

# Paulus pleads for voter turnout

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Increases in voter participation and voter turnout are needed, Secretary of State Norma Paulus told students at the first monthly Survival Center lecture Tuesday.

"People think things have gotten so big and so complex that they can't get a handle on them."

Paulus intends to work on correcting the problem of low voter turnout, especially low turnout for 19- to 25-year-olds.

When Paulus served as a legislator she was central in getting 18-, 19- and 20-year-olds the right to vote, she said. "Theoretically it was supposed to bring people into the system."

But she said voter turnout for that age group, "the age of most college students," is consistently low. "Don't tell me that your vote doesn't count," Paulus said to the sparse audience gathered to hear her.

"Lately, elections have been decided by one or two votes," she said. "Elections have been decided by absentee ballots."

Solving low voter turnout has become an emphasis of Paulus' office, she said. Professional advisers have been asked to design a campaign with the intention of increasing turnout.

"I've asked the professional advisers to approach the problem like they were selling beans," she said.

A program designed for high school civics classes is being prepared, she said. "If you can reach the kids in high school, turnout should increase."

By increasing voter turnout, Paulus hopes to increase participation in government.

"Special interest groups, based on a single issues, are controlling the legislature," she said. "That's not good government. Every little group is organizing and flexing its political muscle."

Government, Paulus said, should represent everyone fairly. "It can't if it is controlled by interest groups."

"We have incompetents and drunks, but we don't have crooks" in the Oregon Legislature.

Paulus has been working toward making elections more accessible to voters. "Only six election days are allowed a year now," she said. "I hope that this will make people more aware of election days. We've asked civic groups to red-letter these days on their calendars."

Discussion of Oregon's system of voter registration, where voters can register the same days as the election, was ap-



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Oregon Secretary of State Norma Paulus speaks to a small noontime audience in the EMU Tuesday. Paulus urged higher voter turnout and participation, which she claims can be accomplished by making elections more accessible to voters.

proached by Paulus.

"Registration and voting the same day is not supported by the county clerks," Paulus said. "But I have not seen any abuses."

Same day registration began the same year registration by mail was enacted. "Registration by mail has worked beautifully," she said. "Oregon's system has become a model for other states."

Paulus also told the audience

that as Secretary of State she couldn't take a position on nuclear power, although personally she is opposed to it.

"Nuclear power," she said, "is an economic dinosaur in addition to its waste problem."

"I've always been supportive of solar power. When I was a legislator, only two members of the house were given 100-percent ratings by environmental groups, myself and Nancy Fadeley."



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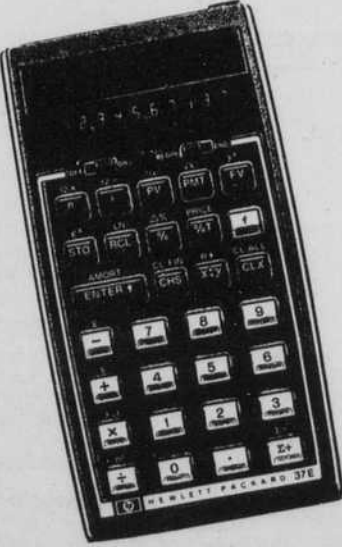
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