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# Next Stop: Grad School

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Approximately 55 to 60 per cent of the June graduates of Elmira College will attend graduate school during the next five years if the current trend toward graduate study continues.

"Actually, there is every reason to predict that the percentage will increase in the future," reports Dr. Maryann Ehrhardt, director of institutional research at the college.

Studies recently completed by Dr. Ehrhardt indicate that more than 50 per cent of Elmira alumnae undertake graduate studies during the first five years after graduation.

"At the same time it is significant to note that many older alumnae are returning to take graduate courses 20 and 25 years after completing their bachelor's degree requirements," Dr. Ehrhardt said. "In many cases these are women who have raised their families, and are now planning to seek careers in teaching or other professional fields which require advanced study."

Thirty-two of the 171 members of the Class of 1966 will be enrolled as full time graduate students at major colleges and universities throughout the nation this fall, according to a preliminary occupational survey compiled this summer by Mrs. Clara S. Wing, director of placement.

For the second consecutive year graduate work tops the list of career fields selected by Elmira alumnae in their first year out of college, continuing the general trend which developed in 1959 following the major revision of the college's curriculum in 1957-58.

In addition, comments from the 148 graduates responding to the survey indicate that some 20 other members of the class will take part time graduate work while employed in other full time positions.

Commenting on the fact that about one-third of this year's graduating class will continue their studies at the graduate level, Dr. J. Ralph Murray, college president, stated, "This is particularly significant, in that it demonstrates conclusively that the high academic standards of Elmira College and the quality of its graduates are recognized by the major graduate schools in accepting such a large number of our students.

"At the same time, as more and more Elmira graduates enter the teaching field and other specialized professions, it indicates that our students are becoming more aware of the advantages of a strong liberal arts foundation as the basis for graduate study, with the result that they will be better prepared to make meaningful contributions to society."

In addition to the 32 students entering graduate school as full-time students seven members of the class will be attending other types of business or professional schools.

## Graduate School And Teaching High in Survey

Graduate school and teaching are the major career areas selected immediately following the completion of undergraduate studies, according to a 10-year summary of first jobs of Elmira College graduates.

More than half of the 1083 alumnae in the classes of 1956 through 1965 entered those fields immediately after graduation, including 202 who attended graduate school, 148 in secondary teaching, and 228 in elementary teaching.

Other major career areas selected for first jobs by Elmira College graduates include secretarial work, 53; scientific work, 50; social work, 42; insurance companies, 35; publishing companies, 25; college administration, 23; retailing, 22; government work, 16; programming and data processing, 14; and banking, 11.

Elementary and secondary teaching follow closely as career choices, with 28 graduates teaching this fall at the elementary level, and an additional 26 employed as secondary school teachers. A total of 40 have accepted various other positions, while 15 are married and are not planning to work, and 23 have not reported on their career plans.

Although many of the graduates have located in the Northeastern United States, others have traveled to distant points in the United States and throughout the world. Four members of the class have joined the Peace Corps and are preparing for assignments in West Africa, Turkey, and the Philippines, while two will work in VISTA programs in this country.

Carla Margulis, a language major, is a graduate student in Italian at the University of Rome, Italy. Others at distant locations include Joan Fuetsch, a graduate student in speech pathology at Stanford University in California; Margaret Amaden, a social studies teacher in Corpus Christi, Texas; and Carol Gest, a medical technology student at the Kings County Hospital, Seattle, Wash.

At least three of the graduates have entered government service in Washington, D.C. Nancy Anne Smith is a claims examiner at the U.S. Treasury Department; Randall Good is a secretary for the CIA; and Patricia Swaab is an administrative assistant and press correspondent for Sen. Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania.

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