

UFO conference slated

The eighth annual Rocky Mountain Conference on UFO Investigation, July 9 to 11 at UW will feature a speaker from the Esalen Institute in California and James W. Deardorff, professor of atmospheric science at Oregon State University.

The subject of UFOs is once again a hot topic this year, in part due to a best-selling book on the subject, "Communion."

Some UFO investigators and "contactees" say that alien visitors are subtly influencing human events. The Rocky Mountain Conference on UFO Investigation in the past has largely been a conference for contactees. The UFO movement has evolved over the years into a

new age of consciousness movement brought to widespread public attention in a book and later a television mini-series by Shirley MacClain.

Some of the workshops and sessions at the Rocky Mountain Conference on UFO Investigation are only meant for those who have registered for the UFO conference. Other sessions are open to the general public and are free. Early registration (before June 8) costs \$25 and is made through Conferences and Institutes on campus, 766-2124.

The sessions, except the banquet, will be held in the School of Extended Studies on Fraternity Row. Registration will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday, but preconfere-

nce hypnosis sessions and a hypnosis workshop will be held on July 6, 7 and 8.

Past life and future dreams as well as informal discussions will be held on Friday.

The first event open to the public will be Deardorff's presentations from 7 to 10 p.m.

A closed session will be held from 9 a.m. to noon the next day, followed by another public presentation from noon to 5 p.m., featuring UFO contactees from around the nation.

A banquet dinner will follow at 6 p.m. and the keynote speaker, Keith Thompson, a hypnotherapist and writer from the Esalen Institute, will talk at 8 p.m. Later, the comedy troupe Ersatz Dodo will perform.