

Editorial

Jordan Bids Farewell

When Michael Jordan announced his retirement last week, the basketball world was devastated.

Jordan fans seemed to be upset because they will not get a chance to see a man who they felt was the best player to ever grace the courts perform his gravity-defying dunks and his one-of-a-kind hang-time jump shots.

Even those who weren't Jordan fans hate to see him leave, because he added so much excitement to the game. It's sad to see someone with so much talent say farewell at the peak of his career.

But what other challenges can basketball have for him? He has climbed all the mountains of his sport, and from the highest summit, it must look to him as if there is nowhere to go but down—or, as he has apparently decided, out.

Just consider what he has done so far.

At an early age Jordan began overcoming the odds in the athletic world. He was cut from the varsity team his ninth-grade year, but went on to earn an athletic scholarship to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Jordan began making a name for himself his freshman year when he helped the Tarheels get to the NCAA championship and scored the winning shot.

Jordan then went on to become a first-round draft pick for the Chicago Bulls, where he led the team to three back-to-back NBA championships.

Besides these achievements, Jordan also has two Olympic gold medals. What else is left for this man to do?

Jordan is making more on endorsements than he ever made playing the game. He will continue to make this money, so why not take a break, if he has accomplished everything he has set out to do.

The recent death of his father may have had some effect on his decision. I think it's sad that people can't understand and sympathize with the man that they idealize. Even though Jordan may perform like a super-hero on the court, off the court he is still human. His fans may regret his absence from the court, but they should let him get on with his life.

Basketball may have lost its thrill for him, but life should still have plenty of challenge, and his fans should rejoice in that.

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Bring Back That Eagle Pride

With Homecoming less than three weeks away, a goal of all students should be to exude school pride.



A Serious Matter
By
Dezmona Mizelle

I am proud to be a distinguished member of North Carolina Central University, and you should be too.

Each and every one of you made the choice to attend this university, so why not be proud.

A lot of students complain that "NCCU is boring" and "there is never anything to do."

Well, guess what? Life is what you make it, and as educated, intelligent and creative young African-Americans, we should always be able to find something to do.

These are the best years of our lives, and good friends, cultural experiences and fun should be what we carry with us when we leave NCCU.

So when students from North Carolina A&T State University brag to you about the Reverend Jesse Jackson, you brag to them about Dr. Julius Chambers, Rep. Daniel Blue, Judge Leon Stanback, Judge Clifton Johnson, Congresswoman Eva Clayton, Mayor Maynard Jackson and Attorney General Mike Easley

Be proud to be an Eagle, not just during Homecoming, but every day of the year.

Injustice In The Media

As an African-American male pursuing a career in journalism, many times I find myself struggling with the ethics of the media.



Am I My Brother's Keeper?
By
Maurice Crocker

Frequently, when I turn on the television, or read the newspaper, I see a number of my brothers being arrested or charged for some crime. African-American men are committing crimes, and statistics in prison popu-

lation prove that. Being a journalist, I understand that one of the responsibilities of the media is to report the truth, but telling half of what happens in society is not telling the truth. A recent poll in USA Today showed that 15 percent of the drug users

in America are Black, while 70 percent are White. According to Black Entertainment Television, broadcast news associates blacks with drugs 50 percent of the time, while whites are only associated with drugs 32 percent of the time.

Some people in society base their opinions on different issues by

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