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for the
PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES
Undergraduates, Masters, Doctors of Philosophy & Education

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All Master’s students wear their hoods during the academic procession and the central ceremony in the Adams Center. Doctoral candidates carry their hoods and will be hooded on stage during the central ceremony.

The Bookstore will be open on Saturday, May 10th at 8:00 a.m.

PHOTOGRAPHS: A commercial photographer will take a color photograph of each student in the School of Business Administration, School of Education, School of Fine Arts and College of Forestry and Conservation as he or she crosses the stage. About two weeks later a proof will be mailed to you so you can decide if you wish to purchase pictures. The cost is approximately $7.00 for a 5x7 print, and a package of pictures is also available. There will not be a photographer available at the ceremonies of the other schools, but guests are welcome to take pictures.

COMMENCEMENT BREAKFAST & LUNCH: President Dennison will host a continental breakfast from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. in the Atrium of the University Center. You and your family are welcome to attend as his guests. The Annual Commencement brunch will start at 11:00 a.m. in the Copper Commons (in the University Center). This is a no-host buffet, and reservations are strongly suggested. You can make reservations by calling UC Catering at (406) 243-4899.

The Business School will be hosting a coffee/punch/cookie reception for all business graduates and their families in Gallagher Business Building – 2nd Floor Piazza immediately following the Business graduation ceremony.

ROTC Commissioning is Saturday, May 10th, 6:00 p.m., outside of Schreiber Gym. (Location may change due to construction)

Outstanding Senior Recognition Awards Ceremony is Friday, May 9th, 1:00 p.m. in the University Theatre.

Griz Grad Fest 2008 is coming...and it promises to be the biggest and best EVER. The event is for all graduating seniors (including grad students). Join your fellow grads for free food, music, giveaways and beer/wine provided for those over 21. Monday, May 5th, 5-7 p.m., UC Copper Commons. Photo ID or Griz Card required.

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