

Scholarship helps student follow dreams

by Tina McFarland
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While most people go to the circus to see jugglers, students here can look to one of their own classmates who has become a master juggler.

Taffy Carlisle-Morgan, a second year student, is the two year recipient of the Streeter Memorial Scholarship. She balances a family of five, a full-time job, and a full load of classes, as well as finding personal time for herself.

"I run on empty a lot. It's hard. If I didn't have the guys at home to support me, it would be really hard," Morgan said, of her husband and three sons.

Steve, Morgan's husband of nearly 20 years, and sons - Neil, 19; Geof, 16; and Kevin, 13 - provide Morgan with the extra support she needs.

"They miss me a lot...They know it (education) is really important to me, and they know I think education is important for them (her sons) also. They are very supportive."

While being away from her family four days a week is difficult, Morgan says she's 'driven'. "I've put off school long enough. I see the end in sight; I push myself a lot."

"The end" Morgan sees is attaining her AA block transfer to a four year university, preferably Eastern Oregon State College or Western Oregon State College where she will work for

her degree in Elementary Education.

Currently employed at Ackerman Junior High School in Canby, Morgan's job as Migrant Education Specialist entails teaching English to Spanish speaking students, tutoring individual classes, and much more.

For the past eight years Morgan had toyed with the idea of going back to school, but the teachers at Ackerman helped her put thoughts into action. "The teachers at Ackerman encouraged me. They saw something in me. They reinforced that desire in me," she said.

Initially Morgan was apprehensive about re-entering the college scene. "I thought everyone would be young, fresh out of high school, in the learning mode." Now that she's involved again, she looks forward to completing this goal and moving on to the next one, though she's unsure at this time what it will be.

"I'll find another (goal). I don't plan to get complacent or think it's all I need to do, or can do. I want to tackle the world."

Though Morgan has taken several courses over the years, she did not return to school full time until last year. "Last year I decided to go for it. Finances were tight because we already had a boy in college, but once I got the Streeter Scholarship, it was a major green light to go full time," she said.

The \$350 plus fees, plus \$50

towards books scholarship is awarded to full-time students who are preparing to transfer to a four year university in Education.

Although math majors are usually the recipients of the Streeter Scholarship, Morgan says her career goal--to be a bilingual teacher and have a multi-cultural classroom matched well with Mrs. Streeter's own ideals.

"I'm really glad someone believed in my own goals enough to help me in this way because without the scholarship, I wouldn't have been able to realize my goals as quickly as I am," Morgan stated.

Although work is a necessity, Morgan does not "allow anything to get in the way of going to school." She enjoys continuing her education because she "wants to be a life long learner."

While she says she's "always been overly involved," she doesn't "like to waste time. I like to be active."

Morgan intends to "never stop learning. Education is a life long process." She feels others who can't achieve their goals now need to "hold onto them because there will be a time when you can realize them. Be patient enough to wait for that time, and cut yourself some slack," Morgan says. Something she admittedly has trouble doing.

In addition to her normal work and school curriculum, Morgan attends seminars on drug and alcohol abuse. She gathers infor-

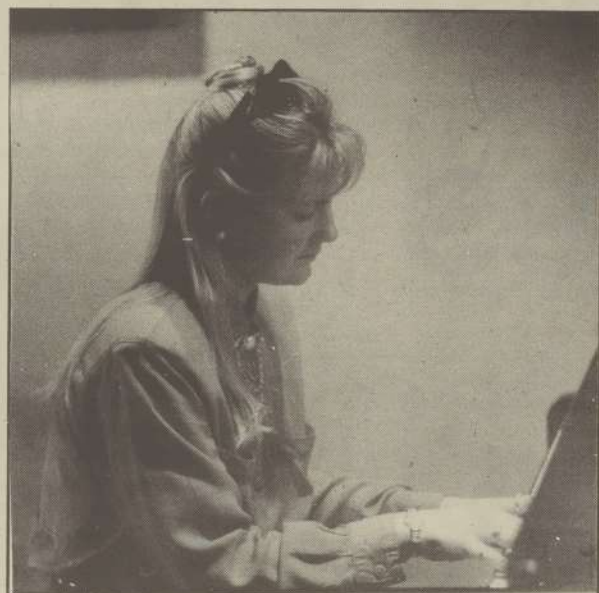


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Taffy Carlisle-Morgan takes some time for herself to play the piano. She balances a family, full-time job and a full load of classes.

mation at these conferences, then distributes it to Hispanic students and parents.

Before becoming so actively involved, Morgan spent ten years as a mom. She did not even enter the work force until after her youngest son was in kindergarten.

When she did go back to work, Morgan worked as a teacher's aide. "The more I worked with the kids, the more I knew that's what I wanted to do," she stated.

Morgan hopes to be finished with her transfer program here by summer term so she can continue on to a four year university this fall.

"There's not enough time in my life to do the job I need to do the way I need to do it. You need to cut yourself some slack, and I don't," she said.

Taffy Carlisle-Morgan said she found the drive and strength to follow through with her goals. As she herself said, "Kudos to you," for pursuing her dreams.

Opinion

Women's show overlooks careers, family

by Heidi Branstator
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A few weeks ago, I was sent a free pass and a folder of information for the first annual Northwest Women's Show, held at the Convention Center. It seemed to be a highly publicized event, so I thought I would check it out.

As I looked through the schedule of events and lists of businesses involved, I was very surprised. This Women's Show, with the theme "For women who just want to have fun," was a weekend of shopping, fashion and makeovers. Everything revolved around improving the outward appearance. I felt as though we had slipped back into the frame of mind that all women do is shop, cook and clean. Come on! We are in the '90s. This is a time when women are encouraged to go to college and make something of themselves, and many are fulfilling their goals and beginning careers before they begin families.

The list of special appearances wasn't much better. The highlights included Psychic Lorena, a nationally known psychic; Janet Charlton, Star magazine's gossip columnist; and John Callahan who plays Edmund Grey on "All My

Children." Are these the people that women are admiring today? Mary Ann Bauer, KATU TV personality made an appearance, but her topic was "Hassle Free Holiday Entertaining." I would have rather heard her talk about juggling a career and a family, or how she got to where she is now.

So, I took my mom and we spent a few hours at the Women's Show. As we walked down the stairs towards the room where the show was held, the first thing that came into sight was a giant, plastic figure of a shoe. I think it must have been at least 8 to 10 feet tall. As I got closer, I discovered many plastic shoe figures around the entrance. Could they not find anything better to represent the women at this show?

I can't begin to tell you how many samples of makeup, lipstick, nailpolish and body lotion that we received. Every makeup company existing had a booth at this show, and every corner we turned, someone was getting a makeover, haircut or having their nails done. If nothing else, The Women's Show helped beautify Portland for the weekend.

When I got home, I dug up some information that I had received on other women's events.

The first was a Focus on Women weekend with the theme "Making Dreams Happen." Some of the seminar topics included "Setting Boundaries That Work," "Surviving Change," and "A Fighting Chance: Introduction to Self Defense." The other event was a breakfast to be held for women. The topic is "Women relating to the family." These events give women the opportunity to change and improve what's on the inside. Isn't that important, too?

I plan to have a career and a family in my future, and yes, it will always be important to me to look my best, but my success and the happiness of my family will be even more important. When someone comes up with an event that covers all these topics, I hope they will call me.

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