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Teacher indicted on three counts of first-degree sodomy

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Brian Sydney Smith, 32, a substitute teacher at the EMU's child care center, was arraigned in Eugene on Wednesday on six counts of first-degree sodomy and first-degree attempted rape for alleged sexual relations he had with a 10-year-old girl.

Smith was indicted on three counts of first-degree sodomy and two counts of first-degree attempted rape. He also was charged with a single indictment that included one count each of sodomy and attempted rape.

Smith, who was employed by the EMU from 1984 until last fall, met the girl through an after-school program and apparently did not have sexual relations with any children at the EMU's child care center.

But Assistant District Attorney Jim Hunt said the investigation is continuing based on evidence indicating Smith may have had sexual contact with other children.

Detective Les Rainey of the Eugene Police Department said Smith was arrested Dec. 12 after written evidence was given to the police showing Smith had been involved with the girl between February and October of last year.

Each count of first-degree sodomy carries a maximum sentence of 20 years, and each count of first-degree attempted rape has a maximum sentence of 10 years, Rainey said. Each charge also carries the possibility of a fine.

Smith was released on his own recognizance on Wednesday, although Hunt said he has asked the court to reconsider the release agreement signed after Smith's arrest.

The agreement was based on Smith's arrest for only one incident and does not

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He plans to resume teaching

Hill resigns University positions

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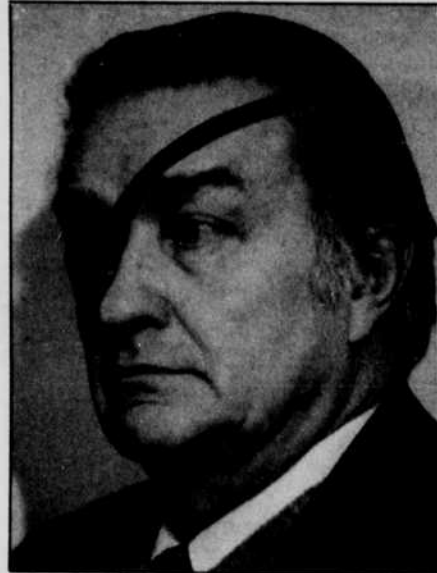
The University's top academic administrator, Richard Hill, announced his intention to resign on Wednesday.

Hill, University provost and vice president for academic affairs, cited personal reasons for his decision to step down. Hill, 61, is a professor of sociology.

"The job of provost with the administration of this University is never done," he said. "I leave the position with some regret." Hill has agreed to serve as provost until a replacement is appointed.

Hill then will take sabbatical leave in preparation for his return to an unspecified University teaching program. Hill's research interests include the relationship between attitude and behavior and the effects of mass communication.

Hill's resignation came as a surprise, said University President Paul Olum. Olum said he had spoken with Hill



Richard Hill

before his decision, and had hoped Hill would continue as provost for the length of his term as president.

"Dick is so many things: a nationally famous scholar, a deeply caring human being, a person respected by everyone for his fairness and integrity," Olum said in a prepared statement.

"He has always been the person I turned to most often for advice and support. I shall miss him at Johnson Hall, but the University will have gained back a great scholar and teacher," Olum said.

The University always has been run by a group of people, and decisions are based on group discussions, said Olum, who consulted Hill five to six times a day.

The University will begin a national search for a new provost, but the search may not be completed until next fall, Olum said.

"Speaking as someone who was at the University when (Hill) was hired in 1970, I will be delighted to welcome him back" to academic teaching, said

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University Senate rejects grade change

The University Senate on Wednesday voted down a motion to make no-pass grades count as Fs when calculating grade point averages.

If passed, the motion would have counted no-pass grades as Fs on a student's transcript after the student had accumulated more than 15 credit hours of no-pass credit.

The rule, which would have gone into effect fall term 1987, was voted down 38-4.

Currently, a grade of a C minus or

higher earns a "pass" grade, while a D or below is given a "no-pass" grade.

"Eighty percent of the students who take my classes on a pass/no pass basis are usually the best students. The non-majors just have a fear of failure. There's no risk of failure with a no pass. The 'N' as a negative would be punishment," said Ken O'Connell, associate professor and head of the fine and applied arts department.

But Art Mittman, chairman of the Scholastic Review Committee,

disagreed. "We should have a GPA that has meaning. Students who take classes as a pass/no pass usually feel they don't have to work as hard."

"It's scary the way we're conducting business. We don't really know what we're talking about," said Robert James, fine and applied arts professor.

James then motioned that the matter be referred to the Academic Standards Committee "for a sense of conduct." The senate defeated the motion by a close margin.



In the spotlight

Ken Kesey (center) was surrounded by a crew from NBC's "Today" show Wednesday night at a Duck wrestling match at McArthur Court. The crew is compiling a feature on the internationally famous author and former Oregon wrestler to be aired in early February. The show plans to film two more segments next week.

Photo by Maria Corvallis

Classified research decision postponed

By Sarah Kitchen
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The University Senate on Wednesday postponed deciding a motion to recommend banning classified research from the Riverfront Research Park. The decision to delay the vote followed discussion for and against the motion.

University biology Professor Frank Stahl, who proposed the motion, said if classified research is permitted, "both the weapons-research ban, proposed by (University President) Paul Olum, and the faculty ban on campus classified research will be violated in all but the narrowest sense."

People are at the University to both learn and teach, Stahl said. Classified research should be banned because "results that cannot be communicated are worthless to us," he said.

But Olum said if any classified research was carried

out at the park, 98 to 99 percent of it would be priority research done by companies that don't want to disclose trade secrets.

He added that those who want to do classified research wouldn't be attracted to the research park in the first place. "Most classified research is done in specialized laboratories (that) are built just for that purpose."

The main purpose of the research park is to make an economic contribution to the community, said John Moseley, University vice president for research. Businesses looking for a place to do research wouldn't look favorably on the research park if there was a ban on classified research because they would be uncertain about how much privacy they would have, he said.

Stahl argued the opposite.

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