

Oregon to participate in Citizen Bee academic competition

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Emerald Contributor

High school students will have an opportunity to test their knowledge and earn scholarships when Oregon joins 22 other states participating in the National Close Up Foundation's Citizen Bee academic competition this June, according to Secretary of State Barbara Roberts.

The program first began in 1982. Last year 17 states participated in the program, according to Donnella Slayton, spokeswoman for the Secretary of State's office.

Roberts announced the formation of a statewide steering committee that will direct activities, and administer both regional and state competitions and awards at a press conference held Oct. 1.

The competitions offer high school students an opportunity to test their knowledge of American history, government,

economics, geography and current events at local, regional, state and national competitions, Roberts said.

Roberts will spend the next four months enlisting the aid of corporate sponsors to assist with funding for student scholarships and travel expenses to the national competition.

The national competition will be held in June 1988 in Washington D.C., according to Slayton. Regional and state competitions will also be held, in which a panel of judges will administer questions and answers to participants.

To prepare for this competition students work on subjects for a year, she said. Subjects include the judicial system, government, history, geography and current affairs, she added.

After following a program of government studies, students are then administered tests by the judges to determine who will receive the scholarships.

The program is designed to give students an in-depth knowledge of citizenship and the governmental process. The scholarship amounts are \$7,000 for the first place winner, \$5,000 for second place and \$3,000 for third place.

The Close Up Foundation conducts the nation's largest government studies program and brings more than 25,000 high school students to the nation's capital annually for week-long seminars on national issues.

The Citizen Bee program is endorsed by the National Association of Secretaries of State, the National Education Foundation, the American Federation of Teachers, the National Association of Secondary School Principals and other educational groups.

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miscellaneous," Slayton said. "We're hoping that its not going to be given to TAG students," she added.

The national Citizen Bee is funded by the Milken Family Foundation, with additional national sponsorship from RJR Nabisco, Inc. and Peat, Marwick, Main and Co.

"I am very pleased with the interest shown by those who

have agreed to serve on the Oregon Citizen Bee Steering Committee," said Roberts.

"This program is a great opportunity for Oregon students — encouraging their civic interest and knowledge — and for everyone involved, to learn more about our government and the role we each play in our democracy's future," she added.

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School. She also has worked as a corporate lawyer.

Kaplan earned her law degree in 1978 from the University of Chicago. She graduated summa cum laude from Princeton University in 1975.

In addition to Kaplan, the of-

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Correction

In the Oct. 7 issue of the Oregon Daily Emerald, in an article about the grievances voiced by the Graduate Teaching Fellow Federation, negotiations between the GTFF, the Oregon State System of Higher Education and the University were incorrectly reported to have ended when the union rejected "a state mediator's proposal." In fact, the GTFF broke off a mediation session

Oct. 1 because the State System and the University had not moved towards a compromise.

In the same article, a GTFF meeting place was incorrectly reported. GTFF's are to meet today at 5 p.m. in EMU room 106.

The Emerald also incorrectly identified Steve Gadziola as Steve Gadzida. The Emerald regrets any inconvenience this may have caused.

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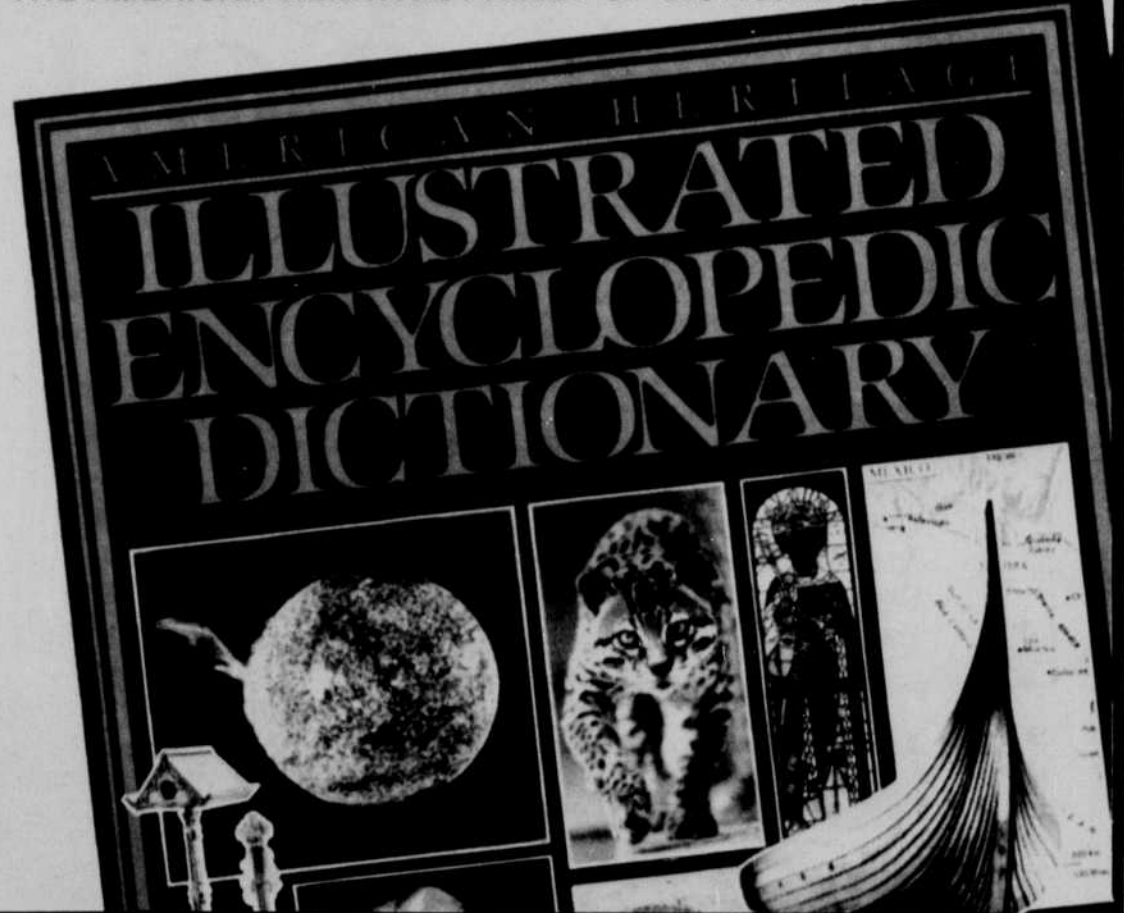
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