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Photo by Todd Williams

The law school would close in 1993 under a bill proposed by two members of the state Legislature.

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don't eliminate (the law school), we'll lose it anyway," Johnson said. "All factors indicate that it's time to bite the bullet."

The University's law school will require \$1.5 million "just to maintain accreditation," Yih said. The accreditation of Oregon's private law schools has not been threatened, she said.

Yih said other states with the same size population as Oregon's tend to have no more than two law schools, as opposed to Oregon's three, which is "way above that ratio." Iowa with a population of 2.8 million (the same as Oregon), Mississippi with 2.6 million, and Wisconsin with 4.8 million each have two law schools.

Officials at the chancellor's office will not recommend closure of the law school when they meet with the State Board on Friday, although they will propose that enrollment be cut drastically to reduce student-professor ratios, said Shirley Clark, vice chancellor for academic affairs.

"What is being recommended by the University of Oregon is in response to fiscal resource concerns," Clark said. "We're recommending that the freshman class for the fall of 1991 be reduced from this year by a third to a half."

The chancellor's office is concerned "whether the school can maintain" its accreditation, she said.

The bill proposed by Clark and Yih would limit students to attending the private law schools, which means increased educational costs, Clark said.

"This is the only public law school in the state," she said. "I'm certain the costs are different. Students only have three options now. The bill certainly does close off potential for the education of students."

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-Rep. Rod Johnson

The closure of the University's law school would save the state \$2.5 million every biennium, even with the cost of the 100 annual scholarships she has proposed allotting, Yih said.

The scholarships would ensure that state funds benefit Oregon residents; about a fourth of the students currently enrolled in the law school are from out of state, Yih said.

"Why should tax payers subsidize the educations of out-of-state students?" she said.

TORTOISE

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to form the alternative bus line. His trip across the United States stretched from an anticipated four days to several weeks.

"He realized it's not how fast you can get there, but to do it right and see stuff," Gerrick said.

On its southbound trips from Eugene to San Francisco, passengers stop at Cow Creek in Southern Oregon for pancakes and a sauna. University student Mary Elizabeth Ager has made the trip six times.

"There were people who I didn't know then at all. But I felt very comfortable around them," Ager said, recounting her naked dip in the natural wood sauna. Set back in the

trees, the stop at Cow Creek allows for cooperation among passengers who cook a communal meal and clean up.

Many passengers familiar with the West Coast route name the sauna stop as the highlight of their trip. However, the actual bus ride is where real bonds are formed, Ager said.

"There's a lot of story swapping," she said. "It reminds me of what it would be like in the Middle Ages if they had buses then."

Ager said she likes the bus's unique interior and compared it with the Greyhound bus line's more staid seating arrangement.

University freshman Marc Gidal described the Green Tor-

toise as a youth hostel on wheels. A Berkeley, Calif. native, Gidal has traveled the West Coast route three times. He noted that a sizable portion of his fellow passengers have been regulars, who know the bus driver personally.

"By the end of the bus ride you feel you know them too," he said.

Even the most "uptight" person will start talking within an hour, Gidal said. Anyone who's willing to get on the bus will become "absorbed into it," he said of the intimate — if not pungent — environs.

The smell of human beings predominates at night, Ager said.

"You get pretty close to peo-

ple," she said. All of the benches in the front section of the bus fold into beds, and a large mattress in back also serves as a sleeping area.

Interesting passengers often dominate a traveler's time in transit. While riding the Tortoise to Los Angeles last summer, journalism major Chrissy March met a woman who claimed to have been a cat during a past life in Egypt.

March said she wasn't just going along for the ride when she decided to take the Green Tortoise. With Mexico as her final destination, March found the bus to be cheaper than other modes of travel. The entire run from Eugene to Los Angeles costs \$69.

However, she was less than thrilled with the close proximity of her fellow passengers. "It's very cold and crowded," she said of the nighttime driving. "You sleep right on top of them."

Her friend Carol Sherk found herself in a tight spot when a bus rider made advances toward her. "Soon we began to realize his less-than-respectable intentions," Sherk said of a man who slept between her and March.

Nevertheless, Sherk said she will ride the bus in the future. "You're consenting to that kind of trip," she said. "You know it's not going to be a quiet ride — the point is to have fun."

MAYAN SPEAKERS



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Friday, March 1
4:30
100 Willamette

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