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Five Seniors Named Merit Semifinalists



National Merit Semifinalists are, from left, Dan Paden, Joe Arbaugh, David Wright, and Mitchel Thompson. Sherri Chasteen is seated.

Five Union High School students have been named National Merit Scholarship semifinalists in the 1980 Merit Program. The five are included in a list of the nation's 15,000 most intellectually able students which was released this month by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation of Evanston, Illinois. Semifinalists who advance to finalist standing in the competition will be considered for approximately 4,300 Merit Scholarships to be awarded in the spring of 1980.

The five semifinalists, all seniors, are: Joe Arbaugh, Sherri Chasteen, Dan Paden, Mitchell Thompson and David Wright. The group represents a larger than normal proportion of the Union student population. A total of 191 semifinalists were named from the 279 high schools in Oklahoma. With five students named to the prestigious group of achievers Union High School is classed among the most elite high schools in the state.

Semifinalists are the highest scorers of the over 1.1 million students across the nation who took the test, named from the top half of one percent of the state's senior class in numbers proportional to that state's percentage of the nation's graduating seniors. In order to increase the educational opportunities of semifinalists, most of whom will complete high school and enter college in 1980, they also are identified to regionally accredited U.S. colleges and universities.

To be considered for Merit Scholarships, semifinalists must qualify as finalists by meeting further requirements — being fully endorsed and recommended for scholarships by their secondary school principals, submitting records that confirm high academic standing, and substantiating their high qualifying test scores with equivalent scores on another test. Over 90 percent of the semifinalists are expected to qualify as finalists next February, and each will receive a Certificate of Merit attesting to distinguished performance. All Merit Scholars will be chosen from this highly able group of finalists and announced in April and May.

Arbaugh, the son of Jay and Mary Arbaugh, has been a Union student since he entered the 3rd grade. He plans to attend college and enjoys being with friends and people in general.

"I believe Union has a good offering of classes and has helped me a great deal," he said. "... Union is a school where you can be challenged if you want to be." Arbaugh is enrolled in Physics, French III and college-bound English. A soccer fan, he follows the Roughnecks and the Strikers, a team organized by Union High School students.

Chasteen is the duaghter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Chasteen and has attended Union since March, 1979. She plays basketball and is a member of the select choir, Madrigal Singers and the National Honor Society. She works at a Sizzler Family Steak House after school, and enjoys the guitar, stamp collecting, drawing and sewing in her spare time. She plans to study optometry in college, hopefully at the University of Tulsa.

Paden is the son of Mrs. J.A. Hyde of Tulsa and Norman C. Paden of Bartlesville. He is interested in "practically everything, but the main items are the martial arts, chess, literature and

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From the Superintendent's Desk!

Construction on New Projects Nears



As you know, Union patrons overwhelmingly approved a 3.6 million dollar bond issue on August 28, 1979. Proceeds from this issue will be available about October 15. The bonds were sold on September 11. Bids received were as follows:

	Total	Rate
Bidder	Interest	Average
(1) Security Bank, Tulsa	\$678,150	5.382142%
(2) 1st National Bank of Tulsa	\$686,612	5.4493%
(3) 1st National Bank Broken Arrow	\$692,532	5.496286%

Mr. George Hauger, President of Security Bank, was the successful bidder again for the fourth consecutive year. Security Bank is located in the Union School District at 10802 East 31st and has given support to our district not only by buying the bonds but by furnishing report card covers and distributing literature to its customers in behalf of Union Public Schools. Our hats off to them for a job well done.

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Q. How much money will be spent out of school funds for competitive football this year? Please include such items as payment on the stadium and practice football field, coaches salaries and equipment for the players. How many coaches does the school system employ? What other responsibilities do these teachers have other than coaching?

A. The annual expenditure for football is, as the following will indicate, very small when you consider the impact a program of its magnitude has on a school system.

- The annual trust lease-purchase payment on the stadium is \$249,300. The trust will pay off on July 1, 1986.
- The estimate of cost for upkeep and continuing maintenance annually for the stadium, baseball fields, practice fields, softball field and high school campus is \$25,000.
- (3) Actual equipment budget for football, grades 7-12 which involves over 265 students is \$10,000.
- Coaches salaries for the six teams that we field is \$19,470.
- (5) Our coaching staff for the junior and senior high athletic program now totals 25. We have 15 coaches who teach at the high school, eight who teach at the junior high and two at the elementary level.
- (6) The coaches teaching duties include at least three hours daily of supervision or teaching class as mandated by the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association. Their teaching fields include: History, Sociology, Mathematics, Science, Chemistry, Health, Physical Education, Driver's Education, Art, Industrial Art and English. Continued on Page 3

We should receive bids on the Darnaby Elementary School on October 15 and or the high school addition on October 22. These contracts, if in order should be awarded immediately. Construction on Darnaby Elementary can begin soon with some earth work and excavation to be done. The classroom additions will not require substantial earth work and should proceed smoothly.

Phase II at Tom Peters Elementary is in the final stages and should be occupied by October 1. The four prefabs are in place and occupied at Grove. The sidewalks are in place and clocks and intercoms are installed. Chalkboards have been ordered and will be delivered soon. We have experienced a number of delays and problems on the junior high roof. The roof should be completed by October 1 unless there are additional problems that we don't anticipate.

We will begin some work on the junior high, such as classroom lighting and new heaters in the west building as soon as the bond funds become available. The new stairway and other renovation items will probably be delayed until summer.

We have begun a very successful school year and with your help, cooperation and understanding it will continue to be an excellent learning environment.

Otesley Jaman **UJH Cheerleaders Win City Honors**

Union Junior High cheerleaders came away with top honors from two cheerleading camps this summer. In June, 7th and 8th grade squads brought home "The Spirit Stick" and Superior ribbons from the Universal Cheerleading Association Camp at the University of Tulsa.

In August, the 9th grade squads and three younger cheerleaders attended International Cheerleaders Foundation Camp at TU. Both squads won "Super Spirit" ribbons and excellent ribbons. The basketball squad won the "Grand Champion" trophy for the Junior High Division.

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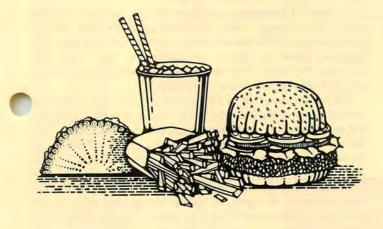
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School Lunch Week Slated in October

National School Lunch Week's (NSLW) theme, "Eat to Learn . . . Learn to Eat," will again be presented across the nation October 14-20, 1979. This theme, part of a five-year program developed by the American School Food Service Association (ASFSA) was designed to focus attention on the importance and benefits of good nutrition. Emphasis this school year is on "nutrition with love." After all, good nutritious food tastes that much better when it is served by caring people with loving hands.

Highlighting NSLW 1979 are three menus featuring Fish-n-Chips, Pizza, and T-Town Chili with Crackers. These meals are Type A lunches and include items from the four basic food groups — meat or meat alternate, fruit and/or vegetables, bread or bread alternate, and milk. Type A lunches provide one-third of the recommended daily allowances for children.

School food service is the second largest segment of the food service industry today. At Union 63 people are employed in seven schools in the district school feeding program. An average of 2800 students eat in the cafeterias each day, with the number increasing as the year progresses. This figure represents 462,500 lunches each year to over half the students attending Union schools.



FIVE SENIORS NAMED

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ancient history." He is a member of the French Club and plans to attend Oklahoma State University next year. He is planning a career as a novelist. A self-motivated achiever, Paden studies a good deal outside of school.

Thompson, the son of Carl and Nancy Thompson, is a member of the Union Pride band, the Highland Park Demolay, the Union Strikers Soccer Club, the National Honor Society and the Debate Team. While he likes girls and soccer, he spends time reading and practicing his trombone. He has attended Union since the 6th grade and plans to study aerospace engineering.

Wright's parents are Kenneth and Patricia Wright. He has been in Union schools since the 6th grade and is active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Campus Life, the Key Club, Gracemont Baptist Church, and the National Honor Society. A former band member, he has lettered in track and cross-country. His hobbies are distance running, auto racing and amateur radio. Wright plans to study engineering in college.

Counselor Bill Mann says another Union student may be given honorable mention by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation next month.

School food service programs have a two-fold purpose: to provide food and to develop educational aspects of the program for better health and nutrition of students in elementary and secondary programs.

Nutrition Workshop Scheduled by PTA

Union PTA Council officers will attend a nutrition workshop sponsored by the national PTA at the Education Service Center on 31st Street between Yale and Harvard, October 9, at 9:30 a.m. State food service people will be working with the PTA in presenting the program which will be based on nutrition education and will provide a time of interplay between parents and nutritionists. Anyone interested in attending should contact Jan Brower at 492-9674 for further information.

Home Ec Students Learn Community Spirit

Cookies, jokes and riddles were the result of a study in family relations by 70 students in Charlotte Bachman's 7th and 8th grade home economics classes. When students learned one problem of old age is loneliness, they made cookies at home, brought them to class and wrapped them individually as gifts. Parents volunteered delivery to Tulsa Christian Home and Skyline Terrace.

Later students became concerned about elementary age children in the hospital. Each class wrote jokes, riddles and tongue twisters to make a book to entertain children who were ill. The books were delivered to Carol Heath, head nurse of the pediatric ward at St. Francis Hospital.

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(7) The athletic budget is 75 percent self-supporting. The \$25,000 revenue from football will subsidize baseball, boys track, girls track, boys golf, girls golf, boys tennis, girls tennis, boys cross country and girls softball. Boys and girls basketball and wrestling revenue of \$15,000 will break even for those sports. As our attendance grows, we will be working toward a 100 percent self-supporting athletic budget. Currently we offer 16 varsity sports and eight junior high sports. These sports will incude over 550 students as participants, which is 25 percent of the total enrollment for Junior and Senior High Schools.

The high school football game involves many people. For instance, we currently have 101 high school football players, 20 cheerleaders, and over 150 in the band, drill team, Rifles and Flags. Over 30 students work in the concession stand during the game.

A high school football game is much more than a stadium. This year we will play 35 games in our stadium. Come out and enjoy yourself as our student-athletics perform their skills in one of the best laboratories for life, High School Competitive Athletics.

School Update

Schools Adjust to Shift in Growth Trend

For the second year in a row secondary student enrollment outpaced elementary in percentage of growth.

During the ten year period before the 1978-79 school year elementary enrollment increased about 17 percent each year, while secondary enrollment increased between seven and ten percent a year. Last year the trend reversed with elementary growing about seven percent and secondary increasing 17 percent. This year Union High School grew 20 percent and the elementary enrollment increased at about the same rate as last year with most growth occuring at Peters and Grove.

Union High School is able to meet the great influx of new students since ninth graders remained at Union Junior High this year. The 20-classroom two-story addition approved at the polls in August by Union voters will be under construction within the next month, according to Dr. Wesley Jarman, Superintendent.

The present rate of growth is expected to continue at the high school, he said, because most of the new homes in the district are located in the southern end of the school district and are in the over \$60,000 category principally bought by more established families with older children. The new classroom addition should be able to handle this growth for several more years. A student store and student commons area are included in the addition.

The high school presently has a faculty of 52 with three counselors and three administrators. A total of 203 units of credit are offered to 1008 students. "The only school comparable in units of credit offered is Memorial High School," said Principal Vernon Harmon at a recent PTA Council meeting. "The courses are available in combination with units offered by Tulsa County Vocational Technical School.

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"Our SAT scores were up last year and again this year," he said, emphasizing the academic requirements at the high school. "Oklahoma is above the national average and Union is above the Oklahoma average."

Union Junior High, in addition to adding the ninth grade to their enrollment, gained another 140 new students this year, according to Principal Dale Stuckey. The total enrollment at the school is 1133. A faculty of 52 teachers, two counselors and two administrators stress a strong program of basics to prepare the students for high school.

The new roof contracted for the school during summer months was not completed before school started, according to Jarman, who said the contractor gave personnel problems as the cause of failure to complete the project. The smell of tar and leaks from incompleted portions of the roof during rainstorms have been a trial to the patience of students and teachers, he said. "The contractor has assured us that he will rectify the problem as quickly as possible."

In addition to the new roof, students at the junior high found new carpeting in the front halls and library, newly painted classrooms and lockers, a new front door with air lock to prevent drafts in the hall, and a greater selection of food in the cafeteria line. Engineering is proceeding on new unit heaters and lighting for Building B. Installation of the heaters and lights should take place this fall.

Roy Clark is under consideration as a demonstration school for physical education . . .

At Roy Clark Elementary enrollment jumped from 583 the first day of school to 665 by the fifth day. "The enrollment is beginning to stabilize now," said Rick DeHaan, Principal. The new portrait of Roy Clark is now hanging in the front hall and DeHaan invites parents in to see it.

The Oklahoma State Department of Education has appointed Roy Clark Elementary one of ten schools in the state to be considered as a demonstration school for physical education, he said. "Of course, we owe that to our fine physical education instructor Dixie Graahlman," he said.

At Peters Elementary enrollment is 565, up from 465 last spring. New homes under construction in the area promise continued growth for the school throughout the school year. "We have an equal distribution of classrooms now," said Don Jennings, Principal. "Our teacher-student ratio is down. All first grade classes have less than 25 students."

The school has a total of 24 teachers and a full time nurse. The second phase of the building, the west wing, is in the completion stages and should be ready to occupy in two weeks. Classes now being held in the gymnasium and media center will move into those rooms, leaving their present locations available for their intended use.

At Grove Elementary, the fast-growing nucleus from which new elementaries seem to sprout almost annually, growth continues to be a major factor. Enrollment is already up to 884 in a facility designed for 750 students. New prefabs were readied for occupation this month after many delays by city government red tape, providing four additional classrooms to handle the large enrollment, according to Principal Robert Ingle.

The staff of 39 teachers is aided by two administrators. Faye Pride, former elementary counselor, was promoted to assistant principal at the school. She is the first assistant principal at the elementary level since DeHaan served as assistant principal at Briarglen during a period of time when that school was severly overcrowded.

"The figures indicate (our teachers) are happy at Boevers, and high morale is caught by the students"

Boevers Elementary enrollment is 619 this year, and new home construction south of the school promises continued growth for that school.

"We have only five new teachers this year," said Principal Ken Bibb. "We considered this a sign of high morale and stabilization. Last year we had ten, and the year before that 18. Our teachers (Continued on Page 8)



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Reading Teachers Polish Skills

June Cooley, left, third grade teacher at Grove, works with selected elementary teachers from district schools to find better ways to help students overcome reading difficulties. Coordinating the workshop is Sue Allen, standing, Consultant to the State Reading Section of the State Department of Education. Allen is a resident of Millwood in the Union School District. Teachers attending the workshop will return to their schools to share what they learned with their fellow teachers.

Juniors Urged to Sign Up for PSAT/NMSQT

Joan Stuckey, Junior Counselor at Union High School has announced that juniors will be able to join over one million other students around the world in taking the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) this fall. The test, cosponsored by the College Board and National Merit Scholarship Corporation, is an important step in making college plans.

Scheduled for October 23, at Union High School, the PSAT/NMSQT measures verbal and mathematical aptitude — two abilities important in doing college work — and gives students a chance to find out what the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) is like.

By taking the PSAT/NMSQT, students can enter the competition for scholarships administered by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation and ask to participate in the College Board's Search Service, which gives students an opportunity to hear from colleges that they might not otherwise know about.

Stuckey strongly advises that college bound students take the PSAT in order to get experience in taking college entrance tests. Also, each student needs to talk with their parents to see if their employers have scholarships available to children of the employee and one of the criteria for the scholarship is based on the PSAT score.

This test is given only one time during the year so it is imperative that those wanting to take the test be prepared on October 23. The counselors will periodically remind the students to sign up and pay the fee before the test date.

With their score reports, students receive a copy of ABOUT YOUR PSAT/NMSQT SCORES, a booklet that contains

valuable how-to information about estimating SAT scores, finding out where to get and how to use detailed information about colleges and financial aid, and planning for financing a college education.

In addition, students can use the College Board's The College Handbook, 1979-80 to compare their scores with those of enrolled students at more than 2,400 colleges and universities.

Call Rumor Control 664-9400 (It's Working)

New Fence Provides Safety at Boevers

Balls and children will be kept out of the street by a new six foot chain link fence around the Boevers playground. Purchased by the PTA with proceeds from a spice sale, fun night and T-shirt sales, the fence earned a big "thank you!" from Boevers teachers, according to Neoma Waller, 3rd grade teacher. The PTA also allotted each teacher \$25 to purchase materials for their rooms, and made several other purchases for the school.

Onstott Replaces Bowerman Pair on Council

Carolyn Onstott, Union mother of three and longtime PTA veteran, has assumed the Presidency of the Union PTA Council. She replaces Charlie and Corky Bowerman who have been transferred to Edmond.

Onstott, who was elected by a special vote of the Executive Board, is the mother of Jill, Grove 6th grader, Jay, Union Junior High 9th grader, and Julie, a senior at Abilene Christian College.

The new Council head comes to the position with ample experience. She was President of the PTA Executive Council in Duncanville, Texas for two years. Prior to that she was President of the Hastings Elementary PTA, and President of the Newcomers Club of Duncanville. She was given the Honorary Texas Life PTA Membership Award. This is an award given for giving time to the youth of the community above and beyond the call of duty. She is currently active in both the junior high and Grove PTA's.

The Bowermans have lived in the Union District 5½ years and have been active PTA members throughout that time. They were PTA curriculum coordinators and Council Representatives for Grove; Vice-President of the Union Junior High PTA; President of the Union High School PTA; and PTA Council Vice-President



Faye Pride has been promoted to Assistant Principal at Grove Elementary. In her fourth year at Union, Pride has a Bachelor of Science degree and a Masters degree from Northeastern State University at Tahlequah in elementary education. She also earned a Standard Certificate in Counseling from NEOSU, and a certificate in Elementary Administration at the University of Tulsa. She has 13 years experience as a teacher and counselor in schools in Hominy, Bixby and Owasso. While at the university she was listed on the Dean's and President's Honor Rolls and in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

last year before being elected President this year. Corky has been a homeroom mother four years.

The council plans a Town(less) Hall Meeting in October to meet with legislative representatives to discuss concerns. Further information will be announced. The meeting is part of a plan of work by the council PTA legislative committee.

"We are concerned with basic issues that may lead to legislation affecting the health, education, and welfare of children and youth," stated Jan Brower, committee co-chairperson. Gil Cloud, Director of Athletics for the Council will talk about Union Physical Education for K-12 and competitive athletics at the October 10, PTA Council meeting.

State Legislators Schedule Public Education Hearings

The State Legislative Council on Common Education, a joint House-Senate committee studying education problems during the interim, will carry its meetings to the people this fall. The last in a series of nine meetings will be held in the Tulsa area at the University of Tulsa on November 27.

Representative Jim Fried, chairman, and Senator Rodger Randle, vice-chairman of this important interim study committee, tentatively plan to follow an agenda which will encourage in-put from individuals interested in education:

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12:00 noon 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Luncheon with members of the press Committee meeting (open to the public)
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Committee will tour teacher education facilities
5:30 - 7:00 p.m. 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Dinner with area school officials Public hearing

For further information contact Debbie Terlip at (405) 521-2860 or Representative Jim Fried at (405) 521-2711.

Gifted Students Enthusiastic About Midwestern Institute

by Vernon Harmon Union High School Principal

"Super! Incredible! Fantastic!"

Billy Berkenbile and Kathy Roy responded with "wild enthusiasm" when asked about their two weeks at the Gifted Student Institute at T.C.U. in Fort Worth. Kathy and Billy joined gifted students from all over the Midwest for a program focusing on "Publication and the Arts." They helped write, design, and publish a special magazine during the session. Through the efforts of Paula Bevilacqua, local representative of the Gifted Students Institute, both Billy and Kathy received partial scholarships to help with expenses.

The Gifted Student Institute has summer programs available on several university campuses in many subject areas (such as energy, drama, politics, writing, the media, and foreign studies). Interested students or parents may direct inquiries to the high school counselors.

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REDSKIN TALK

New Coaches Help Organize 79-80 Program

by Gil Cloud Director of Athletics

The 1979-80 year is now is full swing and with a new year I have been able to recruit some fine new coaches to our outstanding coaching staff. New coaches this year include: Robin Robins, head 8th and 9th grade basketball, assistant 7th grade football and head golf joins the staff from Manhattan, Kansas where he taught and coached for 5 years. He will teach chemistry and physics at the high school.

Mark Dobbins will coach girls softball and assist in both the boys and girls varsity basketball programs. He has just completed his playing career at Northeastern State University. He will teach social studies at the junior high school.

Jack Stogner will coach 8th grade girls basketball and help in junior high track. Jack has been a teacher and coach for over 27 years in Oklahoma and California. He has coached girls basketball, boys basketball, football and track. Two years ago he was inducted into the Oklahoma Coaches Hall of Fames. He is

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are highly qualified and dedicated to the education of the students. The figures indicate they are happy at Boevers, and high morale is caught quickly by the students."

Briarglen Elementary students total 747 this year. The school is built for 750 and student population in the area seems to have stabilized. Briarglen is the only totally walk-in school in the district, with no students bused. At one time in the early 1970's the school handled an enrollment of 1,000.

Briarglen's new gymnasium is ready for use. Landscaping is underway outside the new facility and the school's name is being affixed to the exterior. Principal John Scroggins said use of the gymnasium, rather than the cafeteria, for physical education classes will cut down the noise level in the school to a considerable extent.

teaching social studies at the junior high school.

Joe Bates joins our staff after teaching one year at Peters. He will continue to teach at Peters and coach our 7th grade boys basketball. He will also coordinate our new elementary basketball program.

Teresa Parker joins our staff from Moore, Oklahoma. She will be the head gymnastics coach and teach English at the junior high school.

The fall season has been successful thus far as the football team has been ranked in the top ten in 3A and on September 9th gained the No. ONE position.

A couple of side notes about the first two football games. Catoosa has not lost an opening game in 12 years until we defeated them 14-6 on September 7. Union had not beaten Owasso in 22 years in varsity football until September 14th when Union won 7-0.

Official basketball practice starts on October 1. This year Coach Ron Sumner has been able to put together an outstanding pre-season clinic for students of all ages in the Union Public Schools. The clinic will be held on September 29th at the Union High School gym from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Speakers will include: Tim Jankovich, starter for the Kansas State Wildcats, Ken Hayes, Head basketball coach, O.R.U. and Mark Dobbins, Union assistant basketball coach and former Northeastern State University starting forward.

The charge will be \$1.00 per person and you can obtain further information by contacting Coach Ron Sumner at the high school.

Comment

I would like to thank the many supporters that have come to our first two football games. The enthusiasm and excitement have been outstanding. I would especially like to express my thanks to those who followed our teams when the end result was less than what we wanted. In losing you learn an appreciation for winning and we certainly appreciate the success of our young people thus far.

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