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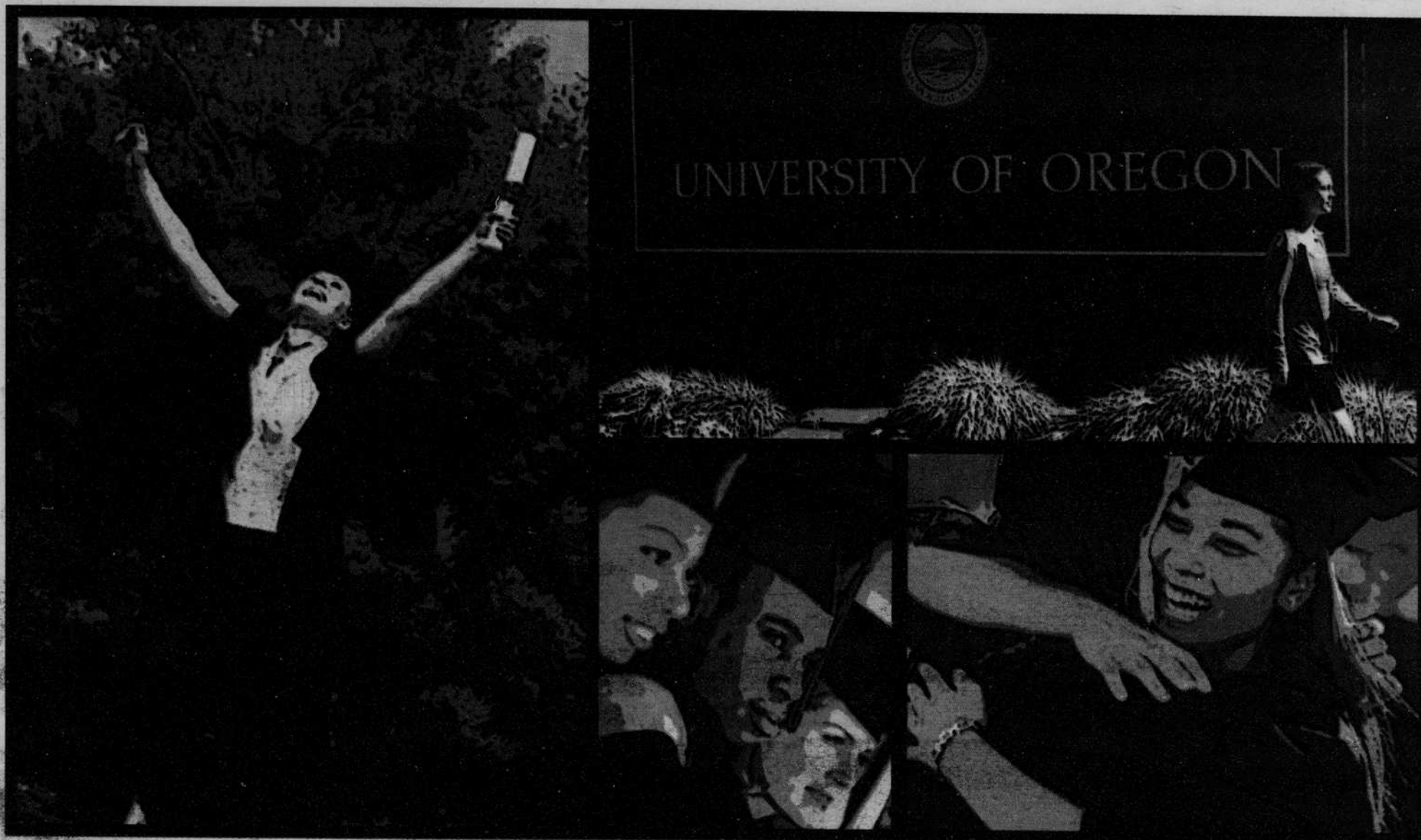


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## Mac Court to host commencement

Women graduates outnumber the men; the SOJC has the largest graduating class

**Ayisha Yahya**  
Freelance Editor

It is a beginning, and it is an end.

It's the beginning of new lives and new goals. It's the end of sleepless nights doing homework and stressful group projects and having wild parties with friends.

For many students, graduation is a moment of transition when they reap the fruits of their hard labor, as well as leave behind the bitter-sweet memories of college life.

More than 4,000 students are set to gradu-

ate at the end of this week. The main commencement ceremony will be at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday at McArthur Court, with University President Dave Frohnmayer leading the ceremony.

Chinese and East Asian Languages Professor Stephen Durrant will deliver the keynote speech on the importance of people opening up to those who may be different from themselves. Several awards, including the Presidential Medal, Distinguished Service and the Distinguished Alumni awards will be also presented at the commencement.

Each academic school, as well as individual departments in the College of Arts and

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## McLaughlin, Slavich win teaching honors

After dozens of nominations and 102 votes for the five finalists, students have selected the GTF and professor of the year

**Brook Reinhard**  
News Editor

The votes have been cast, and student readers of the Emerald have made their choice: Karen McLaughlin is Professor of the Year, and George Slavich is GTF of the Year.

Readers nominated dozens of professors and graduate teaching fellows for the award. One hundred and two total votes were cast for the five professor and five GTF finalists.

**Professor of the Year**  
Karen McLaughlin

McLaughlin is an assistant professor adjunct in the School of Education. A native of Littleton, Colo., the 33-year-old professor received her four-year degree from the University of Colorado at Boulder and a masters and doctorate in communication disorders at the University of Oregon.

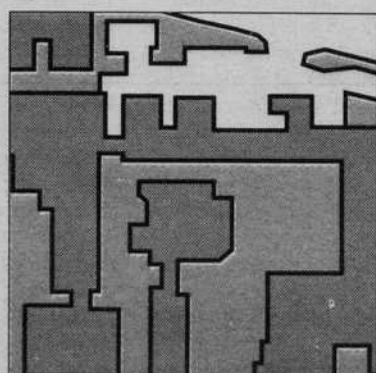
She said she was very surprised that she was nominated because there are only about 40 undergraduates and 40 graduate students in the Communications Disorders and Sciences program.

"I work really hard not only to give the

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