



Soaking wet and chilly Jenine Macon sharpens her soccer skills in preparing for the trip she and her high school teammate will make to China later this month.

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Girls Soccer Team Looks Forward to China Trip

by Bob Lathan

Grant High sophomore Jenine Macon and 21 other high school girls on the Oregon All-Star Girls' Soccer Team are looking forward to their upcoming trip to China.

The team leaves March 21st for a nine day soccer tour. The all-star players from western Oregon high schools were hand-picked for the honor by their coaches. A thirteen member boys' team will also make the trip. International Sports Exchange, a non-profit corporation which organizes sports exchanges with foreign countries, is sponsoring the tour.

Jenine started playing soccer when she was in the third grade. She was the highest scorer and outstanding player this year on the Grant girls' varsity team, and she will soon be sporting a big G on her letter jacket.

"I like all sports," said Jenine, who also runs track and plays basketball at Grant. Her sports activities don't keep Jenine from being an honor roll student, though — she received all As and only one B last quarter.

Coach Dennis Hartinger, 6th grade teacher and soccer coach at Fernwood Middle School, said the teams will first travel to Seoul, Korea, then to Hong Kong and on to Canton, China, via train. In Canton, they will likely play teams from the Sports University, where students specialize in various sports starting at an early age, he said.

The teams will play three games each in three days and spend the rest of the time sightseeing, Hartinger said.

The trip cost is \$1795 each, and some of the players have started fundraising drives. "It's up to the girls to come up with their own funding," Hartinger said.

For Jenine, a benefit dance and fashion show will be held this Friday, March 14th, from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. at the Royal Esquire Club, 1708 N.E. Alberta. A donation of \$3 is suggested. Tickets may be purchased at Broadway Hairweavers, N.E. 7th and Broadway, or at the door.

Jenine and her sister players are excited about the trip, and will be practicing hard before leaving. Jenine was born in Sao Paulo, Brazil, and she said she enjoys traveling, but has yet to leave the U.S. She and the other players are curious about Chinese culture, she said.

"We've been reading about the exchange rates and the weather, it's 70 right now in Hong Kong," said Becky Myers, a senior at Sherwood High School. Catlin Gabel senior Linda Peterson said she was considering approaching Disneyland about some funding.

Jenine's mother is a teacher at Maplewood elementary school in Portland and her father is a dean at Grant. That's not a problem, though, because "I'm not a troublemaker," said Jenine.

Affirmative Action Not 'Something for Nothing'

WASHINGTON — Affirmative action does not mean getting "something for nothing," but rather it is a way of providing opportunities, skills and ensuring that doors that might otherwise be closed to some are opened, Dorothy Height, president of the National Council of Negro Women, said at the Labor Department here.

Height made these remarks at a Black History Month luncheon sponsored by the department's Employment and Training Administration.

Height said "those who have taken a stand in support of affirmative action laws, like Secretary of Labor William E. Brock, deserve to be saluted."

"I really have to thank and salute the secretary of labor for the stand he has taken in support of affirmative action," Height said.

"The real meaning behind affirmative action is to make sure that those who have not had the opportunities get

the skills and that doors are opened to them," she remarked.

Height said "time is always right for justice" and it is time to have a workforce where there are opportunities for all.

Reflecting on the changing workforce and its impact on women, particularly black women, Height listed some of the accomplishments and contributions made on behalf of women by the Labor Department's Women's Bureau and its directors. She named Esther Peterson, Elizabeth Duncan Kooztz, Alexis M. Herman and Lenora Cole Alexander, among others.

Height concluded her remarks by stressing the need for better role models for black youth.

"Young people more and more will just give up because they don't have the opportunities and proper role models. We need to become better role models for our youth," Height urged.

Tubman Middle School Plans Dedication Ceremonies

Harriet Tubman Middle School plans to officially dedicate its permanent campus in ceremonies next Wednesday (March 12) at 2 p.m. at 2231 N. Flint Ave.

Ceremonies will be hosted by principal Paul Coakley.

Scheduled speakers who were influential in the founding of Portland's only magnet middle school will be the Rev. John Jackson, Vesia Loving, Ron Herndon, Halim Rahsaan, John Wilhelmi and Herb Cawthorne.

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Matthew Prophet will formally dedicate the school.

Ceremonies will conclude with a program by Tubman students and staff, followed by release of student messages attached to helium filled balloons.

For further information, please contact Paul Coakley or Linda Wakefield, Tubman principal and administrative assistant, 280-5630; or Bob Sherwin, communication specialist, Portland Public Schools, 249-3304.

Senior Citizens Missing Tax Credit

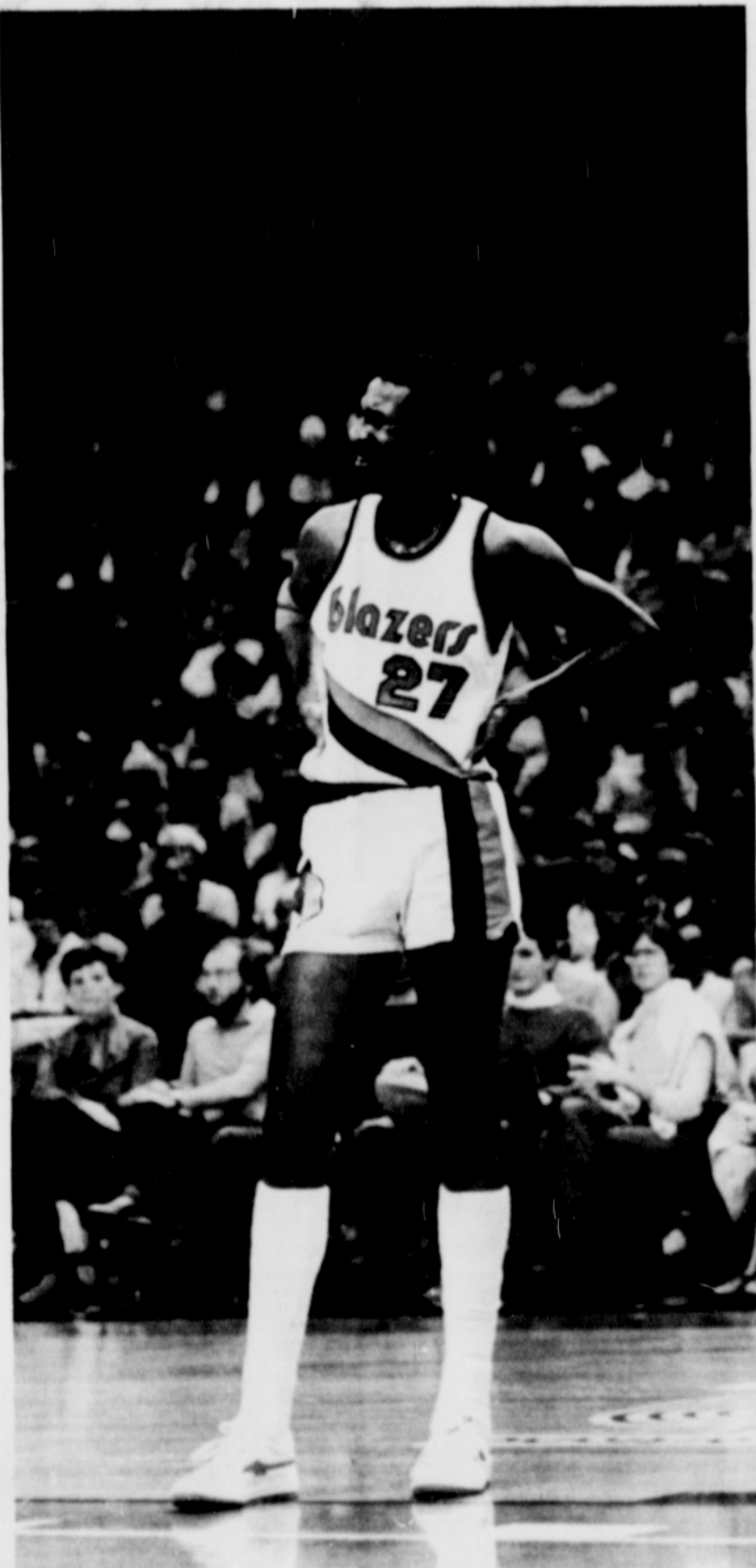
Many Oregonians entitled to the special credit for the elderly may not be claiming it. A sample survey of tax returns being received at the Ogdan Service Center showed that many people entitled to the credit have failed to claim it.

The credit is available to some low-income taxpayers over age 65 and certain disabled people under 65 who retired with taxable disability payments. Taxpayers over 65 need not be disabled to claim the credit. IRS pointed out. However, the credit is generally not available to taxpayers with income high

enough that social security benefits are includible in income.

The IRS suggested that taxpayers who believe they may qualify for the credit should check the instructions for Schedule R or contact an IRS office for taxpayer assistance. IRS will complete the Schedule R for taxpayers if they follow the instructions included in the Form 1040 package.

For more information, taxpayers should get the free IRS Publication 554, Tax Benefits for Older Americans, by calling the IRS. The Portland telephone number is 221-3933; elsewhere in Oregon 1-800-424-FORM.



Come on Re! Trail Blazer Caldwell Jones doesn't seem to agree with the foul call on him during the Blazers-Dallas game Friday night. The Blazers beat Dallas and are on a roll having won their last four games.

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