

# A REWARD IN ITSELF

institution, as well.

"I cannot imagine a better environment to work in," she said. "Walking onto campus every day and facing enthusiastic, energetic young people who challenge us to continually be better at what we do and who offer creative, thoughtful ways to approach things is very stimulating."

Mitchell has worked her way to the position of assistant dean.

"What that means to me, specifically, is feeling responsible for seeing to it that students feel they are listened to and getting their money's worth," she said.

Like many of her colleagues, Mitchell says she would like to see more funding for higher education.

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Wendy Mitchell  
Asst. Dean, College of Business »

Robert Barton,  
Theater Arts Professor

As a member of the acting department, Barton has a pretty big role to fill.

"My job is to coordinate all acting classes and extra-curricular acting projects," Barton said.

This means training and supervising acting teachers, coaching actors

for auditions, competitions and festivals, as well as designing and implementing new courses. In addition to that load of responsibilities, Barton teaches about a dozen acting classes.

"I also hook up actors with other groups, on and off campus, which need their talents," he said.

The University became Barton's choice for profession because of "the beauty and ambiance of the town and campus. My family was looking to escape Washington, D.C., for some place green."

Barton's proposed change in higher education includes fewer daily obligations.

"Everything seems to involve too many meetings, too many forms, too many cooks in every stew, so that everything gets 'cooked' in the most laborious way possible," he said. "It is really challenging to try to create without interference. I would also like to make it less expensive for the individual student."

Caroline Forell, Professor of Law  
After graduating from the University of Iowa Law School, Forell took a nine-month, non-tenured legal research and writing job at the University's law school, to give herself a better chance to find a lawyer position in Oregon.

"I discovered I enjoyed academic life and that I had the qualifications to become a tenure-track professor," Forell said. "So that's what I did, and I've never regretted it for a moment."

Even today, Forell says she still finds her job gratifying.

"I feel honored and privileged to teach law and to teach at the [University]; even after 22 years, it is still exciting and rewarding."

Forell says she believes students bear too much cost for higher education, a factor she would change.

"Universities shouldn't continue to be expected to cut more corners while still doing a quality job of preparing students for the 21st century," she said. "Well-funded public higher education is one of the best investments the state can make for its citizens."

Peter Briggs,  
Director International Recruitment

Originally from Seattle, Briggs's love for the Northwest, the campus reputation and the community was what made him choose a job at the University.

"The international community here is fantastic — it enriches the campus environment in so many ways," he said.

In addition to his director position, Briggs has served as an adviser to University students and scholars since 1981.

"Through my work with international students, I have gained incredible experiences, deep friendships and a highly personalized global perspective," Briggs said. "I wish everyone could enjoy the experiences that I have been so fortunate to have had here."

Continuing the drumbeat of other administrators, Briggs wants Oregon citizens to truly grasp the biggest problem in higher education.

"The under-funding of higher education in Oregon is sad," he said. "I wish we could get beyond talking about money and focus on the good work that goes on here. I think Oregonians might better appreciate how their higher education tax dollars are spent."



Tom Patterson for the Emerald

Caroline Forell said she has never regretted her decision to become a professor.

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