

College Career Center offers aid in job search

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The Clackamas Community College Career Center offers a wide variety of tools to aid in either the task of finding a job, or in making a career choice.

The Career Center opened in 1980 and was housed in a trailer.

Since its move in 1981, the center has been located in the Community Center just past the cashier's desk. The center is run by two women who are dedicated to helping people make the right job and career choices, Job Specialist Sheri Schoenborn and Career Development Specialist Gail Laferriere.

The Career Center offers a "job box" and "job notebooks" to help people find work. Inside either the box or the notebooks are cards which contain job opening descriptions. The blue job books offer jobs to anyone and no specific training is necessary. The white book offers jobs that need to be filled by people with some type of training. The job box offers jobs that are more common. High levels of skill are not necessary.

"The range of jobs varies from entry-level jobs to professional positions requiring experience and education," stated Laferriere.

"There is something for everyone," said Schoenborn.

Another type of program the center organizes to help people find jobs is the job fair. Local

employers who have job openings come to the college twice a year and make themselves available to anyone who is looking for work.

"The job fair offers easy access to anyone who is looking for a job," stated Schoenborn.

For those people who are planning to start a career, the Career Center offers the Career Information System, which shows the employment outlook for a specific career as well as the wages and training required. The system holds 95 percent of the occupations in Oregon.

The Career Center also has files on every major that is offered at Clackamas. Handouts on the major and occupational information is available to anyone, student or not.

"Anything a person could want to know about a job, we've got books on it," said Schoenborn.

The center offers job search books and company files to help prepare people for job interviews. The job search books give recommendations on resumes, interviews and everything that falls in between. The company files give information to the companies so that people can be well informed about the company before the interview and will, in turn, impress the interviewer.

When searching for a career, and can't decide on one, the Career Center has tests that are designed to give people an idea as to which careers are compatible

for them.

"The tests are basically a question and answer session about yourself. They're very people and user friendly," said Schoenborn.

After the test, a list of appropriate career choices is given to the person. Once the person has the list he can use the Career Library to get the names of people in any particular profession who have already agreed to make themselves available to be spoken with about any aspect of the career.

"You get information to help you decide if it's the right career for you, and you also make contacts within the profession which can, in turn, create employment connections," stated Laferriere.

The women in the Career Center can also help people write resumes and give personalized tips for an interview.

"One of the purposes of the Career Center is to help people know that there are career options available for them, and to assist them in achieving their career goals," said Laferriere.

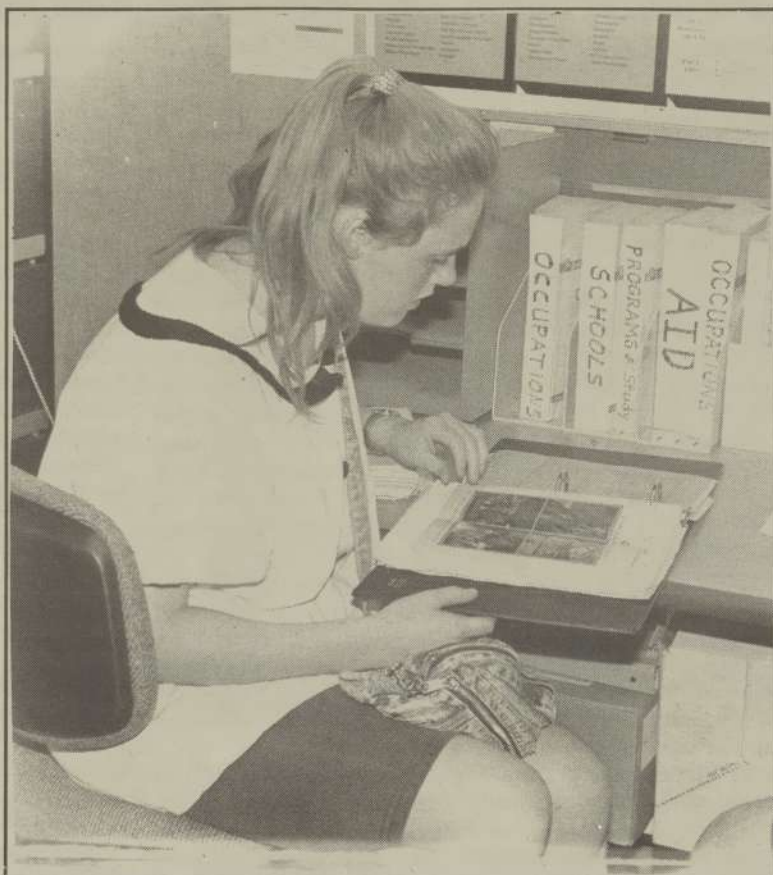


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Featured in National Career Development Guidelines Video, the Clackamas Career Center was credited as being a model center. The Career Center was also listed in the book, "How To Get A Job In Seattle And Portland," as one of the best in Oregon.

Schoenborn and Laferriere said they like to see people find the career that makes them happy. It gives them a great deal of satisfaction.

The Career Center can be reached at 657-6958, ext. 2213.

Group of 49 women prepare for Europe trip



Focus on Women is sponsoring a 15-day trip to Europe this summer for 49 women. The advisers for the group hope to take the trips every two years.

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Focus on Women is sponsoring a 15-day Europe trip for 49 women, planned for June 23 through July 7. The highlights of the trip include a Rhine River cruise, a tour of Rothenburg, tours of two of the castles built by Mad King Ludwig, sailing into Vienna, a walking tour of Venice and the sights of Salzburg (where "The Sound of Music" was filmed).

"We decided to create these trips because there are a lot of women who want to travel and for some reason or other don't have anyone to travel with," said Linda Vogt, journalism adviser at Clackamas.

advisers for the group of travelers. The group of women meet three times before the trip. At these meetings, the advisers conduct orientations on topics such as packing tips, currency and converting money, getting passports and they help provide resource material. These meetings "help build group spirit," Vogt said.

The women from Clackamas who are planning to go are Helen Humpheys, Jean Marshall, Elaine Kindred, Betty Reynolds, Eileen Turner, Louise Slawson, Dusi, Carol Evans, Rene' Rathburn, Linda Vogt, Ellen Burbridge and Linda Anderson.

The cost of the trip is approximately \$2,300 and that in-

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This trip will be the second sponsored by Focus on Women. The previous trip, also to Europe but with a different itinerary, was in 1991.

"We hope to take these trips every two years," said Vogt, who, along with Carol Evans, adviser/adult high school diploma and Ellen Burbridge, counselor, are

cludes air fare, first class hotels, breakfast and dinner each day and all transportation.

"We had a great time," said Vogt as she remembered her first Europe trip. She said the women sang and told stories on the bus that they did all their traveling on. "It's part of the experience, I think," she said.

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