

Legal secretaries present scholarship

A Mt. Hood Community College freshman has won a \$100 tuition scholarship from Mt. Hood Legal Secretaries Association.

She is Diane Beale, 18, a first year student with a legal secretary major.

The Marshall High School graduate is working toward a two-year associate arts degree.

The award was presented last week by Anne Nederhiser, Sandy, secretary at Erwin, Lamb and Erwin P.C., Portland. The legal secretary is president of the association and a member of the MHCC legal secretaries advisory board.

This is the third year the association, one of 20 in Oregon, has presented a scholarship.

MHCC will graduate its first students in the regular two-year program this spring, according to Marilyn Zook,

MHCC secretary business teacher.

There are eight students in cooperative work experience in law firms in Gresham and Portland. Two terms of work experience are required, Mrs. Zook said. Students work a minimum of 12 hours per week and pay is optional.

The two terms of cooperative work experience is a good idea, the association president believes.

"Employers want girls with experience," Mrs. Nederhiser said.

One addition to the business department which will help provide another skill for secretarial graduates is the Mag Card I Selectric Typewriter, which is used for automatically typing error-free material.

"We're really excited about this machine," Mrs. Zook said.



FLOWERS CAME with the \$100 tuition scholarship which Anne Nederhiser, left, Mt. Hood Legal Secretaries Association president, presented to Diane Beale, who's in her first year of a two-year program to prepare her for legal secretary work. The

president works with Marilyn Zook, Mt. Hood Community College business teacher, as a member of the citizen's advisory board in developing the curriculum for the business department.

Clackamas county in DEQ contract

In a spirit of county-state cooperation, contracts between Washington, Clackamas and Multnomah Counties and the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) have been signed for carrying out a permit program for subsurface sewage systems. These counties will issue permits for septic tanks under contract with the DEQ.

In sending the signed contracts to Commissioners, Thomas Telford of Clackamas County, Eldon Hout of Washington County, and M. James Gleason of Multnomah County, DEQ Director Diarmuid F. O'Scannlain said, "Cooperative relationships under which laws and programs are administered by whichever unit of government is best equipped to provide service are an important element in effective government." He expressed delight in being "in partnership" with the counties.

This agreement assures citizens that rules for the program adopted in January by the Environmental Quality Commission will be implemented by people familiar with local conditions and needs. It assures DEQ that its regulations will be followed and that the environment will be protected.

Upon receipt of a completed application and specified permit fee, the counties will determine whether the proposed construction is in accord with the EQC rules before issuing or denying a permit.

Senior adults slate social

The Senior Adult Center's Saturday social will be Feb. 23 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the center, 50 NE Elliott, Gresham.

There will be games, dancing and refreshments.

CARPOOL to reduce commuter travel

CARPOOL kicked off its six-month program to reduce commuter travel with a news conference Thursday, Feb. 14. The conference preceded a workshop for local businesses interested in promoting employee carpools.

Primarily a question-and-answer session, the 10 a.m. news conference included speakers George M. Baldwin, director of the Department of Transportation, which is implementing the CARPOOL program; Dennis Moore, mass transit division administrator; and Jack Graham, CARPOOL project manager.

Funded for six months, CARPOOL has received \$225,000 in Federal Aid Urban Systems funds from the Federal Highway Administration plus \$25,000 ten per cent matching funds from Tri-Met. The program is designed in three stages to reduce work and school-oriented auto travel in the Portland metropolitan area by 5 per cent.

According to Baldwin, DOT figures show a 5 per cent reduction will require 16,200 new carpools. With an average of three people in each carpool, this program will eliminate 10,800 cars from rush traffic. Daily vehicle miles saved will reach 129,600 based on an estimated round trip of 12 miles—or an average daily fuel savings of 8,700 gallons.

"This impetus for CARPOOL obviously stems from the gasoline shortage," agreed Baldwin. "The February allocation for Oregon is admitted to be only 75 per cent of demand, and the metropolitan areas like Portland will be hit even harder. In December when Portland drivers experienced such long lines at the pumps, 86.2 million gallons were sold. In February the allocation is only 69.6 million gallons.

"However, the gas shortage only serves to point up the ridiculous nature of our commuting habits. During rush hours, average occupancy of autos in the metropolitan area is 1.2 persons!"

Carpooling was selected as a major means to increase auto Disaster help now available

Residents of Clackamas County who believe they may be eligible for disaster unemployment assistance should contact their nearest Employment Division office on or before March 1.

Governor McCall has announced that those residents of the 17 disaster counties (including Clackamas) who were put out of work due to January flooding have until March 1 to file for unemployment benefits under the Disaster Relief Act of 1970.

MORE BLAME ON AUTOS
Besides polluting the air, the family car also pollutes rivers and lakes, according to a new study by Biospherics, Inc., Rockville, Md., research firm. Automobiles, they found, spread wastes—including nitrogen and phosphorous compounds—over the road. Rain then washes much of the pollution into surface waters draining the area.

Home and Garden Show features experts

Experts on gardening from soils and sod to the topmost branches that need pruning will share their expertise with visitors to the 1974 Portland Home and Garden Show in another nine-day session of their "College of Landscape Knowledge."

The Home and Garden Show, annual production of the Home Builders Association of Metropolitan Portland, will open Saturday, March 9, in the Multnomah County Exposition Center in North Portland. It runs through Sunday, March 17.

Jay Jones, in charge of landscape and gardening aspects of the show for the Landscape Gardeners' Association, said instruction sessions will be held nightly plus matinee session on Saturdays and Sundays.

The gardening sessions will be held in the midst of the show's "Home Sweet Home" theme garden filling the Expo Center arena around a model home. Garden design, proper planting methods, lawn care and fun in gardening are some of the topics that will be explored by speaker-demonstrators or by panels of landscape gardeners.

The lineup of experts will include Ed Hume and Tom Halvorson, both conductors of

television gardening shows; Ray McNeilan and Wilbur W. Burkhart, county extension agents; James Wagner, Mt. Hood Community College instructor; Ed Maddox, Portland Community College instructor; Will Lighty, sod expert; Gene Waller, garden designer, and John Bradley, landscape architect and consultant.

Other instructional features of the Home and Garden Show include an informational center on interior design in the midst of room settings and vignettes planned by members of Oregon chapter, National Society of Interior Designers, and demonstrations of herb cookery by Mary Fisher, home economist.

Rate hike sought

Portland General Electric company last week asked Public Utility Commissioner Richard Sabin for an average 10 per cent increase in electric rates. The utility asked that the increase become effective in 30 days.

The application is a follow-up to the announcement during rate hearings last year that the company would be applying for an additional increase early in 1974.

Last year, PGE was granted a 22.5 per cent increase in rates, the second hike since 1959.

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by Lytha Malcom

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