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Cox endorses OSU for Bend branch campus

Frohnmayr defends the strength of the UO's proposal

By Andrew Adams
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The head of the state university system has given Oregon State University a strong edge in its race with the University of Oregon to open a Bend branch campus.

But the University of Oregon administration is not throwing in the towel just yet.

Oregon University Chancellor Joe Cox announced Wednesday morning that OSU would best suit the needs of Central Oregon, and he recommended the State Board of Higher Education give the Corvallis school a green light to open a branch campus in Bend.

While he was unavailable for direct comment,

Cox did release a statement on his decision.

"As we analyzed the region's need for academic programs, for workforce development and for education services, the OSU proposal seemed to be a better fit," he wrote.

He also acknowledged the University of Oregon's efforts to obtain the branch campus and admitted he was torn between the two universities.

"This was an extremely difficult recommendation to make," he said. "Both proposals embrace dynamic ideas and extraordinary vision for extending higher education throughout Central Oregon."

Cox's decision marks one of the last steps in the process to bring a four-year

university to Central Oregon. The state board will make the final decision Feb. 16 during its regular meeting.

The branch campus will be located on the Central Oregon Community College campus and will provide a full bachelor's degree from the university that is chosen.

University President Dave Frohnmayr said he was disappointed by Cox's recommendation and said the analysis overlooked and "did not sufficiently value" several key elements that made the University's plan for Bend much stronger.

"We absolutely stand by our proposal," he said.

Frohnmayr said the University's commitment

to a high level of collaboration with COCC faculty and staff was overlooked, as was the University's financial resources to ensure a quick opening of the Bend branch campus.

"We provided for the immediate availability for over \$2 million in private funding for an immediate start," he said.

In regard to the final decision by the state board, Frohnmayr said he couldn't comment on how it would decide, because they're still analyzing the proposals. He did say that the board is "very independent minded," and while Cox's support of OSU does have substantial weight in the process, it was still only a recommendation. Tim White, OSU

provost and executive vice president, said he was encouraged by the news, but wouldn't be cracking open the champagne just yet.

"We're not going to celebrate until the board's final decision," he said.

He said Cox's recommendation did give OSU's proposal momentum to be selected by the state board, and he added there was a renewed sense of optimism in Corvallis for OSU's chances to open a Bend campus.

White said he was proud of the work that went into OSU's proposal and humble at the prospect of bringing a four-year university to Central Oregon.

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Dave Frohnmayr
university president

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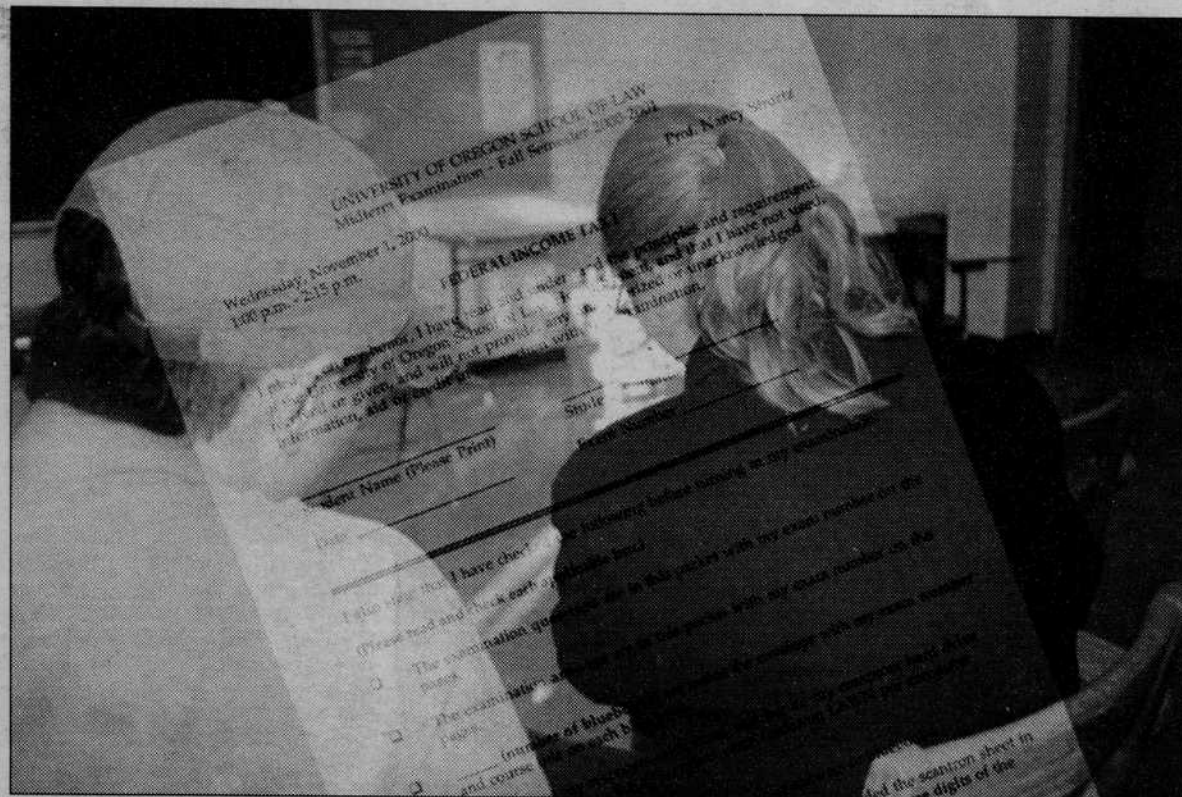


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Codes keep law school honorable

The law school's academic honor code could serve as a model for the entire University

By Brooke Ross
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The key to fighting the University's growing levels of academic dishonesty may rest in the law school.

University law students are required to uphold the school's honor code, a pledge each student makes to be honest and ethical in all areas of their academic work.

Students who fail to uphold the code risk expulsion from the law school.

Honor codes are primarily used by private East Coast institutions and smaller schools, but

most large public schools do not use them. Each school's code tends to be somewhat different and is adapted to fit the school's needs.

While some think this system should be expanded to include the entire University, not everyone is confident that this is a practical idea. Richard Ludwick, the law school's assistant dean for student affairs, said the entire University could benefit from using an honor code similar to the law school's. He said the code entails turning in a signed pledge with each exam and written assignment stating the work is the student's own. In

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OSPIRG takes aim at Alaskan drilling

The environmental group hopes to convince oil company BP not to drill in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge

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Members of OSPIRG stood at the corner of 13th Avenue and University Street Wednesday afternoon, waving two large signs. One showed a drawn face of a vicious wolf and the other a caricature of Sir John Browne, CEO of British Petroleum, the largest oil company that wants to drill for oil in the Coastal Plain of Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR).

They asked passersby whom they thought was the greater predator.

A few people stopped at the ANWR table to speak to a video camera with comments such as, "Don't do it, John." OSPIRG will send these "video postcards" to Browne, in an attempt to stop him from pursuing the exploration of oil in the Coastal Plain of the reserve. Some students also signed EcoPledge, a pledge not to work for, invest in or buy from BP until it decides not to drill in ANWR.

OSPIRG will also host an event at 7 p.m. Sunday in 133 Gilbert featuring guest speakers talking about the negative impact drilling will have on the environment and the native Gwich'in Indian Nation, who depend on ANWR caribou herds for hunting.

After President George W. Bush recently formed a committee to investigate oil exploration in response to a national energy crisis and placed ANWR at the top of the list for potential resources, some environmental activists experienced waves of déjà vu.

This isn't the first time oil companies

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“Polls show that even though there are energy problems, a lot of people don't want to open ANWR. Its just not worth it to destroy such a beautiful wild place.”

Dan Ritzman
climate campaigner,
greenpeace

