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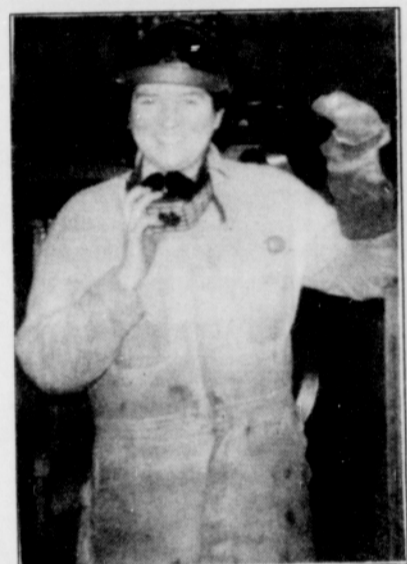
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My Chosen Career As A Welder

My name is Pam Nelson. When I was eighteen years old, I realized that being a forest ranger would not pay, but \$6.00 an hour in about ten years. So I went to a vocational technical school for welding in 1976 at Pocima Skill Center in Pocima Calif. When I graduated, my first job was \$9.00 an hour, in Texas, and I have never received less money for the skills I received. I've worked non-union in my early career in oil fields, shipyards, manufacturing all over the United States. The U.S. Nuclear and Navy had the most extensive training procedures and safety. When I came to Portland in March 1979 I applied at F.M.C. to weld railcars, I had to join the Boliermakers Union Local #72. I have not worked for almost two years.



Pam Nelson

I cannot work for Gunderson because of being Non-union. Union doesn't have the work, but non-union will not except the same even more qualified person. So as a beginner it is important to make a choice--Union vs

Non-Union. It's a difficult decision, but a necessary one. One moment you're working, and the next they're working and you are not. What ever you choose, make sure safety exists. That is your number one priority to insure your personal safety.

The Army Is A Bridge

The Army is a bridge, not a detour to a college degree. The Army's Concurrent Admissions Program ensures that even before a new recruit leaves for initial training he's already enrolled in college back home.

Universities throughout the United States are admitting Army alumni, many with the Army College Fund and Montgomery G.I. Bill, to their class of 1998 and even Class of 2001. So far, Army recruiters have referred more than 4,000 young people to CONAP.

The Army guarantees its soldiers money for college and now Army recruiters are helping new recruits with pre-admission to a college or university of their choice before the soldier leaves for basic training.

Once a new recruit has enrolled in CONAP, the college has the opportunity to monitor the college courses the recruit may choose to take while on active duty. They can then tell the recruit whether a course fulfills one of their requirements, so the recruit doesn't waste time taking unnecessary courses.

"This kind of support helps the new recruit focus on his goals--he has a plan and knows where he's going," said Lt. Col. Thomas L. Snyder, commander, U.S. Army Recruiting Battalion - Portland. "Having a son or daughter pre-admitted to college also reassures parents that their goal of a college education for their child has not been set aside."

Most soldiers with deferred admission indicate they will pursue a four-year degree in a specific area like communications or business. Colleges may not enroll them in a degree program right away because they may change their minds while fulfilling their military commitment. They are, however, encouraged to take basic courses in the meantime. For more information on CONAP and how it can work for you, contact your local Army recruiter.

Army Enlistment Offer That Can Erase College Debt

Students saddled with college loan debts and little job experience on their resumes are taking advantage of an Army enlistment offer that can erase their college debt.

After three years the slate is clean.

Takers of the Army's Loan Repayment Program more than doubled in 1990, the first year Congress approved the program for all Army job specialties. Previously, the Loan Repayment Program was offered with only a small percentage of Army jobs.

In addition to the loan repayment, former students will receive training in a choice of skills. They may also be eligible for bonuses if they meet certain qualifications.

The Army says a qualified applicant who has a federally insured student loan can reduce that debt by one third or \$1500, whichever is greater, up to \$55,000, as long as the individual is not in default on the loan; for each year the person serves as a sol-

Outstanding federal student loans have now topped \$55 billion, with more than 20 percent in default.

According to Lieutenant Colonel Thomas L. Snyder, Battalion commander, U.S. Army Recruiting Battalion - Portland, "In addition to the loan repayment, new Army recruits with 30 or more semester hours of college qualify to start at a higher rank and a higher pay grade."



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