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Debutantes sweep ODDO competition



The West Linn High School Debutants received their first place trophy from the Oregon City Drill organization. The Debs competed against 29 teams of girls from all around the state in front of nearly 300 spectators.

by Joanie Kramer

Marci Gano's Speech II class has been very busy this year, going to competitions and bringing home trophies.

At McMinnville, West Linn pulled out eighth place among 34 entries in the Junior Division. At Lewis and Clark, Renee Rougal made the finals "in stiff competition," said Gano.

In the district competition WL had 10 finalists. "We had 10 that made finals and we took 14 students, which is excellent for the first time in five years," said Gano.

The reason West Linn hasn't gone to the competitions in five years is that there wasn't a coach to go along with competitors. Gano volunteered to go along

this year so with the money raised from baked food sales and concession stand work, the speech team was able to go. It cost \$50 to go to Lewis and Clark, and \$63 to attend the district competition.

One of the projects on the Speech II class agenda is performing the Reader's Theater at May Day. Reader's Theater is usually a combination of cuttings from plays, poetry, etc. Unlike acting, the performers concen-

The finalists at district were: Vicki Costa, alternate oratory; Royce Coston, first, humorous; Kipi Doran, alternate, expository; Laura Kelly, alternate, poetry; Stephanie Randall, oratory; Charlie Richardson, third, poetry; Renee Rougal, ex-

pository; Kelly Stevens, finalist, humorous and fifth, serious; Chris Warner, alternate, serious. trate on and speak directly to the audience. The Reader's Theater will be somewhat different this year. It was inspired by the music and dance of this year. "It deals with the fads of the decades, (including) music, dance..." said Gano.

For next year speech looks even brighter. Nine tournaments are scheduled and competitive debate may be started. There has been some talk of the possibility of a forensics class being started.

Speaking of the number of finalists at the district competition, Gano added, "We can double that next year if we really try."

by Lisa Kendall

Beating 29 teams of high kicking, high energy dance teams throughout the state, the WLHS Debutantes are now the state Oregon Dance Drill Organization champions. West Linn hosted the event on April 8 and 9.

The Debs who danced in the competition were: Missy Abraham, Susan Achilles, Lori Bonne, Kelly Conrad, Julie Cook, Debbie Downs, Missy Fillebrown, Lisa Kelly, Joanie Kramer, Krystal Kroker, Paris MacDonald, B.J. Mercer, Amber Mishler, Karen Otis, Laura Schmidt, Jennifer Skidmore, Tami Tuers, Heather White, Krissy Wise and Marisa Youlden.

Paris MacDonald and B.J. Mercer were selected to dance on the all-state dance team, a team composed of 24 girls that performed at the end of the Saturday night competition.

In the AAA division, Lake Oswego placed third, and West Albany, the team that had placed first for the last two years, placed second.

The Debs first heard they had won when their music, "I Can Do Anything," was played. Debs' advisor John Welty describes the moment by saying, "To use the cliché, I couldn't believe it!" He goes on to say, "It paid off. It just worked!"

Senior Deb Joanie Kramer was equally as excited. "They played our music and I screamed, then I got thrown on the floor!" she explains.

The competition consisted of two rounds with each team dancing once each round. Spectators were invited to both rounds but nearly 300 spectators were turned away at the evening round when all the standing room was filled.



Krystal Kroker and B.J. Mercer perform to "I can do anything" during the ODDO competition April 9.

Preferential balloting replaces old method

Some students felt the old way of voting for student body positions was just a popularity contest. The student council complied with these woes by coming up with preferential balloting.

This new balloting began as the student body voted on the ASB officers. With the new style of voting people are not running for a certain position (president, vice president) but instead are running to be on the executive council. The style of voting is done on a point system by giving the person who is most qualified as a student body leader a #1 beside their name on the ballot. A #2 is placed beside the person who is second most qualified and so on until all those running have a number. The points are then counted, and the person

with the least amount of points becomes president, second least becomes vice president, etc.

This style of voting may be used in other school matters depending on its success.

There is still a problem of getting enough students to voice their opinion. Sophomore Sandi Howell resolves the problem by saying, "I think the way to get everyone to vote is by voting during class."

NEW STUDENT BODY EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

President: Milton Oilar
Vice President: Helen Siggins
Secretary: Bruce McCarthy
Activities Director: Jeff Taylor
Assistant Activities Director: Kelly Thalman
Treasurer: Jim Menath

WL Outdoor Club members to climb Mt. Hood May 28

On the weekend of May 28, the West Linn Outdoor Club will hold its first student climb expedition of Mt. Hood. English teacher Alan Webb and Special Education instructor Dave Holberg, both experienced mountain climbers and expedition leaders, will lead a group of West Linn students up the south side of Mt. Hood.

Approximately 10 to 15 students will take part in the climb. Before the students were approved to take part in the climb they attended three classes on equipment, food, clothing, first aid and mountain attitude. These classes were held during lunch on Wednesdays.

Students passed a written test,

demonstrated three types of knots and jogged three miles in less than 25 minutes.

"... an experience the students will never forget."

Finally, on May 28, the climbers will attend snow school on Mt. Hood and demonstrate snow skills. "There is a great deal of preparation for a climb and we don't want to take someone who does not have the knowledge or the capability," stated Webb.

"The Mt. Hood expedition is a chance for an experience the students will never forget," commented Webb. He continued

saying, "Getting students involved with the mountains is exciting. I hope this experience will carry over into their adult lives as it did for me." Webb and Holberg got the idea from the Outdoor Club's ski trips. "We felt it would be a terrific way to round out the year. Hopefully the climb will become an annual trip," commented Webb.

Saturday morning, May 28, the climbers will attend snow school at Timberline, practicing with ice axes, spend the night at the Mazama lodge and begin the climb at approximately 2:00 a.m. Sunday morning. Webb hopes to reach the summit by 11:30 a.m. and return home Sunday evening.