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Yes, the All-Public Boys Basketball game was supposed to be a tribute to Chevis and Wesby and Idey and the rest of the best of the city's high school players, a hardwood valedictory for kids who have overcome grueling practices, even tougher exams and, many times, some of the roughest neighborhoods in the city.

With the  
Public League  
all-star event  
in limbo, so are  
the dreams of  
the athletes.

But with Drexel University's decision Tuesday to withdraw its invitation to host the Philadelphia public school all-star doubleheader, the fate of this

sporting swan song for some of the city's finest young athletes is in at least temporary limbo. As are many of these kids' dreams.

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"We're the ones who worked hard; we're the ones who stayed in. See PUBLIC LEAGUE on A18

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who try to rein them in. NBA commissioner David Stern was praised as decisive and dertided as excessively image-conscious for suspending Spewell for a year after the Warriors fired him and voided the remainder of his contract.

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Arbitrator John Feerick, dean of Fordham University Law School, ruled that the combined punishment by the team and the league was excessive but recognized Stern's right to bar Spewell for the rest of the season.

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Missing 68 of the Warriors' 82 games will cost Spewell \$6.4 million — the largest penalty in the history of pro sports — but he will See SPREWELL on A17

The decision of the arbitrator was fair. Mike Brusler, E1.  
The Sixers' brass say they're happy the matter is settled. E2.

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## Mural takes shape at hotel



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After two years of work by Philadelphia artist Diane Burko, a three-piece mural for the rotunda of the Philadelphia Marriott Hotel moved toward completion yesterday as workers installed one of the final two paintings high on the lobby wall. The 97-foot-wide painting and a slightly smaller one to be installed today, together with an earlier canvas on the lower wall, create a panoramic view of Wissahickon Creek. Paperhanger Randy Bardol (top right), of Magargee Bros. Inc., gives Burko a lift on his scaffold so she can photograph her mural, as Leonard F. Magargee (lower left, in dark suit) and Magargee employee Orlando Torres watch. The mural for the Center City hotel was commissioned by the One Percent for Fine Arts program of the city Redevelopment Authority and Marriott International.

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WASHINGTON — Federal claims court ruled unanimously that men are suing women.

Until now, it was unclear whether the law has barred on-the-job harassment suits between men and women.

But the justice department's decision made it possible in a growing number of harassment suits.

The Civil Rights Act's "discrimination on the basis of sex" — and "in the same manner as women" — precedents for sex discrimination claims, Justice wrote for all nine justices in *Price Waterhouse v. Hopkins*.

Congress may have intended when it wrote the law to cover on-male sexual harassment, but left the principal question of comparability unanswered.

The decision is expected to boost the morale of business groups, who have long argued in same-sex suits.

Since 1991, complaints of sexual harassment have increased 131 percent, according to the Equal Opportunity Commission. The commission does not distinguish between male and female harassment.

"The decision is a notice that the government will protect against harassment, not just women," said Michael E. Magargee, president of the University of Pennsylvania.

The issue of sexual harassment came to the court in *Price Waterhouse v. Hopkins*, where he was repeatedly harassed by female

colleagues and ended with rapid promotion. At the time, he was eight-man crew drilling platform. He said his colleagues were ignored and sued. "I felt that the