism between Duke students and the middle class, racially mixed Durham. The accuser is black, and all but one of the 47 lacrosse team members are white.

Neither Seligmann and Finnerty was among the Duke team members arrested in recent years for such offenses as underage drinking and public urination.

Finnerty, however, was charged in Washington, D.C. with assault after a man told police in November that Finnerty and two friends punched him and called him "gay and other derogatory names." Finnerty agreed to community service.

PSU Activism on Earth Day

Portland State University students will spend Earth Day on Saturday, April 22, clearing weeds and cleaning up community sites for SOLV, King and Lewis Elementary schools, PDX Impact, Zenger Farms and the PSU campus.

The effort is led by Student Leaders for Service, a program of the Center for Academic Excellence at PSU, that provides students with opportunities to be campus leaders and represent the university in community service and civic engagement activities.

Last year, students performed over 7,000 hours of service.

For more information, email studlead@pdx.edu or call 503-725-9727.

Moose Wants Hawaii Beat

(AP) — Retired Portland Police Chief Charles Moose apparently can't get his chosen profession out of his blood.

Moose, who left Portland to lead the department in Montgomery County, Maryland, left police work in 2003 but next month will start over again as a recruit in the police department in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Moose, who is 52, left Montgomery County after he was barred from accepting a monetary advance for a book he wrote on the Washington, D.C.-area sniper. He and his wife Sandy now live in Honolulu.

Sandy Moose said the street



Charles Moose

aspect of being a cop was what her husband always liked best about the job anyway.

Community Meets Mayor, Acting Chief

Potter questions issue of race

Mayor Tom Potter and Interim Police Chief Rosie Sizer held community forums in separate appearances on Monday and Saturday - with policing issues a prevalent topic for both.

Sizer used the regularly scheduled chief's forum to announce the possibility of more personnel changes, and exchanged ideas about improvements within community policing. Sizer said she wants to develop police relationships with

community groups in an effort to crack down on city problems such as drug use, graffiti and street disorder.

Potter engaged in a "10-minute listening session" with citizens at Reflections Coffeehouse in Northeast Portland.

About 35 citizens either talked with the mayor or submitted written comments during the fourth of six monthly listening sessions.

The majority of participants expressed their concerns about school closings, better jobs and improved relations with the police.

After the meeting, Potter discussed police chief Derrick Foxworth, who he recently



Mayor Tom Potter

placed on paid leave pending a sexual harassment complaint by a female desk clerk, a subject noticeably absent in all but one citizen's time with the mayor.

Potter said he would like to



Interim Police Chief Rosie Sizer

consider how race affects the legal case.

"It's the elephant in the living room, and you can quote me on that," he told the Oregonian on Saturday.

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Activity Key to Weight Gain, Not Diet

(AP) — Staying active may be more of a factor in fending off weight gain for adults than cutting calories, according to a new study.

The study on monkeys at the Oregon National Primate Research Center found no strong relationship between the level of food intake and weight gain.

The most active monkeys gained less weight despite being fed the same high-fat diet, researchers said.

"Considering the fact that 60 percent of adult Americans are overweight or obese, this is a finding that affects a large percentage of the adult population

in this country," said Judy Cameron, an Oregon Health & Science University neuroscientist who led the study.

Cameron and her colleagues studied 18 adult female monkeys during a nine-month period. About a year before the study, the ovaries were removed from the animals to simulate menopause in humans. In addition, all of the animals were placed on a high-fat diet, similar to the diet of a middle-aged woman.

Food intake, body weight and body fat were closely tracked. Researchers also tracked the activity levels of the individual

monkeys using a small device called an accelerometer, which was worn on a collar.

The results suggest that, while increased food intake has the potential of increasing body weight, it does not appear to be the primary cause of weight gain during the adult years.

"This is especially important to middle-aged Americans who typically witness a jump in weight," Cameron said.

The study was released online this week before publication in the American Journal of Physiology: Regulatory, Integrative and Comparative Physiology.

Chase Follows Kidnap Report

A driver crashed into a building in northeast Portland on Monday, after allegedly kidnapping a baby and leading officers on a high-speed chase ending in collision at Northeast 102nd and Wygant.

The unidentified man was accused of taking a two-month-old baby from an apartment near 165th Avenue and Northeast Russell Street, then fleeing in a blue Cadillac. Police spotted the vehicle traveling

over 100 miles per hour at some points, without the baby, who'd been left at his uncle's house before the chase.

The suspect fled on foot after the crash and was captured by pursuing Gresham police.

Local Voters Guide Ready

The League of Women Voters' Guide, a source of unbiased information for voters to use in the May 2006 Primary Election, will be distributed by the League of Women Voters of Portland next week.

The Voters' Guide is free and will be available at the Multnomah County Elections Office, 1040 S.E. Morrison St., on the Internet, and at all branches of the Multnomah County Library.

For the May 2006 Primary Election, the League submitted questions to candidates for statewide office and the Legislature and to candidates running for office in Metro, Multnomah County, the Multnomah County Circuit Court, and the City of Portland. The Voters' Guide contains the candidates' unedited responses.

Approximately 63,000 copies of the Multnomah County Edition of

the Voters' Guide have been printed. The League of Women Voters of Oregon, with support from the Help America Vote Act, has also published "Easy-to-Read" and Spanish editions for statewide races that will be available at many locations.

Voters can find candidate information for Portland and Multnomah County races on the web site of the League of Women Voters of Portland (www.lwvpx.org).