

OPEU's Dale leads session in Eugene; scholarships available

Institute offers broad range of union training, issues

The Summer Institute for Union Women, a school which comes to Oregon only once every five years, will be at the University of Oregon in Eugene from Sunday, July 10, through Friday, July 15.

It's an opportunity to take part in a week of in-depth classes, shorter workshops, plenaries, and entertainment designed to build skills and understanding of current labor issues, hosted by the Labor Education and Research Center.

Among the features at this summer's Institute is a session set for Wednesday afternoon which highlights the struggles of West Coast immigrant workers seeking to join unions and to win fair contracts, organized by OPEU/SEIU Local 503 Executive Director **Alice Dale**.

In addition to Dale, OPEU/SEIU Local 503 will be represented on the teaching staff by Field Services Coordinator **Jessie Bostelle** and WOW Local 461 Activist **Ann Montague**. Montague

and UofO Local 085 President **Nora Deery** serve on the Institute Planning Committee.

In addition to the many course offerings, this year's Institute will feature a number of special school-wide sessions:

- Pat Stell, the U.S.

Department of Labor Northwest Regional Representative and a former president of the Puget Sound chapter of the Coalition of Labor Union Women, will be on hand for the opening program Sunday night.

• Musical duo *Rebel Voices* will perform as part of the Labor Herstory plenary which will also feature some of Oregon's longtime labor union women.

Participants attend one class in each of three tracks. The first track, of 12 hours class time, is on Women in unions: Expanding our reach; Building our unions from within; How to negotiate; Current issues for unions: Analysis and



strategies; Skills for union activists; Community unionism; and Racial and sexual harassment.

Track 2 classes of six hours each are: Safety and health for office workers; Diversity in our unions; Revitalizing the local; Labor Herstory; Women in politics; Union publications; and Balancing work, family, and union.

Track 3 classes of three hours each are: Combating violence at work and in the community; Combating discrimination against gay and lesbian workers; Reaching out to younger women and girls: Labor in the schools; Backlash against women who succeed;

Women in the building trades: Organizing ourselves; Aging as a union issue; Managing conflict; The hidden side of communications: Effective listening; Moving jobs across borders; Women's body image; and Attacks on the public sector.

For women interested in teaching in their unions locally, regionally, or nationally, the Institute offers the Teacher Apprenticeship Program. Apprentices observe a course in one of the tracks, then learn about teaching techniques and class preparations and practice conducting a teacher apprenticeship class scheduled during one of the other two tracks. Participation in the program is limited. Contact LERC for an application.

The full cost of the Institute is \$375 for a single room; \$245 for a double; and \$265 for commuters. OPEU has six scholarships available for its members. Contact President **Dawn Morgan** at OPEU Headquarters in Salem for more details. The money for the scholarships was raised at the Union's recent Women's Conference. For more information, contact Jill Kriesky at LERC (503/346-2786) for a brochure and more information about the school.

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AFL-CIO Summer School set for July 22-24, UofO

The Oregon AFL-CIO's 17th Annual Summer School is scheduled at the University of Oregon in Eugene for July 22-24.

Core classes will deal with Basic grievance handling, Communications skills for trade unionists, and Introduction to labor's community services and union counseling.

In addition, participants may choose from three workshop pairs which deal with What's happening to our jobs and New worker rights issues; Labor/community economic development issues and Designing a political action campaign for your local; and Healthcare reform and Facing management.

The cost ranges from \$150 for a single room to \$120 for commuters. For more information, contact your organizer or LERC at 503/346-2786.