

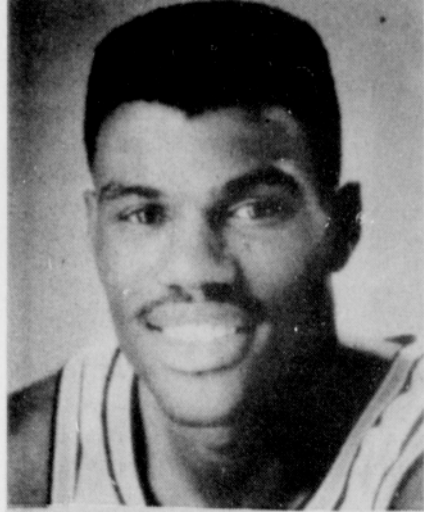


THE LOCKER ROOM

David Robinson: He Has A Dream Too

BY ULLYSSES TUCKER, JR.

Recently, the Locker Room reported that star center David Robinson of the San Antonio Spurs donated \$108,000 to the "I Have A Dream Foundation" for scholarships. The program, which adopts a fifth grade class, is set up for students at Gates



DAVID ROBINSON

Elementary School in San Antonio. However, there's one catch to the scholarships, the students must graduate from high school and enroll in college to receive the money.

Robinson took a few moments after his Spurs broke a 13 game home winning streak against the Trail Blazers recently. The Spurs won 95-88 behind

the scoring and rebounding of Robinson.

"The I HAD Foundation is a great foundation," he said. "It tells the kids to work hard, work hard, that it will all work out for you. Instead, it tells them that if you work hard and want to go to college, we are going to help you because it's worth that to us. In San Antonio, we only had one class and I wanted to see them sponsor a black class there. I think that if you point the kid in the right direction and tell them that you're willing to help them, I think that they will take it from there. It's just exciting to see the looks on their faces and their parents crying, simply because they could not afford college. It's a great feeling."

Like Ken Lewis/CEO/LASCO Shipping and Attorneys Leonard Girard (Portland General Corporation) and Pam Jacklin (Stoel, Rives, Boley, Jones, & Grey), the primary sponsors of three 5th grade classes at Martin Luther King Elementary School in Northeast Portland, Robinson is active with his class. Though his NBA schedule is active and the demands for his time very high, he still finds the time to drop in on his students.

"I do not donate money to anything that I don't feel strongly about," he said. "Last year, I did a lot of public appearances and posters for them. I

knew then that I wanted to sponsor a class, but I wasn't at that point yet where I wanted to give everything. This year, I'm at that point. My mother and father have helped me a great deal also. It's really fulfilling."

Robinson, who spends a considerable amount of time in Nikes' Beaverton neighborhood, said that he would like to meet the class at MLK oneday. He will get his chance this summer or sooner, since the NBA finalist from the West might have to come through Memorial Coliseum.

More on David Robinson: Robinson says that he has always been a competitive individual, whether it was academic or athletic. A graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, Robinson talked about how he formulated his drive and energy.

"I don't like to lose at anything. I don't want to say it's pride in yourself, because I think that the word is overused, but it's being able to feel good about yourself. When I was a kid, I did a lot of different things. I tried so hard to find something I was great at. Not just good, but really great. So when I grew to be 6-foot-8 inches in high school, and I started developing as a basketball player, I told myself, 'This is your thing'. Now that basketball is my job, I'm zeroed in, thinking mostly of that. This is my chance to be great."

Henderson could learn class from Sandberg

by Aaron Fentress

A year ago Oakland Athletics left fielder Rickey Henderson was a happy man with his new four-year \$12 million dollar contract. Now he's unhappy.

When Henderson signed his contract he was one of only two players receiving \$3 million-a-year to play baseball. Since then everybody and their grandmother has signed a \$3 million-a-year contract, some exceeding \$4 million and one player even receiving over \$5 million-a-year. Needless to say Henderson's ego has been bruised. He just feels that he is the best player in baseball and should be paid the most money.

The argument over whether or not Henderson is the best player in baseball, or whether he deserves the five-million dollars a year he's asking is not what concerns me or my purpose for writing this article. Henderson is undoubtedly one of the best all-around talents in the game and definitely deserves four-to-five million dollars a year as much as anyone. But must he cry like a little baby to get it. What concerns me is Henderson's lack of class over money. Henderson should honor his current contract and just play ball.

Two weeks ago Henderson was a no show at Oakland's training camp for two days. Henderson voiced his opinion about his lack of finances and didn't show up to camp until the third day and didn't do so under happy circumstances. Henderson has let it be known that his stay may not be permanent.

Upon showing up Henderson was given a jar filled with \$1 bills from his teammates who put together the "Rickey Henderson appreciation fund" as a little joke which Henderson accepted but offered no joking attitude towards Oakland management.

"I'm the only player going to the Hall of Fame making that much less than Jose," griped Henderson the day of teammate Jose Canseco's signing for over \$4 million-a-year over eight months ago.

The ignorance shown by



Henderson's statement is easy to discover in looking at the contracts of Nolan Ryan, Andre Dawson, Wade Boggs, and Chicago Cubs' second basemen Ryne Sandberg, to name a few. All of whom make the same or less than Henderson and are all locks for the Hall of Fame. None have complained

about their present contracts except for Sandberg. Who, despite his gripes, could teach Henderson a thing or two about class.

When spring training opened for Chicago Sandberg let Cubs' management know that he wanted a contract extension worth close to five-million a year. Cubs management failed to comply so Sandberg went on about his business, preparing for the 1991 season.

The comparisons between Sandberg and Henderson's situation are this- Both players are arguably the best ever to play their position; Both players are underpaid comparatively to their peers and both want to be compensated. But that's where the comparisons end.

"I'm going to put the contract talks behind me and prepare even harder to try and bring a world series championship to Chicago," said Sandberg.

"I may hit only .250 if I have to play the season without a new contract," said Henderson who batted .325 last season.

Comparing these two statements it is obvious which player is a winner and which is a whiner. Sandberg will take his \$2.2 million and play hard while Henderson will take his \$3 million and snivel until October.

"Chicago management has been good to me," said Sandberg despite not getting the contract he wanted.

Sandberg is right, management has been good to him. They have given him life-long financial security. What Henderson fails to see is that Oakland management has been as good to him. Now Henderson should repay the favor and play baseball.

If Henderson does decide to walk out of camp again because he can't live on \$12 million (I know how hard that could be) then the A's should trade him to Houston. Let him finish in last place year after year with his \$5 million. Because from the cellar we won't be able to hear his whining anymore.

Toll-Free Number On Job Rights For Returning Reservists And National Guard Members

The U.S. Labor Department today announced a toll-free telephone line to provide information on job rights for returning reservists and National Guard members called up for the Persian Gulf War.

Those who call the number, 1-800-4422-VET, will be sent information on their rights under the Veterans' Reemployment rights Act. Persons may also contact the Seattle Regional VETS Office at (206) 553-4831 for information.

"As those called up for the Persian Gulf conflict begin coming home, our attention will turn from the war to their reentry into civilian life. That return

includes resumption of their jobs and careers," said Secretary of Labor Lynn Martin.

"Under the federal law, they have a right to return to the jobs they left to go on military duty. Not only are they entitled to their old jobs or an equivalent job, the law requires they be reinstated with the seniority, status, pay and other benefits they would have earned had they remained on the job," Martin said.

The Veterans' Reemployment Rights Act, passed in 1940, covers all personnel ordered to military duty at any time.

The law is based on the so-called

"escalator principle," which means veterans step back into their jobs at the precise point they would have occupied had they kept working. The same escalator principle applies in reverse, however. If there were layoffs at their place of employment, reservists or National guard members may not be entitled to their old job. Even so, they will have accrued seniority for recall and are entitled to unemployment benefits.

The toll-free number will be staffed by operators between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., EST, but will have 24-hour message-recording.

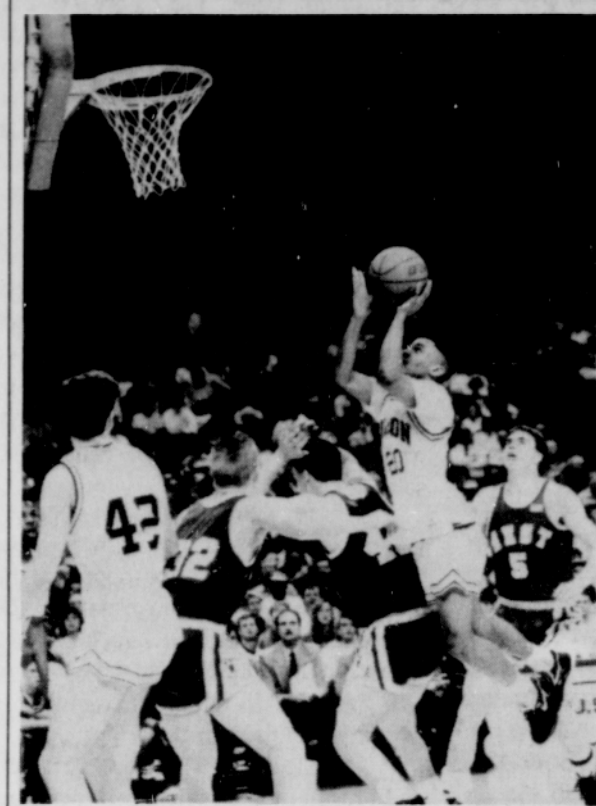
New North Portland Office Opens

The Employment Division's North Portland office has moved to a new location. It is located in a facility housing five Department of Human Resources agencies. The new address is 30 N. Webster St. The new location was specifically designed with Employment Division customers in mind and will offer easy access to these services as well as those provided by other agencies. Contact Jerry Fugere, 280-6004, or Martin Burrows, 280-6810.

Brenda Williams named Employee Of the Year!

Human Resources' Brenda Williams was named Emanuel's Employee of the Year for 1990 at the annual Service Awards Banquet February 28. The honor comes with a special parking space for a year as well as a trip to Hawaii. Congratulations, Brenda!

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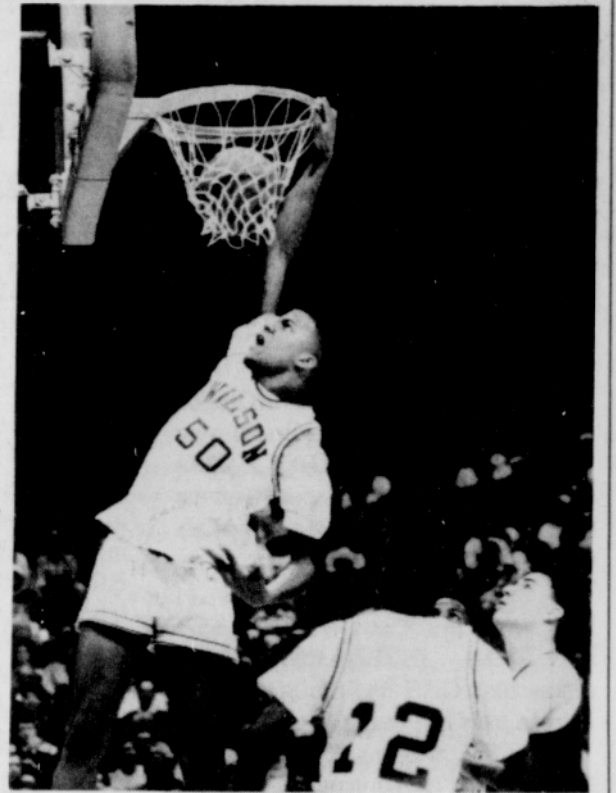


Damon Stoudamire

(Left) First team all-tournament selector, Damon Stoudamire of Wilson led his team to the state title by beating West Albany 104-87. Stoudamire scored 25 points, grabbed 5 rebounds, had 11 assist and 3 steals.

Photo by Veronica Green

Duray Thrdgill

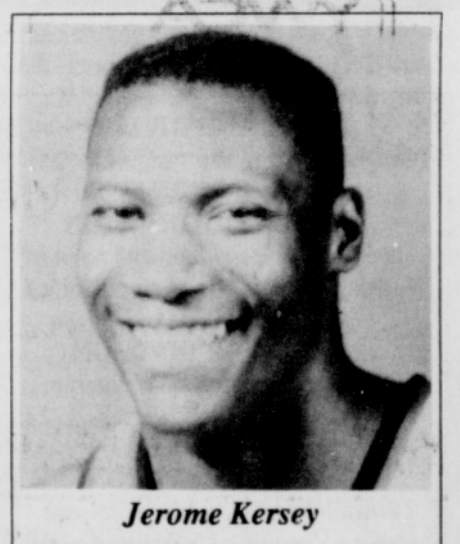


(Right) #50 Duray Thrdgill of Wilson gets the salm during the first quarter of the championship game. Thrdgill scored 16 points, grabbed, 12 rebounds, and blocked 4 shots.

Portland Record Still The Best In The NBA



Photo by Veronica Green



Jerome Kersey

Jerome Kersey gets fouled by Larry Nance of Cleveland as Brad Daugherty looks on. Kersey scored 21 points and pulled down 9 rebounds as Portland got by Cleveland 104-96 Monday night. The win moves Portland's record to 46-15.



SECOND ANNUAL Inner City Blues Festival Thurs, March 21, 6:30-11

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