

# Journalism school yields most graduating seniors

■ The University's Class of '02 comprises 4,091 students, who are taking home 4,216 degrees

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As the 2001-02 school year draws to a close, more and more students than in years past are moving their graduation tassels to the other side of the mortar board.

According to the Office of Communications, the University will graduate 4,091 students from the Class of '02 at the commencement ceremonies from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. June 15 at McArthur Court.

Because some students are earning more than one degree, this brings the total of degrees for this year up to 4,216. This year's class brings 295 double majors and six triple majors.

Keynote speaker professor Alexander Murphy from the Department of Geography will address the exiting students. Murphy has been involved in a number of international relations affairs. In connection to the Sept. 11 attacks, he is speaking about what the students have to look forward to as they exit the classroom and step into the real world.

"I am stressing facing the challenges of a complex and self-changing world," he said. The theme for the need for understanding and willingness to wrestle with those complexities. They have to be upbeat and forward-looking."

Associate Director of Media Relations Gaye Vandermyn said the University will also recognize Bernice Ingalls Staton with the Presidential Medal for setting up a \$10 million need-based scholarship fund at the University.

"I want to help students who absolutely could not go to school without aid," Staton said.

Other awards for outstanding contributions to the University will also be distributed at commencement.

Although the total number of graduates is up from the 3,883 who donned caps and gowns last year, the top major in this year's group of seniors remains the same: journalism. The School of Journalism and Communication is graduating 314 students between now and the end of summer term. Among the other top majors in this year's class are business administration, psychology and sociology.

"Pomp and Circumstance" will ring in the air for the 2,484 students earning a bachelor's degree this term. They will be accompanied by 457 master's degree candidates, 71 doctoral degrees, 161 candidates for doctor of jurisprudence and 113 candidates for certificates.

Turning the clock back to past terms, 440 degrees were awarded winter term: 363 for a bachelor's degree, 56 for a master's degree, 16 doctoral degrees and five certificates.

In fall 2001, the University issued 490 degrees, going out to 352 students with bachelor's degrees, 97 master's degree recipients, 20 doctoral degrees, 8 doctors of jurisprudence and 13 certificates.

Of this year's graduates — representing 50 states and 51 countries — 2,264 are women and 1,827 are men. Of the total, the graduates with a bachelor's degree range from 18 to 61 years old. The graduate student population ranks anywhere from 20 to 68 years old.

Although many students, 2,505 to be exact, hail from within the state boundaries, this year's class also welcomed 1,004 students from other states.

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## Graduation statistics

Total Students: 4,091  
Total Degrees: 4,216

Multiple Majors  
Double Majors: 295  
Triple Majors: 6

Gender  
Women: 2,264  
Men: 1,827

Oldest Graduates  
Bachelor's: 61 years  
Graduate: 68 years

Youngest Graduates  
Bachelor's: 18 years  
Graduate: 20 years

Ethnic Identity  
White, Non-Hispanic: 2,990 students  
Black: 56 students  
Asian, Pacific Islander: 206 students  
Native American: 41 students  
Hispanic: 119 students  
Unknown/Unspecified: 278 students  
International: 401 students

Geographic Origin  
Graduates represent 51 countries and 50 states  
Oregon: 2,505 students  
California: 340 students  
Washington: 111 students  
Other States: 553 students  
Other Nations: 425 students  
Unknown: 157 students

### Top 10 Majors for 2001-02 Undergraduate Degrees

1. Journalism: 314 students
2. Business Administration: 295 students
3. Psychology: 263 students
4. Sociology: 248 students
5. Political Science: 214 students
6. Educational Studies: 128 students
7. Economics: 122 students
8. English: 105 students
9. History: 96 students
10. Environmental Studies: 92 students

(Estimates also include number of anticipated summer graduates)

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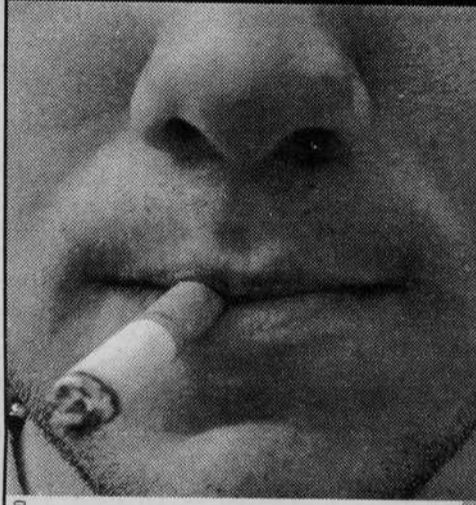
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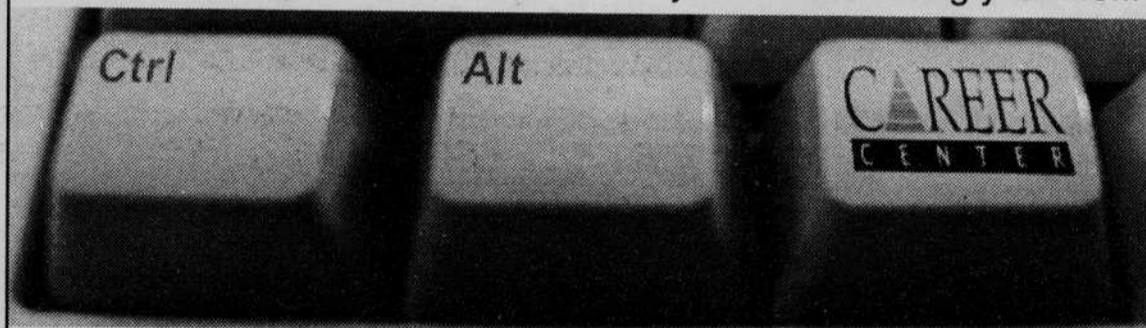
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