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Dr. Grahlman Named Principal At Peters



Dr. Bill Grahlman

Dr. Bill Grahlman was appointed new principal at Peters Elementary effective February 6, 1984.

Dr. Grahlman was born October 6, 1932 in the State of Washington. He is married to Dixie Grahlman, a P.E. teacher at Daraby Elementary. The Grahlman's have a son and a daughter and two grandsons. They like to fish and backpack/hike for recreation.

Dr. Grahlman graduated from Eastern Washington State College in 1957 with his Masters Education. His Education Doctorate degree was received in 1975.

He has been at the University of Tulsa College of Education since 1975 as Assistant Professor of Education and Associate Professor of Education. Before that Dr. Grahlman was at OSU as a Graduate Assistant, College of Engineering from 1973-75. From July 1971-June 1973 Dr. Grahlman was the principal at Wilbur Jr. High in Palo Alto, California. In 1970 and 1971 he was Assistant Principal at Mitchell Jr. High, Folsom, California; also, Assistant Principal at Mills Jr. High Folsom, California from 1970-76.

We welcome Dr. Grahlman to the Union family.



Pictured above is Mrs. Kaye Canfield presenting Dr. Wesley Jarman with a painting of the original Union building built in 1921. The P.T.A Council presented Jeff Mobley Union High student with a nice check for his beautiful painting. This picture will be hung in the Main Lobby at the Administration Building. Thank you P.T.A Council.

PATRONS SEEKING INFORMATION ABOUT EIGHT OR NINTH GRADE STUDENTS SHOULD PHONE 250-9541. FOR INFORMATION ABOUT SEVENTH GRADE STUDENTS PATRONS SHOULD CALL 252-2556.

Meet Your School Board

Harold Reed was elected president of the Union Board of Education at the February 6 meeting.

Alison Moore was elected Vice President and Vaughn Brower was elected clerk.

Bryan Coats and Phil Morgan will serve as members.



Harold Reed
President



Alison Moore
Vice President



Vaughn Brower
Clerk



Bryan Coats



Phil Morgan

From The Superintendent's Desk

Our Teacher's Are The Best



Dr. Wesley Jarman

I may be out of time with the majority of school superintendents in public education today, but I am naive enough to think that school administrators and school teachers are professionally together.

It is with a warm feeling that I can approach the subject of telling parents we probably have the best professional group of teachers anywhere. I came to this conclusion not only from the certification

credentials but from the attitude that Union's teaching staffs care for people, care for children and inspite of what some may think, they care for administrators.

It seems that pride of one's job, one's self and one's association, has a strong influence on the excellence of production by each of us.

I really think that parental attitude is as positive as it is in Union School District because of the teacher's willingness to cooperate and perpetuate the positive loving, caring attitude toward each child.

I usually write much about construction and buildings in our ever growing system, but without the people who lay it on the line each day (teachers) and the respect we have professionally for them, none of our new buildings could ever make the total difference. (New facilities do help).

Just a little humor on comparing the old-fashioned schools and today's schools.

In the good Old-fashioned School Days
Days of the Golden Rule,
Teacher said "Good Morning Class"
And so she started school.
Alas - How different things are now
The school day can't begin,
Till someone finds the socket
and plugs the teacher in.

Wesley Jarman

PTA News

A "Tour of Schools" is planned for the March 7th PTA Council meeting. The elementary site in the Fairfax Addition and the completed construction at the High School will be featured.

On March 10th from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. the Union High School PTSA will hold it's Annual Arts and Crafts Show. There will be 100 booths.

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Robert Grove Named Educator Of The Year

Mr. Robert B. Grove, Treasurer for Union Public Schools has been named Educator of the Year for Union Schools.

Mr. Grove has served Union Public Schools for 39 years. He was football/basketball coach, teacher, principal and Superintendent, Deputy Superintendent and is now Treasurer for the School District.

He was presented a Certificate of Appreciation and a framed picture of Union Schools taken in the early 1920's at the February Board of Education meeting by Superintendent Dr. Wesley Jarman.

Mr. Grove's positive kind and caring personality sets a good example for all those around him.

We sincerely hope and pray that the Union District will be blessed by his presence and his very quiet, yet strong, advice for many years to come.

Congratulations --- Mr. Grove!!!!



Spelling Bee Winners



Principal Bob Powell is shown with spelling bee winner Bob Vansant and coordinator Sherry Lewallen.



Principal Art Naylor is shown with spelling bee winner Brent Rohde and coordinator Jane Hawkins.



Don Irvin
Director Elementary Education

It is always an educational plus when we can picture boys and girls in an education atmosphere such as our Spelling Bees. We had a tremendous amount of work involved at the school setting with each and every teacher preparing for these winners.

All boys and girls in Union were winners because of their desire to be good spellers, as well as getting back to good old fashioned techniques that profit children.



Principal David Ahrend is shown with spelling bee winner Christi Jackson and coordinator Pat VanTriest.



Principal David Brown is shown with spelling bee winner Brady Smith and coordinator Jenny Hays.



Principal Rick DeHaan is shown with spelling bee winner Alan Wang and coordinator Joan Ratliff.



Principal Faye Pride is shown with spelling bee winner Deanna Freidberg. Ann Loughride was the coordinator.



Principal Ken Bibb is shown with spelling bee winner Brendan Owen and coordinator Jane Anderson.



Principal Dr. Bill Grahlman is shown with spelling bee winner Jim Beeman and coordinator Carolyn Rischard.

Peters



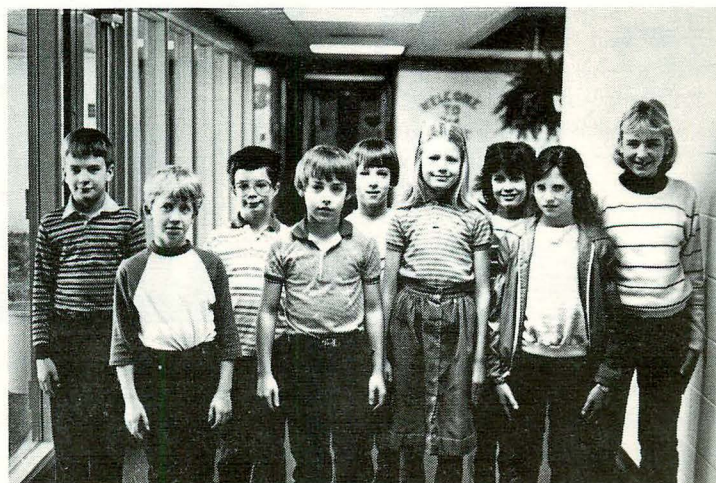
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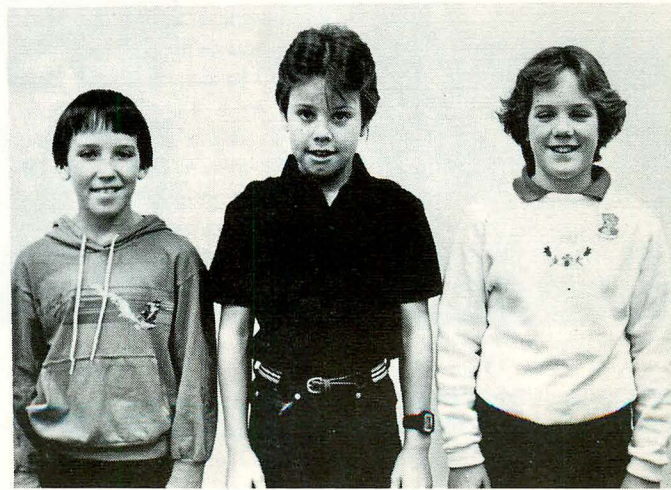
Darnaby



Briarglen



Grove



District-Wide Elementary Science Fair Held

The first district-wide elementary science fair was held February 10 at Union Junior High. The Junior High and High School also held their contest on the same day.

Elementary grade winners in four categories, biological mathematics, physical science and earth science, represented the six elementary schools.

Winners from each school are pictured on page 4. They include, from left:

PETERS - Matt Thummel, Outstanding project of the fair and first place in physical science; Kim Stotler, third place in biological; Jennifer Dunn, second place in earth sciences; Shawn Welk, first place in mathematics; Matt Simpson, second place in physical science; Jamie Dockweiler, third place in physical science; Amy Rimmer, third place in physical science; Jill Sims, third place biological; Jenni Ackerman, third place in mathematics; Michelle Custer, third place in mathematics.

BOEVERS - John McClain, second place in physical science; Scott Vandusen, second place in earth science.

CLARK - Sara Heath, second place in mathematics; Hilleri Yeilding, third place in earth science; Todd Garrett, third place in

earth science; Cindy Kennon, second place in biological; Michele Shepard, third place in mathematics. Not pictured is Johathon Escue who received second place in physical science.

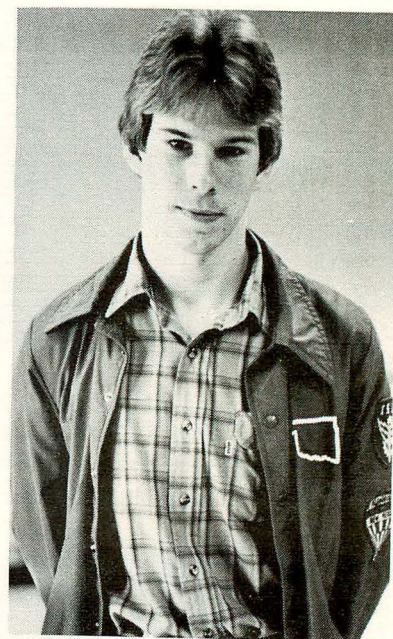
DARNABY - Timmy Cowan, first place in mathematics; Sean Palmer, second place in biological; Jamie Sheesley, third place in earth science; Tyler Melton, first place in physical science; Joel Schoenhals, first place in physical science; Krista Erickson, second place in earth science; Gwen Jones, first place in biological; Samina Raza, first place in biological; Michelle Dean, first place in mathematics.

BRIARGLEN - Greg Bartlett, first place in biological; Dawn Riggs, first place in earth science; Phillip Vaughan, first place in earth science; Ellie McKenzie, first place in earth science; Kathryn Johnson, second place in biological. Not pictured is Chris Allen who received second place in mathematics.

GROVE - Doug Black, second place in mathematics; Toby Powell, third place in physical science; Julianne Stookey, third place in biological.



First place winners in the Union Junior High Science Fair include, from left, Mindy Sortore, Kelly Patterson, Jim Feltz and Robert Bitting.



Arlin Knight was a first place winner in the Union High School Science Fair that was held February 10.

Junior High Science Fair

Winners of the Union Junior High science fair, held February 10, have been named.

The Outstanding project of the fair was won by Jim Feltz for his project "Impact of Acid Mine Drainage on toxicity of water samples in the Grand River system."

Winners in the physical science category included first, Mindy Sortore; second, Stacy Vance; third, John Stinchcomb; fourth, Ben Clardy.

Kelly Patterson won first in the earth science category. Lorrie Ashlock won second; Chad Woodruff, third, and Doug McCormick took fourth.

Feltz took first in biological science. Steve Cawood took second, Nicole Wong received third and Tina Harrison placed fourth.

In mathematics Robert Bitting captured first place. Kyle Whistler took second and Jason Head received third.

Graduation Requirements Increased

by Vernon Harmon, Associate Superintendent/Instruction



Vernon Harmon

The graduation requirements were increased from 20 units to 22 units for graduating seniors for the school year 1986-87 during Board of Education action on February 6, 1984.

This action was a result of the general trend toward increasing academic excellence. During the past two years much publicity has been aired about public educa-

tion, not only nationally, but also within the State of Oklahoma. Much of this publicity has been negative concerning the quality of education within the public schools. One must be extremely careful and not over generalize when reading the various national studies, we must look at each school system and consider its community.

The Union Public Schools have fared well considering the national studies. All standardized tests taken by Union students indicate that Union is above the state and national levels of achievement. Regardless of academic achievement scores, we must continue to strengthen our academic standards.

The new graduation requirements will be in effect for the school year 1986-87. This means that the Freshman Class of 1983-84 will be the first group of students that must meet the new requirements. Current Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors will graduate with the 20 unit requirement.

Seniors graduating in 1987 will be required to have the following unit and course requirements.

English	- 4 Units*
Math	- 2 Units
Science	- 2 Units
American History	- 1½ Units
Oklahoma History	- ½ Unit
World History	- 1 Unit
Health and Physical Education	- 1 Unit
General Electives	- 10 Units

TOTAL - 22 Units

*A Unit is defined as two (2) semesters of successfully completed work.

It is strongly recommended by the Union School District and the College Board that those students planning to enter college take a minimum of four years English, three years Social Studies, four years Science, two years Foreign Language, and one semester of Computer Science. Those students planning to enter the College of Arts and Science at Oklahoma State University must have two years of Foreign Language at the high school level or, 1 year at the college level effective next year.

Those senior students of 1987 completing 6 units at a Vo-Tech School will be required to have a minimum of 20 units for graduation. However, the specific course requirement will remain in force as stated above.

The State Department of Education has initiated a change in the attendance requirements for Seniors beginning with the School Year 1984-85. Next year's Seniors will be required to be in attendance a minimum of four (4) hours per day. There is an exception to this regulation for those students taking college classes as a Senior. The school counselor can provide those interested with more information on this exception.

As a result of these changes, it is felt that students will be better prepared to meet the challenges ahead, whether it be college or the work-a-day world.

Each Child Viewed As An Individual

by Elaine Minson, Director Special Services



Elaine Minson

Special Services at Union includes physical therapy, speech therapy, psychometric/educational evaluations, programs for the learning disabled, mentally and emotionally handicapped, and other low incidence handicaps (multi handicapped, visually impaired, deaf/hard of hearing, etc.). Transportation is a related service provided for children with these special needs.

The State of Oklahoma requires special education for children, classified as "failing to thrive from birth." Public law #94-142, a federal law, states that a handicapped child (3 to 21 years of age) is to receive the most appropriate program to meet his/her education needs and that these needs are to be served in the least restrictive environment.

Union Special Services Department views each child as an individual. Our goal for each child is to meet his/her education needs to the fullest extent possible while making every effort to keep him/her in as normal a setting as possible. We believe that each child has the right to be with his/her peer group in the home or the neighborhood school environment.

When a child is determined to require a more restrictive environment, the decision for the placement is made by a 'team'. That team consists of Union's specialty teachers, regular classroom teacher(2), a psychometrist, an administrator and the parent(s) of the child.

Some children come to Union with evaluations conducted by local private agencies and/or public schools in other cities or states. The federal government requires the local district's 'team' to review and assess this information. Often time, further evaluation will be necessary to meet the minimum requirements of the Union battery of tests. The final decision for placement must be determined by the Union 'team' which actively involves the parent(s).

If you know of a child, birth to 21 years of age, you suspect of having a handicap or/and learning problem, contact the Special Service Office at the Union Administrative Center. Phone #252-3561.

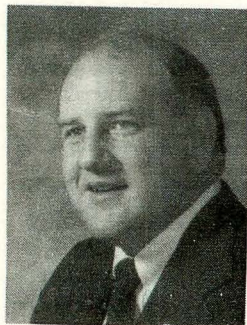
MARCH 1984

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
	Union Days At B. Dalton Friday and Saturday, March 2nd and 3rd have been designated UNION DAYS at the B. Dalton Book Store and Woodland Hills Mall. Employees, families and friends of the Union Public School System can purchase books and other materials from the B. Dalton Book Store on those two UNION days and the Union High School Library Media Center will receive a certain percentage of the total dollar amount sold for library books. UNION MUST BE MENTIONED BEFORE THE PURCHASE IS MADE, AND BEFORE THE SALE IS PUT INTO THE CASH REGISTER.					
4	5 Music In Our Schools Week Briarglen - Career Education Week Adm. Center - Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. Tennis - Union vs. Okmulgee Here 2:30 p.m. H.S. - DECA State Career Dev. Conf. March 5-8 - Jr. High - Cheerleading Clinic 3-5 p.m.	6 Jr. High - H.S. Counselors 9th grade Eng. classes	7 Adm. Center - Bus Tour of Schools 9:30 a.m. (High School & Andersen) 7th Grade Center - UFT Meeting 3:45 p.m. Tennis - Union vs. Sapulpa Here 3:30 p.m. Golf - Union, Owasso, Bixby, Okmulgee - Mohawk #2 Baseball - Union vs. Edison Here 3:30 p.m.	8 Petters - P.T.A. Skating Day Meeting 12:30 p.m. H.S. - FBIA Blood Drive 8:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. Golf - Union, Bixby & Caloosa LaFortune Volleyball - Union vs. B. Arrow (A & B) There 6:00 p.m. Baseball - Union vs. Rogers Here 3:30 p.m. March 8-10 H.S. "Fiddler on the Roof" - UPAC - 8:00 p.m.	9 Band/Orchestra Contest - Jenks Jr. High - Cheerleading Tryouts 9:00 - 3:00 p.m. Clark - Fun Night (Dinner 5:30, Fun Night 6-8:30 p.m.) H.S. - Jr. Officer Meeting 7:30 a.m. Tennis - Union vs. Casca Hall Monte Casino Here 3:00 p.m.	10 H.S. PTSA Arts & Crafts 8-5 p.m. OCCA Colorguard Competition Darnaby P.T.A. Carnival 3-7 p.m. Baseball Union vs. Hale Here 3:30 p.m.
11	12 Grove - P.T.A. Meeting "Silent Auction" 7:00 p.m. Grove - Philharmonic Program - 5th grade Golf - Union, Jenks, Bixby & Owasso - Page Belcher Petters - 4th Grade Germany Unit Grove - Career Education Week	13 Petters - 6th Grade Musical Boevers - P.T.A. Meeting 7:30 p.m. Clark - Play "Let George Do It" 5th grade 7:00 p.m. H.S. - Jr. Achievement 3:30 p.m. Darnaby - Musical "The Gigo Effect" 5th & 6th grades 9:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. Golf - Union & Muskogee There 2:30 p.m. Volleyball - Union-E. Central-Hale Here 6:00 p.m.	14 Briarglen - Class Group Pictures Tennis - Union vs. Owasso Here 3:00 p.m. Baseball - Union vs. Bixby Here 3:30 p.m.	15 Petters - Class Pictures (Groups & Faculty) 9:00 a.m. Clark - Play "Let George Do It" 6th grade 7:00 p.m. Grove - Career Education Booths 9-11:30 a.m. Golf - Union, Bixby, Owasso, B. Arrow Mohawk #2 Baseball - Union vs. Holland Hall Here 4:00 p.m.	16 End of 3rd Quarter Clark - Play "Let George Do It" H.S. - VICA Employee 2-4 p.m. H.S. - Jr. Officer Meeting 7:30 a.m. OCCA Colorguard Competition - Caloosa Darnaby - P.T.A. Popcorn Sales Baseball - Union vs. E. Central Here 3:30 p.m. Gymnastics - State Competition II & III	17 OCCA Colorguard Competition UHS Gym
18	19 Baseball - Union vs. McAlester There 5:00 p.m.	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Begin 4th Quarter	27 H.S. - Jr. Achievement 3:30 p.m. Golf - Union, Kelley, Jenks, Edison - Page Belcher Volleyball - B. Arrow-Union McLain - McLain 6:00 p.m.	28 Elementary Grade Cards Issued 7th Grade Center - Orchestra Concerts 9:00 a.m. Briarglen - 10:15 a.m. Boevers - 12:15 p.m. Grove - 1:15 p.m. J.H.S. - Orchestra Receiving Tour of Elementaries 9:00 a.m.	29 Petters - Popcorn Day Briarglen - Operation Aware Parent Meeting 7:30 p.m. Darnaby - P.T.A. Meeting 7:30 p.m. Golf - Metro Golf Tournament Volleyball - Hale-Edison-Union at Hale 6:00 p.m.	30 Jr. High - Dance 7-9:00 p.m. Clark - "Jump Rope for Heart" H.S. - Jr. Officers Meeting 7:30 a.m. Darnaby - Group Pictures Darnaby - P.T.A. Popcorn Sales Golf - Union - Eagle Day Grove - Central-Muskogee B. Arrow - Mohawk #2	31 H.S. ACT Test

**SPRING BREAK
NO SCHOOL**

Redskin Talk

Union To Host State Championships



Gil Cloud
Director of Athletics

Union High School has been selected as one of the sites for the 1984 State Championship Basketball sessions. Union will host the 4A girls competition. Other sites in the city will include the ORU Mabee Center, Jenks and Edison High Schools. The Union gym will be the site for the Thursday, March 8th and Friday, March 9th games. Some excellent basketball will be in store as the

final 8 girls teams from 4A will compete for the coveted state crown.

Union footballers again distinguished themselves by having five students sign full four year scholarships for the football players' ability as well as their scholastic aptitude. Those students and their respective schools are: Chris Kaiser - Tulsa University; Mark Hulet - Central Missouri State University; Jeff Bishop - Central State University; David Dick - Northeastern State University; Jeff Hines - Missouri Southern and Carl Cabbiness has yet to decide.

Union wrestlers placed well in the Webster Dynasty Tournament. The 18 team field was one of the toughest ever assembled in Tulsa. Bill and Jack Cherry and Baron Blakley were all crowned champions. Bill Cherry defeated a previously undefeated two-time state champion from North Dakota in the finals. The team placed 3rd overall. Coach Bill West finds that the grapplers are right on schedule in their preparation for the regional and state tournaments.

The spring season begins on March 1st as the Union baseballers play Memorial. An exciting 24 game schedule has been established and the baseballers are ready to begin their quest for the season. Coach Larry Arrowood has been conducting early season workouts since December and the players are ready to play instead of practice.

Golf, track, tennis and volleyball will begin the following week with a full slate of activities. Support our spring sports and attend the games of your choice this season.

— Comment —

I want to salute the six elementary physical education teachers for their work in the administration of the Campbell Soup Physical Fitness Test. The students ranked from average to above average at all schools. The 7th Grade Center staff is to be congratulated as well for the effort in the critical phase of awareness of fitness for our kids.

The physical education classes at the junior and senior high schools will be offering a varied course of study in physical awareness in 1984-85. The goal will be to provide activities ranging from aerobic dance to intramurals. The intramural program will provide an opportunity for students to participate in team sports on a non-varsity level.

The awareness of fitness has never been more critical to our society than it is today. As we tend to sit more in our daily tasks the fitness level will decrease; if we don't take care of our bodies we can almost assuredly decrease our life expectancy.



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