

Committee selects finalists in journalism dean search

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The committee involved in the three-month search for a new dean for the University's School of Journalism announced the four finalists Tuesday.

The search began in November and attracted 45 applicants and nominations for the position. Many nationally known scholars, as well as past deans and professionals in the fields of journalism and law, applied for the position, says Duncan McDonald, journalism professor and committee chair.

Professor Karl Nestvold has been acting journalism school dean since former Dean Everett Dennis resigned last summer.

The candidates for dean of the journalism school include David Gordon, chair and professor of the department of communications at the University of Miami in Florida. Gordon is well known in the law field, as well as for his work at Northwestern University in Chicago.

Arnold Ismach, professor and graduate chair at the University of Minnesota school of jour-

nalism, will also be interviewed for the position.

Two women, Ramona Rush, former dean of the University of Kentucky College of Communications and Maryann Yodelis Smith, journalism professor and associate vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of Wisconsin, will also be interviewed for the position. Smith is a nationally known scholar in the fields of law and journalism.

The 10-member committee was composed of journalism and other University faculty members, plus John McMillan, publisher of the Salem Statesman-Journal and two student members.

The applicants will undergo a three-day interviewing and selection process at the University in February and March. They will meet with University President Paul Olum, a council of deans, the journalism faculty, local media professionals and Provost Dick Hill, as well as with students.

The committee expects to give its recommendation for the new dean to Hill before March 22, who will make the final decision. The new dean will take over July 1.

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Scholarships

The late Mary Johns of Pendleton has left a bequest of almost \$63,000 to the University for an endowment that will provide Presidential Scholarships.

Johns was a 1919 graduate of the University and has left 2,500 shares of U.S. Bancorp to her alma mater, which will be used to fund three Presidential Scholarships of \$1,000 each year.

These merit scholarships are intended to attract some of the finest graduating high school students in Oregon to help keep the students in the state, says Russell Picton, executive direc-

tor of the University foundation.

The University will award 200 of these \$1,000 scholarships each year after the program is in full operation in fall 1986, Picton says. Therefore, the foundation will have to raise about \$200,000 annually to supplement Johns' bequest.

The University began offering the scholarships to the state's best high school graduates last year. Students maintaining at least a 3.25 grade point average can renew the scholarship for their four undergraduate years.

Faculty award

Nominations are now being accepted for the annual Johnson

Award which will be given at the June commencement to a University faculty member who has made important contributions as a teacher, scholar and citizen of the academic community.

Anyone who wishes to nominate a current faculty member must send a statement supporting each nomination to Sanford Tepfer at the biology department by March 6.

The award was established by the University Assembly in 1979 in memory of Charles Johnson, who served as dean of the college of liberal arts and then acting University president.

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