Fox says her emphasis on civil rights

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Nellie Fox, candidate for Labor Commissioner, says her emphasis, if she is elected to the post, would be in the civil rights area, since the major portion of the budget is earmarked for civil rights cases.

"We need more efficient management of the civil rights program," says Fox. "Better training for field investigators is very important. We shouldn't go to the Emergency Board for temporary help, because those persons are not trained and don't have as strong a commitment to solve problems as a full-time person would."

Fox says she would also give more people authority to make their own decisions without having to go up another level for final approval.

Centralization of investigators would smooth things out, she says, because they would be handling similar cases all the time and would be able to make better evaluations of problems.

Fox says she would deal with cases as they come up, rather than prioritizing them.

"If we handled only the easy cases first and were working on them all the time, that would delay justice to the other cases," she says. "To me, justice delayed is justice denied. I would look into a way of putting more skilled investigators on the more difficult cases, but we have to take them as they're filed."

Fox says the general public in the state has little knowledge of the Labor Commissioner's duties, and that she would rectify that by promotion and publicity of what the office is and what problems it deals with.

"We could cut down on the number of complaints filed if we would just tell the employers what the law requires and tell the employees what their rights are," she says.

Nellie Fox

Fox would also like to put more "teeth" into decisions made by the wage and hour division.

"Right now, if an employer is guilty, the division doesn't have cease and desist power," she says. "All they can do is say 'You're a naughty boy and don't do that again.' They need more power."

Fox says one of her concerns is discrimination against the aged, and that finding proof of the discrimination is very difficult. She also is in favor of gays being recognized as "human beings like the rest of us."

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Chinese Week

Events honoring Chinese planned for next week

In order "to let the general public on campus and in the Eugene community hear part of the oriental culture," the Chinese Student Association (CSU) will sponsor "Chinese Cultural Week" next week, says CSA Pres. Alan Auyeng.

The group has a full slate of events planned starting Tuesday with a variety show featuring traditional dancing and a Kung Fu demonstration from noon to 1 p.m. in front of the EMU. Also Tuesday will be a slide presentation on Hong Kong and Taiwan from 1 to 3 p.m. in the EMU lobby.

Wednesday's schedule includes a Street Faire from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the EMU Courtyard with tables of caligraphy and paintings, a table translating American to Chinese names and a Mahjong demonstration. Mahjong is "the Chinese way of playing bridge," says CSA member Raymond Chu.

There will also be a "bargain table" selling "Chinese stuff and antiques members have for sale," he adds.

At 3 p.m. in EMU Room 108, two Chinese movies, one Mandarin, one Cantonese, will be shown.

Thursday, an "artifacts exhibition" is planned from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Room 167, EMU. Included will be "antiques and all kinds of Chinese curios," says Chu.

For a gastronomical delight, Chu suggests attending the cooking demonstration and dinner from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Wesley Center Friday night. Tickets for the demonstration by Jennie Kim, professor at Portland State University and author of several Chinese cookbooks, are $3 at the EMU Main Desk.

The week's events will wind up Saturday with two movies at 7:30 p.m. in 138 Gilbert.

For more information, call the CSA at 686-4322.

Prof awarded Fulbright award

A third University faculty member has been awarded a Fulbright grant for advanced study overseas during the 1978-79 academic year.

James Kelly, professor of psychology and dean of the Wallace School of Community Service and Public Affairs, has been selected to receive a Fulbright-Hays research scholar award to study at the University of Osnabruck in West Germany.

Kelly is a national authority on community mental health, prevention of mental disorders and the ecology of social behavior. During his stay in Germany, Kelly will study in his field and will take part in a language institute.

Kelly has been a member of the University faculty since 1972. Before coming to the University, he served as an associate professor of psychology at the University of Michigan.

He holds his bachelor's degree from the University of Cincinnati, masters degrees from Bowling Green (Ohio) State and Harvard universities, and his Ph.D. from the University of Texas. Upon his return from sabbatical leave in 1979, he will return to full-time teaching duties in the University Department of Psychology.

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