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to be independent," she said. "Now I have the strength to go and do anything. Nothing is too hard, which is why I decided to come to Portland and enroll in school."

Portland isn't exactly Mississippi. The change in location was just another piece of adversity that Traylor and her family had to get over.

"I came to a state where no one knew my name," Traylor said. "It was complete culture shock. But Portland has been great. There are chances for opportunity here that were not present in the South. Yet I have to get used to the rain and lack of sunshine this state offers."

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"I strongly believe this occupavictims of similar circumstances that I experienced in childhood,' Traylor said. "I've obtained this skill of being a great listener. The boldness I have Traylor has found her niche. Thanks



Gente Traylor

Her goal is to become a child developed over the years has helped me to share my story with ences, she says she can use them to school friends and strangers. I enhelp others who may be going courage them that it is not too late for change; it strongly depends upon your faith. I defied the statistion will give me the opportunity to tics, as they did not think I would give serenity to children who are make it this far and this is just the beginning."

> After the big move and adjusting to her new surroundings,

to her hard work, she received a 2006-07 scholarship through the PCC Foundation and was the keynote speaker at its recent annual dinner banquet last October.

Now, Traylor is working towards a 2008 graduation and after that possibly enrollment at the University of Oregon. Until then, she is enjoying the encouragement and flexibility of the Cascade Campus

"The diversity here is awesome," she said. "It reminds me of home. People here speak to you and shake your hand. It's the type of hospitality I'm used to."

What about her mother?

"My mom is awesome now," Traylor said. "She has been drug free since my ninth grade in high school. God has helped take the craving for drugs from her and is now her drive. She is currently in the ministry with my uncle. My mother is also a student at PCC working on her communications degree and takes a jazz class with me. A lot of people here think she is my sister. I say, 'No, that's my mom!' We enjoy these years now that she is better."

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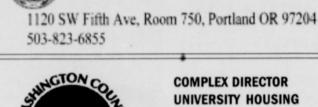
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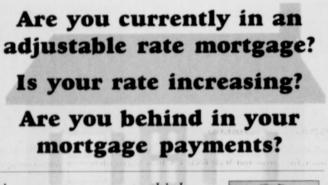
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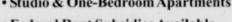
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