

# Colliers opens computer school

A new high technology oriented business will open in inner North-east Portland in the month of October. Microcomputer Schools of America will be opening at 321 N.E. 20th Avenue, specializing in micro-computer programming classes for both youth and adults. It will offer in-house classes as well as classes in facilities provided by firms contracting with the school.

The staff at Portland's newest computer training facility is headed by Albert R. (Skip) Collier, manager and lead instructor, and Jo Ann Collins, scheduling coordinator. Collier, an adjunct microcomputer instructor at Portland Community College, comes to this position with strong academic credentials including an electrical engineering degree from the University of Nevada at Reno and a Master of Business Administration degree from Portland State University. He also brings quality teaching skills to the school as evidenced by his consistently high ratings as both a business manager and microcomputer instructor at Portland Community College.

Both Jo Ann and Skip have a strong commitment to making the computer training available to Portland's Black community. They recognize that Portland Blacks have not always had the opportunity to be in the forefront of change. Microcomputer Schools of America hopes to change this pattern in the area of microcomputers by providing reasonably priced training in a convenient location at convenient times. They also see a pressing need for the participation of Black youth in the microcomputer field and they will be making a concentrated effort to involve Black youth. These efforts will include parental involvement, working with youth oriented organizations, and providing scholarships for youth from low income families.

Microcomputer Schools of America is a division of Professional Training Systems. While new to the consumer market, Professional Training Systems has provided electrical system, electronics, and con-



SKIP COLLIER



JO ANN COLLINS  
(Photo: Lonnie Bradley)

struction project management training in six western states since 1979. Professional Training Systems has established itself as a leader in technical training with companies and agencies including Weyerhaeuser, Louisiana Pacific, City of Seattle, City of Tacoma, Arizona Electric Power Cooperative, the State of Oregon, Nevada Power Company, the Bonneville Power Administration, and Pepperdine University.

In bringing Microcomputer Schools of America to Portland, the same traditions that have made the industrial training a success will

be maintained. One of these traditions is a commitment to training for learning and not to training as a sales tool. While most of those in the field of microcomputer training have followed industry's pattern of using training as a means to sell equipment, Microcomputer Schools of America has chosen not to follow and provides a single service... quality training. This not only allows all of Microcomputer Schools of America's resources to be channeled into training, but also allows the staff to be totally objective when ad-

vising students on equipment purchases.

Another tradition that Microcomputer Schools of America brings to Portland is training that is practical. The emphasis is on training that is useful whether for career advancement, for a career change, or for personal enjoyment.

The Microcomputer Schools of America training facility provides another first in Portland by having free access to computers for practice by students. Programming students must practice between class sessions. If a student does not own a computer this normally means renting computer time at rates beginning at \$5.00 per hour, or buying a computer. Most students who are considering buying would prefer to wait until they can make an intelligent decision and the free computer time in the practice room provides them with this opportunity to learn before they buy.

If you are interested in, or think you are interested in computers, give Microcomputer Schools of America a telephone call at (503) 238-1404 and further explore the wave of the future.

## Bill Cosby buys Coca-Cola stock

The Coca-Cola Company has sold a portion of its stock in The Coca-Cola Bottling Company of New York, Inc. to Bill Cosby. Terms of the transaction were not disclosed.

"It is only right I become a business partner with Coca-Cola USA," said Mr. Cosby, "since I have been a salesman for the company for many years."

Mr. Cosby is the second person in recent weeks to acquire stock in the Coca-Cola Bottling Company of New York, Inc. from the Coca-Cola Company. In July, the company announced a portion of New York Coke stock had been sold to businessman J. Bruce Llewellyn.

The Coca-Cola Company continues to own a majority of its original holdings in New York Coke.

## Vickers accepts position

Sharon Vickers, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas R. Vickers, has accepted a position teaching English and Reading at the upper school (high school) at Louisiana State School for the Deaf in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Sharon will also head the Department of Music Interpretation. At the present time the school occupies two campuses, one for the lower school with students ages 2 to 14, and another campus for the upper school, ages 15 to 22. The State of Louisiana is now building a \$26 million campus to be completed in early 1985. The new campus will accommodate all stu-

dents, approximately 500, of the lower and upper schools.

Before leaving the Los Angeles area where she was doing freelance work to commemorate the 20th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech. Aware of the importance and honored to be part of this outstanding event, Sharon made a one-day flight from Baton Rouge to participate in the program.

United Way is the place to turn for help.



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## THE FOURTH ANNUAL BLACK COLLEGES CONFERENCE

### "BLACK COLLEGES: A TAPROOT OF BLACK LEADERSHIP"

Oct. 15, 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. — Red Lion Inn — Jantzen Beach  
Portland, Oregon

Students \$7.50 Adults \$12.50  
(includes lunch and materials)

Sponsored by Black Colleges Committee, Inc. (nonprofit). Information: Pearl S. Gray, 503-754-3666, Corvallis, OR or Dorothy Alexander 503-236-8727, Portland-after 5 p.m.

# MICROCOMPUTER

## SCHOOLS OF AMERICA

**321 NE 20th Avenue**  
Portland, Or 97232  
**(503) 238-1404**

### COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

**BASIC** is the standard language of all micro, home and personal computers. It also can be used on virtually every large computer in use today. All business and technical programming can be done in BASIC.

**INTRODUCTION TO BASIC** This course provides the student with a basic understanding of how computers work and of the relationship between a programming language and the computer. Students will learn PRINT, LET, TAB, SPC, READ, DATA, INPUT, and END commands.

**INTERMEDIATE BASIC** Intermediate BASIC takes the student to the level where he or she can write programs for home or business bookkeeping, and for educational games for youth. Students will learn to use FOR, NEXT, GOTO, DIM, ON, RND, PEEK, and POKE commands. (Begins November, 1983.)

**ADVANCED BASIC** This course completes the BASIC language sequence. Students will have the information to do complex programming including scientific and engineering applications. Students will also have the information to write valuable programs such as mailing lists, data bases, sorting routines and alphabetizing routines. Commands covered include ABS, ASC, CHR\$, ATN, SGN, SIN, COS, TAN, LEN, LEFT\$, MID\$, RIGHT\$, STR\$, and GET\$. (Begins December, 1983.)

**TURTLE GRAPHICS** This is the ideal programming language for youngsters. It teaches the concepts of programming in a manner that is fun for the 6- to 12-year-old set. While learning to draw pictures, the students will learn the function of statement numbers and the concepts of branching, loops, and subroutines. Turtle Graphics also allows the young programmer to explore sound and graphics. At the same time, programming principles are learned that provide an easy transition to the BASIC language.

### A LITTLE ABOUT US

For the past 4 years, Professional Training Systems (PTS) has been a leader in technical training for industrial, commercial, and municipal entities in the western U.S. We are now bringing our proven expertise to the consumer market through our Microcomputer Schools of America, a division of PTS.

Our approach to technical training is simple. Do it well, make it enjoyable, and make it convenient. We do all three well. Each student has his or her own computer for in-class use. For those students who do not have a home computer, we have a practice computer room that can be used at no additional cost. Our instructors are all trained professionals who not only know their subject matter, but who also have excellent interpersonal skills. This combination results in an enjoyable learning experience.

Access by Tri-Met is exceptionally good. We're a half-minute walk from Sandy Boulevard and a 2 1/2-minute walk from Burnside at 321 N.E. 20th Avenue. Parking is abundant and we're next door to an excellent shop for the lunchtime student.

We guarantee to remove the mystery of computers. Now is the time to become knowledgeable, because those who do not will become functionally obsolete. We've priced our courses during our Portland opening in a manner to make them attractive. We will, however, be increasing our prices in the months ahead.

### CLASS SCHEDULES

**Note:** All courses are 8 hours in length and begin the week of October 3rd. One-hour classes are held twice a week and 2-hour classes are held once a week. All courses run for 4 weeks.

ADULT SCHEDULE			
INTRODUCTION TO BASIC			
			Tuition
Early morning	Tuesday & Thursday	6:45 a.m. to 7:45 a.m.	\$25.00
Noon	Tuesday & Thursday	12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.	\$25.00
Afternoon	Tuesday	3:45 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.	\$25.00
Evening	Monday	5:45 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.	\$25.00
	Monday	7:45 p.m. to 9:45 p.m.	\$25.00

  

YOUTH SCHEDULE			
INTRODUCTION TO TURTLE GRAPHICS			
			Tuition
Evening	Friday	5:45 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.	\$25.00
Weekend	Saturday	1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.	\$25.00

  

### FUTURE COURSES

Intermediate BASIC (November, 1983)  
Advanced BASIC (December, 1983)  
Intermediate Turtle Graphics (November, 1983)  
Advanced Turtle Graphics (December, 1983)  
Introduction to 6502 Assembly Language (January, 1984)  
Intermediate 6502 Assembly Language (February, 1984)  
Advanced 6502 Assembly Language (March, 1984)  
COBOL (On demand)  
FORTRAN (On demand)  
PASCAL (On demand)

### REGISTRATION

Registration can be done by telephone (503) 238-1404 until the first class session, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.