

Professionals to attend Journalism Career Day

By Alice Thornton
Emerald Reporter

Two dozen media professionals will offer advice to students at the School of Journalism's annual Career Day at the University Law Center on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

Journalists, public relations and advertising professionals from around the state will conduct workshops and answer questions about their professions. Students will have the opportunity to attend their choice of workshops in two different sessions.

Scott Maben, president of the University's chapter of Society of Professional Journalists, said the workshops are not designed to be lectures.

"The workshops are going to

be question and answer sessions," he said. "We want students to ask a lot of questions."

Maben said this year's career day will offer a unique opportunity for students to learn about non-traditional media careers such as newsletter publication, government public relations, and cable television.

Tim Birr, public information officer of Eugene Police, Fire and Emergency Services will talk about how professionals in government can use journalism backgrounds.

Ken Warren, who works in public access and municipal television will discuss cable as a career option. Warren produces municipal programs such as city council coverage for local cable access.

"We're trying to shed light on careers that journalism stu-

dents may not see as an option, but are out there," Maben said.

Maureen Shine, reporter and anchor from KMTR, and Dick Thomas, assistant managing editor of the *Oregonian*, will talk about what it takes to launch a career after graduation.

Phillip Neiswanger, editor and publisher of *Roseburg News* and Tom Detzel, assistant city editor of the *Register-Guard*, will discuss the mechanics of getting a job in the news business.

In the field of advertising, Kevin Lamb, advertising director of Taco Time International Advertising will discuss the steps to take toward a career in advertising.

Jenny Olum, director of communication from Sacred Heart General Hospital and Barry Lacter, public relations special-

ist from Louisiana-Pacific will talk about the field of public relations.

Maben said all of the professionals will be able to answer questions about their personal experiences of finding jobs and what it is like to hire employ-

ees from a manager's point of view.

All University students are welcome to attend the career day. Tickets are \$1 in advance or \$1.50 at the door. Tickets may be purchased Friday in 201 Allen Hall.

Gnosticism comes to campus

Meetings provide for Christian teaching

By Peter Cogswell
Emerald Reporter

Two meetings on Gnosticism and Early Christianity were held Thursday night and two more are scheduled for tonight as part of the Ira Gaston Bequest which provides for teaching activities related to the Christian religion.

Gnosticism is an ancient religious movement dating back to the the Roman Empire and the beginning of Christianity, said J.T. Sanders, head of the University's religious studies department.

Gnosticism received its name from the early Christians who were opposed to it. The word comes from the Greek word "gnosis," which means knowledge, Sanders said.

Gnosticism is made up of many varied ideas, but the one trend that all of these ideas have in common is that if a person has an arcane type of

knowledge on a subject such as evil, then this person can escape evil through the knowledge they have, Sanders said.

"It is a salvation religion," he said. "It influenced early Christianity and Judaism and was influenced by early Christianity and Judaism."

The committee sponsoring the symposium is in charge of the Ira Gaston bequest and is chaired by Sanders. The bequest came to the University six years ago, Sanders said.

Symposiums are held once a year and respected faculty is invited from all over the nation to attend. This year lecturers are coming from as far away as Boston College and Occidental College.

Sanders said he feels there could be some very interesting arguments between the visiting professors this year as not all of them agree Christianity was influenced by Gnosticism.

Some people feel that Gnosti-


cism is a perversion of Christianity, he said.

Ira Gaston received a Bachelor of Arts from the University in 1915 and an Masters degree in 1918 from what was then the University Medical School.

He died in San Antonio six years ago and in a surprise move that caught University officials off guard, he left a portion of his estate to the University for Christian related studies.

Tonight's activities are comprised of a lecture entitled "Gnosticism as a Social Critique" by Karen King of Occidental and a Panel and Open Discussion involving all three scholars.

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