

School censorship is conference topic

A speech discussing censorship in schools tops the agenda of the Oregon Educational Media Association's conference this week.

The conference takes place Thursday through Saturday at the Valley River Inn.

Edward Jenkinson will address the First Amendment rights of school teachers and parents in a keynote speech Friday. The speech, "What Will Be Left to Censor in 1984?" begins at 8:30 a.m.

Jenkinson, professor of education and director of English curriculum at Indiana University, is noted for his 1979 book "Censors in the Classroom."

In his book, Jenkinson writes "The number of parents protesting books has increased markedly during the last decade. I definitely do not believe that all books and films are worthy of study in a classroom; on the other hand, . . . I

have kept one quotation in mind: 'Censorship is the tool of tyrannous societies.'"

Jenkinson will also conduct a censorship workshop Saturday.

Other workshop topics include how to write children's books, evaluating writing, developing stories and uplifting daily living through "increased awareness of ourselves."

Continuing education credit is available for the sessions and workshops.

The OEMA's 800 members include librarians, media specialists and broadcasting instructors from all levels of public and private education, says Brian James, OEMA information coordinator.

Registration begins Thursday at 3 p.m. and costs \$33. Those with a professional affiliation may join OEMA as associate members for \$8 and attend for a \$15 fee.

For more information, call James at 687-3431.

More facts needed to redistrict SUAB

Student University Affairs Board members agreed to redistrict themselves Wednesday, but added that they need some statistics before they can take action.

The ASUO Constitution Committee recently ordered that SUAB be reapportioned.

"We heard about their decision directing us to reapportion, which is fair, but they're making a judgment based on statistics from a year and a half ago," said Dan Allen, SUAB chair.

"No one's position is in

jeopardy," Allen assured SUAB members at the meeting. He said the board will determine any necessary changes before advertising vacant positions.

In other business, SUAB members noted plans for the ASUO-sponsored Political Faire slated for Oct. 21 are "going quite well," according to Allen. They have been contacted by Rep. Jim Weaver's office requesting a special time for a meeting, but they refused because of the additional time and money involved.

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sealing of all over-the-counter drugs and medications sold in the city. The proposal follows a law passed earlier this week by the Cook County Board, but extends to free drug samples and includes some medicated cosmetics, according to Terry Hocin, deputy city health commissioner.

Meanwhile, police in Oroville, Calif., said they were seeking a "copycat" who may have planted strychnine in Extra-Strength Tylenol capsules after hearing of the Chicago poisonings. But Illinois' top prosecutor said he did not believe one case "inspired" the other.

In the Oroville incident, Greg Blagg, a 27-year-old butcher, went into convulsions last Thursday after taking capsules that contained strychnine. Blagg, who has recovered, told reporters Tuesday that he bought the Tylenol at a local drug store two weeks before taking the capsule — well in advance of reports of the Chicago-area deaths.

Police Sgt. Jack Lee in Oroville said the account of the purchase Blagg gave to authorities "has not been confirmed." Blagg was questioned for two hours Tuesday by FBI agents.

The FDA said strychnine was found in two other Tylenol

bottles obtained from the Longs Drug Store where Blagg said he purchased his.

"It's highly suspected at this point in time that it was a copycat crime," Lee said.

That assessment was disputed by Attorney General Fahner. "The strychnine case does not seem to have been inspired by what happened in Chicago," he said.

Cook County Medical Examiner Robert Stein said Wednesday that lab tests indicate cyanide could have remained in the adulterated capsules "for at least 48 hours" without revealing "tell-tale" signs of their content.

"They still look normal," Stein said of capsules that researchers have filled with cyanide to learn how long it would take the corrosive poison to discolor or partially disintegrate the shells. "We're at 48 hours now."

Stein also said tests have revealed that whoever contaminated the capsules "began with Tylenol in them, emptied them out and filled them up with cyanide." Preliminary tests had found no Tylenol at all in the contaminated capsules, prompting speculation that the killer might have started with empty capsules.

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