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Placement Center combats unemployment

Unemployment has always been a concern of college students, and never more so than now. Clackamas Community College's Career Development and Placement Center can help students and community members find work.

The CDP Center, located in CC 117, is into its third year at the College. It consists of CDP Officer Marv Thornley, Placement Specialist Kate Ellis, Career Development Specialist Sue Jacobs and CDP Secretary Sheri Schoenborn.

Last year, more than 2500 people made use of the Center and nearly 5000 participated in off-campus seminars. "We're part of the educational system," Thornley said. "It's necessary to teach people how to look for jobs."

The purpose of the Center is two-fold, with Ellis focussing on jobs and Jacobs on careers. The Center also serves as a library, listing jobs, information on how to look for work and resource data in the form of books, pamphlets and microfiche. There is also a computer system designed to guide users into careers.

Other resources provided by the Center include twice weekly workshops on job hunting, skill assessment workshops held every other week and the Career Market, held once per term. The first one this year, scheduled for November 3, will be in the Community Center Mall.

Last year, the CDP team helped an average of 60 persons per day. "In past years, we've placed people in jobs equalling almost a million dollars in salaries. Last year, with the economy the way it is, we placed about \$700,000 worth," Thornley said.

Many of the jobs that people get by way of the Center are not those that are posted. "A lot of people get jobs that weren't listed," Ellis said. "However, we taught them the skills of looking for employment."

To use the Center, there are a few formalities. First, all users must fill out two forms, a government issued EE06 (equal opportunity) form and an application, which records which services the user received in the Center.

Secondly, there is a 15 minute film clip, which capitalizes the many facets of the Center. "Some days, we have up to 80 people coming in here. The film will introduce us to each of them," Ellis explained.

Last year, a one hour orientation class was mandatory. This year, it will be optional. All users are encouraged to take the class.

Another service provided by the Center is mock interviews, granted upon request, which the CDP team videotapes and plays back to the user.

There is good news and bad news on the employment horizon, according to the people in the Center. The good news is according to Thornley, that there may be more jobs for students during hard times. "The number of hours that employers can afford are down, meaning more part-time



MARV THORNLEY
Staff photos by Wanda Percival

jobs are available. Also, non-union labor is preferable," he said.

The bad news is, there won't be as much on-campus work as usual. The Center handles all on-campus student employment, including CETA. "People can't sit home and hear about jobs," Ellis said. "They have to get out there and present themselves."

"We encourage people to drop by the Center," Jacobs added. "There's a lot here to see, and we try to make the information available in lots of different ways, like films, cassettes, and charts. If a student has 15 minutes between classes, they can come in and look around."



EVENTS CALENDAR

Wednesday, October 6

7 pm

Volleyball

Randall Gym

Thursday, October 7

1 pm

Movie: 'Khartoum'

Fireside Lounge

6 pm

Salmon Bake

E L C

Friday, October 8

7 pm

Volleyball

SWOCC

Saturday, October 9

11 am

Men's X-Country Meet

Women's X-Country Meet

Willamette University

7 pm

Volleyball

Randall Gym

Monday, October 11

All Day

Senate Elections

Com. Meeting

CC 116

