

Tuition Paid in Full

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family to attend college after dropping out of high school to have a child.

The 34-year-old Hurtado, a resident of Beaverton, majored in history, sported a 3.91 grade point average and also plans to study at Pacific University in Forest Grove. She has made the President's List, is an active member of Phi Theta Kappa and a devoted community volunteer, and she plans to be a high school teacher.

"I thought I'd go to college when my kids were all grown and in college," she said. "But I was tired of dead-end jobs and friends kept telling me that it was possible to go to college and raise a family. Now I'm doing homework on the sidelines of my kids' soccer games. It shows my kids what their mom did and what my children can do with their own lives."

"I want to be a high school teacher and help kids not fall through the cracks," she added. "My life experience has prepared me for this."

The Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship Program is designed to help community college students with excep-

tional promise and demonstrated financial need make the transition to four-year colleges and universities. Each year, the Foundation selects approximately 50 high-achieving, low-income students from community or two-year colleges for scholarships that provide funding for tuition, room and board, fees and books.

As the largest scholarship offered in the U.S. to community college transfer students, the awards can total up to \$30,000 per year for up to three years. The amount and duration of the scholarships vary for each student, according to the cost of attendance at the school, the length of the program, and other grants and scholarships received.

"For many low-income, motivated students, community college is an essential part of their plan to eventually obtain a Bachelor's degree," said Matthew Quinn, the Foundation's executive director. "Our 2007 Undergraduate Transfer Scholars share the ability and willingness to prevail over many limitations, including pressing financial need. We're pleased to help them realize the next step in their educational development."

Grandmother Protests

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report, including parental notification in cases of child abuse under foster care. He also made relatives the preferred caregivers, required permanency plans prior to petitioning for the termination of a parent's rights and increased legislative reporting.

Claiming that increased reporting between government agencies is not enough, Smith calls for an independent investigation of DHS practices.

"They investigate us, so why not investigate them?" she asks.

In monitored meetings with her grandson in the DHS building, Smith noticed perplexing changes and forgetfulness in him. She only suspects that he is on mood-altering medications, but she thinks the entire agency's attitude towards chemically affected behavior is questionable.

"They put all our kids on Ritalin and then wonder why they're drug addicts," she says.

Her case inspired KBOO to take the critique of Oregon's social-services system a step further.

"The state uses taxpayer dollars to break up families by putting our children in the ill-reputed foster-care system instead of putting those same resources to help support loving families" Maranowski reported. "This method of child abduction is disproportionately practiced against people of color, the poor and mothers who are raising children by themselves."

No one joined Smith in picketing the building on a recent Thursday, but several people walked by with words of support. Wishing to remain anonymous, two men said that they were also fighting for their children.

Seeing that parents affected by DHS practices would have to organize away from its building, Smith started her own organization called Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, which will meet in northeast Portland's Woodlawn Park for a picnic July 21.

Spike Lee's Katrina Film Featured

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not only of a disaster, but also of a nation still sharply divided along race and class lines.

"New Orleans is fighting for its life. These are not people who

will disappear quietly -- they're accustomed to hardship and slights, and they'll fight for New Orleans," Lee says of the disaster.

A contribution will be accepted as admission to the film.

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My Thoughts On The Draft

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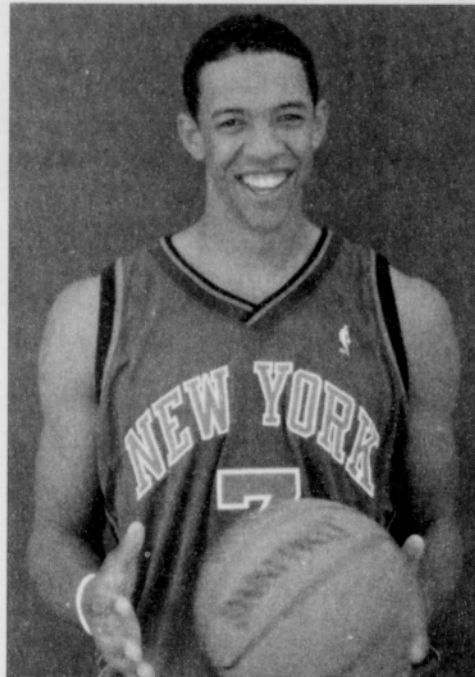
That was the first thought that crossed my mind Thursday night when the draft was finished. I could not believe the moves the Blazers made. They drafted Oden, which immediately puts us into serious contention for, at the very least, a playoff spot.

They traded Zach Randolph, which I have been wanting for at least two seasons. They got Channing Frye, a guy who will fit our system perfectly and help the chemistry instantly.

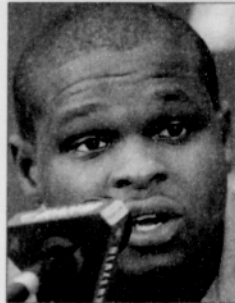
We got two young international players for just a little money, which should help the Blazers in about two seasons. We also got one of the biggest sleepers of the draft in my opinion in Josh McRoberts. This kid is uber-talented and will turn out to be a good role player in the NBA. Look for him to play a Robert Horry, Luke Walton-type of role for the team. When I saw he had not been drafted at the end of the first round, I hoped he would still be there at 37 because I know he is perfect for Nate McMillan. If anybody can get the most out of his talent it will be McMillan.

I even love the James Jones signing. We needed a veteran. We need help with three-point shooting and at small forward. The Blazers just got all three with a small trade that most people did not notice.

This team is going to be fun to watch. They will get along really well. They will not end up in the police report. They will block



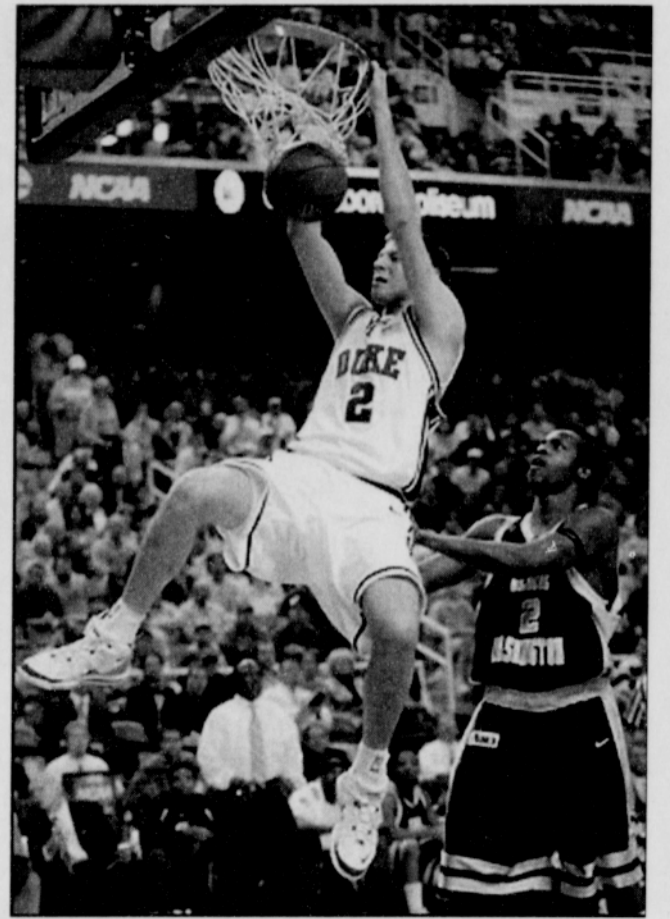
Channing Frye (above) promises to be a good addition to the Blazer's arsenal. Zach Randolph (right) was traded for Frye.



shots. They will win games.

With McMillan being as defensive and fundamentally oriented as he is, this current team is perfect for him.

At point guard Jarrett Jack will do a good job controlling the tempo, making smart decisions and playing tough D. Sergio Rodriguez, or "Mexican Chocolate" as he is sometimes referred, can come in and instantly pick up the pace, making him extremely difficult on opponents.



Draft pick Josh McRoberts makes a slam-dunk for Duke University.

Brandon Roy is an excellent offensive and defensive shooting guard. Look for him to be the main scorer on offensive and a lockdown defender as well. Martell Webster should be solid in relieve playing hard and knocking down jumpers.

The small forward position will be handled more than likely by Travis Outlaw, James Jones and Ime Udoka. Outlaw is an athletic freak who should be able to score on most defenders as well as block

shots and grab rebounds. James is a smart player who can knock down three-pointers and Udoka is a tight nosed defender who will guard most teams' best wing player.

Aldridge, Frye and Oden will patrol the paint inside and not let teams get away with any easy shots.

The Blazers will play tight defense and play smart fundamental basketball. Look for them to block shots all the way into the playoffs, leaving the fans saying "Wow."

Sports Week In Review

Mariners Slip

At the beginning of last week Seattle Mariners coach Mike Hargrove resigned during an eight-game winning streak, becoming the first coach to resign during a winning streak of seven games or better. The Mariners lost three of the first four games after Hargrove left, before winning three straight against the Oakland Athletics before the All-Star Break. Seattle is two and a half games out of first place in the AL West going into the second half of the season.

Homerun Derby

With big hitters David Ortiz, Alex Rodriguez, Barry Bonds and Ken Griffey Jr. sitting out of the derby Monday night, Vladimir Guerrero of the L.A. Angels won the Home Run Derby, beating Alex Rios 3-2 in the final round. The all-star festivities take place in San Francisco.

Blazers summer league

The Trail Blazers summer league is taking place in Las Vegas and are highly anticipated this year, as this is the Blazers' first chance to get some of their young players used to playing together. In the first game against Boston, center Greg Oden did not live up to expectations, fouling out with 10 fouls and only scoring 10 points in a loss. In game two he played better, staying in the game with nine fouls and scoring 13 points to go with five boards and four blocks. Second year stud LaMarcus Aldridge has played very well in both games, notching double doubles in both.

Trouble with Ime

The Oregonian reported on Monday that Blazers and Ime Udoka appear to be "miles away" from last year's starting small forward to resign with the team. Udoka played college ball at Portland State University after starting at Jefferson High School in the mid-1990's. Udoka had a breakout year last season, which has given the player a huge opportunity to finally get his first multi-year, multi-million dollar NBA contract. As many as six teams have contacted the player and his agent about acquiring his services for next year.



Top draft pick Greg Oden (center) drew his share of attention, and fouls, in his first few summer league games.

Oden Out for Summer League

Must get an emergency tonsillectomy

league play Oden's tonsils were the size of golf balls. Because of that his breathing was hampered, limiting his stamina. His recovery was expected to take about two weeks.

(AP)-- Top draft pick Greg Oden needs to have his tonsils removed and is expected to miss the rest of the Trail Blazers' summer league games.

Oden was scheduled to travel to Los Angeles for the taping of the ESPY awards and then likely return to Portland for a tonsillectomy, the team said Tuesday. A surgery date hadn't been set.

Blazers general manager Kevin Pritchard said that during summer

Oden, a 7-foot center who played one season at Ohio State, was the No. 1 pick in the NBA draft.

In his summer league debut, Oden scored six points and had two rebounds before leaving with 10 fouls, the maximum allowed in the summer league. The Blazers lost 74-66 to the Boston Celtics.

In his second game against Dallas, a fatigued Oden finished with 13 points, five rebounds and nine fouls. The Mavericks won 72-68.

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