

CAREERS *special edition*

Business Built on People Skills

Entrepreneur finds career serving local population

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In a world spinning at an exhausting pace, convenience often wins over quality and supermarkets have outpaced many specialty food markets.

North Portland, however, holds the oldest meat market, G & H, still going strong after 53 years.

Owner Paul Houge says he loves his job. He learned to cut meat 41 years ago

at a grocery store in Vancouver.

His shop is a one-man operation and Houge says he's known most of his customers for years.

"I cut it, I clean it and wait on people. I do everything here myself," he said.

According to Houge, it takes a people person to work retail.

Business is slow right now, but Houge chalks that up to the economy and predicts that his business will pick up in the coming year.

Most meat at G & H Meat Market is from Oregon and Washington. The store gladly accepts special orders.

G & H Meat Market is at 8238 N. Denver Avenue. For more information, call 503-289-5418.



Paul Houge is the happy owner of G & H Meat Market on North Denver Avenue.

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This group of students will quickly filter into the work place, so the sooner business owners as well as coworkers learn how to communicate with people of varying backgrounds, the stronger the work force will be.

In this challenging economy,

many are choosing to return to school to become more competitive when the time comes to job hunt.

This increase in diversity among the student population is one of the

nearly ready to join the work force, assessing your knowledge about cultural diversity and your beliefs in some common myths and stereotypes will help you improve relationships in the classroom and the

To adequately attend to cultural diversity in the classroom, teachers must look first at their own cultural background and understand how their biases affect their interactions with students.

greatest challenges facing teachers, according to researchers from the Center for Adolescent Studies at the Indiana University.

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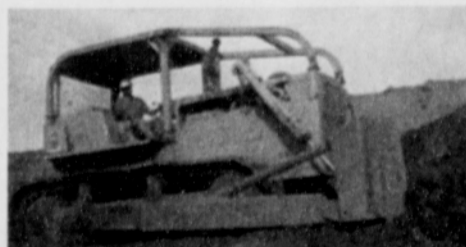
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