

Officials divulge provost finalists

By Mike Drummond
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Administration officials announced the long-awaited names of four finalists for the University's provost position Thursday.

The four were selected from a field of more than 150 applicants. Included among the finalists are three men of science and a woman versed in the humanities.

"I think they are splendid candidates, and they were our top choices out of all those who applied," said Theodore Palmer, Provost Search Committee chairman and University math professor.

The finalists will visit the University in February, and will face a busy two-day schedule getting acquainted with the campus and meeting prospective constituents, a search committee member said.

The listed finalists are Milton Glick, dean of the college of fine arts and sciences at the University of Missouri-Columbia; Margaret Gordon, director of the center for urban affairs and policy research at Northwestern University; Gerhard Meisels, dean of the college of arts and sciences at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln; and Norman Wessells, dean of the school of humanities and sciences at Stanford University.

Glick, 50, received a bachelor's in chemistry from Augusta College in 1959 and his Ph.D in 1965 in chemistry from the University of Wisconsin. He began his professional career in 1966 at Wayne State University, where he remained until becoming dean of arts and sciences at Missouri-Columbia in 1983.

Gordon, 48, received a bachelor's in 1961 and master's in 1962 in journalism from Northwestern. She also was awarded a Ph.D in sociology in 1972 from Northwestern. Gordon has worked at the University of Illinois and Columbia University, but spent the majority of her career at Northwestern.

Meisels, 56, received a master's in 1952 and a

Ph.D in 1956 in physical chemistry from Notre Dame. Meisels has worked for the Carnegie Institute of Technology, Gulf Research and Developing Co., Union Carbide Corp. Nuclear Division and the University of Houston in addition to his present position.

Wessells, 55, received his bachelor's in 1954 and a Ph.D in 1960 in biology from Yale University. He began his professional career at Yale as a graduate teaching assistant and has been employed at Stanford in various capacities since 1962. Wessells also graduated Magna Cum Laude from Yale.

Fears that the provost search would be hampered by the Oregon State Board of Higher Education's decision to dump University President Paul Olum have not been a significant factor, Palmer said.

During the board's deliberations regarding Olum, many believed filling the provost spot would be difficult because candidates would shy away from a university in the midst of a leadership change.

Palmer said about 25 candidates dropped from contention for various reasons, and some had done so because of Olum's ouster.

"We had identified the candidates we were most interested in by the time that it (Olum's retirement) became an issue. Up until now it has not had a deleterious effect," Palmer said.

"However, until someone agrees to come here as provost... we can't say yet what the final effect of that has been," Palmer added.

The provost serves as the chief executive officer in the absence of the president, and is responsible for allocating funds to all academic departments and approving faculty appointments, promotions and tenure decisions.

The public will have one opportunity only to meet the finalists when they visit Eugene. According to a tentative schedule, the public can meet the finalists from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at a yet-to-be-disclosed location on the day they arrive.

Wessells arrives Feb. 4, Gordon on Feb. 8, Glick on Feb. 11, and Meisels on Feb. 16.

Groups get \$28,000 from IFC

By Christopher Blair
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The Incidental Fee Committee on Thursday allocated a total of \$28,360 to four student organizations for 1988-89 operating budgets.

The committee voted unanimously to give the Solar Energy Information Center, a group dedicated to educating the University and community about the benefits of solar power, \$1,257 for stipends, guest speakers and general operating expenses.

Committee member Steve Hoyt praised Brian Hoop of the information center not only for his group's conservative budget, but for having additional outside funding from the Eugene Water and Electric Board.

EWEB provides the group with three paid staff members.

The next student organization on the IFC agenda was the Gay and Lesbian Alliance (GALA). GALA asked the IFC for \$5,533 to cover the costs of guest speakers, the GALA library, operating expenses, and Gay and Lesbian Pride Week activities.

There was some discussion between the committee and GALA Co-director Tim Hughes and member Tora Johnson involving the group's office supply and guest speaker expenditures.

Hughes said GALA is currently looking forward to the appearances of Vito Russo, a New York gay rights activist who tested positive for the AIDS virus, and other guest speakers, and that the \$1,200 in that category was justified to help pay for compensation of the guests and their traveling

expenses.

The committee approved, again unanimously, the requested GALA budget.

The Native American Student Union (NASU) had a \$10,928 request, and since that differed with the \$9,809 the IFC was offering, there was discussion between it and NASU over the amount of money used for the group's spring Pow Wow, its office supply budget, and the cost of its WATS line.

After small cuts in the Pow Wow and WATS line requests, a budget of \$9,884 was

unanimously approved.

The last group to approach the IFC with a budget request was the University Forensics team, which asked the committee for \$11,686. This funding mainly is for traveling and registration charges for away debate and speech tournaments.

Program Director Tina Roe was praised by committee Chairman Bob Baldwin for the team's "quality program" and conservative budget. With yet another unanimous vote, the Forensics team was quickly granted its budget request.

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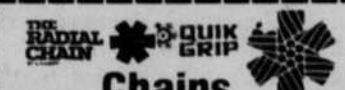
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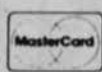
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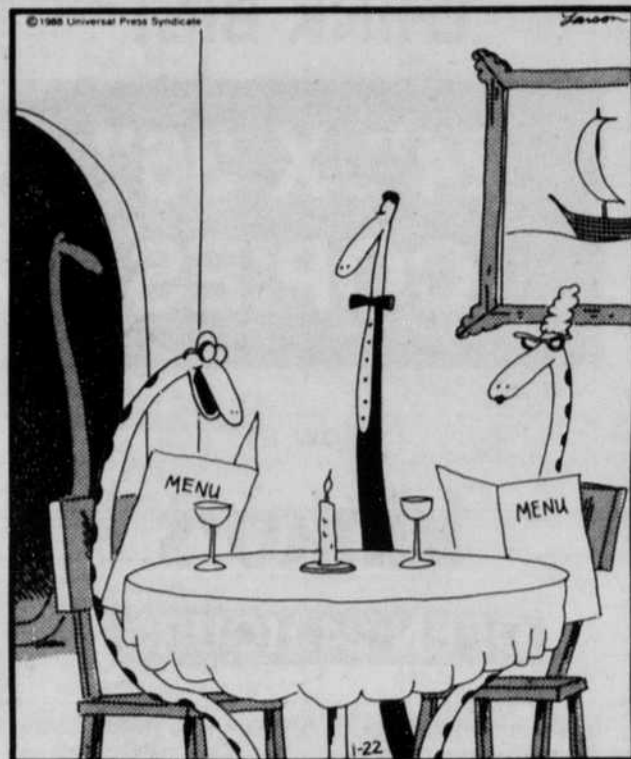
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