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appearances for the convicted Springfield mother. After she escaped from the Oregon State Penitentiary for eleven days in early May 1986, Diane Downs was transferred to a New Jersey prison where she still grants interviews to racy television programs such as *A Current Affair*.

8. Hiring questions prompt law school dean to resign. Law school dean Derrick Bell announced his resignation Feb. 7, 1985, citing conflicts over law school hiring practices as the reason. Bell claimed the last straw to an ongoing conflict came when the law school faculty committee rejected a qualified Asian woman applicant after hearing opposition by some faculty members. "I was faced with having to reject a person I thought was very well-qualified on the basis of a procedure I couldn't go along with," Bell said after announcing his resignation.

Bell's resignation was effective June 30, 1985, a full year earlier than he had planned when he became dean in 1981. Bell was replaced by current dean Maurice Holland in 1986. Although Bell continued at the law school for another year as a full professor, he has since left the University. The law school's affirmative action hiring practices remain a controversy as evidenced by student protests as recent as May 26, 1988.

9. Students take to the streets. Winter and spring terms 1989 brought University students into the streets and the Eugene Police Department into riot gear. An unexpected snowfall hitting right at the peak of winter midterm frustration coaxed more than 200 dorm residents into a rowdy snowball fight outside Hamilton complex the night of Feb. 1, 1989. Before long the students began pelt-

ing motorists and bicyclists with snow and ice. The stress-breaker, which began in fun, culminated in police intervention and hundreds of dollars in damage to car windows and dormitories.

And on May 5, 1989 close to 500 people took to the streets, this time at 14th and Ferry, to crash the "Cinco de Mayo" parties in progress in the area. The crowd began pitching beer bottles and assaulting intervening police officers, prompting two shifts of police officers to don riot gear and clear the street by force. Three University students were arrested on rioting charges. Many people attribute the current increased presence of police officers on campus to these two past conflicts.

10. OLCC cracks down. On April 19, 1988 the Oregon Liquor Control Commission announced its plans to fight the University's *Animal House* party tradition by cracking down on minors drinking alcohol.

This was the culmination of a long series of crackdowns targeting the greek system and dorm parties that began with the busting of an OSU fraternity party in 1987 and patrols of Autzen Stadium tailgaters that fall. In May 1988 the University outlawed kegs at University-affiliated events and told fraternities they could no longer use chapter funds to buy alcohol.

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Although most critics, scholars and analysts complete their Top Ten lists with a grand summation of the decade, the *Emerald* decided that to make some profound statement about the 1980s, in the immortal words of President George Bush, just wouldn't be prudent.

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