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## Two books banned from Oregon libraries last year

PORTLAND (AP) - An adult paperback about an incestuous relationship and a horror story for children were the only books banned from Oregon public

libraries in a year. "Wideacre" by Philippa Gregory was removed from the Umatilla Public Library in Umatilla on May 7 because of objections to an incestuous relationship between characters who are brother and sister.

"The Horror of High Ridge" by Julius Goodman was removed from the La Grande Central Elementary School library in La Grande on June 13 after objections to portrayals of violence.

The books were listed in the third an-nual report of the Oregon Intellectual Freedom Clearinghouse, which was released Wednesday by the Oregon State Library

The clearinghouse said public librar-

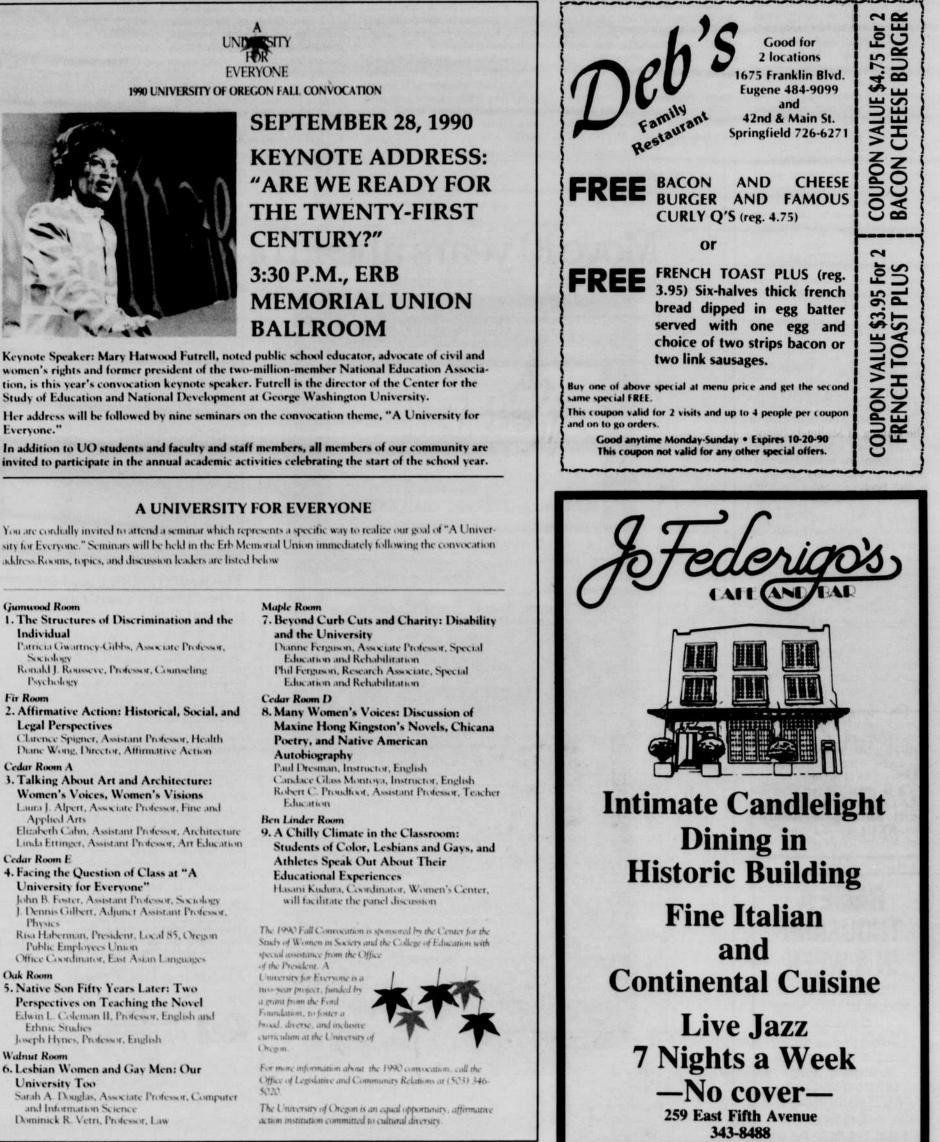
ies in Oregon were asked to remove 25 books and a music tape in the period July 1, 1989, to June 30.

State librarian Wesley A. Doak said the requests to ban books in Oregon "mirror objections to materials which are voiced nationwide," including references to drugs and the explicit nature of rap lyrics.

Doak said concerns about offensive

subjects must be respected but "librarians are committed to the principle that such protection should not infringe upon other citizens' constitutionally guaranteed rights of access.'

He said the largest number of objections to library materials focused on sexual references and graphic language, accounting for 33 of 77 objections in the past three years.



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