

Forum hits right-wing

Minority policies probed

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The Reagan Administration's social and economic policies got another tongue-lashing at the fourth annual Willamette Valley Racial Minorities Consortium held at the University this weekend.

Eugene Newport, mayor of Berkeley, Calif., said the administration marks the "beginning of a new era" and that Americans should examine alternatives to its policies.

The theme of the conference was "Minority Concerns in a Conservative Era."

"Conservatives," Newport said, "are in a vacuum tube."

Newport called for changes in government, education and social programs, and noted the

return of emotionalism.

"We are all capable of these Oregon State University, criticized the American media's Klux Klan in northern California as an example.

Unemployment has been twice as high among blacks as among whites, said Ze'ev Orzech, an economics professor at Oregon State University.

Racism, less education, less seniority, and other factors contribute to how the "burden falls disproportionately to minorities," he said.

The contention that blacks in a community force property values to decrease is a myth, said Rick Rencher, a consultant on affirmative action and equal employment opportunity with Eugene's Gossard-Pyron Associates.

Segregation in housing is neither a result of simple economic theory nor self-imposed segregation by blacks, Rencher said.

Both ideas can be proved at least partially wrong since "all black neighborhoods I know of were formerly white neighborhoods," he said.

After crossing the point at which whites feel they are becoming a minority in integrated neighborhoods, a mass exodus results, Rencher said.

Since housing discrimination cases are handled individually, "institutional change" will be difficult.

The proposed New International Economic Order - passed by the U.N. to bridge the gap of "glaring inequalities" between developed and developing countries - is necessary, despite its limitations, said Melaku Lakew, a black studies and economics professor at Portland State University. Despite objection from the U.S., the order was passed in 1974.

The condition of the world's poor is deteriorating, Lakew said. Countries that once were self-sufficient in food, such as Zaire, no longer are, as "expenditures on arms are replacing expenditures on food and development," he explained.

Eric Swenson, an international agriculture professor at Oregon State University, criticized the American media's coverage and analysis of the proposed New World Information Order.

"I'd like to think that the communication revolution isn't one we could lose," he said, adding that the revolution in communications has widened the gap between countries.

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Olum calls meetings

University Pres. Paul Olum will meet with students and classified staff members at two convocations to be held this week.

Olum will meet with students Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. in Geology Room 150. He will begin the meeting with a discussion of the University's budget situation before opening the floor to students' questions. The convocation is open to all students.

On Thursday, all classified staff and management service personnel are invited to a meeting with Olum at 3:30 p.m. in PLC Room 180. Olum has no specific agenda for the meeting but will discuss staff concerns and interests.

"The lines of communication are so long in the University that there may well be important concerns and interests in the University community that we never hear about," Olum wrote in a memo to classified staff members.

"It seems to me that we should get together a couple of times a year to consider these matters."

The convocation is Olum's third since he became president in 1980, and will be the first convocation to include classified employees and managers.



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