

# COLLEGE FOOTBALL NEWS

**\$1,000,000 in Scholarships!**

## ***Burger King Honors Academic Excellence At Historically Black Colleges***

(NAPS)—Grambling State University is saying good-bye to its nationally known and respected football coach and leader Eddie Robinson. The legendary Eddie Robinson is retiring at the end of this season, after 55 years as Grambling's head football coach.

Robinson will retire and be inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame this year as college football's all-time winningest coach—the first to break the 400-win barrier. His teams have won nine black-college national championships and more than 200 of his players have gone on to careers in the NFL.

A 1997 Burger King Corporation College Football Scholarship Program Coach, Robinson has maintained a constant view about the winning balance between athletics and academics over the years. "I haven't given very much thought to my players being any different today in the '90s than they were in the '60s," said Robinson. "And in this regard, they must always think in terms of being a student first. Anybody can play football. But the key to your being here is to obtain an education. My job is to see that you do both."

This philosophy enables Grambling's players to achieve success on and off the field. The Burger King College Football Scholarship Program, which recognizes the outstanding achievement of scholar-athletes on the field, in the classroom and in the community, has chosen scholar-athletes from Grambling in two of the last three years.

Since its 1995 inception, the Burger King College Football Scholarship Program has been committed to supporting the outstanding efforts of scholar-athletes from Historically Black Colleges and Universities—having recognized 25 scholar-athletes and



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**Eddie Robinson, Head Football Coach of Grambling State University, is retiring after this season. He was recently inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame as the all-time winningest coach.**

donated \$355,000 to these schools' general scholarship funds.

"I think the monetary contributions made by Burger King Corporation are significant in terms of Burger King's commitment to Historically Black Colleges and Universities," stated Hampton University's Director of Athletics Dennis Thomas.

Hampton is one of seven schools in the nation, and the only Historically Black College, to have had a Burger King Scholar-Athlete every year of the program. "To be among the seven institutions whose student-athletes have been selected to receive this award each year verifies the kind of student-athlete that we have at Hampton University," concluded Thomas.

Burger King recognizes the winning achievements of coach Eddie Robinson and Hampton University and proudly supports every coach and scholar-athlete from Historically Black Colleges and Universities who have been honored over the last three years.