

# Deadlines loom for graduates

■ The registrar's office advises students wishing to graduate this spring to apply by today in order to avoid problems

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Students planning to graduate with a bachelor's degree at the end of spring term can now complete their applications online, but they must do so by today to avoid any unforeseen snags that could keep them from their caps and gowns.

The registrar's office will accept applications until the end of the second week of spring term, but officials warn that procrastinating could prevent the office from having adequate time to examine a student's transcripts and identify any problems that could prevent them from graduating on time.

"We want them early to make sure they're clear," said Karen Duncan, assistant registrar for student academic records.

Those seeking advanced degrees cannot apply to graduate online.

Those applying for degrees online

should access Duck Web, Duncan said. After they login to the system, students should click on "Student Menu." Once there, a click on the last item in the second column of choices, "Application for Undergraduate Degree," will allow the student to fill in the required information.

The form asks for the student's preferred name, which may be read aloud during the ceremony, where the diploma should be mailed and what the student's e-mail address is.

"They must include an e-mail address," Duncan said.

Students planning to graduate with a double major cannot apply online if one of their majors is undeclared, however. Those students must go directly to the department of their undeclared major and file a formal change of major, Duncan said.

If students attend a formal ceremony, they can choose between a smaller ceremony composed of those graduating from their academic department or the large ceremony, open to all University graduates. The system is flexible, though, said Laura Blake Jones, associate dean of students for student life.

"A student doesn't have to participate at all," Jones said. "Or they have the opportunity to attend both." The departmental graduations are scheduled around the large ceremony.

The names of students graduating with a bachelor's degree won't be read aloud at the large ceremony, scheduled for noon on June 16 at McArthur Court. Instead, students will be recognized in groups. Officials will read all student names aloud at departmental ceremonies.

University President Dave Frohnmayer will speak at the large ceremony, however, as students shed their academic skins for professional ones — a transformation enjoyed by more than just students and their families.

"It reminds me of why I do the job," said Heather Bottorff, academic adviser for the business school, which graduated the second highest number of undergraduates of any school at the University in spring 2001. "Life happens while you're going through school."

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## Weather

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Sondhe said clouds building Thursday would shed rain Friday evening, with highs in the mid-40s. Saturday will see rain giving way to showers by evening, with highs of 40

to 45 degrees and an overnight low of 35 degrees. Sunday should bring more rain, with highs in the low 40s.

But while the cold holds a frosty reign outside, students living in residence halls haven't called pleading for space heaters or extra blankets since the cooler temperatures settled in Monday, said Gordon Melby,

maintenance supervisor for the residence halls.

"We keep the rooms at a minimum temperature of 70 degrees," Melby said. "If students want it hotter than that, they can wear a sweater."

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## Protesters

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While each organization's and individual's objection to the war varies, Justice Not War members agree President Bush's response to the attacks on the East Coast was hasty, Weaver said.

"It almost seemed like a knee-jerk reaction of revenge ... and a war-cry put out by the Bush administration," he said.

Last term, Students for Peace and some members of Justice Not War responded to their frustrations with U.S. retaliation by organizing marches every Friday from the EMU Amphitheater to the Eugene Federal Building. At the beginning of the term, up to 80 people marched, Diehl said. But recently, attendance has dwindled to about 20 participants.

Member Marc Moscato said he is frustrated with the marches because he doesn't think protests achieve the group's goals.

"What will a protest in Eugene,

Ore., do?" the graduate arts and administration student asked. "I was enthusiastic last year, but you just feel so powerless."

A general sense of frustration is one of the reasons Students for Peace is shifting its focus away from protesting and more toward educational events similar to tonight's panel and documentary, members said.

"We need to educate and get some good dialogue going," Students for Peace member Stuart Diehl said.

Ultimately, Students for Peace wants to involve students and raise their awareness that the media's coverage may not be entirely accurate.

"Many students on campus are happy with what NBC tells us," said Diehl, a sophomore environmental studies major. "They're not aware that NBC is owned by General Electric, which makes bombs and military supplies."

He added that he hopes to highlight the biases he sees, even if it makes people uncomfortable.

"People are warm in their houses,

... Hopefully we can change that."

Diehl, Moscato and Weaver all emphasized that bombing innocent people is not the best way to bring suspected terrorist mastermind Osama bin Laden to justice.

"We're exasperating the situation," Weaver said. "We need to take a look at why the world is upset with U.S. foreign policy."

A counselor from the Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors in Oakland, Calif., will also be at tonight's event to discuss people's options for avoiding a possible draft, Weaver said.

Members of Students for Peace encourage students to come to their meetings at 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays in the EMU Skylight.

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