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State leaders debate having Duke on primary ballot

□ Secretary of state, Republican chairman differ on a move to include former Ku Klux Klan leader in primary

By Gerrit Koepping
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Although many oppose his background, David Duke deserves a spot on the Oregon primary ballot, Secretary of State Phil Keisling said Thursday at a debate in Eugene.

Keisling debated Republican Party Chairman Craig Berkman on whether Duke should be on the 1992 Republican primary ballot for president.

Under state law, only the secretary of state can decide who will be on Oregon ballots. The decision, according to Oregon revised statutes, is to be based on whether the candidate is "generally ad-

vocated or nationally recognized in the news media" as a viable candidate.

Political parties have no control over who is on the ballots.

Keisling made the controversial announcement in January that he was likely to put Duke on the Republican primary ballot as a presidential candidate.

Berkman, who is opposed, said "the Oregon Republican Party does not want its party to be identified with these racists."

Berkman said the media does not see Duke as a viable candidate because he has no money, little organization and little support. For that reason, Berkman said, Duke should not be placed on the primary ballot.

"Unlike Jerry Brown, he doesn't even have an 800 number," Berkman said.

But Keisling said past campaigns by Duke for

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Oregon Secretary of State Phil Keisling (left) and Craig Berkman, Oregon Republican party chairman, debate whether David Duke should be on the Oregon primary ballot.

Fossils of ancient Oregon to be on display

□ The 'Tualatin Mastodon,' a 30,000-year-old creature, stars in the March exhibit at Pacific Hall

By Brian Kelly
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If you feel like you're getting old, you should visit the collection of 10 to 50 million year-old fossils from Oregon's prehistoric past that will be on display in late March.

The Condon Collection, the University's museum of mostly mammal remains, has a new home and the geology department will hold an open house to show off the new quarters on March 20.

The collection, valued at more than \$5 million, is usually open only to researchers and scientists. During the open house, visitors will have a chance to see the 40,000-specimen collection and photograph and handle the famous "Tualatin Mastodon," a complete skeleton of an elephant-like beast that lived in Oregon 30,000 years ago.

The mastodon is currently being put together by museum personnel. After the open house, it will be permanently moved to Tualatin's city library.

The new facility, which will be housed in Room 13 Pacific Hall, includes a preparation laboratory and a new shelving system. The system captures up to 95 percent of previously wasted aisle space.

Installed by Spacesaver Specialists, Inc. of Portland, it was funded by a grant from the National Science Foundation Biotic Systems and Resources program. The facility will be linked by a computer file system to similar collections at the University of Washington, the University of California-Berkeley and the Los Angeles County Muse-

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Robert A. Linder, a volunteer worker for the Condon Collection, assembles the vertebrae of a mastodon, which was found in a Tualatin tomato patch. Linder says reconstructing the animal is "is like putting a puzzle together."

College a time of questioning beliefs, church

□ Some students leave fold, others find faith grows stronger

By Tammy Batey
Emerald Reporter

In college, students are taught to question. They learn to question the intentions of Shakespeare, the causes of the Civil War and their own long-held beliefs and values.

Religious beliefs are sometimes among those that students question.

University students Sharon Snow and Sue Colurn both grew up involved in a church and learned their parents' religious beliefs. They say attending college triggered a reevaluation of the role of religion in their lives.

Snow said her life has been more stable since she was "saved." She has attended church since age 3 and now attends a non-denominational church.

"Being saved has helped me through everything," Snow said. "It's very important to have a relationship where you are completely accepted and completely loved. It's important to know that though we're sinners, there's someone who was willing to die for us."

Eight years ago, Colurn dropped out of the Catholic Church which she grew up in, and said she's been happier ever since.

Colurn said her parents didn't understand her decision and worried about her children going to hell. They also thought she would end up on a street corner selling her body for money. She said she left her church when she was a freshman in college because she was no longer forced to attend.

"It's one thing to let children learn

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SHOT DOWN

The Ducks lost a heart-breaker to USC Thursday night at Mac Court, 81-76.

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SPANNING THE GLOBE

Speakers from countries such as Chile, Australia and Russia are in Eugene to take part in the tenth annual Public Interest Environmental Law Conference.

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STARSTRUCK

The advanced Shakespeare acting class will perform at the Planetarium Saturday.

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