

METROPOLITAN

KATU News director worked his way up

by Lanita Duke

GRASSROOT NEWS, N.W. — Like a symphony conductor controlling the harmony of sounds in an orchestra, A.J. Mashia coordinates the interchange of talents in front of the cameras, as well as behind, in his role as director of the 5:00 news at KATU.

"Everything you see and hear on the airwaves comes from my commands to get it there." Mashia is the central nervous system synchronizing the producers, camera personnel, audio and teleprompter person to create the images that inform Portland of the who-what-when-where-whys-and-how of activities around them.

A Jefferson High School graduate, Mashia was a radio programmer at Oregon State. "I was known as A.J., the soulful D.J."

He soon reached the laws of diminishing returns with radio. "I did not want to just be a voice on the radio," and was introduced to one of many careers which made the images in front of the camera possible—directing.

In 1976, Mashia started at KATU as a messenger and his abilities soon patched his way up to the top.

"I soon became the floor director and the production manager said I would be directing in 2 years. Before the two years were up, I was directing the weekend news and from the weekend news, I began to call the cues for the 11:00 news," he added.

For five years, Mashia called the shots. "But until Marlene McClinton came, it was getting pretty boring. Now, we have a sister out there and I can go in and get those close-ups."

But the director in Mashia's life is his family; wife Jeanette and his two



(l-r) Ken Shade and A.J. Mashia behind the scenes at the KATU newsroom. (Photo: Richard J. Brown)

sons Adam, 6 and Justin, 4. At any given time, you can see the Mashia family riding bikes, playing tennis and you will find him shooting basketball at parks throughout the community.

He said his drive, ambitions and concerns are centered around his family. In reflecting on his wife, Mashia revealed his poetic side:

"My wife, My life
My heart, My soul
My self-control
My life long goal."

Guild hosts "End to Reaganism"

A local legal group, the Portland Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild, is hosting a National Conference at Portland State University from June 21st through June 25, 1984. The theme is: "1984: Strategies for an End to Reaganism".

The National Lawyers Guild is a progressive legal organization of 7,000 lawyers, law students, legal workers and jailhouse lawyers throughout the country. The guild has existed in Portland since 1936. In May, 1938, the Chapter published a full investigation of the Portland Police Department Red Squad. The Portland Chapter today is involved in a variety of projects including legal clinics in coordination with the National Black United Front and defense of Native

American treaty and fishing rights. The convention serves as a forum for progressive attorneys and legal workers to discuss not only organizational business but ongoing cases, tactics and legal philosophy. Individual programs and workshops are open to anyone interested in a more humane application of justice in the United States.

On Friday, June 22nd, at 8:00 P.M., in the PSU Ballroom, Ron Herndon, co-chair of the Portland Black United Front will give the welcoming address to the membership which will be followed by the keynote address from Frances Fox Piven entitled: "Prospects for a Resurgence of the Left in the 80's." Ms. Piven is a university professor, author and internationally recognized expert on governments

Defense for women taught

The Portland Police Bureau's sexual assault prevention program will offer 9-hour womenstrength self-defense classes in July at the following locations:

Downtown-Saturdays
July 7, 14 & 21, 10:00a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Justice Center
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NE-Mondays
July 9, 16 & 23, 6:00-9:00p.m.
Emanuel Hospital

2801 N. Gantenbein
SE-Wednesdays
July 11, 18 & 25, 6:00-9:00p.m.
Mt. Scott Community Center
72nd & SE Harold

Persons registering must be able to attend all 3 sessions of the class that they register for. The classes are for women and girls aged 13 and up. There is no charge for the classes.

The sexual assault prevention program also has speakers who give presentations to churches, clubs, businesses, neighbors, kids, etc. Presentations can be scheduled by calling Mary Otto at 796-3126.

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and social welfare. She is co-author of *Regulating the Poor, The Politics of Turmoil, Poor People's Movements, and The New Class War.*

Major workshops on Saturday, June 23rd from 2:00 to 5:00 P.M. will explore:

- The impact political activists can have on defeating the current administration's disastrous policies in Central America.
- Using the electoral process gains most recently evidenced by the Jackson campaign to obtain economic rights for people traditionally excluded from political power.

There will be a dance with Obo Addy held on Saturday night at 10:30 at the PSU Smith Center Ballroom. Tickets are \$3.00. Call 236-2021 for more information.

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