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Orientation

During the initial orientation session, you will learn about the B-FIT program and its services, be introduced to careers in the skilled trades, and explore job realities to determine if you wish to enter the training program.

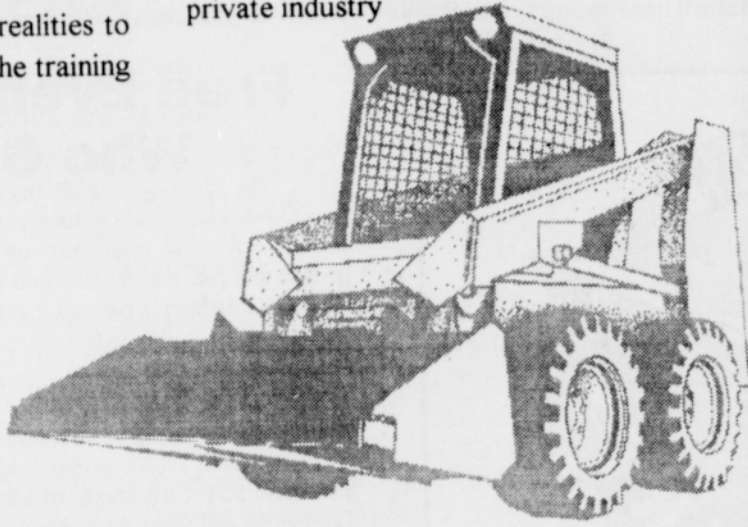
- Classes begin Sept. 20, 1993
- Financial Aid Available \$528.00 per term
- Orientation: June 5 & 16, 1993
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- Additional Orientations will be held during the summer at PCC, Rock Creek Campus

For more information, call
Portland Community College
244-6111 ext. 7449, 7432, 7331

Classes will be held on the
Rock Creek Campus
17705 N. W. Springville Road
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B-FIT is offered in cooperation with federal and state apprenticeship programs and private industry



Training Women In Building Trades



Caressa Nelson

Lisa Bradfield

A program for training women in building trades referred to as B-Fit (Building Futures in Industry) offered at the Rock Creek campus of Portland Community College won an award from Labor Investing For Tomorrow (LIFT) America Awards.

The following excerpt is taken from The Wall Street Journal:

"The awards called LIFT America are given to employers, unions, educational organizations and communities to recognize 'creative solutions'

for upgrading the quality of the work force. Sixteen winners were chosen from 500 nominees; they run the gamut from local vocational programs to industrial grants.

Several other award winners also stress efforts to improve opportunities for women and minorities. Building Futures in Industry and Trades, a program run by Portland Community College in Oregon, is a "fast track" six month training course designed to put women on paths for such non-tradi-

marriage, and I found myself thinking about what I was going to do for a living." Though she hadn't had a job in 26 years she thought the training program would help her acquire skills to be a residential construction contractor and thus make use of experience already gained while helping to build and renovate houses with her former husband. She's now pursuing an associate degree in building construction technology and says the training program was "invaluable" in helping her reach her goals."

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Aleta Hoffman
Building Construction
Technology

Walnut Park/North Precinct Development Project

Citizens, neighbors, city and police officials, business owners and leaders from Portland's North/Northeast community gathered on Friday, May 28 to mark the beginning of the building rehabilitation for the \$5.8 million development of the North Precinct Community Policing Facility. The Facility will be located at NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. and Killingsworth Streets in the vacated Walnut Park Fred Meyer.

Speakers at the event were Mayor Vera Katz, Police Chief Tom Potter, N/NE Economic Development alliance Chairman Ron Herndon, and PDC Commissioner Carl Talton.

The city recently purchased the 4.5 acre site and plans to develop it for the North Police Precinct and commercial space. With the community policing facility and commercial space developed together, plans are that the site will attract additional private development, particularly along MLK Blvds. Once completed, the project could bring significant benefits to the area including revitalized and safer neighborhoods, jobs, business opportunities, usable goods and services and physical improvements to the adjacent area.



Cara Stinger
Electrical Worker Apprentice

tional skilled careers as electricians, plumbers, carpenters and sheet-metal workers in jobs that pay \$15 to \$25 an hour. Previously, women weren't striving toward such jobs, program officials say. Many women students, whose average age is 36, were working in low-paid jobs--such as in fast-food restaurants--when they entered the program. About 35% were unemployed and on welfare; 70% were single heads of household.

The program fills women's

"skill gaps" through immersion courses in everything from learning how to wire electrical projects to a physical fitness program to career planning. The women build a house from the foundation up, do upper-body training, and even hear from sex-discrimination attorneys on how to file a complaint if a problem arises.

Katharine Settle says she entered the program because "my husband had just recently left after 34 years of

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