

Meyer, Super use fashion to help Rwandans

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"If you feed a hungry person a loaf of bread he will still be hungry tomorrow, but if you teach them, to make them educated, they will have the building blocks necessary to learn and survive on their own," Eugen Butera, a Rwandan native and a speaker at the Blended Colors Fashion Show held Dec. 3 at the Oregon Golf Club, said.

Ali Super and Danielle Meyer, juniors, held the fashion show to benefit the Itafari Foundation which raises money in order to educate people in Rwanda. Itafari, which means brick in Kinyarwanda, the primary language of Rwanda, is based in Lake Oswego.

Meyer first heard about the Itafari Foundation in her Human Crisis class. Robin Hamilton, employee of the Itafari Foundation, spoke to the class about the foundation and what it does to help. Meyer decided she could contribute.

The fashion show ultimately consisted of about 50 volunteers, 15 models and a sold-out show of about 150 guests. The models came from various schools including West Linn, Wilson, Lake Oswego and Tualatin High Schools, Oregon State University and Bolton

Primary School.

"I think it's really great that all the models, companies and Ali and Danielle are so supportive of Rwanda and so willing to aid a cause that really needs help. Awareness is the first step of the rebuilding process," Katie Grimshaw, junior model from West Linn, said.

The clothes in the show were provided by local boutiques including City Girl, Ebee, Fleur De Lis, Glass Butterfly, Grapevine, Lucy, Meringue, Solstice and Spoiled Rotten. Brad Mackeson, Class of 2006 graduate, and KINK FM

102's Rebecca Webb provided music and commentary.

The show consisted of the live music, lunch, raffle and the opportunity to buy baskets made in Rwanda and clothes from the stores featured. Fleur De Lis donated 20 percent of their profits to the foundation and Solstice is donating 30 percent of their online sales through the end of Dec.

The Itafari Fashion show was orchestrated in less than a month and raised approximately \$4,200, surpassing the original goal of \$1,000. Although the amount of money raised was

a pleasant surprise, educating those who attended was another one their goals and they believed that it was achieved.

"Everyone walked out with a new perspective," Meyer said.

The Rwandan genocide, in which 800,000-1,071,000 people were massacred within 100 days, stunted the already suffering growth of the country. Before this genocide, educating the people of Rwanda became an essential in order for the society to prosper on its own.

The Itafari Foundation is currently working on

raising enough money to build a high school in Kigali, Rwanda. After completing the sixth grade, people of all economic backgrounds will be able to enter into this school.

Butera is working on raising money for another school in another part of Rwanda. Victoria Trabosh, president of the foundation, also spoke at Super and Meyer's sold out fashion show.

The motto that guided Meyer and Super used was, "No matter the age, race, sex or nationality we can all do our part to help."

Mr. WLHS turns fun into good cause

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Laughter filled the auditorium when Dan Hennelly, senior, walked out on the stage wearing an orange plastic kiddie pool around his waist that coordinated with his suspenders, towel, Crocs, suspenders and hair. Hennelly, the eventual winner, competed against eight other seniors in the Mr. WLHS Mangleant (Man Pageant) held on Dec. 2.

Emceed by teachers Joe Cerny and Nikki Stroup, the competition featured seniors Alex Shafer, Nick Kemner, Nathan Gonzalez, Joe Lewis,

Rob Dinelli, Nathan Merlin, Jack Ashby, Paul Morris and Hennelly.

"It was more fun than fighting communists. I look forward to being your prom king also," Hennelly said. "It was epic," Ashby added.

Seniors Barbara Titus, Amber Froescher, Denise Griffith, Brooke Aus and staff members Marlo Schwarz, Michelle Olson and Megan Runyon picked up the idea to have the pageant this year after a two-year hiatus.

"Last year, we went to a leadership conference and two girls gave a presentation on how it was a big success



Dan Hennelly, senior, receives a \$3,000 check from Mr. WLHS proceeds which will be donated to various charities. Hennelly was crowned Mr. WLHS on Dec. 2 after competing in swimwear, evening wear, talent, and an interview segment. Photo by Aubree White

Kaleidoscope searches for submissions

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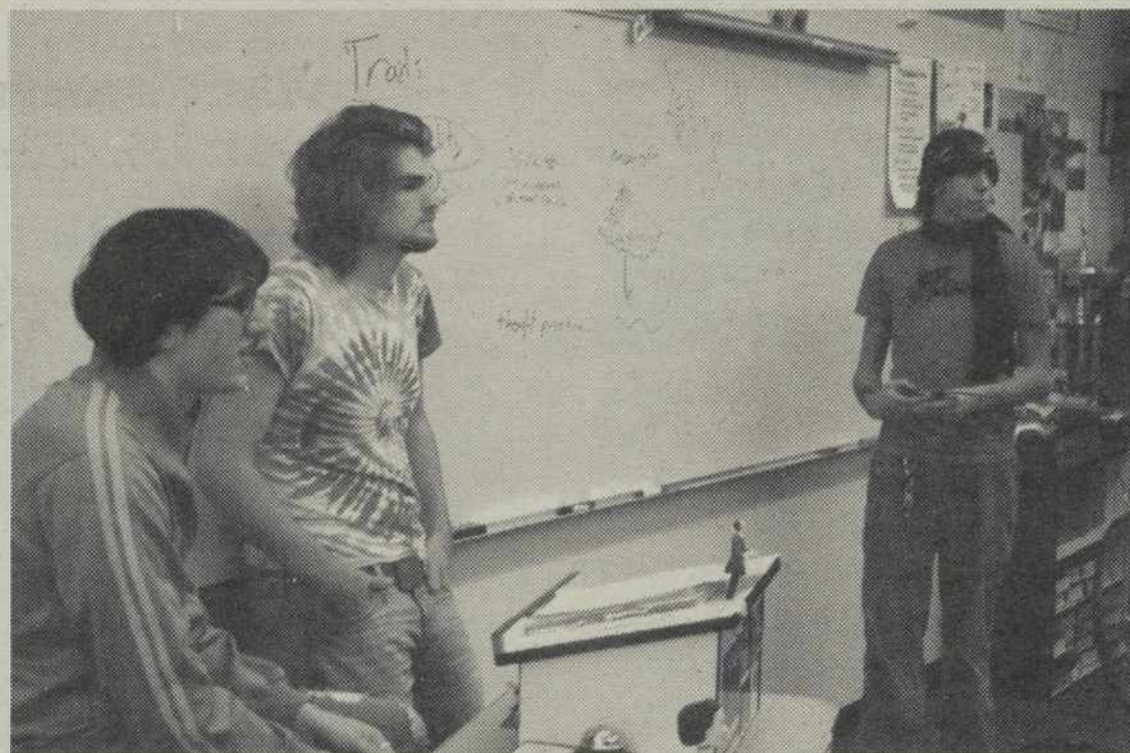
The names on submissions are covered and club members vote on each piece individually. Once a piece receives a certain number of yes votes or no votes, it is either approved or denied for the final *Kaleidoscope* issue.

One piece of artwork is chosen for the cover. While club members go through work and decide on the ones they like, they may pick out photographs or artwork that they believe could be good enough to land the spot on the cover.

In the end, around 10 to 15 are selected, and everyone votes again until the running is narrowed down to three. Finally, the cover piece is selected with another vote.

The hardest part is prepping everything to be sent to the printer, according to West. Just days before the final product is printed, they scramble to put everything together. For probably three days that week, they may stay as late as 8 p.m. to finish. "The most rewarding part of creating the *Kaleidoscope* each year is getting the new *Kaleidoscope* in your hand. It's awesome," West said.

When the issue is ready to be printed, it is sent to



Kaleidoscope officers Jordan Grelewicz, Issac Cohen and Derrick Scholz, seniors, lead a lunch meeting in adviser Andy West's room. Kaleidoscope members are currently reviewing submissions for the 2007 publication of the literary magazine. The deadline for submissions is Feb. 1. Photo by Cole Fiala

the Educational Service District. For the last couple of years, they've produced 275 *Kaleidoscopes* per year, and sell around 100. The rest are given away to those who submitted to *Kaleidoscope* and any left over are sold the following year. The cost of printing for one year is \$1,200.

Most of the funding is provided by the Associated Student Body which contributed \$800. The rest of the cost is covered through fundraising and sales. This year, Cohen dressed up in a dragon costume at the Homecoming Carnival and let students throw tennis balls at him to raise funds.

This and other means of fundraising provide enough, if not a surplus, for production costs. Any left over money is put toward the next year's *Kaleidoscope*.

West would eventually like to see some new and interesting changes such as printing a color edition or having better quality printing.

Students can submit their work by either e-mailing it to kscopesubmissions@gmail.com, or bringing them directly to West in Room D202. According to West, participation in *Kaleidoscope* also looks good on college applications and contributors receive a free *Kaleidoscope*.

at their school and a big fundraiser. I thought it would be really fun and we haven't done it for a few years," Titus said.

Each senior designated a charity to donate money to.

Over \$3,000 dollars was raised for the charities and over \$2,000 was contributed to the school.

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Proposed Latter-day Saints church wins approval

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A plan to build a West Linn chapel for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints brought one of the largest crowds on record to City Hall on Nov. 9. The proposed church construction, to be built on 4.43 acres on the corner of Shannon Lane and Rosemont Road, was later approved by the Planning Commission.

"My only concern is that there will be excess traffic on my street, which has always been pretty quiet," Casey Crawford, sophomore, who lives on Shannon Lane, said. The church has agreed to donate \$75,000 to the city to help with the excess traffic problems on Rosemont.

After four years of court battles that began in 2002, and barring further appeals, construction is slated to take place within the next one or two years. The most recent plan included a brick wall

and trees to help alleviate noise, and moving the building. Two thirds of an acre has also been added to the property.

The building plan is 16,558 square feet, with an adjacent parking lot of 179 parking spaces. Church officials are trying to work out an agreement with the West Linn-Wilsonville School District to offer access to the nearby Oppenlander Field parking lot. There is also a plan for an underground water retention facility, although the city wants it exposed at the surface.

"I think that it is good that there is a church closer to people, so they don't have to make the long commute from their house to the church," Tatianna Young, sophomore, said. "That's like a 20 minute commute, which is [using] a lot of gas. There is going to be a parking lot, so no one has to worry about people [parking] in front of their house."