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## Law prof advocates revised parole system

Oregon trial court judges should have less individual discretion in figuring prison sentences, a University law professor believes.

One solution could be the abolition of the state parole board, Peter Ozanne says.

Ozanne says the "revolutionary" changes made in the state's criminal sentencing laws in 1977 have reduced, but not eliminated, the uncertainties and inequalities in the system those changes were designed to correct. The results of Ozanne's two-year study of the legislation's impact among lawyers, judges and the state parole board are expected to be released this spring.

The 1977 changes resulted in the so-called "matrix" system of figuring how long a prisoner must spend behind bars before

being released on parole. The matrix is a formula used by the five-member parole board to determine parole release dates.

The formula is based on a prisoner's prior criminal history and the severity of the crime for which he has most recently been convicted. Other factors — such as age and past history of drug abuse — may also be used by the board to determine whether the prisoner runs the risk of becoming a repeat offender or poses a danger to society.

Although the law was designed to introduce greater uniformity into the justice system, Ozanne says several factors work against that aim, including the relative freedom of judges to impose certain kinds of sentences or to decide whether someone goes to prison at all.

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## briefs

### SPEAKERS

**Novelist and explorer Vance Bourjaily** will talk about his writing and travels today at 2:30 p.m. in Room 184 PLC. His talk will be open to all.

**E.G. Ebbighausen, University emeritus physics professor**, will discuss "The Voyager I Exploration of Saturn" tonight at 8 p.m. in Room 123 Science I. His talk is sponsored by the Eugene Natural History Society.

### MEETINGS

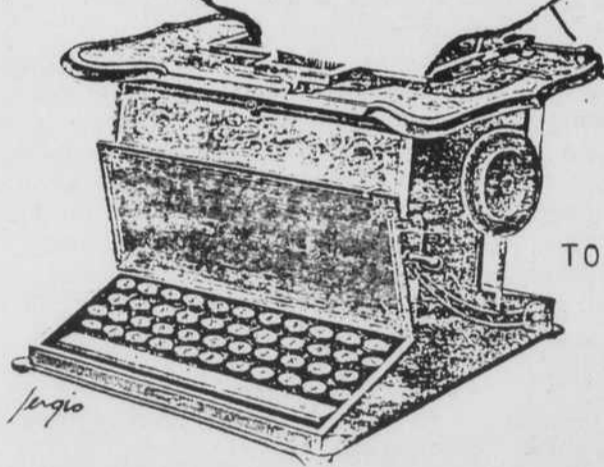
**The Incidental Fee Committee** will meet today at 3:30 p.m. in Room 337 EMU. They will hear from the Philosophy Club, Beta

Alpha Psi, the Asian American Student Union, the Undergraduate Economics Association and Repertory Dancers.

**The Oregon Student Council of the Blind** will meet Saturday, Feb. 21, at 1:30 p.m. at 1236 Kincaid St.

**Protecting individuals and organizations from government surveillance** will be discussed Saturday, Feb. 21, at 1 p.m. in the University Law Center. The Freedom of Information and Privacy Acts will be discussed. The workshop is sponsored by the Eugene chapter of the National Lawyers Guild.

**The International Christian Fellowship** will meet tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Gold Room at Carson Hall.



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