

Paulus plan focuses on early education

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Emerald Contributor

The cornerstone of Norma Paulus' Oregon Educational Act for the 21st century is early childhood education, she told a University audience Tuesday night.

Oregon public school districts must focus on early childhood education, especially for children of teen parents and migrant workers, if the state is to avoid the cost of remedial education later on, said the state superintendent of public instruction.

The demographics in Oregon are changing, Paulus said. There are more and more older caucasians and more younger Asians and Hispanics.

"If you have an influx of migrant labor, you need to have a school system to deal with it," she said.

"We have too many children who come into the first grade who are not ready for the process," said Paulus, who revealed that Oregon education's biggest secret is if a child comes into the system ready to learn, that child is going to get the short shrift because teachers must focus on children who aren't prepared.

Paulus said it is a myth that children who come from disadvantaged backgrounds cannot learn. Her plan would target young parents, seek active parental involvement in the education of their children and provide for parenting instruction in the high schools, among other solutions, to ensure that children start public education with the background they need to succeed in the system.

The capstone of this plan, Paulus said, is more professional and technical training. The Oregon Educational Act would give high school students much more hands-on training and see that they have the technical skills they need to find jobs.

Paulus met with representatives of Oregon's graphic arts industry who complained that they had to find employees from outside of the state because there weren't enough Oregon students with a technical background in graphic arts.

But several audience members questioned where the funds for these proposals would come



Norma Paulus

from, given the many cuts in the school system that are currently underway.

Existing revenues must be redirected to fund these proposals, she said, because Oregon voters are not going to accept a new tax.

"Nothing is going to go right in this state until we find a stable way to fund public schools," Paulus said. "We need a dedicated tax to do that. Voters are going to have to be courageous enough to change the tax system, but it is my judgment that the state would not support it now."

But Paulus said she is most concerned about higher education.

"When push comes to shove K-12 will scrape by somehow," she said, "but higher education is going to be decimated. Voters are more likely to want to fund a first grader than a Ph.D. candidate."

University students are going to have to go to the public with their funding concerns, she said.

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MEETINGS

Student Health Insurance Committee will meet tonight at 5 in EMU Cedar Room D.

Japanese Student Organization will meet today at 4:30 p.m. in EMU Cedar Room F.

University Day organizational meeting to form a planning team will take place tonight at 5 in EMU Cedar Room B.

Multicultural Curriculum organization meeting will take place tonight at 5 in Room 341 Gilbert.

International Graduate Student Group will meet today from 3 to 3:50 p.m. in Room 225 Counseling Center.

Incidental Fee Committee will meet tonight at 5:30 in the EMU Board Room to hear budget requests for ASUO Child Care, Jewish Student Union, Panhellenic, and Students for United Nations.

MISCELLANEOUS

North American Free Trade Agreement and its effects on Oregon will be the topic of a panel discussion tonight at 7:30 in the EMU Gumwood Room. Former U.S. Secretary of Labor Ray Marshall will be the featured speaker.

Women's Center Coffee Hour will take place today from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the lobby outside EMU Suite 3.

A panel discussion with Grattan Kerans on OSPIC's drinking water campaign will take place tonight at 6:30 in the EMU International Lounge.

Avalanche Awareness will be shown today at 12:30 p.m. in the Outdoor Program office, Room 23 EMU.

A grievance table, sponsored by the Student Senate, will be in the EMU Lobby today from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

OPPORTUNITIES

Bidding for the following companies will take place today. (Go to Room 244 Hendricks for more information.)

- U.S. Comptroller of the Currency
- Salem/Keizer Public Schools
- Andersen Consulting
- Cintas
- Black & Decker
- Frito-Lay
- NCR Corp

A Career Planning and Placement office orientation session will be tonight at 5:30 in Room 237 Hendricks.

A group meeting for Payless Drug will

take place tonight from 6 to 7 in EMU Cedar Room A.

A resume writing workshop will take place today from 2:30 to 4 p.m. in Room 100 Hendricks.

RELIGION

"Old Testament Prophecies of Christ" will be the topic of a roundtable discussion sponsored by the Restoration Campus Ministry tonight at 7 in EMU Century Room E.

A student Mass followed by a social will take place tonight at 9 at the Chelsea House, 1851 Onyx St.

Deadline for submitting Et Als to the Emerald front desk, EMU Suite 300, is noon the day before publication. Et Als run the day of the event unless the event takes place before noon.

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Interested parties should pick up an application packet, which includes a job description, at the ODE front desk in Suite 300 EMU or call 346-5511 for more information.

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