

NEWS BRIEFS

Law school ranks 72nd in top 100 schools in nation

The U.S. News & World Report's rankings of the top law schools have placed the University Law School in a tie for 72nd in the nation this year, up from the last year's 78th-place finish.

The school, which was placed in the second tier of the top 100 schools, tied with Rutgers State University—Camden, Rutgers State University—Newark, the University of Richmond and Villanova University. The Law School has placed in the top two tiers since 1995, when it placed in the top tier at No. 40.

The rankings take into account many factors, including LSAT scores, median undergraduate GPAs, employment rates for graduates, teacher-to-student ratios and library resources, among others. Considerable weight is put on the results of surveys completed by law school deans and three other faculty members from participating schools.

— Jared Paben

TOP LAW SCHOOLS

1. Yale University
2. Harvard University
3. Stanford University
4. Columbia University
5. New York University
6. University of Chicago
7. University of Michigan — Ann Arbor
8. University of Pennsylvania
9. University of Virginia
10. Duke University

73. Rutgers State University — Newark

74. University of Oregon

75. University of Richmond

Source: U.S. News & World Report

Student Senate approves request, discusses future

The ASUO Student Senate unanimously approved one special request from the Women's Law Forum Thursday night and, with nothing else on its agenda, discussed issues that may need to be addressed in the future.

The Senate authorized the Women's Law Forum to spend \$278 from its conference food-handling account on food for its annual Welcome Tea.

The event is directed toward incoming law students and typically attracts between 30 and 60 attendees, Women's Law Forum Treasurer Kathryn Moakley said.

The only other item on the agenda, the 'Agate Street Extension proposal,' was postponed when proposal presenters were unable to attend the meeting.

ASUO Vice President Mena Ravassipour was in attendance to inform the Senators about an issue that will most likely be on their agenda in the near future — the

Knights Library's need for extra funding to stay open around the clock during dead and finals weeks.

"It's something the students use ... and we might want to think about helping (the library) because they might not be able to put it on if we don't," Ravassipour said.

Summer Session Senate President Rodrigo Moreno-Villamar encouraged his fellow senators to continue looking for issues affecting students that the Senate could play a role in.

The contract negotiations between the University and the Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation are an example of the many ways the Senate can affect campus issues, Moreno-Villamar said.

The Senate passed an issue resolution concerning the ongoing negotiations June 24. The resolution was never formally recognized by ASUO because the ASUO Constitution Court has not been in session this summer to review it.

The ASUO Green Tape Notebook requires all Senate resolutions be approved by the Court before being recognized as official ASUO documents.

The GIFF reached a contract settlement with the University August 5.

— Meghann M. Cuniff

Thieves stealing narcotics from Pendleton drugstore

PENDLETON — Drugstore break-ins are uncommon in this Eastern Oregon city, but thieves have walked away with \$4,600 worth of prescription painkillers in the last four months.

Medical Center Pharmacy was first burglarized in May, when thieves tripped an alarm near the front door, ripped it off the wall, and took \$1,600 worth of medications.

The burglars were gone when police arrived about five minutes later.

Last week, burglars once again entered through the front door, after cutting the building's phone line to prevent the alarm from going off. They stole \$3,000 worth of narcotics such as morphine, Vicodin and OxyContin, which is used to treat chronic pain.

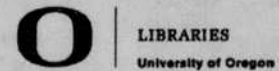
Those drugs are worth between \$30,000 and \$45,000 on the black market, said Vafa Aflatooni, a pharmacist at Medical Center Pharmacy and one of the business' owners. OxyContin can go for as much as \$80 a pill, he said.

"It's amazing to me that we can have a break-in twice in the span of 90 days in this small of a town," said Aflatooni, whose pharmacy serves residents and numerous assisted living facilities in the Pendleton area. "It just leaves a bad taste with you."

Pendleton police are not sure whether the two burglaries are connected, said Lt. Mark Swanson.

Although Pendleton has seen similar burglaries, Swanson said it's unusual for the same place to be hit twice in such a short period of time.

— Associated Press

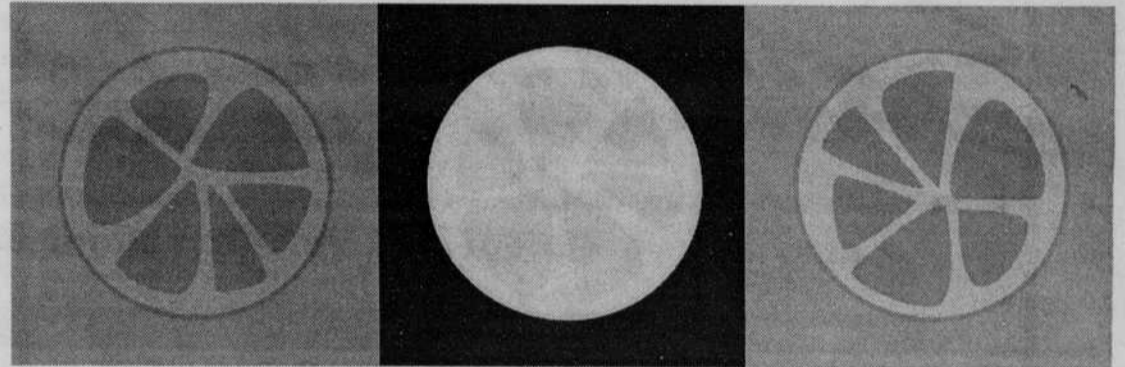
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