

# E d u c a t i o n

## U.S. SEN. GORDON SMITH ANNOUNCES PCC STUDENT INTERNSHIPS

Samuel O'Brien and Tracie Mitchell, two PCC students who have completed short-term training programs through the Cascade Campus Skill Center, were awarded internships with U.S. Sen. Gordon Smith. The Skill Center is responsible for changing the lives of many individuals who have been chronically unemployed, on assistance or without high school diplomas. The two will work in Sen. Smith's Washington, D.C. office-Mitchell, a north Portland resident, begins this summer and O'Brien, who now lives in Beaverton, will start his internship in January.

Sen. Smith and the PCC Skill Center have a relationship that goes back to Smith's time leading the Oregon Senate. He visited the Skill Center upon the invitation of Rep. Margaret Carter and was impressed with what he saw, declaring it a program that provides "a hand up, not a hand out." Subsequently, Smith announced his U.S. Senate candidacy kick-off campaign at the Skill Center in 1996. He has also been a featured speaker at one of the Skill Center completion ceremonies.



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## "Do I Open The Door With Journalism Written On It?"

When I (Ryan Moore) was four, I wanted to be a trucker; at six, a heavy equipment operator; at eight, chef; ten, carpenter, and finally at my present age fourteen, a journalist. "Fletch", played by Chevy Chase, opened another door of fantasies as I watched him squeeze through death's grasp, experience the outrageous and, of course, get the girl at the end. I thought this was it. The perfect career. Now, I ask you to remember when you were a child and how being an astronaut brought more excitement to you then the night before Christmas, but then somehow you discovered it takes more than suiting up for lift off and a few trips to the movie theater to watch "Apollo 13". You would have college, more homework than there was nighttime, not to mention that you would have to learn what all those buttons on the control panel were for. Then, almost as soon as the idea came into your head it packed up and left. Well, journalism has popped into my head, but will it pop out?



Left to right, Tony Washington of the Portland Observer Newspaper and Ryan Moore of West Sylvan Middle School, discussing Ryan's future as a journalist.

To find out, I asked for a job shadow at the Portland Observer newspaper. I was shown, just like being an astronaut, that it wasn't a free ride. Learning about the layout, organization, and the ba-

sic steps that are practiced in journalism, I discovered the job wouldn't be as easy as I thought.

However, when I left the idea hadn't packed up and left. It still sounds like a member of the top ten

perfect careers as far as I'm concerned. Next week, will I still want to be a journalist or a lawyer? A restaurant owner? Taxi cab driver? Journalism, is it my door to opportunities?

## Mayor Vera Katz Appoints Turner as Education Advocate



Carol Turner

Mayor Vera Katz has hired former President of the Oregon School Boards Association and three-term school board chair, Carol Turner, to serve as the city's Education Advocate.

Turner's initial efforts will center on strengthening communication be-

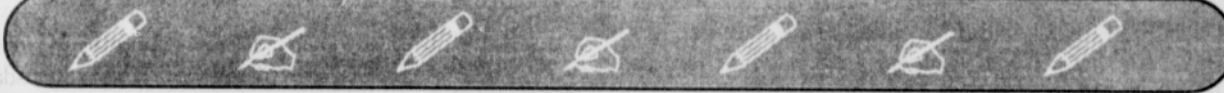
tween the city and its five school districts and developing joint strategies to address academic performance, truancy, youth gang violence, school-to-work partnerships, school funding, and after-school activities. She will also work on the ongoing challenge of school funding.

"I am excited to have someone of Carol's caliber and experience stepping up to help this city's quest for academic excellence in our schools," said Katz. "I cannot stress enough that our economic success in Portland -- and all of Oregon -- will not be maintained without world-class public schools that ready our children for the 21st century global economy. Carol's appointment helps cement the City Council's commitment to making sure Portland's children get the education they need."

Turner has a long history in education. Prior to joining the Mayor's staff, Turner worked for the Oregon

Department of Human Resources as part of the Community Partnership Team. From 1985-1996 she worked for Portland State University as a clinical social worker, where she also coordinated several programs and grants. She brings to the position twelve years of experience on the Portland School Board where she served as Chairperson for three terms. Turner also has statewide experience as board member and president of the Oregon School Boards Association.

Turner hit the ground running. She has already met with the superintendents from Portland's five school districts. Ron Russell, superintendent of the David Douglas School District said, "We are pleased to hear of Carol Turner's selection to serve as a liaison between the city and all of its schools. Carol has the experience and positive attitude to help us create a true partnership to better serve students."



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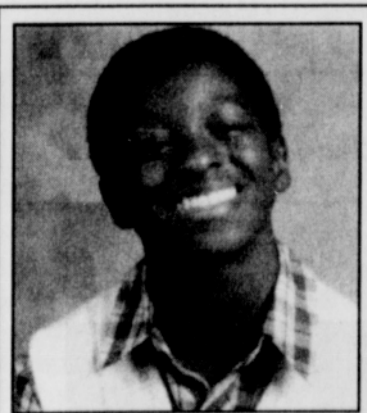
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