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Ernst Neizvestny, a controversial Russian emigre sculptor, is at the University to teach a spring-term course on Russian culture.

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equivalent of all other privileges," Neizvestny noted.

Avoiding the phrase "dissident-artist," Neizvestny saw himself as a "dissident-person" while creating his controversial works of art in the Soviet Union. He created his massive sculptures and paintings to portray among other themes, universal suffering and the conflicting "duelism" he views in human existence. His works were never intended to be political.

However, unlike Americans, the Soviet government often regards the role of the artist as all-powerful. The artist is seen as nothing less than a powerful magician or

prophet who must be stifled if he does not help implement party policies, according to Neizvestny.

Now a new member of American art circles, Neizvestny will be sharing his knowledge and expertise with the students and people of Oregon spring term. As humanist in residence and visiting lecturer, Neizvestny will teach a class at the University on "Synthesis in Russian Culture" as well as work on his life-long project the "Tree of Life," a tribute to human creativity.

When asked how the government of Yuri Andropov will respond to artists who

won't create art in line with party policy, Neizvestny recalled that during his years in Moscow, several of his artist friends were used in propaganda attempts to "liberalize" the image of Andropov who was then head of the K.G.B.

Denouncing such moves as deliberate attempts to "liberalize the policeman," Neizvestny maintained that the propaganda fools no one and does nothing to change the repression of Soviet artists.

"Even if Andropov does appreciate art, you have to remember that Himmler used to play classical music on the violin."

Five finalists named in search for University vice president

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Five finalists have been selected for the position of vice president of administration at the University.

The finalists will be interviewed next month for the position vacated by Ray Hawk, who retired after 32 years at the University. John Lallas, dean of administration, is the acting vice president.

The five candidates:

• Robert Gilberts, 58, has been dean of the University education college since 1970.

Gilberts is a former superintendent of schools in Denver and Madison and Oconomowoc, Wisc.

• Neil Humphrey, 54, has been executive vice president

at Youngtown State University in Youngstown, Ohio since 1978.

He was chancellor of the University of Nevada system of higher education from 1968 to 1977. Prior to that, he was vice president for finance and acting president for the University of Nevada.

• Richard Mann, 42, has worked since 1976 as the director of institutional research, information systems and personnel services at the University of Kansas at Lawrence.

Previously, he was director of the management information system at the University of Illinois at Urbana and with IBM for five years.

• Robert Peterson, 42, has served as vice president for administrative services at the University of Arizona at Tucson since 1978.

He was administrative vice president at the Oregon Health Sciences University in Portland from 1976 to 1978.

• Daniel Williams, 42, has been director of University housing and associate dean of students at the University from 1980.

Before that, he was associate dean of students for campus affairs and director of Tresidder Memorial Union at Stanford University from 1973 to 1980.

He was also assistant director of dormitories at the University.

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