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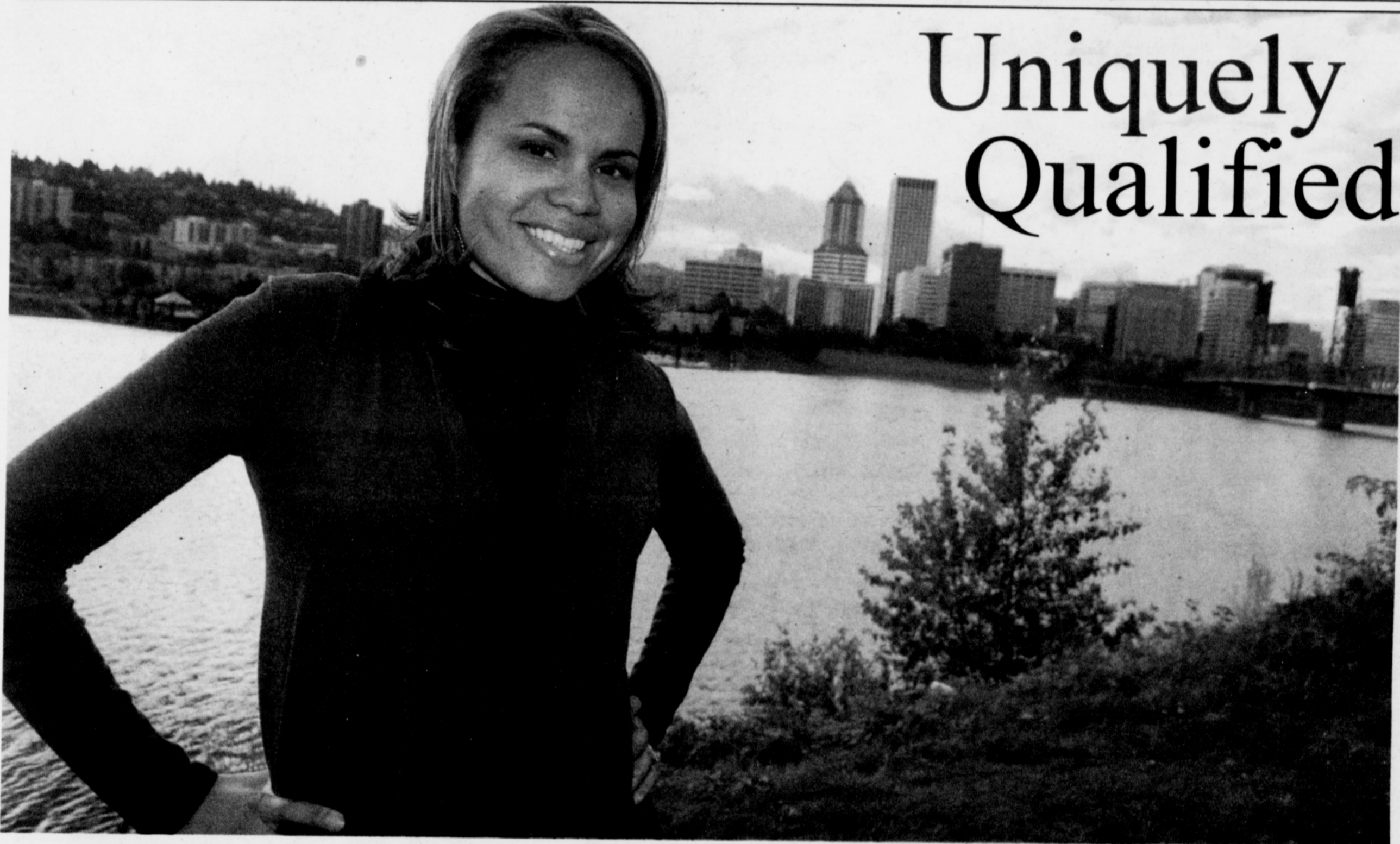
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Uniquely Qualified

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As the newest member of the Portland Development Commission, Aneshka Colas-Dickson hopes to influence the city's urban renewal and housing landscape by keeping construction cranes in the sky, shovels in the ground and businesses' doors open.

A new voice for PDC, urban renewal and housing

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A young African American woman who has made her mark in the construction industry is expected to bring fresh per-

spectives to urban renewal and housing as the newest member of the Portland Development Commission.

Aneshka Colas-Dickson, 33, chief financial officer and vice-president of Portland-

based Colas Construction, Inc. was appointed to the PDC commission last week in a 4-0 vote by the Portland City Council.

"We have a very strong board in terms of gender and ethnic diversity, but each mem-

ber brings a different set of skills," Portland Development Commission board member John Mohlis told the council. In that respect, he said, Colas-Dickson, "will fit into the board portfolio very nicely."

Colas-Dickson indeed brings some

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Tastes Stand Out at Mum's Kitchen

Finding a niche in
the food cart scene

BY JAKE THOMAS
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When you visit Mum's Kitchen, a food cart on the corner of Vancouver Avenue and Fremont Street, Kammy Naidoo will always

ask you if you eat pork, chicken, or beef, and she'll always ask you if you want a sample.

Naidoo always asks because her food is distinct from just about anything in Portland, and she wants her customers to order what they like.

It's fairly easy to find Indian food in Portland or other exotic fare at the many food carts dotting the city's neighborhoods and

commercial districts.

But Kammy Naidoo, and her daughter Kas, have carved out a unique place for themselves in Portland's food cart scene by offering up the culinary traditions of a people often overlooked in history books.

South Africa has a large Indian population that descended from indentured labor and merchants who migrated there from In-

dia while both countries were under the control of the British Empire.

Indians living in the country preserved many of their traditions, but still found themselves changed by their new environment. Their cuisine -- characterized by richly-spiced curries, flatbreads, fried past-

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