

Memorial program due

A memorial program for the late Elizabeth Monroe Drews, professor of education at Portland State University and a renowned writer and research scholar, will be held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 22, in the Western Forestry Center.

Ms. Drews died of a brain tumor at the age of 61 in November 1976 at her Berkeley, Calif., home.

Born in McMinnville, Ms. Drews earned bachelors and masters degrees from the University of Oregon and was awarded her Ph.D in psychology at the University of Michigan in 1954.

Appointed by President John F. Kennedy to the President's Commission on the Status of Women, she was a founding member of the National Organization of Women (NOW).

Participating in the program will be Karen Cereghino, pianist; singers William Monroe and Lora Monroe, and speakers Margaret Woods, Forbes Williams, Patricia Waalkes, Charles Ray, Althea Pratt and Sandra Howell.

Great lady

To the editor:

Tributes to a great lady, Dr. Elizabeth Monroe Drews Lipson, are being planned for this coming weekend in the Portland area. Dr. Elizabeth Drews was friend and teacher to many parents and educators from the Vancouver area during her days at Portland State University. Her tireless energy and enthusiasm for the goodness of each person made her a rare jewel in a world filled with cheap imitations.

Dr. Drews, until her death in November 1976, was a leader in the fight for quality education for all. She especially distinguished herself in her work for the gifted and talented. Believing that all are gifted but some have special abilities and problems, she pioneered in developing gifted programming in this country. A tribute to her work is the awarding of posthumous honors to Dr. Drews by the Division of Gifted and Talented of the U.S. Office of Education.

Your readers and the many friends of Dr. Drews are advised that on Friday, May 20, there will be a tree planting ceremony at the Washington Park Japanese Gardens. A white dogwood tree will be planted in her honor at 3 p.m. This ceremony has been arranged to honor Dr. Drews because of her interest, membership and support of the program and beauty of the Japanese Gardens.

All of her friends and students are also invited to join in the special memorial to her life on Sunday, May 22, at 2:30 p.m. in the Western Forestry Center near OMSI Mrs. Margaret Woods, Seattle Pacific University and Dr. Forbes Williams, Portland State University are among those slated to speak of her life's work and contributions. Friends are encouraged to join with her husband, Dr. Leslie Lipson, University of California, and her family and friends in this memorial to a life well lived by a great lady gone too soon. — Charles F. Ray, 5408 NW Harney, Vancouver.