

Princess B.J.



B.J. Mercer

Princess Tami

by Janice McDonald

"Sunshine, lots of flowers, friends and romance," would be the ideal May Day for Tami Tuers, who is a princess on this year's May Day Court.

During her years at WLHS, Tami has participated in Debs, student council as sophomore sergeant-at-arms, and senior class secretary, track, and was a junior homecoming princess. The most influential people in high school for Tami have been "all my writing and language teachers."

When asked what her most memorable experience here has been, Tami says with a smile, "Winning State Competition on the Debs." This was also a major accomplishment of which she is proud.

Tami feels there is no competition on the May Day Court and that they are all friends.

If Tami could be any flavor of ice cream, she would be strawberry, because she likes the color pink.

When asked if she could change anything in the school, Tami says it would be the attendance policy. "I'd abolish the attendance policy, and after excessive unexcused absences, then appeal."

Born in Stayton, Oregon, Tami lives in West Linn with her parents, brother and sister.

Next year she plans on attending Oregon State University but does not yet know what she will be studying.



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by Frank Scheu

May Day princess Billy Joe (B.J.) Mercer describes herself as "involved, happy, musical, gullible, sentimental, and emotional." The 5'2" princess with a bright smile, was born in the Philippines and has lived in West Linn for seven years.

After high school B.J. plans to attend either Western Oregon State College or the University of Oregon for music or dance. "I'd like to end up teaching music at either grade or high school level. It would be perfect if I could also advise a dance team like Mr. Welty has. That'd be a career I'd like to have," she explained.

Princess B.J. was asked "If you could be any flavor of ice cream, what would you be?" B.J. flashed a silly smile and after a moment of concentration, responded, "Chocolate fudge. Because it's thick, rich, creamy, and delicious."

Being a May Day princess has realized a three-year-old wish for B.J. She described being a princess as fulfilling "a dream I've had since my freshman year when I participated in the May Pole wrapping. And now I can be part of a great tradition while still representing West Linn High, and having fun while making friendships better with the other court members."

B.J.'s favorite high school activities have been Debs, choir, and drama. She says that she leaves behind few regrets, but if she had high school to do all

over again she would have been more involved in other activities like volleyball (her freshman year) and would have tried out for being an Outdoor School counselor.

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Her most memorable high school moment happened in front of a packed auditorium. She described it as follows: "It's one of many embarrassing moments for me. It happened during my senior year at the choir's Christmas concert. I had conducted a song where Scott Messman sang the solo. Ms. Noye, our teacher, forgot to introduce him to the audience. So, even though he didn't want me to, I told the audience myself, mainly to embarrass him. To get back at me, he loudly said, 'B.J., your shoe's untied,' so stupidly, I looked. Everyone in choir, including the audience was laughing, since I was wearing pumps which don't have any laces."

B.J. talks of high school with great reverence but admits it's time for a change. "Personally I'm ready to move on. My memory of high school is just the way I wanted it. I have had lots of fun experiences I'll never forget."

Princess Kathy



Kathy Stein

Mike Martus

Senior princess Kathy Stein is one of the most individual people on this year's May Day court.

Kathy has been involved in many activities which include three years of track, two years of

soccer, drama, and this year's speech team. During Kathy's last year of soccer she was selected on the Nike All-Star soccer team. "We were selected from all around the state," said Kathy. "The Lakeridge coach will coach us. We will play another team

sponsored by Adidas in April."

After graduation Kathy plans on going to the University of San Diego or the University of Colorado at Boulder. The person who influenced Kathy the most was "Mr. Kuykendall. I really admire him as a person," she said. "He really cares about the students."

"... not enough people vote (for May Day)"

If Kathy had the chance, she would change students' attitude about school. "I would change it so they would not hate school so much," said Kathy. "I would also get new facilities." Kathy would also like to get rid of the voting system. "On a whole, not enough people vote, only about one-fourth of the people vote. I liked the old system better, where you vote in your first period class."

Kathy says there is no competition on the court. "We all get along really well." Her ideal May Day would be "for everything to go just right." I would be satisfied with the performance no matter how it went, even if I fell flat on my face."