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EMU hosts international group

By Carolyn Lamberson
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Beginning today, the EMU is the host of the Association of College Unions-International Region 14 conference.

The conference, which runs through Saturday, hosts more than 200 students and union staff from 40 schools throughout the region, according to EMU Associate Director Frank Geltner, who is organizing the event.

The conference is open to students and staff who are involved in college unions or student activities.

"I think you'll find all the delegates have some leadership position," Geltner said.

However, those not in leadership positions were invited to attend. The conference has a topic of interest for anyone involved in a student activity, Geltner added.

The conference's theme is "Pursuing Established Trails and Blazing New Ones."

Geltner said.

The conference consists of 73 sessions divided into seven "trails" and keynote speeches by Jan Oliver (director of the University's Council for Minority Education), University President Paul Olum and ACU-I President Neil Gerard. Also, there will be entertainment and tours of the EMU, campus, Museum of Art.

The conference and its sessions allow students and staff to compare notes with colleges across the region, Geltner said.

While here, the delegates will "focus on issues unique to specific areas of responsibility and general areas that affect the way to do their jobs," he added.

The topics of the sessions include students and the legislature, high technology and the outdoor program, multicultural resources, student empowerment, gay and lesbian issues, child care issues and film programming, to name a few.

The University's delegation includes ASUO Vice President

and former EMU Board Chairwoman Karen Gaffney, current EMU Board Chairman Matt Smith, all members of the Cultural Forum and representatives from the Asian-Pacific American Student Union, the Native American Student Union, MEChA, the Black Student Union and the general student population.

The delegations from other schools average five to seven people, Geltner said.

Gaffney, who was on the EMU Board when the decision to host the conference was made and also serves on the eight-person committee that works on putting the conference on, said her involvement in the planning stages has added to her excitement about attending the conference.

"It's a wonderful opportunity for networking," she said of her expectations for the conference. It's now the only chance students from different schools involved in activities have to come together, she said.

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PORTLAND (AP) — A state-sponsored AIDS education campaign may have some trouble getting its message across after Oregon's largest newspaper joined others in refusing to publish several of the advertisements.

The media campaign, introduced by Gov. Neil Goldschmidt earlier this month, was designed to educate the public in a series of radio, television and newspaper ads with the theme, "AIDS is a killer. Protect yourself."

The Oregonian newspaper on

Tuesday refused to publish the four of six print advertisements that mention the use of condoms as protection against the deadly disease.

Publisher and president Fred A. Stickel said, "I don't think there's any reason to encourage promiscuity. And I think that's what those advertisements do."

The Register-Guard of Eugene, the state's second-largest newspaper, also has no plans to run the ads, advertising manager Mike Raz said.

Chief can't go to work

OAKRIDGE (AP) — Police Chief Robert Peterson, who has been on leave for a year to

recover from a shoulder injury, says the city refuses to reinstate him even though his doctor has cleared him to return to work.

Peterson, 53, injured his right shoulder while making an arrest Sept. 16, 1986. He underwent surgery and has been on disability leave.

Peterson was examined by Dr. Timothy Straub Oct. 9 and was cleared to return to work. Straub said in a letter to Peterson's attorney, however, that there was a chance Peterson could reinjure the shoulder, which would require extensive rehabilitation.

City Administrator Marshall Mikesell said Peterson's medical release was unacceptable, but referred further questions to city attorney Kay James. James could not be reached for comment Tuesday.

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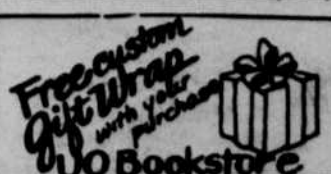
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