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LAPTOPS BY LAW

A new rule at the law school requires every entering student to buy a portable computer

By Sherry Rainey
Associate Editor

Computers are a way of life for most college students. They use them for typing term papers, creating designs for architecture, analyzing accounts for business, composing songs for music, and much, much more.

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The law school has added some features to make room for all the additional computers

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Law school students use computers for word processing and endless hours of on-line research. So the School of Law at the University responded to the call of the 21st Century. As of fall term 1995, the 182 first-year law school students will be required to own a computer.

"Most students are excited to learn the technology and get a law education too," said Katherine Jernberg, director of admissions for the law school. "We've gotten nothing but positive feedback."

The portable computer recommended by the law school is a Macintosh PowerBook 520, which includes 12 megabytes of RAM, a 240-megabyte hard drive, an SCSI port, built-in Ethernet capability and more, available through the Microcomputer Purchase Plan at the Computing Center for \$2,250.

But more than half of the students are buying the Macintosh PowerBook 520c for \$450 more, which includes a Dual-Scan color display instead of 16-level gray-scale display.

The dean of the law school, Chuck O'Kelley, was the main person who guided the computer recommendation into a requirement.

"The policy was primarily spearhead-



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WHAT COMPUTER SHOULD I GET?

The University of Oregon School of Law recommends the following Macintosh computers for all incoming students:

SYSTEM	PowerBook 520	PowerBook 520c
RAM	12 Megabytes	12 Megabytes
HARD DRIVE	240 Megabytes	340 Megabytes
DISPLAY	Gray Scale (B&W)	Color
PRICE*	\$2,250	\$2,700

*Prices are based on student rates at the UO Computing Center

Macintosh PowerBooks such as this one (above) are recommended for both writing and research at the University School of Law.

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ed by the dean, and about a year in the making," Jernberg said.

"We made the recommendation a requirement," she said, "so the [government] will consider the computer part of 'Books and Supplies.' It's the only way we could get financial aid to cover the cost of the computer."

"If a person has exceeded their financial aid limit," she said, "then they can obtain an attractive loan package from Apple for a computer."

The law school is not requiring name-specific technology, Jernberg said, because most systems can be made to work with the software used at the law school. A student can use the University's Internet hookups whether he or she has a Macintosh or an IBM-

compatible.

But Apple gave the University the best deals, so the law school is able to offer a discount computer package through the Computing Center.

"We received some funding from Apple," Jernberg said, "including grant money, technical support, some free equipment and a great loan program for students."

No enforcement of the requirement has been established yet, said the law school's new director of technology, Mitch Davis.

"A student could get by without a computer, but it would be a lot harder," Davis said. "It's highly recommended to buy

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Bulging at seams, school to expand

■ **PROJECT:** The \$18.4 million remodeling effort will add classrooms and more library space

By Marcelene Edwards
Associate Editor

Every day, Simon Thompson gets out his handcart and box and makes a trip across campus from the University Law Library to the Knight Library. He is in charge of retrieving a few of the 50,000 law books stored there for students who request them.

These books have been stuck in storage for several years because the existing Law Library is just too small to house them all, resulting in a daily retrieval system that is less than convenient.

"Patrons cannot browse the physical pieces," Thompson said. Students must fill out a slip and wait about 24 hours for the order to be filled. Toward the end of the term, Thompson said, he averages about 15 requests a day.

But he may not have to make the trip for much longer. The University is planning an expansion of the law school designed to make the classrooms and the library easier to use.

The \$18.4 million University law school remodeling project would nearly double the size of the 82,000-square-foot building by expanding the library and adding additional classrooms, seminar rooms and administrative offices.

When originally built in

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First-year enrollment at law school up 16 percent from 1994

■ **ADMISSIONS:** Official says the school's rising reputation may have caused the increase

By David Thorn
Editor-in-chief

All those nasty lawyer jokes notwithstanding, the legal profession seems to be enjoying a surge in popularity — at least at the University School of Law, where first-year enrollment has jumped 16 percent over last fall.

Katherine Jernberg, the law school's

director of admissions, said that 182 new students will make up the school's first-year class, up from 150-155 in a typical year.

Jernberg credits a couple of factors with triggering the increase.

"The fact that we've gone from 87th to 52nd to 40th in the *US News* rankings is just phenomenal," she said. "The rank of your law school is very important for your career, so people usually go to the highest-ranked law school to which they're accepted."

"For Oregon to be higher ranked," she

said, "means a better pool of applicants and more people clamoring to get in. We can be more selective and we can count on a more solid entering class."

Jernberg said the law school's dramatic rise in the survey was probably more the result of greater publicity and more aggressive marketing than because the school had changed much in recent years. "People weren't aware of how good our faculty was," she said. "But now they're starting to hear about Oregon."

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THE DEMOGRAPHICS

A look at the University of Oregon School of Law's class of 1998

■ Total students:	182
■ Women:	44 %
■ Minorities:	20 %
■ Oregonians:	38 %
■ Average age:	27

SOURCE: Law School Office of Admissions

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