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## Presidential searches kept secret by board

By Michael Drummond  
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As far as university presidential searches are concerned, all will be as it had been.

The Oregon State Board of Higher Education decided unanimously Friday that identities of presidential search finalists will remain secret five days before he or she is named president.

Searches now will take place beyond the purview of the state's Open Meetings Law. The change in policy allows the chancellor of the Oregon State System to prioritize, reduce or reject the list of finalists given to him or her by the search committee.

The chancellor can now interview presidential finalists prior to announcing their names to the public. Although the chancellor can trim and prioritize the finalist list, he or she cannot add names to the finalist pool.

The policy change is a formalization of past standard operating procedures, said board member John Alltucker.

"In the past there was a gentlemen's agreement that the

press wouldn't announce the names before we did," Alltucker said.

Alltucker said the shift in board procedure was "not an indictment of Oregon media," but rather an insurance that could be given to prospective candidates that their names would not be aired to the public.

Board members have cited that quality candidates employed elsewhere risk their jobs by having their names go public.

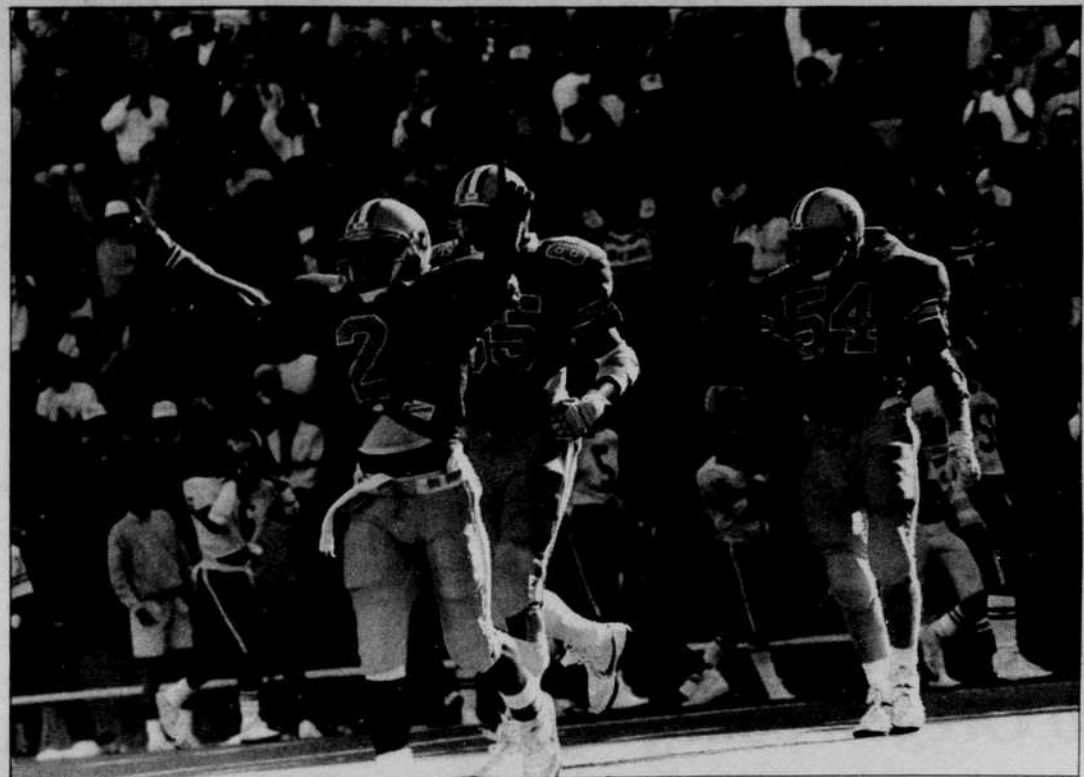
"In the past members of the press have taken upon themselves to visit a campus of a prospective candidate and try to find some dirt on them," Alltucker said.

In a related matter, the board picked the search committee that will work on filling the shoes of University President Paul Olum, who must resign by June 30, 1989.

The 11-member search committee will be composed of three board members, four faculty members, an administrator, a student, an alumnus, and a community representative.

The committee includes

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## No 'Dawg' Daze

Cornerback Chris Oldham (2) starts to celebrate after teammate Brett Young's fourth quarter interception that sealed the Ducks' 17-14 home win over archrival Washington on Saturday.

Oregon improved to 6-1 overall, 3-1 in the Pacific-10 Conference. Oregon stays in the hunt for a bowl bid with the win.

Photo by Andre Ranieri

## Book challenges 'weak wife' stereotypes

By Andy Sorensen  
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Although the image of women as mothers is positive, the image they wear as wives can sometimes be negative, a University sociology professor said.

"I want to make people more sensitive to the underlying assumptions of marriage," Miriam Johnson said of her newly released book, "Strong Mothers, Weak Wives".

Motherhood within marriage has always been respected, said Johnson, a University sociology professor since 1957. The sense of duty and responsibility give women individuality, but, when one uses the word wife, a husband is usually mentioned in the same breath.

Unfortunately, that relation of words sometimes be an unwelcomed consequence for the woman, Johnson said.

"In relation to their husbands, wives are not seen as the main actors," she said. "They're seen as their husband's support system. When they're not good supporters, they are not seen as good wives."

In her book, Johnson addresses this inequality women feel within a marriage by saying a woman does not want to be a mothering figure to her husband, and does not want to be dominated by her husband, either. Women want to be individuals — neither wife nor mother, she said.

Johnson, who favors marriage, believes that the way a woman can separate herself from the "weak wife" stereotype is by gaining financial and psychological independence.

Even though women have the capability to make more money than men today, there still is the assumption that men should be the primary bread winners, she said.

"You see a lot of articles today that discuss the problem of what to do when she makes more," Johnson said. "That shows



Photo by Mike Wilhelm

Miriam Johnson seeks to educate men and women about the implications of the "weak wife" stereotype in her new book, "Strong Mothers, Weak Wives."

us that there is an underlying problem."

Marriages are changing slowly, Johnson said, citing the dependency women had on their husband in the 1950s and 1960s. It is an "evolutionary process" which is catching on more and more as society changes, she said.

"The new marriages are different because they occur much later," Johnson said. "People wait to get married, and they have expectations for a more equal marriage."

Johnson's own marriage was ahead of it's time. She was the only woman sociology professor the department had at the time. And with two kids to raise, it posed problems for a working woman who could not depend on limited child care programs.

On her own initiative she dropped her part-time position at the University in 1963 and for 10 years she became a "wife." She devoted more time to her son and daughter and also took up painting. Her paintings, some of which were displayed prominently in her house, demonstrated the "pop art" style of the 60s.

Johnson, however, decided that the times were better for her to get a "real job" and she rejoined the sociology department in 1973.

"I converted to feminism later than most," she said.

"Strong Mothers, Weak Wives" was released in October and is available in the University Bookstore.

## United Nations Day to include panel discussion

By Frale de Guzman  
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University students today will have the chance to examine and critique the United Nations — its programs and effect on global issues.

During United Nations Day, panel discussions and speakers will address the United Nations' impact on international policies, said Achim Halpaap, events coordinator and president of Lane County United Nations Association (LUNA).

LUNA, which was formed last summer, is sponsoring all activities in the United Nations Day.

"We want to increase students' awareness of current international issues and the U.N.'s role as a peacekeeping force," Halpaap said.

During a brown bag forum held at 12:15 p.m. today, international students will discuss the effect of the U.N.'s Peacekeeping Force, a recipient of the 1988 Nobel Peace Prize for its efforts in resolving conflicts in Afghanistan, Angola, Iran and Iraq.

At this time, Halpaap hopes that students will "ask critical questions and contribute to the discussion by sharing their experiences."

"The U.N. is the only form on Earth that gives nations with different political and ideologi-

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