

SPORTS

Dr. Benjamin L. Hooks, Addresses The Death Of Arthur Ashe



Arthur Ashe

Dr. Benjamin L. Hooks, Executive Director/CEO of NAACP makes the following statement; Arthur Ashe's all too brief life was one constant reaffirmation of the nobility of his spirit, his heartfelt compassion for others that knew no boundaries, his innate dignity that enabled him to accept the plaudits of the crowd, without losing his perspective, and his basic simple goodness.

He was one of those rare individuals whose greatness can be measured by the deep sense of personal

loss that so many feel at his passing. His was an inspiring story of overcoming the odds with courage, persistence and gentleness; of always being ready to give unselfishly of himself to others, and the causes in which he believed.

We at the NAACP can never forget and will always cherish the memory of how, despite the status of his health, Mr. Ashe felt so deeply about the plight of the Haitian refugees that he joined us on a blazingly hot day last September to protest outside the White House. No greater commitment to justice could anyone possibly give.

This was so typical of Mr. Ashe. This willingness to make a personal sacrifice for others.

He was a humanitarian in the profoundest sense of the word. No more appropriate tribute can be paid to him than to say he was a constant source of inspiration to so very, very many; an unfailing reminder that a life spent in good works is a life well spent.

We grieve at his passing, but he has left us a rich legacy of achievement, service and bravery that will endure.

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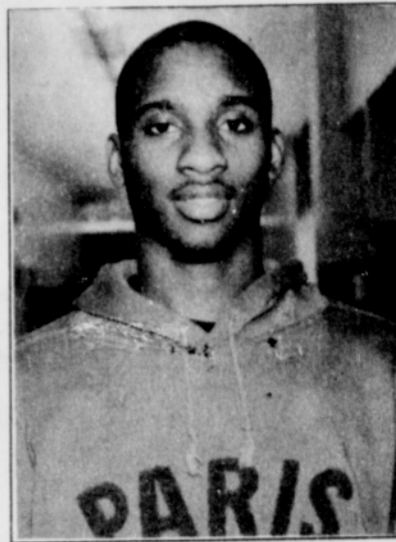
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Applications Now Available For Blazers Scholarships

For the past 13 years, the Portland Trail Blazers and National Basketball Association have joined forces to offer four scholarships to area students. This year, the NBA will be making a donation on behalf of its 27 teams to the National Teachers Recruitment Program. The Blazers, however, will continue to offer four \$2,000 scholarships to students in Oregon and southwest Washington who will begin college during the spring, summer or fall of 1993. These scholarships may be used at any accredited four-year college or two-year community or junior college.

Scholarship application forms have been mailed to public and private school principals in Oregon and southwest Washington. Students may also request a scholarship application form by calling or writing the Blazers office: 700 NE Multnomah, Portland, OR 97232, (503) 234-9291. Interested students need to return the completed scholarship application form and enclose a copy of their high school transcript through junior year. A letter of recommendation from a faculty member and an essay of 500 words or less on the subject: "The importance of a College Education" must also be included along with appropriate SAT and ACT scores.

Scholarship Application Forms Must Be Postmarked By No Later Than March 1, 1993.

Applications will be reviewed by a special selection committee consisting of former Blazer player Lloyd Neal, Professor Arleigh Dodson of Lewis and Clark College, Dr. Ernest Hartzog, assistant superintendent of Portland Public School (retired), George Pasero, Oregonian sports columnist, Sandy Chisholm, Trail Blazers administrative assistant and former Trail Blazers vice-president of public affairs, George Rickles.

Entry Deadline Fast Approaching For Budweiser Blazers Community Superstars Team

The deadline for nominations to the Budweiser Blazer Community Superstars Team is fast approaching. All entries must be postmarked by February 26.

With all of the outstanding community activists, concerned citizens and volunteers that make a difference throughout Oregon and southwest Washington, the Portland Trail Blazers and Budweiser have teamed up to provide the Budweiser Blazer Community Superstars Team.

36 Chambers of Commerce in

Oregon and southwest Washington counties have been designated as the primary contacts that will review nominations from their county and select 10 that will be forwarded to the Trail Blazers office. A panel of judges will review the regional nominations and select the final 10-members to form the 1992-93 Budweiser Blazers Community Superstars Team.

At the end of the regular season, the Budweiser Blazer Community Superstars Team will be invited to attend the Trail Blazers/San Antonio

Spurs game at Memorial Coliseum on April 18, 1993. During a special half-time presentation, each "Superstar" will receive a recognition plaque and a \$500 check that will be donated to the charity of their choice.

Individuals interested in nominations to the Budweiser Blazer Community Superstars Team should contact their local chamber or the Portland Trail Blazer office (700 NE Multnomah, Portland, OR, 97232) at 1-800-346-8037.

Announcements

Jefferson High School is celebrating the school's theme "We're A Class Act" with an open house for eight grade students on Wednesday, February 10, 1993, at 7:00PM.

Jefferson's award winning Financial Services Academy, computer science team, literary magazine, television productions and performance classes are only a few of the programs to be presented. For more information call Dan Zenor, 280-5180.

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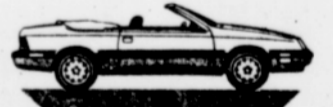
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