



SPORTS By Mazvita Maraire

Accountability: After reading last week's Seattle Times article about all of the alleged illegal recruiting violations that occurred at the Sealth High School Girl's Basketball Program, one could not help but wonder where is the accountability. During the same week, Garfield Girls Basketball Coach, Joyce Walker was suspended one game

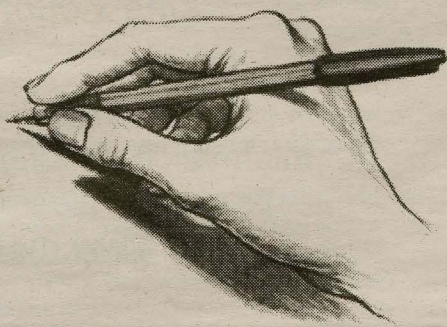
for an administrative error. At least Walker took responsibility for her mistake. A week before that a Garfield High School athlete was deemed ineligible for the rest of the season due to grades. In these three instances there is one common victim here and that is the youth. Every year you hear of countless numbers of kids becoming academically ineligible and the team, school, and coach, move on. One less troubled youth on the team. I think it is time to hold the King County Conference Central Administration and it's schools responsible. To many times youth are not being given the resources they so need to graduate. The alleged recruiting scandal was all about a coach who promised parents one thing and did not follow through. Both parties in this instance should be held responsible, parents for taking part in the alleged recruiting promises and the coaches for making the alleged promises. High Schools should be held responsible for the amount of students the graduate, just like the Colleges. Parents should be held responsible for ensuring that thier youth attend school and ask for the necessary resources needed for their kids to graduate. Conference head quarter, such as the King County and Metro should revamp how there schools compete, come up with a revenue sharing plan to help inner city schools compete with the private schools. It is time to use the resources that are available to our kids. Youth are being asked to do well in the classroom, and on the athletic fields that is fine. Youth need to be more responsible. The question is who is holding the parents and school administrators responsible? You cannot use the same athletic registration, scheduling, and transportation methods from twenty years ago in today's world. It just does not work. It is time our kids deserved better from school and athletic administrators.

Seattle Teachers Opt to Combat U.S. Statistic:

90% of Educators Feel Unprepared to Teach Handwriting

What: Seattle teachers will convene to learn a unique handwriting technique called Handwriting Without Tears, that offers tools for every teaching and learning style and helps end letter reversals, the most common handwriting challenge. The workshop will concentrate on Printing and Curcive and Pre-K techniques.

Why: While research shows that children who write comfortably perform better in school, enjoy their classes more and take pride in their work, more than 90% of primary grade teachers feel unprepared to teach handwriting. Additionally, with the new SAT handwritten essay section, proper writing techniques have never been more important for kids.



When: Friday, February 24th - 2 pm - 6 pm
Saturday, February 25th - 8 am - 5 pm
Where: Seattle Marriott (SeaTac) & Hotel
3201 S. 176th Street, Seattle, WA 98023

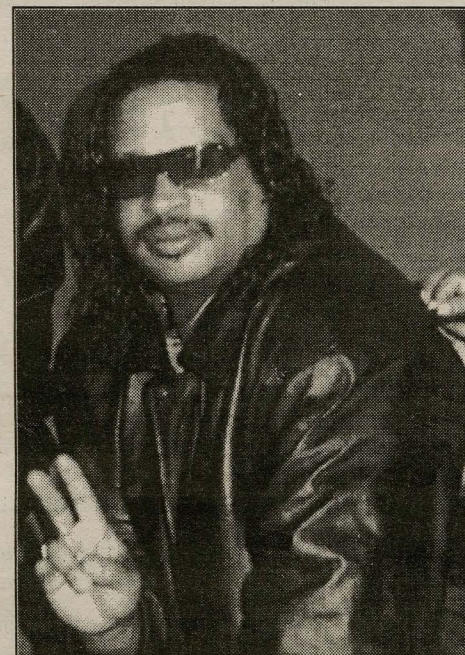
Elements:

- Workshop Leader, Katrina Erickson, OTR, interview
- Tips parents can do at home to help ensure academic success for their children
- Simple tools and finger movements that will be introduced during the workshops
- Local teachers who have attended the workshop
- The founder of Handwriting Without Tears, Jan Z. Olsen [by phone]
- Visual opportunities - songs, Magic C Bunny puppet and Mat Man demonstrations

Ms. Olsen's technique is now the handwriting program in the curriculum of 14 states. Hundreds of workshops for teachers and occupational therapists, like the one coming to Seattle, are scheduled around the country in 2006.

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*Today I thought of you
and I asked God to
bless you. Today I
thought of you and I
asked God to keep you.
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and wanted to wish you
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WHERE?

Seattle Goodwill Learning Center 1400 S. Dearborn Street
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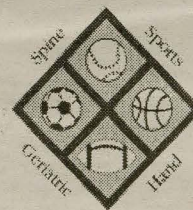
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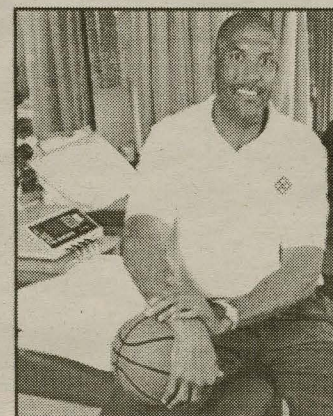


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