



Becky Swanson



Rebecca Koepke



Samina Simonis

Three seniors gain graduation spotlight

Three senior girls will gain the spotlight Thursday evening during the Sandy Union High School commencement ceremonies.

Becky Swanson will gain recognition as the valedictorian for the senior class, with Rebecca Koepke honored as the salutatorian and Samina Simonis as the most outstanding senior.

Commencement for the 200 members of the class of 1978 will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday. The ceremony will be held at "Pop" Rannow field, weather permitting. In case of rain, the graduation will be held in the high school gymnasium.

Becky Swanson, Miss Swanson, 18, will

graduate from SUHS with a 3.99 grade point average on a possible 4.0 scale. Her only "B" grade during her four years was in gymnastics. That was the term she went knee surgery.

Her future plans include attending Portland State University for one year and then going to the University of Oregon to major in pre-medicine. She hopes to attend the University of Oregon Medical School and eventually become an orthopedic surgeon.

She has concentrated on science and math classes while at Sandy High.

Miss Swanson this year served as senior class vice president and has been a

member of the National Honor Society for two years.

She was a member of Future Business Leaders of America for four years and was in the foreign language club for three years.

Miss Swanson was active in Young Life for three years, along with a youth choir and her church youth group. She was also active in Explorer Scouts for one year.

Born in France, she is the daughter of Ret. Major Roy and Mary Swanson of Sandy. Before moving to Sandy five years ago, the Swansons lived in Europe, Utah, Texas and South Carolina.

She has an older sister, Wendy, 21, and a younger brother, Randy, 12.

Rebecca Koepke, Miss Koepke, 17, will graduate from Sandy High School with a 3.94 grade point average.

She plans to attend Portland State University next year and pursue a general course of study, in addition to playing on the PSU volleyball team.

At SUHS she was a member of the girls' volleyball team for four years, on the swim team for two years and the tennis team for four years. She also played on the girls basketball team which was organized this year.

She has been a member of three National Honor Society for two years, serving as treasurer of that organization. She has been in Symphonic Choir for three years, Foreign Language Club for two years, and Future Business Leaders of America for two years.

Miss Koepke was in the cast of the drama production, "Fiddler on the Roof." She is the youngest of five children of the Rev. Frank

and Joan Koepke of Sandy. Rev. Koepke is the pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church, and Mrs. Koepke works at the Sandy High School library.

Miss Koepke was born in Japan while her father was serving as a missionary in that country, and lived in Iowa and Wisconsin before moving to Sandy about eight years ago.

Samina Simonis, The senior class and high school faculty voted Samina Simonis, 18, as the most outstanding senior in the class of 1978. She is graduating with a 3.88 grade point average.

Her plans include attending Oregon State University or Willamette University this fall. She plans to study pre-law and sociology. At SUHS she has been active in Future Farmers of America, serving as chapter secretary for two years and district treasurer for one year.

In FFA, she was on the state FFA team for dairy

products and meats, and on the national team for FFA in meats.

She has been secretary for the American Field Service Club and the Foreign Language Club, in addition to being a teen leader for a 4-H sewing club.

She has been a member of the high school dance team and pep club, and in the National Honor Society for two years.

She was on the state delegate's council for 4-H Summer Week in 1977, and been involved in 4-H sewing, beef and tole painting clubs. She was a tour guide for the Pacific International Livestock Exposition.

During the summer she teaches at vacation Bible School. She has also been a member of the Student Life Club at the high school.

She is the daughter of Harry and Lucy Simonis of Bull Run.

Miss Simonis is one of six children. Her brothers and sisters include Sheldon, 20; Matthew, 16; Andy, 11; Emily 9 and Jacob, 2.

Graduation set Thursday

Another group of Sandy High School graduates will gain diplomas Thursday evening.

If the rain doesn't make an appearance, the graduation for the 200 member class of 1978 will be held at 6:30 p.m. at "Pop" Rannow field. If the weather doesn't cooperate, the ceremony will be held in the high school gymnasium.

Samina Simonis, voted most outstanding senior by the high school faculty and fellow seniors, will deliver the commencement address.

The senior class chose the colors of light blue and dark blue for class colors and the white rose as the class flower.

The Rev. Raymond Alcorn delivered the baccalaureate address Wednesday night, speaking on "The Un-Generation."

Changes asked in geothermal leases

Several proposals to amend geothermal leasing regulations have been drafted by the Bureau of Land Management, based on recommendations of the Geothermal Advisory Council.

The proposals would allow leasing of small acreages for non-electrical use, allow diligent exploration expenditures to be credited against other leases in the same geothermal reservoir, eliminate the need for lessees to submit a formal

plan of operation for preliminary exploration and defer bonus payments.

Comments on the proposed amendments may be sent to: Director (210), Bureau of Land Management, Washington, D.C. 20240, until July 14, 1978.

The BLM, which administers all federal mining laws, reports that 142 geothermal leases covering 223,291 acres are in effect in Oregon. Environmental safeguards are included in all geothermal leases, report BLM officials.

Repeat offenders

DA vows crackdown

CLACKAMAS CO.—District Attorney Jim O'Leary is taking aim at persons who make a career out of crime.

O'Leary's office is applying for an \$85,000 per year grant from the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration which would intensify the county's prosecution of repeat offenders.

The Board of County Commissioners endorsed O'Leary's proposal last Wednesday. The application now goes to the Columbia Region Association of Governments. CRAG will allocate LEAA funds.

With the grant, the county plans to hire a prosecutor and back-up help to identify and prosecute "those defendants who commit

"much more than their share" of crimes," said Deputy District Attorney Dennis Miller.

Those defendants will be singled out for "very vigorous" prosecution, Miller said. The prosecutor will also work on opposing the release of such defendants on bail, earlier preparation for trial and, after any conviction, watch over parole and probation proceedings.

Miller said that this sort of concentrated prosecuter effort had succeeded in reducing the crime rate in Multnomah County and many other parts of the nation.

"It's a luxury to be able to follow a case all the way through," Miller said. Doing so, he says, assures that a "more appropriate" verdict

or sentence will be given the defendant. Miller expects that the grant would also increase the number of trials in the county and decrease the number of plea-bargaining cases where the defendant pleads guilty to a lesser crime.

The district attorney's office is finishing a four-year grant aimed at burglaries that Miller says has been very successful. Sheriff John Renfro reports that the burglary rate decreased 15 percent in 1977 from 1976.

While the county would not receive the money until July 1979, if CRAG approves the grant, Miller expected a program to begin toward the end of this year.

The grant would run for three or four years, Miller said.

Welches seeks water land

In a proposal before the Portland Metropolitan Area Local Government Boundary Commission, Welches water district will seek approval June 7 for land acquisition.

The water company wishes to obtain the land in order to add four connections to the

water facility.

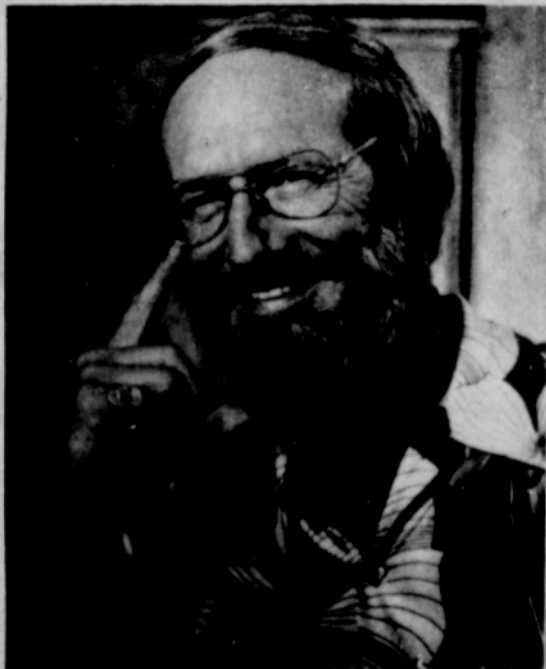
The hearing will be at 7 p.m., at the Multnomah County Courthouse.

Also on the agenda June 7 is a request by Arthur D. and Gladys Benshoff for property on the south edge of Sandy

north of the intersection of Highway 211 and Bornstedt Road.

Benshoff is seeking the annexation so he may obtain city sewer and water services for the construction of a house.

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