

Day care: A crying need or costly luxury?

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Child care is no longer solely a women's issue, but women stand to lose if adequate child care is not made available. That's the contention of a panel of women who recently discussed the "Politics of Day Care," the second part of the ASUO television series "Logos."

ASUO Pres. Jan Oliver moderated the half-hour show that will be aired at 12:30 p.m. Sunday.

Appearing on the panel are Rochel Katz, staff member of the Child Care and Development Center (CCDC); Margi Hendriksen, a Eugene lawyer, and Myra Willard, University Affirmative Action officer. The series is being produced by Eric Bellman and directed by John Loeber.

Oliver opens the show relating a

question students have confronted her with—"why should I have to pay for someone else's children?" (Student incidental fees now partially fund the CCDC).

Willard said the University has had to shift programs to provide services for older students because state laws prohibit discrimination on the basis of age—and one of the services they must provide is child care.

"Child care is no longer a women's issue, but is everyone's responsibility," Katz said.

Hendriksen agreed. "But women are the ones that will lose out without child care. It will have a greater impact on women," she said.

According to state law, Willard noted, education is necessary to upgrade women, but first child

care must be provided to free them.

"Education—is it a privilege or a right?" Oliver asked. Some people think that parents with children shouldn't receive aid, she said. "They say, 'we worked our way through school and waited to have children until afterward.'"

A child care bill has been introduced into the Legislature that would provide payments for child care as part of qualifying student-parents' financial aid package. Children up to 12 years of age would be covered if their parents were enrolled in either a two-year or four-year program.

"It is my position," Oliver said, "that any person who had children and became successful had aid." Similar types of aid can come from the GI Bill, aid for dependent children or from a spouse, she said.

Even with the aid provided by the new bill, student parents will still need to take out loans and work part-time, Katz said.

The bill is aimed at low income parents. It would take the responsibility for child care off students at the University, she said.

Oliver said some persons oppose giving child care aid to graduate students. Currently, child care aid is only available for two years of a student's education.

"To refuse graduate students this support would be to say that a master's degree is a luxury," Willard said, "while it is necessary for many entry-level positions."

There is also a feeling that freeing women to get more education will add to the current unemployment problem.

But other members of the panel don't believe women will leave their homes en masse if the bill passes.

"Women who want an education will be able to do so, but I don't think it will cause a revolution," Willard said. "It will free women to do what they want to do now."

Hendriksen said the bill would create more jobs at day care centers.

Willard said the bill would also aid parents in a "Catch 22," who are barely supporting their families but don't have enough money to upgrade their education and provide more support for their families, and become locked in a cycle.

"There will be more people on the job market, but not because they don't deserve to be in the job market," Willard said. "The bill will enable those who need to work to better provide for their families."

Maybe the parent who is better able to work will be able to do so," she said.

But Oliver said another myth still remains that the state will build centers "where children all dressed in khaki uniforms will be toilet trained in lines," if the bill passes.

In reality, Katz said, parents will be able to use any state-certified day care center.

Fears that child care undermines the nuclear family are growing. Hendriksen told the other members that rather than threaten the nuclear family, good child care serves to strengthen it. "As a society, we should be ashamed that children, often under the age of six, are left alone because there is no one to care for them while their parents work."

Center's bills get high as drug surveys return

Postal workers will have a holiday today to celebrate George Washington's birthday and the coordinators of the Drug Information Center's (DIC) student drug survey wish that holiday would continue through the end of the month.

According to DIC staffers, some University students are over-zealous in their support of the U.S. Postal Service. Drug information surveys which were mailed to dormitory residents were intended to be returned through the campus mail system. Unfortunately, some students are returning the questionnaires through the U.S. Postal Service, which means the DIC will have to foot the bill for the postage due. According to Joe Coss of the DIC, this could mean an additional cost to the DIC of over \$100.

The DIC mailed nearly 4,500 drug surveys earlier this month to University students living both on and off campus. Although response so far has been good, the DIC asks that students living on campus return their surveys through campus mail—which, incidentally, will be delivering mail today.

Booklet lists state statistics

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The University recently released a 97-page booklet, "Oregon Economic Statistics 1977," put out by the Bureau of Business Research.

The \$5 booklet analyzes and shows trends in such diverse areas as population, education, weather and labor. The consumer price index for 1970-75 is also listed, as well as banking and finance, agriculture and other statistics.

Eaton Conant, director of the Bureau of Business Research, says, "This booklet is the only one of its kind for Oregon. We have a permanent mailing list of 300 to 400 and get calls for data from people who know we publish it."

Conant says both public and private institutions need information found in the booklet. The 700-900 books printed go to government agencies, unions, banks, insurance companies and other businesses. The book is also used for market research.

Research assistant, often students, do much of the work involved in putting the book together. According to Conant all of the tables printed come from other sources, such as the U.S. Bureau of the Census, the Internal Revenue Service and the Oregon Employment Division.

Often permanent tables must simply be updated. Conant says, "Basically, what we do is organize sources and put them to their best use for the publication."

Conant is considering increasing the amount of publicity for the economic statistics booklet. "We should try more publicity on a sample basis and check the response," he says. "I'm sure the demand for the booklet would increase by at least 50 per cent if more people just knew about it."

The statistics have been compiled and published yearly until now. In the future the booklets will be printed every two years.

"Oregon Economic Statistics" is the principle publication of the

Bureau of Business Research, but the bureau also performs other services on campus. "I get at least a call a day from someone requesting statistical information," says Conant. The bureau also assists faculty members in distributing papers they have written and supplying mailing lists.

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