

# Forecasting uses computers

Now that you've turned in your forecast sheets and have decided what courses you want and need to take next year, do you ever wonder what happens between the time you turn in your sheet and when you receive your printed schedule in August?

According to Gust Kanas, curriculum vice-principal, the students' counselors check to be sure that a full schedule, including courses required for graduation, has been planned. The appropriateness of certain courses for the individual student is also determined.

Early in March, before spring vacation, counselors will have gotten the students' courses transferred onto a data processing code sheet.

This year, the school district's computer system will be using an "optical scan-type course code sheet" which will be electronically processed. In previous years, key punch operators had to do the work.

"Although this process reduces the chance of human error by key punch operators," explained Mr. Kanas, "it also shifts the burden of additional counselor and secretary time to the school, in order to get the students' forecasts ready."

Following this process a tally count is sent back to the school showing the various courses with the number of students who have forecasted for each course. Then the curriculum office has the job of building the school program. "This involves decisions by the administrators and departments as to the number of courses, the number of students per course, the teacher who will teach the course, and the period during the day that the class would occur," informed Mr. Kanas.

Impartially and randomly the computer electronically assigns students into their courses. It is

only when the student's program is printed that anyone knows in what period a course will be offered and who will teach the class.

Computers do make mistakes, and some program changes and adjustments are necessary after the initial printing. Counselors check each schedule to see if there are conflicts or other problems that call for their attention.

After school ends, the programs are put through a final run to make corrections.

"In this way, even though our student programs are computerized, counselors do work on them in their final form to assure students that their programs have received full and proper attention," concluded Mr. Kanas.

## Teachers helper assists children at grade school

by Kathy Robinson

Do you ever wonder how it feels to be a teacher, or to be in his place and have to cope with all his problems? Jeanna Wilcox, a junior, did and she satisfied her curiosity by becoming a teacher's helper in the first and second grade, at Hollywood Grade School.

In place of her second period study hall Jeanna goes over to Hollywood and helps the teacher with art projects, and works individually with slower students who find school difficult and hard to understand.

"Being a student teacher helps me understand my fellow classmates a little better," commented Jeanna, "and I realize that teaching isn't as easy as it looks."

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## Has the art department gone to pot?

Yes! — Juniors Alicia Perkins and Jeff Hull display pottery made by art students. Alicia is standing next to her "pine cone" jar and Jeff has made pots and jars.

## Scrap metal sculpture finds seat in Oregon Art Exhibit

What is it, a piece of junk or a work of art? "It's curious looking and indefinite, but it has this drawing force," described Atti McClain, a student of Mahlon Read's art class. It is an abstract metal art sculpture composed by Mr. Read, head of the Art Department.

Mr. Read is one of the 124 artists to have his exhibit selected for the Artists of Oregon Exhibition to be held in the Portland Art Museum opening February 18.

Six hundred entries were taken to a warehouse where a noted art historian-critic from Illinois chose the select entries.

"My dad's a mechanic," Mr. Read explained, "and he had a lot of old car parts lying around. I thought it would be kind of fun to make something from nothing (the scrap metal) which would otherwise have been taken to the dump." Mr. Read's exhibit is made out of a trunk, ball bearing, and other car parts. Mr. Read learned how to do the welding from his father.

The sculpture, according to Mr. Read, "is just an interesting effect that you can get by burning metal that has paint on it."

Mr. Read has entered the contest three times and has been selected to participate in the contest each time.

## Snow business set for Kandahar club

There's no business like "snow business" and Kandahar Ski Club knows their business! If you like snow business why not join in on Kandahar's business.


"Students that are interested in skiing should join the Kandahar Ski Club. It provides the beginning and advanced skier alike with transportation to the mountains, with buses, and possibly reduced skiing rates.


"There are a number of ski instructors belonging to the club," commented Paul Tinker, Kandahar member.


The students that participate in the club go up to Government Camp at 7:30 a.m. and return home at 4:00 p.m. The bus which transports them is rented by the club. The transportation cost varies each time the club takes a trip.

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