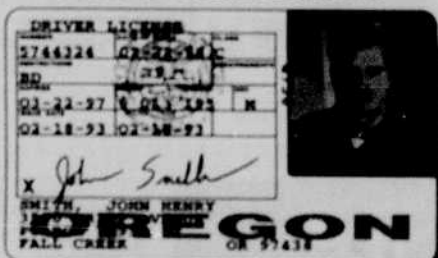


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April 28, 1995
by Abdul Alim Musa

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Secretaries appreciated for work

Samantha Martin
Oregon Daily Emerald

Debbie Burrington is one of many heroes of the workplace: the secretaries.

Burrington's desk resembled a floral shop display Wednesday morning as fellow co-workers and employers honored her on behalf of Professional Secretaries Day.

Behind a bouquet of mixed flowers and a vase holding one dozen yellow roses, Burrington, a secretary at the University's College of Arts and Sciences, said she had also received a chocolate truffle, a \$10 gift certificate and a box of scented bath soaps from co-workers in her department.

Burrington, who has been working at the College of Arts and Sciences for the last five years, said that while the gifts were nice, she was happy that she felt appreciated throughout the entire year.

"I don't feel taken for granted," Burrington said. "People here are pretty good about letting you

know you are appreciated."

Carol Rydbom, the executive assistant for academic affairs in Johnson Hall, said that although she hadn't received anything for Secretaries Day, each person in the department where she works has their own way of making sure all the secretaries know they're important.

"It's more than being honored on just one day, it's the way you're treated the entire year," Rydbom said.

Professional Secretaries Day originated and is sponsored by an organization called Professional Secretaries International. Mary Barrett first led the effort to have a national secretaries week.

First declared in 1952, the holiday is the fastest-growing card-sending occasion, said Leslie Miller, consumer affairs correspondent for Hallmark Cards. Two million cards are given out annually for Secretaries Day, Miller said.

Man fined for sending vulgar e-mail

PULLMAN, Wash. (AP) — A Washington State University administrator has been temporarily relieved of some duties for sending vulgar jokes via electronic mail to agricultural extension offices across the state.

Scott Fedale, chairman of the College of Agriculture and Home Economics information department, will be denied for three months a \$562 stipend paid for administrative responsibilities, spokesman Al Ruddy said Wednesday.

"I was shocked. I know Scott, and he's always very, very professional," said Marlene Garrison of the extension office in Asotin County.

The jokes covered such topics as flatulence, the size of certain body parts, sexual acts and profanity.

Fedale called it an innocent e-mail mistake at the end of a long day.

He said he thought he was forwarding the jokes from one computer user to another but instead unknowingly sent them on an automatic mailing list.

The auto-mailing list goes to more than 100 of the Cooperative Extension Service's 230 employees.

"It's the old 'You can't take it back,'" Fedale said. "It's almost like opening your mouth in a public meeting, except then I would have authored what I'm being held responsible for when, in fact, I didn't author it."

Geoff Gamble, vice-provost for academic affairs, said Tuesday that the Center for Human Rights, which evaluates allegations of discrimination and harassment, is aware of Fedale's e-mail but has not received any complaints.

Doctors using plants to help treat diseases

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Three years ago Jaclyn Buckley was diagnosed with leukemia. Today the 6-year-old girl has a 99 percent chance of living a long life because of a cancer-fighting medicine derived from a rare wildflower.

An extract from the rosy periwinkle plant put her disease in remission, doctors say.

"What we have are children being cured with products from nature," Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt said Wednesday at Children's Hospital, where Jaclyn was treated.

Rosy periwinkle, first discovered in Madagascar, is one of the many plant and animal species that could become extinct without intervention, and Babbitt said that must not happen.

Jaclyn, poster child for the Endangered Species Coalition, gave Babbitt a tiny periwinkle plant and said, "Save the Endangered Species Act."

"I'm going to try," replied Babbitt, who has been touring the country speaking against congressional efforts to weaken the law.

Congress is considering easing provisions of the law, which was passed in 1973. Opponents say the measure does too much damage to landowners and businesses.

The rosy periwinkle is the source of vincristine, a major treatment for leukemia, especially among children.

The medicine has been around for about a decade and was used from the start in treating Jaclyn, said her pediatrician, Kevin Brown-goehl. She has been in remission for more than 18 months, the doctor said.

"The medicinal value of plants is extraordinary," Brown-goehl said. "Nearly one-quarter of prescriptions written in the United States today are based on substances derived from natural products."

Taxol, a drug used in treating ovarian and breast cancers, comes from the Pacific yew; the heart medicine digitalis comes from purple foxglove; the wheat fungus ergot helped researchers produce an anti-inflammatory antihistamine to treat allergies and motion sickness; and the Australian mulberry tree and the Cameroon vine tree produce AIDS-fighting compounds.

"People who would weaken these laws that protect nature are willing to sacrifice lives," Babbitt said.

Tom Eisner, a Cornell University biology professor who heads the Endangered Species Coalition, said that of the 250,000 flowering plants that exist, only 5 percent have been studied chemically.

"What this small fraction has yielded in the line of useful substances is staggering," he said.

One class of chemicals — alkaloids — has produced hundreds of products including anti-cancer agents, painkillers, heart drugs, muscle relaxants and respiratory stimulants, Eisner said.

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MEETINGS

Mortar Board will meet tonight at 6 p.m. in EMU Cedar Room B.

ASUO Programs Finance Committee will meet for budget allocations tonight from 6 to 9:30 p.m. in EMU Cedar Rooms C and D. For more information, call 346-0623.

Lao-American Student Association will meet today at 5 p.m. in EMU Century Room C. For more information, call 686-2689.

Invoec will have a group meeting today from 5 to 6 p.m. in EMU Century Room F. For more information, call the Career Center at 364-3235.

MISCELLANEOUS

Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Alliance will have a coffee hour today at 4 p.m. in EMU Suite 319. For more information, call 346-3360.

Women's Center will sponsor a self-defense workshop today from 3 to 5 p.m. in the EMU Ben Linder Room. For more information, call 346-4095.

RELIGION

Jewish Student Union and Hillel will co-sponsor a Holocaust vigil to conclude a 24-hour reading of names of people who died in the Holocaust. The vigil will take place tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the EMU courtyard. For more information, call 346-4366.

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