

Law school marked second tier

Outreach recruitment programs attract new students to the law school

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According to the latest law school rankings published by the U.S. News on-line, the University law school is classified as second-tier out of 181 accredited law schools.

Law school rankings

The University law school is ranked in the second tier (i.e. the second 50) of 181 accredited law schools. It earned a 3.0 ranking on a 5.0 scale, according to the U.S. News on-line rankings.

Yale Law School earned the first place spot with a 4.8 academic score. The top 50 schools are placed in the first tier. The next 50 programs are placed in the second tier.

The University's law school is one of the two institutes in Oregon that earned a ranking. The law school earned a 3.0 academic-reputation score on a 5.0 scale.

The ranking, however, does not

affect some students' choices.

"I did my undergraduate here," said Vanessa Carter. "I just graduated in June, and I don't want to move."

Carter majored in Russian and political science at the University.

Richard Ludwick, the assistant dean for student affairs, said the law school employs different tactics to attract students with diverse backgrounds in terms of experience, ethnicity and culture.

In order to attract students, Ludwick said the law school invited prospective students from Oregon to visit the school during the application process. Representatives of the school also attend different law school forums in Washington, D.C., New York and Boston. And later this year, representatives will be in Los Angeles and San Francisco. Ludwick also said the school started a recruiting process in Chicago this year.

Besides its outreach recruitment strategy, representatives from the law school will attend a string of seminars in Colorado, Utah, Arizona and Nevada in late September and early October to attract students for the 2000 fall

semester.

The most important step in attracting enrollment, however, is communication between the school and its applicants. Ludwick said the director of admissions maintains good communication with applicants on a personal basis, which, he said, may affect students' decisions on attending the University. Students can easily call the law school and obtain information from the staff.

With the new law school building opening this semester, some law students expect some changes in their study environment.

"This building is fabulous," said Robert Rodger, a second-year law student who focuses on criminal prosecution. "I was very anxious as a law student. But the old building is really depressing, and the heavy work wears us down."

Rodger said he is excited to work in the new building, and he believes the money that the University spent on the new building and legal education should help the law school obtain a higher national ranking in the future

News Briefs

Clackamas mall partially evacuated after freon leak

PORTLAND — A freon gas leak discovered near an ice skating rink forced the evacuation of part of the Clackamas Town Center on Tuesday.

About 100 people were kept out of the second-floor food court area of the mall for about an hour and a half. There were no reported injuries.

The gas leak happened around noon after maintenance workers checked on the compressor room where freon gas is kept, said Tom Cowder, a haz-

ardous materials officer with Clackamas Fire District.

"They are constantly working on those things. They have a lot of maintenance on them," he said.

Firefighters were responding to a fire call when they arrived at the scene, but quickly realized that the compressor room was filled with freon gas, Cowder said.

A seal had broken from the compressor, and officers shut the machine down, isolated leaking valves and ventilated the room, he said.

High concentrations of freon gas are known to cause death. Lesser exposures can cause dizziness.

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