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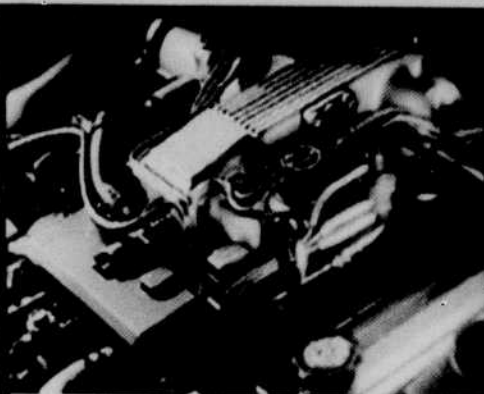
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Paulus nominates financial aid as solution to students' problems

CANDIDATE: The Republican nominee proposes change in educational system

By Melissa Lebahn
Community Reporter

Norma Paulus, a Republican candidate for the Senate seat, said federal financial aid is the only solution to problems that face students trying to get an education, during a forum sponsored by ASUO on Tuesday.

Paulus said education is the key to better productivity, a better work force and a guarantee to closing the gap between the rich and the poor.

"There needs to be very high standards for every kid whether they go to college or not," Paulus said.

New skills, training, educational system and priority have



to happen in this country if we want to see a change in college education, Paulus said.

"Education can't be viewed just as it was before," she said. "We have to have much more knowledge and understanding of interaction with technology."

She said education has always been her top priority. But within the entire educational system, kindergarten through grade 12 is her number one concern.

"There is so much remedial education because we are not doing our job well enough in the beginning," Paulus said.

According to Paulus, 10 years ago people could go away to col-

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lege for a solid four years, but now they can't do that. Most people are married or raising a family, and the cost of education is so high that they have to be able to go to school on and off in order to keep all of these things balanced.

Paulus said that if students want a senator who will fight for their education and for federal financial aid then they should vote for her.

Test scores a phone call away for students

EXAM: Graduate Record Examinations results now available more immediately

By Brian Womack
Higher Education Reporter

Students who used to spend six weeks waiting for the results of their Graduate Record Examinations can now find out their scores within a week.

Students who completed the Oct. 16 examination were the first to be offered this service. The convenience costs \$10 in addition to the \$64 charge for the test, said Kevin Gonzalez, who is with communications services at Educational Testing Service.

The scores from the test, which is offered in the U.S., Puerto Rico and Canada, will still be sent by mail about six weeks after the test is taken.

Gonzalez said the new service has been successful. More than 10,000 students have called to get their scores by phone. But not all students are will-

ing to pay the extra money for the service.

Suzanne Box, a senior at Oregon State University, said she would not pay for the quicker score results when she takes the test next month.

"They should just tell you anyway; you're already paying \$64," she said.

But Gonzalez said the cost was fair.

"Sixty-four dollars compared to prices in graduate school [makes] it a bargain," he said.

Nick Tucker, a senior majoring in sociology, liked the service.

"It costs more; but it's more convenient," he said.

Tucker was able to use his scores to complete job applications he wanted to send off this week.

For even more immediate results, the Sylvan Learning Center offers the test on computer. The test can be scheduled anytime, and scores are available right after the test is completed.

Group celebrates 20 years of lobbying for students

ADVOCACY: Oregon Student Lobby has won some major battles against financial aid cuts

By Mara Stine
Higher Education Reporter

Oregon Student Lobby, a student advocacy organization, is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year.

The organization voices student issues and concerns to both state and federal legislatures and the Oregon State Board of Higher Education.

"During the past 20 years, students — through OSL — have become political players," said Jennifer Williamson, ASUO President. She said students from some states don't have student lobbies.

Created in 1975 to represent students enrolled in OSSHE, the student lobby group is governed by a 16-member Board of Directors, which includes eight student body presidents. Each

student body president selects a student from his or her school to fill the remaining positions on the board.

Williams, who is a board member, said, "OSL is always instrumental in keeping tuition down, and they fight every proposed increase."

This year, Oregon Student Lobby helped knock a proposed 7 percent tuition increase down to 4 percent in Oregon's higher education schools, she said.

"That was a major victory for students," Williamson said.

The issues the organization has dealt with over the past 20 years have not changed much, said Ed Dennis, executive director of OSL.

"The issues are really pretty similar," he said.

In the 1980s, the organization fought financial aid cuts during the Reagan administration and continues to fight current financial aid cuts, Dennis said.

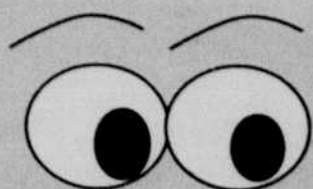
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"The same issues come around and around, again and again," he said. "That's one important reason why we have the organization. We can look in the files and see how we defeated this issue in 1984 or whichever year."

Dennis said heavy debt burdens for students is one new issue that has surfaced in recent years.

"Student debt burden is something we've worked on and that's new," Dennis said, adding that student loan availability is crucial to keeping access to higher education open to everyone.



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