



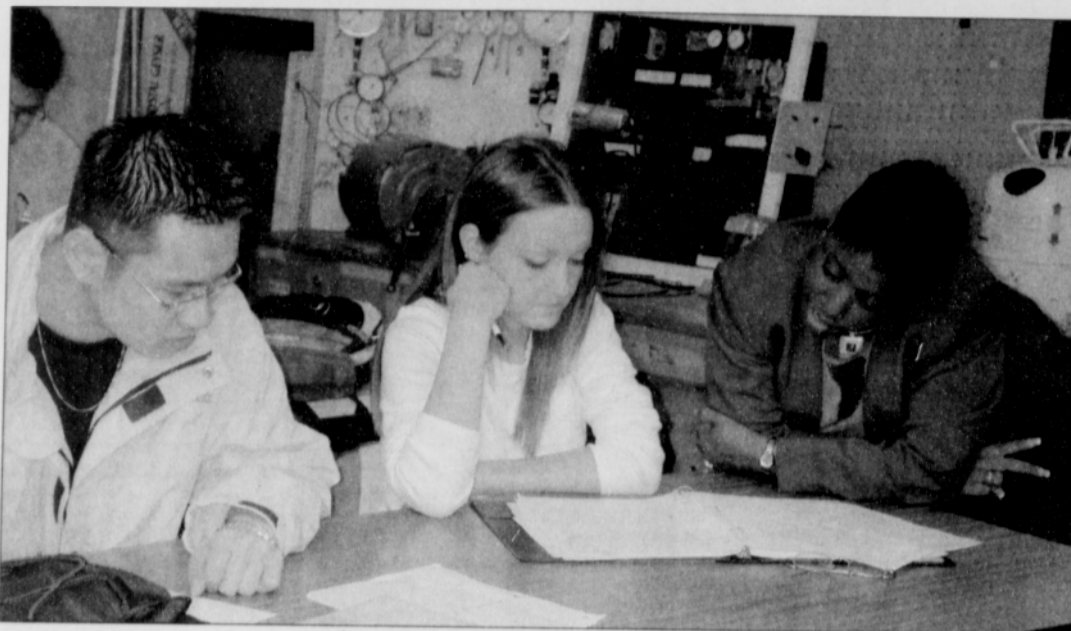
Careers Launched at Portland Community College

Local students earn degrees, specialized training

Local job seekers have a vast resource in Portland Community College, with more than 70 one- and two-year programs offering the training and background necessary to break into a variety of careers.

The college and its network of campuses offer studies in health, accounting and technology fields, to name just a few. A Small Business Development and Business Advising program sends area residents on a path to become successful entrepreneurs.

Computer knowledge comes with certifications in web publishing, HTML, Linux,



Souksavanh Phothisane (from left) and Charity Wigginton get career planning help from college bound writing instructor Natasha Cash-Butler at the Portland Community College Southeast Center.

PERL, Word, multimedia and much more. Continuing Education for professional licenses boost careers for insurance agents, electricians, accountants, tax preparers and consultants, appraisers, real estate agents, plus alcohol server education.

An International Trade program provides technical help and hands-on training for businesses expanding into international trade.

The college offers a free community resource in the form of the PCC's Metropolitan Workforce Training program and its Computer Resource Center.

The workforce center offers a place to network, receive guidance from career specialists and take advantage of state of the art technology for resume building, faxing and many other resources.

Business Graduate Stays Focused to Find Success

Vocational training pays off

"I love my job," Delpha Hicks enthused. "This is the best job I have ever had."

Hicks works for AAA, an organization that provides auto and travel services to 47 million members nationwide. Serving as a central cashier, she handles accounts receivable, manages memberships for Oregon and Southern Idaho, and handles traveler's checks.

A few years ago, Hicks enrolled in the Business Computer Training Institute (BCTI), a private vocational school with 8 campus locations in Washington and Oregon. The 7.5-month program is designed to equip students with the career skills needed to succeed in today's job market.

She and her husband attended classes at BCTI together. Like many students, Delpha found the Professional Growth class to be the most beneficial.

"When you get into the real world, you have to know how to dress, how to speak, how to act, and how to sell yourself in an



Vocational training at the Business Computer Training Institute helped Delpha Hicks earn a job at an organization that provides auto and travel services.

interview. And if you don't have that training, you're not going to succeed. I guarantee it," Hicks said.

But in the middle of her encouraging story, Delpha had a miscarriage that delayed her career plans. However, after some time off she went back to BCTI and graduated in the spring of 2003.

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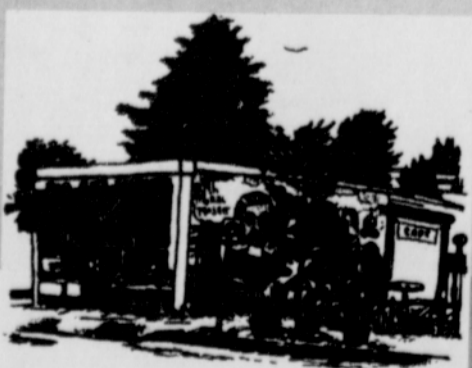
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