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Convocation to stress diversity

The University's ninth annual Convocation, marking the opening of the academic year, will stress diversity in education for this year.

Mary Hatwood Futrell, former president of the National Education Association and current president of the World Confederation of Organizations of the Teaching Profession, will give the keynote address.

Her talk, "Are We Ready for the 21st Century?," will begin at 3:30 p.m. today in the EMU Ball Room.

This year's theme, "A University for Everyone," concerns educating students, faculty and staff about diversity and initiating a multi-cultural curriculum.

Beginning this year, enrolling University students are required to take at least one course on an issue of race or gender or a non-European-American topic to graduate



Mary Hatwood Futrell

with a bachelor's degree.

Sponsors for the Convocation are the University's Center for the Study of Women in Society and the College of Education. Teachers from local public school districts have been invited to attend.

Nine seminars hosted by University faculty members on the convocation theme are scheduled to be held immediately following the keynote address.

Futrell is associate director of the Center for the Study of Education and National Development at George Washington University. During her unprecedented three-term tenure as president of the NEA, Futrell stressed raising the level of education in public schools.

In conjunction with the Convocation, a play and five art exhibitions are offered at the University.

University Theatre will present a revival of a Kabuki version of "The Bacchae" at 8 p.m. Sept 27-29 in Robinson Theatre at Villard Hall. Originally performed in May, this production fuses Greek tragedy with a popular Japanese drama style.

Crowding no worse than Fall '89

With the confusion the new course changes caused, the crowded classes and the formidable task of adding a class, University students might get the impression it's a little crowded around here.

In reality, though, it's about the same as last year, said Jim Buch, University admissions director.

The University is projecting a fall term enrollment of 17,900, which is an increase of only 82 students over Fall 1989.

Enrollment became a large issue in 1988, when the University catered to about 18,500 students. The record level forced officials to adopt a two-year plan to reduce enrollment levels to 18,000 in Fall 1989 and to 17,600 by this fall.

Enrollment last fall, however, was 200 fewer than planned. In response, the University had upped this year's cap to 17,800 to recoup lost tuition revenue.

That projection was again increased because the University needed to offset the cost of some tuition waivers for athletes to assist an already financially strapped athletic department.

Buch said campus may appear to be crowded because the memory fresh in the minds of returning students is that of spring term for 1989-90, where enrollment was 2,000 less than fall levels that year.

Official figures won't be known until the fourth week of classes, when actual enrollment is tallied. However, Buch said the fall term total should be very close to projected figures.

As of the third day of registration, 16,195 students had registered compared to 16,196 for the same time in Fall 1989, Buch said.

The number of freshman entering the University will stay at 1989 levels at about 3,500, but transfer students will increase slightly, Buch said.

By the time the enrollment cap was bumped up earlier this summer, freshman had already Oregon Daily Emerald

been admitted, so transfer students was the only category ad-

missions officials had control over, Buch said.

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