

Celebration Time

and anxious candidates onto the field while "Pomp and Circumstance" echoes in the background.

These smaller gradua-This gentleman has just graduated, but the siren-like call of the House

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unday, June 13, will mark the Univer- to join in the initial procession as part of the Sity's 116th spring commencement. This year, more than 4,000 students are eligible to file in behind University Marshall Ralph Barnard (chemistry department), as he leads the procession of flags, banners

The main ceremony begins at noon and will be held at Autzen Stadium. In the untimely event of rain, the celebration will briefly be cut short in order to move everyone to the much-smaller McArthur Court, where seating will be considerably limited.

Despite this one unpleasant prospect, however, the day promises to be very special. Graduating students are also encouraged to attend their own school or departmental ceremonies, which will be held throughout the weekend.

tion ceremonies, added to the program in recent years and designed for individual recognition, seem to have proved quite successful in helping to transform gradu ation from a sometimesaustere event into a more intimate one for the gradu- June 13 will be a time for celeates and their families.

History and American seniors. culture expert Roger address. The crowd, expected to reach 10,000 or more, will include members of the class of 1943, all of whom have been invited celebration commemorating their 50-year

Wilkins, a professor at George Mason University in Virginia, and commentator for National Public Radio, is a distinguished lawyer, journalist, scholar and civil rights leader. A Pulitzer Prize

> winner for the Washington Post's Watergate coverage, Professor Wilkins is a Steering Committee memper for the Free South Africa Movement and has been on the Board or Trustees for the Africannerican Institute. He has also penned two books, won numerous awards from such institutions as the American Civil Liberties Union and the NAACP. and was the national coordinator for Nelson Mandela's visit to the United States in 1990.

Preceding the comnencement address, University President Myles Brand will be on hand to confer the degrees and present various honors and awards, (among them, the President's Medals and the Faculty Achievement Award for Distinguished Teaching).

Throughout all this, the bration for this year's graduating candidates' heads will no doubt be spinning as they

attempt to absorb all that is Wilkins will give the commencement going on around them. Graduation is, after all, an awesome event, the pinnacle of a life's career in school. As each graduate stands in their solemn, black cap and gown,

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what will they be thinking about during that two-hour ceremony? Many will probably be looking for family and friends in the raucous crowd of observers

Others will be trying to concentrate on Professor Wilkins' speech. Still others' minds will be turned toward the future and what they want to do with it. Thoughts will float toward the job-market, salaries, careers...No one knows what the future holds. Yet, no matter what their moods or thoughts that afternoon, there is one question which will likely enter into all of their heads: Are the answers really blowin' in the wind, or is it only the tassel

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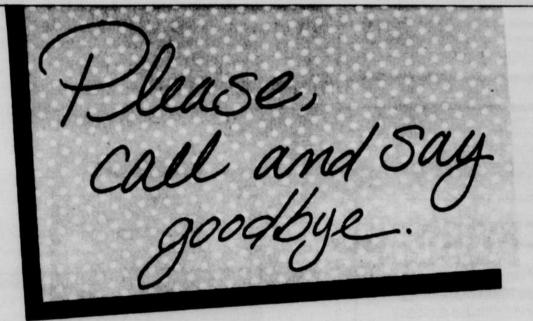


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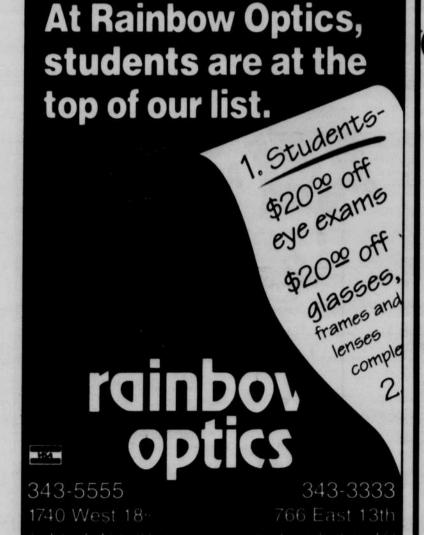
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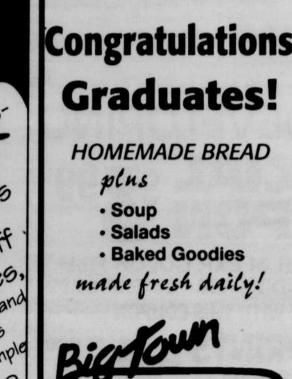


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