

DEADLINE EXTENDED

**EDITOR-IN-CHIEF
APPLICATIONS
DUE MONDAY,
MARCH 16**

Completed applications must be returned to the ODE Board of Directors by 5:00 p.m., Monday, March 16, 1992 at the ODE front desk in suite 300 EMU. Call 346-5511 for more information. An individual will be selected by April 14.

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Now his Jehovah's Witness mother was telling him he couldn't go to college, despite his devotion to education, despite his placing in the top fifth of his class and receiving a full-ride scholarship at the University of Missouri.

After much yelling and screaming, he went anyway. He had been questioning his belief in religion for years, writing bitter notes in the margins of his church study material when he was an early teen. College gave him strength, making him believe in himself and his ideals.

John Powell, now 45, said his past is a guide for his job as the Advising and Advocacy Coordinator of the University's Educational Opportunities Program, where he works with "non-traditional students."

These are students who don't fit into the college scene. This may be because they are returning to school after years in the labor force, or because they are minorities who worry about survival on a primarily white, middle-class campus.

Many, however, are like John was — a first-generation college student who has never received family encouragement.

These students are the crux of Powell's career. He helps them lose their anonymity, to feel like an integral part of the University campus. He wants them to feel as absorbed by the college setting as he was. His grandmother once told him he was "poor, white trash proud," meaning he empathized with underprivileged students more than others. For Powell, that is

more than a compliment. It is a goal.

"There's a lot of wasted talent in this state," he said. "There are a lot of people who could do well but don't have the background to make it."

Most of them are "ferociously stressed out" almost all the time, Powell said. Many have teenagers to raise, others are working part-time to support themselves through college. But the theme that runs through all is that they aren't at home on campus because the campus doesn't provide for their existence.

A big school was exactly what Powell wanted when he enrolled at the University of Missouri. Far from worrying about anonymity, he actually didn't want to be known. He avoided a small-town environment because that's where he grew up. He figured college would build his ego and tell him he deserved the accolades his teachers gave him in high school, even if his family didn't.

This was more than an academic education. He compares it to a student of his, who once told him that she had almost made it through high school when she found out she was bright. "When I came to college," she said, "I found I was bright but ignorant."

After receiving his bachelor's in English at Missouri, Powell moved to Eugene in 1972. He and his wife of three-and-a-half years decided that Eugene offered them everything they needed. It was the right size — neither too big nor too small. It had the University of Oregon — perfect for graduate education.



John Powell

Powell's first job in Eugene was as a millworker, a job that would lead him through graduate school. From 1975-1988, he worked swing shift so he could attend University classes, eventually receiving his Ph. D. in philosophy in 1989.

"How can intellectual people come to contradictory opinions?" That's the question Powell wants to answer now. He teaches critical thinking, telling students to keep their eyes open. He wants his pupils to ask questions, to realize that everything is worth examination. This is one of the things he realized while living with his mother.

Jehovah's Witnesses live a life of taboo questions. They must conform to the Bible at all costs. Now Powell wants people to question the Bible, to question their existence. Even his non-traditional students need to question what they want and what they believe.

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\$6.00

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EXAMPLE

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\$11.50

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