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"This is an important step in the evolution of OSU," he said.

During the decision process, White said OSU has been working on a plan for an implementation of their campus proposal, and he said the school would be more than ready to have a campus open in Bend if the state board decides in their favor.

OSU's planned campus would provide nine undergraduate ma-

jors, two graduate majors, four minors and one graduate certificate program. It would build on OSU's existing system of extension offices and a distance learning program that is currently in place on the COCC campus.

While he was happy with Cox's recommendation, White also said he thought the strength of the University's competing proposal helped to make OSU's just as strong.

He said if OSU is chosen to open the branch campus, administrators

would make sure it was a "cooperative venture" with the University of Oregon to ensure that the best of both proposals is put in place for Bend.

The University of Oregon already has some programs in place with COCC for distance learning, and White said that if chosen, OSU would work to ensure those programs are still viable options for students.

"That's clearly something we're going to honor and work with," he said.

Honor code

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addition to the pledge, all students are required to report anyone who is not being loyal to the code.

"The code helps build a better community, because it's a philosophy of appropriate conduct," Ludwick said.

He said the code has become an integral part of the law school, because students are expected to conduct themselves in an ethical manner, which will help them prepare for the real world of law and being an attorney.

"It creates a visible emphasis on honorable conduct, and attorneys are expected to be honorable and uphold the law," Ludwick said.

Ludwick said that while it may be uncomfortable for students to report cheating by their peers, he said they still have to, because to knowingly let unethical behavior slide is also a violation of the honor code.

"It's a self-reporting system, and that's the beauty of it," he said.

Chris Loschiavo, director of student judicial affairs, said honor codes are needed throughout the entire University because of rising numbers of incidences of academic dishonesty. There have been 33 reports of academic dishonesty since

fall term.

But he said there needs to be a general acceptance among the majority of students and faculty for the code to be implemented.

"Finding students who are interested is key to getting this started," he said.

Loschiavo said there currently aren't any future plans to look into establishing an honor code for the University, but he hopes to eventually have the issue voted on in a student election.

"Odds are it would be a lot more successful that way, so we can see if students really want this," he said.

Loschiavo said honor codes could reduce the level of academic dishonesty around campus because students would know their peers are watching them.

"There's that deterrent effect, because anybody could report you," he said.

Monica Wells, a first-year law student, said she knew upholding the honor code was expected of her before she came to the University.

"It makes you more aware," she said. "When you have to sign a paper at the end of an exam, it makes it more real."

She said lawyers are expected to uphold ethics codes and can be sanctioned if they don't, so it is important that law students begin

practicing honorable behavior early.

"Now when we graduate, we'll be ready for the real world," she said.

But Wells said she is not sure if honor codes would be successful for the entire University.

"I'm not sure how well it would work at the University level," she said. "We're older students, and I don't know if undergrads would take it as seriously."

But Ludwick disagrees. He said the honor code is practical for the entire University to use and said he would help University officials if and when they wanted to implement the code.

"Maybe making students uphold honor codes at younger ages could formulate good adult behavior earlier," he said.

But for now, one idea everyone seems to agree on is that honor codes cannot end academic dishonesty altogether.

"If somebody's going to cheat, they're going to cheat, and I don't know how much an honor code is going to change that," Wells said.

Loschiavo agrees, but is still optimistic.

"Honor codes wouldn't knock out academic dishonesty, but I think it would reduce it," he said. "If we could at least knock it in half, that's an improvement."

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