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them." She was then reminded that was illegal. Since then, the University buys the meters around campus on Graduation Day.

"It is incredible the changes that I have seen and helped to develop," Hudzikiewicz said, referring the

parking meters and additional departmental ceremonies.

Though the expansion of commencement has made Hudzikiewicz's job harder, she said planning has been a worthwhile experience.

"Over the years, it has expanded and I think it is wonderful because the more people who have an opportunity to be individually recog-

nized is wonderful."

Those who work around graduation are already taking measures to ensure Hudzikiewicz's legacy will live on. "Everyone that I have introduced (Rachel Johnson) to, asks, 'Do you have a red dress?'" Hudzikiewicz said.

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around the office, the satisfaction of publishing a product each day, and, as an independent newspaper, the freedom to write about whatever we choose.

2) The guaranteed long vacations at the end of each term. (Except for spring break, when we for some reason get only a week to recover.) But we welcome what we get. A weeklong vacation is better than no vacation at all.

3) The beautifully landscaped campus. We want to send a big shout out to the Facilities Services

staff for keeping the University green and gorgeous, even though they get so little thanks for their hard work.

4) The intellectual environment. Barring forays into graduate school, we'll probably never have the luxury of spending so much time just sitting around and philosophizing again.

5) The flexibility of college life. Screw the 8-to-5 workday — we can get up at 2 p.m. and go to bed at 4 a.m. if we want. Frantic bouts of studying can be followed by a week of casual drinking. We get to take the classes we want and create a whole new schedule

every 10 weeks. And we can wear our pajamas in public without anyone staring.

With less than a week until graduation, we're still waiting for the fact that we're graduating to sink in. So until June 15, you might see us wearing our pajamas around campus, cursing our last finals over a round at Rennie's and generally savoring our last few days of college life.

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Courteously fighting for a cause

Randy Newnham is so polite he smiles and says thank you if someone stops him on campus to hand him a flyer, but he's not too well-mannered to fight for a cause he believes in.



NEWNHAM

In April 2000, he was one of the first five students arrested during a 10-day

protest in support of the Worker Rights Consortium, an organization that monitors labor conditions in factories. Newnham and other students locked arms inside the lobby of Johnson Hall and refused to leave until University President Dave Frohnmayer signed with the WRC.

Newnham, 26, said that protest is one of the accomplishments he's most proud of.

"We got people on this campus, who are often apathetic, to address the issues of the exploitation of workers," he said. "Whether or not people agreed with it, they couldn't ignore it."

He has been an active voice on campus since he transferred from the University of Kentucky in 1999.

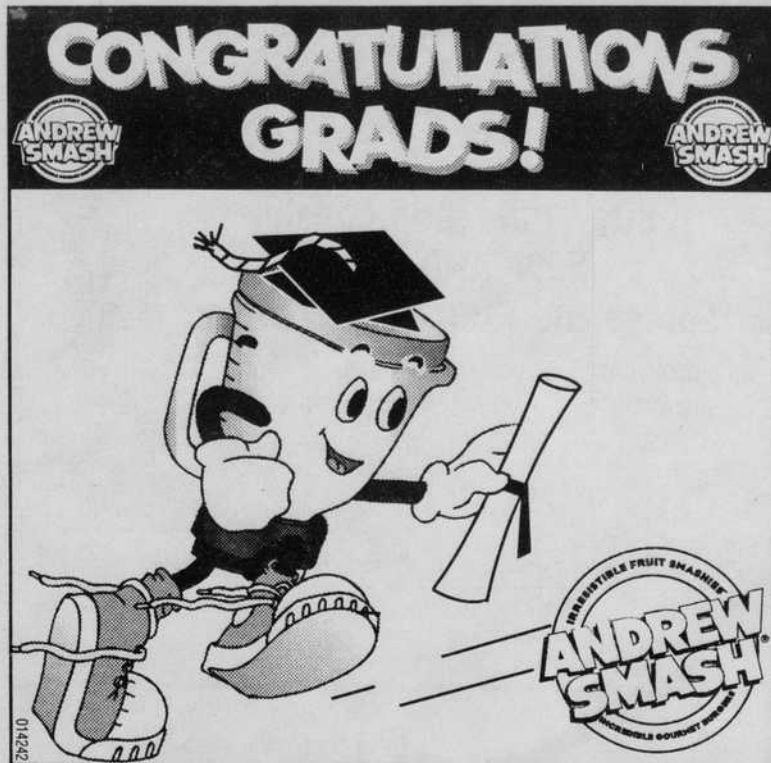
For the past two years, he's been the co-director of the Survival Center, a resource center and umbrella organization for campus radical groups. Last year, he served on the ASUO Programs Finance Committee.

After he graduates this August with a degree in linguistics, he plans to stay in Eugene and hopes to work as a labor organizer. He has also volunteered to mentor a 12-year-old boy for the next year through Committed Partners for Youth.

Newnham said activism comes naturally to him.

"I've always had a strong sense of right and wrong, and I think everyone in the world deserves justice," he said. "I want what I do in my life to reflect that."

— Kara Cogswell



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