

Law students hard to classify

A diverse mix of 189 new law school students crack open their books and begin classes

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For most students who are attending summer school, today is just another day of class. But for Anthony Rothenfluch and other students in the law school, today is the first day of the 1999-2000 school year.

Rothenfluch is one of 189 new students attending the University law school. According to information released from the Office of Admissions, males comprise 51 percent of the new student body. Among all new students, 40 percent are from Oregon. The majority of the rest are from California, Utah and Colorado, with one international student from Canada. Among the domestic-student population, 15 percent are students of color.

These students are from 93 different universities and colleges, have a median LSAT score of 156 and own an average grade-point average of 3.4.

At the same time, these students come from diverse backgrounds. Some of them graduated from a university earlier this year, while others are pursuing a change in career or are returning students.

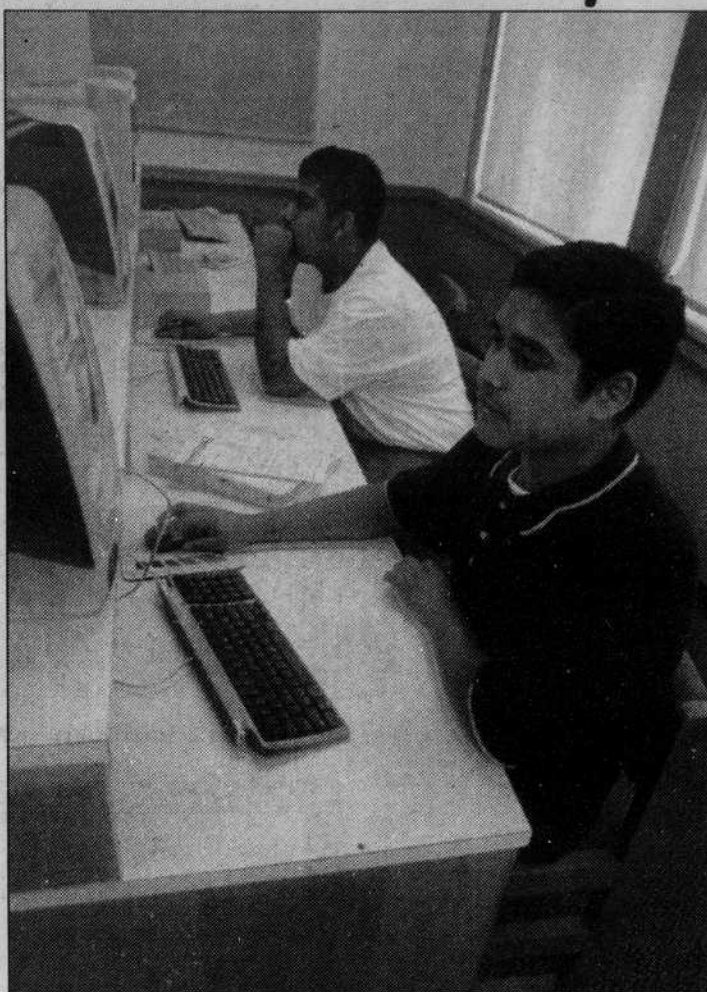
Reputation is one factor that attracts students to the law school.

Dan Hurley, from North Carolina, said the reputation of the school and the student body, in addition to the "respected legal community," affected his choice.

Lower tuition and the environment of Eugene are other factors that attract students to stay in Oregon.

"I love Eugene," Aoife Cox Rinaldi said. "I am going to do child advocacy, and I want a more laid-back environment."

Rinaldi, from New York, said



Ulises Rodriguez, a first-year law student, checks out Carl R. Hertig Computer Lab.

the city was not the place for her study.

Rothenfluch, who majored in biology at the University, said the job opportunities presented, the low in-state tuition rate and "being at the same place" contributed to his staying at the University. Rothenfluch said he wanted to integrate what he learned from biology with his study of law and work on protecting intellectual properties for biotechnology or

genetic companies.

This year, in-state tuition for students is \$10,898, while out-of-state students pay \$14,844. In addition, the school recommends that students have access to a computer. Most students purchase laptop computers when they study in the law school. If students purchase laptops from the University Bookstore, it will cost \$2,700 with the law students' special discount

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Expenses for law school students

Tuition:

Resident: \$10,898/yr. or \$2,816/term
Non-resident: \$14,844/yr. or \$4,789/term
Included in tuition for all:
— study resource fee: \$2,075
— technology fee: \$97.50
— building fee: \$37.50
— incidental fee: \$245.50

Laptop Computer:

Estimated purchase cost: \$2,800, including needed software

Books:

Estimated cost per year: \$500

Total Estimated Cost:

Resident: \$18,800/yr.
Non-resident: \$22,744/yr.

*Totals do not include one-time cost of lap-top compute

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