

Mt. Hood campus busy during summer session

Mt. Hood Community College conducted its sixth annual commencement exercises June 11.

A record number of graduates received associate degrees and certificates in lower division transfer studies and vocational-technical programs.

Commencement did not conclude educational activity, however.

One week later, the first summer session began for some 1,550 students. More than 250 students attended full-time.

This was an increase over last summer by about 300

students in the head count and about 20 full-time students.

MHCC offered two five-week sessions and several ten-week classes. More than 150 courses were offered in 13 divisions.

In addition to regular studies, a variety of special classes were scheduled.

A survey of Oregon archaeology included actual on-site digging for artifacts. Field trips to Ashland for the Shakespearean Festival were also planned for Shakespeare classes and interested citizens.

Other classes included: Seminar: Urban Environment; Seminar: Economics and

Environment on the Urban Fringe; Minority Literature; Printmaking; Natural Dyes and Fibres; Filmmaking and Creative Dance.

Physical Education classes featured sailing, horsemanship, modern jazz, and cycling.

MHCC offered its services to all ages.

And the community responded.

Robert Anderson, director of the college planetarium, conducted several shows on "Solar Eclipse-Why July 10, 1972."

"The people were so enthusiastic about the show," he said. "They were amazed with what we could do."

A second annual Western Barbecue and Hoe-Down attracted over 750 students, community citizens and college staff.

The barbecue pit hosted games, sing-alongs, and a steak dinner.

"This was really an event for the whole family," said Tom Nielsen, associate dean of student affairs.

"Everyone participated in the games, and over 200 people joined the square dance session."

Outstanding response to the event reflects a desire for old-fashioned family and community gatherings, contends Nielsen.

"And we're here to provide it," he said.

Other summer specials included a series of tours of Oregon, art exhibits, concerts, films, and a seniors track and field meet.



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