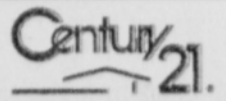


New Home for Local History

InLine Construction workers maneuver a new foundation for the historic Dawson Park dome. The architecture that was replaced this week will commemorate an African-American community displaced from properties around North and Northeast Russell Street by the construction of Interstate 5 and the expansion of Emanuel Hospital.



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Hall Named MVP at Lehigh

A Jefferson High School alum has won his college basketball team's Most Valuable Player award in his second year at Lehigh University in Pennsylvania.

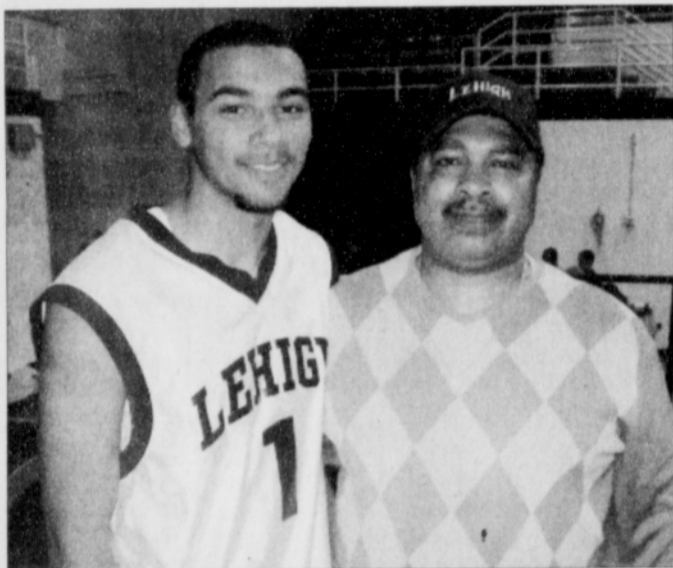
Marquis Hall was determined to have made the most outstanding contribution to his team as he led his league

Jefferson High School alum and Lehigh University sophomore Marquis Hall joins his grandfather Floyd Hall Sr. after a winning game against rival Lafayette.

in assists and assists-to-turnover ratio.

The 2007 Patriot League Rookie of the Year, Hall averaged a team-best 14.0 points per game this season. He also sank a team-high 55 three-pointers and shot 82 percent from the free-throw line.

With a career-high 29 points against Colgate and scoring 20 points or more seven times during the season, Hall earned a spot on the Patriot League's Second Team and will be returning as a Tri-Captain for Lehigh next season.



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Owners Approve Sonics Moving

(AP) -- NBA owners approved the Seattle SuperSonics' move to Oklahoma City for the 2008-09 season Friday, provided the team can settle its lawsuit with the city. The Sonics could begin playing in owner Clay Bennett's hometown as early as next season if they can get out of the remaining two years of their lease at KeyArena.

Owners voted 28-2 in favor of the move, with Dallas and Portland voting against. Mavericks owner Mark Cuban has previously expressed

concerns about the market size, and commissioner David Stern said the Trail Blazers, owned by Paul Allen, didn't say why they voted the way they did.

The Sonics, who have been in Seattle since the start of the 1967-68 season, would be the first NBA team to change cities since the Hornets went from Charlotte to New Orleans for the 2002-03 season.

Seattle has filed suit trying to force the Sonics to remain in the city until the lease expires in 2010.



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