

Freshmen Speak

How is high school different from what you thought it would be?



"I thought that middle school overexaggerated on how to take notes and how hard it was going to be."

—Taylor Hefty



"Teachers are more helpful than they were in middle school and I didn't know that I wouldn't have any problems meeting new people."

—Jamie Iwata



"I thought school would be harder with the grades but it's not. And I didn't think teachers would send kids out looking for you if you miss their class but they do."

—Arieana Archie



"Teachers are more helpful than in middle school and the homework is more spread out. Instead of having five or six hours in one night it's one or two hours every night."

—Kendall Stowell

Scholastic Art Awards Student artists

HALIE OWENS & MICHAEL MCNINCH

At the recent Scholastic Art Competition 13 students won honors and three artists, Chloe Coates, senior, (painting), Emma Kennard, freshman, (two drawings), and Jordan LeVeque, senior, (drawing), won gold keys.

"The Scholastic Art Awards event is a nationally recognized program that honors excellence in the visual arts," Lynn Pass, art teacher, said.

Silver key winners included: Julia Tatiyatrairong, sophomore, (fashion and mixed media), and Jeffrey Schafer, senior, (glass).

Honorable mention winners included: Avery Breyne-Cartwright, senior, (photo), Maxwell Gerber, senior (design), Sam Ihrig, senior, (painting), Samantha Neverick, sophomore, (painting), Kristina Reeves, senior, (painting), Dana Rost, freshman, (drawing), and Taylor White, junior, (mixed media).

Artworks that received golds advance to the National competition

FROM THE VAULT

Class of 1983 prepares for commencement

JOANIE CRAMER

JUNE 1, 1983

The 246 graduating seniors know with whom they will march in to commencements with, according to the list on Dan Rollins office door, but that will dwindle explains Rollins. "The list will change at least five or six times," Rollins went on to say, "Many seniors have dropped out or are not going to take part in the commencement."

Plans had been made for the class of '83 to have commencement held in Portland. Many Portland schools have theirs held at the Rose Gardens in Portland Heights.

Leaving the West Linn Community was too expensive. "The community people had some concern about the danger of leaving West Linn," explained

Located in the basement, through a series of storage rooms and locked doors lies the Vault. The Vault holds school records going back decades, including Amplifiers from as far back as 1921. Our editors have sorted through the papers to reprint past articles, bringing you an interesting view of life from students of another generation.

"From the Vault" articles will appear in the corresponding section in which they were originally printed. Check each issue of the Amplifier to find more treasures from the Vault.

Rollins.

June 7, 1983 the West Linn seniors will gather together to graduate on the football field (weather permitting). If it does rain, graduation will be held in the gym.

The ceremony will begin with a short introductory speech by class President Josh Lohman. Then principal, Dick Sagor and Superintendent, Dealous Cox, will take over the program. Finally coming to the end when Student Body president and valedictorian Terry Donahe and vice president Heidi Geldaker will hand out diplomas.

After the graduation ceremonies have finished, almost the whole class will be together for the last time. "We're boarding a bus to an unknown destination," smiled senior, Tami Tuers. "To celebrate," she added.

The graduates will dance and party together to one of Portland's top bands, "Billy Rancher and the Unreal Gods" and come home at 7:30 a.m. to West Linn High School.

After graduation night is over, most of the senior class will split up and go to different colleges. Some seniors were asked what they will miss most about West Linn High School and all responded the same, "My friends."



I'm not bipolar, I'm just moody

Bipolar disorder often mis

GRACIE WALL

For people with Bipolar disorder the ride never ends. It is a constant struggle to hang on to the safety bar of an emotional roller coaster. Whether it takes a bipolar person's mood to an extreme high, an extreme low or anywhere in between, the life of a person with Bipolar disorder is a wild and scary ride.

Bipolar jokes circulate around the school, along the lines of, "You are acting so bipolar" to describe someone having mood fluctuations. But Bipolar is a complex genetic disorder affecting the neurotransmitters in the brain. Neurotransmitters are the connectors between one brain cell and the next that allow the brain cells to communicate and regulate mood levels.

Bipolar disorder causes the neurotransmitters to malfunction, leading to extreme highs and extreme lows in mood. The highs are called "manic episodes" and the lows are called "depressive episodes." A person with Bipolar disorder can experience extreme highs and extreme lows.

"People need to become aware that everyone is different and that

strengths and weaknesses," Mike Miller, school psychologist, said. For people with Bipolar disorder an understanding family and friends and proper medication are key.

The jokes about this condition are not only inaccurate but are hurtful to people who have been diagnosed with Bipolar disorder. When this happens the person who is Bipolar has a choice between staying quiet or speaking out.

"The jokes about this condition are not only inaccurate but are hurtful to people who have been diagnosed with Bipolar disorder."

Ben Stiller, comedian and actor, is a living example that a person with Bipolar disorder can be successful in the world. Artist Vincent Van Gogh was also diagnosed as having Bipolar disorder.

Like with everything in life, Bipolar Disorder has its blessings and curses. My memories consist of mostly the curses. For example the hospital visit. Nine days of what felt like

everyone has



TEAM QUEST

GRAND OPENING!
WITH MATT LINDLAND SEMINAR
JANUARY 30TH

- ★ Seminar With Matt Lindland From 10:00am - 12:00pm
- ★ Grand Opening From 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Food, Prizes, Autograph Signings,
Enrollment Specials, & An Appearance
By The Team Quest Fight Team!

MATT "THE LAW" LINDLAND

19171 Willamette Dr. West Linn, OR 97068 (503) 675-7463 TOMMA.COM PMAWESTLINN.COM