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PSY 199	Introduction to Mental Illness
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J 199	Mass Media and Modern Sports
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AAD 199	Building Inclusive Communities: Images of Disability and Difference (Sec. 2)
PHYS 199	The Origin and Evolution of and The Search for Life in the Universe
ENG 199	Primary Intensity: Lesbians in Literature Since 1970
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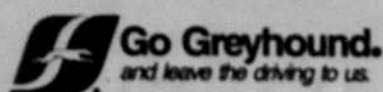
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Graduate Records Exam shifting to computers

■ **TEST:** By the year 2000, the written version will no longer be offered

By Lynne Mahan-Sweet
Freelance Reporter

The Graduate Records Examination paper-and-pencil general subject test is being phased out gradually and will be replaced by the Computer Adaptive Test (CAT) GRE.

The Educational Testing Service canceled the October paper-and-pencil test for 1996. Last year the service also canceled the February paper-and-pencil GRE exam.

"Students who prefer the paper-and-pencil exam and are applying for fall '96 or January '97 admission should take the GRE on April 13th," said Robert Levy, director of graduate programs for Kaplan Educational Centers.

David Espinoza of the University testing center said people who want immediate feedback and are comfortable with computers prefer the CAT GRE test.

Each section of the computerized test contains a pool of questions, and students must answer a minimum number of these to receive a score on each section, Espinoza said. This reduces the total number of questions students must answer compared to the written test.

However, some test takers are hesitant to take the computerized test because they cannot skip questions or use some of the other strategies possible on paper-and-pencil tests.

Heather Stiliha, of the Eugene Kaplan Test Preparation Center, said that Kaplan is creating a more computer-directed GRE preparation course that will be

offered in late June or early July.

Stiliha said that the booklets used by students taking the paper-and-pencil test are an integral part of the test-taking process. The students are encouraged to mark in the books to increase their understanding of the material by increasing their interaction with it. The computerized test eliminates this possibility.

Jill Noland is the owner of the Sylvan Learning Center, the only place in Eugene that administers the computerized GRE. Noland said the center currently has room for four test takers at a time but will be expanding to accommodate up to eight in the near future.

One advantage to the CAT is the quick turnaround time for the test results, Noland said. Students receive the results for the computerized test in two to three weeks, but they must wait six to eight weeks for paper-and-pencil test results.

According to Noland, the average scores on the two tests are not significantly different.

While there are some openings for the CAT test this spring, Noland said that all positions for the December 1996 through January 1997 tests are filled. October is the time to reserve seats for December, January and February, she said.

Any student who needs to take the GRE within the next two to three years will still be able to choose between the two test formats. However, the CAT will completely replace the paper-and-pencil format by 1998 or 1999.

Students can make reservations for the computerized test by calling the Sylvan Learning Center at 485-4589.

Environment: Law conference begins today

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Species Act to Indigenous Peoples and NAFTA.

"There are a lot of panels dealing with a lot of different issues that are much more broad based than the radical groups," Peterson said.

Co-organizer Bill Underwood expects salvage logging to be one of the biggest issues addressed at the conference. At 4 p.m. Friday, participants can listen to a panel discussion about the Salvage Rider, a bill that allows salvage logging of old growth trees.

"It's one of the hottest issues in the Northwest right now," Underwood said. "Timber is the lifeblood of this region."

Students and members of the community can register for the conference today from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. and on Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. General admission will be charged on a \$10 to \$35 sliding scale based on individual's ability to pay.

"You don't have to be an expert to come to a place like this," Underwood said. "It's a chance for everyone to get together no matter what their expertise is."

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co-organizer of the Public Interest
Environmental Law Conference

attorneys and other professionals is \$85, but the fee will be waived or reduced for public interest attorneys who cannot afford to pay the full price. Attorneys can receive education credits for attending the conference.

The conference is put on by volunteer law students who form the Land Air Water Environmental Research Group. Most of the conference's funding comes from registration fees, but the group does receive some money from the ASUO. But Underwood calls it "a drop in the bucket" for the amount of money needed to organize such an elaborate event.

"This is by far the largest event put on by the University as a whole," Underwood said.