

# Replacement search for Provost position continues

By Angela Muniz  
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The search for a replacement for Richard Hill, provost and vice president of academic affairs, has been extended to Oct. 15. Hill announced his resignation in January.

Theodore Palmer, a member of the selection committee, said the deadline for applications was extended due to the low activity period this summer.

The committee has received more than 100 applications from people across the nation, he said.

"There is no bias toward the Northwest," Palmer added. "It is an opportunity for anyone who would like to work in economic administration to come to the University."

The committee will meet

again in the fall and will rank the applications. It will reduce the list to 30-40 candidates, and after a careful review will select five or six applicants to make campus visits, Palmer explained.

Citing personal reasons, Hill announced he would step down from his post in January. He will return to teaching and researching sociology after a sabbatical leave, Hill said. He will remain provost until a replacement is found, however.

As provost, Hill was the chief academic officer, responsible for the degree programs and hiring faculty, he said.

"Maintaining and improving the quality of academic offerings at the University are what you might call my most satisfying accomplishment," Hill

said.

"Also building and developing faculty and increasing requirements for students," he added, "so we will have a fine faculty and an increased student body."

Hill said the budget decreases in 1980-85 have helped to maintain these standards.

"...He is deeply committed to the University of Oregon; and he has played a major role in building and strengthening the University during the worst of times," commented University President Paul Olum in a prepared statement released when Hill announced his resignation.

"I am terribly sorry that Dick Hill is giving up his position as provost. He has been superb in that role," Olum said in the

statement. "Although I had hoped he would continue for as long as I was president, I respect completely his personal reasons for wanting to make a change."

Hill, who has a doctorate degree in sociology, is looking forward to returning to teaching and researching the subject. "I was trained to be an academic sociologist. It's my first love," he explained.

Hill has written four books on the topic and was elected vice president of the American Sociological Association last year.

Jean Stockard of the sociology department commented, "We are very pleased to have him joining the staff. He is an excellent teacher and a fine researcher."

"He has always been the person I turned to most often for advice and support. I shall miss him in Johnson Hall but the University will have gained



Richard Hill

back a great scholar and teacher," Olum said.

Hill has been with the University since 1970, and was the head of the sociology department from 1972-75.

## History characterizes cemetery

By Kathy Leach  
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Visitors find it strange. New students often find it morbid. People who are accustomed to it don't give it a second thought.

Mention of the Eugene Pioneer Cemetery, located between the Education Building and McArthur Court, evokes a different response from everyone. Not many colleges have cemeteries in the middle of campus, but Pioneer Cemetery is regarded by many as an integral part of the University of Oregon campus.

The history of Pioneer Cemetery began in 1873, the same year as the University, when the Spenser Butte Lodge 9 I.O.O.F. (International Order of Odd Fellows) bought 10 acres of cattle pasture land to establish the Odd Fellows Cemetery.

According to information in the University archives, the earliest burial may have been in 1867. The first official recorded burial was in September of 1873—a child of the Zumwalt family.

The cemetery contains much history of the Eugene area. It has monuments for local veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic and of the Spanish-American War.

John S. Covell, a colonel in the Grand Army of the Republic, bequeathed all of his estate to build a Civil War memorial for his comrades in the army. According to Ruth Lake Holmes, Secretary/Treasurer of the Eugene Pioneer Cemetery Association, Covell moved west after the Civil War.

"He had no relatives, so his army buddies were his family," said Holmes. "After he died and his estate was found to be worth \$2,500, he had relatives coming out of the woodwork." Eventually, the court decided that the estate money would go to erect a monument in Pioneer Cemetery as stated in Covell's will.

Holmes said the monument, erected in 1903, is made of blue Vermont marble and was carved by an Italian sculptor. "The monument came to Eugene in a boxcar and it took a four-horse team to transport it to the cemetery," Holmes said. "The eight ton statue was erected by sheer manpower and without a scratch on it."

Prominent historical figures buried in the cemetery include:

- Harrison R. Kincaid, the Secretary of State in 1859, he

gave his name to Kincaid Street that runs through part of campus.

- Minnie Lockwood Washburn was a key figure in establishing the first public library in Eugene.

- John Straub was a former Dean of Liberal Arts at the University.

- Benjamin S. Dorris was a legislator who played a big role in passing the bill in the legislature to fund \$50,000 for the construction of Deady Hall.

Despite the rich history contained in the cemetery, there have been numerous problems with the maintenance and the location of it. The relationship between Pioneer Cemetery and the University has not always rested in peace.

When the cemetery was established, no provision was made for perpetual care of the grounds. Individuals who owned plots were responsible for maintenance. By 1884, the cemetery was called an "eyesore and solely of nuisance value" by the University. And the issue of proper maintenance in 1884 sparked a conflict between the cemetery and the University that was to continue until 1969.

Capt. W.S. Moon, a veteran of the Spanish-American War and Eugene nurseryman, attempted to beautify the cemetery by planting imported trees and shrubs. The trees and shrubs went unpruned, however, and by the 1940s, the cemetery was in a state of bad neglect. With projected growth in the 1950s, University officials began thinking about acquiring cemetery property for "campus expansion needs," according to University archives.

In 1963, the University hired an architectural firm to study the cemetery site for possible ways to build on it. The study recommended several solutions including consolidation of graves on the site, building only on the unused portion of the cemetery, and building a structure on "stilts" over the cemetery to leave the graves and markers completely intact.

A total of three bills were introduced into the Oregon legislature — in 1959, 1961, and 1969 — calling for the condemnation of the cemetery and a takeover by the University.

In 1970, then-president of the University, Robert Clark, announced, "I shall not make any effort to acquire the (cemetery) property for the University dur-

ing my tenure." And the figurative upheaval of Eugene Pioneer Cemetery was put to rest.

Today the cemetery, which has grown to almost 16 acres, is something of a trademark on campus. It is used by many people for many things and "the lot owners welcome multiple use of the cemetery," Holmes said.

On a hot day, students sit in the shade and study. Others just sit — perhaps for relief from the heat, perhaps for a moment of peace and quiet.

Vicki Lehrer, senior, said, "When I first came to the University and walked by it everyday, I thought it was eerie. Cemeteries are supposed to be more secluded or private."

"But now I know music students who practice in it because it's quiet. I've gotten used to it, I guess."

Pioneer Cemetery has certainly earned top honors for the uniqueness it brings to the University of Oregon campus.

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