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WGI First Runner-Up



State Champions



Merit Semi-Finalists

Union Seniors Moving On



District Champions



Regional Champions

The starting of the 1985-86 school year was without a doubt one of the most exciting and challenging days of my professional life. First I was starting my inaugural year as "The Principal" after eight years as an Assistant Principal. Secondly just the word change creates an apprehensive atmosphere in all of us. The change in leadership at this level was a challenge to the student body at Union High School. With the leadership of the class of 86 our campus has responded to have one of the truly outstanding years in all



Bill Risenhoover
Principal
Union High School

areas of academics and activities.

From the state championships won by the Renegade Regiment, Drill Team and the Winterguard to the highly successful season our Academic Bowl Team has experienced it is evident that the future holds unlimited success for our student body. They have exhibited the desire to use what abilities they have been given to meet the everyday challenges of life. I'm grateful to have been a small part of such an exciting year at Union High School.

Bill Risenhoover

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

BOND ELECTION SUPPORT APPRECIATED

I want to express my appreciation to the patrons of Union Schools for your support in the recent bond election. This turnout and margin in victory is indicative of your confidence in the system and direction we are headed. Every effort will be made to spend the dollars wisely and to the maximum benefit of the students of Union Schools.



Dr. Wesley Jarman

The plans for the continuation of construction on the Intermediate High School are all complete and as soon as funds are available, and this should be in July, we will be able to award a contract for further construction. We just closed on the final three acres at the site so the District now owns a full 80 acres.

We will build a prototype elementary at the junior high site and those plans will be adapted to that location and a contract can be awarded in July also. We are in the process of buying a lot between the junior high site and Southbrook addition to be used as a walkway for better access to both the elementary school and also the junior high school.

We will begin drawings on enclosing the media centers and also the art rooms at Darnaby, Peters and Clark elementaries. We should also be able to award a contract in July on these projects.

As many of you are aware our 85-86 budget suffered a devastating blow recently when we were denied our mid-term adjustment aid. Schools traditionally are paid on the previous years average daily attendance which means you are always a year behind on your funding. The mid-term adjustment was developed for districts whose student growth exceeds 2%. During this year our district at the end of the first semester had an increase of 506 students which was in excess of 6%. Because we are a hold harmless district, some members of the legislature took this opportunity to eliminate certain districts from receiving mid-term if you were hold harmless. There was some 10 million dollars appropriated in the bill and if we had received full funding it would have 1.1 million dollars. Even at 79% funding that we were expecting it would have been in excess of \$900,000, as it turned out we got zero dollars.

The mid-term bill HB 1705 was sent to conference and up until the last day did not contain any language that was damaging. When the bill came out of conference all our representatives voted for it thinking it would help us. It was on the Governor's desk before it was discovered that Union would be left out of the funding. We made a strong

effort to get the bill recalled but were unsuccessful. Members of that conference were as follows:

Senators

James Howell, Midwest City
Stratton Taylor, Claremore
Bernice Shedrick, Stillwater

Representatives

Steve Lewis, Shawnee
Nancy Virtue, Moore
Kelly Honey, Seminole

State Superintendent Dr. John Folks and his aide Mrs. Pat Crisp also had input into the conference committee's decision. All these people should be held responsible for the loss of revenue.

The appropriation bill for next year will soon be in conference again and I urge you to contact your Senator and Representative and ask them to consider the plight of our school's and help us to survive the shortfall from the past budget.

I will probably send a special bulletin to you when this session of the legislature is winding down.

Wesley Jarman



Volunteer Dr. Wesley Jarman spent a morning giving his time to two classes at Peters Elementary. Reading stories and helping in learning centers, Dr. Jarman was one of two volunteers aiding Leslie Edwards's transitional first grade class. Personalized instruction with a ratio of one volunteer to four students under the direction of the teacher is only one of many ways volunteers can be of service in our schools. What a tremendously rewarding way to increase a child's quality of education.

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PTA TEACHERS OF THE YEAR



Pictured above are the PTA Teachers of the Year. Front row, left to right, Max Pope, High School; Duana Miller, Junior High; and Norma Schultz, 7th Grade Center. Back row, left to right, Wilma Elrod, Andersen; E'Dee Otterstome, Boevers; Ann Ewing, Briarglen; Jerald Williams, Assistant Superintendent/Personnel; Linda Hamilton, President, Union PTA Council; Evelyn Roberts, Clark; Pat Youngberg, Darnaby; Laurie Griffith, Grove; and Carolyn Taylor, Peters.

MAY EDUCATOR/EMPLOYEE NAMED

The Educator of the Month for May, 1986 is Brad Burnham, a member of the Science Department at Union High School. He currently teaches developmental and honors biology, human physiology, and French. Brad came to the Union District four years ago after having taken a leave from teaching to own and operate his own specialty food store for four years. He began his teaching career twenty-three years ago in Ponca City. Brad also spent fifteen years with the Tulsa Public Schools.



Brad Burnham

He says, he is fortunate to be a part of such an innovative and progressive school district as Union and is truly

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!

Teachers, Administrators, Staff Members, and Parents,

On behalf of Jeremy Elledge and family, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your generous contributions to the Jeremy Elledge Fund. We have raised over \$1300.00 district wide for this young man to receive treatment for his eyesight. This will be a tremendous boost to help allay the astronomical costs of traveling to the Soviet Union.

Again, thank you for your generous support!

Sincerely,
David W. Brown
Principal, Grove Elementary

honored to be chosen Educator of the Month, since any one of his colleagues deserves the title." Brad says, "teaching is such a challenge, not only in helping students learn factual information, but guiding them to become responsible, thinking individuals. He says it is working toward those goals with students that excites me about teaching."

Congratulations Brad!!



Reba Harjo, Building Engineer at Boevers Elementary, has been selected as Employee of the Month for May, 1986. Reba has worked for Union schools since 1977.



Reba Harjo

Boever's principal, Faye Pride, says "Reba does an excellent job with the building. She is there when you need her and willing to help in any way she can. She keeps our building in top working order - responds quickly and can handle any situation that arises."

Each day is a special project with Reba. She always has a warm smile and friendly greeting for everyone. Reba has a delightful sense of humor and super rapport with students, staff, and parents.

Boevers teachers and staff feel very fortunate to have Reba as part of their "special team" at Boevers.

Congratulations Reba!!

BOARD ACTION

The Union Board of Education met in regular session on the 7th day of April, 1986. The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. with a quorum present. The following action was taken:

(1) Mr. Harmon introduced Brian Ess, a student at Union Junior High and winner of the District and City-Wide Spelling Bee. Mr. Harmon also introduced Belinda Nikkel, 6th grade teacher at Darnaby Elementary and Norma Schultz, science teacher at the 7th Grade Center. These ladies were in charge of the District Science Fair. They in turn introduced the science fair winners, their parents and teachers.

(2) Mr. Stockstill announced that Robert Orosco, building engineer at the High School was Employee of the Month. Mr. Orosco was unable to attend. Mr. Harmon introduced Richard Storm, Union Junior High English teacher, as Educator of the Month.

(3) Barbara Rather, Director of Media Services gave a staff report on school libraries and explained some of the activities that were happening in connection with Library Media Month.

(4) Following Mrs. Rather's report, a motion was made by Mrs. Bentley and seconded by Mr. Zenthoefer to proclaim April as School Library Media Month in Union Public Schools.

Approved: 5-0

(5) During discussion of the consent agenda corrections were made due to the minutes of March 15, 1986, item number (2) should be changed to "The Board directed Dr. Jarman to investigate having the Trust Authority purchase the lot at the Junior High Site..." and the minutes on March 3, 1986, item (8) to add the letter of explanation Dr. Jarman sent to the staff to the minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Zenthoefer to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda consisted of approving the minutes of March 3rd, 10th, 15th and 17th as corrected, approving a resolution "allowing the school district treasurer to deposit all idle funds into interest bearing accounts at the highest rate available", approving the monthly payroll and operating expenses and approving bond fund claims #73-82 in the amount of \$662,454.90.

Approved: 5-0

(6) Following comments from the floor, Dr. Jarman gave the construction update. Mr. Dale Ragland then discussed Flintco's proposal on the IHS. The Board agreed to have Dr. Jarman issue a letter of intent to Flintco after the bond issue passes.

(7) Mr. Nix, spokesman for Melinda Park Homeowners presented the Board with a petition seeking a moratorium on re-districting for one year. Mr. Nix took exception with

the Board for not allowing other members of P.A.R. to address the floor. There was an apparent misunderstanding under the comments from the floor section, so comments from the floor was re-opened at 9:00 p.m. at which time Mr. Carl Mitchell, from Southbrook addressed the Board regarding the moratorium on re-districting.

(8) A motion was made by Mr. Zenthoefer and seconded by Mr. Miller to accept the basic recommendation of the Planning Committee and move area 5 to Andersen, 25 to Grove, 30 south of the Broken Arrow Expressway to Grove, 30 north of the Broken Arrow Expressway to Clark.

Following discussion by the Board Mr. Zenthoefer amended his motion to include moving the Sugarberry Apartments to Andersen and Mr. Miller seconded the amendment.

Approved: 5-0

(9) A motion was made by Mr. Coats and seconded by Mr. Zenthoefer to adopt the 1986 Board Goals as presented.

Approved: 5-0

(10) A motion was made by Mr. Coats and seconded by Mrs. Bentley to deny the claim of David Reynolds, a student at Union High School to enable the tort liability insurance to take over processing the claim.

Approved: 5-0

(11) A motion was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Coats naming Vernon Harmon as Chairman of the Board negotiating team and Mr. Williams and Mr. Patton as members.

Approved: 5-0

(12) A motion was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mrs. Bentley to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:40 p.m. to consider personnel matters relating to employment and hiring, appointment, promotion, demotion, disciplining, or resignation of individual salaried public officers, employees, or teachers of Independent School District No. Nine of Tulsa County, Oklahoma with the Board returning to open session to vote.

Approved: 5-0

(13) A motion was made by Mr. Coats and seconded by Mr. Miller to return to regular session at 10:34 p.m.

Approved: 5-0

(14) A motion was made by Mr. Coats and seconded by Mrs. Bentley to accept the resignations of Jane Finley, Glenda Payne, Richard Riley and Cathrean Siens effective the end of the 1985-86 school year.

Approved: 5-0

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MAY IS BETTER HEARING AND SPEECH MONTH

The Union Public Schools and Tulsa are playing a key role in a month-long national effort to help our public at large to identify speech and/or hearing problems. Eight, master degree Speech/Language Pathologists render services to all ten Union schools. Approximately 500 children are seen daily for therapy. They are joining efforts with the Tulsa Association of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists group and offering free speech and hearing screenings at most of the shopping centers in Tulsa and surrounding communities on every Saturday during May. Local papers will give exact times/places for your convenience.

Mayor Terry Young will kick off the campaign May 1, and will coordinate with the Sertoma. La Sertoma, Quota, Tulsa Speech and Hearing Association, and the Tulsa Association of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists organizations. Events scheduled include the free screenings at the local shopping centers, participation in the Children's Medical Center Festival of Health and press conferences.

The theme of the campaign is "Take the First Step" in seeking assistance for speech and/or hearing problems. Even though President Reagan declared May as "Better Hearing and Speech Month" in the United States, Union strives continually to inform the community about communication disorders as well as meet those needs.

Barbara Crawford from Boevers is on the T.S.H.A. Board and is an organizer this year for the month's activities. Lisa Carroll stated that frequent consultation with both parents and teachers throughout the remediation process is one of her primary functions at Andersen. Jenny Hay's at Briarglen and Kathy Madison from Roy Clark, both agree that their prior experiences at Hissom Memorial Center has helped them to diagnostically feel competent with weekly staffings that are utilized in the schools and identify these children. Peter's has also benefitted from Shannon Graber's seasoned experience at the Hominy and Sperry Public Schools before joining our team. Cheryl Mauldin, first year at Grove, also agreed that prior work at Children's Medical Center has enabled her to meet the individual needs of her varied caseload. Jane Anderson, now at Darnaby, enjoys treating the varied disorders that she serves in her district. Anne Loughridge is serving the 7th Grade Center, Junior High and High School. The support she receives from all the special services teams she encounters is an advantage to her effectiveness.

★ATTENTION★

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



Board Action Continued

(15) A motion was made by Mr. Zenthoefer and seconded by Mrs. Bentley that the Superintendent be allowed to accept any resignations that have been tenured in the past that are still on hold.

Approved: 5-0

(16) A motion was made by Mrs. Bentley and seconded by Mr. Miller to renew the contracts of Dave Reynolds, Ron Reeder, Wendell Twist, Chris Skinner and Helen Larson for the 1986-87 school year.

Approved: 5-0

(17) A motion was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Coats to adjourn at 10:45 p.m. until the next regularly scheduled meeting or any other meeting required for conducting school business.

KIDS ON THE BLOCK

The "Kids on the Block" are coming to the Union School District! This very special group of disabled and non-disabled puppets teach children and adults about handicaps and differences. It is a unique and exciting educational program designed to help us all accept and appreciate the differences among us.

Presentations of "The Kids" are given by volunteers. In all of the programs there is a period when children in the audience can ask questions directly of the puppet characters. Questions such as, "How does it feel to in a wheelchair," "Do kids tease you because you are deaf," replaces myths and misconceptions with facts and sensitivity.

If you are interested in a fun and rewarding experience, consider becoming a puppeteer. Contact Kennie Crawley 481-5179 for further information. Training is provided.

BOEVERS



"Elephants, Clowns and Circus Sounds", and excellent musical was presented by the Fifth Grade and Mrs. McKenzie. We're very proud of our fine music program at Boevers.



Some of the kindergarten students are enjoying the playground equipment purchased by our great PTA.

Kids Comment:

I like Boevers because I have lots of friends here. I don't get in much trouble and I get to play. I like to do my school work, it's fun.

Lindsey McClure - Kindergarten

Boevers is special because they like me.

Krissy Saddler - First Grade

I like Boevers because the teachers are the nicest ever; the school is pretty and nice inside because the students take care of it.

Emily Cline - Second Grade

I am glad I go to Boevers because it is a bigger school, and it has a lot of nice teachers and a very nice principal. It has a lot of rules that should have been at my old school but weren't.

Kristle Barnett - Third Grade

I'm proud of going to Boevers because every teacher is very nice. Ever since I've gone here, I've learned so much.

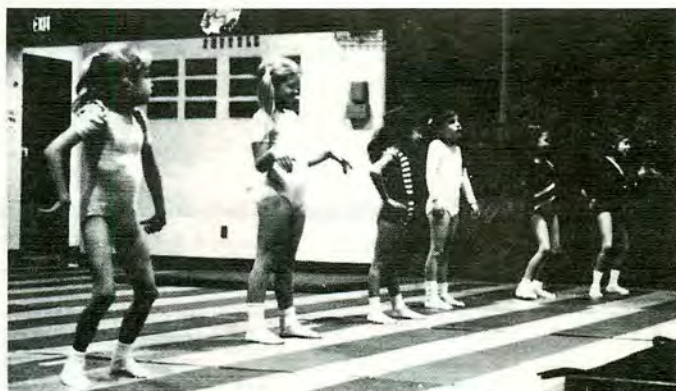
Zach Kiefer - Fourth Grade

Boevers is so special to me because the teachers are great, and Union is the best system in the world!

Amy Warner - Fifth Grade

What I like about Boevers is the nice teachers who have the patience and love to teach us new things and explain some of the old thing we don't yet understand.

Amy Gresham - Sixth Grade



The annual gymnastics program is presented by every grade level with each doing a different routine. Music and moves are chosen by the students. We may not be professional, but we are unique!



Cross-grade tutoring is a very successful new program that has fifth graders helping first graders with reading twice each week. It's hard to tell who enjoys this "learning partnership" more.



To culminate an activity-filled sixth grade science unit on Halley's Comet, a 5 a.m. viewing was planned. To further commemorate the event, t-shirts designed by student Franklin Shuck were worn. If only the clouds had cooperated, everything would have gone as planned; however, youthful optimism reigned as one student commented, "Oh well, I'll just catch it when I'm 87 and it comes again!"

PETERS' PERSONNEL



Kindergarten and transitional teachers are, left to right, Kaye Patton, Jeanette Bailey, Linda Jackson, and Leslie Edwards.



First, second, and third grade teachers are, left to right, Jan O'Brien, Madanelle Kirk, Tina Vassar, Mary Wheeler, Regina Morse, Connie Peters, Linda Cunningham, Cindy Hommel(Intern), Jean Sims, Margaret Goodwin, Jane Watson, Jana Kennedy, Leslie North, and Pam Cotton.



Fourth, fifth, and sixth grade teachers are, left to right, Kathie Boyer, Sharon Willhite, Carolyn Rischard, Jeannie Buck, Robin Brown, Jan Bruns, Sally Sandman, Diane Morton, Carolyn Taylor, Mary Alice Ingham, Lois Barfield, and Laurie Shea.



Cafeteria personnel are, left to right, Martha Creel, Phyllis Brewer, Jan Gordinities, Edna Grove, Fran Lazzara, and Charlotte Maddux.



Specialty teachers are, left to right, Shannon Graber, Jacci Brown, Sandy Maguire, Laura Revella, Helen Jo Larson, Jan Diven, Tracy Page, and D'Ann Hargrove.



Aides are, left to right, Susan McClain, Debbie Seawright, Linda Stilwell, and Jackie Wightman.



Office personnel are, left to right, Mary Ann Hawkins and Carolyne Jackson.



Mildred "Sissy" Phillips, Principal and Walter Pray, Building Engineer.



Pictured left are the Union High students on their trip to Europe. 1st row, left to right, Leah Fagandes, Lorrie Ashlock, Jodie Roper, Pilar (the French guide), Dana Hamblin, Chris Ishee. 2nd row, left to right, Kim Orr, Shannon Pearson, Caty Glocker, Susanne Mason, Joe Collins, Jacqueline Reid, Candice Young, Jane (the courier), Sally Morre, Steve Cawood, Harlon Reid. 3rd row, left to right, Curt Risner, Anita Risner, Jamie Schumann, Kathy Ishee, Mike Hall, Thad Bibb, Clea Stotler, P.W. Phillips, Troy Young, Stacy Sanders, Julie Stillwell, Ron Phillips, Doug Stotler, Michele Pringle.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN EUROPE

by Jacqueline Reid, UHS French teacher

"On behalf of the entire crew, we would like to welcome you to Charles de Gaulle Airport and we wish you a pleasant stay in Paris." With these words, a group of Union High School students disembarked to begin their tour of France and Italy.

The following eight days were filled with sights, sounds and tastes that were very "foreign" to these young people. They were impressed by the monuments, awed by the churches, overwhelmed by the art, and frightened by the traffic; yet, they conquered the Metro, survived the train, climbed the Eiffel Tower, and represented the United States well. Twenty-four apprehensive teenagers went to Europe; twenty-four tired but self-confident young adults returned.

ACADEMIC RESOURCE CENTER

Union's Elementary Gifted Program "ARC" or Academic Resource Center, has been in existence for six years. It began at Briarglen Elementary in 1980 with one teacher, Mrs. Sue Barton, and 40 students from grades 3 and 5. Currently housed at Grove Elementary, the program has grown to 180 students and three teachers or "facilitators". The program is funded totally by the district, parent contributions and student fund raising activities. These funds are used to purchase equipment such as computers,

high level thinking skill materials, and specialized curriculum manipulatives.

The ARC program is designed to insure a uniquely differentiated educational system to meet the special needs, interests and abilities of the gifted student.

At present students referred for the program, either by parents, teachers, or both, will be given the Otis-Lennon School Ability Test. Any student who scores at the 95 percentile or above on this test will become eligible for an individual I.Q. test. A minimum full scale score of 130 qualifies a student to enter the program.

The ARC facilitators, Sue Barton - 5th and 6th, Pat Brinkley - 1st-3rd, and Pam O'Halloran - 4th and 5th, provide their students with a wide variety of experiences above and beyond the normal classroom agenda. High level thinking exercises, extraordinary guest speakers, and foreign language exposures are just a smattering of the diverse curriculum offerings presented.

We are very proud of Union's Gifted Program. It is beyond a doubt, one of the finest around and the students are very fortunate to be a part of it.



Pat Brinkley



Sue Barton



Pam O'Halloran

YOUTHARTS 86!

YOUTHARTS 86! was a resounding success. Several thousand Union Patrons attended concerts, demonstrations, plays, exhibitions and the district visual arts exhibit. Thousands of hours of preparation are involved in the display of skills and talents that are showcased during the YOUTHARTS week. It is a definite highlight of the Fine Arts Department's year.

This year's YOUTHARTS Festival featured Pulitzer Prize winning Playwright/Director Edward Albee and the Northeastern State University Theater Department. Following the reception for Mr. Albee and the presentation of two of his newest plays, each of Union Schools Performing Arts organizations presented a sampling of their work. YOUTHARTS is a superb opportunity for the Patrons of Union district to see as many performances and concerts as they would wish during a five day period of time. In addition the district visual arts display is a unique opportunity to see the outstanding quality of artwork that Union students are producing.

Several of the artworks that were displayed in the visual arts festival have been shown previously at the "Young Talent in Oklahoma" competition. Missy Kosky won a merit commercial award, a cash award, and a gift certificate for her work "Morning Dew". In addition Missy Smith, Grace Kong, Leon Shepard, Holly Willard, and Dawn Van Hoose had works chosen for exhibition at the "Young Talent in Oklahoma" art show. Congratulations to these outstanding individuals and their instructors.

The Union Debate Squad has had a busy and productive year. The squad consists of eighth grade novice debaters, and novice and varsity debaters from the ninth grade and high school. These students have spent most of their weekends during the school year traveling to various speech and debate tournaments throughout the state. Highlights include a third place novice sweepstakes award received by Kim Cindle and Stewart Huff at the Putnam City Tournament, a semi-finalist award was earned by Candice Young and Carolyn Econamus at the Central State University Debate Tournament and a second place sweepstakes award at the Tulsa Washington Tournament.

Special recognition goes to students who qualified for the State Tournament. Ben Clardy reached the final round of foreign extemporaneous speaking, qualifying for the state tournament and to the team of John Haner and Mark Welch which won second place in cross examination debate at the Jenks Tournament. Congratulations to all the debate students and their instructors whose hard work and dedication have made this year a success.

The high school winter guard completed their competition year with a number of outstanding awards. They were the winner of the Winter Guard International Regional competition held at Union High School. They won first place in the state competition at Edmond,

Oklahoma and traveled to Dayton to compete in the national competition of Winterguard International. At this prestigious competition, they placed second in the nation. Congratulations to each of the students involved and their instructors for a job well done.

The Union High School Jazz Band has competed successfully in several areas and state competitions during the past few weeks. They were privileged to have a jazz clinic at Union High School featuring Woody Herman as guest clinician. Mr. Herman and "The Thundering Herd" presented an exciting evening concert at the UPAC on April 15.

The high school band competed in the state competition in April and received "one" rating in both sight reading and concert performance. These ratings along with a "one" rating in marching competition earlier in the year qualified them for a "sweepstakes" rating, the first ever in the history of Union School. Congratulations to the Renegade Regiment and the band staff.

The month of May always provides a variety of concerts and performances by the performing groups of Union School. I hope you will be able to attend some of these concerts and express your appreciation personally to the teachers and the students who have made this a successful school year. The Fine Arts department of Union Schools would like to express our sincere appreciation for the continued Patron support of the arts in Union Schools.

UNION HIGH PROM PARTY

The Union High School PTSA will sponsor an "after prom" all night party honoring the graduating class of 1986. The party will be held at the Broken Arrow Boys' Club and Community Center located at 1400 W. Washington on Thursday, May 22, 12:00 midnight to 4:00 a.m. All seniors, juniors and their dates are invited to attend. An indoor swimming pool, movies, video games, ping pong, gymnasium and many other activities will be provided. Drawing for door prizes will take place throughout the evening. There will be an abundance of fantastic food and breakfast will be served. The cost will be 25¢ per person. The PTSA would like to encourage every senior and junior to take part in this fun-filled evening. Any interested parent who would like to volunteer to help during the night can contact Donna Montgomery at 252-2168.

COMPUTER CHALLENGE

Greg Cavitt, Chad Loegering, Brendan Owen and Matt Thummel represented the 7th Grade Center in the software competition. May 12-17 at Tulsa Junior College.

Computer Challenge '86 was sponsored by Tulsa Junior College.

WINTER GUARD - 1st RUNNER-UP AT NATIONALS

What was thought to be a rebuilding year for the 1985 National High School Champion, Union Guard, turned out to be 1 point away from retaining the championship title in 1986! After graduating most of the title winners from last year no one thought Union could recover from such a loss, much less place in the top 2 in the country the year after! It was definitely quite an accomplishment not only for the 28 performers and 4 staff members, but for all of the wonderful parents that were involved throughout the whole season.

The guard first started rehearsals in early November, including almost every Saturday until April, and competed very extensively from February to the Dayton Olympics in April. Competing on the national level as highly as Union does, it takes a great deal of time, patience, sacrifice, energy, and a very intense commitment of excellence from every individual involved. But as you can tell by the magnitude of success of this program, this kind of commitment is very strong and dedicated.

The competitive season finally got under way in late February at the WGI Midwest Regional in Chicago, Illinois. As it turned out in the end, this was where Union kept the 1986 Champion, Center Grove High School of Greenwood, Indiana, from having an undefeated season as Union won the preliminary competition by .6 of a point!! However, Center Grove did out execute Union in finals and won the Midwest Championship with Union in second and Tate High School from Gonzalez, Florida in third.

The guard then hosted the WGI Southwest Regional in which 30 guards (18 of these guards from out of state) competed in both prelims and finals competition. After fierce competition with our biggest rival from South San Antonio High School of Texas, Union was crowned the 1986 Southwest Regional High School Champion with a score of 72.80. This was the third major regional title that the guard has achieved in its three year existence.

The Union Guard was then crowned the 1986 State Champion and the 1986 Overall Circuit Champion for the 3rd straight year in a row at the State Finals in Edmond by attaining the highest score in their history with an 88.6. This was their third straight undefeated Oklahoma season!!

At Nationals in Dayton, Union was competing against the top 60 high school units in the nation during a 3 day weekend. The guard was in second by 2½ points in the prelims but put on a fabulous and very emotional performance at finals to lose the Championship by only 1 point!! In fact, many instructors and spectators thought that Union had repeated as champions after the performance. But the young women stood very proud in line as they received their silver medals, knowing that they gave their best and more the entire season. Many could not believe

the high level of excellence that Union displayed competing against the more experienced groups.

This is why the Union program is considered by most to be the top high school color guard in the country. The guard not only competes in the winter but complements the marching band during the fall season and also has won numerous awards in this activity. Not only on the state level but at the national level as well.

With such a successful season and so many returning for next year, you can understand why the staff is anxiously awaiting the 1987 season and plans are already being made for the winter production as the UNION GUARD "Goes for the Gold" in 1987!

The guard is Instructed by: Artistic Choreographer - Wes Cartwright, Visual Coordinator - Alan Mueggenborg, Visual Assistant - Dan Watkins, and Visual Assistant - Tommy Abercrombie.

STATE REFLECTIONS WINNERS

Listed below are the winners in the State Reflections Contest sponsored by the Oklahoma Congress of Parents and Teachers:

Jennifer Davis, Grade 11, Union High School, Photography; Tyran Gerbitz, Grade 11, Union High School, Photography; Joe Vitosky, Grade 11, Union High School, Photography; Dana White, Grade 11, Union High School, Photography; Brett Boyles, Grade 9, Union Jr. High, Visual Arts.

This contest includes Photography, Literature, Music, and Visual Arts. The works of these students will be entered in the National PTA Convention in Little Rock, Arkansas this summer.

UNION VOLUNTEERS!

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

What a heartwarming experience it is to see a handful of volunteers in each building, grow into an organized and powerful program with the one main goal of improving the quality of education through individual instruction. At any time during the day, one can walk into our schools and find volunteers at work throughout the buildings performing a wide variety of services.

Whether you have volunteered for one hour or many, the result has been a unified total effort of over 7,000 hours.

It is evident that our Union Public Schools community is and will continue to be a positive powerful resource. Once again, thank you volunteers for your time, patience, and caring!

✓ MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May 8-10

Baseball State Tournament

May 8

Junior High - Volunteer Recognition Dessert - 7:00 p.m. Commons
High School - Vocal Music Spring Concert UPAC 7:30 p.m.
High School - UCTA Meeting Room 2011 7:30 a.m.
High School - Election Assembly UPAC
Boevers - PTA Board Meeting 1:00 p.m.
Peters - PTA Skating Party 4-6:00 p.m.
Grove - Reception for Grove Volunteers 3:30 p.m.

May 9 & 10

High School - State Track meet at Moore, Oklahoma

May 9

Junior High - Awards assembly (1st hour)
Junior High - Freshman Dance Commons
Darnaby - Park Terrace Nursing Home visitors to Darnaby 6th grades
7th Grade Center - 6th grade PTA sponsored orientation & dance 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Grove - Field Trip to Woolaroc (6th grade)
High School - Band Banquet Commons Area 5:30-9:00 p.m.

May 10

High School - Mother-Daughter Senior Tea 2-4:00 p.m. UPAC
UPAC - Shari Lewis Dance Studio Performance 6:00 p.m.

May 12

UPAC 7th grade Vocal Concert

May 13

TENTH ANNUAL ELEMENTARY TRACK MEET

May 13

Adm. Center - PTA Council Meeting 9:30 a.m.
Clark - PTA Council Meeting
Junior High & 7th Grade Center - Orchestra Concert UPAC 7:30 p.m.
Junior High - Jay Strech 7:50 a.m. & 8:30 a.m.
7th Grade Center - Vocal Concert - Studio Theater 6:00 p.m.
High School - Awards Assembly & Senior Assembly UPAC 7:00 p.m.

May 14

Peters - PTA Popcorn Day
UPAC - Gymnastics Show 3:00 p.m.
Grove - Student Talent Show 9:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

May 15

Junior High - Vocal Concert UPAC 7:00 p.m.
Clark - Skating Party
Junior High - National Jr. Honor Society Induction 7:30 p.m.
Commons
Peters - PTA Skating Day 4-6 p.m.
Peters - Style Show 3:30-4:30 p.m.
High School - Senior tests (a.m.)
High School - Senior Picnic

May 16

High School - Senior Practice
Clark - 1st grade program
Briarglen - Dress Up Day
Briarglen - Third Grade Spring Fling 7:00 p.m.
Peters - 6th grade Track & Field Day 5th grade Trip to Omniplex
Grove - T-shirt Parade
High School - Senior tests (p.m.)
High School - Seniors Last Day of School

May 17

UPAC - Ardelle Wilson Dance Recital 6:00 p.m.
High School - Gymnastics Meet Class 3, State 3:00 p.m.

May 18

High School - Baccalaureate, UPAC 2:00 p.m.

May 19

7th Grade Center - Band Spring Concert UPAC 7:00 p.m.
High School - Senior Breakfast Indian Springs 7:00 a.m.
High School - Senior Assembly Slide Show
7th Grade Center - Band Concert 7:00 p.m. UPAC

May 20

Junior High - Semester Exams (Even hours)
High School - Graduation Mabee Center 7:30 p.m.
Grove - Safety Patrol Field Trip

May 21

Junior High - Semester Exams (Odd Hours)
Boevers - Campbell Soup Label Award Party
Clark - Field Day (grades 4-6) 12:30-3:00 p.m.

May 22

PTSA "After Prom Party" Broken Arrow Boy's Club & Community Center (12 midnight-4:00 a.m.)
Clark - Field Day (grades 1-3) 12:30-3:00 p.m.
Peters - 6th grade graduation 7:30 p.m.
High School - Prom Sheraton Kensington (Jr. & Sr.)
7th Grade Center - Semester Exams (even hours)

May 23

Clark - Jungle Book film (all students)
Clark - 7th grade picnic 11:30-2:00 p.m.
Peters - 4th grade field day (Country Aire Park)
Peters - 6th grade picnic Halky Creek
Grove - Safety Patrol Lunch (Karl's)
7th Grade Center - Semester Exams (odd hours)

May 24

UPAC - Shari Lewis Theater Arts, UPAC
High School - Gymnastics Meet Kansas City

May 25

UPAC - Tulsa Philharmonic Concert 3:00 p.m.

May 26

NO SCHOOL MEMORIAL DAY
High School - Faculty Dinner & Dance (all staff) Mini Conference Studio Theatre

May 27 & 28

High School - Semester Tests

May 27

7th Grade Center - Talent Show p.m.
7th Grade Center - Choir Program a.m.
Clark - Third & Fifth grade picnics
UPAC - Gymnastics Program 10:00 a.m.
Peters - 4th grade (alternate) Country Aire Park
Peters - 1st grade field day Country Aire Park
Peters - 6th grade alternate - Halky Creek
Grove - 6th grade Awards Assembly

May 28

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
Clark - Awards Assemblies
UPAC - Gymnastics Program 10:00 a.m.
Peters - Awards Assemblies
Peters - 6th grade Breakfast
Boevers - Awards Assembly
7th Grade Center - Awards Assembly 9:00 a.m.
7th Grade Center - Yearbook Signing (afternoon)

May 29

Teachers Last Day of School

TULSA PHILHARMONIC - 2 FOR 1 COUPON

2 for 1 offer on the next
"Southside Series" concert,
May 25, 3:00 p.m. - Union
Performing Arts Center.
Tickets: \$19 \$16 \$12

Buy one ticket at full price, get
second ticket of same or less
value free!

Bring this coupon to the box
office or call 584-2533 to get
your free ticket.

Also: \$3.00 Student Rush
Tickets are available 15 minutes
before the performance.

TO ALL STAFF:

Thank you for transferring
your sick leave days to my
leave account. I am most
grateful to you all.

Jerry Mabry
7th Grade Center

REDSKIN TALK

SPRING SPORTS SUCCESSFUL

The spring season was a very successful one for the teams and their coaches. The Redskin Track Team far out-distanced its nearest competitor (Jenks) in winning both the boys and girls conference title. Coach Bill Padgett, his staff and all the students are to be commended for this outstanding effort.



*Gil Cloud
Director of Athletics*

In baseball Coach Arrowood's charges had an up and down season finishing 14-13 but a 7-3 record placed them second in the Frontier Conference baseball race.

The boys and girls golf teams placed 3rd respectively in the conference but with a very young squad, Coach Sandy Hanlin knows next season will be outstanding.

-COMMENT-

This coming year will be a great one on the athletic field and courts but in the athletic office it will be a most challenging 12 months. As our program continues to grow even more rapidly than our enrollment, we will be faced with fewer dollars. Our approach this year will be to cut our game administration costs (fewer workers, security, etc.) and try to maintain our equipment budgets at the same level as this directly affects the students.

The boys and girls tennis teams placed 3rd in the Frontier Conference as well as qualifying all team members to the state tournament for the first time in our 10 year history of Redskin tennis. Congratulations is due Coach Matthews and her squad.

Coach Kelly Marsaln took over the volleyball program this year. The program was down and she gave her young players the added boost for the 3rd place finish in the conference. This is the highest finish in 4 years of volleyball at Union.

Boys and girls soccer completed their season with the boys finishing 7-3 and the girls 6-3. The boys finished 3rd in the conference and the girls finished 2nd and qualified for the state playoff series for the second straight year.

The Redskin coaching staff will again be providing a number of summer camp opportunities for our own students. The following is a brief schedule of all the activities:

Camp	Grades	Dates	Times	Coach
Conditioning	(6-12)	6-2 - 7-3	6:30/8:30/ 9:00/10:00	Emerson
G. Basketball	(4-9)	6-16-20	9:00-12:00, 1:00-4:00	Walker
B. Basketball	(4-9)	6-2-13	9:00-12:00, 1:00-4:00	Dobbins
Gymnastics	(K-7)	6-23-27 7-21-25	8:30-12:00 8:30-12:00	Warren Warren
Wrestling	(1-9)	6-12-20 6-9-13	8:30-11:30 8:30-11:30	Johnson
Baseball	(4-9)	6-12-20 6-23-27	9:00-1:00 9:00-1:00	Arrowood Arrowood
Drill Team	(5-9)	6-16-20	8:00-12:00	Graf Ballew

For more information contact Coaches Warren and Graf at 250-9145 and Coaches Emerson, Johnson, Walker, Dobbins and Arrowood at 252-2581.

CONGRATULATIONS TRACK TEAMS

The Boys track team placed #1 at the regional track meet, the girls track team #2. Great year!!! Best of Luck at the State Meet.



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