

CIS provides career answers

For those who are having trouble deciding on a career, a course of study or a school that would best fit their needs, the Career Information System (CIS) may provide the answers.

The CIS is available to anyone in the Clackamas Community College district and is a library of occupational and educational information and tools for finding facts that will help in career planning.

Perhaps the most visible of these tools is the teletype terminal in the Community Center Mall. This teletype terminal is connected by telephone lines to a computer which provides up-to-date information on where jobs are located, job availability, pay-scale, amount of schooling needed and a general job description.

"It gives individuals information they could not get unless they dug and dug," said Kent Heaton, testing officer at CCC.

"However, it isn't the panacea for job selection," he continued, "it's part of the total process."

This process includes vocational testing to narrow job interests and an experimental process where an individual goes out to "shadow" someone on a job he is interested in.

"We have had students who were extremely interested in water quality control or sewage treatment until they went out on the job and smelled it. They lost interest very quickly," said Heaton.

The teletype terminal is an important part of job search. However, Heaton does not recommend the preliminary "Quest" section of the program. The "Quest" section asks questions about an individual's likes and dislikes and attempts to aid him in a career choice.

"I am dubious about the value of those 24 questions," said Heaton. "I can find out much more about an individual's personal vocational interests with more tests. But I would heartily recommend the information process and the feedback information in back."

The terminal gives information on occupational categories which cover 95 per cent of the employment in the state and the major kinds of work found where in the country.

It also contains information about various kinds of educational and training programs. Some of these programs are intended to prepare individuals for employment opportunities conducted in schools or on the job.

About 175 schools in Oregon are included in the program. These include public and private colleges, universities, community colleges and vocational schools. The computer terminal gives detailed information on all of these schools including general information, program study, admission requirements for the schools, housing, cost and financial aid and services provided by the schools.

The computer does not give information on employers' training programs for their own employees, correspondence schools or schools in other states.

Operating information for the computer terminal is available from the computer secretary for anyone who wishes to take advantage of this information service.

Schultz scales Mt. Popocatepetl

On a clear March day 15 men and women from the Portland area Mazamas club started their climb up the fourth highest peak in North America, Mt. Popocatepetl in Mexico.

Twelve people completed the climb which lasted three days. Edward Schultz, owner of Calorwash Nursery in Aurora and a horticulture instructor at CCC, was one of the climbers.

The Mazamas are a mountain climbing and hiking club that offers opportunities to go climbing in Oregon, California, Washington and other countries.

Schultz, a cross country skier during the winter, joined the Mazamas to stay in condition during the summer months.

Having once taken a course in mountain climbing at Clackamas Community College, Schultz signed up for the climb in Mexico.

According to Schultz, the mountain was relatively easy to climb, there were no daring midair acrobatics or spiderman tricks with climbing ropes and pitons. It just took a long time.

The group had to wait for periods at certain altitudes to let their bodies get partially adjusted to the height. The air gets quite thin high up on the mountain.

Mt. Popocatepetl is 17,887 feet high; 6,642 feet higher than Mt. Hood.

Of the 15 people who had started the trip, only 12 made it to the summit. The other three were forced to remain at the high camp at the 15,000 foot level, as they were suffering from altitude sickness.

The 12 started their assault on the summit at daybreak. The weather was perfect. Clear skies and the temperature a little above

freezing. However, as they progressed up the mountain the group soon began experiencing altitude sickness.

"It felt like you were climbing with a hangover," said Schultz, "You know, dizziness, chills --".

Towards the end they were taking only 10 steps at a time then resting.

"We were all right when we reached the summit though. You didn't have to exert yourself so you could breathe easier," said Schultz. It had taken them six hours to climb 2,887 feet of relatively easy mountain.

"It was incredibly clear on top," said Schultz, "It looked like you could see the Pacific on one side and the Atlantic way over on the other."

Back from Mexico, Schultz is currently planning what mountains he'll be climbing in the future.

"I'll probably be climbing Mt. Jefferson and the Sisters this summer," he said.

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