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1985 WGI HIGH SCHOOL OPEN CLASS CHAMPIONS



Union High School's Winter Guard was named the Winter Guard International High School Open Class Champions after defeating 60 guards in Dayton, Ohio. The guard, in its second year of existence, also won the Midwest Regional, Southwest Regional and Oklahoma Circuit Championship this year. Members include, front row, from left, Lisa Wheeler, Stephanie Goad, Heather Gourdie, Susan Payne, Kelly Cummings, Adrienne Jarnagin, Shawn Tuell and Jennifer Knapp. Second row, Shannon Pope, Becky Crabtree, Dawn Fortney, Nena Huerta, Tracy Sanderson, Stacy Boevers, Andrea Setser and Genyce Griffin. Back row, instructors Wes Cartwright, Tammy Dill, Stacy Hendrickson, Kim Herron, Tracy Leach, Brenda Davis, Alyssa Boots, Tammy Keltner, Michelle Cummins, Cheryl Wilkinson, Robin Crabtree and Alan Mueggenborg, instructor. OETA, Channel 11, has scheduled the WGI Open Class finals broadcast for a Saturday in June. Watch your TV schedule for the exact time and day.



FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

Dr. Wesley Jarman
Superintendent

This will be our last COMMUNICATOR for this school year. It has gone by real fast and overall has been a very productive year for Union Public Schools. This past year we grew by over 600 students. This growth was a little more than anticipated but we were able to handle it. Our construction is now in a position that we can perhaps be a little ahead of the projected student growth.

Bids on Phase III at Andersen Elementary will be received May 20 and a contract should be awarded shortly thereafter. In addition to the eight classrooms the bids will include the grading and leveling of the playground west of the school and also landscaping and irrigation around the main building.

The completion of the high school will begin by receiving bids May 13. This is a complicated project involving both new construction and remodeling. We hope to have this job under contract during May.

The six classrooms at the Junior High School are coming along very well and should be ready for occupancy by the beginning of school this Fall.

The addition and remodeling at Boevers is well underway. The remodeling inside will begin as soon as school is out so we don't disturb the teaching process.

A decision hopefully will be made June 3 concerning artificial turf for the stadium. We are now spending over \$30,000 per year to maintain the present field and it is used only about 25-30 times a year. By installing the turf, which should last 10-15 years, we can expand the use of the stadium many times over.

We are well underway in setting up our summer school schedule. We are looking at an expanded program that not only includes some remedial classes but also classes for credit as well as courses for enrichment. I would urge your promptness in returning or responding to requests about the summer program as we are running short of time.

Work is underway in considering transitional first grade to be available to all Union kindergarten students who indicate a need for such classes. Mr. Harmon and Mr. Bibb are working hard to get the summer school as well as the transitional first grade programs underway.

I urge your continued support of the school system because without your help we cannot accomplish the goals of education.

WORKSHOP PLANNED

On Wednesday, May 8th at the South Regional Library a workshop is being offered entitled "Teens & Booze: What You Must Know to Help Your Kids".

The speakers will be:

Sharon Nichols, M.A., Program Manager of the Adolescent Care Unit at Hillcrest Medical Center. She will present a summary of facts about teenage drinking nationally and locally. She will also explain the warning signs of teen alcohol abuse and will moderate a teen panel from Hillcrest's adolescent program.

Harriet Fisher, MSE, ACSW, a certified social worker in practice at Clinical Social Work Services, will discuss how to communicate with your teen about drinking. She will emphasize the importance of parents being able to identify their values about drinking and communicate those values to their teens. She will also cover the techniques of active listening and emphatic responding.

This workshop is organized by Planned Parenthood of Eastern Oklahoma and Western Arkansas, Inc. and made possible through a substance abuse education grant from the Oklahoma State Department of Mental Health. Reservations are encouraged. To reserve your place or for more information, call Planned Parenthood at 587-7674.

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PTA Teachers of the Year include front row, from left, Joan Ratliff, Andersen; Susan Yeilding, Boevers; Jan Brower, PTA Council President; Betty Bonham, Briarglen; and Nancy Auer, Clark. In the back row are Kathie Johnson, Darnaby; Mildred Phillips, Grove; Sandra Maguire, Peters; Dr. Wesley Jarman; Mary Talbert, Seventh Grade Center; Nancy Macon, Junior High School; and Brad Burnham, High School. The teachers were honored at the PTA Council Installation Dinner.

BOARD BRIEFS

The Board of Education met on Saturday, April 13, to discuss future goals and objectives in the area of facilities and equipment. During the meeting the Board scheduled a special meeting for Monday, May 20, to discuss the possibility of installing artificial turf at the football stadium.

The meeting will be held at Union Junior High School and will begin at 6:00 PM. The Board will receive bids on the completion of Andersen Elementary at that time. At approximately 6:30 PM the Administration will present a report to the Board on the estimated costs and proposed timing for the major facility and equipment projects being considered by the Board. A presentation will then be made on Omniturf artificial surface at about 8:00 PM. This will be followed by a public forum at approximately 8:30 PM. Comments and questions relating to Omniturf will be taken from those in attendance at the meeting. The decision on whether to install the artificial turf will be made sometime in June. The Board encourages everyone to attend and participate.

TEAM PLACES THIRD

On February 12, 107 schools across the state of Oklahoma participated in the Oklahoma Mathematics League annual eighth grade mathematics contest. Union Junior High, with a team score of 160 points, ranked third in the state. Last year Union Junior High School ranked seventh. Union Junior High School again placed first in Tulsa County, besting such esteemed competition as Holland Hall, Broken Arrow, Haskell and Tulsa Nimitz, among others.

Individually, John Grainger ranked 11th in the state and Anthony Hill ranked 18th. Other team members were Erik Ekenstam, Joseph Copeland and Richard Rankin.

TRANSITIONAL CLASS PLANNED FOR 85-86

Planning is underway for the establishment of a transitional class for the next school year. Current research supports the value of an additional year for student growth and development. This added time may, in many cases, mean the difference between a frustrating twelve years of schooling or a pleasant rewarding experience. Children of equal educational aptitude develop at differing rates and become ready for the school experience at varying ages. Our main objective is to insure that each child have a successful experience beginning school. Readiness for first grade will be designed to be a part of our early childhood program and not a remedial first grade. A special curriculum will be development for this class which will assist children in bridging the gap between kindergarten and first grade. We consider this a positive step for the Union Schools and ask parents' support and understanding as we develop and implement this program. Teachers will be conferencing with parents whose children are recommended for the transitional class during the next few weeks.

SUMMER SCHOOL

Union Public Schools will offer summer school classes for students in grades 4-12. There will be two semesters; June 3-28 and July 1-30. All classes will be offered between the hours of 8:00-12:00 AM at Union Junior High School. Specific information about course offerings and enrollment procedures will be sent home with each student in grades 4-9 and will be made available to students in grades 10-12 through the counselor's office.



Kathy Madison give Dr. Wesley Jarman, Superintendent, a hearing test.

MAY IS BETTER SPEECH AND HEARING MONTH

Union Speech-Language Pathologists
will be conducting
FREE Speech and Hearing Screenings
at the

Union Administrative Center
5656 S. 129th E. Avenue
on

Saturday, May 18th
9 am to 12 noon
Children and Adults

SALLY'S PROGRESS REPORT

Dr. Jarman reports that Sally Margetson our Media Director, who suffered a stroke, is making good progress and has been moved to Hillcrest Rehabilitation Center, Room 245. We're pulling for you Sally!!!!

UCTA TEACHER OF THE YEAR



Betty Bonham third grade teacher Briarglen Elementary, was selected District Teacher by the Union Classroom Teacher Association. She will compete for State Teacher of the Year to be announced, September, 1985.



EDUCATOR/EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Evelyn Roberts, Educator of the Month for March, is a nine year veteran of the Union School District. Teaching one year at the junior high and eight years in her assignment as a remedial reading specialist at Clark. Evelyn has three children. Her oldest son David is a kindergartener at Clark. Many of her successes in life can be attributed to her loving parents. Her mother being a life long educator has been an excellent model for her personal and professional growth.

The teachers at Clark see Evelyn as a valuable helpmate. She assists classroom teachers with testing, student placement, and with a variety of other professional skills. She stays current on educational trends and is conscientious student of education holding a Masters Degree and a Certificate in Administration. Teachers respect this and use her for a resource in developing their professional lives. She also speaks Spanish fluently and is called upon to interpret and to assist with Spanish speaking children. She unselfishly volunteers time before and after school working with these students.

Evelyn is very happy to be a member of the Roy Clark faculty and a teacher in the Union School District. She truly believes that she can make a difference in the lives of the children that she encounters. Her dedication, professionalism, unselfishness and love of children have made her Union's Educator of the Month. Congratulations Evelyn Roberts.

The Employee of the Month for March is Bill Collins, who has been employed by Union Public Schools for three years. His first position was as Night Assistant at the Seventh Grade Center. Later, Bill received his engineers license and was moved to Darnaby where he has been Building Engineer since January, 1984. Bill lives with his wife, Freda and their three children.

Consistently friendly, helpful and competent are adjectives which best describe Bill Collins. He has established himself in his short tenure at Darnaby as a valuable team player. His initiative to offer teachers and parents help before being asked is greatly appreciated. All who work at Darnaby are very pleased by Bill's willingness to offer his assistance with a sincere and congenial attitude.

In short, Bill Collins is a happy and positive individual who, through his presence, raises the enjoyment factor in working at Darnaby Elementary. The principal and staff hope he stays at Darnaby for many years.

SPEECH, DEBATE STUDENTS PLACING AT TOURNAMENTS

by Ed Tackett, Director of Fine Arts

The trophies and awards pictured to the right were received by the competitive speech and debate students of Union Schools.

They received awards at the following tournaments:

Charles Page High School	October 19-20, 1984
Sapulpa High School	November 9-10, 1984
Putnam City High School	Nov. 30-Dec. 1, 1984
University of Arkansas	December 7-8, 1984
Jenks High School	December 14-15, 1984
St. Marks School of Texas	April 12-13, 1985
In-Class Debate Tournament	March 12-16, 1985
Optimist Club Oratorical Contest	April 15-16, 1985

Additional awards include second place sweepstakes at the Jenks Novice Tournament and the St. Marks Novice Tournament.

Union students were involved in a total of thirteen tournaments this year. Other competitions included class debates, YOUTHARTS 85! and the Optimist Club Contests.

Union Schools will host the final competitive speech/debate tournament of the year on May 17 & 18 at the Union Junior High School. This tournament will feature two divisions or levels of debate competitions. The first division is for 7th, 8th, and 9th grade notice debaters who will compete using this year's debate resolution. The second division is a "Springboards Division" for any student on next year's debate topic. This tournament will also provide individual speaking events for first year competitors.

We will need to provide judges for this competition. Any Union patron who has past speech, debate, or drama experience and would be willing to judge at this tournament should contact Holly Stewart at Union Junior High School, 250-9541.

YOUTHARTS 85! was a super success. Several thousand Union patrons attended the concerts, exhibitions, plays, demonstrations, and the art show at the Union Performing Arts Center. Our new Studio Theater opened just in time to allow us to schedule several events in this extremely usable space. We are justifiably proud of our talented fine arts students and staff and YOUTHARTS 85! provided a superb way to showcase representative groups from all areas of the arts. A special "Thanks" goes to all of the participants and their instructors.

May will be packed with concerts and plays that you will want to attend. Please see the calendar for details.

May 5	3:00 P.M. UPAC Mainstage	Tulsa Youth Symphony Concert
May 9	7:30 P.M. UPAC Mainstage	High School Vocal Music Concert
May 10	7:30 P.M. UPAC Mainstage	Junior High Band Concert
May 13	7:30 P.M. UPAC Studio Theater	High School Comedy Cavalcade
May 14	7:30 P.M. UPAC Studio Theater	High School Comedy Cavalcade
	7:30 P.M. UPAC Mainstage	Junior High Orchestra Concert



May 15	7:30 P.M. UPAC Mainstage	Air Force Band Concert
May 16	7:30 P.M. UPAC Mainstage	Junior High Vocal Music Concert
May 17	7:30 P.M. UPAC Mainstage	Seventh Grade Band Concert
May 19	2:00 P.M. UPAC	High School Baccalaureate

Special congratulations go to the Union High School Winter Guard unit and instructors, Wes Cartwright and Alan Mueggenborg for winning first place in International Competition. We are extremely proud of these talented performers.

Congratulations to the High School Vocal Music Department who brought back thirty-two(32) first place medals from state vocal music competition.

Last Day of School For Students May 23

SPECIAL SERVICES

Do you know of a HANDICAPPED child (from birth to 21 years of age) in your neighborhood who may require special services for an education?

Call 252-3561 Union Public Schools



FOOD SERVICE DIRECTOR ELECTED TO STATE OFFICE

Patty Holt was elected President of Oklahoma School Food Service Association for 1986-87. Oklahoma School Food Service Association is a professional organization consisting of 1400 members dedicated to promoting and improving the health and nutrition of children. Implementation of nutritionally adequate, educationally sound and financially accountable, nonprofit school food and nutrition programs is the Association's primary goal. Holt has been a member of Oklahoma School Food Service Association and has been a member of the Executive Board of Oklahoma School Food Service Association and certified Director II by American School Food Service Association since she became Food Service Director for Union in 1977. She has served two terms as Secretary of Oklahoma School Food Service Association and has been a member of the Executive Board of Oklahoma School Food Service Association in numerous capacities for the past seven years.

A graduate of Central State University, she is a member of Oklahoma Women in Education Administration, Association of School Business Officials, Oklahoma School Business Officials, American School Food Service Association, Oklahoma School Food Service Association, and a charter member of Central State University Home Economics Alumni Association.

SIXTH GRADER IN PLAY

Chris Mallow an ARC sixth grader at Grove Elementary, has been cast as "John Darling" in the American Theatre production of Peter Pan. Performances will be held from April 26 through May 25, 1985 at the John Williams Theatre in the Performing Arts Center, Second and Cincinnati.

Congratulations Chris!!!!!!!

SUMMER PROGRAMS

The Shadow Mountain Institute, 6262 South Sheridan Road, Tulsa, will be offering free seminars this summer for teachers. The summer programs are listed below:

Wednesday, June 12, 1985 7:00 p.m. (2 hours)

STRESS MANAGEMENT FOR TEACHERS

Presented by Laura Dempsey-Polan, MA, MCAT, ATR

This program will focus on identifying stress and its causes and how it relates to feelings and performance. Means to address these stressors will be given in order to promote greater productivity and ease in daily life.

Wednesday, July 24, 1985 9:00 a.m. (3 hours)

ASSERTIVENESS TRAINING

Presented by Teryl O'Connor and Cathy O'Reilly, M.A.

This program will focus on how teachers can assert themselves with students to gain optimum results, while providing a positive role model for assertiveness. This program will give teachers the skills to "negotiate" with students, avoiding escalating conflicts and facilitating quick resolve.

Participants should come prepared to do some role-playing, i.e., staff to staff, staff to student, student to student, (this particular role play will stress how to assertively intervene between two students to solve potential conflicts.

Wednesday, August 21, 1985 2:00 p.m. (2 hours)

IMPROVING STUDENT SELF ESTEEM

Presented by Phil Cottrell, ACSW

This program will focus on **creative** ways to improve a student's self esteem and how it relates to: 1) academic achievement 2) peer relationships 3) overall interactions with adults 4) the ways self esteem impacts all areas of a child's life.

NOTE: Our presenters are members of Shadow Mountain Institute's professional clinical staff. All programs will be held at Shadow Mountain Institute, 6262 South Sheridan Road in Tulsa and are **free of charge**.

For further information contact Barbara Wiley, 250-9651.



The Briarglen/Clark #2 sixth grade girls basketball team won their tournament and finished the season undefeated. They include from front row, from left, Jenny Rutledge, Jennifer Foster, Cassie VanHuss and Candi Holcombe. In the back row are, Coach Clyde Warner, Shontell Warner, Schalonda Williams, Shannon Bennett, and Coach Debra Van Huss.

May 1985

MAY

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
			1 Adm. Center - PTA Council Board Meeting 9:30 a.m.	2 Kindergarten Pre-Enrollment 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. All Elementaries Clark - PTA Board 1:30 p.m.	3 Briarglen - 3rd grade "Spring Fling" Jr. High - Dance - Commons 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	4 Track - Varsity Regional Meet 9:00 a.m. away
			1-2 Golf State Tournament Girls	1-3 Baseball Regional Tournament	2-4 High School Spring Drama Production 7:30 p.m. Studio Theater	
5 Tulsa Youth Symphony Concert 3:00 p.m. UPAC	6 Darnaby - Book Fair Adm. Center - Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. Tennis - Boys State Championships Oklahoma City	7 6-7 Golf State Tournament Boys 6-10 Junior High Freshman Week 6-10 Darnaby Book Fair	8 Adm. Center - PTA Council Meeting 9:30 a.m.	9 High School - Spring Vocal Music Concert 7:30 p.m. UPAC Jr. High - National Honor Society Induction 7:30 p.m. Boevers - PTA Board Meeting 12:45 p.m. Briarglen - 5th & 6th Grade Program "Radio Station Kids" 7:00 p.m. Grove - 5th Grade Strings/Band Recruitment	10 Grove - Sixth Grade Field Trip Woodlone Darnaby - Popcorn Day Jr. High - Freshman Dance Jr. High - Awards Assembly Seventh Grade Center - Awards Assembly 12:45 p.m. Darnaby - K & 1st Grade Zoo	11 10 & 11 Track Varsity State Meet 9:00 a.m. away 9-11 Baseball State Tournament
12  HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY	13 Adm. Center - Chemical People Meeting 7:00 p.m.	14 Boevers - PTA Meeting 7:30 p.m. Jr. High & Seventh Grade Center - Orchestra Concert 7:30 p.m. UPAC Clark - 1st and 2nd Grade Music Program Ninth Annual Elementary Track Meet	15 UPAC - Air Force Band Concert 7:30 p.m. UPAC	16 Grove - Talent Show 9:30 a.m. Grades K, 4, 5 & 6 1:00 p.m. Grades K - 3 Jr. High - Spring Vocal Concert 7:30 p.m. UPAC	17 Briarglen - Popcorn Day Briarglen - 1st Grade Field Day Seventh Grade Center - Band Concert 7:30 p.m. UPAC Clark - Staff Breakfast High School - Last Day for Seniors Seventh Grade Center - PTA Sponsored Dance 7:00-9:00 p.m. Darnaby - 6th Grade Picnic Halkey Creek Park	18 High School - Senior Tea 2:00 p.m. Adm. Center - Free Speech & Hearing Screenings 9 a.m. - 12 noon Children & Adults
19 High School - Baccalaureate Service 2:00 pm UPAC	20 Briarglen - 5th Grade Field Day High School - Senior Breakfast & Assembly 7:30 a.m.	21 Grove - Sixth Grade Awards Assembly 9:20 a.m. Briarglen - 3rd & 4th Grade Field Day High School - Graduation ORD Mabree Center 7:30 p.m. 	22 Seventh Grade Center - Odd Hour Semester Test Briarglen - 2nd & 6th Grade Field Day	23 Briarglen - Awards Assembly High School - Prom Kensington Hotel 9:00 - 1:00 p.m. Seventh Grade Center - Even Hour Semester Test LAST DAY OF SCHOOL 	24 Briarglen - PTA Teacher's Luncheon 11:00 a.m.	25
26 Memorial Day	27	28	29	30	31	

REDSKIN TALK

NEW ATHLETIC GUIDELINES IMPOSED



Gil Cloud

Director of Athletics

The year is coming to a close and as we finish a successful year we look to the future and see a tremendous challenge before us.

The Oklahoma Secondary Schools Activities Association has imposed new guidelines for next year. While the stated reason was cost savings, the new rules actually will cost us money. These new rules are:

Reduction of Baseball and Softball Games.

Beginning in the Fall of 1985 baseball and softball will be limited to 24 games and 2 tournaments. The former rule was 28 games and 3 tournaments. Up until 5 years ago there was no limitation. This will again limit the number of home contests in both sports.

Change in Regulation Basketball 1985-86.

Beginning in 1985-86 school year the regulation basketball for girls programs will be smaller and lighter. This will necessitate our purchasing 10 dozen basketballs this year as opposed to the usual 4 dozen we purchase each year. The average cost of a basketball is about \$43.00 each. We are not opposed to this if we are given a little more lead time to budget accordingly. Our suggestion was to phase the junior high in next year and the high school the following year.

An Ad Hoc Committee has been established to make a number of counter proposals and submit them for approval during the next year. If enough interest is shown in the adoption of this recommendation, then hopefully we can affect some change that will benefit more schools in the state.

Football 1986-87.

All sub-varsity teams can play only 8 match games. We currently play 9 or 10. As one can see we will lose one home game by this rule. That costs us money.

Eight-team football districts.

We traditionally have played in 4-team districts which gives us the opportunity to schedule 7 games on our own. By scheduling carefully, financially we can produce enough annual revenue from football to continue 19 other sports on a highly comparable level. But, if we are dictated to as to the 7 games we must play, then we can only pick three games which produce revenue. With this new rule the chances of playing Washington have diminished considerably. We strongly approve the 8-team district concept for the above mentioned reasons as well as the mere fact that the Frontier Conference will have to dissolve in football and possibly in all sports.

--COMMENT--

I want to congratulate the Winter Guard on their outstanding National Championship!! This group is obviously an asset to our school system and proves once again that Union remains #1 on all fronts.



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