

# No T Square Needed

by David Vance

Ten JobLink students persevered through 2-1/2 years of study at Purdue Calumet to receive their certification in Computer Aided Drafting and Design. Desire and hard work were necessary to learn this new computer skill of industrial drawing in the CAD program, which was a joint effort of Purdue Calumet, JobLink 2000 and LTV.

Although the five college-level courses were difficult, these JobLink students completed all the courses: Michael G. Dugger, Valentine Gomez, Felix J. Gutierrez, Mario Mendoza, Kenith Murphy, Dale A. Rhoades, Andre Wells, and Joseph Zaragoza.

Dedication helped them meet

their goal. Valentine Gomez said, "It was a sacrifice every Friday." But, because he saw the possibilities for the future as a designer, he "decided to stick with it." Andre Wells said that

computer drafting will update his degree in Construction Technology. He added, "Everyone knows I live at JobLink."

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CAD class meets-seated: Andre Wells, David McLeash(MET Instructor), Dale Rhoades, Robert Baggaly. standing: George D. Balac, Greg Neff(MET Professor), Valentine Gomez, Joe Zaragoza, Michael Dugger. not pictured: Felix Gutierrez, Mario Mendoza, Kenith Murphy.

## Two by Two.... Couples Attend Classes

By Kenneth and Bonedita Brown

Just as the animals came to the Ark two by two, so are couples coming to JobLink for classes. Since March of 1997, spouses of local 1010 employees have been allowed to participate at JobLink. Many couples have taken advantage of this opportunity. Computer classes, as well as English as a Second Language (ESL), Ballroom Dancing, Spanish and Carpentry have been attended by duos.

Joe and Anna Urbanec have taken ESL, Writing an Essay, and Writing a Family History together. While ESL was a class in which they could help

each other learn and study together, Anna said "the class on Writing a Family History was my favorite, and very interesting."

Six couples took advantage of the computer class Turbo Tax to prepare their income tax return. John Warren, who taught the class said, "It was a good learning experience for the couples to work together and, unlike many individuals, they came prepared with all of the materials needed to fill out their taxes."

According to Diane Lentz, JobLink Coordinator, the company and the Union agreed to allow spouses to participate in classes for two reasons. They felt this would encourage

local 1010 members to attend JobLink since members must have completed a class within the last 12 months for their spouse to be eligible to sign up.

Also, according to Lentz, "JobLink provides spouses an opportunity to enhance their skills for their own future and that of their families at no cost to the program."

Wayne and Linda Shinkle saw Ballroom Dancing class as a "night out" preceded by dinner together before class. Wayne thought it was nice to see some of the "guys" with their wives in a completely different setting from work. The Shinkles also took Spanish 1 & 2 together to enhance their vacations in

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## From Diane's Desk

by Diane Lentz, JobLink Coordinator

This fall will see new classroom opportunities at JobLink. We are in the process of bringing you more certificate

programs. These certificates can be attained by taking one course at a time through JobLink at times that will accommodate shift workers' schedule needs. One new certificate program is an Introduction to Auto Cad offered through Ivy Tech College. Also, Residential Certification may be available through South Suburban in the fall. This would enable students to sit for the certification exam in Residential Heating and Air Conditioning after taking three courses and a possible fourth review class. In addition, Merrillville Adult Ed. is organizing courses in network

and router training that will result in a Cisco Certified Networking Associate Certificate.

Please continue to come to JobLink and identify classes you would like to see us offer. You can do this by starting an interested list for a specific class. Once enough people sign their names under a specific course, I will start making arrangements. Keep in mind that this is your program; however, the only way we know what courses you want is by your telling us. Thanks for your wonderful participation in JobLink. Have a safe and happy summer!

## Keep Classes Filled To Continue Them

By Steve Wagner  
Local 1010 Representative

A concern to all of us is the growing number of classes that are currently being offered but yet are not being completely filled. Under the career development guidelines, we cannot expend funds on active employees' spouses, extended laid-off members or retirees.

Our Local joint committee has agreed to a minimum number of students that must sign-up in order to run



classes. Obviously, some classes will have to be postponed.

As we continue to move forward at Joblink, it is becoming increasingly more important to take classes as they are still offered. Classes that have been at Joblink for awhile that may have dwindling interest will be replaced with higher interest classes. As in the past, that will be determined by the class utilization of all of us collectively, the 1010 membership.

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Dale Rhoades stated, "Industrial drawing is not done with a T anymore." He explained that CAD provides a new form of industrial drawing which allows creation in 3-D and in motion. Felix Gutierrez mentioned that he is already using CAD in his job as a planner. "The importance of CAD is obvious," he said. "A picture is worth a thousand words."

In one class each student did a project in 3D/motion. The projects took from 60 to 120 hours to complete and were recorded into a video. The drawings included a simulation of the electric furnace loading scrap, melting with electrodes and pouring into continuous caster; the loading of a coil onto a railroad flatbed with a crane magnet; and the rolling of a slab into a coil of steel at the hot strip mill.

## Dale Carnegie Trains Students Self Confidence Increases

Brian Graska and Rene Reyna from MMD completed the 12-week Dale Carnegie training on May 12 at the Radisson Hotel in Merrillville. Both earned special pen and book awards for their efforts.

Brian said, "I received tenfold from the training. It was very rewarding and helped me deal with different situations at work. Every employee should take the training because of its many benefits." Rene said, "The training helped reduce stress and worry in my life and improved my ability to see the other person's point of view."

Dale Carnegie training focuses on increasing self confidence, effectively communicating in front of groups, sharpening people skills, improving ability to motivate and inspire people, and managing stress at work and home.

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# Let's Go Surfing Now, Surfin U.S.A.



**By Tom Zmigrock**

Do you have time to walk around the block or fix supper while waiting to connect to the Internet? Then consider your computer a prime candidate for an upgrade.



Upgrades can range from simple to very complex. Some of the easier things you can do include adding more RAM, installing a new Matrox Mystique video card or a Sound Blaster sound card and adding another floppy drive. Upgrading to a 32X CD-ROM drive, installing a multimedia kit or adding and configuring a bigger hard drive are more complex projects. Installing a new CPU with MMX technology or adding a 56K modem are also in this intermediate range. Finally, one of the most difficult things you can do is to install and configure a new motherboard.

Ok, upgrading sounds like the way to go, but if you are like me you are scared to death to open the computer. Working with those unfamiliar electronic doodads doesn't have to be a frightening experience.

Joblink offers three courses: Build Your Own Computer, Computer Repair and Upgrade, and an Open Computer Lab where you can work on whatever problems you might have.

Two years ago I built a 133 Pentium in the Build Your Own Computer class. I recently upgraded it to a Pentium 233 in the Open Computer class. I installed a new motherboard with a K-6, MMX

enhanced chip and added 64 megabites of RAM. I kept my original hard drive and saved myself the trouble of reinstalling all my programs and personal files.

If I can do it so can you! It won't take long to get your system up to speed.

**By Joe Woessner**

If you have ever stopped by

JobLink, you have probably been helped by one of the friendly, efficient secretaries. Two of these secretaries are Kathy Hejmej and Lola Madrigal.

Kathy, the lead secretary, handles applications for Tuition Assistance, billings and correspondence. She also helps with student registration and works on reports that are used to

## Staff News

### Who's Doing What At JobLink?

show what Joblink is accomplishing. Lola Madrigal is a part-time secretary who audits and processes invoices for all customized classes. She also helps with student registration.

When asked what they liked best about working at JobLink, Kathy answered "I love all the challenges of an always changing schedule. My skills are always being sharpened. The staff is wonderful, like my family away from home." Lola answered that she likes "Getting feedback from students who continue to learn in many different areas of classes that JobLink offers."

Both have worked at JobLink for five years, and although they are very busy, they find time to enjoy their hobbies. Kathy loves to use items purchased from rummage and clearance sales to create things for her home. Lola enjoys cooking low fat foods and desserts on her days off. Stop and say "hi" to them both the next time you're at JobLink.

Other staff news... Nate Kleefisch who has taught building trades classes here left on June 10 to begin a new job as an administrator in the Lowell school system. His many students will miss him.



*Kathy Hejmej and Lola Madrigal welcome students who come to register.*

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Mexico.

Because of conflicting schedules, some couples can't take classes at the same time, but the ones who have attended together find it very rewarding. Helping each other and spending more time together are advantages of coming to JobLink two by two.

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## **JobLink helps the community**



Joblink students, staff and friends worked together to help repair the Girl Scout Little House in East Chicago as a part of the "Christmas in April" project

