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From the Superintendent's Desk**Construction Delayed By Weather****Dr. Wesley Jarman**

The inclement weather of late has hampered the new construction projects since we are at a stage in the process that involves pier drilling, installing grade beams and also rough-in plumbing. Once beyond this stage, we should be able to make excellent progress.

Because of your cooperation and support in the passing of the fall bond issue we will be in the best position, classroom wise, that we have been in many years. Clark, Darnaby and Peters will have their total classroom capacity of 32 classrooms when these projects are finished. Boevers will be able to separate the cafeteria function from the P.E. portion for the first time since the school was opened in 1976. The new drive around Boevers School will also alleviate a major safety problem. Automobiles and trucks have had to back up after entering on the north side of the school. This has posed danger to children playing. They will now be able to proceed around the building without hazard.

Phase I of the new junior high school will have a substantial completion inspection somewhere around January 15. This does not mean that it is totally finished, but allows the contractor to get a punch list from the architect as to what further needs to be done. We had originally planned to move the seventh grade into the facility as soon as possible. There have been many requests to wait until the total building is finished in August and move the entire seventh, eighth and ninth grades. I have sent a survey to parents of seventh graders pointing out some of the problems associated with the move. After I receive the results of the survey, I will meet with the administrators at the junior high and the central office and send a recommendation to the Board of Education. This should be completed by February 15, 1982.

Our Board of Education some years ago developed some criteria concerning just how big they wanted our schools to become. We are in an area that will continue to grow for many years to come. We may experience some periods in which growth is faster than at other times. But nonetheless, the overall picture is continued growth in the district. The numbers the Board developed are goals to strive for and cannot always be met immediately. For instance, they chose the elementary school size to have a maximum of 750 students, a junior high no larger than 1200 and a high school of no more than 2000. Under these guidelines the present prototype junior high school was designed. We currently have over 1300 junior high students presently attending Union Junior High. This means when we move into the new junior we are exceeding the *ideal* number. However, keep in mind that the new building can house upwards of 1600 students by the careful scheduling of classroom space. This means that we must soon be seeking either (a) a new site for the next junior high to be built west of Garnett or (b) plan some arrangement of using the present junior high until the next new junior high can be built. This is no cause for alarm, but merely points out to you the

necessity of continuing the building program that we started about ten years ago.

We are in the process of completing the programming for the performing arts center at the high school along with the science annex and administrative wing. There is an extensive amount of work that is involved prior to beginning the construction drawings. There is a desperate need for a performing arts center that can be used by the entire district. There are many functions both in school and out of school that we could participate in if we only had the facilities. The present gym lobby will also serve as the lobby for the performing arts center and the present music facilities will be used for dressing and green rooms for the stage.

Our science facility is woefully lacking in space for the enrollment we now have. This area of our curriculum is rapidly expanding and is in dire need.

The present administrative offices are remodeled classrooms and we can recoup two classrooms by continuing the master program for the high school that was developed six years ago.

We will keep you informed of the building program status as it progresses. We encourage you to ask questions and be a part of a growing district. We want our curriculum and educational achievement to keep pace with our expanding student population.

"Thanks to you — it's working!"

On Cover: Grove Elementary students from left: Patrick Diven, Christa Hoxie, Jayme Wingo and John Clanton.

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School Libraries Granted \$200,000 For Improvement



Media Specialists review library book lists as part of the plan to upgrade school libraries. Pictured from left: Judy Waters, Grove Elementary, Cyndi Garlit, Darnaby Elementary, and Donna Smith, Junior high.

In 1976, Union School District under the leadership of Dr. Wesley Jarman became one of the first districts to centralize elementary school libraries. Professional librarians were employed and the district was on its way with a support system second to none for its instructional program. A district Instructional Media Center was also set up to provide services and materials which did not need to be duplicated in each school library.

The demand for services has steadily increased and with the rapid growth of our district, it has been difficult to meet the needs. The new funds will allow equalization of collections in each school and will meet the standards for North Central Accreditations at the High School. Plans are to double the collection at Union Junior High, to bring the two newest schools (Darnaby and Peters) in line with the more established ones, and to upgrade the quality in all schools. Principals, teachers and students have been given the privilege of requesting books and materials which are needed. The response has been gratifying.

The first large shipment, approximately six thousand books should arrive about February 1. As eager as everyone will be to receive the books, time will have to be allowed for cataloging and processing before the new books can be circulated.

We are grateful to the Board of Education and to Dr. Jarman for their support of the library program. Remarkable progress will be made which will benefit all the students. We are also indebted to parents who have volunteered hours of service to our libraries, particularly patrons of Peters and Darnaby.

Summer Arts Program Stimulates Creativity

By Ed Tackett, Director of Fine Arts



Two outstanding arts experiences are available this summer for interested junior high and high school students.

Junior high students will have a chance to explore the arts this summer through an upbeat program called SummerArts. SummerArts is a month-long pilot project of the Arts and Humanities Council of Tulsa for students who are talented or interested in theatre, vocal music, instrumental music, creative writing, art, modern dance, and ballet.

The purpose of the program is to provide an environment which encourages creativity and self-expression, stimulates and challenges the artistic abilities of junior high students, and promotes understanding and appreciation of the arts in general.

SummerArts will be held at Tulsa Central High School from 8:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., June 7 through July 2. It is open to Tulsa County students who have completed seventh, eighth, or ninth grades.

Participants will spend morning hours in selected arts areas. Afternoons are designed to involve participants and instructors in a variety of arts areas.

A maximum of 250 students will be selected by audition and portfolio April 17. There is no charge for audition. However, a completed application for audition, parental approval and instructor recommendation are necessary. The deadline for audition applications is April 2.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL PTSA MEMBERS:

If you did not receive a December newsletter in the mail, if your membership card is numbered 175-200, or if you did not receive a membership card, please call the High School at 252-2581.

For details, ask for a SummerArts brochure from your music, art, or English teacher or call Ed Tackett at 664-9400.

The Oklahoma Summer Arts Institute at Quartz Mountain is a fine arts camp for high school students ages 14-18. To be admitted, students must audition or submit portfolios of their work. Judging is done by professional artists.

Areas of study at this camp are: art, ballet, mime, modern dance, orchestra, painting, photography, printmaking, or writing.

Students will be able to study in class with professional artists of national reputation every day for six hours. Each person will be able to participate in all the arts through interdisciplinary workshops.

In addition, students will be able to perform and present their work through concerts, performances, and exhibits. For further information, write to Oklahoma Summer Arts Institute, 640 Jim Thorpe Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105 or call Ed Tackett at 644-9400.



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Employees Respected For Hard Work And Dedication



Pictured from left: BeBe Hood, fifth grade teacher at Roy Clark — Educator of the Month and Martha O'Flinn, Athletic Department Secretary — Employee of the Month.

Questions Nobody's Asking

1. How does one pursue happiness?
2. Is the world any better because you are in it?
3. Who knows which step is in the right direction?
4. What would people complain about if we didn't have any schools or government?
5. If marriages are made in Heaven, why must all the details be worked out on earth?
6. Wouldn't it save a fortune in taxes if a peace conference were held before the war than after?
7. Why do so many desks look like wastebaskets with drawers?
8. If even half the population obeyed the Ten Commandments, what would the other half do for news?
9. What did people do with their evenings before the invention of television?
10. Have you helped make your house a home?
11. Had you not tasted the bitter, how could you recognize the sweet?
12. Would your ancestors be proud of their descendants if they knew you were it?



The tremendously popular Search program will be conducted again this year April 12 through 14. Watch the March and April Communicator for further details.

Outstanding Union employees recognized for December are BeBe Hood and Martha O'Flinn.

When fifth grade teacher, BeBe Hood began teaching at Roy Clark Elementary just two years ago, she was a new kid on the block. But in the short time BeBe has been employed at the elementary school, she has managed to be regarded as an "all around lady — appreciated by the entire staff."

It seems Mrs. Hood has spent numerous hours outside her classroom to promote school pride. An example of her enthusiasm is organizing a major project for both teachers and students to beautify the courtyard at Roy Clark Elementary. Students raised money for the project with a Halloween crafts sale. Not only has Mrs. Hood gained support from faculty and students, she has incorporated the assistance of an architect to design the courtyard without charge and a local greenhouse to donate flowers and shrubs.

In her spare time, which is very limited, she is working towards a masters degree at Northeastern.

If you have called the Union Athletic Department, you have probably heard the cheery voice of secretary, Martha O'Flinn.

Martha, a Union employee for seven years, is one of those people who always has a smile, a kind word, and a twinkle in her eyes.

Some days, the Athletic Department receives as many as 50 phone calls. Between calls, letters to be typed, bookkeeping duties and many other tasks, Martha manages to always have a positive attitude.

Mrs. O'Flinn works directly with the junior high program production. She also helps in setting up tournaments and games, even working at events when people do not show up to work.

A fellow employee describes Martha as "loving people. It shows in her daily life. A truly loyal Union employee, she is an inspiration to fellow employees. Everyone is Martha's friend!"

Both employees were honored at the January Board meeting.

Policy Set For Severe Weather

Old Man Winter may sneak a blow of severe weather on the Tulsa area in weeks to come. With this is the possibility of school closings. Following are the procedures Union Public Schools will take due to winter storms, according to James Patton, Assistant Superintendent.

(1) If severe weather occurs during the evening, streets will be driven between 8:00 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. In the event that school is canceled, announcement will be made by 10:00 p.m.

(2) If severe weather occurs during the night, the streets will be driven between 4:00 a.m. and 5:30 a.m. If school is canceled because of the weather, an announcement will be made by 6:00 a.m.

(3) If a storm moves in during the day, schools will normally dismiss at regular time. Reasoning for this procedure is due to many cases of both parents working. Union Public Schools is concerned for the students' safety. If school was dismissed early, many elementary students would have no supervision or entrance into their home.

(4) Announcement of school cancellations will be made on the following stations:

KRMG	KVOO	KELI	KWEN
KRAV	KOTV-TV	KTUL-TV	KJRH-TV

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

Boss Comes In Small Package

Store supervisors don't have to wear suits and drive cars. Briarglen Elementary School has a sharp businessman, and he claims to be only a sixth grader!

Sean Berglund has managed the Briarglen School Store since he was in the fifth grade. He supervises approximately 21 students ranging from the store manager to the head cashiers.

Customers can plainly see this organized youngster doesn't stand back and hope his merchandise will sell. He advertises his products with posters and announcements over the intercom.

What kind of announcement you may ask? Who could resist a "delicious old-fashioned candy stick" or a "Briarglen Braves T-shirt for only \$3.50 (regularly \$4.50)!"

It seems these candy sticks and football pencils are the hottest items to sell. Sean is responsible for stocking and ordering the store's merchandise. An example of Sean's selling strategy is when he traded the "pencil man" baseball pencils which weren't selling, for football pencils and erasers. The decision to shuffle merchandise was a wise one. According to Sean, an average day's take-in is between \$20-\$30, which indicates proper planning on stocking products his customers want.

Just like any other supervisor, Sean Berglund has encountered a few unpleasant experiences with his employees. What hap-

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pens when workers "goof"? "I give 'em a chance," says Sean, "but if they act up and say we have jippy prices and stand around and talk to people, then we have to get rid of them."

Sean has managed for the Briarglen Store to show a profit. Money made from the store has gone for the purchase of 200 chairs and some blinds for the school.

A tip on how to succeed in the business world, according to Sean, is to carefully watch your merchandise. Make a note of what is and is not selling. Either mark down the products which don't sell or trade them back to the company for something that will sell.

Sean Berglund has a tremendous wisdom of the business world for his young age. The business world is in for a real treat. Ira Hayes, move over!

Williams Named Athlete Of The Month



Rachael Williams Union High School Senior, was named Mercantile Bank Student Athlete of the Month.

Rachael Williams, Union High School senior was recently named Mercantile Bank Student Athlete of the Month.

Two students are selected by area high school athletic directors each month based on athletic accomplishments, academics and school and community involvement.

Rachael completed her fourth year as a cross-country competitor where she helped lead the Redskins to their fourth consecutive cross-country championship. Individually, she placed third in the 1981 state cross-country championship and was named to the All-State Cross-Country team for the fourth consecutive year.

Williams is active in Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Big Family and serves as Union High School Student Council President. She holds a 3.79 grade point average placing her in the top one-percent of her class.

Rachael will be eligible for the Mercantile Student Athlete of the Year title and a \$1500 scholarship to be awarded in May.

She is coached by Jim Bradshaw.

Adolescent Sexuality Seminar For Parents

February 1, 8, 15, 22 (Monday evenings)

For reservations call:

Junior High parents — 252-1163

High School parents — 492-9674

**Two Things Are Bad For The Heart -
Running Up Stairs, And Running Down
People.**

— Bernard M. Baruch



Three Union High School newspaper staff members were awarded certificates for outstanding journalistic work. They are, from left, Linda Bell, Kelly Quartuccio, and Gary Smith.

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Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
	1 Basketball — 7th gr. boys/girls, 8th gr. girls vs Owasso—Here 5:30 p.m. Sophomore vs Edison—Here 6:00 p.m.	2 Basketball — Union vs Central — Here 4:00 p.m. Wrestling — Union Junior High vs Owasso—There 6:00 p.m.	3	4 Grove — 5th and 6th grade program on Human Growth and Development Boevers — P.T.A. board meeting 12:30 p.m. Basketball — 9th gr. boys/girls, 8th gr. boys vs Owasso—Here 5:30 p.m. Wrestling — Union Varsity vs East Central—Here 6:00 p.m.	5 High School — Speech Tournament at Memorial, 2:00 p.m. Clark — Hot Dog Dinner 5:30 p.m., Fun Night 7:00 p.m. Peters — 3rd and 4th grade Music Program 10:00 a.m. Junior High — Debate Tournament at Memorial Wrestling — Union vs Midwest City — Here 7:00 p.m.	6 High School — Speech Tournament at Memorial, 8:00 a.m. Junior High — Debate Tournament at Memorial Wrestling — Union vs Midwest City — Here 7:00 p.m.
7	8 Boevers — 5th and 6th grade Social Studies Fair—all this week Basketball — 7th gr. boys/girls, 8th gr. girls vs Bixby—There 5:30 p.m. 9th gr. boys/girls, 8th gr. boys vs Kelley—Here 5:30 p.m. Sophomore vs Jenks—Here 6:00 p.m.	9 High School — Band Parents meeting—Vocal Music Room, 7:30 p.m. Boevers — P.T.A. meeting (membership drive) 7:30 p.m. Clark — Cook Recognition Day Basketball — 9th gr. boys/girls, 8th gr. boys vs Jenks—There 5:30 p.m. Union vs Bixby—There 4:00 p.m. Wrestling — Union Junior High vs Jenks—Here 6:00 p.m.	10 High School — VICA Legislative Day at State Capital COE & DECA Employer-Parent Open House 9:00 a.m. Grove — Library Book Fair, Feb. 10-17	11 Briarglen — Ronald McDonald Safety Program, 2:00 p.m. Clark — Father-Daughter Campfire Girls Banquet, 6:30 p.m. Basketball — 7th gr. girls, 8th gr. girls vs Monte Cassino—Here 4:30 p.m. 7th gr. boys, 8th gr. boys vs Cascia Hall—Here 5:30 p.m. Sophomore vs Broken Arrow—There 6:00 p.m. Wrestling — Union vs Webster—Here 6:00 p.m.	12 High School — Speech Tournament at Norman Clark — Valentine door contest Boevers — Valentine party Junior High — Debate Tournament at Norman Basketball — Union vs Owasso Here 4:00 p.m. Arkansas Valley Wrestling Tournament	13 High School — Ok. State Drill Team, 8:00 a.m. Clark — High School Speech Tour. @ Norman. Darnaby — School Carnival & Supper 2:00-6:00 pm Junior High — Debate Tournament, @ Norman. Drill Team @ High School for comp. by U.S.A., 9:00 am
14 	15 Briarglen — P.T.A. board meeting Grove — Gates McGinitie testing for 6th grade Clark — Gates McGinitie testing for 6th grade all week Basketball — 7th gr. boys/girls, 8th gr. boys vs Sand Springs Boyd — There 5:30 p.m. Sophomore vs Hale—There 6:00 p.m. Gymnastics — Union vs Broken Arrow—Here 7:00 p.m.	16 Grove — Progress reports go home Clark — Progress reports go home Peters — Campfire Father-Daughter Banquet 6:30 p.m. Basketball — Union vs Sand Springs—There 4:00 p.m.	17 Boevers — Red Cross Blood Bank in North Media 1:45-6:00 p.m.	18 Darnaby — P.T.A. meeting and Science Fair Grove — 4th grade program on smoking and health Basketball — Sophomore vs Sheridan Christian—There 6:00 p.m.	19 Clark — Patriotism Day Junior High — Debate Tournament at Seminole Peters — 5th grade talent show, 9:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Basketball — Union vs Kelley—There 4:00 p.m. Wrestling Regionals	20 High School — Arkansas State Drill Team Competition Junior High — Debate Tournament at Seminole Science Fair in gym Drill Team at Arkansas State Competition
21 Junior High — Science Fair in gym open to public	22 Peters — Cub Scout Dinner, 7:30 p.m. Junior High — Science Fair in gym	23 Basketball — Union vs Jenks—There 4:00 p.m.	24 High School — Retirement dinner for Mr. Bill Grove, 7:00 p.m. Indian Springs	25 Junior High — "The Music Man" in cafeteria at 7:30 p.m. Clark — P.T.A. board meeting, 1:30 p.m.	26 Grove — Eagle Day Boevers — ORU dental program to 3rd graders Junior High — "The Music Man" in cafeteria at 7:30 p.m. High School — Union vs Webster, Here 5:30 p.m.	27 Boevers — Fun Night Junior High — "The Music Man" in cafeteria at 7:30 p.m.
28					High School Speech Tournament State Wrestling Tournament	



Redskin Talk**Change Needed For Activities Association**

Gil Cloud
Director of Athletics

1982 might be a momentous year for activities in Oklahoma. Large schools are making plans for a revision in the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association.

For some time the top 64 schools (by enrollment) have felt a need for increased representation on the Activities Board of Directors. Currently the Board makeup consists of nine members of which only two represent the large schools. Seven of the directors are from small schools with little knowledge of our problems.

In an effort to affect change, athletic administrators, high school principals and superintendents of the top 64 schools formed an Ad Hoc Committee to ascertain the problem areas and develop a plan to be implemented. The committee met during December and January. Progress has been made in a positive manner.

Some of the specific problem areas related to compensation for playoff games are: regional assignments in all sports, communication to the schools relative to all areas, insensitivity to the school's individual problems and unwillingness to change rules and regulations that the schools obviously feel hurt the progress of the students involved in interscholastic programs.

Changes that need to be made are relative to a change in the voting procedure by schools, representation on the Board, increase communication with the schools to ascertain what is best, and a complete revision of the constitution and by-laws of the association. The schools want change from within the association, but a majority of them are prepared to form a new association if the need arises.

COMMENT

There has been much concern and many rumors with respect to artificial turf for the high school stadium. While there are many pros and cons relative to artificial turf, there has not been a formal presentation made to the Board of Education. Hence, no commitments have been made to purchase artificial turf.

The most obvious problem is the initial cost of turf. However, when one projects the astronomical maintenance cost of a grass field over a 15 year period, the artificial turf initial outlay actually is less in the long run. Many surveys have been conducted relative to injury and no conclusive information has been determined.

The rumors about the purchase of turf are totally without substance. Be assured that the Board and Administration will gain input from many patrons before an inclusion of the motion is undertaken.



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