

Dean probes learning factors

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Of the Emerald

Years after the little red schoolhouse became obsolete, educators are still trying to determine the ABCs of effective schooling in grades kindergarten through 12. Now Richard Hersh, the University's associate provost for research, has gone one step further. Hersh, also the dean of the graduate school and a professor of education, isn't directly considering the college crowd in his research — he is dealing with the younger set.

Spurred by his interest, Hersh has worked closely since 1980 with a team of fellow researchers on the question of schooling effectiveness. Members of the team include local Oregon educators, and "public opinion leaders," such as school board members. The research team is funded by the University's College of Education and is housed in the Center for Educational Policy and Management.

After reviewing scores of education studies and relying on years of "hands-on experience" incurred in the American classroom by the nation's educators, Hersh found that the most effective American schools are pushing a more "critical" approach to the three R's. The following factors were among those Hersh found to be pervasive in the more effective schools:

High expectations on the part of the teacher for the students' performance.

- Order and discipline within the classroom.
- A feeling of strong teacher efficacy among the faculty.
- Frequent and monitored homework.
- Frequent monitoring of student progress.
- Community support for the school.
- Variety of teaching strategies.
- Opportunities for student responsibility.

Many studies have isolated these factors, Hersh

says, and these common findings reinforce his observations of the experiences of teachers across the nation.

"It's not so much that we have the right 11 or 12 (factors), but that we overlap in the right areas. They seem to frame the reality of what an effective school requires," Hersh says.

Hersh also believes that these factors reflect society's need for individuals to be educated with "critical literacy."

Critical literacy, according to Hersh, is more than basics and involves fairly sophisticated learning — the ability to read, write, plus the ability to comprehend, make reasonable judgements, and support one's points of view.

However, what society needs from its citizens and what the students learn in the classroom often differ significantly.

Hersh notes that today's teachers must compete with electronic pinball, four hours of television daily, and a culture which accepts drugs and alcohol. These influences, he says, compel teachers to "make-up" for parents by teaching kids concepts they once came to school with, such as respect for authority, faith in education's relevance to the outside world and discipline.

Originally, the free, permissive atmosphere was a rebellion against the suppressive classroom of the 1950's. But now if the classroom environment is a little more controlled, it is not due solely to the role of educators, but to the demands of society, Hersh says.

Hersh believes that in many cases the "open" schools of the 1960's raised students' "awareness levels" of racism, sexism, and war. But if one poses the question of whether or not the student is a better reader, writer, or thinker today as a result of his "social awareness" — Hersh says probably not.

Folk event slated

Workshops, dance concerts and demonstrations of Slavic, Balkan, Hungarian, Cretan and East European arts and customs will highlight the Shrovetide Festival scheduled April 30 to May 2 at the University of Oregon.

Highlighting the three-day public event will be concerts on April 30 and May 1. Both will be held at 8 p.m. in the Dougherty Dance Theatre located in Gerlinger Annex.

Also appearing at the festival will be nationally known folklorist and singer Carol Silverman, a University anthropology professor who has done extensive field work in Bulgaria. She will teach Balkan singing techniques, styling and songs. Ron Wixman, University geography professor, will teach Macedonian folk dances. All workshops will be held in the EMU ballroom.

Two well-known experts in the field of folk dance, Steve Kotansky from New York and Marcus Moskoff from Los Angeles, will teach workshops in Cretan, advanced Hungarian couple and Bulgarian dancing. Other activities include free recreational folk dancing to live music and a lamb roast at 4 p.m. Sunday, May 2, in Hendricks Park.

Admission to the concerts and workshops is \$2.50 each. The lamb roast party costs \$3.50 per person. The complete package, which includes eight workshops, two concerts and the lamb roast is \$18.50 per person. Reduced ticket prices are available for University students. Festival tickets will be available at the door.

For additional information, contact Ken Aldrich at 686-3386. The festival is jointly sponsored by the Department of Dance, ASUO recreation folk dance, Repertory Dancers-Dobre Folk Ensemble and the Russian and East European Studies Center.

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AX RENEE PENSE: This week will be great! Keep your eyes open and good luck. Love, YOUR BIG SIS JACKIE 792-4-21

AX MEG: I'm so excited for this week and can't wait till you're a member! Don't forget your bathing suit and nose plug! Have fun and I love you lots. YOUR BIG SIS CHERYL 791-4-21

DEAR ALPHA CHI MUTANT MONKEYS, thanks for paddle slapping, chicken choking, loft swinging, bannister sliding, group pics, soul train, super-freaking, SAE pelvic thrusting, 3rd floor earth-quaking and hooter shaking. Thanks for the party. Beware of the beach, Abraham will be there! KAMAKAZI KIDS. 4-21

SIGMA CHI's, New years in April, Oh what a night! The booze was terrific, and the boys, outa sight! Thanks for the great party. THE KAPPAS. 4-21

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