

## Senior bowl



**Steven Dillingham**, a senior management major, smooths out a bowl during a University Plus introductory pottery class in the Memorial Student Center Thursday. A bowl usually takes 30 to 45 minutes to mold and another 24 hours to bake before it is ready for use.

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# Clinton begins tour of American poverty

WASHINGTON (AP) — At a time of prolonged national prosperity, President Clinton embarks this week on an "opportunity tour" exploring patches of stubborn and desperate poverty from Appalachia to Watts.

The president aims to "shine the light on opportunity" on the potential billion-dollar profits he says such places can offer investors while at the same time unshackling millions from the bonds of poverty.

"It's a real dream of mine to show this can be done," he said.

Clinton will visit places whose emblems are boarded-up stores and unpaved roads, where people live in crowded shacks without plumbing, where health care can fall to Third World levels, where roadside garbage often goes uncollected and where unemployment stands at many times the national average of 4.3 percent.

In short, these are communities where the clanging bells of Wall Street's economic boom are seldom heard.

"No matter how good you are with words, you could not describe this," Housing Secretary Andrew Cuomo said, recalling his own visit to Pine Ridge, S.D. — the poorest census tract in the nation — where unemployment is 73 percent and many people do not have running water. "You get a sense of a total lack of hope."

Pine Ridge, the Ogala Sioux reservation, is on Clinton's itinerary. The White House says he will be the first president since Calvin Coolidge to visit an Indian reservation.

Seeking support for his "New Markets" initiative,



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Clinton will travel to impoverished communities in Kentucky, Mississippi, Illinois, South Dakota, Arizona and California accompanied by corporate CEOs, local officials and members of Congress.

Clinton's trek will take him to Clarksdale, in Mississippi's impoverished Delta region; East St. Louis, Ill., where a new Ace Hardware store is seen as an economic boon; South Phoenix, Ariz., where the Hispanic community needs access to capital and finally to Anaheim, Calif., home of Disneyland, for a conference with CEOs on finding ways to hire disadvantaged young people.

The president will take with him a stack of announcements on actions his administration — and corporate America — are ready to take to address poverty conditions and leverage investment.

Clinton's pitch: Corporations should treat neglected parts of America as untapped markets and invest in them just as they invest in foreign countries in the developing world.

"There's a lot of money to be made out there," he said.

"It may be finally something whose time has come," the president said in interviews last week in which he asserted there are business opportunities in poor communities that can be measured "in tens of billions of dollars."

The challenge is just as imposing.

Of the 49 Appalachian counties in Kentucky, for example, 44 are listed as distressed based on poverty and unemployment rates. In several, a majority of the residents live with inadequate water and sewer disposal systems. It is an area where poverty rates approach close to 50 percent, and fewer than 40 percent of adults have a high school education.

# Parliament starts move to Berlin

BERLIN (AP) — After a weekend of packing up files and furniture, the first freight train chartered to help move the German parliament from Bonn to Berlin pulls out of the railroad station Monday for the 375-mile eastward trek.

The first commuter planes for 1,200 government workers reluctant to give up their homes in quaint little Bonn also take off Monday — from the airport the sleepy town shares with its big city neighbor, Cologne.

The German government's long-planned return to its historic capital is in full gear this summer, almost 10 years after the fall of the Berlin Wall.

Over the next two months, 669 parliament members, their 3,400 staff members and 6,000 other government officials will make the move.

Parliament, which began its summer break last week, plans to reconvene Sept. 7 in the newly renovated, glass-topped Reich-

stag in Berlin.

But first, their stuff has to get there.

The parliamentary vice president, Anke Fuchs, was to see off the first of 24 trains to carry parliament's 24 miles of file-filled filing cabinets, 28,000 cartons of books, 30,000 pieces of furniture and 1,300 computers in overnight runs during July.

The trains are to leave from the shipping yard in Cologne, 12 miles up the Rhine River from Bonn.

# Russians accuse U.S. of provoking dispute

## NATO blocks route for Russian withdrawal

MOSCOW (AP) — In the latest sign of frayed relations between Russia and the West, Russian troops were forced to delay their departure for Kosovo on Sunday after NATO blocked air corridors on their route. Infuriated Russian defense officials said the reasoning behind the move amounted to a U.S. "provocation."

A NATO delegation arrived in the Russian capital on Sunday to hold talks on the impasse, and the Interfax news agency reported that intense efforts to resolve the dispute were under way between Russian and alliance officials.

The billowing controversy came the same day that American and Russian officials acknowledged that a U.S. military attaché had been expelled from Moscow after being declared persona non grata. No reason was given for the expulsion of Lt. Col. Peter Hoffman, but the timing raised questions about whether it was related to the Kosovo-induced chill.

According to the ITAR-Tass news agency, two Ilyushin-76 military cargo planes were scheduled to fly about 100 paratroopers to Kosovo on Sunday, but the flights were put on standby when they couldn't get permission to fly over Hungary, Bulgaria and Romania.

NATO said it would block the peacekeepers' flights until disagreements over the Russian role in Kosovo were resolved.

Russia reportedly wants to change an agreement reached in lengthy negotiations last month at Helsinki, Finland, that outlined Russian participation in a NATO-led peacekeeping force.

Under terms of the agreement, Russian troops in Kosovo are to be based in sectors commanded by French, German and American generals instead of controlling a sector of their own, as Moscow had wanted.

NATO officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Saturday that Russia now wanted to expand its role so that it could send its troops to additional sectors of Kosovo controlled by other countries. Moscow also wants more control over its own forces in Kosovo.

Russian defense officials were described as angry by NATO's decision to block the flights, and an assertion that Russia's role remained unchanged amounted to "a provocation by the United States," Interfax news agency reported.

"All details of the location of Russian peacekeepers in Kosovo were documented during the talks with the defense and foreign ministers in Helsinki," a defense Ministry representative told Interfax.

The dispute comes against a backdrop of rocky relations. Russia has been resentful of NATO's eastern expansion, and strongly opposed the recent bombing campaign against Yugoslavia.

And while Russia played a key role in negotiating a peace agreement in Yugoslavia, its relationship with NATO since then have been characterized by mistrust and sharp disagreements.

Although Sunday's flights were blocked, NATO is already sending other peacekeepers by air to the region.

A train carrying 144 Russian servicemen and more personnel carriers left the western city of Moscow on Friday and was bound for the Black Sea port of Novorossiisk, from where the force will proceed to Kosovo. They are expected to reach their positions in the Yugoslav province July 16.

Another group of soldiers, from the Northern Caucasus military district, will depart from the port of Novorossiisk aboard four ships on July 16, Interfax said.

# India seizes Himalayan peak

DRAS, India (AP) — After a 10-hour battle in rain and fog, Indian soldiers captured a strategic Himalayan peak held by Pakistan-based fighters yesterday, marking a major turning point in fighting in the divided Kashmir region, military officials said.

India made its claim before Pakistan's prime minister was to meet with President Clinton in Washington in a U.S. attempt to defuse tensions over Kashmir. India's leader declined an invitation for separate talks with Clinton.

Washington and other world powers fear the fighting in Kashmir could turn into a wider conflict between the rival South Asia neighbors, who last year became the world's newest nuclear powers and have already fought two wars over the mountain territory.

"All agreed the situation is dangerous and could escalate if not resolved quickly," the White House said in a statement about the visit by Nawaz Sharif of Pakistan and a call made by Clinton late Saturday to Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

India accuses Pakistan of sending hundreds of fighters — among them Pakistani troops — across the cease-fire line dividing Kashmir between the two countries to seize mountain positions on the Indian side in early May.

Pakistan denies that its troops have crossed the 1972 cease-fire line.

"We will win this war," Vajpayee

told a gathering of party workers Sunday, using that term for the first time to describe what the military has called a "localized conflict."

In fighting late Saturday and early Sunday, troops seized a major guerrilla position on the top of 16,500-foot Tiger Hill after days of surrounding the peak, Indian officials said.

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— White House statement

The 10-hour battle was punctuated by the roar of multiple-rocket launchers and artillery shells bursting in the cloudy night sky. Only a half-dozen guerrillas remained, firing automatic rifles from behind boulders, when Indian troops scrambled over the last rock outcropping and overran the fortress, local commanders said.

The Indian flag is "absolutely right on top" of Tiger Hill, military spokesperson Col. Bikram Singh told journalists in New Delhi.

The position on the peak allowed the entrenched fighters to oversee the only highway through Indian-controlled Kashmir, and its capture "is a turning point," Singh

said. "It will facilitate the evicting the enemy from other positions in the Dras sector," he said, referring to the town closest to the main front.

Pockets of guerrilla fighters held lower promontories of mountain, he said. Fierce fighting was continuing elsewhere at the 85-mile battlefront, particularly in the Batalik sector to the west, he said.

Singh said 251 Indian soldiers have been killed and 420 wounded in more than seven weeks of fighting. He also has said 467 Pakistani soldiers and more than 120 guerrillas have been killed. The casualty figures could not be independently verified.

India's premier, Vajpayee, rejected any dialogue with Pakistan over the fighting or the wider issue of Kashmir's status until the Indian soldiers are ejected from the Indian-controlled zone. Both countries claim the entire Kashmir.

In their 10-minute conversation Saturday with Clinton, Vajpayee turned down the invitation to the president for talks in Washington, Foreign Ministry spokesman Raminder Singh Jassal told reporters. The time was "not convenient" for a visit, he said.

The United States, Japan, Britain, Germany and other Western nations dismissed Pakistan's denials that it is involved with the fighting and urged it to withdraw the forces.

# 1 killed in Chicago-area killing

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP) — A gunman who targeted minorities in a deadly shooting spree in the Chicago area struck again Sunday, killing a Korean man outside a church, police said.

The shooter, linked to a white supremacist group, had also allegedly fired at Asians and blacks in two Illinois cities on Saturday.

"This man is on a spree," Chicago Police Cmdr. William Hayes said. "He's shooting people all over."

Police were searching for the owner of the light blue Ford Taurus seen in each of the shootings — Benjamin Daniel Smith, 21.

The car sped away from the Korean United Methodist Church on Sunday morning after its driver fired four shots into a crowd of worshippers, police said. A 26-year-old Indiana University student was killed.

Bloomington Police Chief Jim Kennedy said Smith is member of the World Church of the Creator, an organization that distributed anti-minority and anti-Semitic literature in Bloomington last year, when Smith was a student at Indiana University.

The church, based in East Peoria, Ill., is led by the Rev. Matt Hale.

Hale told CNN that Smith, who was a member of the church from June 1998 until May,

"He was a thoughtful, dedicated person who be-

lieved essentially in our creed, our religion," Hale said. "I never had any information or inkling he would do anything illegal or violent."

Authorities in Indiana and Chicago said they matched the descriptions of the gunman to a connection with several attacks in Illinois on Friday night and Saturday.

Hayes said Smith is believed to be about 6 feet tall, 135 pounds with a tattoo on his chest that reads "Bath Breaker." His Taurus, which has a blown-out passenger-side window, has Indiana plates and is registered in Bloomington.

On Friday, a gunman wounded six Orthodox Jews leaving synagogue on the Jewish Sabbath in Chicago. The same shooter is believed to have killed Ricky Song, the black former basketball coach at Northern Illinois University, as he walked with his children by Skokie, Ill., and fired at an Asian-American in the nearby suburb of Northbrook.

Then on Saturday, police said, the same blue Taurus was seen at shootings in Springfield and Champaign-Urbana. In the first attack, the gunman fired two black men, but no one was hit, Hayes said.

In Champaign-Urbana, six men of Asian descent were standing on a corner near the University of Illinois, when three or four shots were fired, Hayes said. One man was hit in the leg but not seriously hurt.