

Corporate Scholars Recognized by PSU

Eight current and former recipients of Portland State University diversity scholarships offered by Safeco Insurance Co. and Meier & Frank were recognized recently at a reception hosted by PSU President Judith Ramaley.

Current recipients of the Safeco Insurance Co. Diversity Scholarships are Armida Hayes, a junior majoring in accounting and information systems, and Chieu-Vy Vu, a senior majoring in speech communications. The Safeco scholarships are for one year at \$2,000.

Awardee must show strong academic and leadership skills, be ac-

tive in community-based diversity activities, and demonstrate an interest in entering a business-related career.

Applicants must be of African American, Chicano, Latino, Asian/Pacific Islander or Native American/Alaskan native decent, and show evidence of financial need.

Three previous Safeco scholars also were recognized at the March 25 reception. Catrina Barr, who will graduate in June with a major in psychology, currently works for Nike Inc. Mandisa Sharieff, who graduated in 1996, after majoring in speech communications, also works for

Nike. Sopheap Suy, who graduated in June 1996 with a major in business administration, now works for Decision Point Data, Tualatin.

The Meier & Frank/May Company scholarships are renewable, \$1,000 one-year awards. They're given to underrepresented ethnic groups in the business and liberal arts fields.

Current recipients include Armida Hayes, Ahmad Al-Amin, Brian Eagleheart and Emily Chang. Al-Amin is a senior who will graduate this June in Accounting. Eagleheart is a sophomore majoring in both business and economics.

Change is a junior majoring in political sciences. Also recognized was Kimberly Robinson, who graduated in 1995 with a major in business management.

"Both Safeco and Meier & Frank have demonstrated a commitment in support of diversity over the years," said Paulette Watanabe, director of PSU's Educational Equity Programs and services.

Representing the two companies at the reception were Ed Todd, personal lines underwriter at Safeco's local office in Lake Oswego, and Michelle Ford, manager of recruiting for Meier & Frank, Portland.

Officials Note Election Double Standard

Following contentious debate this week on the Measure 47 re-write legislation, the accompanying bill to authorize a vote-by-mail special election this May gained the critical attention of several legislators and Secretary of State Phil Keisling.

"Given the apparent opposition by key Republican leaders to vote-by-mail elections because of the alleged 'lack of privacy' and the importance of giving voters the 'choice' of voting by mail or at the polling place, I find it puzzling to require a vote-by-mail election for this extremely important measure," said Senator Kate Brown (D-Portland). "I fully support this decision, but it's

very revealing that Republican leaders admit they never even considered the polling place option."

Since the May vote is a special election, existing law authorizes it to be a vote-by-mail election--unless the legislature provides otherwise. For example, the legislature required a polling place election for the November 1993 vote on a sales tax. The proposed special election in May will be funded primarily by the state general fund. Current primary and general polling place elections are paid for by county taxpayers.

"I find it interesting that when county taxpayers are footing the bill for elections--as they do in regular

primary and general elections--then the same legislative leaders are insisting on forcing the counties to spend an extra \$3-4 million," said Representative Frank Shields (D-Portland) during the floor debate on HB 3511. "It seems to me that taxpayer dollars are taxpayer dollars--period."

Sen. Brown and Rep. Shields both asked the carriers of HB 3511 whether the issue had even been discussed in committee. In both cases, the answer was "no." By holding this election by mail, the state will save an estimated \$1 million.

"The question underscored exactly why vote-by-mail makes sense

for all elections, not just this one," noted Secretary of State Phil Keisling. "I look forward to seeing this double standard end, and I'll assume--given the almost automatic support for a vote-by-mail election in this bill--that legislators will soon get the chance to vote on a bill making all elections vote-by-mail."

Seven vote-by-mail bills have been introduced in the 1997 Oregon Legislature. None has yet been scheduled for a hearing.

Those who would like to register their opinion on Vote-by-Mail and learn more about these bills can do so by calling the Secretary of State's Vote-by-Mail Hotline: 800-331-0509.

Tax deadline impending

Oregon Department of Revenue Tax Help representatives will be available by phone Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. through April 15.

"With the filing deadline of April 15 just days away, more and more taxpayers are calling Tax Help for

assistance," said Chuck Grinstead, Tax Help Manager. "The expanded hours will allow us to provide better service by allowing more Oregon taxpayers to speak to a Tax Help representative."

Grinstead said the new hours are more convenient for taxpayers who

work during the day, and that all taxpayers needing assistance will have a better chance of reaching a representative if they call before 8:00 a.m. or after 5:00 p.m.

Taxpayers may contact Tax Help at (503)378-4988 or at a toll-free number within Oregon, 1-800-356-

4222, through April. Spanish speakers may call (503)945-8618. For TTY (hearing or speech impaired only), the year-round toll-free number within Oregon is 1-800-886-7204. In Salem the TTY number is (503) 945-8617. These numbers are answered by machine only and are not for voice use.

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