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Lee Elder Invitational Set for Aug. 22-24

Almost anywhere you look in this country, colleges and universities are experiencing a tightening of their athletic budgets. Nowhere is it a more harrowing experience than at predominately black schools, who budgets have been lean and trim for years. The so called major sports, such as football and basketball, continue to face drastic reductions in funding at black institutions, which mean the other sports are soon to fade from the scene. Rose Elder describes the present and future, should current patterns persist, "The first things to go are women's sports and non-revenue producing sports. My concern is that, if the black collegiate golf programs disappear, then blacks on the PGA tour will become a thing of the past...extinct."

Al Harris of Grambling State called the offices of Elder and Associates recently to inform everyone that his golf program on that campus, long a legend of sporting excellence, is very much at risk in these days of frugality. The \$23,000 Harris needs to operate his entire program would be little more than loose change at some schools. But the shortage of funds is shinking the lists of places where blacks can be introduced to the game. Lee and Rose Elder recognize the necessity to maintain that reciprocal relationship whereby the schools have exciting programs to attract those who wish to refine existing skills, and youngsters so inclined can wander in and start to cultivate an interest in the game.

The Lee Elder Invitational goes to the heart of the matter. The monies raised at the pro-am tournament are destined to assist young men and women in furthering their education.

The tournament will be held at the beautiful Port Royal Country Club, Hilton Head Island, South Carolina on



The record

Highlights of heavyweight contender Mike Tyson's career:
 ■ Unbeaten record of 25-0 with 24 knockouts since turning professional in March of 1985.
 ■ The No. 1-ranked contender by the World Boxing Association and No. 2 by the World Boxing Council.
 ■ This is the first Las Vegas appearance for Tyson, who has fought most of his bouts in New York and New Jersey.

August 22, 23 and 24. Practice rounds begin on Friday, August 22nd for this nationally-renowned tournament that will see 105 amateurs from around the country and abroad team up with 35 professionals and a host of celebrities from the

Hershey National Track & Field Youth Program Final Set For August 16

The 480 national finalists, ages 9-14, from all 50 states and the District of Columbia, will compete Saturday, August 16, in the ninth annual National Final of Hershey's National Track & Field Youth Program. The meet will be held at Milton Hershey School's Henry Hershey Field in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

A parade of athletes, celebrities and dignitaries, led by an Olympic-style torch, will highlight the opening ceremony at 9:30 p.m. Competition for both boys and girls begins at 10:15 a.m.

Rafer Johnson, 1960 Olympic Decathlon Gold Medalist, will serve as grand

marshal. Michael Jordan, NBA All-Star player for the Chicago Bulls, also will attend the meet. Both men will be featured speakers at the Friendship Banquet Saturday evening at Milton Hershey School's Founders Hall.

The youngsters will compete in the National Final as members of one of the following eight regional teams: Southwest, Midwest, Pacific Northwest, North Central, Northeast, Mid-Atlantic, Pacific Southwest and Southeast. They earned their all-expensive-paid trip to the National Final by successfully competing against other youngsters in local, district and state meets

held across the country this summer.

Hershey's National Track & Field Youth Program is conducted annually in cooperation with the National Recreation and Park Association and the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports. Hershey Foods Corporation is the sole funding sponsor. Created for the novice, the Hershey program promotes participation, friendship, sportsmanship and physical fitness.

There are five youths to represent the state of Nevada in the Hershey's National Track & Field Youth Program. Kris Harry (age 9) will complete in the Boys 9-10,

50-meter dash. Marcus Keeton, Kirk Leggett, Chris Jackson and Jody Houser will run the Boys 13-14, 4 X 100 relay.

"Exhibition Soccer Match Set"

The University of Nevada, Las Vegas soccer team will play an exhibition match against the San Francisco Greek-Americans on Saturday, August 30 at 7:00 PM. The match will be played at Peter Johann Field.

The San Francisco Greek-Americans is a club team comprised of former collegiate and World Cup players. This year's team includes four former University of San Francisco

world of sports, politics and entertainments.

The tournament is open to the public free of charge, however contributions will be accepted. All proceeds from the tournament go to the Lee Elder Scholarship Funds, Inc., which provides financial assistance to those disadvantaged youth who want to further their college education.

A limited number of tickets are available to the public for the Friday Night Banquet.

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