

complete individual projects needed for graduation

Jared Bradbury and Brian Perry learned Taekwon-Do; Janika Kneeland learned gymnastics;

Leah Keenon started a recycling program in the high school;

Angie Fetherston learned sign language;

Steve Wolf shadowed a police officer;

Scott Baska shadowed a physical therapist;

Angel Ruvalcaba shadowed a reporter from *The Oregonian*.

Senior Project Volunteers included mentors, readers, community judges and head judges. They included the following:

Mentors—Jamal Abusneineh, Dave Anderson, Randy Aultman, Gene Baska, Cici Bell, Julie Benes, James Brookins, Chris Burkett, Al

Delemos, Gina Faber, Noni Goodman, Mary Harrick, Troy Hattan, Bob Istead, Bill Jaworski, Marsha King, Gary Meyer, Tom Murray, Ward Nelson, Julie Prohaska, Lyn Portwood, Susan Reasor, Floyd Ragner, Bonnie Schorzman, Kathy Sevig, Darla Smith, Doug Tesdal, Don Webb, Cammie Waddell, Billie Wallace, Sharon Wilson, Vaughn Winkler and Lyla Wolfenstein.

Head Judges—Becky

Burns, Carol Davis, Steve Giere, Judi Gwin, Marsha King, Ellis Mason, Susann Ragsdale, Dan Sevig and

Sharon Williams.

Community Judges: Cici Bell, Forrest Cooper, Kala Cota, Glenda Delemos, Barbara Ervin, Kathi Fetch, Judi Gingerich, Ilene Grady, Art Heckel, Jennifer Hepler, Jeanne Holbrook, Barbara Jackson, Bev Jackson, Mike Jackson, Carolyn Keasey, Ralph Keasey, Jerry Keenon,

Matt Koch, Jim Krahn, Marie Krahn, Susan Lorentzen, Jane McAlvage, Julie Melander, Mel Nice, Debbie Ott, Floyd Ragner, Bob Ragsdale, Karen Roberts, Nona Skinner, Lani Vandehey, Brooke VanMeter, Cammie Waddell, Cathy Ward, Janelle Wiggins, El Donna Williams and Grant Williams.

Paper Readers—Judi Gwin, Susann Ragsdale, Michelle Schaumberg, Betty Ann Smith, Barbara Sturdevant.



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Mixed emotions common at commencement service

At the end, it was all worth it for the 38 members of Vernonia High School's class of 1994.

"It is great to finally finish school" said Carole Baughman, "but it's depressing because you have to say goodbye to everyone."

The 77th Annual Commencement was held in the Vernonia High School Auditorium on June 5, 1994 at 2 p.m. The program started with the processional performed by the VHS Band while the soon-to-be graduates walked down the aisle and onto the stage.

Principle Steve Giere gave a welcoming speech to the audience. Following another selection by the band, this year's foreign exchange students gave emotional thanks

to the Vernonia community. The exchange students were Åsa Björklund, Nanako Kumamoto, Christel Leenders, Daniel Meyer and Gloria Sanchez.

Next on the agenda was the presentation of scholarships by senior advisor Ward Nelson, followed by speeches from Honor Speakers DeAnna Moullet and William Busch. After the presentation

of awards by Giere, Superintendent Ellis Mason, school board Chairman Dan Dailey, and Giere presented the class of 1994 with their diplomas.

To top off the graduation ceremony a few graduates performed the class song, "That's What Friends Are For." AR

WGS honor students get awards

Several special awards were presented at the Washington Grade School eighth grade graduation ceremony, June 6th.

Rebekkah McAlvage received the Outstanding Scholar award, shared the President's Award for Educational Excellence with Ashley Weller and the Paul Gordon Memorial Award with Erin Davis.

Davis also received the President's Academic Effort Award, as did Jessica Jones, Denise Titus, Heather Murphy

and Pearcia Blum.

Robert Haverland received the James T. Johns Award and Gabe Schlaffer was named the Outstanding Musician.

Named for Citizenship Awards were Blum, McAlvage, Murphy, Jennifer Sonnenburg, Titus and Malia Chang.

Two seventh grade students, Linda Schill and JR Squires, were also recognized as Outstanding Scholars.

Pacific graduates area students

Students who received degrees at Pacific University's 131st Commencement on May 22 included Jennifer Ann Hepler and Melissa Jean Cronin of Vernonia, and Rae Fowler and Ricci Rathka of Banks.

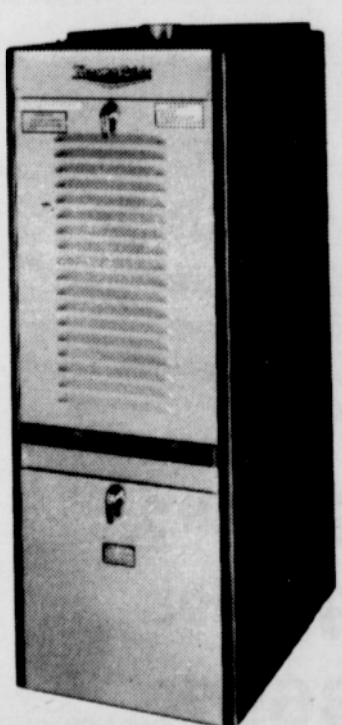
Pacific graduated more than 450 students of the College of Arts and Sciences, the Schools of Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Professional Psychology and the College of Optometry.



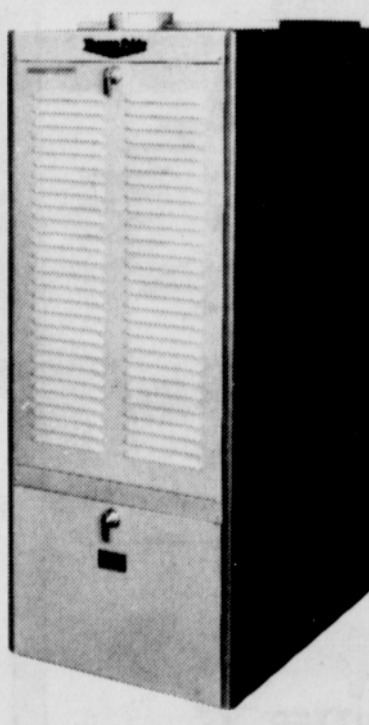
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