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strike on Nov. 13 so students could sit in at the state board's on-campus meeting. More than 500 administrators, faculty and students attended that meeting to fight for the president who had led the University since 1981. However, the board remained unmoved, and it announced during a Nov. 18 conference call that Olum would be forced to retire. The decision never was fully explained. Although faculty and students persisted in efforts to reverse the board's decision, Olum was retired on June 30, 1989.

**2. University cutbacks affect one and all.** The state of the University during the 1980s has been a woeful tale of lack of funds. Faculty salaries have remained rock bottom throughout the decade, prompting worries from 1982 onward about the University's ability to attract high-quality educators.

To boost these failing salaries Gov. Neil Goldschmidt recommended in spring 1988 that the state schools trim the fat off their programs. At the University, this "fat" amounted to a total of \$4.4 million over two years, and panic ensued as administrators pondered for nine months over which programs would go and which ones would stay.

Although budget cuts were consistent front-page material from fall 1980 onward, on June 1, 1989 the administration announced what seemed the severest cuts yet. These cutbacks would have closed the gerontology and statistics departments completely and eliminated 24 faculty positions. However, the legislature changed its mind and allocated funds to the state system later in June, saving total departments from extinction. However, many faculty positions and course sections still disappeared in fall '89.

And students were cut from the University as well. After enrollment climbed to more than 18,500 students at fall term 1988, the University announced it would cut enrollment by at least 1,000 by fall term '90. And for the first time ever, qualified Oregon freshmen were denied admission to the University in 1989.

**3. President Boyd throws in the towel after athletic department scandal.** After five years at the University, President William Boyd announced his resigna-

tion May 13, 1980. The resignation, which was effective July 1, 1980, followed his connection with a football recruiting scandal that included several other schools nationwide. The scandal involved the administration's abuse of football recruiting privileges. Boyd was replaced by Paul Olum in April 1981.

**4. Vandals ransack science labs.** On Oct. 26, 1986 a group calling itself the Animal Liberation Front broke into two science buildings, destroyed valuable science equipment, and stole dozens of laboratory animals, affecting 20 experiments. Five days later four of the stolen rabbits were found abandoned in the Roseburg area and returned to the University. Several other animals were recovered in the weeks to come.

The University achieved nationwide attention from the ALF break-ins and the action still is mentioned in national articles discussing the controversy over the ethics of scientific animal research. This new political movement of the '80s has gained strength in Eugene with the formation of local chapters of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals and Students for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, and protests of the University's animal research have occurred as recently as the Oct. 15, 1989 science buildings protest.

**5. The '88 football season.** Oh, sure, it was the 1989 season where the Ducks finally broke away from mediocrity, posted a decent 7-4 record and got invited (for the first time in 26 years) to the best bowl money could buy. But it was the season the year before that people will remember.

It has the makings of grand tragedy. On the arm of quarterback Bill Musgrave, the Ducks rolled out to an incredible 6-1 start, a national ranking and a seemingly assured bowl bid. Eugene was going nuts; the excitement was palpable.

Then, poof! A week after the Game of the Decade (Oregon's come-from-behind 17-14 win over archrival Washington), Musgrave broke his collarbone Oct. 29 against Arizona State and was out for the season. The Ducks' victory march became a funeral procession. They lost five straight and stayed home — again.

This year, the Ducks had their moments (a 44-6 drubbing of Iowa) and collapses (an 18-17 loss to Stanford). They backed into a bowl bid, almost anti-climatically, after it all seemed done. But in '88, they almost did it the old-fashioned way — by earning it.

**6. River fronts research controversy.** Economics merged with philosophy and politics as plans for the Riverfront Research Park were developed. Since the initial 1984 proposal, opposition to building a private research park on University land has taken the form of protests in 1987 and legal appeals in 1985 and 1989. Financial worries arose earlier this year when the Carley Capital developer dropped out of project negotiations, to be replaced by a Utah-based firm.

Citizens in 1987 began to petition against tampering with the 67-acre riverfront site, but their efforts were for the most part unsuccessful. Though the project is two years behind schedule, ground is scheduled to break next spring. When the 20-year project is completed, the park will provide more than 3,000 jobs and will house tenants engaged in activities such as industrial research and computer software development. The type of research planned has drawn concerns about contamination of the Willamette River, and the project has not seen the end of legal challenges from its opponents.

**7. Diane Downs takes the stage.** On Feb. 28, 1984 Elizabeth Diane Downs was arrested on charges of murder, attempted murder and first degree assault, ending a nine-month investigation into the death of one of her children and gunshot injuries of the two others. Downs' subsequent trial and conviction, influenced by important testimony from her then nine-year-old daughter, achieved national attention.

The Downs case has spawned two books, a recent television movie and endless talk show

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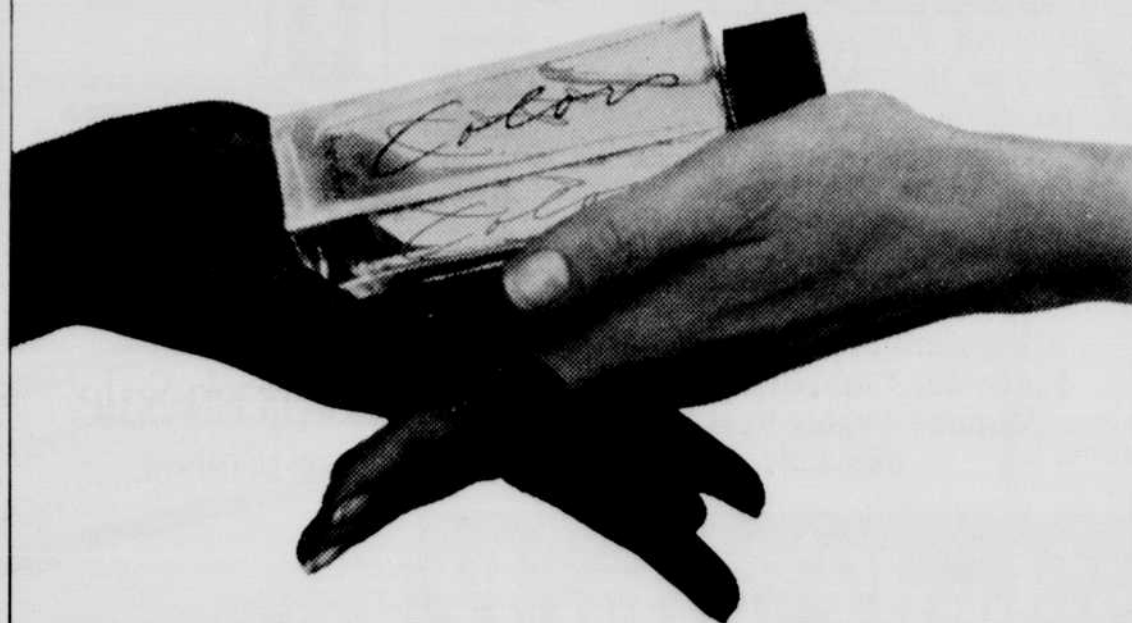
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