

# Unique vo-tech program coming to Mt. Hood

A unique curriculum in Occupational Safety and Health will be implemented at Mt. Hood Community College next fall.

It will be the first program of its kind in the Northwest and one of only four in the United States.

Graduates will be trained for jobs as safety technicians, investigators and industry and/or governmental agency inspectors.

A new emphasis on job safety arose with passage of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970. The law requires all

employers to insure safe working conditions. It also allows for inspection of the working premises and rigid enforcement of the law.

Some call the law as far-reaching as the minimum wage law or collective bargaining.

Mt. Hood officials considered adopting such a curriculum upon the recommendation of Eugene Harrower, Area Director of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor.

A 12-man citizens advisory committee, headed by Earl

Weed, Crown Zellerbach Training Supervisor, has been meeting for about 9 months to develop the curriculum.

"Combined with practical on-the-job experience, this program will be very valuable," Weed said.

"Jobs in the safety field will be increasing in the coming years," he added.

Weed cited the tremendous decline in the number of accidents occurring at Crown Zellerbach since the inception of their safety program in 1965.

per million man hours worked. Occupational Safety and Health graduates will be trained to work in two general fields. One area is federal and state agencies responsible for administering the law through investigations, plant inspections and handling complaints.

The primary area however involves training personnel for positions such as industry safety technicians.

Mt. Hood's program will attract two different types of students: those wishing to start a career as a plant or safety

inspector; and those individuals working currently in the field who want to upgrade themselves through specialized courses.

Basic responsibility in the job is the effective application of safety practices, utilization of safety equipment and devices and investigation and elimination of hazardous conditions and unsafe practices.

In a local survey, Mt. Hood found that 31 of 39 respondents believed that a community college curriculum to prepare safety technicians was desirable, and indicated that

they presently have 56 employees interested in enrolling in such a program.

They further estimated that 47 new employees will be needed in the next two years and 133 more will be needed five years from now.

One respondent opined, "...industry will have to give this area top priority in order to comply with the federal government."

Another said, "I feel that it is imperative that we upgrade the safety profession. At the present time there is no place to get formal education for

aspiring safety people." The Office of Training, Bureau of Labor Standards, U.S. Department of Labor, found that "...the need for qualified safety personnel in government, as well as industry, has sharply increased."

A report from the September, 1971, issue of Occupational Education Bulletin, stated that community colleges "...will be sought out by employers and employees as a source of training in occupational safety and health technology."

Mt. Hood is getting a jump on the field.

The college will be performing a double service by training needed manpower and by helping to insure good working conditions for employees.

## Special classes offered

Experimental classes in environmental studies and ethnic studies highlight more than two-dozen special courses being offered in Mt. Hood Community College's summer sessions.

June 19 is the registration date for MHCC's first five-week summer school session. Instruction begins Tuesday, June 20.

Listed in the special environmental studies curriculum are: Seminar in Urban Environment; Seminar: Economics and Environment on the Urban Fringe; Introduction to Geography; and Oregon Archaeology.

The two seminar courses will be offered in the second five-week session getting underway July 25.

Introduction to Geography will be offered for the full ten-week session with emphasis on the urban environment during the last four weeks of classes.

Oregon Archaeology, offered the first session, will feature actual on-site digging for artifacts.

Ethnic studies being offered this summer at Mt. Hood include: Afro-American History; Minority Literature; and African History and Culture.

Afro-American History will survey the history of Blacks in American society and will be offered in the first session.

Black, Jewish, Hispanic, Oriental and Indian American writers will be featured in Minority Literature being offered in the first session.

African History and Culture is a second-session offering. It is an introduction to the study of tribal, colonial and modern Africa which establishes the relationship between African history and culture.

Special or experimental courses will also be offered in other areas including: creative arts; letter communications; business; industrial-technical and physical education.

Registration takes place in the Admissions Office Monday, June 19, from 8 am through 9 pm.

Second-session registration is scheduled for Monday, July 24, in the Admissions Office.

Students are limited to a maximum of 16 credit hours in the summer sessions.

High school juniors-to-be may enroll in one course at MHCC while seniors-to-be may register for two classes. Those students who have just graduated may begin their collegiate studies up to the maximum of 16 credit hours.

## Shopping for credit urged

Shopping for credit is much like shopping for food or furniture, says Mrs. Alberta B. Johnston, Oregon State University extension specialist in home management.

You check at least two places to see which will give you the best price for using its money.

You ask how large the payments will be, to see if you will have enough money each month to pay. It is to your advantage to make the payments as large as you can because the finance charge—the price of the loan—will be smaller.

It is important to ask, "What will the finance charge be?" To answer, the lender will need to know how much money you want to pay down, and the number of months you will use to repay.

Find out what kind of security or collateral the lender would want. The more security you can offer, the lower the finance charge should be. Often a lender will prefer to write a special life insurance policy which covers any unpaid balance of your loan.

Finally, recommends Mrs. Johnston, ask what would happen if you failed to make a payment on time or could not continue to pay at all. Most lenders are willing to rearrange payments.

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