

No snags involved in dressing for graduation

■ Commencement is coming up, and there are plenty of caps, gowns and tassels at the bookstore

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Graduating? Worrying about what you should do to prepare? Don't.

The Office of the Dean of Student Life and the University Bookstore have made the logistics of graduation simple.

Seniors who applied for graduation will receive a "Commencement Brochure" from Student Life. The brochure details where students need to be and when and also includes four tickets in case the June 10 main ceremony is relocated from Hayward Field to McArthur Court because of rain.

For undergraduates, there is no deadline to order the cap, gown and tassel. Masters and Ph.D. students must order their package before May 29 or pay a \$10 late fee. Law students must order before May 12.

"Don't panic, just relax — we can take care of it whenever you come in," said Serra Morrison, a senior environmental studies major and bookstore employee.

The main commencement ceremony will last about two hours, and only in the event of rain will students' families and friends need tickets to attend.

Because the details of the ceremony are so straightforward, said Mary Hudzikiewicz, commencement coordinator for the Office of the Dean of Student Life, seniors should use the last weeks before graduation to position themselves

for future employment by polishing their resumés and contacting references.

For undergraduates, the cap, gown and tassel cost \$35 and can be purchased anytime before graduation. Students completing more than one major can purchase extra tassels at the bookstore for \$3.50.

Morrison said students need not worry about the bookstore running out of their size because they order more as supplies in a size are running low.

Javier Hernandez, a senior majoring in international and environmental studies, suggested students buy their caps and gowns early so they have time to get the wrinkles out.

A tip for wrinkle removal, Hernandez said, is to hang the gown in the bathroom and take a hot

shower to steam the wrinkles away.

The bookstore's policy on returns is that students who buy cap and gown and choose not to participate in the ceremony can return them if they are unworn until June 9, the day before commencement.

None of the departmental ceremonies requires tickets for entry, and there is a full list of times and locations at the bookstore and on the Office of Student Life Web page.

Students who wish to send graduation announcements or invitations can order them at the bookstore at 1-800-433-0296 or order them on-line.

Hudzikiewicz said announcements can be sent at anytime, but invitations should be sent at least a month before commencement.

Graduation packages

\$35 Bachelors: No deadline to buy cap, gown, tassel (own)

\$51 Masters: May 29 deadline to order cap, hood, tassel (own) gown (rent)

\$59 Ph.D.: May 29 deadline to order hood, cap, tassel (own) gown, tam (rent)

* Prices include diploma cover and commencement fee

\$45 Law: May 12 deadline to order cap, tassel (own) gown, hood (rent)

Announcements: Order them at the bookstore or call 1-800-433-0296. Or order on-line: cbgradannouncements.com

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University receives grant for computer education

■ Intel awards the UO computing department a grant for more terminals and networking classes

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With the number of high-tech jobs in Oregon expected to triple in the next six years, a recent grant from Intel to create a computer networking laboratory will help the University fill the state's growing demand.

The Department of Computer and Information Science was awarded a \$70,000 grant to add a

20-computer, configurable laboratory and eight new courses devoted to teaching the hands-on aspects of networking.

Many CIS courses are currently based on computer principles, said Virginia Lo, CIS undergraduate education director and one of the professors who put together the grant proposal. In the new laboratory-based courses students will "actually be doing the physical work of setting up a network," she said.

The first course, Enterprise Networking, began this term.

"They actually started with taking the PCs out of the boxes," Lo said.

The course is business-oriented. Students learn about installing hardware and software and network security issues.

Other new courses, scheduled to begin in the next three terms, will simulate network congestion and other computing problems and teach students how to adapt and deal with them, Lo said.

Jobs that demand networking skills will be one of the most intense areas of growth in the near future, she said.

The grant is part of Intel's Faculty Fellows program, which is in its second year. Intel reviewed 30 grant applications and awarded five. The University's grant is by

far the largest of those selected.

Morgan Anderson, Intel's education relations manager, said the microchip-manufacturing giant supports higher education in technical fields because there is a large demand for skilled graduates.

The support benefits the entire high-tech industry, not just Intel, Anderson said.

Partnerships between Oregon's universities and private companies are crucial to Oregon University System's ability to provide training in engineering and technology fields, said Bob Dryden, OUS vice chancellor for engineering and computer science.

In addition to funding programs

such as the University's CIS curriculum additions, industry partners can help direct educators toward the kind of skills that will be in demand in the future, he said.

"Having industry partners is critical because they're really the ones we're serving ultimately," Lo said.

OUS hopes to at least double the number of graduates in engineering and high-tech fields in the next five years, Dryden said.

The industry partnerships "help us jump-start the system and more rapidly achieve the state of the art level than if we just had to rely on state resources," he said.

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