

Blacks athletes lag in graduation

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) - Despite gains, Black players at the 65 schools selected for the NCAA men's basketball tournament field continue to lag behind White players in graduation rates, according to a study released late Sunday.

The report from the University of Central Florida's Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sports determined 38 schools graduated 70 percent of their White athletes, while only 21 graduated that many Black players.

At 25 schools, the percentage gap was 30 points or greater.

NCAA Division I men's basketball remains the worst among all college sports for

graduation rates, the report said. The study examined four classes that entered school between 1995-96 and 1998-99.

Overall in Division I, just 58 percent of male basketball players graduate, compared with 69 percent for male student-athletes overall, according to the study. Seventy-six percent of White basketball players graduated, while just 49 percent of Black players did.

The best graduation rates were at Bucknell, Florida, Illinois, Villanova, Davidson, Pacific, Indiana, Washington, Marquette and Xavier. Florida, Illinois, Villanova and Bucknell all graduated 100 percent of their players.

Aside from the racial disparity, study author Richard Lapchick said the trend in increased graduation rates is promising. Also, the report notes that graduation rates for Black basketball players remain higher than Black students in general.

"The news overall for basketball student athletes is very positive. Graduation success rates show that we're moving forward, that the academic progress rates, even though they're new, the real indication is that schools are adding resources to help," he said.

NCAA spokesman Erik Christianson said the organization was encouraged that Black graduation rates had

improved under its new academic reforms, but acknowledged the race disparity remained. He also noted that last year's championship game teams — North Carolina and Illinois — were among its best academic scorers.

"We are still concerned, and we appreciate Dr. Lapchick's examination of our academic data," Christianson said. "We should continue to focus on improvement."

Two schools selected —

Nevada and Northern Iowa — and nine overall Division I teams did not graduate a single Black player during the period studied. Three teams headed for the tournament — Northwestern State, Alabama-Birmingham and Wichita State — didn't graduate a single White player during the period.

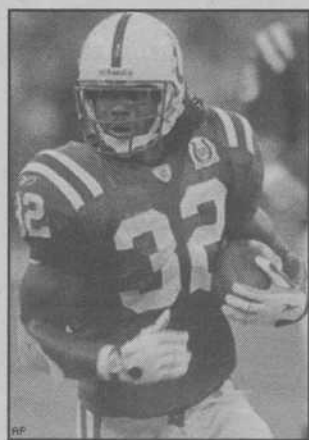
Two tournament-bound schools — Hampton and Kent State — are losing two scholarships for not meeting the NCAA's new Academic Progress Rate standards.

Edgerrin James signs mega-deal for \$30 million with Cards

(AP) Edgerrin James prides himself on taking risks. He just took the biggest one of his career.

James ran off to the Arizona Cardinals on Sunday, agreeing to a four-year, \$30 million contract with a long-downtrodden franchise that had the worst running game in the NFL a year ago.

The two-time league rushing champion, who became a free agent after seven seasons with the Colts, knew there was little chance he would return to Indianapolis



EDGERRIN JAMES

when the season ended in a loss to Pittsburgh in the AFC

divisional round.

Now, he must face life without Peyton Manning, Marvin Harrison and Reggie Wayne.

Of course, James believes the Cardinals have a pretty good trio in Kurt Warner, Anquan Boldin and Larry Fitzgerald.

"OK it's a risk. But hey, I'm a poker player. You can take it to the river," James said. "I'm not scared to take a chance. I'm not scared to go out there on a limb and do something different."

LEGAL NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

During the 2005 legislative session, Assembly Bill 580 (AB580) was passed, establishing the Office of Minority Health. In fulfilling the requirements of AB580, the Nevada State Health Division must establish the Minority Health Advisory Committee.

The Governor shall appoint nine members to the Advisory Committee. Consideration must be given to whether the members appointed to the Advisory Committee reflect the ethnic and geographical diversity of this state.

Members of the Advisory Committee will be appointed for terms of 2 years. The Manager of the Office of Minority Health will serve as secretary to the committee.

If you are interested in being appointed to the Advisory Committee, please submit your name, affiliation, resume/CV and a brief explanation as to why you are seeking to be considered for a two year appointment on the Advisory Committee to the following address:

Nevada State Health Division
Office of Minority Health
Attn: Dr. Larry Gamell
4220 S. Maryland Pkwy., Bldg. B, Ste 300
Las Vegas, NV 89119

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REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OF SOUTHERN NEVADA INVITATION TO BID NO. 014-06 PWP-CL-2006-175

CONSTRUCTION OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND FACILITIES DEPARTMENTS TENANT IMPROVEMENTS

The Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC) is accepting bid for the tenant improvement of a 5,435 square foot area on the first floor of the existing building at 600 South Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada. The project includes removing existing paving and the temporary relocation and storage of existing plant material to provide trenching for conduit from the new IT server room to Sprint box located near Grand Central Parkway; replacement of insulated windows and glazing; replacement and addition of exterior doors; interior fire protective partitions, non-rated interior partitions and suspended ceilings; ceramic tile, vinyl and carpeted floors; interior wall finishes; interior doors; toilet partitions; interior and exterior signage; plumbing and automatic fire-sprinkling and fire protection systems; heating, ventilating and air-conditioning systems; electrical, security and communications systems and interior lighting systems.

The space will consist of an IT server room, head end room, data closets, utility room, technicians' room, restrooms, conference/classroom, maintenance area, maintenance storage room, two administration offices, four person open work station area, employee kitchenette and a reception/waiting area.

PREBID CONFERENCE: A Prebid Conference will be held on March 30, 2006, at 1:30 p.m., PST, in Room 108 of the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) Administration Building, Las Vegas, Nevada 89106. The purpose of the Conference is to review and discuss the contents of the bid package.

All questions, comments and requests for clarification on this Bid must be submitted in writing to Linda Poling, Senior Purchasing Analyst, by 5:00 p.m. April 6, 2006, via mail or facsimile at 702-676-1518.

Bids will be received at the offices of the Regional Transportation Commission, 600 South Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89106 on April 25, 2006. Bids must be received no later than 2:00 p.m. PST. Bids time-stamped at 2:01 p.m. or later will be returned, unopened to the Bidder.

Bid packages complete with specifications and drawings will be available beginning March 15, 2006, at the above address, at the second floor reception desk, between the hours 8:00 am and 5:00 pm.

Disadvantaged, minority, and women-owned businesses are encouraged to participate.

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INVITATION FOR BID
Bid Number:
06-1628

CONCRETE PROJECTS

Documents pertinent to this advertisement may be examined and obtained between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. To request a copy of bid documents call (702) 892-2950, or visit our website purchasing.lvcva.com

Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority
Purchasing Department
Room A203
3150 Paradise Road
Las Vegas, Nevada 89109

Pre-Bid Conference and Job Walk: 9:00 A.M., March 16, 2006
Location: Same as above

BID OPENING: March 23, 2006, 2:00 P.M.
Location: Same as above

Sealed written bids must be received by the Purchasing Department, at the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority Central Purchasing Office, Second Floor, Room 203A, on or until 2:00 PM, PST, March 23, 2006. Bids will be accepted if date/time stamped 2:00 PM PST, date/time stamps of 2:01 PM PST or later March 23, 2006, will be rejected. Proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud, immediately after the established closing time and date. Submittal by fax is not acceptable.

Note: This Invitation does not constitute an order for the goods or services specified. No bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of ninety (90) days after the actual date of the bid opening.

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INVITATION FOR BID
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06-1613

PURCHASE OF VACUUM SWEEPER TRUCKS

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3150 Paradise Road
Las Vegas, Nevada 89109

Pre-Bid Conference: MARCH 22, 2006 AT 9:00 A.M.
Location: Same as above

Bid Opening: MARCH 29, 2006 AT 2:00 P.M.
Location: Same as above

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The Las Vegas Valley Water District

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- ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN - \$23.90/yr
- FLEET MECHANIC I - \$20.65/hr
- GIS ANALYST - \$67,562/yr
- PRESERVE PROGRAM SPECIALIST - EDUCATION - \$41,492/yr
- PRESERVE PROGRAM SPECIALIST - VOLUNTEER - \$41,492/yr
- RIGHT OF WAY AGENT - \$64,370/yr
- SENIOR INSPECTOR - \$25.08/hr

All positions have education and experience requirements. For more information, view job description, minimum requirements & obtain application packet visit our website at:

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