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Graduation day will be on June 14, and more than 2,000 undergraduates and 300 graduate students will earn their diploma. That day also promises to be one of the busiest on campus.

Students applaud after the keynote speech at the 1992 graduation ceremonies.

Planning for graduation day commences

■ **GRADS:** A variety of items for the big day are offered at the University bookstore

By Sarah Keech
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As graduation day approaches, students planning to take part in the ceremony need to begin planning for the big day.

The Registrar's office reports that students planning to graduate should fill out an application for graduation. This form needs to be completed by the second week of the term prior to a student's graduation.

Students who miss that deadline can also fill out the application by the second week of the term they plan to graduate, but they won't receive a feedback form from the Registrar's office. The feedback form updates students on the progress they are making toward graduation.

Other necessities for graduation can be purchased in the bookstore.

"For students receiving a bachelor's degree, there is no deadline to order a cap and gown, but students graduating with a master's degree or a Ph.D. need to order their cap and gown by May 31," said Nancy Craft, the academic buyer for the bookstore.

After the May 31st deadline, master's and Ph.D. students will be required to pay a late fee of \$10.

"The late fee is needed to ensure all master's and Ph.D. students receive their cap and gown in time," Craft said.

The cost of buying the cap and gown will be \$32.50 for undergraduates, \$47 for students receiving their master's degree and \$55 for Ph.D. candidates.

Another popular graduation item is the announcement. These are also available at the bookstore.

"Announcements are traditionally sent out from 30 days before the graduation date until 30 days after the event," Craft said.

Announcements are sold in increments of 10, and are \$9.50 per

10 ordered.

Craft explained announcements take at least four to five business days to process, and students should be patient and order early.

The class ring is another item popular with graduates.

"We have seen an increase in the number of students ordering class rings in the last two years," Craft said.

Class rings range in price, style and quality. Students interested in buying a class ring can visit representatives from the major class ring companies who will be in the bookstore later this month and also on graduation weekend.

Craft explained class rings take about 8 to 10 weeks to be delivered.

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Lori Nelson, of the Office of Student Life, advises visitors to

arrive early and take any parking space they can find.

"We expect that the line-up for students will begin about 12:15 p.m. at Hayward Field," Nelson said.

The actual ceremony, set to begin at 12:30 p.m. in Hayward, will include speakers former Senator Mark Hatfield and University President Dave Frohnmayer. The ceremony will last at least two hours.

In addition to the main ceremony at Hayward, most academic departments have smaller ceremonies for graduates in their fields. To find out when and where these ceremonies will be, contact the individual department.

To find out more on graduation needs, visit the bookstore's information counter on the main floor. For information on graduation requirements and the graduation application form, contact the Office of the Registrar at 346-3243.

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