

Hoopapalooza returns

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A cash prize of \$500 will be awarded to the winner of the second annual Hoopapalooza 3-on-3 basketball tournament to be held April 29-30.

The Addams Bookstore Basketball tournament is looking to fill the remaining spots in their 64 team tournament. Teams can consist of up to four players. There is a \$20 registration fee for each team.

This tournament is open to all USC students, faculty and staff. Women are encouraged to participate. Anyone interested can sign up April 20-21 in front of the Russel House from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. or at the Sport Administration office in room 2012 in the Coliseum.

Teams are encouraged to sign up as soon as possible to ensure

a place in the tournament.

In addition to the cash prize, there are also other prizes to be won. A pair of Shawn Kemp's Kamakaze basketball shoes will be awarded to the winner of the three-point shootout to be held April 29. A basketball signed by Chris Webber will be awarded. Another ball signed by Mark Price will also be given out. The final eight teams will win prizes.

Gift certificates from Yesterdays, No Brainer, bw3, Garretts and Todd and Moore. The Hooters Girls will make a special appearance at the three-point shootout.

The tournament will also feature a celebrity basketball game between WARQ and WIS News. WARQ will broadcast live from the tournament April 29.

There will be stands for spectators and vendors selling food

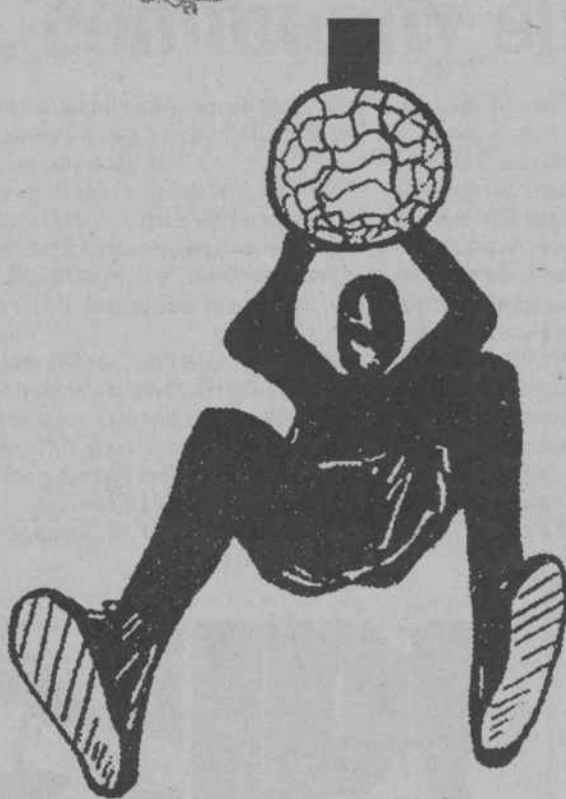
during the event.

The festivities will begin at 9:30 with court assignments and registration. Tournament play will begin at 10 a.m. The Todd and Moore three-point shootout will begin at noon, followed by the celebrity game.

April 30 will begin with the final 16 teams competing for the title. The festivities will conclude at 5 p.m. with the championship game, followed by award presentations.

In addition to the sponsors awarding prizes, the tournament is sponsored by Addams bookstore, Enterprise Bank, Domino's and the USC Sport Administration Club.

Anyone needing more information can call the Sports Administration office at 777-4690.



Underclassmen leave school early to reap rewards

Associated Press

Three more prominent underclassmen — Scotty Thurman of Arkansas, Rodrick Rhodes of Kentucky and Chris Carr of Southern Illinois — decided Tuesday to declare for the NBA draft.

The possibility that any collective bargaining agreement reached between the NBA and its players might include a salary cap for rookies has spurred a number of college stars to announce they were coming out.

Earlier, Joe Smith of Maryland, the college Player of the Year, Corliss Williamson, who was Thurman's teammate at Arkansas, Gary Trent of Ohio University and Mario Bennett of Arizona State, announced they would pass up their remaining college eligibility for the NBA.

Players have until May 15 to announce for the draft that is scheduled for June 18 in Toronto. Last year, 20 underclassmen declared and 12 were selected.

NCAA rules are lenient for basketball players, allowing them to try the draft but give them 30 days to return for their remaining college eligibility if they do not sign with an agent or with the team selecting them. Football players do not have that option.

Voshon Lenard, one of last year's 20, was picked by Milwaukee and opted to return to the University of Minnesota. The Bucks retain his rights through 1996.

Thurman followed Arkansas roommate Williamson, who announced for the draft last week. They won the NCAA tournament championship a year ago and took the Razorbacks to the final game this season before losing to UCLA. Carr, the Missouri Valley Conference Player of the Year and MVP in the conference tournament called the decision difficult.

"I feel like the only logical thing for me to do at this time is to test the waters of the NBA," he said.

Rhodes will have a tutor along for his test. He'll attend a pre-draft workout camp in Chicago in June, accompanied by Kentucky coach Rick Pitino. "Me and coach P. have a great relationship," Rhodes said.

His performance at the camp could determine where Rhodes goes in the draft and that should also determine whether he returns to Kentucky, Pitino said. The coach said he had offered Rhodes a redshirt season to give him some time away from the game.

If Rhodes goes, Kentucky has a replacement on the way. Ron Mercer, winner of the Naismith Award as the nation's top prep player at Oak Hill (Va.) Academy, said on Tuesday he will sign with the Wildcats.

And Sunday Adebayo of Three Rivers (Mo.) Community College, a 6-6 forward, has committed for Arkansas, softening the loss of Thurman and Williamson as well as six seniors.

After four championships, three MVPs Montana calls it quits

Associated Press

Words and emotions and mawkish ceremonies are not Joe Montana's style.

Neither is quitting. Bang him up and he'd bounce back. Give him the ball with a minute left and 90 yards to negotiate and he'd find a way to score. He left lesser mortals to figure out how.

For two decades, from Notre Dame to the San Francisco 49ers to the Kansas City Chiefs, Montana played with a rare combination of grace and grit that made him not only a four-time Super Bowl champion but one of America's most beloved athletes.

He could do everything except give up, until now. With his wife Jennifer and their four children at his side, with thousands of fans jamming an outdoor plaza to say goodbye on a cool, sunny Tuesday, Montana retired at age 38 in a nationally televised ceremony.

Looking youthful in a blue suit, his hair tousled by a breeze off San Francisco Bay, Montana thanked the crowd for their support as they chanted, "One more year, one more year..."

A few moments earlier, he had formally announced his retirement at a news conference in a nearby hotel.

Montana, who always had a joke ready even in the most tense moment on the field, told a joke as he stepped

to the podium to say the words he said he thought he'd never say.

"I guess you all know why I'm here," he said with a smile. "I signed a new contract with the Kansas City Chiefs."

"I'm still healthy, I'm relatively in one piece. At this point, it's time to pull out the golf clubs," he said, pointing out that almost every season for years, people have speculated on his retirement.

"One year they were going to be right," he said.

"It definitely felt like it was the right time," he added. "I don't know why, it felt like it was time to move on. I knew the day would have to come sometime, but it was also difficult to admit to myself that it was over."

Bill Walsh, the coach who guided him and goaded him to greatness, acted as master of ceremonies. Joining them were former Super Bowl teammates John Taylor, Ronnie Lott, Roger Craig, Steve Bono, Dwight Hicks and Dwight Clark, executives from the 49ers and Chiefs, friends and relatives.

Steve Young, the man who took Montana's job on the 49ers, was not invited. But if he felt snubbed, he didn't reveal it.

"I've had nothing but respect for Joe for years," Young said from his home on the eve of the ceremony. "Our relationship was kind of like an older brother,

younger brother thing. In the backyard, we'd be competing hard, bloodying our noses, fighting for dominance. Look, let's face it, we both wanted the same job. We both wanted to play. We're competitors. But when the games came, we were always pulling for each other and working with each other. In all the years we were teammates, we never had an argument or even a cross word between us."

Calling Montana the greatest quarterback he'd ever seen, Young said the retirement announcement was an occasion to think about what Montana meant to football.

"It's a time for me to reflect on all those great moments when I was standing on the sidelines with my jaw open, staring at something impossible he'd just done," Young.

Four NFL championships, three Super Bowl MVPs and an armful of records might be enough to qualify Montana as the best quarterback ever. For Young, Montana's legacy is broader.

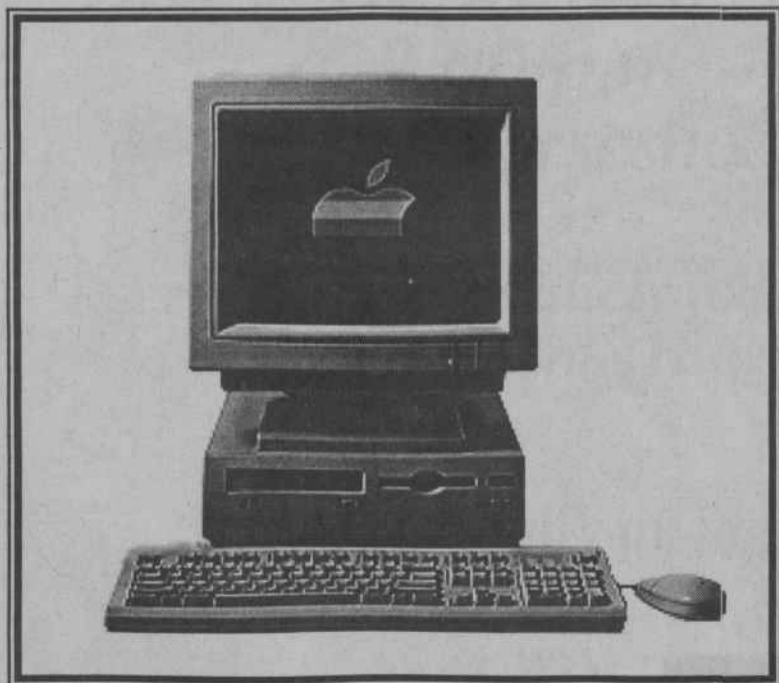
"He taught me more than the nuts and bolts of football," Young said. "He taught me that you can go beyond your perceived capabilities and limits. You can go beyond what you or others think you can do. You can push yourself to another level."



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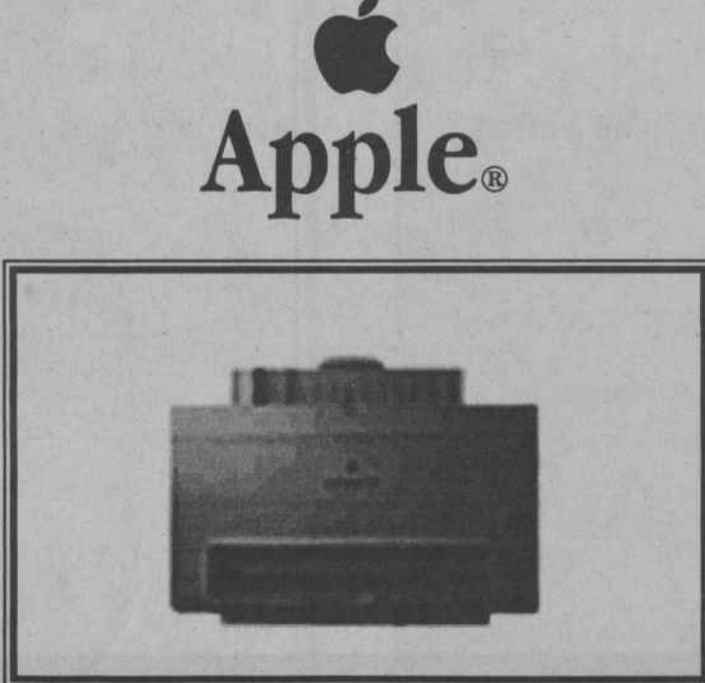
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