

Provost to step down after sixth year at University

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As a biology professor at Stanford University, Norm Wessells lived, breathed and taught biology.

As the University of Oregon provost, Wessells has taken part in a little bit of everything.

"You never get to see much outside of the department you're in," he said. "As provost, you get to see it all."

But after five years of being the University's man in charge of most budget matters, Wessells has decided to call his sixth year his last. In August, he announced his decision to resign, which will become effective following this school year.

Wessells will continue as a part of the University, however; he plans on teaching some biology courses during the 1994-95 school year, though he is not sure what and how many yet.

During his 28 years at Stanford, Wessells taught vertebrate biology and developmental biology and also served as the dean of the School of Humanities and Sciences. After graduating from Yale University with a master's degree and a Ph.D in biology, Wessells has worked for Stanford and the University, the only two schools he has taught at.

Following his arrival at the University in 1988, Wessells said, he had planned to step down as provost after six years in the office. He looks forward now to getting back to biology

and even writing some more books on his favorite study, but he will miss many things about the provost job.

"It's been a terrific place to be a provost — really strong faculty and really strong students," he said. "I'm going to miss the really good faculty — there are absolutely marvelous scholars and teachers here."

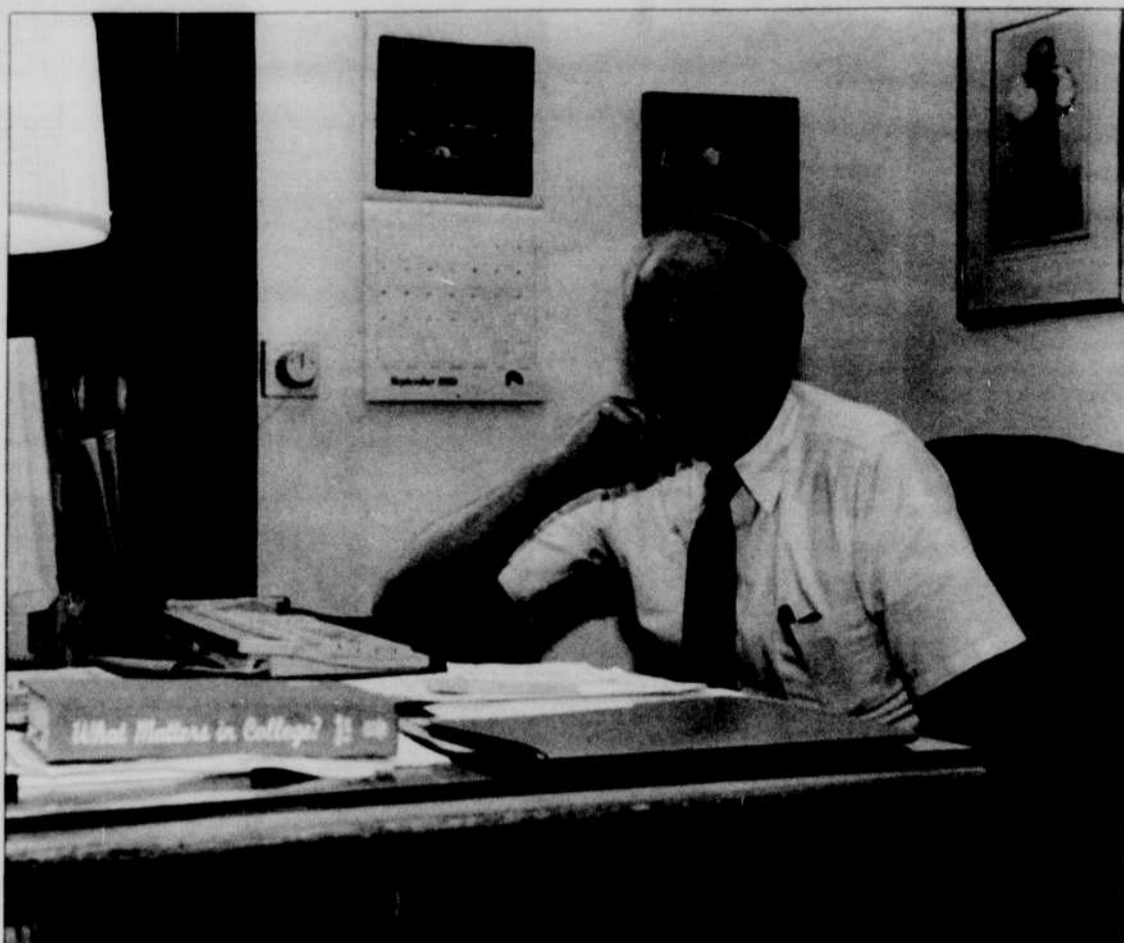
All of this could be in jeopardy, though, if the proposed sales tax does not pass in November, Wessells said.

"The thing facing the University is the third round of Measure 5. There's tremendous uncertainties because of that," he said. "If the sales tax doesn't pass, we'll be doing heavy-duty planning for the next biennium."

Wessells said that though students are paying more to go to the University this year, the school looks to be in pretty good shape financially. He said the state's current crisis for funding higher education is not unique to Oregon, though.

"Tuition is going up all over the nation. Non-resident tuition is going through the roof," he said. "Nothing is happening here that isn't going on in other states."

Another issue the school faces during Wessells' final year as provost is a University committee that began determining last spring "what it means to be a professor," Wessells said. He said the committee would shape



Norm Wessells will teach biology after his last year as the University provost.

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the future of the University.

The committee will look at the way the University makes appointments, and grants tenures and awards to faculty.

"There are changes all around

the country, and the UO needs to look at how it rewards faculty," he said.

The other major duty of the University Office of the Provost is deciding who to grant tenure

to and give promotions to within the University faculty, Wessells said.

Wessells said a search for his replacement would likely begin early this fall.

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