

Conflict of interest defined

Guidelines set for faculty

Edward Branchfield, chief counsel for the State System of Higher Education, is available to give legal advice to those employees concerned with possible conflicts of interest.

Recently, David Frohnmayer, a University law professor who serves as University counsel and

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as a representative in the State Legislature, has come under some criticism from students as having a potential conflict of interest in holding the two positions.

Hawk said he did not see it as a conflict, saying that public school teachers were also allowed to serve as legislature reps.

"Why should somebody be disenfranchised because of the position they hold?" he asked.

Hawk added that Frohnmayer was one out of only 60 people in the House. "The safeguards are sufficient," said Hawk.

Copies of a conflict of interest policy statement have been distributed to all University staff and faculty members in response to an executive order of Gov. Bob Straub.

The policy states that "no employee shall accept

any outside employment which will discredit or embarrass the employee's institution, the Department of Higher Education or the State of Oregon."

It goes on to say employees may not engage in any outside activity that substantially interferes with regular duties. Employees involved in contract awarding who may benefit monetarily from that contract have a potential conflict of interest, the policy states.

The State Board of Higher Education has had an administrative rule regarding conflict of interest for some time, according to Ray Hawk, University vice president for administration and finance, so this is not a new policy.

In a memorandum sent to faculty and staff members, Hawk and Paul Olum, vice president for academic affairs and provost, stated what the policy was and asked employees who were doubtful about their status to contact the administration.

Hawk said possible monetary gain and a possible advantage in an outside business relationship because of an "inside" relationship, were the main points determining conflict of interest.

He said he knew of no cases of employees having a conflict of interest, but noted there may be some "iffy" situations.

Controversial poli sci course altered, added to curriculum

The University Assembly approved a slightly altered version of its curriculum committee's report Wednesday on course changes for the 1978-79 academic year.

Political Science 471, The Human Organism and Political Development taught by Prof. James Davies, was approved as an amendment to the committee report. The course had not received the curriculum committee's recommendation because it was "improperly proposed" according to Prof. James Hynes, chair of the curriculum committee.

Davies moved to reinsert PS 471 into the committee's report with a new course description. The revised wording states that the course is "an analysis of the implications for political development and political violence of research and theory in the central nervous and endocrine systems... and evaluation of conventional assumptions about the innateness of violent political behavior."

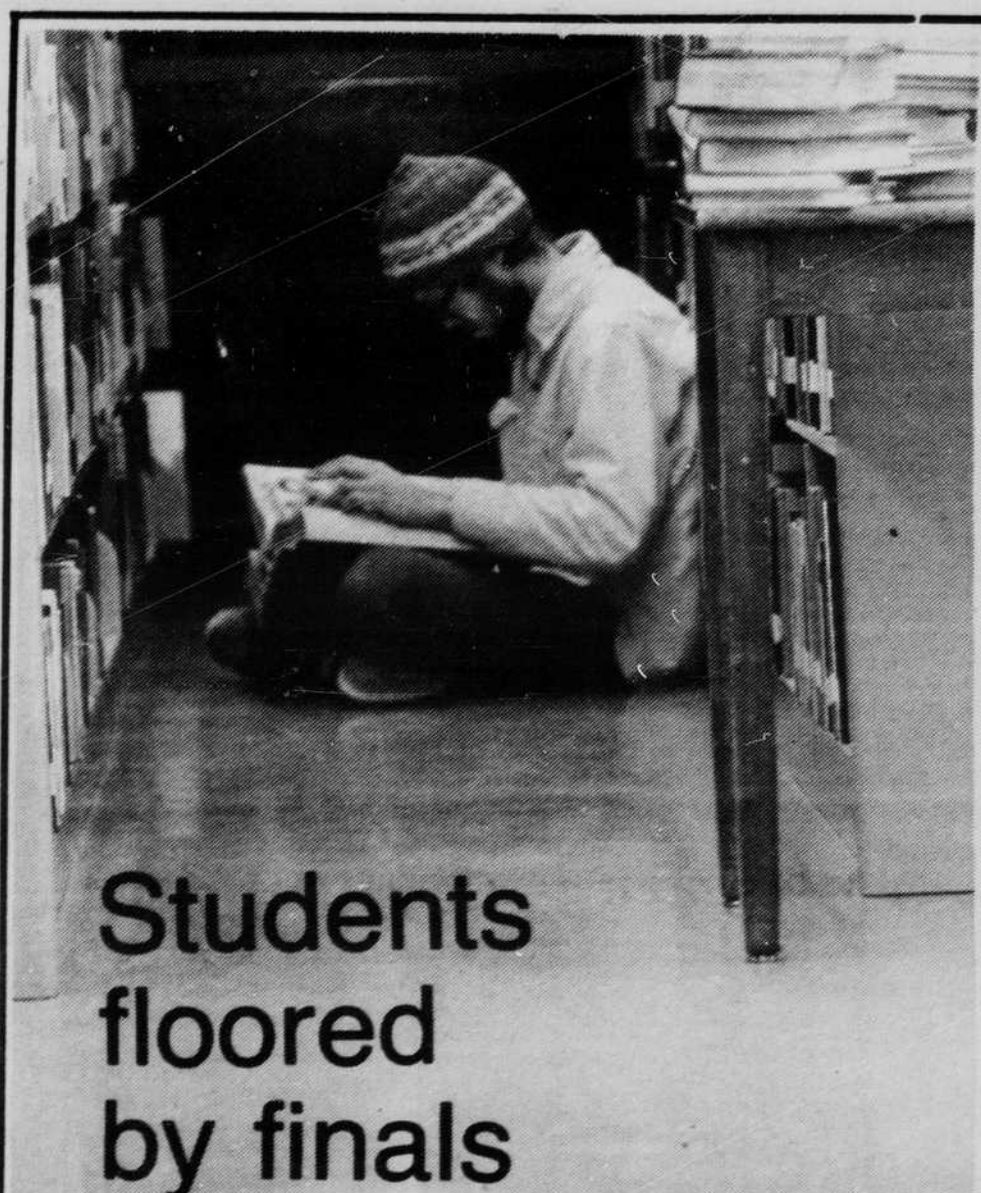
In discussion, Davies defended his ability to teach the course and assured the assembly that he was not proposing a view of "naturally violent man." Prof. John Orbell, department head of political science told the assembly that the University

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was "lucky to have PS 471 offered and lucky to have Jim Davies teaching it."

Arnold Zweig, professor of philosophy, also lauded the course, a change from his earlier stance before the curriculum committee.

Another change in the committee report involved the title of a course offered by the psychology department. The course, originally called "Psychology of Art," was changed to "Psychology of Visual Art" after lengthy debate on the definition of art.



Students floored by finals

Photo by Richard Lee

Finals and Christmas are coming, in that order, and the time has come for good cheer and gaiety.

Most students are enjoying themselves in the library by sweating in the heat, glaring at other students and rocking out to the closing music. "I wish there were four quarters in the year," commented one student, "then we could have four final weeks every year."

Students in the dorms are putting up colored lights in honor of dead week. Others are painting windows white and singing tunes with titles such as, "White Final," "I'm dreaming of my last Final," "Finals Roasting by an Open Fire" and "Final Bells."

Those with a fundamentalist bend have lettered inspirational phrases such as "The Lord is My Study Aid" on their windows.

Some students spend most of their study time trying to figure out when their finals are. 15:30, they point out, does not roll around too often.

The following finals scheduled might be of help:

Class Hour	Final Time
07:30M	15:15W
08:30M	15:15U
09:30M	10:15H
10:30M	15:15M
11:30M	10:15W
12:30M	15:15H
13:30M	13:00F
14:30M	10:15M
15:30M	15:15F
16:30M	08:00F
07:30U	10:15U
08:30U	10:15F
09:30U	08:00U
10:30U	13:00U
11:30U	13:00H
12:30U	13:00M
13:30U	13:00W
14:30U	08:00H
15:30U	08:00W
16:30U	08:00M

Those with classes at 13:30 M, 15:30M, 16:30M and 08:30U will be able to fully appreciate the five days of finals, courtesy of the final schedule.

Hatfield says wilds bill jeopardized

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Mark Hatfield said Wednesday he is fearful the entire wilderness bill will be lost because of the debate over the Kalmiopsis area in southwestern Oregon.

He said in a telephone interview that he has moved as far as he can toward a compromise with Rep. Jim Weaver on the size of a proposed addition to the Kalmiopsis. Hatfield has advocated a smaller addition than that supported by Weaver. Their dispute has held up the legislation in a House-Senate conference committee.



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