

them were Jackrabbit juniors Stacie Cizek and Brenda Davis. All-tournament team member and NCAA Division II Elite Eight Most Outstanding Player Pater was joined on the all-tournament team by freshman Heather Sieler.

As Hegge told the Sioux Falls Argus Leader following the title victory, "After A.J. [Coach Aaron Johnston] first started coaching, he used the phrase, 'Don't stop believing.' That's what we tried to do, not stop believing and just keep on going." This title reflects that devotion and conviction South Dakota residents pride themselves on.

I want to acknowledge Dean Dr. Laurie Nichols, Athletic Director Dr. Fred Oien, Head Coach Aaron Johnston, Assistant Coach Laurie Melum, and Graduate Assistant Sheila Roux for their guidance and support to help make this year's team so successful. I also want to congratulate all of this year's team members: seniors Melissa Pater and Karly Hegge; juniors Stacie Cizek and Brenda Davis; sophomores Stephanie Bolden, Megan Otte, Brooke Dickmeyer, Dianna Pavek, Shannon Schlager, and Christine Gilbert; and freshmen Heather Sieler and Christine Gilbert, for their hard work, dedication and commitment this season. Finally, I want to acknowledge the great work of team manager Laci Greenfield, and the hard-working efforts of cheerleaders Christina Bennett, Emmie Johnson, Eve Becker, Jill McClung, Julie Raeder, and Katie Jacobson.

Again, congratulations to the South Dakota State University Lady Jackrabbits on winning their first women's basketball national title.●

GEORGIAN SOLDIER SAVES CIVILIAN

● Mr. MILLER. Mr. President, today I share with my colleagues the story of a 3rd Infantry soldier, and a fellow Georgian, who risked his own life to save a civilian caught in the crossfire in Iraq. The following article was printed in the April 1 edition of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

Michael Carter wanted to talk about his son, CPT Chris Carter, 31, whose heroic rescue of an Iraqi woman flashed across the newswires Monday, but the batteries on his cordless phone were running down.

"I didn't know about it until the phone rang this morning," he said Monday afternoon, adding that it hadn't stopped ringing since.

Constant phone calls kept him from logging on to the Internet and reading about Chris, commander of A Company, part of the 3rd Battalion, 7th Regiment of the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized).

"I've been so busy with phone calls, I have not had time to download it," said Carter, 63.

He and his wife Shirley, 60, live in Watkinsville, where Chris grew up and attended Oconee County High School.

On Monday pretty much everyone in Watkinsville wanted to call and congratulate the family.

Chris was an ROTC student at the University of Georgia and a member of the Georgia Army National Guard. He was commissioned as an officer, trained with the 82nd Airborne Division and took the mountain section of his wilderness training with the 5th Ranger Training Battalion's Camp Merrill, near Dahlonega.

Of medium height and a stocky build, Carter loves to hunt, fish, and sing Hank Williams, Jr. songs, said his girlfriend, Amanda Cofer, 24, an assistant to State Senators Mitch Seabaugh and Dan Moody.

Carter distinguished himself Monday when he left his Bradley fighting vehicle and dashed out on a bridge during a firefight outside of Hindiyah, to try to bring an Iraqi woman to safety.

An Associated Press account of the rescue began with Carter saying, "We've got to get her off that bridge" and then determining to save her.

The woman had apparently tried to race across the bridge when the Americans arrived, but was caught in the crossfire.

Soldiers who had spotted her through the smoke at first thought she was dead, as was a man sprawled in the dust nearby. But the woman sat up and waved for help during breaks in the gunfire.

According to AP reporter Chris Tomlinson's account, Carter "ordered his Bradley armored vehicle to pull forward while he and two men ran behind it. They took cover behind the bridge's iron beams.

"Carter tossed a smoke grenade for more cover and approached the woman, who was crying and pointing toward a wound on her hip. She wore the black chador, common among older women in the countryside. The blood soaked through the fabric, streaking the pavement around her.

"Medics placed the woman on a stretcher and into an ambulance; Carter stood by, providing cover with his M16A4 rifle. Then she was gone, and Monday's battle for this town of 80,000, 50 miles south of Baghdad, raged on."

When Carter's girlfriend, Cofer, heard about the rescue, her first thought was, "Get back in the vehicle!" she said.

Cofer and Carter met last October during a victory celebration in Buckhead after the Georgia Bulldogs beat the University of Kentucky in football. "I knew immediately he was a special person," she said. Carter was deployed to Kuwait the next month.

"He is the kind of man every parent in America would be glad to have as a son," said Carter's father, who is retired from the Environmental Protection Agency.

Though the Carters haven't heard from their son for 3 weeks, they keep up with him through the news.

"We have more current information on him than any other parent in the United States," said the father, adding

that Carter's vehicle has been host to an embedded reporter during much of the campaign. "Every day since he's been over there he's been in some newspaper. The next best thing to being able to talk to him personally has been to read the papers."

Carter then excused himself to answer the door. Television cameramen were ringing the bell.●

THE KIWANIS CLUB OF DEARBORN ON THE CELEBRATION OF THEIR 75TH ANNIVERSARY

● Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, today it is my pleasure to congratulate the Kiwanis Club of Dearborn, MI for 75 years of distinguished service addressing the needs of children, seniors, and the disadvantaged throughout the Dearborn community and my home State of Michigan.

As a member of Kiwanis International, the Kiwanis Club of Dearborn is part of a larger organization that holds community service at its core. Since its founding in 1915, Kiwanis International has united individuals to respond to the changing needs of their communities. Kiwanis groups promote awareness of vital issues such as child health and development, literacy, substance abuse, and senior care. Kiwanis Clubs nationwide take practical steps to respond to these concerns through volunteer service projects and fundraising. Today, the Kiwanis family includes 500,000 members in over 80 countries.

Since 1928, the Kiwanis Club of Dearborn has taken an active role in performing community service. Through their annual "Peanut Sale" fundraiser, the Kiwanis Club of Dearborn has generated thousands of dollars each year for charity organizations. Recipients of the money raised at this benefit include Children's Hospital, the Salvation Army, the DeSales School for the Deaf, the Hemophilia Foundation, and the Special Olympics. This year, the club raised a record \$54,000, a sum which has earned them recognition as a leader in fundraising initiatives. Furthermore, the club can be commended for donating all moneys raised to charity, due to the absence of administrative costs. The Kiwanis Club of Dearborn also produces "Kiwani Talk," a television show that informs viewers of services available to the public. In the past 10 years, this program has aired 500 episodes relaying pertinent information to the community. The emergence of two additional clubs, the Outer Drive Kiwanis Club and the East Dearborn Kiwanis Club, is testament to the commitment of the Kiwanis Club of Dearborn to continued community service and the appeal of their message.

I am confident that my Senate colleagues will join me in thanking the Kiwanis Club of Dearborn for their 75 years of service dedicated to improving the lives of many in the Dearborn community. The dedication to community