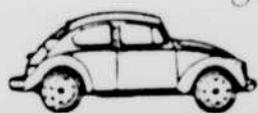




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Educators to try to 'Seize the Day'

Conference to highlight innovators

By Daralyn Trappe
Emerald Associate Editor

What does the future hold for Oregon schools, and what's the best way to move forward?

A three-day conference at the University, called "Education 2000: Seize the Day," featuring such speakers as state Rep. Vera Katz and education superintendent Norma Paulus, will provide a forum for some possible answers.

Beginning Thursday, the University will host its second "Education 2000" conference, with a focus on innovations and innovators in education.

"Last year, most of the speakers we brought focused on what we're facing today — what are some of the changes taking place," said Brooke Belcher, conference director. "This year we wanted to look at the people who are making the changes."

Last year's event was a big success, Belcher said, with 520 people attending.

This year, key education speakers such as Paulus and Katz top an impressive list of educators, politicians and business executives who will give presentations.

The speakers offer many perspectives, Belcher said, but they all have one thing in common: "They are people who have visions."

Also featured this year are Judith Ramaley, president of Portland State University and John Taylor Gatto, 1991 New York state teacher of the year. Gatto, who was also New York City teacher of the year in 1989, 1990 and 1991, will talk about "the kinds of shifts that need to happen here," Belcher said.

Ed Warnock, president of Cumulus Consulting Group, will speak "about how education

will help prepare people for different work situations," Belcher said.

Jim Ford, principal of Eugene's Sheldon High School, will discuss "restructuring schools, who's responsible for change, and he will also spotlight successes," she said.

"There will be a lot of different views," Belcher said. "We'll look at the possibilities and at what people are doing now."

In addition to listening, those attending will get several chances to participate. During Thursday and Friday, four small-group sessions will be held. One will highlight successful innovative education in some Oregon schools.

"It's a chance to go around and see a lot of the different changes that are happening here in Oregon," Belcher said.

Participants can also join action groups, which will meet at various times during the conference to integrate information and plan implementation.

Discussion and networking groups, to talk over new information and meet other participants, will also be held.

"Education 2000" is co-sponsored by the University's College of Education, Lane Community College, Lane Education Service District and is administered by the University's Continuation Center.

The cost of the entire conference is \$93 for students, \$123 for faculty and staff members of the University, LCC or Lane ESD, and \$140 for the general public.

In addition, pre- and post-conference workshops are available at a cost of \$28. For additional information and to register, contact the Continuation Center, 1553 Moss St., at 346-3537.

ED 2000

All events are in the EMU.

Thursday, Aug. 1

1:30 — *The Seven-Lesson School Teacher: The Dehumanization of American Children*, by John Taylor Gatto, Ballroom.

3:00-3:40 and 3:50-4:30 — Mini-Sessions — *Introduction of Information Age Classrooms into the Primary School*, Century Room A; *University Kids: A Model Summer Program for Kids*, Ben Linder Room; *Senior Seminar*, Cedar Room A; *Cooperation: A Way of Living*, Cedar Room C; *Let's Look at an Exemplary Secondary School in Oregon*, Century Room B; *Critical Thinking as a Still-Neglected Resource for Helping At-Risk Students*, Century Room D.

3:00-4:15 — Mini-Session — *Two Programs from the Business Education Compact of Washington County*, Maple Room.

5:45 — Dinner/break.

7:00 — *Visions and Plans for Oregon's Education*, Norma Paulus, Ballroom.

Friday, Aug. 2

8:15 — Announcements, Ballroom.

8:30 — *Preparing People for the High Performance Economy of the Future*, Ed Warnock, Ballroom.

9:45-10:25 and 10:30-11:05 — Mini-Sessions — *South Medford High School Senior Project*, Century Room D; *Innovative Teaching and Learning at Chemeketa Community College*, Maple Room; *Satellite Telecommunications: Educational Programming*, Oak Room; *Multi-Age Grouping in a K-5 School*, Century Room A; *Reaching Out: Collaborating with Community Educational Resources*, Century Room C.

10:00-11:00 — Mini-Sessions — *Increasing School Engagement and Success of Students at Risk*, Cedar Room B; *Saturday Academy*, Cedar Room A.

11:15-1:50 — Brief Action Group Connections.

12:00 — *America's Choice: High Skills or Low Wages. A Plan for Comprehensive Change in*

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3:00 — *Focus on Three Issues*, Amazonas Olivella, Juvata Rusch and Jack Turner, Ballroom.

3:45-5:00 — Concurrent Sessions with *Three Issues* speakers, Gumwood Room (Rusch), Ballroom (Olivella), Ben Linder Room (Turner).

Saturday, Aug. 3

8:45 — Announcements, Ballroom.

9:00 — *Restructuring Schools: Spotlight on Success*, Jim Ford.

10:15 — Action Group Reports, Ballroom.

11:00 — *Unified Action for Change: Judith Ramaley Taking a Stand for Change: The Power of Human Spirit*, Margaret Gratton.

ET ALS

Student Parent Association will hold a brown bag lunch on the grass yard by the EMU Child Care Center Wednesday at 12:30 p.m.

Unwanted Sexual Behavior Task Force meets today from 10:30 a.m. to noon in Room 360 Oregon Hall. The film *Someone Close to You* will be previewed.

Danton, part one of a film

from Poland, will be shown at 7 tonight in the Yamada Language Center, Room 115 Pacific.

Pacific Party organizational meeting today at 3 p.m. in the EMU Board Room. Call 343-6233 for more information.

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