

Graduate programs topic of career faire

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From music to business, the Minority Graduate Career Faire has something for all.

This Saturday, the University Law School will host an event that will include a variety of graduate panels and speakers.

"This is a day when people can come from all over the state to learn more about the University of Oregon graduate programs," said Jane Gordon, Assistant Law School Dean for Student Affairs.

Graduate panels will range from international careers to designing buildings for a better future.

Panels include: art and design, career opportunities for minorities in education, biomedical research and musical choices.

Gordon, who conceived the idea, said one of the main objectives of the fair is to introduce people of color to graduate schools and help diversify

graduate programs.

The Minority Law Students Association and the Black Law Students Association are among the groups assisting with the event.

The keynote speaker will be Dr. John Brooks Slaughter, President of Occidental College in Los Angeles.

The program, which is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m., is opened to the public and aimed at minority high school students, college students and career changers.

The panels will consist of members from different University graduate schools.

There will be a free luncheon available to the first 200 participants who register by Friday.

Registration and information gathering will be held from 8:30-9:00 a.m. at the first floor of the law school.

To register or for further information contact Ellen Briones, Jane Gordon or Diane Salley at 346-3853.

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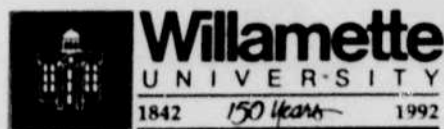
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Spin doctor



Photo by Kim Nguyen

Senior Brad Baxter, a fine arts major, works on a bowl Tuesday that he plans to give to his mother. Baxter said she can use it to make sourdough bread. "She's been asking me to make her a bowl for the longest time," he said, "and I'm finally working on it."

WORK

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when students live at home and mom and dad pay all the bills, to college, when students have to foot the bills themselves, is a tough one to make, said junior Michael Gonzales.

"You forget you can't eat out every night and go to the movies all the time," he said.

Gonzales said he's getting a job soon because "finances are getting very tight." He is running out of savings from his previous jobs.

Senior Rachel Kerby said she works about 10 hours a week as a cashier in the EMU Fishbowl for spending money. Kerby's parents are paying her way through school and she doesn't think she's alone.

"Most of my friends' parents are paying for (tuition)," she said, "but everybody whose parents are paying for it knows it's a privilege and it's not typical I don't think."

Junior Maretta Muller said a friend of hers has been attending the University part-time for nine years because he must work to pay his way through school. But other students hit the financial aid jackpot.

"Some people have so much financial aid, it's unbelievable," Muller said. "I had a friend who got her check and put in a new car stereo."

With most of their time split between work and school, students say the remaining time they have has become a valuable commodity.

Kerby said she was less than the ideal student her first two years of college at the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Wash.

"The first two years I was a student, I was a slacker," Kerby said. "But when I transferred down here I go to classes, I go to work and I go home and study and I go out if I have time. I prioritize and school is my top priority."

Students who juggle work and school are better students, Davis said. He said he does whatever it takes to finish his schoolwork "even if it means you have to stay up all night."

"I think the best students work and study," he said. "When you work, it makes you more focused on your studies because you don't have time to play around."

Davis may look at the student juggling act as the proverbial half-full glass. In contrast, sophomore Michael Freedman said he sees the glass as half-empty.

"I'm busy," he said. "I find I don't have enough time to get the peace I need to have a life."

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