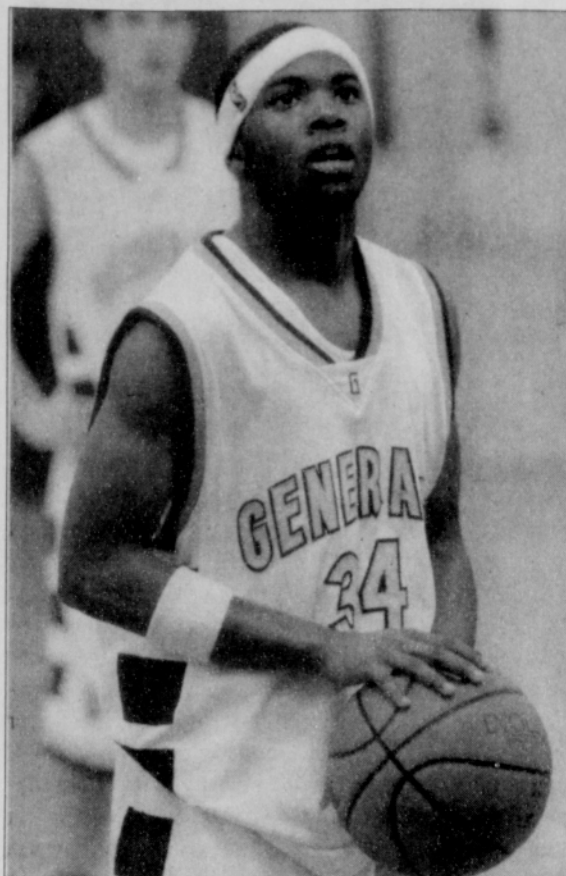


Local Basketball Player Remembered



Eddie Barnett was a dedicated basketball player and student at Grant High School this year after transferring to the school from Jefferson.

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Family and friends of Eddie Barnett embrace outside the Center for Self Enhancement the day after the former SEI student died during a basketball game at Madison High School.

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Eddie Barnett loved the game

The sudden death of Eddie Barnett, a junior at Grant High School, affected a multitude of those who knew and loved him in a big way.

"It's a tragic loss to the community," said Joe Rollins, a former mentor of Barnett through Self Enhancement, Inc. "He was well loved by a lot of young people in this community. He was outgoing, a comedian, a fun loving kid. He didn't have one enemy."

Barnett died on Wednesday, Feb. 23 at 9:59, after collapsing while leaving the

floor of a basketball game at Madison High School. He was taken to the Providence Portland Medical Center but could not be saved.

It was reported that Barnett had a heart condition and was on medication, but had a medical waiver to play on the team. The coaches allowed Barnett to play in spurts.

In addition to being a 5-foot 8-inch guard, Barnett played on the football team last fall. It was his first year at Grant after transferring from Jefferson High School.

"Basketball was his passion," Rollins said. "He loved to play sports."

Various reports paint Barnett as a popular student around campus with a positive attitude.

Students at Grant have experienced the death of three other students in the last year — two in a car accident and one from suicide. Grief counselors were at hand for

the students to talk with at Grant, Madison and Jefferson High Schools.

A public viewing was held Monday at the Little Chapel of the Chimes at 430 N. Killingsworth, with a public memorial scheduled for Wednesday morning on the Portland Community College Cascade Campus. A private family funeral was also planned.



Debra Gandy

'Soul Quest' Focuses on Women

In honor of Women's History Month, The Empowerment Group is presenting Soul Quest Empowerment Conference and Expo for Women of Color on Saturday, March 5, at the Governor Hotel.

Highlights of the event will include a tribute to pioneering women of color role models; a pampering station, self discovery zone, boutique and marketplace; a luncheon fashion show presented by Sheba House of Elegance; and entertainment by Julianne R. Johnson, vocalist, and S. Renee Mitchell, poet.

The keynote speaker of the event is best-selling author Debra Jackson Gandy, who wrote "Sacred Pampering Principles and All the Joy You Can Stand." Her advice column has been featured in Essence and Oprah magazines.

Entrance to the conference is \$75 per person. Group discount rates are available. Call 503-735-1475 to register.



Jim Winters

North Portland Sports Legend Mourned

Jim Winters led Roughriders, Pilots

Funeral services were held Friday at Bethel AME Church in northeast Portland for former University of Portland Basketball all-time leading scorer, honorable mention All-American and Hall of Famer Jim Winters, who died Feb. 20 in his Vancouver home after a

long battle with Parkinson's disease. He was 73.

Winters' basketball career began at Portland's Roosevelt High School, where he led the PIL in scoring (1948), was all-PIL first team (1949) selection and led the Roughriders to the school's only State Basketball Championship.

Winters led the tournament in scoring and was named a first team all-Tournament pick. He followed his older brother

Jackson in attending the University of Portland on an athletic scholarship in men's basketball.

Playing on four University of Portland NAIA national playoff teams during his career between the years of 1949 and 1952, he helped lead the Pilots to three 20 win seasons before serving three years in the Korean War. He returned for his senior season in 1955-56, and again helped

lead the Pilots to a fourth 20 win season, while garnering all-American honorable mention honors along the way.

His impressive 20.2 points per game scoring average during that season still ranks third all time. Basketball fans and alumnus from that era will always remember the memorable games against Seattle University and victories over the Slats Gill led teams

of Oregon State University.

After his playing days, he became the first African-American coach in the Oregon High School ranks by accepting the head basketball post at St. Paul High School. Winters also coached at Franklin, Washington and Roosevelt High schools.

He is survived by his wife Patricia and children Cheryl, Cookie, James II, Robert and Darrell.

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not have become the wonderful nation we live in today.

Ron Weber is a frequent speaker on African-American history and a regular contributor to the Portland Observer.



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