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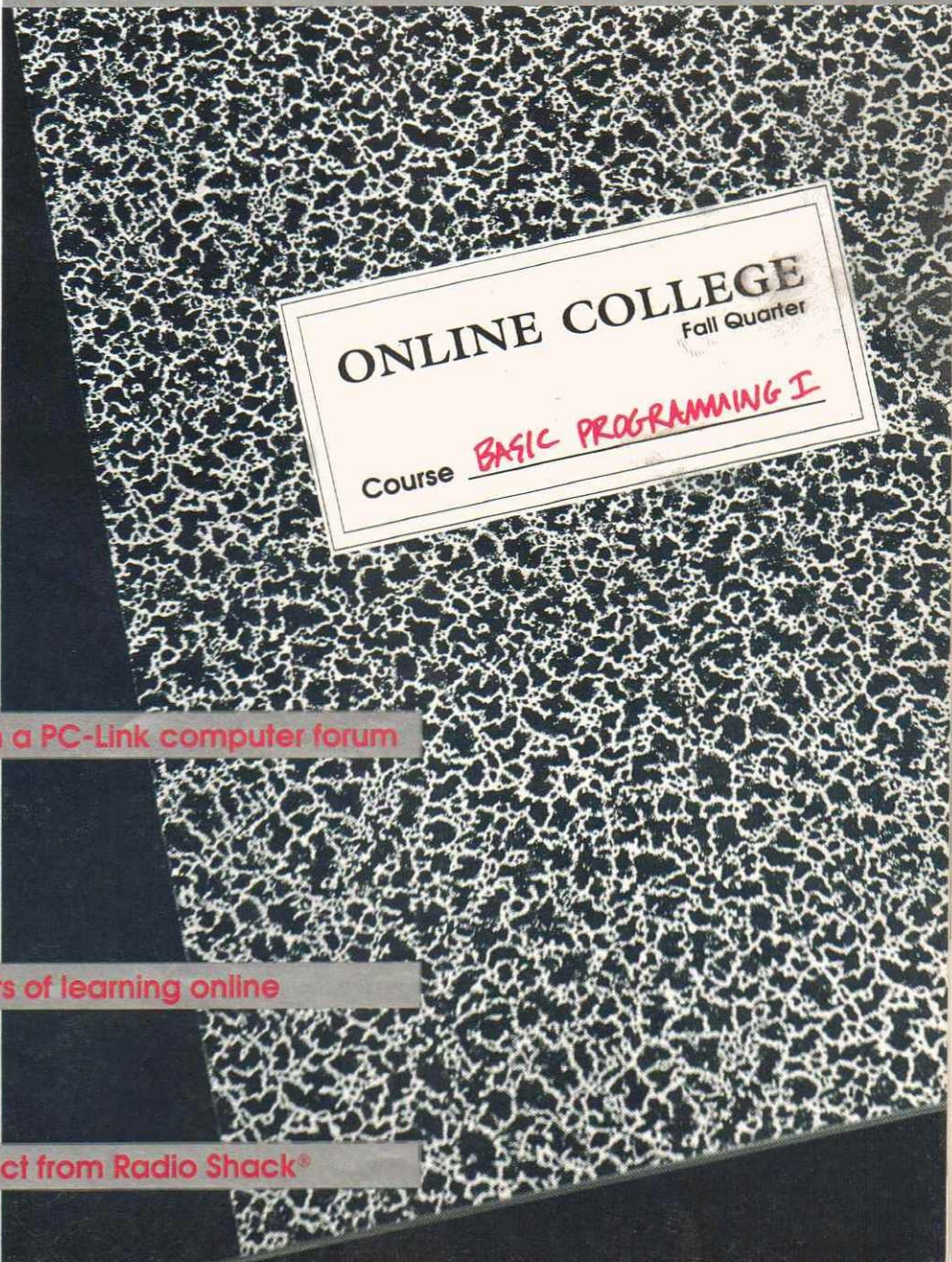
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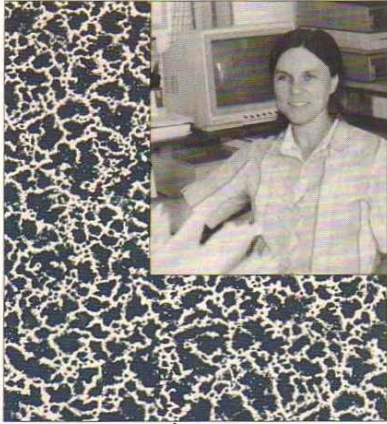


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Online Education Opens Doors

Margaret Morabito is director of the PC-Link Online College, located in the Learning Center in Plus (Go to keyword: learning).

Telecommunications is an exciting new avenue for education in this country. It makes education accessible,

affordable, and within reach of everyone who has a personal computer and a modem. It welcomes students of all ages, from all sectors of society. It fosters learning as both an enjoyable pastime and one that can get you ahead in your schooling or career. Perhaps the most attractive benefit of online education is that it is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and you don't have to leave your own home!

Online education also appeals to students — both youngsters and adults — as a way to enhance their formal education. What could be more convenient than being able to chat with your online teacher "after school" from the comfort of your own home in preparation for that big exam? Or, how about finding those last minute details for your research paper when your local library is closed? Just sign-on to PC-Link and get the research materials you need! Writers block? Catch one of your PCTutors online and get some guidance on how to start writing that English composition. The PC-Link Online College also brings continuing education

Meet
Margaret

Morabito, director of the Online College, and discuss educational opportunities on PC-Link, on Tuesday, September 13, at 9 p.m., in the People Connection Auditorium. (Go To keyword: pc)

Discuss the uses of computers in education and training every Monday night, at 10 p.m., in the Education Forum Conference Hall, located in Computer Forums.

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opportunities to thousands of adults with full-time jobs and full-time families.

Telecommunications has the potential to perform a crucial role today for education: breaking down barriers. These barriers come in many forms: they can be physical ones and psychological ones. In our society, the unseen barriers to learning can be insurmountable. Shyness and self-consciousness, for example, can be a stopping block to further learning. The adult learner is often reticent about reentering the classroom after being away for many years and is acutely aware of the age difference. The bright young student, who yearns to attend more challenging classes, can do this through the online medium. The physically different individual sitting beside other students in the electronic classroom is on equal footing. Many of the intangible barriers to communication are erased through the medium of telecommunications.

These are just a few of the examples of how online education can create new opportunities for education. Thousands of us from across the nation would take that step into the classroom more often if we had an "easy" way to do it. Make education accessible and uninhibiting and you will find people flocking back to the classroom as consumers of education. This blending of diverse personalities, experiences, and talents in the classroom can only enhance the sharing of experience and the understanding created by communication among diverse people. Opening up doors. This is what online education is doing today in this nation.

Margaret Morabito