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Summer grads bid farewell to campus

Saturday's commencement ceremonies urged graduates to live the 'American dream'

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NEWS REPORTER

The University awarded more than a thousand degrees during this year's summer commencement ceremonies in the memorial quad Saturday. Gregory Vincent, vice provost for institutional equity and diversity, was the keynote speaker.



Gregory J. Vincent
Vice Provost

The University handed out 1,199 degrees and certificates at the two-hour ceremony. Graduates were awarded 729 bachelor's degrees, 115 certificates, 314 masters degrees, 40 doctoral degrees and one law degree. Vincent told graduates that

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Job market promising for most law grads

The cost of a law education deters some students from pursuing public-sector work

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Recent and future law school graduates have reason to be optimistic about the employment market, according to law school officials.

Despite evidence of lingering weaknesses in the economy, a student survey of recent University graduates indicates employment levels are rising. The survey, conducted by the law school Career Services Office at the University, shows a 94 percent employment rate for the class of 2003 — surpassing the national average of 89 percent reported by the National Association for Law Placement.

Merv Loya, assistant dean and director of the Career Services Office at the law

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Oregon campaign trail

Kerry visits a Springfield neighborhood, discussing education and the economy

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Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry turned a quiet Springfield neighborhood into a bustling campaign stop Friday, when he, along with wife, Theresa Heinz Kerry, and his entourage of Secret Service agents and campaign advisors, turned up in a Springfield cul-de-sac.

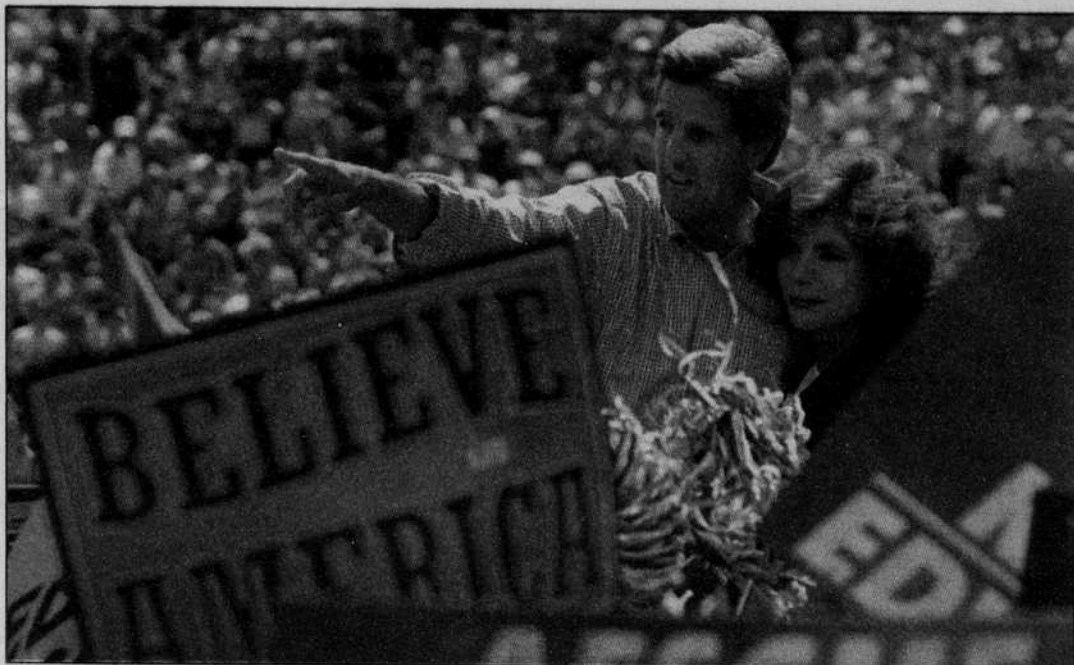
The event was hosted by Kerry supporters Jeff and Claire Kronser. Jeff Kronser is a firefighter and president of a labor union and Claire is a teacher.

About 120 guests were seated in 16 picnic tables in the center of the E Street cul-de-sac with red and white gingham table cloths, some waving small American flags.

"You guys got enough basketball hoops?" Kerry joked as he looked at the nearby houses. "Is everybody on this street training for the NBA or what?"

Crowds lined the outside of the cul-de-sac, holding signs and chanting "Kerry!" hoping to get a glance of the candidate or hear part of his speech.

The stop was Kerry's third Oregon stop since his campaign for president began and his first in the Eugene-Springfield area. Oregon is considered a key swing state in the upcoming election. In 2000, Oregon narrowly supported Democrat Al Gore in his bid for the presidency.



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Presidential candidate Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., and his wife, Teresa Heinz Kerry, stand in the crowd at Portland's Waterfront Park Friday afternoon. Attendance was estimated at 50,000.

Throughout his speech, Kerry emphasized the increasing burden on the middle class and said that America does have a choice.

"That's really what America is all about, neighborhoods and communities," he said.

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President Bush's speech in Beaverton highlights small-business successes

BEN BROWN
NEWS REPORTER

President Bush spoke to supporters at a rally for his re-election at Beaverton's Southridge High School Friday, speaking about education, health care and national security, and focusing strongly on how his tax cuts have created jobs and supported small businesses.

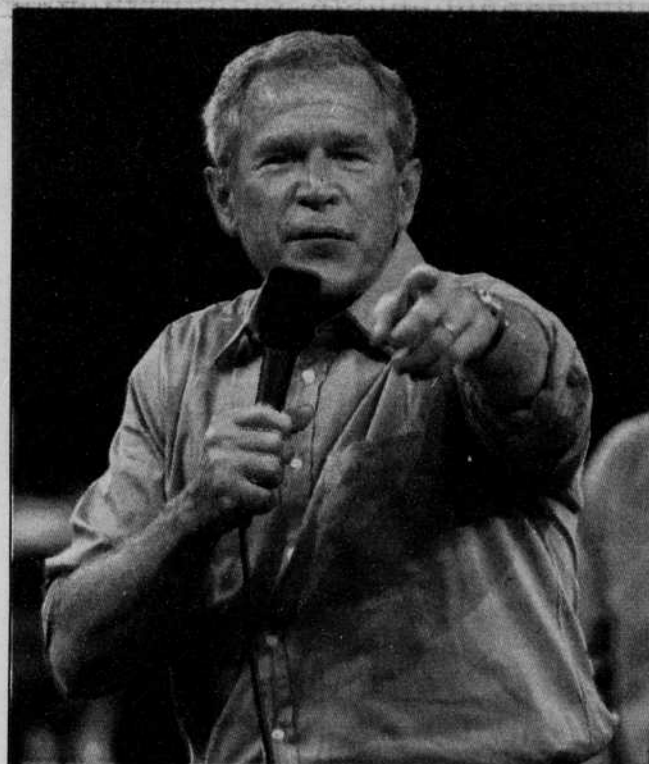
Bush gave his speech on the same day his opponent, John Kerry, D-Mass., held a rally in Portland's Waterfront Park. Oregon is considered an important swing state for both candidates.

At the speech, Sen. Gordon Smith, R-Ore., introduced Laura Bush, who introduced her husband, while the crowd of more than 400 Bush campaign volunteers and small-business people chanted "four more years".

Bush started his speech by calling on his grassroots supporters to help re-elect him, telling them to go out and register people to vote.

"Get people to the polls," Bush said. "And when you do, head them our way, because we have a program to make America better, stronger and safer."

Bush also talked about his education plan, praising the No Child Left Behind Act, which he called a great success in raising education standards and helping children learn basic skills.



Jared Paben Editor in Chief

President Bush answers questions from audience members during his rally at Southridge High School in Beaverton Friday.

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Tim Bobosky Interim Photo Editor

The law school's professional environment fosters a sense of cooperation, rather than one of competition, said Law Professor Keith Aoki, who recently ranked 17th nationally in a survey of most cited young law professors.

Law school includes distinguished faculty

The law school cultivates cooperation, professors say

MEGHANN M. CUNIFF
FREELANCE REPORTER

Many law schools boast of having nationally acclaimed professors respected worldwide for their expertise.

Some actually deliver.

"I think we definitely have more than our

share of people who have that reputation," University law Professor Keith Aoki said about the number of University law professors who have work continuously cited across the country.

The law field is a very competitive place, but at the University, cooperation rather than competition is encouraged among faculty members, Aoki said.

Law school Associate Dean Margaret

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