

# SPORTS

## JEFFERSON'S SHINNING STAR



Erika Mashia

BY DANNY BELL

Erika Mashia is a pretty and petite 5'7" Senior Point Guard for Jefferson varsity women's basketball team. She comes across as a disarming, quiet, talented and genuine young woman.

Mashia by most accounts is one of the premiere women's basketball players in the state.

She says she first became interested in playing basketball when she was about two years old. She would play with her dad who is also an assistant coach at Jefferson.

Erika has one younger brother name Erik and her coach Milt Adams attest to the family being close knit. Although she has been recognized as an outstanding athlete, and has been awarded a basketball scholarship to the University of Southern California -- a top ranked women's program.

Mashia make the impression that she is sensitive to others in as much as she wants to pursue a career in occupational therapy.

This attitude is echoed by her coach "Erika is a great person in a sense that she gets along with the other kids" he says "that her style of



Senior Erika Mashia pulls up for a jump shot for the Jefferson Democrats. Mashia has earned a scholarship with the University of Southern California.

play is unselfish and that she will sacrifice on a drive to help another player."

She says she loves the whole sport of basketball playing both offense and defense. When pressed further she said she like the competitive nature of the sport. Her favorite aspect of playing is driving to the basket to see what she can create.

Mashia credits her coach with setting high standards for the Jefferson team this year. Their goal is to win the P.I.L. and to advance beyond the first and second rounds in state. She says that the P.I.L. is underrated, and that the Metro, Three Rivers, and Mt. Hood are most the competitive leagues in the state.

Mashia says that Jefferson play full court press defense through out their games and that this leads to a lot

fast breaks. Basically a run gun style emphasizing man to man defense throughout. With a game plan like that Mashia thrives as athlete.

But just as fascinating as her athletic prowess is, the perception by Adam her coach as an individual of values.

Adams states that Erika is versatile player who is ambidextrous and can play either 1 or 2 guard. She is very supportive of her family, as well as supported by them including aunts, uncle, mother and father. but the most intriguing thing noted is that she is a listener, she listens to her peers as well as adults.

That is kind uncommon quality in adolescence and young adults. Ms Mashia gives a quiet presence of confidence and that a young she found direction. Good Luck.

## SMALL TOWN BOY MAKES GOOD

BY DANNY BELL

A childhood resident of Glenwood, Colorado has come to the city of Roses and already made an impact of one local University' basketball program. Rob Chavez heads University of Portland's basketball program and he already has made a noticeable as well as favorable impression.

Chavez says he wasn't born a basketball coach, but may be the next best thing he was born a coach's son. You see that way one becomes a coach by osmosis.

The one thing he didn't say is how much he loves the game and the students who play the game. However it comes across in the enthusiasm in his voice and how he likes to explain his views.

although he grew up in a basketball environment and played for his dad in high school. He says he felt it wasn't a conscious decision more than a natural inclination. In college he played ball, worked at summer basketball camps, and hung around the coaches. Since they do not give specific degrees in coaching he opted for one in biology.

One might say that Chavez is an amalgamation in terms of philosophy he freely admits borrowing from his dad and other coaches that he has been affiliated with, yet he

contributes the largest part of his philosophy has been gained from what he terms life experiences. He especially acknowledges the freedom to experiment and the autonomy that his tenure at Chemketa allowed him made a big difference.

He feels that there are three aspects crucial to the success of a given program.

1. system of play
2. recruiting
3. discipline of the program

From there it is incumbent on the coach to effectively market and promote to everyone concerned be it potential recruits, high schools, faculty, students, and administration to build support for the team.

Chavez observed with the advent of the media he has found that there is no noticeable difference in the style of play on the east compared west coast. If there is a difference its because there are so many more schools back east.

He finds that the ability and the talent level of the players are comparatively the same, only difference being density of population, & proliferation of schools.

Noted for his ability to turn programs around Chavez previous coaching job had been at Maryland Eastern Shore which had only won 54 games in 10 years.

He turned them around to 28.27

in two year reign as head coach.

At Chemketa Community College in Salem his record in an impressive 136-24 from 1987 to 1992.

Even though he has just returned from the east coast he brought no east coast prospects back with him. He feels very strongly that it is necessary to have a blend of local and regional talent, on the team.

"It is beneficial for many reason" say coach Chavez. "The biggest thing is to align the players with a common goal, it takes time and the ability to communicate".

Ray Ross a senior and a Portland product who played at Park Rose,

briefly commented that coach Chavez stresses "an uptempo defense, and to make the other team earn everything they get. He is easy to play for if you can defend.

Regarding defense "he wants you to take the good shot".

If Ross reflects the rest of the team attitude you can see why something that appears so simple, such as an uptempo defense, and good shot selection, but are in reality lessons learned over a lifetime of basketball are but one facet of sophisticated coaching scheme that not only considers the players, the game, but John Q public as well.

## ROSE BOWL BRINGS BIG BUDGET

The attached preliminary budget gives a rough outline of the expenses that are anticipated to be incurred by the University of Oregon during its first Rose Bowl visit in 37 years.

1) **Pac-10 share.** Every school in the Pacific-10 Conference, every year, get approximately \$550,000 as its portion of a shared Rose Bowl payout. At the UO, that money goes directly into Athletic Department budget, where it is treated like any other budgeted revenue source.

2) **Expense budget.** As this year's participating Pac-10 representative, the UO will receive approximately \$1.3 million from the league, in addition to the annual payout, to cover expenses. This money is used to equip, transport, house and feed 96 football players, seven coaches, trainers and athletic support staff, 180 band members, 17 rally squad members, one Duck mascot, some members of the UO President's Delegation and a number of support staff for up to eight days.

Some of this expense allotment pays for long-term equipment purchases - band uniforms

are an example - that the UO would have to purchase eventually out of its own funds, so there is an offsetting effect on the athletic

department budget. But in general the money is given - and is expected to be used - to pay expenses associated with the event itself.

## FIVE NAMED TO ACADEMIC ALL-STAR TEAM

Five of the more than 160 University of Oregon students who recently competed in the campus-wide College Bowl tournament have been picked to represent the university at the regional contest this winter.

Tim Blackman, Drew Mirante, Holley Powell, Peter Rayls and John Watson will compete in February at Linfield College in McMinnville against eight other teams from four Northwest states in the "varsity sport of the mind," according to Sue Pederson, College Bowl coordinator and manager of the Erb Memorial Union Recreation Center.

Watson and Rayls were members of the first-place team, "The Jammers," Mirante participated with the second-place team, "Boiled," and "Blackman's team," "Smarter

Than God", finished third in the finals. Powell competed with a team called "Three Men and a Babe."

Depending on their showing at the regional event, the UO students could move later this spring tot the national competition at Ohio State University, where Pederson says they could face some the College Bowl giants-the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the University of Chicago, Pennsylvania State University and Cornell University.

College Bowl is based on the popular "College Bowl" television series of the 50s and 60s. Teams of four players compete against the clock to score points answering toss-up and bonus questions on topics ranging from history, literature and science to current events, music and sports.

The competition's history at the University of Oregon began in 1980 when a student resident assistant and Sally Smith, currently University Housing's resident life assistant director, started their own Scholastic Bowl for dorm residents. Faculty members from different departments wrote the questions for the competition.

"We realized that we started something the student really like," Smith said. As participation grew, the residence halls joined the college Bowl organization and used official questions to qualify for regional competition. Later, the competition began to incorporate the entire campus so teams from every aspect of the university's community could participate.

## THE 1994 ROSE BOWL: WHO'S GOING?

The University of Oregon's first Rose Bowl appearance in 37 years will bring tens of thousands of Ducks and Duck fans to Southern California this New Year's weekend.

Most will go simply to enjoy themselves, but dozens of UO employees and public official are also going to work, not only to make the football team successful, but to ensure that this "moment on the world stage" for the university translates into long-term benefits for the state of Oregon.

The UO's allotment of 39,000 tickets has been sold to Duck fans who have consistently demonstrated

their support of the school and its athletic program.

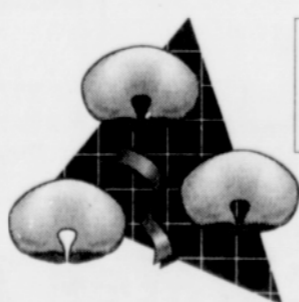
These fans include football season ticket holders, members of the Duck Athletic Fund, current donors to the university dues-paying members of the university alumni association, faculty and students.

Participating in the event is the football team of 96 players, marching band of 180 members, rally squad of 17 members, and Oregon Duck mascot. Travel and accommodation costs for these groups are paid from the \$1.3 million Rose Bowl expense fund provided by the Pacific-10 Con-

ference. The football coaches, trainers, administrators and other support staff

make up 71 persons, the band has a support staff of person for the rally squads

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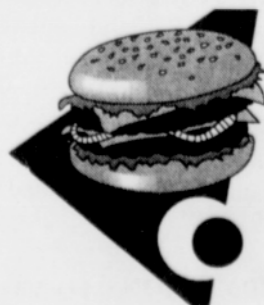
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