

Going to Graduate School? Plan Carefully, Be Selective Recommends Dean Tyler

Editor's Note: This is the second in a two-part series on graduate education. This article deals with some of the things students must consider in choosing a graduate school.

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So you want to go to graduate school? Then plan carefully and be selective. As Dean of the University's Graduate School Leona Tyler stresses, students must take great care in choosing their institutions of graduate study.

First, the potential graduate student should try to find out about a number of different graduate schools. One way to carry out this cursory investigation is to consult the book, "A Guide to Graduate Study," which can be found in almost any library on campuses throughout the country. The book is also available in the University Graduate School Office in Johnson Hall.

This guide to graduate study offers the following information:

- A short history of each institution that offers advanced degrees,
- Admission requirements for graduate study,
- Where to apply,
- Tuition, fees, and first-year aid.
- Fields of study in which advanced degrees can be earned.

This information should assist a prospective graduate student in choosing what schools to apply to, or to write to for further information.

Dean Tyler suggests that students ought "to apply to from three to five graduate schools." She told the Emerald that students ought to pick schools that they want to attend and where they meet the qualifications. "Don't just apply to 15 or 20 schools indiscriminately," Dean Tyler cautions.

APPROVED TESTS

Once a student has narrowed his choice of schools, "the most important consideration is probably the faculty," Dean Tyler said.

This is because the quality of graduate education, as any other education, depends on the quality of the faculty.

Dean Tyler also said that it is important to look closely at the department in the graduate school in which the student is interested. Find out "what the department specializes in," she said.

One means of checking on the national reputation of the department, which is always important, is "to look at the approved lists put out by professional societies," said Dean Tyler.

She also suggests that prospective students should try to find out about the students they will be studying with in the various graduate schools. "This will be hard to do," Dean Tyler said; but said it should be possible to check with students who have attended the school in question.

Dean Tyler said that another means of finding out about graduate schools and their departments' emphasis is to check the school catalogs. Naturally, students should write to schools they are interested in attending to request a school catalog and any other pertinent information as early as possible.

According to Dean Tyler, the "University of Oregon's standards" for entrance to graduate school are fairly typical. Students need a 2.75 grade point average to be admitted to the University Graduate School. If their grade average is below that level, students must complete 12 hours of graduate level work with a straight B average before they can be accepted as degree candidates in the Graduate School. These 12 hours of B-level work must be earned within the first 36 hours of post-graduate work.

University graduate students must take either the Miller Analogies Test or the Graduate Record Examinations—depending upon what department they are studying in—before they can receive their master's degree. These tests are also required at other institutions which offer graduate-level education.

SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TESTS

Both of these tests are primarily scholastic aptitude exams.

Although talking about graduate education in general, Dean Tyler didn't neglect the opportunity to speak out for the fast-growing University Graduate School.

The University graduate program has grown both in size and national reputation during the past few years. Dean Tyler attributes the growth in reputation to the increasing number of "excellent faculty members" who are hired at the University each year.

Graduate students now comprise more than one-fifth of the student population at the University; this is probably due to the fact that students need a more specialized education to prepare them for their chosen careers.

"The growth trend in size and prestige will keep up" at the University, Dean Tyler said, because of "our good faculty."

She also noted that the large grants the University has received during the past few years has enabled the Graduate School to expand.

Reserves Not Exempt From Draft Induction

Enlisting in reserve units is no longer an alternative to the Draft, it was learned Monday.

Sprague Carter, Oregon Selective Service director made the announcement.

Effective Monday, a potential inductee must join the regular Army, Navy, Air Force, or Marines for active duty in order to avoid the draft.

No explanation was offered for the restriction, but it is reported that nearly all reserve units in the nation have backlogs of men who have signed up to avoid induction. Estimate of the total backlog is approximately 100,000.

Oregon's draft quota for February is 193, compared with 342 for January. But Lt. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, national director of the Selective Service, has been quoted as saying that the national call will be increased from just under 30,000 in January to as much as 50,000 or 60,000 a month by June.

Previously, men facing the draft could escape by joining a reserve unit in any of the four branches of the armed services.

According to press reports, training camps have been inundated with draftees, creating a problem with the regular reservists.

Hershey will discuss the selective service's existing problems and future policies in a third—and final—regional conference in San Diego on Feb. 7 and 8. Sixteen regional directors will meet with Hershey at that time.

Shea Directs PR Research

James M. Shea, director of University relations, is on sabbatical leave during winter term. He will be engaged in a research project for the American College Public Relations Association.

Shea will be at the national headquarters of ACPRA in Washington, D.C., where he will administer a research study on the organization and management of public relations and development programs in higher education.

The study will attempt to determine the trends in change of public affairs offices in institutions of higher education. Surveys will be made of changes during the past ten years in an effort to forecast trends during the coming ten years, Shea said.

He will also be engaged in active field work for the project.

During Shea's absence, Herb Penny, information director, is acting director of University relations.

Mass Cheating Scandal Erupts

MIAMI (AP)—A mass cheating scandal erupted Tuesday at the University of Miami with disclosure of a break-in at a professor's office and the theft of semester final examinations.

University officials said copies of the exams were sold for as much as \$40 each. An investigation may involve hundreds of students, they said.

"Three forms of the final examination of large survey courses were taken," said William Butler, vice-president of student affairs.

Semester finals which began last Wednesday were scheduled to end Tuesday for the school's 10,000 undergraduates.

But Armin Gropp, vice-president for academic affairs, said, "There is a possibility that the examinations involved (Natural Science 101) will be voided and the students required to take them over."

The university said it would withhold names of students involved in the affair.

Confab Slates Morse

Wayne Morse, U.S. Senator from Oregon, will be one of the principle speakers at the Northwest Drama Conference to be held Feb. 10, 11, and 12, at the University Theatre, on the University campus.

Having frequently expressed concern over the "cultural explosion," Sen. Morse is coming to the conference to discuss the problems of government and the arts.

EWEB Regulator Triggers Blackout, Dormitory Raids

Tests of a voltage regulator by the Eugene Water and Electric Board apparently triggered Monday's half hour campus blackout.

Archie Hammon, power plant superintendent at the University's Physical Plant, said EWEB was working on the voltage regulator when human error caused a "surge of power" through lines to the University that caused the blackout.

Physical Plant Superintendent I. I. Wright said EWEB switched the equipment over to manual control, which caused the sharp rise in voltage. "This caused a change in current, which tripped a switch that cut our power off

from the water board," he explained.

The University's turbines weren't enough to handle the load and the lights went out. EWEB has been providing the campus with power since the Physical Plant had a major breakdown in October.

Byron Taylor, deputy director of EWEB told the Eugene Register-Guard that the "voltage fluctuation" could not have caused a prolonged outage.

No Complaints

But Hammon pointed out that the power was only off for half an hour—from 10:30 p.m. to 11 p.m.—and "it takes a little time to get a power plant going again when it's shut off completely."

Wright said that "Some key people didn't get called as soon as they should have. I don't know why."

Meanwhile, there will apparently be no repercussions on the events that occurred during the blackout Tuesday night. Men students gathered outside girls' dormitories, illuminated the sides of the dorms with lights, and chanted for the girls to throw down their underwear. Some of the girls complied.

Dan Williams, director of dormitory personnel, said the only physical damage that occurred from the riots was a small broken window pane on the first floor of Carson Hall, in the lounge area. No girls live on first floor Carson. "I'm sure it was accidental," Williams said. "I don't think any-

body was trying to cause damage.

The infirmary reported no injuries and the office of Associate Dean of Students Francis B. Nickerson said no complaints have been filed under the Student Conduct Code. Williams said that, as far as he knows, no action has been planned against the students.

Williams branded as "rumor" stories that some boys reached the second floor of Carson Hall and that one girl was carried from a girls dorm to Earl Hall, a men's complex, in her nightgown.

"We've had no reports of anything like that," Williams said. "I'm sure one of us would have noticed it."

Williams Philosophical

He said that as soon as the lights went out all girls' dormitories were locked. Some dorms had boys inside with dates when the lights went out. Williams said that these boys were asked to leave if a crowd began to gather outside.

Williams was philosophical about the whole thing. "This sort of thing is bound to happen when the lights go out. I thought they were a reasonably congenial crowd considering the circumstances. I thought our counselors did a good job." One counselor climbed up on a landing on Hawthorne Hall to lead one youth down.

"This is just speculation," said Williams, "but if the lights had stayed off much longer, some people might have gotten braver."

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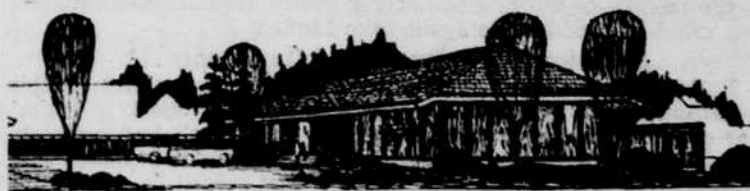
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