

Conference examines social and environmental issues

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People interested in pursuing work on social and environmental issues can learn how to get started this weekend during the 1995 Public Interest Science Conference.

The conference, which will take place in the atrium at Willamette Hall, brings together scientists, activists, lawyers and interested citizens to explore the

opportunities and barriers to pursuing social and environmental work. The conference will emphasize the use of science in the decision and policy-making processes.

Twelve panel discussions are scheduled throughout the weekend, starting at 8:30 a.m. Saturday with two discussions: "Barriers to Innovation: Why are We Not on the Cutting Edge?" and "Risk Assessment Versus Alter-

natives Assessment: Conflicting opinions."

Other discussions will address options, challenges and opportunities available to graduate students interested in working on public-interest science, campaigns within local communities and linking scientific research, education and conservation together.

Conference attendees will also hear from two environmental experts who are keynote speakers for the events.

Cole Crocker-Bedford, a conservation biologist who played a major role in the Interagency Viable Population Committee for

southeast Alaska, will discuss how to maintain scientific integrity Saturday at 7:00 p.m.

Peter Steinhart, a widely published writer on natural history and environmental affairs, will present the second keynote lecture at 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

In his lecture "The Company of Wolves," Steinhart said he will focus on the roles of science and symbolism in the debates over wolf hunting and the reintroduction of wolves into wilderness areas.

Steinhart will also examine how different media shape discussions of these controversies. Registration for the conference

begins tonight from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. in Gerlinger Lounge, and continues from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Saturday in the Willamette Atrium.

For students and the general public, registration for the three-day conference is \$15.

Sponsors for the conference include the University's Institute for a Sustainable Environment and the C.S. Mott Foundation in Flint, Mich., with an assisting 10-member national coordinating committee.

For more information, contact Susan Shannon or David Butcher in the Department of Biology at 346-2797.

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Eugene police and the FBI are investigating a robbery that occurred at the U.S. Bank on 17th and Oak streets at 11:32 a.m. Thursday.

A white male in his thirties approached a teller at the bank and presented a note demanding money. The note also implied that the man was armed, but he did not actually display a weapon, said Tim Birr, spokesman for the Eugene Department of Public Safety.

The man was described by

police as being approximately 5 feet 8 inches tall, having a medium build, unknown hair color, wearing a dark-blue hooded sweatshirt, light blue jeans, wire-rim glasses, black tennis shoes and carrying a turquoise fanny pack. He was last seen fleeing on foot and running in the direction of 16th and Oak streets.

The suspect ran from the bank with an undisclosed amount of money. An area search by the police and FBI has failed to locate the suspect.

Because the bank is insured

by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), the FBI is investigating the crime because it is a federal offense to rob an FDIC insured bank.

Mike Mercer, the branch manager of the bank, said that he was not aware of any other robberies of his branch in the recent past.

"The important thing is that everything's fine and everyone's okay," said Mercer, who has been branch manager since August.

The bank has resumed business as usual.

Police and FBI investigate robbery

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International week continues today with a celebration of European culture.

Europe Day festivities will include information tables outside the EMU Fishbowl to provide students with information about countries in Europe.

"The main purpose of the event is to allow both American and international students to learn more about European countries," said Egil Gloersen, organizer of Europe Day.

Gloersen said students representing more than 15 European countries, including Denmark, France, Switzerland, Italy and Russia will staff the tables.

The tables will open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with posters, flags, photos, movies, music and food. International students will answer questions about their countries and provide information on the

best places to visit and how to get a job.

All Ways Travel will also set up a table with travel brochures and information.

International Week will culminate Sunday evening with International Night in the EMU Ballroom, an annual event since 1963. The evening will include 23 cultural dishes and more than 14 cultural performances.

"I think International Night is the most important thing for international students," said Susanne Steffens, director of the International Student Association.

Steffens said the University has 1,700 international students, representing 90 different countries. Students are responsible for planning, cooking and performing for the event.

More than 600 people are expected to attend International Night. Dinner begins at 5 p.m. Tickets cost \$8 for students and \$10 for non-students.

Europe Day celebrates culture, diversity

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The Oregon Humanities Center will continue its Work-in-Progress Series this spring with a brown-bag luncheon/lecture series presented by University faculty and based on current or recently completed research.

The purpose of the series is to provide an opportunity for faculty members to share their work with colleagues and get feedback, said Ruthann Maguire, office manager at the Humanities Center.

This afternoon, romance languages instructor Cristina Calhoun will present a lecture titled "Working Wool, Brewing Poison: Images of Women in Roman Literature."

On April 14, University law professor Caroline Forell will look into "What's Wrong with Faculty-Student Sex?"

"It's a timely subject," Forell

said, pointing to a number of related articles in the popular press.

Forell said she hit upon the idea for her research topic about a year ago, when a sociology professor posted a message on the Internet advocating faculty-student relationships. An online debate ensued. Forell has also done research work on attorney-client sex.

Although her talk is primarily for faculty and administrators, Forell hopes to get feedback from young female students "who feel they have a right to have a relationship with anyone they please."

The following Friday, April 21, Associate Professor Wendy Larson, East Asian languages and literatures, will discuss "The Concubine and the Figure of History: Chen Kaige's Farewell My Concubine."

Talks scheduled for May

include:

- "The Fallen Woman as National Archetype in Mexico: On Federico Gamboa's Santa," by romance languages assistant professor Juan Epple on May 5.

- "Understanding Disney: The Manufacture of Fantasy," by journalism professor Janet Wasko on May 12.

- "Wilderness and Post-Wilderness Thought," by English assistant professor Jim Crosswhite on May 19.

- "James Joyce and the Politics of Reading: Power, Belief and Justice in Ulysses," by English professor Paul Armstrong on May 26.

All University faculty and administrators are encouraged to attend. The seminars are take place every Friday from noon to 1 p.m. in the Humanities Center Conference Room, 159 PLC.

Requests for disability accommodations should be made to Maguire at 346-3934.

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