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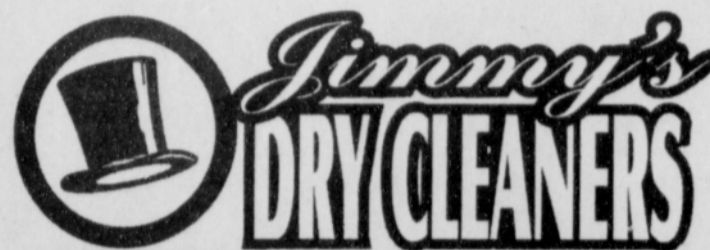
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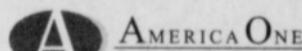
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SPORTS

Drexler Relishes Basketball Hall Induction

Joins childhood idol 'Dr. J' in elite group

(AP) — On the playgrounds of Houston, a young Clyde Drexler used to pretend he was Julius Erving, flying over defenders with a championship on the line. On Friday night, Drexler's idol, "Dr. J," presented him for induction into the Basketball Hall of Fame.

"I'm dreaming tonight," Drexler said. "My childhood idol is presenting me for induction into the Hall of Fame. It doesn't get any better than this. I am dreaming. I don't want to be awakened."

Drexler, who earned the nickname "Clyde the Glide" for his own swooping moves, was inducted Friday along with coach Bill Sharman, already in the Hall of Fame as a player; the late Maurice Stokes, the 1956 NBA rookie of the year; Lynette Woodard, an Olympic gold medalist and the first woman to play for the Harlem Globetrotters; Jerry Colangelo, chairman of the



The 2004 inductees into the Basketball Hall of Fame are Phoenix Suns owner Jerry Colangelo (from left); international player Drazen Dalipagic; former Portland TrailBlazer and Houston Rockets player Clyde Drexler; former player and coach Bill Sharman; Jack Twyman, who accepted the award for the late Maurice Stokes; and the first woman ever to play for the Harlem Globetrotters, Lynette Woodard. (AP photo)

Phoenix Suns; and Drazen Dalipagic, an international star.

"He seemed to fly. I wanted to be like him," Drexler said of Erving.

What set Drexler apart, Erving said, was his ability and imagination to take the game above the rim "and make things happen."

Selected as one of the 50 greatest players in the NBA in 1997, the 6-

foot-7 guard excelled at all levels of the game - but only after an embarrassing moment in high school.

Before he was "Clyde the Glide," he was the 6-5 10th-grader who was cut from his high school team.

"The truth was I was terrible," Drexler said. "But it was one of the best things that happened to me. It was a wake up call."

It certainly was. After high school, he attended the University of Houston and was part of the high-flying Phi Slama Jama teams that played in two Final Fours.

In his 15-year NBA career, Drexler led the Portland Trail Blazers to the NBA Finals in 1990 and '92, and won a championship with Houston in 1995.

Shaq Raps to Even Scores



Shaquille O'Neal

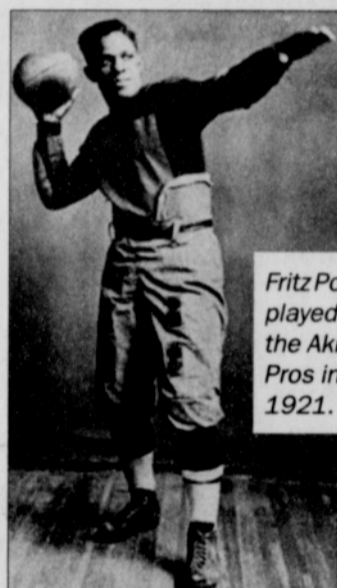
(AP) — The way NBA star Shaquille O'Neal sees it, he's still the big cat, Kobe Bryant's not where it's at, and he's got the rap to back up the fact. And the Miami Heat center isn't crazy about the Detroit Pistons' Ben Wallace or rapper Skillz either.

O'Neal has dabbled in hip-hop over the years. His latest effort is a collaboration with DJ Vlad on the CD "Hot in Here Part Five."

On "You Not The Fightin' Type," O'Neal sets out to even scores with several people: Bryant, who he believes got him traded from the Los Angeles Lakers; Wallace, whose Pistons defeated the Lakers for this year's NBA championship; and Skillz, whose rap "The Champs is Here" celebrated the Detroit victory.

"I heard your little interview and what Ben Wallace said. I ain't got no response for spider-web head," O'Neal raps.

Old Timers Get Due Credit



Fritz Pollard played for the Akron Pros in 1921.

(AP) — Two of the NFL's oldest old-timers will be on the final ballot for the Pro Football Hall of Fame next year.

Benny Friedman and Fritz Pollard, who played in the 1920s and 1930s, were chosen by a panel of Hall of Fame voters as the senior candidates to join 13 modern-era finalists for selection to the Hall's class of 2005.

Pollard is best known for being the league's first black head coach; he was made co-coach while playing for the Akron Pros in 1921.

There wasn't another black coach in the league until Art Shell took over the Raiders in 1989.

At 5-foot-9, 165 pounds, Pollard led Brown University to the Rose Bowl in 1915 and turned pro in 1919, with the Akron team.

PCC Looks Ahead at New Opportunities



A new gym and physical education building is one of three new or remodeled structures to serve students this fall on the PCC Cascade campus at 705 N. Killingsworth St.

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and emergency medical services, and a new physical educa-

tion facility. A dedication and grand opening celebration for these facilities is slated for 3 to 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 20.

The Rock Creek Campus in Washington County has a new \$10 million Library and Student Services Building that will serve as an anchor to the campus and provide an active presence along the entry drive. The building is designed as a one-stop center for students to conduct college business. Also, the Science and Technology Building added 34,000 square feet of science laboratories. The addition means the Microelectronics Technology program, housed temporarily at the Northwest Walker Road Capital Center, will be able to move to the campus and double in size.

Sylvania Campus' \$8 million, 46,000 square-foot Technology Classroom Building will house the Distance Education program, including recording studios and media production facilities; computer labs for the computer applications systems, computer software engineering and computer information systems technology programs; 11 general-purpose classrooms; and faculty offices. The grand opening for this facility will be from noon to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 10.

The board of directors recently voted Dana Anderson as chair and Harold Williams as vice chair for the 2004-05 school year. Anderson represents Zone 4, which includes inner north, northeast and southeast Portland, while Williams represents Zone 2, which includes parts of Multnomah and Columbia counties. Anderson is a partner with

Conservation Services (a hearing health care consulting firm). Williams, an African American leader from northeast Portland, is president of CH2A Associates, a local contract policy, consulting and management services firm.

Also new this year, PCC's Dislocated Worker Program is the recipient of a \$4.3 million U.S. Dept. of Labor grant to provide innovative services to employees and business during layoffs and closures. In addition, the U.S. Department of Education has also awarded the college a \$745,513, five-year grant to provide education and training to professionals in Portland public schools who work with English language learners.

PCC has a new two-year associate of applied science degree program called "Paraeducator" at Cascade. Students in the program will be able to focus on either special education or English for second-language learners. Students can also earn a one-year certificate in this course of study.

Also, the college has a new associate of arts Oregon Transfer degree in business.

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