

The Sandy Post

# Editorial & Opinion

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## Sandy students can compete with best

The class of 1985 was a good one, and it provides some degree of comfort to know that top-notch students can get a good education locally.

They can also compete with the best when it comes to winning scholarship monies. Ken Brown, counselor and advisor to the senior class, believes the class of 1985 may have earned more money than any class previously.

Much of that money was raised in this community, and given out by active, generous local service organizations.

Those scholarships do a great deal of good, but it is also nice to see area students competing on a statewide — even nationwide — basis and doing well.

Six Sandy High students received Oregon State Scholarship Commission commendations, which means they are among the top 5 percent in the state. One SUHS student won the state Elks Club scholarship, and another received a national National Honor Society scholarship. The Elks Club scholarship and the National Honor Society scholarships were firsts for Sandy High.

Obviously, these are top students who would probably do well in any school.

Regardless, the people from Hoodland to Boring can take pride in knowing they have contributed to a school system that can provide a good education to all students — including the best.

Letters to the editor

## Proposed memorial honors vets, not war

The proposed veterans memorial in Sandy is exactly that. It is not a memorial to any war or any particular era. It is a symbolic tribute to all men and women who served.

These veterans are proud of their service although it often entailed sacrifices of home life, interruptions of education, business, romances and the sudden shock of a strange and

demanding environment. Sandy and its citizens have always come through when our country called and they now deserve a visible tribute. This tribute should be visible to everyone visiting or travelling through Sandy.

Albert H. Green  
Sergeant major-retired  
Sandy

## Veterans memorial honors all who served

There seems to be some misconceptions voiced from a few people regarding the Sandy Veterans Memorial.

This project is a memorial to the veterans who served our country and not to war, any war. All of us abhor war, especially those veterans who served.

This Veterans Memorial is for all veterans, WWI, WWII, Korea and Vietnam. This was the intent for the project from the beginning when the Sandy VFW overwhelmingly endorsed it.

As to the location of the Veterans Memorial, no one location has been officially chosen. The vast majority of people we have talked to feel that a highly visible location would be

positive for the Veterans Memorial. After a great deal of study and input, the sights have been narrowed down to two: at the west end of Sandy in the V, and in front of the Sandy City Hall. Hundreds of people have told the committee that they would like to see it in the V at the west end of Sandy. A few people have contacted the newspaper saying they do not want it there.

We all feel this project is very positive for remembering the veterans and to the Sandy area in general. The Sandy VFW Veterans Memorial committee welcomes input from all area residents and will open mindedly address all suggestions.

Bruce E. Cook  
Sandy

## River Hawk program excellent for youth

I am writing to all the parents and children who might be interested in getting involved with a track club. For many years Sandy, Oregon, has supported Little League and more recently the Sandy Soccer Club. Track is a sport for most everyone.

Everybody who tries succeeds, either in personal growth or by accomplishing goals never reached before. It isn't a sport where parents control the game; nobody yells at the coach because "Johnny didn't get to play half of the ending;" everybody is equal; and those who give a true effort will achieve.

Sandy has an excellent community track program called the Sandy River Hawks. It is a program for children 6 to 18. I am currently involved with the program and have been for three years. Darold Beymer is supervisor and head coach of the program. I guarantee that if your child is willing to show up for practice and wants to run, he will gain much from this program. I personally

can see much growth from this program.

My confidence, my ability to accept challenge and believing in myself are just a few qualities which have improved since joining this program.

The program success is 99 percent coaching. Mr. Beymer is by far the most dedicated coach I have ever met. He just loves kids. Not to be overlooked, though, is the fact that kids love him. This factor is a great part of his success.

If you are tired of baseball games and would like to enroll your child into something new, I suggest the Sandy River Hawks. The program is very supportive and little money is required to join. There is a two-week trial period. If you would like to check out one of the practices, feel free to stop by. I assure you that you will not be disappointed.

Pattie Groombridge  
Sandy

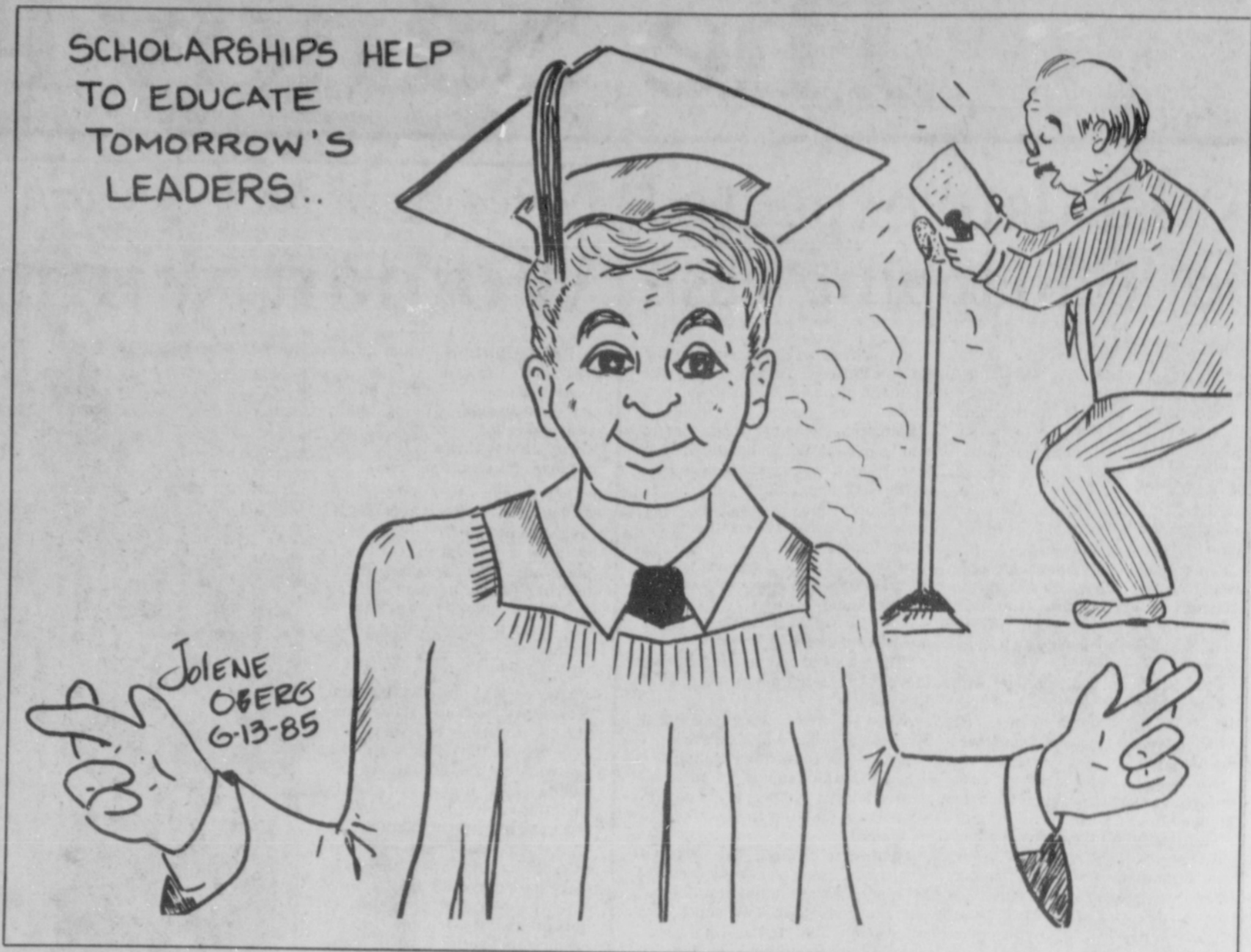
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Letter writers may also wish to include a title or office held if it is appropriate considering the subject matter.

The news deadline of noon, Tuesday is also the deadline for letters to the editor.

Letters should be accurate, free of libelous remarks and in good taste. This newspaper attempts to publish all letters it receives from local residents. We reserve the right to edit letters to conform to style guidelines or for length. A preferred maximum length is 300 words.



Salem Scene

## New legislative procedures proposed

by JACK ZIMMERMAN  
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Politics is flourishing both in and out of the Capitol Building as the 63rd Assembly edges toward orderly adjournment in Salem.

In spite of the spice provided by politics, there are those who believe the key word in the foregoing is "orderly."

The signs for such a conclusion to current biennial deliberations were several as lawmakers prepare to end their 21st week in session. Most committees were closing down — not scheduling regular meetings to conduct hearings on measures — but on call if occasions arise that are sanctioned by the leadership.

The biennial budget was nearing its requisite balance — although temporarily skewed by inability of members to resolve the question of property tax relief during the next two years.

Members of the Capitol Press Corps — veteran and neophyte news people covering the session — were waging the date of adjournment any time between June 6 and July 2. But most seasoned reporters were betting on dates between June 14 and 21.

And legislative staff members received instructions regarding the necessity of turning in keys, equipment and leftover supplies before

they will receive final paychecks.

Meanwhile, action on floors of both House and Senate — and in those few committees still meeting — continues fast, furious, disconcerting and downright confusing for outsiders trying to fathom what's going on and what's happening to their favorite bills.

Measures that one day propose certain specific action suddenly emerge the next with original intent stripped out completely and refilled with substitute provisions. The flow of new legislation — effectively halted — has been replaced by maneuvering to stuff the contents of stalled bills into those deemed likely to obtain passage.

And minority reports proliferate — devices by which losers of committee battles seek victory in the more spacious confines of balloting by all members of a given chamber.

Living the procedure also are struggles in conference committees, whose members attempt to compromise differences in measures passed in one chamber and modified in the other.

Hovering spectre-like over this organized confusion are the threats of gubernatorial veto and the possibility well-meaning legislation is legally flawed by oversight.

Little wonder efforts to reform the legislative process appear to be mak-

ing unprecedented progress toward enactment. Two bills — already passed by the House of Representatives and now facing the Senate — would mandate radically different procedures two years hence.

HB 2251, reported previously in this space, would require specific intent to accompany each proposal introduced in subsequent sessions. And HB 2740 — favored by no less than House Speaker Vera Katz — would require lawmakers to meet in both odd and even-numbered years. Regular sessions would convene on the second Monday in January of odd years to organize for a week, recess until April while committees struggled with proposals, reconvene to act on legislation for no more than 90 days and recess again until the second Monday in January of even years for a 60-day session.

Far from being noncontroversial, the measure had considerable bipartisan support and fairly sailed through the House, 34-25. Similar success is doubtful in the Senate, however. Nonetheless, together these bills represent significant movement toward change in the manner Oregon laws are made.

From the political standpoint, machinations involved the impending sales tax vote in September and the gubernatorial race in 1986. Former Portland Mayor Neil Goldschmidt was stumping

downstate on a 10-city tour aimed ostensibly at testing waters in which most observers figured he was already swimming against former Secretary of State Norma Paulus.

Democratic officials launched an anti-sales tax campaign — in league with Ray Phillips, farmers and other property tax limitation adherents — slightly confounding legislative leaders from the same party who pushed the proposal to passage earlier in the session.

Gov. Vic Atiyeh — while chastising the Democratic Party action — also reiterated determination to withdraw support of the sales tax package unless his basic education definition bill passed both houses and came to his desk in acceptable form.

Goldschmidt vowed his support for the sales tax as a necessity for economic development even as another former Portland Mayor, Frank Ivancie — now a development consultant — launched a series of anti-sales tax articles in a Portland weekly.

And if all this weren't enough to keep people guessing, the state's well-oiled lottery big wheel failed for a sixth time to spin a multi-million dollar winner.

Perhaps lawmakers had best wind things up as soon as possible lest their present orderliness produces more politics and excitement than we can bear.

