

Graduates find jobs

Vocational programs draw women

"You've come a long way baby," to quote a popular phrase. Due to the progress of the occupational programs at Clackamas Community College women are no longer forced to seek employment in low paying, low interest jobs.

Now women can train for occupations such as welding, law enforcement, or landscaping. And while the working conditions sometimes involve working in grease, dirt and other grime, the pay is good and the work challenging.

Courses in graphic arts and horticulture take the lead at CCC with at least 60 per cent of the enrollment in both classes women.

"Women are finding more jobs in landscaping and can even think in terms of owning their own business," said Phil Evans, horticulture instructor. "Give women smaller shovels and they will get as much work done."

In welding, machine shop and auto body and painting approximately two per cent of the enrollment is women.

"In machine shop females really excel because of their physical dexterity and

patience in making small parts," said Ernie Whisenant, machine shop instructor.

Lynne Newhouse has been taking machine shop and at the end of this term she will receive an Associate of Science degree. This usually takes two years but she has done it in five terms.

"The students and instructors are for you, but I did run into problems when I applied for a job. The person interviewing me told me about all the disadvantages of the job and how I really wouldn't like it there, the machines were too big and the hoist didn't work, so I said I would give him my resume and left," said Lynn Newhouse.

According to several instructors jobs are available to women and they can get them but sometimes they have to knock on a few more doors than men.

Gloria Anderson is an Oregon City Police officer who graduated from the CCC law enforcement program. She is a patrol officer and is involved in criminal and accident investigations. She is the only woman patrol

officer in Oregon City.

Her first experience with law enforcement was on-the-job training in June. Now it is necessary to attend the academy to become a patrol officer.

"Physical strength is not a problem for my job," said Anderson. "All men are equally tall or heavy -- you have to have what you've got."

Although Anderson has her Associate Degree in law enforcement and her supervisory certificate, she is currently attending CCC taking classes for her own business.

The waste water-treatment program is to be overlooked by women enrollment at CCC, there are only two enrolled in the program.

"Many plants don't have women working for them and I feel that after completing the waste water-treatment program would have a 100 per cent chance of getting a job," said Dan Lundy, instructor of quality technology.

"I think it would be pleasant to have more women on the job," said Neil Rasmussen, a student in waste water technology.

State funds necessary

New science building possible for CCC

A new science building may be built at Clackamas Community College if the state legislature appropriates the funds.

According to John Hakanson, president of CCC, the Ways and Means subcommittee would have to appropriate \$17,800,000 or \$18,000,000 before Clackamas would receive the science building monies. At the present time, the governor's budget recommends that they appropriate only \$15,000,000.

The present science buildings are too small, inconvenient and out-of-the way, said Alf Lair, director of planning and operations. Tentative plans are for a cluster of buildings to be constructed south of Barlow Hall, near the visitors parking lot.

The present buildings have been in existence for approximately 10 years and are much too crowded with present student enrollment.

The buildings are also dangerous. According to Shirley Cressler, a biology instructor at CCC, the present buildings are a fire hazard because of the way chemicals are stored in them.


If new facilities are constructed, Lair said that the old Orchard Center may be used for additional child care facilities or senior citizen workshops.

"Even if funds are allocated this year, it would be sometime in 1979, probably fall

term at the earliest, before the new building would be usable," said Hakanson.

"The way construction funding appears to be shaping up," he continued, "it is extremely important that each of you (staff

and students) contact one or more of our county's legislative delegation. Things are breaking very fast at the legislature and it is most important that you contact our representatives immediately."



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