





## Grayson: \$1.5 million from gift

classrooms, but the history departmental office will move into the area where the law school dean's office is now, and the ethnic studies departmental office will be across the hall, according to the original project descrip-

The faculty offices on the third floor will remain intact, but the library will be converted largely to offices and a lounge for graduate teaching fellows, as well as more classrooms.

The fourth floor will also be renovated, but for now no plans have been solidified, said Tepfer. More classrooms or seminar rooms are a possibility.

There are also preliminary plans to technologically update some of the classrooms with newer, more computerized projection systems.

Portland-based SRG Partnership, an architectural firm, was chosen in July to design the renovation. Tepfer said that specifics of the contract were still being worked out.

Tepfer said the total cost of the project is \$3.4 million. Donors Jeffrey and Susan Grayson, for whom the building is named, are expected to provide \$1.5 million, with the rest of the funding coming from the state.



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Grayson Hall welcomes new law students for the last time this year.

## **School:** Library will double in size

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nar rooms, one computer lab and a courtroom.

"The building will also be completely wired, which will enable students to sit practically anywhere and plug in," Gordon said. "We will also have a video conference room where students can share information."

Gordon said the abundance of technology will help legal education meet the needs of the 21st century.

The new building will have student lounges and meeting places as well as "The Commons" which will be shared by faculty, staff and students alike, Gordon

"Law students spend huge numbers of hours in the building," she said. "It becomes like a home.

New students who are considering law schools not only look at the faculty and the teaching, but the facility as well, Gordon said.

"Hopefully we've designed a building that is light, that is comfortable and allows for serious learning as well as the kind of study groups and informal learning that happens within law schools," Gordon said.

The Knight Law Center is different from other law buildings around the country because it is a more student-centered building, Gordon said. The main focus is the accommodation of student needs, she said.

There will be an annex of the bookstore added to the new facility that will provide staples such as coffee, pens, paper and folders. Although the School of Law is incorporating private extensions, Gordon said she does not feel it will be segregating itself from the

'I think having law students being there [the new building] will definitely extend the campus," Gordon said. "That was the idea. We wanted to reiterate the idea of the green quad between buildings, with grass and trees and things. You don't just put a building down and say, 'Here's a building.

Every parking space the construction and new building has overtaken, the School of Law will be replacing around the area and on connecting streets,

"We're fond of saying we're doing the opposite of the Joni Mitchell song — 'Take out paradise and put in a parking lot,'" Gordon said. "So, we're going to take up some parking and put in hopefully some par-

## **News** Briefs

## **Agate Street trees** tested for disease

An American elm tree near the corner of 15th Avenue and Agate Street is scheduled for removal after recently being diagnosed with Dutch elm dis-

The disease is highly contagious and transmitted mostly by root contact between trees or by beetles who move from tree to tree. Infected elms often have drooping limbs and wilted or yellowing leaves.

According to Eugene's Public Works Department, 16 other campus elms on Agate Street between 13th and 18th avenues are being tested for Dutch elm disease. Results are expected next week.

The tree scheduled for removal and any others found to be infected will be replaced by new elm trees.



