

Disabled depend on workers

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The assurance of a free, appropriate education for handicapped people depends on the competence, ethics and compassion of the professionals who work with the handicapped, Phillip Burke, branch chief of the Western region and special projects from the U.S. Bureau of Education for the Handicapped told the Oregon conference Friday.

Photo by Dennis Hickok

Burke delivered the opening address for the three-day University workshop for persons working with the handicapped.

In the years of struggle that professionals have had in special education to provide for appropriate services for the handicapped, we have searched for an ultimate vehicle for assuring the fulfillment of the needs of the handicapped by society," Burke said.

The 1975 Education of Handicapped Children Act provides such a vehicle, he said.

The law has defined a series of procedures that, if followed, should result in a free, appropriate, public education for the handicapped, Burke explained.

He said the success and implementation of these procedures depends on the professionals — teachers, clinicians and administrators. To ensure success and implementation the professionals must be competent, ethical and compassionate, Burke said.

Burke said that, although the U.S. possesses many training models and programs that can demonstrate the effectiveness of the handicapped group, professionals are "far from being able to assure parents and society that the people we train are competent across the nation."

To guarantee the competence of people who work with the handicapped, Burke said universities and colleges must intensively evaluate the training being offered in their programs, re-define the target population of children to be affected by the graduates and evaluate every graduate to see if he or she is competent.

Burke added that administrators and supervisors must see that teachers have access to the training necessary for working with handicapped people and the at in-service programs are functioning within their districts.

Burke stressed the importance of ethics in implementing the law and warned that some professionals, "in the rush to comply with the law, will be tempted to assure that the process has been served in some minimal way."

He cited a case in Massachusetts in which some school districts complied with a law similar to the law by providing the handicapped with a minimal education though not an "appropriate education."

"The passion if some districts was spent on the process as opposed to the substance of the program," Burke said.

Professionals must also be compassionate when working with the handicapped and their parents, Burke said.

He reminded professionals anything as seemingly routine as a form letter or notice from the school may have a devastating effect when read in the home of the handicapped child.

"We must be humane and compassionate in all of our interactions with parents and children," Burke said. "There can never be a substitute for personal contact and concern, for compassion and sensitivity in these matters."

Winter enrollment down

Fourth-week figures show a slight drop in the number of students enrolled winter term.

According to a report made last week, the University's winter term enrollment numbers 15,962 stu-

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From Apache, Sunny and the boys,
A big birthday rooster will go well with your toys.
Well Big Rep, one more to show,
So line up those lines and Go, go, go. 2:20

HAPPY B-DAY BOOB RAFF "FART" YII
SHALL we have a great big party?
on second floor, Decou dorm,
SHE is never really norm.
But she's lots of fun, a DG too!
A Happy Birthday Barb, to you.
Love Mago 2:20

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JERRY: Thank you for making the day at the coast
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A.L.S. — Andrea — Hope you had fun staying with
us. We loved having you. Love, Shellie and
Catherine. P.S. Come visit soon!! 2:20

GORILLA #1: of course I'm anxiously awaiting
sometime soon. liebe, Mary Lou. 2:20
AL WHITAKER — Happy birthday, you get no pre-
sents til we get chinese dinner in the snow. Love
your hungry (and sniffling) pals, Hutch, Kowitt and
O'd. 2:20

MINDY FAE — You've been one of my best friends
since high school. Now we're sisters and still close.
This is my way — wishing you HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!
Love, Ginger Gay 2:20

WOMEN OF U OF O. This is your last chance to
apply for \$275 being given away by Tri-Delta. Ap-
plications in the Financial Aid office. Deadline
March 1. 2:22

THE "D" — keep up the good work. You'll make a
great housewife someday!! Love, "Buttface" 2:20

TO THE BEAUTIFUL REDHEAD in Hawthorne —
Karlo O. Thanks for the valentines you saved from
first grade! Next time peddle the extra hill to come
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L.G., R.O. 2:20

SECRET ADMIRER — The eyes of Texas are
upon you. They don't call us long horns for nothing
— Paul 686-6597. 2:20

NEED NOTES from Biology 222 lectures on 2-15,
2-13, 2-10 & 2-8. Will pay regular footnote rate.
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