

# NEWS

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Seventy-two students from Olympia's new Capital High School will participate in an intensive career counseling workshop at the school April 28.

The event, jointly sponsored by Capital High, the Washington Occupational Information Service (WOIS), and The Evergreen State College, involves use of the WOIS computerized QUEST system for identifying possible career choices and participation of a number of career counselors from state and local agencies.

Students --- selected by Capital High counselors --- will work with computer terminals to obtain information on various occupational possibilities available in Washington and will then have an opportunity to discuss their plans and goals with experienced career counselors.

Agencies cooperating in providing career counselor services include the Olympia School District, Olympia Vocational Technical Institute, St. Martin's College, TESC, the YWCA-Work Options for Women program, and the State Department of Employment Security.

According to organizers of the workshop --- Richard Matzen, career counselor at Capital High; Sandy Wellner of WOIS, and Dr. Willard Humphreys of TESC --- the goal is to stimulate student interest in career planning as early as possible.

"With job market conditions for young persons being so bad today, it is important to get students and their families involved in career planning before they go to college or leave school and begin seeking employment," Dr. Humphreys explained. "The school counselors are doing an excellent job, but they need support from the community in this."

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Parents of students have been invited to participate in the workshop.

The WOIS computer system, widely used in area schools as an aid to career planning, was the subject of a recent Totem Tidings feature of the Sunday Olympian. The computer asks users of the QUEST system a number of questions about their income expectations, the types of work they prefer, etc., and then provides detailed information on the kinds of jobs and careers available in Washington to people with those sorts of interests and goals. It is also designed to provide information on job market conditions and educational opportunities related to specific careers.