EVENTS CALENDAR

Wednesday, March 2	Thursday, March 3	Friday, March 4	Saturday, March 5	Monday, March 7
Human Services Coalition	Denny Smith Meeting	Disruptive Behavior Class	Basketball Tournament	Pottery Workshop
3-5 p.m.	7-9 p.m.	7-10 p.m.	2-10 p.m.	9 a.m.-3 p.m.
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Secretary of State Paulus meets controversy at College

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Oregon Secretary of State Norma Paulus was greeted with mixed responses from the approximate 50-75 people who turned out Feb. 23 to hear her discuss topics of current importance to the 1983 legislation, here at the College.

Crowd emotions ranged from one man asking if Paulus might run for the Governor's Office, to a verbal disagreement by a representative from the Clackamas County Democratic Party concerning Paulus' support of a vote-by-mail bill.

Paulus stated that, if passed, the vote-by-mail bill would operate exactly like the current absentee ballot, except that everyone could use it.

She then opened the floor up to questions, upon which Stephen Scheer, chairman of Platform and Resolutions Committee for the Clackamas County Democratic Party, addressed the issue concerning the "question of privacy."

Scheer then gave examples ranging from a dominant father or husband in a family, to the manager of an apartment complex lowering rents if tenants vote his way.

Paulus suggested to Scheer that if he feels that way, he should take action to do away with the absentee voting, stating once again that absentee voting and the vote-by-mail bill were the same.

When Scheer tried to explain further what

Secretary of State, Norma Paulus

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his organization planned to do about the bill, Paulus told him to "sit down," and suggested he go the League of Women Voters if he had planned to make a speech.

"Sir, I have been asked to speak here today," she said.

Paulus stated during the meeting that she supported the vote-by-mail bill for three reasons. One, because "it includes more people in the decision making process." Second, it "gives us greater protection against fraud," and three, it "gives us an instant purge of voter reference."

After the meeting, Scheer was quoted as saying that the Clackamas County Democratic Party would "call for a resolution if we feel it (the vote-by-mail bill) will pass." Scheer said there was only a 30 percent chance that it would. He then explained that the bill "lends itself to abuse and manipulation," and stated that the democratic party did not feel, like Paulus, that the absentee ballot and the vote-by-mail bill were the same.

"A person has a right to an absentee ballot. It was a decision on their part," Scheer said.

Scheer also stated that the party was not totally against a vote-by-mail bill, only the problem of manipulation involved, which he said could become even worse over a long period of time.

"Until we can address those problems, the people will not vote for it," he said.

High School competition to draw an estimated 1300 students

On Thursday, March 3, the College will be beseiged by thousands of potential, future students, who will be here for the Clackamas Regional Skills Competition.

The competition is aimed at students from all of the high schools in the county. "We are expecting about 1,300 students," Bob Wynia, assistant dean of instructional services, said.

Last year, the competition lured approxiately 1,000 participants to the College. However, this year the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) will attend. Wynia predicted that this will bring an extra 400 students to the all-day affair.

The competition will be held from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., and will range all across the campus. The event is now in its fourth year at the College, and is sponsored by the College, Clackamas County Educational Services District, the 16 public high schools and various private schools in the county.

The purpose of the event is to give the students a chance to test their skills or knowledege in their chosen field. It also allows the students a chance to get a taste for each field, and helps them decide whether or not they would like to major in that area in college.

The areas of competition include accounting, auto mechanics, business education, drafting, electronics, journalism, machining, marketing, mathematics, physical science, safety, and welding.

Most College classes will be canceled that day, which is a Thursday. "Most instructors will have already told their students whether or not their classes have been canceled," Wynia said. "If students don't know for sure, they should contact their instructor."

Week celebrates 13 community colleges

This week marks the second annual Community Colleges Week in Oregon. In honor of the event, the College held its annual Clackamas Regional Skills Competition earlier this week.

The Community College Week proclamation was signed last year by Governor Victor Atiyeh. It was originally the brain-child of the Oregon Community Colleges Association (OCCA), of which Clackamas Community is a member.

Roger Bassett, the executive secretary for OCCA, said the organization first presented the idea of a week celebrating Oregon's community colleges to the governor's office. "We use the week to work with local campuses and to help with the visibility of the community college program," Bassett said.

To coordinate the week, OCCA has asked each of the 13 two-year schools in the state to schedule a large or newsworthy event in the first week of March. The week actually runs from March 1-7, which is a Tuesday through a Monday.

A media blitz is also part of the festivities, Debbie Murdock said. Murdock is the staff associate for OCCA and is coordinating the activties of the various schools.

"The focus state-wide is on 'Moving Ahead Workshops'," Murdock said. These are seminars and events aimed at helping Oregon's unemployed population.

"The point we're trying to make to the public is community colleges are the place to go if you're unemployed, or if you are planning a career change," she said.