

# IS THE MONEY WORTH MORE THAN THE DEGREE?

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**A**s a young child playing little league baseball, midget football or recreation basketball you dream of imitating the big guys on television, like Michael Jordan. You think that one day you too will be on television, or have your face on a cereal box. Before you realize it, you are in high school and the college

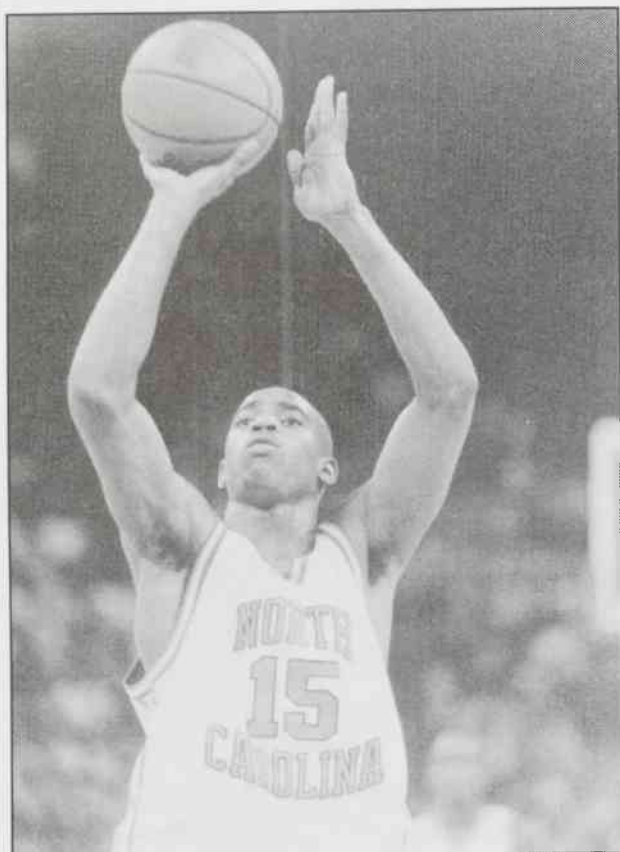


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scouts are trying to reel you in to coming to their college on an athletic scholarship. You see this as an opportunity towards your goal of making it big. The next step is to get to college and play hard so you can shine on the team. Time has passed by and you see that you have what it takes to become a professional athlete. It is your sophomore or junior year and the media is projecting that you may be a potential first or second round draft pick this year. The catch is, do you finish college or leave school early to follow your dreams? Only a minute portion of the athletes in the world will have a chance to play professional sports. The opportunity of a lifetime is knocking at your door.

Each year a lot of young adults across the country decide to take that once in a lifetime opportunity. Many people feel that athletes should stay in college to get their degrees. Personally, if I had the chance to leave early, no one would have to ask me twice. However I got the opinion of a 20-yr old Carolina baseball player from Council, North Carolina, Tyrell

**IF EDUCATION IS A KEY FACTOR, THEY SHOULD STAY IN SCHOOL.**