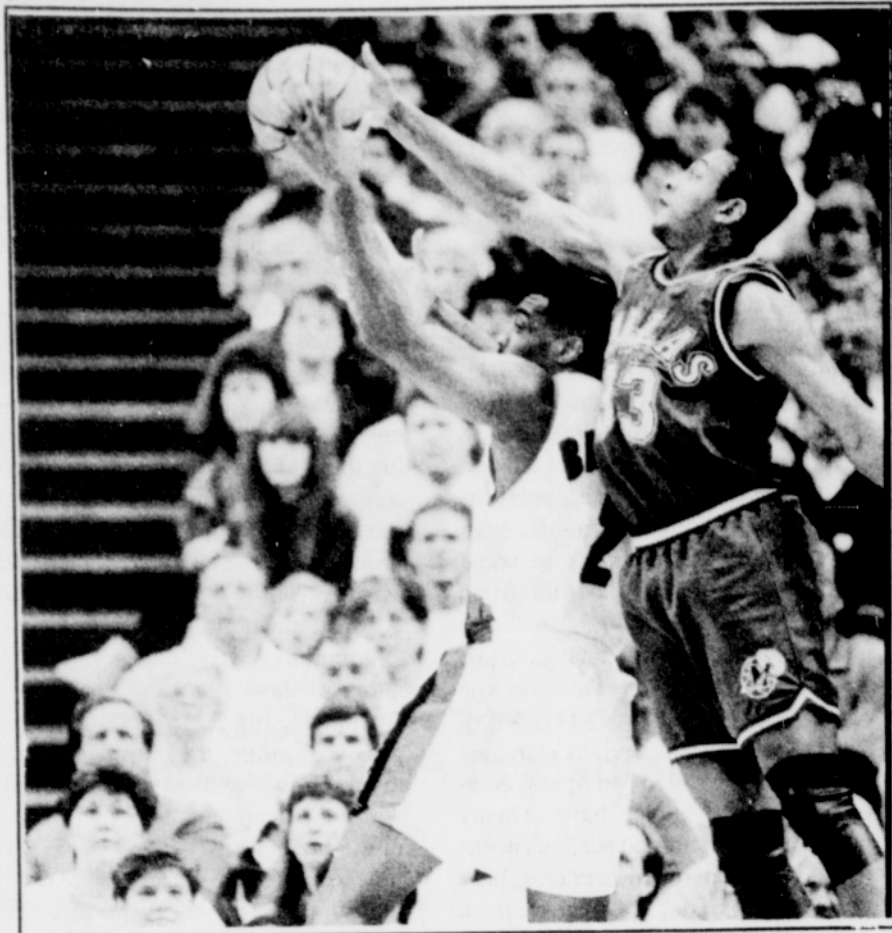


Mark Bryant - On The Rebound

by Bill Barber

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Mark Bryant is one of those guys who just wanted a shot at the NBA. A quite unassuming fellow who brought a little silent thunder with him from Big East powerhouse Seton Hall. In recent years, Seton Hall has become one of those teams that you just expect to do well in the NCAA tournament. That wasn't always the case. Mark Bryant was attending college there when the winning tradition started. A lot of sports fans would say he is the main reason Seton Hall even has a tradition. He had a chance to watch a lot of Pirate basketball in his home town of South Orange, NJ, as he was going to Columbia High School in South Orange. As a 6'8" prep center, he was heavily recruited by all the big names in college hoops like Maryland, Ohio State and Louisville. However, Mark chose to stay close to home.

In his junior year, he was largely responsible for Seton Hall's invitation to the NIT tournament. "It was exciting, very exciting" said Bryant. The next year his alma mater made it to the NCAA tournament for the first time in the school's history. "We didn't stay too long, but it was fun while it lasted," he

commented. Reaching the NCAA tournament level offered the school the kind of exposure a team needs to get the attention of the top recruits graduating out of high school. Now that his former college has made it into the Sweet-Sixteen bracket of March-Madness hoopdom, Mark will be most anxious to hear the results of the matchup this weekend. His old school is taking on the number one team in the country, Duke University. Duke is the alma mater of another Portland Trail Blazer, Alaa Abdelnaby. Has Abdelnaby had anything to say to Bryant about the upcoming game? "Oh, Yeah... Duke is going to win over Seton Hall, he tells me," says Bryant. Asked if he would like to be back at Seton Hall for another shot at the college championship, Mark responded, "No, I'm happy right where I'm at." After all, he and his team mates are in route to the Championship of the biggest of all brass rings, the NBA.

The Seton Hall - Duke match-up back east also has a connection in Portland. When Alaa Abdelnaby was sidelined with a strained knee recently, Bryant was given the opportunity to spend a little more time on the floor.

Ardent fans will remember that Mark opened his rookie season (1988-89) by starting 32 of the first 34 games. The club knew they had made a good first round (21st pick) choice when the Blazers picked Bryant. In the history of the franchise, only six rookies had managed to crack the starting line-up on opening night. Mark became number seven and the first since Mychal Thompson had attained that honor a decade earlier. That was before he suffered a season-ending injury, fracturing his right thumb in a fall during a fight with Boston Celtic's Joe Kliene on April 7th. The Blazers could have used him when they went down in three straight games to Los Angeles in the 1989 playoffs.

In the 1991 NBA Play-offs Bryant led the team in free throw percentage (.875) going 14 for 16. In addition, Bryant played to his strength in rebounding during that playoff series. Only Buck Williams brought down more rebounds, when you balance it against the time on the floor. During last year's playoff games Mark gathered in 32 rebounds in 132 minutes. Veteran Mark Bryant fans will tell you that is their favorite part of his game...the way he sets himself for a rebound. Especially when someone else is shooting a foul shot. "Most of the time the other guys will get kind of relaxed; I just fake, like I'm going to go back and play defense, then I just come back in." That strategy must work. Mark clears a rebound area as wide as anyone in the NBA.

In the off-season, Bryant plans to go back to South Orange, NJ and Seton Hall to work on finishing his degree in Communications. Some people might wonder, if he is making big bucks in the NBA, why bother? "You have got to finish that degree," Bryant advises. "Because you just never know how long this (NBA career) is going to last. You could break a leg or tear something apart...That cannot be avoided... You have to have something to fall back on." Mark also takes the off-season opportunity to work with kids at the P.J. (Carlesimo) Basketball Camp at Seton Hall. If you had the opportunity to ask Bryant's former coach to describe Mark he would tell you the Haggerty Award winner of the top player in the metropolitan New York City area was a hard worker who never gives up. Rick Adelman would probably tell you the same thing.

Revenue Department Extends Hours for Tax Help

Need help to get your taxes ready? The Oregon Department of Revenue will be open weekdays until 7:00 p.m. from April 6 through April 15, except for Friday, April 10. "That's obviously our busiest time," says Margaret Loftis, manager of the Tax Help office. "We're staying open into the evening to give taxpayers every possible chance to get the help they need." Regular office hours start at 8 a.m., except Wednesdays at 9 a.m.

The toll-free numbers to call the department are:
From Portland 243-2833
From Salem 378-4988
Elsewhere in Oregon 1-800-356-4222

In addition, the department has an automatic phone system that has recorded information on topics such as how to determine residency and filing an extension. This system can be used 24 hours a day by people with touch-tone phones.

Walk-in help during the extended hours will be available at 955 Center St., N.E., Salem. Tax returns are due on April 15.

Radical Women

Civilian Police Review Board: Holding Police Accountable for Brutality.

Nathan Thomas and his kidnapper, both killed by police, and the homeless protesters beaten up in front of City Hall are not the first victims of extreme use of force by the police. Are citizens defenseless against those who are supposed to serve and protect? Come hear a report on a proposal for a civilian police review board--and elected panel which could discipline, award civil damages and conduct independent investigations on police behavior. John in a discussion of the need for less funding and more control of the police. Everyone's welcome.

Racial Women will meet on Thursday, April 16, 1992, 6:30 p.m. at Standard Plaza, 1100 S.W. 6th Avenue, Third Floor, Conference Room A. A delicious supper is available for \$4.00. For more information call 289-7082.

NMAC Releases Historic Report on AIDS in Communities of Color

The National Minority AIDS Council released *The Impact of HIV on Communities of Color: A Blueprint for the Nineties*. For the first time in the history of this epidemic, one document reveals how communities of color are coping with issues related to HIV infection. *Blueprint* documents people of color's collective strategies for policy makers aimed at curbing the spread of AIDS.

Of the 209,693 people identified by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) as being diagnosed with AIDS through January 1992, 46% are people of color. The second 100,000 AIDS cases of the total reported appeared four times as quickly as the first. Thirty-one percent of the second 100,000 cases were African-American, compared with 27 percent earlier. Seventeen percent of the cases were Latina/o compared with 15 percent earlier. Asians now make up the largest percentage increase in newly diagnosed cases.

More than 250 representatives of community-based organizations gathered over a two year period to develop what is now *A Blueprint for the Nineties*. Among the issues identified as reasons for the failure to curb the spread of HIV are: 1) a lack of demonstrated commitment to secure access to health care, 2) continued neglect of minority community based organizations, 3) the compromised approach to surveillance and research, and 4) the need for addi-

tional technical assistance for organizations dedicated to serving people of color.

According to Paul Kawata, executive director of NMAC, "To assume that the second decade of AIDS is an appropriate marker for shifting focus from prevention to treatment amounts to abandonment of those communities that now make up the highest rate of new infection. We wholeheartedly support the Congressional Black Caucus' request to reinstate the \$14 million cut in prevention programs. We reject the notion of pitting care of people with AIDS against prevention of disease. We need our prevention money and full funding for the Ryan White CARE Act."

Congressman Louis Stokes (D-OH), Chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus' Health Brain Trust, said at the 3/25/92 press conference: "In my opinion *Blueprint for the Nineties* represents a landmark in our nation's addressing HIV infection and AIDS. To date, no one initiative has been effective in preventing the spread of HIV and AIDS disease, especially among minorities."

"Every public policy and legislative office concerned with the future of health care in this country should read *A Blueprint for the Nineties*," said Congresswoman Maxine Waters (D-CA), one of the speakers at the March 25th press conference. Congresswoman

Waters has been one of the most active members of the Congressional Black Caucus on issues related to HIV infection in the African-American community.

"How is it possible," questioned Mayor Hector Luis Acevedo of San Juan, Puerto Rico, "that at this time, the only solution available is prevention, and the U.S. cuts education funding? This is strategically the worst conceivable mistake." "The *Blueprint*," said Acevedo, "has opened eyes. I hope it opens the hearts and minds of our people because this is the real challenge of our times."

"I am enormously grateful to NMAC for its report," according to Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton, "its careful documentation and its critical review of the federal response provides a baseline for urgently needed action."

The National Minority AIDS Council is the only national non-governmental organization dedicated exclusively to developing leadership within communities of color to address issues of HIV infection. NMAC was created in 1987 and provides technical assistance, resources and information to minority CBOs.

Copies of *The Impact of HIV on Communities of Color: A Blueprint for the Nineties*, can be obtained by contacting the NMAC office at (202) 544-1076.

Clinton & Brown vs. Pork Chops & Gravy

BY PROF. MCKINLEY BURT

This media-sponsored vaudeville act on the Democratic political circuit reminds me of nothing so much as the touring black comedy team of "Pork Chops and Gravy" during the post-war years (1945-1950).

These two superb masters of comical dance, innuendo, and pantomime, would keep you in stitches as they rhythmically slandered each other's intelligence, appearance and national origin. At the time of their heyday I was the bookkeeper for the restaurant part of a nightclub where they frequently appeared. Two nights a week I was supposed to be in evening law school but am afraid that my attendance sometimes suffered in preference to the antics of these funny clowns.

Today, what is not funny is the daily diatribe of questionable and asinine characters that Bill Clinton and Jerry Brown use in their campaign for nomination as the Democratic candidate for the presidency. It may well be that the Republicans will only have to wait for them to self-destruct--as vitriolic as are those right wing emanations from Pat Buchanan, there is little chance of his becoming an obstacle to a second term for President Bush.

It is the case that while *Rome burns*, the Democrat hopefuls book their act from caucus to caucus and primary to primary, ever seeking to bring the house down with a new crescendo of insults, half-truths, and innuendos. The body politic and the contemplated constituency grows more appalled, confused or

disgusted with each performance. We can only speculate as to whether this debacle will have a greater impact upon the fortunes-to-be of Oregonians than the struggle (and equally questionable attacks) between Rep. Les AuCoin and Harry Lonsdale. But exactly what are the critical and substantive issues that are being ignored by these protagonists and comedians?

At every point it would seem we are given the Washington, D.C. version of the *Comedy Store*, when what we really want to know are what constructive steps are being taken (or at least planned) to improve the economy. Instead, we have it that the National Republican Congressional Committee will start airing a television commercial in ten cities and on Cable News Network that accuses Democratic leadership of trying to cover up problems at the House Bank, and then trying to brush them aside.

And, of course, House Speaker Tom Foley (and the other politicians--Senate included) have shown us nothing at all in respect to an ability to deal with the budget deficit, the devastating foreign trade imbalance, unemployment and those still-stalled, positive economic indicators. What they would do is fix our attention upon their stupid little inaccurate personal checkbooks and the drug peddlers in the House Post Office. Why don't they just close up the joint and go over and stand in line at the regular post office like the rest of us peons?

And our concern over the trade

Independent Study Programs

Independent study programs offer an alternative to traditional schooling. In the case of acquiring a law degree and admittance into the Bar, these institutions may facilitate access to the bar. There are several law schools that offer four-year law programs allowing individuals to earn a Juris Doctor degree in law through distant learning and independent study.

The degrees from these low schools will qualify one to take the California State Bar examination, as California requires a student to study for four calendar years. A student en-

tering this program does not necessarily need to reside in California, and all study may be completed outside the state of California. However, there are two times when the prospective candidate must appear in California. Upon completion of the first year of study, the student must take the First Year Law Student examination. Then again, at the end of the fourth year of law study the student must take the Bar Exam.

The major advantage for taking the California State Bar Program is that it prepares one for admission and

deficit with Japan could be better directed internally than following along with the misquotes and other failures of our national press. Let us examine that mistranslation of a widely quoted remark of Japanese Prime Minister Kiichi Miyozawa--and the quite deliberate failure to place it in the appropriate context of origination; "In this area I have long thought that something like a work ethic may be lacking." He was speaking of a limited, but disastrous, sector of the American economy where there has been a decades-long shift from producing goods (and jobs) to money manipulations like leveraged buyouts and JUNK BONDS.

How true, how true, how true! And many of us think that our national media has served us miserably by not rallying us with cries and editorials directing us to clean up our own act. This would have been far more practical than giving all that space to the RACIST JINGOISM of Senator Ernest Hollings and his ugly, stinking crack about the work ethic involved in an atomic bomb to be dropped on human beings. That war is over except for racists and chauvinists who continually search for someone to blame for their own failures. And, oh, how Congress has failed us.

It is to be hoped that the working people of this nation--as well as the unemployed, the elderly and those without means for adequate support for children or health care--will indeed rise up and throw the rascals out. It's show time.

practice as a California attorney. It also entitles one to practice before the California courts, the Federal courts as a California attorney, before the United States Tax Courts, and all of the Federal Administrative law courts.

After three years of practice, one becomes eligible, without any additional examinations, to seek admission to practice in Washington, D.C. as a California attorney. Furthermore, one can also apply for admission to other jurisdictions on the basis of membership in the California bar.

Anheuser-Busch Contribution Supports Programs For Black Ski Club



Wayman F. Smith III (right), vice president of corporate affairs at Anheuser-Busch companies, presents a contribution to Samuel E. Lawler, president of the National Brotherhood of Skiers (NBS), during the ski club's annual conference recently in copper Mountain, Colorado. The corporate contribution will assist NBS programs that train and prepare African-American youths to become members of the U.S. Olympic ski team. The NBS, with headquarters in Chicago, is entering its 20th year of conducting programs to promote skiing in the African-American Community.

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