

Hurtis Hadley, proprietor of Milwaukie Pastry Kitchen, delivers birthday party to Humboldt student Nia Gray.

(Photo: Richard Brown)

OSPIRG symposium studies Citizen Utility Board

OSPIRG (the Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group) will investigate the possibility of formation of a Citizens Utility Board in Oregon. This would be a professional organization, controlled and funded by residential ratepayers, that would provide research and represent ratepayers before regulatory and public bodies.

Dan Reinke, a student at the University of Oregon and a C.U.B. committee member, said "OSPIRG is looking for a way to give ratepayers a stronger voice in utility matters

.. C.U.B. would balance the regulatory processes, now dominated by the utilities."

C.U.B. would be funded through donations. A state-wide board of directors would be elected to decide on specific actions and to hire an executive director.

The public is invited to participate in a utility symposium, "Utilities and the Consumer's Viewpoint," on January 22, 1983, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Portland State University's Smith Memorial Center, rooms 294, 296, 298. Charge is \$2, \$1.50 for students, and lunch will be served.

The symposium will discuss the Northwest Power Act, utility rate design, WPPS, and utility rate structure and regulations. Keynote speakers is Peter DeFazio, Lane County Commissioner.

Herb Cawthorne's Oral History Program



"Martin Luther King, Jr."

Two Performances: Friday, January 28, 8:00 P.M. Mt. Olivet Baptist Church

116 N.E. Schuyler

Saturday, January 29, 8:00 p.m. Sunnyside United Methodist Church 3520 S.E. Yamhill

Circle One: \$5 One Person \$10 Two People \$15 Family



Kaiser awards helpers

Deann Stricklin, a 16-year-old sophomore at Benson High School, has been selected as Student Volunteer of the Year by Bess Kaiser Hospital. Selected Adult Volunteer of the Year was Esther Techman of North Portland, who for the past eight years has given over 2,100 hours of volunteer service to the hospital.

Stricklin, hoping for a career helping handicapped children, photographs newborn babies as part of her volunteer responsibilities. She was chosen from Portland-area students who receive school credit while working as volunteers after school and on weekends.

Also recognized at the annual awards ceremony were Cora Lou DiPietro of Northeast Portland for 6,000 hours of volunteer service and Claire Inglesby, North Portland, for

5,000 hours. Long-service pins also were presented to Jean Rider, North Portland, and Hazel DeVore, North Portland.

New officers for 1983 are: Lydia Schleich, president; Hazel DeVore and Frances Hepburn, vice presidents; Ada Kerannen, secretary; Cora Lou DiPietro, treasurer; and Margaret Fink, assistant treasurer.

In making the presentations, Director of Volunteers Betty Perking thanked the volunteers for giving their most valuable resource, time. "Volunteers are definitely our national treasure," she added.

The Kaiser-Permanente Health Care Program is a group practice prepayment health plan providing health care to approximately 260,000 people in the Portland, Vancouver, and Salem areas.

Bill allows compensation during vocational training

District 18 Representative Ed Leek (D-Portland), member of the House Labor Committee, announced today the introduction of a bill enabling unemployed men and women to enroll in vocational training programs while collecting unemployment benefits. Rep. Leek has worked closely with Rep. Andy Anderson (R-Roseburg), on this bipartisan effort, securing over 37 sponsors in the House and 16 in the Senate. "This bill provides concrete help to unemployed residents of District 18 so they can receive the retraining they need at Portland Community College Cascade and other approved programs. Jobs and training are my highest priorities this session. The 1983 Legislature must act

to put people back to work."

This bill amends State law, allowing the Employment Division to approve unemployment compensation eligibility for individuals attending vocational programs when employment opportunities have diminished for workers with their training and experience. It also brings State laws in accordance with the provisions of the Job Training Partnership Act, permitting unemployed men and women who have lost jobs because of plant closures or who are long term unemployed to attend training courses while collecting benefits.

Hearings by the House Labor Committee on this measure are expected soon. Public testimony will be welcome. Call 378-8783 or 378-8828 for details.

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