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Student journalists will attend seminar

About 900 high school journalists from throughout Oregon will converge at the University Friday for the 53rd annual High School Press Conference.

Russell Sadler, author of a syndicated television radio commentary program in Oregon, will give the keynote address at the all-conference session. That session is set for 2:30 p.m. at the EMU, the site of most conference activities, says Mary Hartman, executive secretary of the Oregon Scholastic Press.

Headquarters of the OSP is at the University School of Journalism.

Other key speakers include Elizabeth Burdette, Oklahoma City, Okla., adviser for an award-winning high school yearbook and Don Sterling, Portland, editor of the Oregon Journal. Burdette will lead four workshop sessions for yearbook advisors and students. As banquet speaker, Sterling will discuss his 1978 trip to China.

Also planned for the full day of activities are some 50 workshops; tours of the Video Dis-

play Terminal Laboratory at the journalism school; tours of the Oregon Daily Emerald and a writing contest.

The annual event is jointly sponsored by OSP and the University journalism school.

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Museum awarded revitalization grant

The University's museum of natural history has received a \$25,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare's Institute of Museum Services to revitalize the museum's collections.

According to Alice Carnes, museum director, the money will be used to hire Eric Gustafson, a vertebrate paleontologist, who will revamp the collections and develop five major exhibitions based on the contents of the Condon Museum of Geology Collections.

The first major exhibit will most likely focus on the geologic history of Oregon. It will use maps, photographs,

rocks and fossil specimens to trace the development of the state and its life as recorded in earth forms.

"We want to show people a bit more about Oregon's extensive fossil resources than they've been able to see previously in exhibits at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry or here," Gustafson says. "It's a shame they have missed so much until now, because the University probably has the best collection (of fossil specimens) in the country to show changes in plants and animals through time."

Other exhibits under consideration would trace the history of mankind in Oregon, in-

roduce people to volcanic activity in the state, identify endangered and threatened species of plants and animals and explore current research at Oregon's colleges and universities.

The new exhibits, employing "innovative techniques that permit and encourage viewer involvement," will be developed for the natural history museum's new public display facility planned for a site at Eugene's Alton Baker Park. They will replace the current exhibit area on campus which is "small, static and dull," Gustafson says.

The geology collections contain more than 70,000 specimens gathered by pioneer Oregon naturalist Thomas Condon who became the University's first professor of natural history in 1876. Included are many large fossil vertebrates, rocks, and minerals, fossil

plants, animal and bird skins and skeletons, bird eggs and nests and shells.

"The Condon collections are old but include a wealth of geological and zoological material," Carnes says. "They've never really had a full-time curator since they were given to the University at Dr. Condon's death in 1907, so their treasures are disorganized and generally inaccessible to the public."

She says the grant money will help give the Condon collections, which contain one of the major research collections of fossil vertebrates in the nation, a much needed new lease on life.

Gustafson, who has doubled as curator of the Condon collections for two years while a visiting assistant professor of geology, says he and a staff of volunteers will continue to repair, label and categorize specimens.

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MEETINGS

There will be an organizational meeting for Students for a Nuclear Future tonight at 5:30 p.m. in the Erb Memorial Union (the room number will be posted). The meeting will be for people to get acquainted with each other and the organization, and to plan out our activities for this term. For more information call 686-4356.

The Gay People's Alliance Coffeehouse is an informal gathering for gay and bisexual women and men. The coffeehouse features tea, coffee, snacks, live and recorded music, and good fellowship. It takes place tonight at 7:30 p.m. Call GPA at 686-3360 for more information.

Students can sing and play music every Wednesday evening from 7:30 until 8:30 p.m. at the Wesley Center, 1236 Kincaid St. Tonight the musical group Celebrate will be playing. The event is sponsored by the Interfaith Ministry. Call 344-4219 for additional information.

Find out what rights and responsibilities you have as a tenant at the People's Law School. A discussion on 'Being a Tenant' will be held tonight at 7 p.m. at the Lincoln Community Center, located on the corner of 12th Avenue and Jefferson Street. The teachers are law students and can't legally give advice on individual problems.

WORKSHOPS

The University's Department of Recrea-

tion and Park Management is sponsoring a Legal Liability Workshop for Recreation Professions today from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. The workshop will be held in room 101 of the EMU. For topics and times call 686-4125.

The SEARCH workshop "Theatre and the Art of New Mime" held on Tuesdays will be held in B50 Gerlinger Annex, not 350 as previously announced.

MISCELLANEOUS

A free slideshow on the Trident submarine and on the United States' new first-strike capability will be shown tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the EMU. A discussion of the legal rally happening at the Trident base (near Seattle) on Oct. 28-29 will follow the presentation. For more information contact the Students for a Nuclear Free Future in the Survival Center, located in the basement of the EMU.

All seniors can have their graduation portraits taken for free for inclusion in the 1980 Oregon Yearbook. Photo sessions will be held in the EMU conference room, M-109A, on the mezzanine level. Sessions will continue from today until Oct. 5 between the times of 8:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. and next week from 2 until 4 p.m. The only way seniors can have their pictures appear in the yearbook with the rest of the class is to come in for their sessions. Seniors will also have the opportunity to view their final proofs and select their favorite one. Extra prints can be ordered.



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