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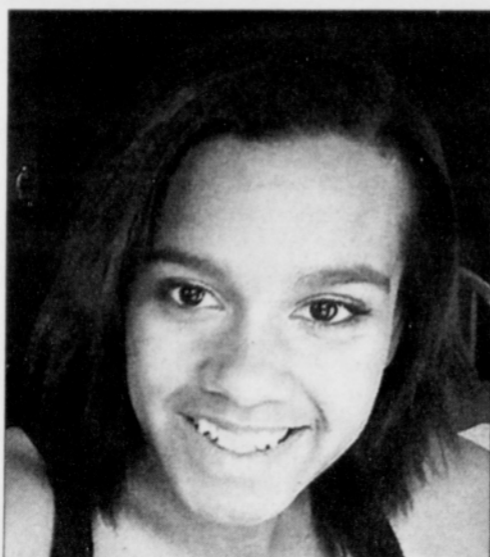
Trinity Grad Excels in High School

Gives credit to local elementary

BY RACHEL GRAY

I am a junior at Camas High School in Vancouver. I got my academic start at Trinity Lutheran School in northeast Portland and it has influenced my entire life.

I went to Trinity from pre-school through eighth grade. I enjoyed the small class sizes because of the one-on-one opportunity to learn from the teachers. The experienced teachers gave me the knowledge I need to be successful in high school. I learned the basics of math, Algebra I, reading, literature, sciences and much more. The teachers not only



Rachel Gray

care about your individual performance in the classroom but care about you as a person.

My faith was built on the foundation that Trinity established. The

religion classes taught me new and wonderful things about Jesus Christ every day. On Wednesdays we had morning chapels filled with songs of praise and wonderful messages to carry with us throughout the day.

I also have endured the wonderful blessing of lifelong friends. People I have known since pre-school still keep in touch with me even though we have all gone our separate ways. The majority of us make time to see each other and remember the good old days.

There were so many opportunities at Trinity. I am now a varsity basketball player and in varsity track and field. I would have never discovered my true potential if it hadn't been for the sports at Trinity

Lutheran. When I was attending middle school there, I participated in volleyball, soccer, dance and basketball. Playing four sports was a great experience and a rare opportunity at any school.

Music was also a big part of my life and Trinity Lutheran School gave me the skill set to learn music and play instruments. I play two instruments, the flute and the piano. The concerts that Trinity held were the extremely fun because everyone would play their instruments and show the audience the talent that God has given every one of us. Overall Trinity Lutheran has changed my life and given me the tools to live abundantly in Christ.



Laura Phillips

Summer Study on Race in America

St. Mary's Academy junior Laura Phillips returns to the classroom this fall after completing a college-level summer seminar titled "Race Films in a Post-Race America? Film Studies and Critical Spectatorship."

Phillips was awarded a full scholarship to the six week Telluride Association event at Indiana University, one of 36 students from across the country selected to participate in this year's program, which combines African American and film studies.

"The history of African Americans is not only important to the construction of our society, but also to the foundation of my life as a young black woman," Phillips said.

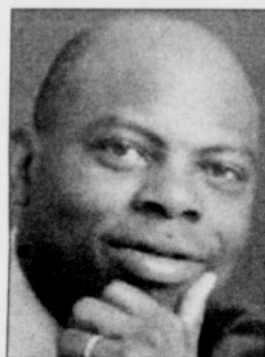
The 16-year-old she said she hopes to inspire her peers to break down the barriers set up by society, and help embrace the non-stereotypical aspects of the African American culture.

Retooling the Job Search for Recent Grads

BY DARYL GREEN

Picking the right job candidate is not easy.

I was given the task of recommending college students for summer employment for my organization. I promptly pulled together a team of both seasoned professionals and recent college grads to make the job selection. We reviewed more



than 100 resumes and interviewed several candidates. We had to make these selections quickly.

To my surprise, I was flabbergasted at the lack of employment preparation for by some people. For example, some students did not have the correct phone number listed on their resumes. In one situation, we had called a prospect to interview him but missed him on our call to set up

an interview. He called us back with a list of times he was available to be interviewed. In other words, he expected us to work our interview schedule around his. Needless to say, we did not call him back.

This article examines the current economic crisis and how students and parents can better position themselves for more employment opportunities.

College grads and current students must find alternative strate-

gies to overcome employment obstacles. Rising tuition costs, a stagnant economy, and lack of career advancement continue to haunt ambitious young professionals.

Consequently, millions of college grads will see themselves carrying massive college debt loads with dim hopes of finding jobs in their majors.

Employment opportunities have

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Back to School on Sept. 4

Portland Public Schools will welcome back students and families on Wednesday Sept. 4, with kindergarteners starting on Monday, Sept. 9.

According to Superintendent Carole Smith, the district's princi-

pals, teachers and secretaries are already getting back into schools and getting classrooms ready for the start of school.

Roof, seismic and other upgrades at Wilson High School and five elementary schools are on

schedule and on budget for completion before school begins as part of the PPS School Building Improvement Bond, Smith said.

Last Saturday, community mem-

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