

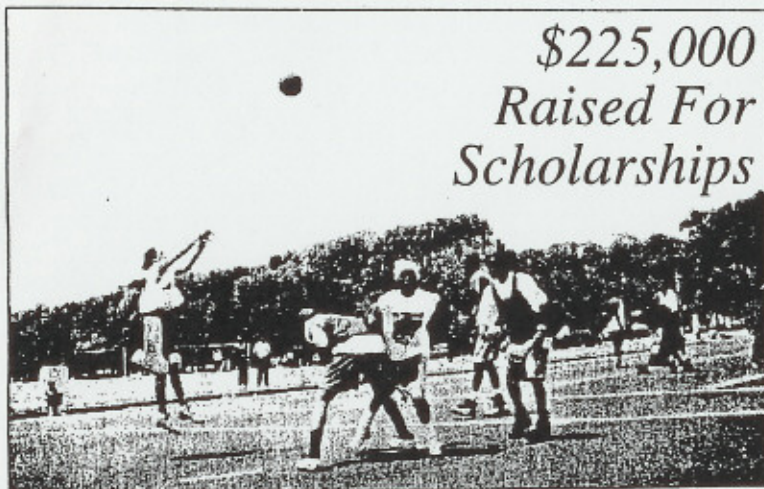
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Hoop Dreams Observes Fourth Anniversary...



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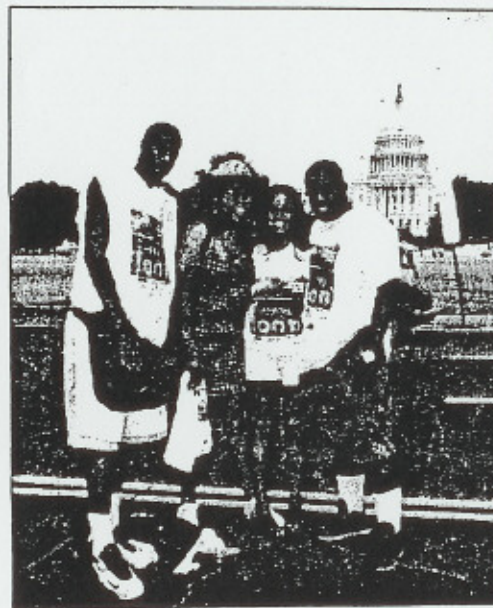
By Sam Doku

Talent is indeed a painful thing to waste, especially in the midst of abundance, so when Susan Beth Kay of the Academy of Finance and Business, H.D. Woodson Senior High School four years ago, precipitated the idea of a scholarship fund to help financially deprived but bright students to go to college, it was deliciously embraced in the Washington, D.C. community.

The historic 3rd Street on the National Mall between Independence Avenue and Pennsylvania Avenue was the scene for this year's annual Hoop Dreams Scholarship Fund basketball tournament on Saturday June 5, where an estimated \$225,000 was raised for the fund. Amazingly, this figure fell short of

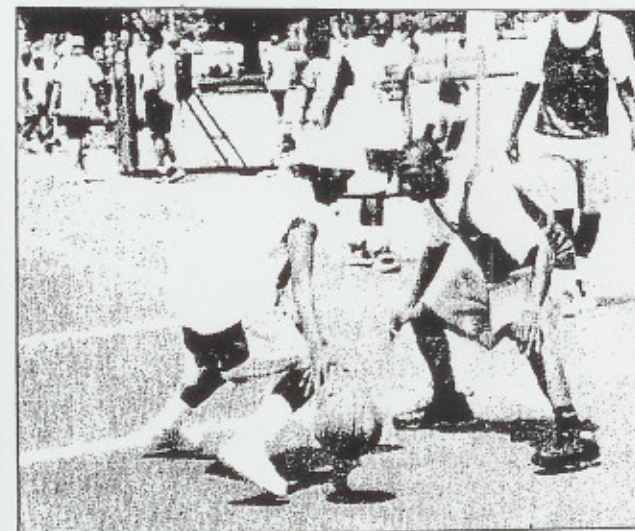
the targeted amount for this year by only \$25,000. And this is not surprising because some of the city's top personalities like Mayor Anthony Williams, Chair of the Committee on Education, Recreation and Libraries, Kevin Chavous, Ward 6 Council Member in whose territory the activities took place Sharron Ambrose, and Secretary of Transportation, Rodney Slater, President of NBC4, Linda Sullivan as well as Wizards players Jahidi White and Chris Whitney and former Wizard player, Lawrence Motin were among the over 1500 gamut of invited guests, players and volunteers who participated in this year's event.

Over 50 students from H.D. Woodson, Bell Multi Cultural, Cardoso, Coolidge, Dunbar, and Eastern High Schools benefited from this year's



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Susan Beth Kay (second from right) precipitator of the Hoop Dreams program is sandwiched by participants and a volunteer at the recent Hoop Dreams basketball tournament.

fund. Additionally, some 60 students would benefit from paid internships with gargantuan organizations like U.S. Airways, Tele Presence, and Sallie Mae among others. Furthermore, Princeton Review, expert tutors for students preparing for standardized examinations have since the institution of the fund, been available to prepare students for the SAT. A student must; exhibit excellent academic performance, must demonstrate leadership qualities, and must



It's time for action and these two young men playing for opposing teams display their skills.

show great ambivalence toward university education in an essay, to qualify to receive the award.

This year, 128 teams participated in the basketball tournament with White, Whitney, and Motin (just returned from a professional stint in Venice, Italy) teaming up to play an exhibition game with a selected high school side to set the tournament rolling. The competition was, however, won by Nitelites, a team made up of Davon Kelly from Upper Marlboro; Jerone Cooper, a District Heights resident; Mitch Mercer of

Takoma Park; Vince Broadnax also of Upper Marlboro; and Constantin Pergantin of Northern Bethesda. They beat Standby team 11 to 4 in the final game and received \$150 gift certificate each; championship plaques and gift certificates from "And One."

Meanwhile, Dori Silverman of Coca-Cola announced at the function that in appreciation of her good work, her company has instituted a \$1,000 scholarship fund in Kay's name at her alma mater, American University, thereby institutionalizing her name in honor of her ingenuity and foresight.