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## 'Ugly' girls do it better

Based on the nightlife of a New York bar, 'Coyote Ugly' spices up summer screens. **PAGE 7**

## Special assignment: DAVE!

An Emerald staffer spends an enchanting evening feeling the good Dave Matthews vibes. **PAGE 12**

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## Summer grads gaze ahead to future

■ The most recent University alumni take the anticipated commencement walk and begin their search for post-diploma employment

By Rebecca Newell  
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In the midst of August, there isn't anything better than enjoying the warm, outdoor weather. Except maybe graduating from college in that gorgeous weather, and knowing you've put an official stamp on your education.

That's exactly what more than 1,100 University students will experience Saturday during the Summer 2000 commencement exercises. The ceremony begins at 10 a.m. at the Memorial Quadrangle on the west edge of campus.

Philip Romero, the dean of the Charles H. Lindquist College of Business, will deliver the commencement speech. Romero was appointed to his position last June after serving as California's chief economist under then-Gov. Pete Wilson.

"I was asked by President [Dave] Frohnmayer to speak at the commencement," Romero said. "It's tradition if there's a new dean for him to give the speech and I'm the newest."

Romero's address is titled "Revenge of the Slackers." In it, he conveys the idea that that Generation-Xers will transform America's politics, spiritual life and civic community.

"I think Generation-X is totally proving the critics wrong," Romero said. "They've been the driving force behind our record-breaking economic expansion."

"What I'm looking for most is creating a binding connection between these students and the University," he continued. "And that connection is something students can utilize after graduation."

With classes over for now, it will be time for grads to concentrate on finding that dream job.

Or at least some type of work that will begin paying off student loans.

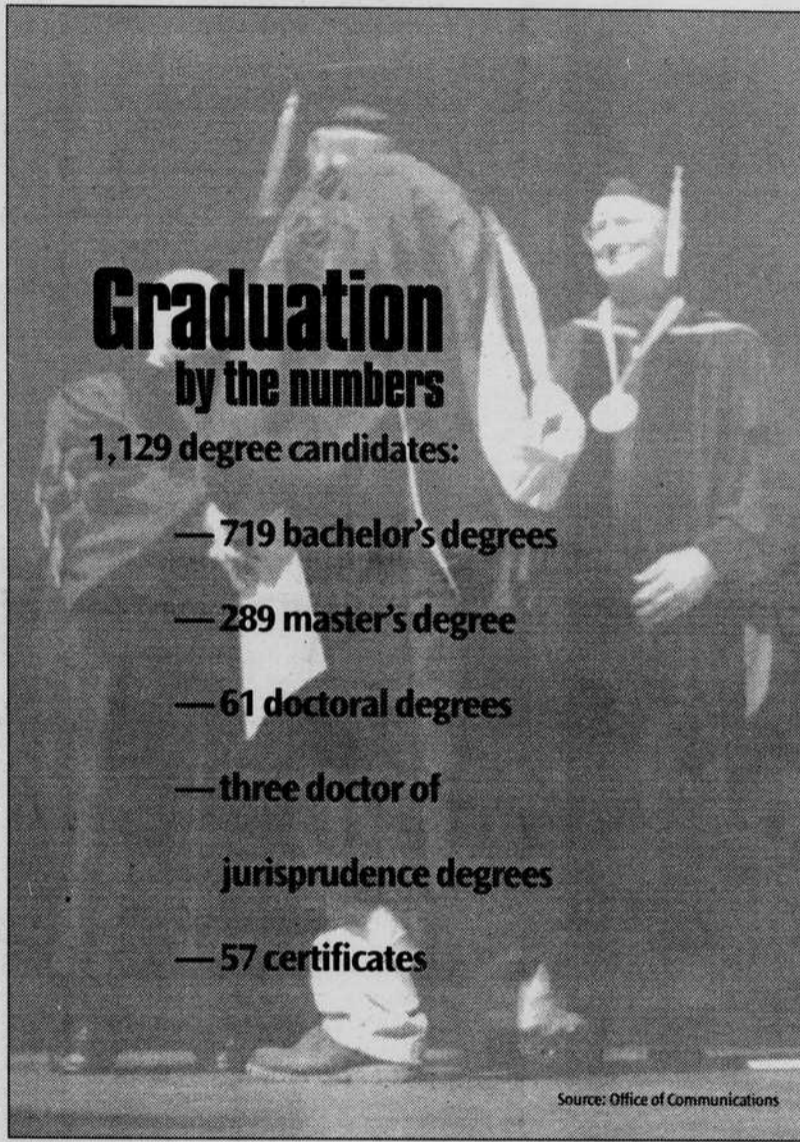
According to Larry Smith, director of the University Career Center, the next few weeks will be a busy time as recently graduated students begin perusing the job market. He added that students don't job search during summer school prior to graduation, as they're overloaded with academic requirements.

"We're anticipating seeing summer grads within a week after graduation, after they have time to catch their breath," Smith said.

Though the volume of jobs isn't what it was at the end of spring, Smith said, there are also fewer people looking.

The Career Center is open throughout the summer and students have three months after graduation to take advantage of the resources before they are charged an alumni fee. More information is available at their Web site at <http://uocareer.uoregon.edu>.

For students, a diploma is



## Graduation by the numbers

1,129 degree candidates:

- 719 bachelor's degrees
- 289 master's degree
- 61 doctoral degrees
- three doctor of jurisprudence degrees
- 57 certificates

Source: Office of Communications

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more than just a certification of completing the required course load. It's a signal that they succeeded in taking a huge step toward their future.

"I feel like I've just gotten off the Gravitron; feelin' a little nau-

seated, a little wound up with adrenaline, but ready for the next ride," graduating senior Sabrina Sakata said. "At times, college was a rather warped reality but I learned a lot about people and what I care about."

## Organizing tops agenda for activists

■ Student groups from around the continent congregate at the University to discuss global organization for human rights

By Jack Clifford  
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The issues of labor rights, sweatshop conditions and student organization will be thrust into the Eugene sunshine beginning Wednesday, when student leaders from across North America gather at the University for a five-day conference.

The United Students Against Sweatshops and 180/MDE — which stands Movement for Democracy and Education — join forces for the event, which will focus on student power, coalition building, the structure of universities and how to expand the definition of sweatshops to include more industries besides apparel companies, such as Nike and adidas, said Sarah Jacobson, a USAS member.

Jacobson estimates that anywhere from 300 to 400 people from every region of the country, plus student activists from Canada and Mexico, will attend the conference.

"It's an organizing tool to provide the opportunity for students to teach each other what they're working on and to learn from other activists and resources who will be at the conference," she said, adding that the main goal is to make both groups structurally and organizationally sound.

USAS is based in Washington, D.C., and has approximately 180 student chapters on campuses throughout the United States and Canada. The group works to pressure universities and apparel companies to follow codes of conduct in regards to licensing contracts



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## Democratic Convention draws delegates hungry for change

■ A group of more than 60 Oregon delegates heads to Los Angeles for the four-day Democratic nomination event

By Kristy Hessman  
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Democrats around the nation as well as delegates from Oregon are preparing for the Democratic National Convention, which begins Monday in Los Angeles and wraps up Aug. 17.

This year's convention will

be held at the Staples Center and approximately 60 delegates and six alternate delegates from Oregon are scheduled to attend.

"It is really quite an honor to go," said Hart Williams, Lane County's delegate. "When all the votes were counted, we three males from the 4th Congressional District all finished in a three-way tie, which was really kind of nice."

The other two males from the Fourth Congressional District who will be attending are chairman of the Democratic Party of

Oregon Jim Edmunson and John Cuff.

After seeing the Republican National Convention earlier this month, some delegates were

dreading going to Los Angeles. "I watched the Republican Convention and it looked dead-

ly boring, plus the polls showed Gore behind," Edmunson said. "Then Lieberman was chosen and it energized me. I have done a complete 180 [and] I can't wait

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Al Gore, shown here in Portland in mid-May, will attempt to excite the Los Angeles crowds.

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