

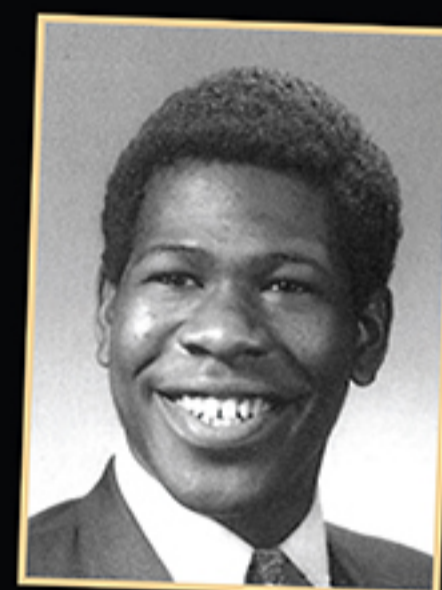
Michael Alvin Malloy

May 10, 1949 – February 3, 2009

Life in the US

After graduating from William Cullen Bryant High School in Long Island, New York Mike was planning on becoming a Jehovah's Witness until a scout from Davidson approached him with an opportunity to play college basketball. At Davidson Mike became a player who helped put Davidson basketball on the map, racially integrated the college and lived life on his own terms. Mike was voted All-American twice, led the Wildcats to two appearances in the NCAA Elite Eight and graced the cover of Sports Illustrated in 1968.

Mike was one of only a handful of African American students at the, male only, college in the tiny North Carolina town Davidson. In 1967 he became the first African American to join a fraternity. The college's Sigma Chi's chapter allowed Mike to pledge however the national office, which clung to longstanding practices of discrimination, would not recognize him as a member.



Mike's high school yearbook picture.

When the controversy came to light, the fraternity's University of South Carolina chapter threatened to burn down Davidson's Sigma Chi house if they continued his pledge. The Davidson chapter overwhelmingly voted to end its affiliation with the national office and rename themselves the Machis, with Mike as a full member.

A few months before graduation, without saying a word, Mike left leaving his Sports Illustrated cover in his dorm room and his many awards in the basement of the fraternity house. Mike was drafted by the NBA Boston Celtics in the 10th round in 1970 but decided to settle in the ABA. He played two seasons for the Virginia Squires (together with Julius Irving) and then one with the Dallas Chaparrals before, once again, disappearing.



Mike on the cover of Sports Illustrated in 1968.

Life in Austria

In 1976 Mike turned up in Vienna, Austria playing for the UBSC Wien basketball team, who he led to four national titles as well as being the first African American to play in Austria. He began playing for the Austrian national team after acquiring Austrian citizenship in 1980 and led it to new heights. He later worked as a coach in Mattersburg, Vienna and Klosterneuburg before coming to AIS.

Mike in 1999 stated "Austria was something different, something I always wanted to do and I got back into basketball too. I started to enjoy it again. It wasn't about the money. It was about chilling out and getting my head straight. Some might say that Europe's been good for me. I just kept saying, 'I'll stay another year,' and I've been doing that for 25 years now."

In 1986 Mike started coaching basketball at AIS, something he continued to do with both the JV and Varsity teams up until his death. From 1990 until 1997 he was also a member of the staff, teaching history. In later years Mike contributed as a substitute teacher in a variety of subjects.

Mike had an immediate impact on everyone he met. It did not take long for him to be a firm favorite with both the International Schools Sports Tournaments (ISST) and the Sports Council for International Schools (SCIS). Indeed Mike was the special guest at the ISST's 40th Anniversary Gala as he and the Boring Blues Band entertained all.



Mike playing for USSC in 1976.

Mike, who was also a tremendous musician, sang and preformed with the Boring Blues Band from the mid 1990's until his death. The band, made up of seven friends, performed rhythm and blues all over Europe while producing three albums together. A highlight of bands year was the annual Summer Time Blues festival at Schloss Gamlitz in Styria. The band has been a main attraction at the festival since its inception in 2001.

For more information on the Boring Blues Band please visit: www.boringbluesband.at



Mike singing at Vienna's Rathausplatz in 2005 and the 1997 album "Rhythm in my Feet".

Since February 3rd

On Friday February 2nd 2009 Mike was coaching a JV basketball game in the then Upper Gym (now renamed the Mike Maloy Gym in his honor), less than 24 hours later he was suddenly gone. An immediate shock waved ripped through the AIS community, the city of Vienna, Davidson, North Carolina and further afield. Calls started coming in from all over the world with questions about Mike. Where had he been? What had he been doing? How can we help? And of course what happened? Mike was instantly missed.



Memorial wristband worn by AIS players following his death.

In Mike's honor AIS initiated the Mike Maloy Award. The award is presented each year to the high school male and female basketball players who best reflect three of the many qualities Mike shared with us, Passion, Perseverance and Personality.

His Boring Blues Band mates along with AIS started the Mike Maloy foundation. The foundation accepts donations from around the world. The money raised is used to help Mike's son Ryan continue his education. The Band also asked Ryan to step into some big shoes and front the Boring Blues Band. Ryan who had never stepped behind a mic went onstage at the "So When Your Blue" memorial concert which honored his dad in Klosterneuburg. After a taste of the limelight Ryan

never looked back and now fronts the band on a regular basis during their many concerts in Austria and around Europe.

At Davidson people like Lefty Driesell, former coach and NCAA legend, began a campaign to induct Mike into their Hall of Fame. Driesell is quoted as saying, "He (Mike) was the best player they (Davidson) ever had."

However due to a long standing college rule students who did not graduate could not be considered for this honor. Despite this obstacle Davidson settled on honoring Mike's memory with a permanent display on campus and a one million dollar basketball scholarship in his name.

The legacy of the Mike Maloy Basketball Scholarship is about classmates and friends who saw beyond skin color, and about a campus that was changing, reflecting a nation struggling with complex and difficult societal shifts. The unveiling ceremony on February 26, 2011 was attended by Mike's American family and many of Mike's former teammates and took place at half time of Davidson's last home game of the season.

For more information on the Mike Maloy Scholarship please visit: www.davidson.edu/mikemaloy



Ryan and the 2001 Maloy Award winners Lisanne Wassink and Andreas Boedt.



The Maloy family receiving a commemorative plaque from Davidson's president in 2011.