

Computers: Training classes scheduled

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Davis was hired about eight weeks ago to implement the new computer requirement, and he has instituted programs to help the students ease into their new computers.

"Some students said they came here because of our computer program," he said. "About 85 percent of the students are buying the Macintosh 520 or 520c."

"We have carrels in the law library that have Ethernet and 10-base-T network hookups," he said. "Students will be able to send and receive faxes, take notes in class and have access to Lexis and WestLaw software with these computers."

The law school has also scheduled optional training sessions for students and their new computers. "We are trying to

offer lots of support to students," Davis said.

Computer training sessions will be offered Aug. 21-Sept. 8 in the evenings. Topics covered will include basic Macintosh set-up, Internet and e-mail set-up and basic WordPerfect training.

Printing will also be available to law students throughout the law school.

The impact of the requirement on the Computing Center has been minimal, said Joanne Hugi, director of the center.

"Most of the load has fallen onto the law school," Hugi said. "It has been a joint project with most of the effort on their part, including orchestrating all of the training."

"We have worked with Mitch to make sure the computers' configuration was right," she said. "But Mitch has pulled this

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thing off."

The only minor setback for the Computing Center was storing all of the PowerBooks in a secure place because the computers arrived before the students.

For more information, call Mitch Davis at 346-3877, or stop by his office in the basement of the law school, Room 161.

Law school preparing for a rise in computing

■ FACILITIES: Extra access ports and other services are being added to accommodate the increase

By Joshua Olson
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The University School of Law has been busy this summer preparing for the influx of students toting laptop computers this fall.

Now that every law student is required to own a computer, the school has been working to adequately accommodate the equipment and help students to take full advantage of the requirement.

The computers will be used primarily for word processing and for interaction with other law students, teachers and professionals. Many new students' computers will be equipped only with a word processor, network applications and database search software.

The law school has installed Ethernet ports all over the building with more coming soon in classrooms, said Mitch Davis, director of information technology for the school. The ports allow students to plug in and utilize network resources such as laser printers and e-mail.

A service known as MetroCom Radiolink is also being tested by the law school for use by students, Davis said. It allows students to connect to the University network from any point in the Eugene-Springfield area via a radio signal.

Davis said that the law school has set up videoconferencing software for use by graduate students who wish to confer with people as far away as South Africa. The software allows realtime visual and audio communication over the Internet.

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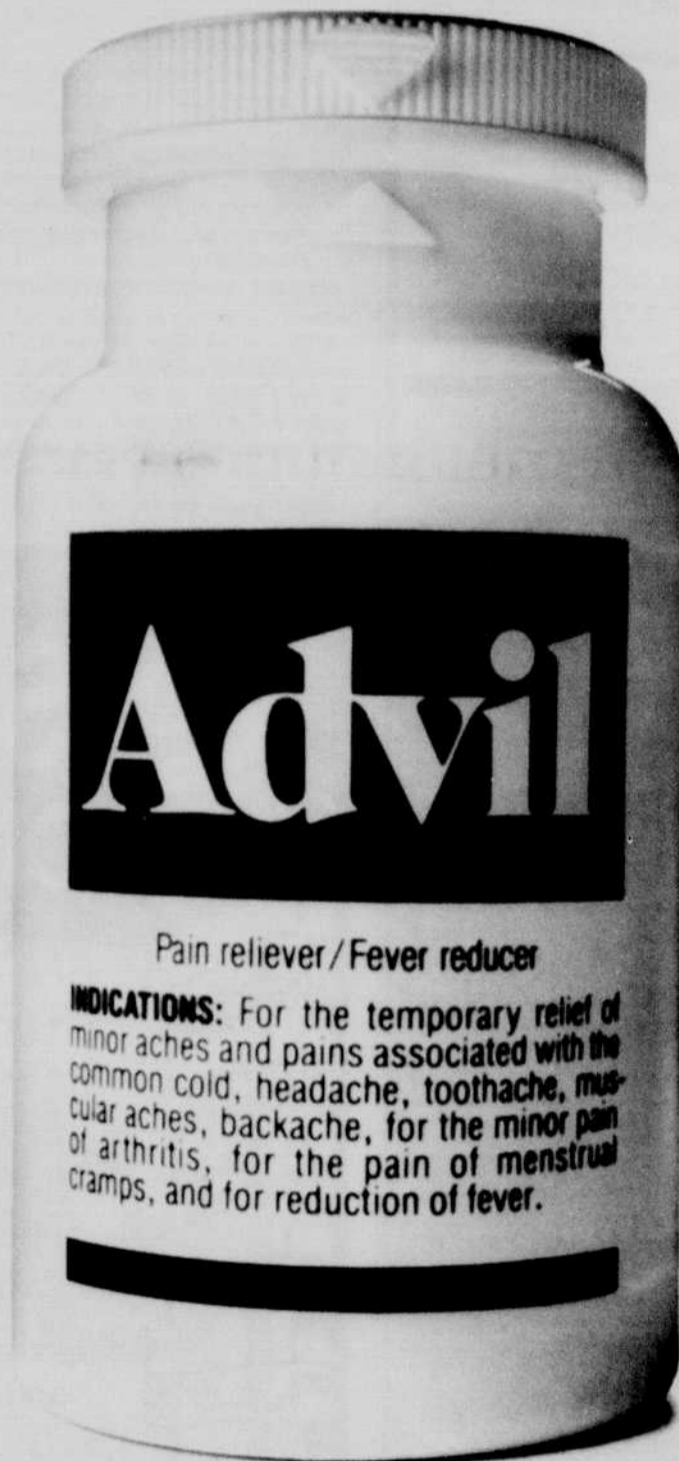
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