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This Darnaby Elementary student gives a minute of thought to a project.



Clark Elementary third graders enjoy their visit to the Tulsa Zoo.

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Union High School semifinalists in the 1982 National Merit Scholarship are from left, Win Featherston, Gwen Gooch, Doug Gibson and Jeff Gibbons.

From the Superintendent's Desk:

Good Progress Made On Junior High Construction



Dr. Wesley Jarman

We are making real good progress on our construction of Phase I of the new junior high school. The building is going to be fantastic upon its completion. The commons area which will also serve as the cafeteria will have a patterned quarry tile floor and has a nice size stage. Cafeteria tables will be small round tables to accomodate four to five students. We plan to buy some tables with game boards on the top. This will be of great use during recreation time.

Because of your approval of the recent bond issue we will be able to open bids on Phase II on November 23, 1981. Time of completion will be dependent upon the bids received as the contractors bid on time as well as dollars. Bids will be taken for the Boevers Gymnasium on the same night. We should be able to award these contracts that same day.

Bids for classroom additons at Clark, Darnaby and Peters will be received November 9, 1981. We may have to postpone contracts being awarded until November 23 since proceeds of the bond issue will probably not be available until November 15.

I want to call your attention to a problem involving students left by parents at the stadium during a varsity football game. Many parents leave their children at the stadium and then come pick them up after the game. It is impossible to get cars into the stadium when the game is nearing the end. There are pay phones at the stadium. However, I am told they are not always in service. I would certainly discourage students from walking down Mingo Road after a game as the traffic situation makes walking a real hazard. I encourage parents to have your children wait at the stadium until traffic is cleared. You can then drive into the west parking lot and pick your child up at the curb.

I am enclosing two charts indicating pupil/teacher ratio by school. Let me caution you about these numbers, they represent the **average** pupil/teacher ratio. Because of leveling across the district, there will be classes with **more** than the average number for higher ability students and classes with **less** than the average for students with lower ability. These numbers exclude art, music, and physical education teachers and do represent self contained classrooms.

Grade	Students	No. of Classes /Sections	No. of Teachers	Teacher-Pupil Ratio
K	544	23	11½	23.6
1	553	25	25	22.1
2	574	24	24	23.9
3	516	23	23	22.4
4	567	23	23	24.6
5	574	24	24	23.9
6	563	23	23	24.4
PSA	7	1	1	7.0
SC/LD	19	2	2	9.5
EMH	10	2	2	5.0
	3,927	170	158½	23.5 (Total Dist. Avg.)

* Excludes PSA, SC/LD, EMH Students & Teachers

School	No. of Students	No. of Teachers	Teacher/Pupil Ratio
Peters	711	31	22.9
Grove	711	28	25.3
Boevers	693	28	24.7
Briarglen	687	31	22.1
Clark	631	28	22.5
Darnaby	458	19	24.1
	3,891		23.5 (Total District Average)
Specialty Students	36		
Total Membership	3,927		

Wesley Jarman

Do you know a handicapped child in your neighborhood who may not be receiving special services? Call 664-9400 — Elaine Minson, Director, Special Services.

Creed To Play Lost Boy



When the theatre production "Peter Pan" opens December 11 at Tulsa's Performing Arts Center, Union student Jeffery Creed will be adding another acting role to his credit.

The Peters Elementary fifth grader will play the part of Nibs, a lost boy, in the American Theatre Company production. Jeffery began his acting career at the age of 5. His acting credits include "J.B.", "Oliver" and "Scrooge".

Jeffery is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Creed. The play runs December 11 through 30.

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Parent-Teacher Conferences Scheduled

Parent-teacher conferences have been scheduled for November 17-19. Each Union elementary school will dismiss morning kindergarten classes at 10:00 a.m. Afternoon kindergarten classes in addition to grades 1-6 will be dismissed at 1:30 p.m. to allow parents to schedule conference appointments.

A parent-teacher conference is one of the many steps Union Public Schools is taking to work with parents to build their child's educational program.

Report cards, notes, etc. have their advantages, but the parent-teacher conference has one thing more - it's a chance for a teacher to get together with parents to discuss their child's progress in school and learn more about him or her.

A parent-teacher conference gives parents a chance to

- get to know a child's teacher or teachers;
- learn about the school and curriculum;
- discuss the child's strengths and weaknesses in various areas.

It's a chance for parents to

- ask questions;
- give teachers information that will help them understand their child's needs;
- work with teachers in planning their child's school year.

Parents can help! Here's what a parent can do to get ready for the conference

- Make a list of things that will help the teacher understand your child better. For example:
 - ★ any special health needs or problems;
 - ★ outside interests and hobbies;
 - ★ feelings about school;
 - ★ relationship with brothers and sisters.
- Make a list of things you want to find out from the teacher. For example you may wish to know about:
 - ★ services and programs the school offers;
 - ★ discipline policies;
 - ★ grading policy;
 - ★ extra curricular activities;
 - ★ daily schedule;
 - ★ homework policy;
 - ★ health and safety programs.

Teachers will talk about your child's school progress —

- ability to do school work
- current level in reading and math, including some samples of work he or she has done.
- special interests and abilities
- the books and materials your child is using.

Teachers will also discuss your child's social progress

- Do you know
 - ★ how he/she gets along with others
 - ★ how he/she feels about self
 - ★ behavior in and out of class.

The teacher will tell parents

- your child's test results, and what they mean
- what subjects your child is taking and how he/she is doing
- your child's strengths and weaknesses in school;
- any observations that can be helpful (whether the child may have trouble hearing or seeing, etc.);
- the teacher may have some suggestions for parents to use at home to help their child in school.

Parents can help by giving the teacher any information that will be helpful to understanding their child better. For example:

- important experiences that may be affecting your child (death in the family, a best friend moving away, etc.);
- special medical needs;
- study habits at home;
- TV habits;
- after-school activities, special interests;
- feelings toward school;
- conflict among family members.

In fact, anything that could be affecting your child. It is not necessary to reveal personal information. However, anything said is kept confidential.

Your child will undoubtedly be curious about the conference - and has a right to be!

- talk it over beforehand to get ideas about what should be covered to relieve anxiety about the conference.
- tell the child what was discussed in the conference (omitting any information he/she may not be mature enough to understand)
- talk about any changes or new plans discussed
- be positive! The better a child feels about himself, the better he/she will do in school.

Helpful hints...

- It's especially helpful if both parents can attend the conference.
- Be on time - try to follow the schedule that has been set up.
- If your schedule is difficult, check with the school about arranging a special time for your conference.
- If you feel you need more time, ask about setting up an additional conference.

When the conference is over —

Parents will have a better understanding of all aspects of their child's school experience.

You will know more about his/her

- strengths and weaknesses,
- special abilities
- current performance.

And you as a parent should have a plan to help your child do his/her best from now on. This could mean new rules on watching TV, special time for homework, contact with other agencies if necessary, or any other changes you and the teacher have agreed upon. Maybe even a special reward for a job well done!

(Information taken from *A Parent-Teacher Conference*, National School Public Relations Association, copyright 1978)

UNION PRIDE



The new message center at Union Stadium was donated to the school by Security Bank.



Briarglen Kindergarten students look over exhibits that were displayed at "Fair Day".



Clark Elementary principal Richard DeHaan goes over game defense during the schools annual Dust Bowl game. The kickball game is between faculty and students.



Grove Elementary second graders show appreciation to the school cooks with this poster. All grades made posters that were displayed in the cafeteria.



Cindi Garlit prepares books for Darnaby Elementary Students

Garlit Joins Darnaby Staff

For any good school to function properly, it must have some vital components: excellent teachers, interested students, a good principal and a vast amount of basic and supplementary materials.

Darnaby Elementary is the newest addition to the Union District. The beautiful school has a spacious media center and an enthusiastic media specialist.

Cindi Garlit is returning to the elementary level after working at both Union High School and Briarglen Elementary. She started the centralized program for Briarglen five years ago where she worked with Mr. Scroggins the principal, and many of the Darnaby staff who were formerly at Briarglen. Garlit moved to the high school to continue the re-building process and to gain experience at the secondary level.

"I prefer working at the elementary level," said Garlit. "There are many innovative methods I plan to use to teach basic library skills and promote reading. I'm very excited about initiating the program in our new school. I begin teaching library skills with kindergarten. I provide an accelerated program for all grades to ensure each student is comfortable in knowing how to locate and use all library materials."

Cindi has a Bachelors and Masters Degree in Library Science and Educational Media and Technology from Florida State University. The daughter of a foreign missionary, she has lived in three foreign countries and speaks Spanish fluently.

PTA May Approve Membership Dues Increase

Oklahoma local PTA units will be making a decision during the upcoming State Convention, November 10-12, 1981, that may well decide the future of the Oklahoma PTA - the growth or the mediocrity.

Voters will decide for or against a membership due increase.

PTA dues are unbelievably low in these times of double-digit inflation! Current membership fees usually range from \$1.50 to \$2.00.

Where does all the money for dues go? Your PTA fees help pay for the cost of an organization which works continually to benefit children, teachers, and schools. Your dues also pay for the leadership, organization, information, training, staff and materials which help your local PTA support and benefit children.

PTA is the world's largest volunteer organization devoted to the welfare of children and youth. It is the connecting link between the

home and the school.

The *real* working capital of a PTA lies not in its treasury, but in its members - in their energy, their resourcefulness, and their determination to advance the well-being of children and youth.

When PTAs invest their human assets in sound action programs for better homes, schools, and communities, they earn rich benefits for children and youth with very small outlays of money.

PTA dues are small compared to everyday expenditures. Compare a 12 month PTA membership costing \$1.50 - \$3.00 to:

Pack of Cigarettes	\$.75 a pack
French Fries	.49 to .60
Movie	3.50 to 4.50
Milk Shake	1.05
Big Mac	1.15
Pack of Gum	.35
Soft Drink	.50
Amusement Park	1.50 (entrance fee)
Bowling	1.30 per game

If the amendment is passed to increase membership dues, many PTA services will be improved. Some of the new advantages will be:

- Informative mailings on a regular basis
- Availability of supplies in the State Office
- Expanded mailings regarding legislative information
- Increased leadership training for all units and councils
- Volunteer lobby committee to work for the interest of children at the State Capitol
- Toll-free HOT LINES telephone for use by all members
- Establishment of a film library
- Increased staff
- More workshops across the state

Join your local PTA unit today. Think...the worth of a child.

Mrs. Grove's third graders at Briarglen Elementary wrote recipes for Apple Pies in conjunction with a unit of study. Following is one of the most interesting recipes.

Apple Pie
crust
Take Jiffy pie crust mix.
One teaspoon of sugar
and a 1/2 cup of milk.
And two eggs and 1/2 cup
of flour. Get your pan
and apples and cinnamon ready.
Pie
Take crust and split in half.
Take the biggest side and
spread around the pan then
four apples. Now the crust
in the pan take the other
half of the crust which is the
smallest side take it make
strips out of it then put
strips on the top of the
apples and if you have
bugs get it in the oven
quick! Then turn the oven
on about 400 bake for ten
minutes. Then take it out
and stuff your
self with my great pie.

MARGETSON SELECTED MEDIA DIRECTOR



Sally Margetson

Fine Arts Plan Exciting Events

by Ed Tackett, Director of Fine Arts

As the year progresses, the activities of the Fine Arts Department seem to get more and more involved. This has been an exciting month of activities and the month of November promises many more exciting events.

Our high school band has been extremely busy during the past month. In addition to playing for each game, they have spent many hours preparing for four marching competitions. The first contest at Pryor, awarded the "Renegade Regiment" first place in colorguard, first in percussion, first in field maneuvers, second in parade, and first in drum major competition. Another contest will be the Marching Bands of America regional competition in Houston. The band will be defending their title at this contest and at the OBA contest in Norman on November 7.

The high school vocal music department will present a concert on November 5 at 8:00 p.m. which will feature the jazz choir, Choralettes, concert choir, and the Chamber Singers.

Our speech and drama department gave two outstanding performances of "Up The Down Staircase." The junior high competitive speech teams competed on October 16 and 17 in regional qualifying competition. The high school competitive speech team will compete on November 13 and 14 at Sapulpa as part of the high school regional qualifying competition.

The combined speech and music departments will combine their talents to present "My Fair Lady" as this year's musical. The date has not been set yet, but this promises to be the finest production ever.

Artists from the Tulsa area in cooperation with the Tulsa Arts and Humanities Council will be sharing their skills with the Fine Arts Department beginning this month. Our music, art, and speech drama classes will have access to over 110 individual presentations to augment our regular class work.

The entire fifth grade from Briarglen school attended a symphony concert this month and the members of our new strings program will attend a performance of the symphony in the near future.

The high school Art Club visited the Kansas City Art Institute and the Nelson Gallery on the 24th of October. The painting and studio art classes will be visiting the Philbrook Art Center this month to see a still life exhibition.

Your support of the arts in Union Schools is appreciated.

**Darnaby Elementary has 100% PTA
membership of faculty and staff.
Join your school PTA today!**

Sally has come back home. The Union Administrative Team has a new member but not an unfamiliar face to those in the Union District. Sally Margetson, Director of Media Services, began the Union Media Program in 1976.

Ms. Margetson left Union to pursue personal business interests which was short-lived because of her expertise in media services. Offers came from far and near enticing her to return to education. Prior to her homecoming at Union, Margetson was Media Specialist at Tulsa County Vo-Tech.

"I am very pleased with the opportunity to help organize Union's District Media Services program which has served as a model for other school districts," said Ms. Margetson. "It is a real honor to have representatives from other schools, colleges and universities contact us to see our program in action. The reward comes from knowing that I had a part in designing the model program which is working well to supplement the needs of the individual schools within the district."

Ms. Margetson brings with her numerous professional accomplishments. She co-authored **Guidelines for Organizing Non-Print Materials**, served on the State Department of Education Task Force for setting standards for school media specialists and was State Treasurer of the Oklahoma Association of Educational Media and Technology. Margetson was also State President of Alpha Delta Kappa International Honorary Teachers Sorority, Regional Altruistic Chairman and served on the International Protocol Committee.

Welcome back Sally!

Henthorn to appear in American Theatre Production

Boevers Elementary sixth grader, Barbie Henthorn has been selected to portray the role of Michael in the play *Peter Pan*. The production will run December 11 through December 30 at John Williams Theatre of The Performing Arts Center.

Barbie's experience in performance ranges from school plays to an appearance on a nationally televised Christmas special, "Country Christmas" starring Roy Clark.

Barbie denies having stage fright. "It's not really scary unless there's 3 million kids in the audience. I had main parts in *Wheels* and *Christmas on Angel Street* at school which gave me experience performing before kids and adults," she said.

How does Barbie enjoy the attention resulting from capturing the role of Michael? "Well, my mom and dad are pretty excited. I really don't like all the publicity. When people find out they come up and kiss me and that kind of stuff," she said wrinkling her nose.

Rehearsals began November 2. Preparations include classical ballet lessons along with participation in the newly formed Strings program at Union Public Schools.

Does Barbie want to be an actress when she grows up? "No, I think I want to be a ballerina and a florist." Why a florist? "Oh, I don't know, I just like flowers," she stated with a smile.

Whether a florist, a ballerina or an actress, this Union elementary student is a bright-eyed youngster with a sparkling future.

Peter Pan will be presented daily excluding Mondays December 11 through December 30. Matinees will run on Saturdays and Sundays.

Barbara "Barbie" Henthorn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Henthorn.



November 1981

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
1	2 High School Drill Team Fruit Sale Begins Athletic Booster Meeting 7:00 Football 7 gr "B" vs Bixby (Here) at 6:00 p.m. Jr. Var. vs Owasso (Here) at 7:00 p.m. Basketball (Varsity Girls) Scrimmage w/ Edison (Here) at 4:00 p.m.	3 Junior High Open House 7:00 p.m. Briarglen PTA Skate Grove Special Services Workshops 3:30-4:30 gym High School Band Parents Meeting 7:30 p.m. Football 8 gr vs B. Arrow Sequoyah (Here) at 7:00 pm Basketball Boys scrimmage (Here) 4 p.m. w/ B. Arrow	4 Briarglen Carol Thatcher, Lippincott Representative Clark Recognition aides for Teachers Arkansas Valley Conference Meeting 10:00 at Bixby	5 Basketball (Varsity Boys) Scrimmage w/ Cascia Hall (Here) at 4:00 p.m.	6 Clark "Team Up For Fitness Day" at 9:30 a.m. Football (Varsity) Union vs Bixby (There) at 8:00 p.m.	7 Cross Country State Meet
8	9 Basketball (Varsity Girls) Scrimmage w/ Catootsa (Here) at 2:00 p.m.	10 Junior High PTA Sponsored School Dance 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Briarglen 1st grade go to Tsa-La-Gi Boevers PTA, 7:30 p.m. Clark Skating 4:00-6:00 Basketball (Varsity Boys) Scrimmage w/ E. Central (There) at 2:30 p.m.	11	12 Peters Skating Party 3:30-5:30 K-6 High School Young America Showcase 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Basketball (Varsity Girls) Scrimmage w/ Hale (There) at 2:45 p.m.	13 Peters 5th & 6th grade Talent Show in gym 8:45 to 9:45 Clark PTA Bingo 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Scrimmage w/ (There)	14 Basketball Varsity Boys scrimmage w/ Blitsville Sooners (Here) at 10:00 a.m.
15	16 Briarglen PTA Board Meeting 1:00 p.m. Grove PTA Meeting 7:00 p.m. Boevers Okla. Statehood Day 3rd grade program 9:15 to 10:00 a.m. Basketball (Varsity Girls) scrimmage w/ Memorial (Here) at 4:00 p.m.	17	18	19 Basketball 7 gr b/g, 8 g vs Jenks (Here) at 5:30 p.m. Varsity Boys scrimmage w/ Washington (Here) at 4:00 p.m. Varsity Girls scrimmage w/ Blitsville Sooners (There) at 5:30 p.m.	20 Grove Eagle Day	21 Clark Fall Fling for Faculty (Western) 7-10 p.m. Basketball Var. Boys scrimmage w/ Muskogee (There) 10 a.m. Girls scrimmage w/ Kellyville (Here) at 12
22	23	24 Peters 3rd g Thanksgiving Program 10:00 am & 7:00 pm Boevers 6th grade Tasting Fair Darnaby Thanksgiving Music Program 7:00 p.m. Basketball 7 gr b/g, 8 gr vs Sapulpa (There) at 5:30 p.m. Varsity Boys scrimmage w/ Memorial (There) Wrestling Jr. High vs Sand Springs Central (There) at 6:00 p.m.	25 Briarglen 1st grade Thanksgiving Feast Boevers 6th grade Tasting Fair Clark Thanksgiving Assembly by Mr. Conklin's 5th grade	26 	27 Basketball (Varsity Boys) scrimmage w/ Sapulpa (There) at 10:00 a.m.	28
29	30 Basketball Soph Jr. Var. vs Edison (There) girls - 6:00 p.m. boys - 7:00 p.m. 7 gr. b/g, 8 g vs Sand Springs Central (Here) at 5:30 p.m.				No School — Thanksgiving Holiday	
						

Redskin Talk:

FALL SEASON A SUCCESS



Gil Cloud
Director of Athletics

The fall season is fast drawing to a close. The success of our teams was evident as our continued growth stabilized and we were competing very well in the 5A Class level.

During the next few years the success of our teams will make other scheduling more difficult. This has been the case this year as we have been working on our football schedule for 1982-83. Such teams as Owasso, Tahlequah, Webster and others have indicated that they can no longer play

us. This is obviously a good problem to have as we will have to upgrade our schedule in all sports in 1982-83. Schools such as Muskogee, Memorial and Hale will be added in football. The keys to success in athletics proper include the commitment to extracurricular program by the Board of Education, the Administration, the faculty and the patrons.

The most important ingredient is the student-athlete. We have good student-athletes that are committed to making their school a well respected educational institution as well as a leader in the athletic community.

The commitment by the student body to an activities program was very evident with the celebration of National High School Activities Week October 19-25. Each club, organization, group or team was recognized on a specific day as the week was culminated with the Homecoming Activities on Friday the 23rd. Former President Gerald Ford was the honorary chairman and was most instrumental in making this an important week for over 20,000 high schools in the nation. This year we have over 700 students that participate in some form of activity. This is a credit to the students, their parents and the Union community.

Basketball and wrestling pre-season practices have begun. Coaches Sumner and Goddard are excited about the basketball prospects as they work toward the December 5th opener with Bartlesville College High at the Union gym.

Coach West has over 400 prospects in wrestling as he prepares for another good season. The wrestlers begin their season December 3rd against the Tahlequah Tigers.

Winter sports season tickets are on sale for \$15.00. This entitles the holder to attend all basketball, wrestling and gymnastics, grades 7-12. This *does not* include tournaments during the season or post-season.

COMMENT

Community support is most essential to an athletic program. This year our season ticket sales for football were the best ever. Our program that is sold at varsity home games is the best in Oklahoma and attendance at our home games is as good as ever. To top this, Security Bank has contributed a sizeable gift to the school in the form of a message board as an addition to the scoreboard at the stadium. The message center is the only one of its kind at a high school in the State of Oklahoma. This is yet another first for the students and patrons of our school district.



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