

OREGON LAW SCHOOL IS ADMITTEDLY FOR OREGONIANS

University of Oregon graduates account for over 35 percent of the 173 students in this year's entering law school class. This is the highest number of U. of O. graduates in recent years such as last year's 25 percent.

Stanford, Oregon State, Lewis and Clark, Portland State, Berkeley, Michigan and Washington also contribute heavily to first year enrollment among a total of 71 schools represented.

Entering class LSAT averages (.645) have dropped slightly compared to last year's first year average (.651), but the GPA of this year's beginning students has increased to 3.50.

Admission policy favoring in-state applicants is reflected by a marked difference in LSAT score averages and GPA between those admitted as Oregon residents and those selected from out of the State.

An informal understanding between the Dean of the Law School, the State Board of Higher Education and the State Legislature has fixed the percentage of in-state state students at 70-75 percent stated Mrs. Becky Anderson, Admissions Officer. About 74 percent of this year's entering class are Oregon residents.

Non-residents applying for admission compete for fewer openings and must meet higher standards as indicated by comparing LSAT scores and GPA figures. In-state students averaged 633-LSAT and 3.4 GPA while non-residents compiled 681 and 3.6, respectively.

Mrs. Anderson noted that most state law schools have higher resident/non-resident ratios (80-85 percent). She also pointed out that despite the in-state designation, only 50 percent of the first year class were considered "native Oregonians", i.e., parents live in the state or the student attended high school in Oregon.

Women in the entering class total 25 percent, a figure that has risen slightly in the past four years and is a dramatic increase compared to the years prior to 1970. Average age of beginning students is 24 years. Married students account for one-third of the total which is down from more recent years when married students outnumbered single students.

Minority recruiting and enrollment, a recognized goal of the Admissions Committee, has not succeeded in attracting the desired number of students of diverse backgrounds to the law school stated Mrs. Anderson. She cited the state's relatively low percentage of minorities in its total population and the lack of adequate scholarship funds as the primary reasons for Oregon's failure to recruit more minority students.

She emphasized that schools on the West Coast which compete with Oregon for qualified applicants such as UCLA, Hastings, and UC Davis can easily outbid Oregon with much more substantial scholarship offers.

The Admissions Committee, which consists of Mrs. Anderson and law faculty members George Dawson (chairman), Ronald Griffin and Milton Ray, actively solicits applications from qualified minority students through participation in pre-law conferences, faculty visits to undergraduate campuses and ETS (Educational Testing Service) candidate referral service.

Students returning to this year's second and third year classes number 171 and 145 respectively. Only three transfers to the second year class from other institutions were admitted this year.

---Dick Springer

IS IT THE DEAN, OR IS IT THE ???

No, that plastered white hairy creature you have seen meandering through the Law School is not the Abominable Snowman. It is Chapin Clark, Dean of the Oregon School of Law.

Dean Clark injured his left leg Monday August 11 on a climb on Mt. Jefferson. He and two climbing companions had gone into the Mt. Jefferson Wilderness Area Sunday to check conditions on the mountain for an Aug. 31 group climb to be led by the dean.

The three climbers completed their ascent of the 10,495-foot mountain Monday about 11 a.m., and were on their way down, crossing a snow slope at about the 9,000 foot level, when Clark's right foot slipped and his left foot stuck in the snow, twisting his left knee.

His climbing companions helped him down off the mountain to the Jefferson Park camping area, which they reached about 6 p.m. Monday. With the assistance of 13 high school age youths from Salem's Search and Rescue Explorer Post No. 18, Clark was brought out of Jefferson Park by stretcher about dawn Wednesday.

His knee was swollen to twice its normal size and an operation on the cartilage was necessary. Dean Clark is in his third week of wearing the cast and it will be at least another three weeks before the cast is taken off.

---Darrel Johnson

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LAW LIBRARY: LATE HOURS IF YOU
HAVE A CARREL TO STUDY THEN

U. of O. law students can now literally burn "the midnight oil." As of Sept. 3, the law library is staying open until midnight Sunday through Thursday. Law Librarian Ron Cherry said keeping the law library open that late is an experiment which may be continued, depending upon response.

Library carrels were assigned to 186 of the 274 second and third year students who signed up for carrels.

There are 104 total carrels in the law library. Forty-two are closed carrels. Students were drawn for 31 of these carrels. The remaining 11 closed carrels went to: Library--4, Law Review--3, Moot Court--2, Legal Connections--1, and Law Students Civils Rights Research Committee--1.

The 62 open carrels were parceled out to 124 students. This year, for the first time, more people signed up than there were carrels available. An alternates list consisting of 88 students was created. Already people on the alternate list are being assigned carrels as students indicate they do not want an open carrel or they failed to pick up their carrel keys last week.

The Law Review had originally requested eight carrels. They ended up with seven. In a meeting with the Student Bar Association and Ron Cherry, Law Review was guaranteed the same number of closed carrels as last year: three. The remaining staff of the 22 member law review was thrown into the draw for the open carrels. Four open carrels were assigned to 8 students who are also on law review. Six law review students were placed on the alternate list.

Moot Court requested three carrels which was the number assigned to them last year. They were given two.

The four closed carrels designated for the library are two more than last year. Ron Cherry said since there are so many students wanting to use carrels this year he wanted the four available for students to sign up to use on a short term basis: a day or a week.

With the assistance of the SBA, Ron Cherry plans to form a committee to develop a policy on carrel use or nonuse. He said it may be necessary to have a drawing next semester in order to give more opportunities to second and third year students to get carrels.

---Darrel Johnson

STUDENT BAR FUNDS CUT

The Incidental Fee Committee has cut financial support of the SBA by over 20 percent from last year's figures. The IFC allocated \$4900 to the SBA for its programs during 1975-76 compared to the \$6200 for the SBA for 1974-75. The total law students' mandatory fee contribution to Incidental Fees exceeds \$35,000. Groups within the law school relying upon SBA financial sponsorship will again be asked to submit their funding priorities for consideration by the SBA.

Elections will be held in mid-September for SBA vice-president (to fill vacancy following the resignation of Judith Harris), president and class representative for the first year class, and a Law School representative for the law student division of the ABA.

Students desiring to participate on joint academic policy committees with faculty members can volunteer for assignments by indicating their preferences on sign-up sheets posted adjacent to SBA offices. Students in past years have served on the Library and Long Range Planning Advisory panels, but not on the committees on Admissions, Appointments, or Personnel.

TO BOOK OR NOT TO BOOK?

Do you know where to buy Gilberts, Nutshells, and Casebook Outlines at a discount price that is about 20% less than the U. of O. Bookstore price? these special rates are offered by third year student Russ Hartman who runs the SBA Bookstore from 12:30-1:30 every Thursday in the SBA office. The delivery time on these helpful gems is about two weeks.

Hartman also ran the SBA Used Book Sale. He said that fewer volumes were tuned in and sold this year than last year. The Used Book Sale is run by Phi Alpha Delta for the Student Bar Association. The SBA gets 50% of the profits, P.A.D. gets 25% and the manager of the Sale gets 25%. The total profit for the two day sale was \$108.

Hartman said if he can get next semester's book list, Turn In for used books will be about the beginning of December.

The editors of the DISSENT will seek to publish an edition every two weeks during the academic year. Students, faculty and others desiring to submit written material are encouraged to do so. Material submitted for publication will be subject to editorial review, administrative review and the appropriate judicial review before publication.

---the editors