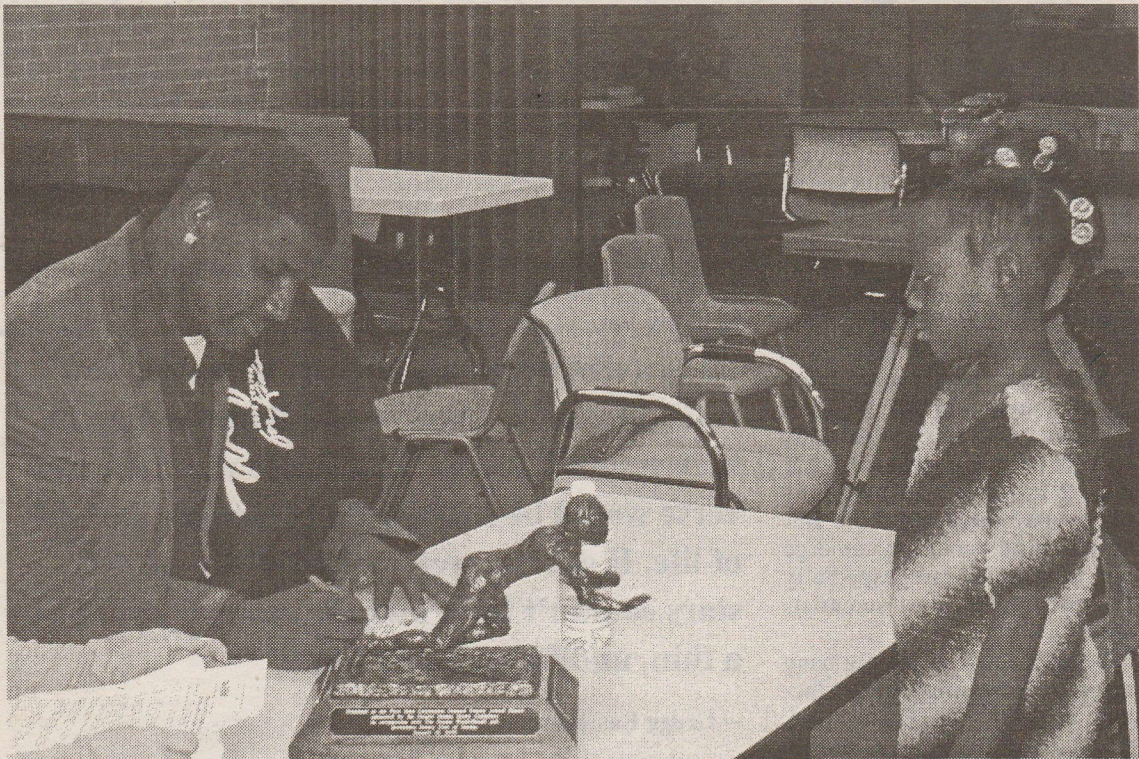


Outland Trophy winner visits the Hope Center



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In January, Oklahoma Sooners football player Jamal Brown, winner of the 2004 Outland Trophy, visited with approximately 75 children and young adults at Omaha's Hope Center.

Brown was in town for the Outland Trophy ceremony held January 13 at the Doubletree Hotel. The trophy is awarded yearly to the best interior offensive lineman in college football.

At the Hope Center, Brown spoke about the importance of education, staying off drugs and pur-

suing one's dreams. After he finished speaking, he fielded questions from the audience.

Audience members wanted to know when Brown first started playing football. He answered that he started playing in the 2nd or 3rd grade—but soccer was the first sport he ever played. When asked what he plans to do after his football career is over, he said that he wants to coach high school football. One child was brave enough to ask him what happened in the National Championship game, where USC defeated Oklahoma 55-19 earlier in the month. Brown laughed and said the Sooners were still trying to answer that question themselves. †