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## LOCAL NEWS



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Benson High School's recent decision not to compete in varsity football for at least one year because the northeast Portland school is struggling to attract a sufficient number of players, apparently will not change plans to keep the Portland Interscholastic League at the 6A level, the category of play for the largest high schools in the state.

### No Turning Back

Setbacks won't change plans for one league

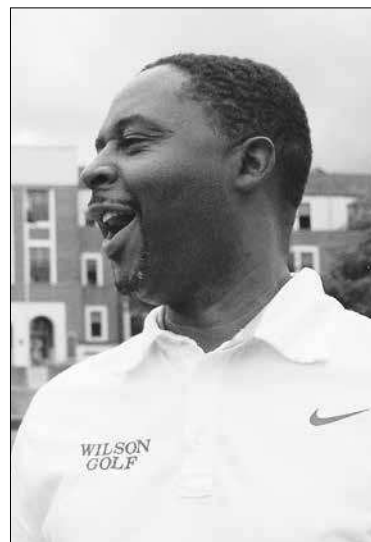
least two high school football programs which struggled to enroll enough players to compete at the 6A level, the highest ranking for the state's largest high schools.

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The re-establishment of the Portland Interscholastic League at the 6A level will continue into the next school year, despite setbacks in its inaugural year for at

Portland Public Schools Athletic Director Marshall Haskins says he is still committed to making athletics work at every high school and in all sports programs. He plans to continue his

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Marshall Haskins

### History, Passion and Drama

WSU Vancouver's marquee diversity event scheduled

The off-Broadway play, "Our Young Black Men are Dying and Nobody Seems to Care," will be performed at Washington State University Vancouver for the school's spring Marquee Diversity event, Wednesday, April 1 at 7 p.m. in the Dengerink Admin-



WSU Vancouver will present a live onstage performance from the award winning play "Our Young Black Men are Dying and Nobody Seems to Care," Wednesday, April 1 at 7 p.m. in the Dengerink Administration building.

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