## Huskers indebted to the black community

"Rockets. Moonshots.
Spend it on the have nots.
Money, we make it.
Before we spend it, you take it. . "
—"Inner City Blues"
Marvin Gaye

Graduating seniors Irving Fryar, Turner Gill and Mike Rozier have left behind a legend and a legacy that

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Nebraskans will remember for a long time to come.

For this talented trio, life has truly just begun. Each will inevitably sign multi-million dollar contracts and contribute to some professional sports team. In light of this success, both past and future, this piece is written to provide some social and political insight as to how these three great black men can help to make the black community even greater.

The incomparable Turner Gill has had the sort of athletic career of which dreams are made. In his first start against Colorado, the two-time All-Big Eight quarterback set a school record, tossing four touchdown passes. Besides being this year's team co-captain and the most valuable player of the 1983

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However, his courage and perseverance transcended throwing and running for touchdowns. What about the comeback he made after being injured in the 1981 game against lowa State? What about his comeback after the "shot" he took from Missouri's Randy Jostes in 1982? Such determination is the mark of a true champion, and this kind of intestinal fortitude will enable Gill to sign a big-money contract, either in professional baseball or football (if there is a team willing to start a black man at quarterback).

Then there is Irving Fryar, who some know as "Whiff." The senior wingback from Mount Holly, N.J., garnered All-American honors and is a sure bet to "turn it out" once he reaches the professional ranks.

Even with his individual athletic ability, Fryar still needed those around him who cared enough to lend a helping hand. Two such individuals, teammate Ricky Simmons and assistant Coach Frank Solich helped keep the energetic superstar in line and enabled him to overcome homesickness. The young man who once ran with the G-Town Gang (the "G" stands for ghetto) has promised that he will come back to Nebraska to make sure that his host family remembers him.

Finally, Mike Rozier. Comedian Bob Hope prophetically said Rozier was

Reconditioned

"Heisman spelled backwards." Having collected more trophies and plaques than a backstreet pawn shop, Rozier recently signed with the Pittsburgh Maulers of the USFL for \$3 million, with a third of it "up front."

A very team-oriented individual (like Gill and Fryar), Rozier's interest in those less fortunate can be seen in his concern for disadvantaged and handicapped children. Rozier wasn't too big a superstar to give a towel to a 7-year-old fan from Carter Lake, Iowa, after the Huskers dogged Syracuse, 63-7.

These three athletes have paid their dues and are now on their way to reaping the kind of financial benefits that befall individuals with their kind of talent. However, in case they are in search of direction or potential tax

shelters, let me offer the following:

In the first place, all three are fortunate enough to come from strong, supportive family backgrounds. Regardless of this, however, a basic fact for all three to accept is that they are from black communities. Not necessarily ghettos — but black communi-ties nonetheless. In light of this, professed concern for the disadvantaged should begin right in their own back yard. What could be a bigger disadvantage than growing up in a society where mere skin pigmentation can label you for life? Therefore, one area that certainly needs attention is the context to which these three owe their existence - in this case, the black community.

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