



## Another class into the world

Between the solemn procession to "Pomp and Circumstance" and bubbles provided courtesy of the graduates, the Class of 1978 was given a key to the future last Thursday night.

The program was moved inside to the high school gymnasium after Oregon's well-known rain put a damper on plans to hold commencement outside at "Pop" Rannow Stadium.

Linda Dethridge lifts her voice in song during commencement program.



A shutter bug records the awarding of a diploma.

## Berry picking waiver sought

Gov. Bob Straub's executive assistant is pursuing an exemption to allow

10- and 11-year old children to pick berries in Oregon this summer.

The U.S. Department of Labor reported Friday that it

has rejected applications from nearly 200 Oregon and Washington berry growers for a waiver from the Fair

Labor Standards Act.

Under the newly amended federal law, persons 12 and over can help hand-harvest crops. The 10- and 11-year-olds could be hired only if a stringent list of conditions

are met, covering the availability of older pickers, the length of the harvest season and health and safety conditions in the fields.

The labor department said none of the Northwest applications contained adequate documentation on the safety of pesticides used where the children would work.

Loren Kramer of Straub's office said the decision did not include a separate request for the governor for a blanket waiver for the state.

Kramer said he planned to talk to labor officials in Washington, D.C., and would know by the end of the week if the state was turned down.

## Junk food ban opposed

State School Superintendent Verne Duncan is concerned about school children spending their lunch money on "junk food," but said a state or federal ban on such food in Oregon schools would be a mistake.

"I believe decisions concerning what kinds of food will be available in schools should be a local matter," Duncan told the State Board of Education in a meeting in Salem last week. Sed Stuart, board chairman, agreed.

"It may be advisable for us to suggest that each district take a good look at the kinds of foods that are available to students, and, if necessary, make appropriate modifications to district policies," Stuart said.

"To assist districts as they grapple with this issue, I am appointing a study group to investigate programs in Oregon schools and in other states, and develop model policies districts may adopt."

Thelma Thompson of Medford had asked the board to ban all candy and soft drinks from school vending machines and substitute snacks such as fresh fruit, juices, raisins, nuts, seeds and cheese. She also wants a ban on the use of white sugar and white flour in prepared meals.

The board approved Duncan's recommendations for major changes in Oregon's school bus law.

including mandatory training and tougher licensing for drivers.

Duncan asked for a minimum of 16 hours behind-the-wheel training, but the board lowered the minimum to 10 hours while adding that a trainer be present those hours.

Other new bus rules include 18 hours of classroom instruction, a behind-the-wheel test and a physical.

## College view offered

The entire spectrum of events and ideas at Mt. Hood Community College will be approached in a public affairs program on KRDR, according to a station spokesman.

Called Campus Conversations, the show features interviews with various people associated with the college to give the community an idea of what goes on at the school, said Charlie Banta, co-owner and co-

manager of the station.

"Our view is that the community college is a valuable resource," Banta said. "This program gives people details of that resource."

Upcoming topics include summer activities for the general public in various college departments.

Banta said the show goes beyond being strictly informational and has

discussions on various approaches to education.

"We feel it's an important public service," Banta said of the show. He said that some of the communication problems the college has experienced might not have happened if people had been listening to the show.

The 15-minute program is produced through the college's public relations office and is broadcast every Sunday at 8 a.m.

## MHCC wins repair meet

Mt. Hood Community College took advantage of the "home court advantage" to collect first place honors at the recent Portland area office machine repair tech-meet.

Team scores released this week showed MHCC with 389 points, a comfortable 76 points ahead of second place Walla Walla Community College (313). Third was Central Oregon Community College with 197.

Mt. Hood also dominated the individual honors, led by first place winner Rick Gardner. Finishing third and

fourth from MHCC were Paul Needham and Bob Williams, respectively.

Breaking up a MHCC sweep was Fred Reusser of Walla Walla.

The tech-meet was designed to test the technical competence of office machine repair students in a competitive situation. Teams of four students representing technical programs at each of the three colleges attempted to locate "bugs" or malfunctions in a group of electric typewriters.

Judges for the event were Lannis Warfield of Inter-

national Business Machines, Doug Price of Doug Price Corp., and Vic Wilson of Banc Systems. Ron Weiche of Oregon Typewriter Service acted as timekeeper.

The office machine repair program at MHCC is designed to prepare area students for entry into the office machine servicing industry. It was developed by, and is kept updated through, an active advisory committee made up of local servicing industry people.

The first year of the program concentrates on the various kinds of typewriters. During the second year, emphasis is placed on electronics with the students expanding their skills to cover various types and models of duplicating, copying, calculating, banking, word and data

processing systems and other associated equipment.

To gain practical experience, second-year students perform service calls to typing classrooms on campus to maintain the equipment. They also do cleanings and minor repairs on machines brought to the office machine repair laboratory.

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## Rebekahs set reception

Boring Rebekah Lodge 213 will have a reception honoring Helen Gottman, president of Rebekah Assembly of Oregon at 7:30

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