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A two-day conference to discuss and demonstrate the communication and information systems being designed for use in Spokane's Expo 74 World's Fair will be held on The Evergreen State College campus March 2 and 3.

Called The Global Village, the communications system is designed to help Expo achieve its goal of providing information on the environment. It will also focus on the multiple efforts that are underway to insure its protection and restoration according to Dan Youra, director of the Information Delivery Experiment for the Washington State Library and one of the coordinators of the two-day conference.

"The concept of The Global Village, which was developed through cooperation of private industry, research organizations and governmental agencies, goes far beyond its use at Expo," Youra said. "It provides a means of integrating available communications technologies for future implementation which can be of great value to all citizens in all aspects of their lives."

Highlighting the conference will be a discussion of communications and change by Robert Theobald, futurist and socio-economist, who is also the author of numerous works dealing with man's transition from The Industrial Era to The Communications Era. He will outline the problems and possibilities of The Global Village. His talk will be taped for further distribution throughout the state.

Demonstration of communications equipment and techniques will be offered from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. both days in the first floor foyer of the Evans Library. The conference will climax Mar. 3 with a special joint meeting of Northwest chapters of the World Future Society.

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