

It's all in the family

Brandon McLemore and Justin Wilcox are fighting for the starting safety position while following in the footsteps of older brothers

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Running again

Damon Griffin returns from last year's disappointing thumb injury to lead this year's team

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TODAY

This is the first day of classes for law school students and the last year in Grayson Hall.

WEATHER

Today
Partly cloudy
High 80. Low 44.
Thursday
Mostly
High 79. Low 51.

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Law Center will open next year

The move will occur in May instead of January because of the break's time restraints

By Amy Goldhammer
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The University of Oregon School of Law has postponed its move into the new building by four months. School officials say the delay will be good for the students in the long run.

The construction on the new building, which began in June 1997, has stayed essentially on budget and is expected to be completed by February or March 1999, said Jane Gordon, associate dean of the University's School of Law. "We are going to move after our final exams, which are mid-May 1999," she said.

Some had hoped that the School of Law would be occupying the Knight Law Center, located on 15th Avenue and Agate Street, by winter break. However, Gordon said, moving that early was somewhat impractical.

"Moving over a month an entire law library, networking phones and everybody's offices is unrealistic and unfair to the students," she said. "We're really happy we are going to be doing it in mid-May."

Gordon said she hopes some things will be able to move in early, such as law library books that are kept off-site.

According to the Office of Communications, the new facility's law library will be double the size of the current one, making it feasible to house the entire law collection in one building.

As well as the expanded library, the 138,000-square-foot facility will have more classrooms, conference rooms and study rooms.

"These are very important for the way law students work," Gordon said. "They go to class and talk and listen, but it is very important for them to have a place to have discussion groups, go through the cases and really challenge themselves."

In conjunction with the classrooms, the new facility will include three semi-



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Construction continues on the School of Law's Knight Law Center, which will be ready for the school's staff to move in when summer begins in mid-May.

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Law school to receive renovation

Grayson Hall will be used by University Computing and the College of Arts and Sciences

By Leanne Nelms
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Immediately after the law school moves into the new William W. Knight Law Center in May 1999, an extensive renovation of Grayson Hall is slated to begin.

University planning associate Fred Tepfer said the start date is set for May 15.

"We'll have the bids in hand and the contracts ready to go. If they aren't out by then, we'll bulldoze them out," Tepfer joked.

Currently, plans call for the building to be turned into a mix of classroom space, faculty and departmental offices, and computer support and lab areas. Most of the classrooms and faculty offices will retain those functions, but areas such as the law library will be completely remodeled.

According to University Planning's project description, classrooms on the first floor will receive minor refurbishment, but the remainder of the space will be extensively altered for use by University Computing.

"What we call our 'public face' is going to go over there," said Lynn Buffing of University Computing. The space will house the documents room, consulting, the help desk, electronics repair and "some public terminals so people can check their e-mail without logging on in a lab."

Because a public drop-in lab is greatly needed on the northwest side of campus, the original plans contained one, but Buffing stressed that it is very much in flux, mostly due to funding concerns.

If everything does work out, though, "we're leaning toward a lab that is an open lab, but also instructional — kind of like Klamath is now," she said.

The second floor will contain mostly

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Dean Strickland discusses Native American law

By Peter Breaden
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Rennard Strickland, who is of Osage and Cherokee heritage, is described as a student-oriented administrator, his wide range of expertise and experience being matched only by his many interests.

In a recent interview with the Oregon Daily Emerald, Strickland described how his own involvement in Native American arts and law resembles the University School of Law's activism in the Eugene community.

Q According to your 12-page resume, you recently finished your 35th book, "Tonto's Revenge." Is it true that you have 16 writing works, of one kind or another, in progress?

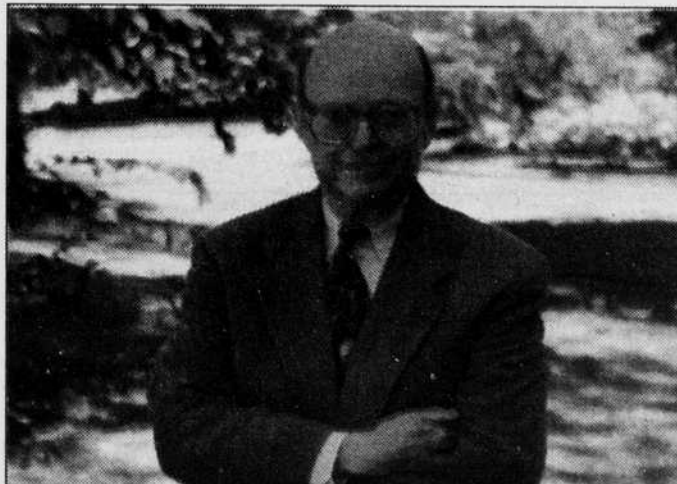
A That's probably true. (chuckling)

Q Where is it all leading?

A I may be one of those very fortunate people in that the things that I like to do avocationally are also things that really relate to what I do professionally. I don't play golf. Not that there's anything wrong with playing golf. I like to watch movies and I write about film. I like art, particularly Indian art, and I collect that. So, an awful lot of what I do that is fun are things that fit into the things that I do, like writing books or articles.

Q So, when you decided to become an academic, writing opened those doors for you?

A Right. I wrote my very first book while I was at law school. I just liked law

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Law School Dean Rennard Strickland, who is in his second year as the law school dean, stands on the lawn east of Grayson Hall.