

## PRO BONO

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help responding to complaints from Oregon prisoners.

Last summer, she took on a project on behalf of the prisoners at the Jackson County Jail. She said the prisoners complained of overcrowding and wanted to have their own beds so they would not have to sleep on the floor, Drescher said. Within weeks of beginning to work on the lawsuit with the ACLU, the jail settled and got enough beds for all of the prisoners.

Drescher said she enjoys doing civil rights work and wants

to continue with that after graduation.

"I'm always going to continue doing pro bono," she said, adding that it has contributed to her law school and life experience.

Steckbeck said that students such as Drescher usually continue doing pro bono work after leaving college.

"Once they start doing it, it feels really good," Steckbeck said.

In addition to pro bono work for local organizations, many students earn pro bono hours by participating in the Street Law program, which returned after a hiatus in the fall of 2002.

The program has law students teach classes on various topics to

the Eugene community, such as a "first time renter" course for undergraduates and a search and seizure course for middle- and high-school students.

Next year, the Street Law program hopes to add a course on how to buy a used car and another on gay and lesbian legal issues.

Another large portion of the 11,214 pro bono hours are attributed to the peer court system, which has law students act as judges and assistants in a peer court at several high schools in the Eugene area.

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## PSST

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fliers, some of which were posted on doors and windows in the hallway between the LGBTQA and the Black Student Union. He said he didn't know how long the fliers had been there.

"We decided not to go for a grievance because basically it just creates a bunch of hassle and extra paperwork," Hardy said. "At this point, although I was just walking in the multicultural hall, and I did see some PSST posters reposted where they had been removed. So, I plan on talking with the elections board tomorrow and checking up about that."

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## SENATE

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during Finals Week.

The Senate also debated creating a student-issues committee that would consider supporting the International Student Association's request for funds from the President's Fund.

After speaking in support of ISA, Sen. Rodrigo Moreno-Villamar proposed a motion to create the committee, which would hold the University administration accountable for funding only that specific group.

Sen. Joe Jenkins said it wouldn't be fair to all students to aid only ISA. After the motion failed, Harding proposed the formation of an interim student-issues committee until the rules committee is able to set up a permanent body, and Sen. Steven Lockfield seconded the motion.

Morales responded, implying senators were discriminatory.

"Rodrigo presented the idea, but now with two white males supporting the motion" it's being supported, Morales said.

Strawn said he was very offended by Morales' comment, adding that he respects Moreno-Villamar.

Moreno-Villamar defended the motion as well, saying his ideas weren't being stolen. It passed 12-4.

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