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Rhoades unanimously voted new superintendent

EMILY REED

After living in West Linn and Wilsonville for 13 years, working for the West Linn-Wilsonville School District will be an easy transition for Dr. William Rhoades who was chosen as the new superintendent. He will succeed Dr. Roger Woehl, who is retiring in June after 17 years as the top administrator for the district.

"I have always enjoyed the community and have been impressed with the quality of the school system. I had the opportunity to study with many leaders in West Linn and Wilsonville as we worked together in a doctoral program," Rhoades said. "I was immediately impressed by the quality of the people leading and teaching in WLWV schools."

Rhoades was inspired to teach by his coaches and teachers as a young child. "I knew that I wanted to be a

teacher when I was 13 or 14 years old and I have never wavered from that goal," Rhoades said.

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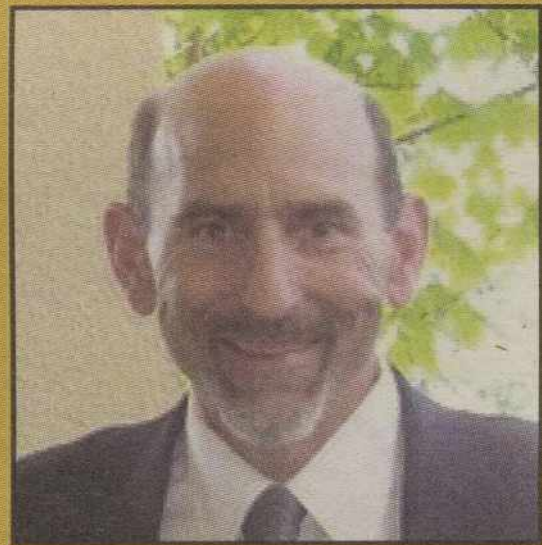


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Dr. William Rhoades was selected to serve as Superintendent for the West Linn-Wilsonville School District replacing Dr. Roger Woehl who is retiring after 17 years in that post. Rhoades will bring his experience as both a teacher and an administrator from six different Oregon school districts.

Model United Nations Team brings home five of 36 awards from state

ALISON FIELDHOUSE

It's a normal day on the University of Oregon campus. Students walk from class to class, a game of frisbee golf takes place on the quad; the only notable difference is the 1,400 high school students dressed in suits that have taken over for the weekend. From April 7-9, the Model United Nations Team took part in the state conference, representing Germany and Sweden.

Sara Crawford, Danielle Grenier, Amanda Rucker, Samantha Steele and Gregory White, seniors, won the Best Consensus Builder award for their respective committees. Out of 36 awards awarded in the entire conference, West Linn delegates won five.

"I was really amazed that I won Best Consensus Builder," Crawford said. "Everyone was working

hard to build a good resolution so I'm just glad that my committee chose to recognize me as a major player in the process."

The conference consisted of daily committee meetings totaling 14 hours for delegates to debate topics and draw up resolutions to solve global problems. The committees included General Assembly, Security Council, Global Security, Economics, Human Rights, Environment and Health and Human Services.

Aside from committee meetings, delegates also had time to relax and have fun. On April 8, students had the opportunity to participate in activities set up in Gerlinger Hall and the Erb Memorial Union, including a giant slide, an obstacle course, a bungee run, karaoke and a photo booth. Missing this year was the dance that had been held in the recreation center years past.

"I was disappointed that the dance was cancelled because it's really fun to dance with all your friends," Crawford said.

Prior to the conference,

students had to research their countries, write two position papers and a resolution and become credentialed.

"The research was an experience in how to be a worldly citizen and how to not be narrowly concerned with our own affairs," White said.

There were 18 committees at the conference comprised of students representing different countries of the United Nations. Students that represented Germany were Elena Belloni, Hannah Cotter, Crawford, Alison Fieldhouse, Tabitha Gholi, Grenier, Erin Morrow, Jennifer Sitton, Sharon Shin, Jacqueline Steeh, White and Maia Williams, seniors, Caroline Attanasio, junior, and Jennifer Jain and Shruthi Thandri, freshmen.

Those representing Sweden included Ann Bernert, Lubna Khan, Hyunjae Kim, Jack Lammers, Rucker, Steele, Anneli Tostar and Amanda Wagner, seniors, Spencer Chang, Anya Lehman, Kristin Nesbit and Anthony To, juniors, and Kim Tran, freshman.

Band and Orchestra place first at TRL

CAROLYN CRUZE

After winning the Three Rivers League competition for the fourth year in a row, the Symphony Orchestra qualified for the State competition which will be held on May 13 at Oregon State University. Along with being a part of the Orchestra, many of these musicians are involved in the Symphonic Band. At the April 12 TRL competition, the band placed first, defeating their long-standing opponent, Lake Oswego.

"We really wanted to beat LO," Elena Myre, junior French horn musician, said. "They had been beating us for a really long time so we really stepped it up with the rigor of our pieces." At the competition, the band played three different songs; Festive Overture by Shostakovich Hunsberger, Elisa's Precession by Richard Wagner, and Khan by Julie Giroux.

"Because the level of musicianship to perform these pieces is so high, most high school bands do not attempt



Photo by Matthew Owens

Brittany Peterson, junior trumpet player, and other members of the Symphonic Band placed first at the TRL Competition, beating their long-standing opponent Lake Oswego. They played three difficult pieces: Festive Overture, Elisa's Precession, and Khan, and are continuing on to State in May.

them," Kevin Egan, musical director, said. By choosing this repertoire, Egan said he was able to highlight the strengths of the band and feature some of its outstanding soloists.

At the TRL competition, many students performed solos. When choosing these musicians, Egan said, "It's not a question of who I will solo, but how I can limit the

amount of solos, because the quality of the ensemble is so high." From the band, 15 students are also competing at the State solo contest on April 30.

In order to qualify for the TRL competition musicians must perform well in three different categories.

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Blood drive uses new system to call donors



Photo by Xela Viteri

Alyssa Heath, junior, waits to have her blood drawn during the spring blood drive. Two hundred staff and students arrived at the drive to donate, but 47 were unable to, mainly due to a lack of iron in their system.

One significant difference between this blood drive and those in the past was the use of release slips for donors. This eliminated the distraction of names being called over the intercom system throughout the day.