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Operation Desert Storm Touches the Union Community. . .



SSG Danny L. Good (center) passes out the supplies sent by members of Carolyn Nixon's class at Boevers.

Many Union students have taken in projects recently involving our troops in Saudi Arabia. At Boevers, Michelle Berglund, her classmates, and her teacher Carolyn Nixon, have a very special pen pal in Saudi Arabia, Michelle's Uncle, SSG Danny L. Good. Danny is a member of the 2d Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82d Airborne Division in Saudi Arabia. In a recent letter he wrote, "We in the 2/504 Parachute Infantry Regiment, Battalion Communications Platoon, consider each and every one of you little paratroopers, honorary members of our platoon. As members of the platoon, you must now complete all missions, tasks, and chores with an 'Airborne Spirit.' His letter ended with the hope that he could meet each and every one of the students upon his return to the United States.

Darnaby first and fourth graders combined efforts before Christmas to collect items for Operation Desert Storm. Discussions of the region and the political and economic impact of the situation accompanied the collection of sundry items, Christmas cards, and letters.

Jill Fitts' fourth grade class at Grove is learning about the people serving Operation Desert Storm from Michael P. Bretz, cousin of Miss Fitts. The class wrote to Mike a few months ago. He in turn has sent the class pictures of his plane and a box full of items indicative of the Saudi Arabian lifestyle -- desert sand, a turban, and a pop can with Arabic writing on it.

Carolyn Travelstead's fifth grade class at McAuliffe has been writing to one of her former students who is stationed in the Persian Gulf. Former Boever's student Kevin Scott has written several letters back describing life at sea including what it feels like to go through the Panama Canal and seeing sea snakes and dolphins. Mrs. Travelstead's students sent Kevin a box of goodies at Christmas. Yellow ribbons can be seen tied around trees at McAuliffe to remind us of our service people far from home.

At Andersen the cafeteria wall is decorated in red, white, and blue and bears the names of Andersen friends and relatives serving in the Middle East. The Seventh Grade Center, Junior High, and Union's other elemen-



As did several Union school children, Darnaby first and fourth graders sent Christmas gifts to the troops.

taries have all shown their support for the troops abroad. Union High School students are conducting "Operation Desert Oasis," a campaign to solicit mail for the U.S. men and women in the Gulf.

Many Union employees, patrons, and students have relatives serving in Operation Desert Storm. Our thoughts and good wishes go out to them during these anxious times.

Inside. . .

Bond Issue Information - Pages 5 & 6

Teachers "Granted" Funds

Approximately 70 public school teachers in the Tulsa area received checks recently to finance innovative classroom projects and Union teachers were included!

Tulsa Education Fund grant monies are available for claiming in December of each year. Fund spokesman Rachel Maze stated, "This year's competition was extremely tight but Union did quite well."

The following are teachers receiving grants:
Andersen Elementary - Larry Williams - NASA Second Generation Tomato Seed/Plant Experiment - Continued work on tomato seeds from the LDEF Satellite.

Boevers Elementary - Sharon Michenfelder - Let's Cruise - an innovative geography course.

Darnaby Elementary - Jane Kent Holt - Meals on Wheels Art Project Coop - children's art delivered to Meals on Wheels recipients. Lyn Stephens - Book Writing for Third Graders - a step by step lesson on the elements of good writing. Judy C. Hays - Living Oklahoma History - an innovative history lesson. Denise A. Thomas - Eating the Earth - a science program that includes an ice cream model of the earth.

McAuliffe Elementary - Marilyn Olsen - Growing Up Strong (K-6) - a mental wellness promotion and substance abuse prevention program.

Peters Elementary - Cheryl Biggs and Lori Frieden - Special Partners in Outdoor Education - a program for environmental studies and outdoor survival skills. Carolyn Taylor - Super Saturday Science Workshop - a day of hands-on learning about flight.

Thanks to these hard-working teachers, innovative teaching and fun learning have been planned for students at Union Public Schools. Thanks to the Tulsa Educational Fund, we have been granted the opportunity to teach students using divergent methods and creative techniques.

A Dream Come True

When Melinda Conner was a student at Briarglen Elementary, she knew she wanted to become a teacher. She was inspired by several of her teachers at the time, including Barbara Simmons, Tina Vassar, and Sue Barton.

This semester Miss Conner begins her teaching career at Peters Elementary as a colleague of Mrs. Simmons and Mrs. Vassar under principal Sue Barton.

"It's like coming back home to everyone," said Miss Conner. "They've all made me feel welcome; they are very supportive."

Mrs. Barton said having Miss Conner at Peters is special for her too. "It's a treat for me to see a former student excell and reach lifetime goals."



Melinda Conner helping student Erica Roterman.

Union Teachers of the Year

High School - Dianne Walker
History Teacher

Junior High School - Cheryl Ragge
Art Teacher

7th Grade Center - Rebecca Jones
Geography Teacher

Andersen Elementary - Lisa Carroll
Speech Pathologist

Boevers Elementary - Sharon Michenfelder
1st Grade Teacher

Briarglen Elementary - Jenny Hayes
Speech Pathologist

Clark Elementary - Janetia Lisenbee
Music Teacher

Darnaby Elementary - Sue Bishop
4th Grade Teacher

Grove Elementary - Carole Javes
5th Grade Teacher

McAuliffe Elementary - Jackie Furbeck
3rd Grade Teacher

Peters Elementary - Trisha Lewellen
1st Grade Teacher

America's Funniest People

Union High math teacher Rick Hader becomes "Myron T. Noodleman" for the cameras.

Crew members from *America's Funniest People* TV show heard about Mr. Hader's popularity as Myron Noodleman - a take-off of Jerry Lewis' nutty professor- and came to Tulsa to see for themselves.



Rick Hader

(Broken Arrow Scout Photo)

They taped Hader's routine on January 11 in biology lab at Union High School. Mr. Hader and some of his students are now waiting to see if their segment makes it to a 7:30 p.m. Sunday airing on the popular ABC program.

From the Elementaries. . .



McAuliffe has gone to the birds, or so it appeared January 10 when a flock of Canadian geese decided to take a rest stop on the playground. Students visited the geese throughout the day feeding them popcorn and leftovers from lunch.

McAuliffe Students Become Citizens

We are proud to announce two McAuliffe students have become U.S. citizens. Second



John & Tina Hardway

grader Tina Hardway and third grader John Hardway traveled to Oklahoma City January 8 to receive their citizenship certificates. Tina and John are originally from India. When asked how it feels to be a citizen, Tina and John respond with an enthusiastic, "Great!"

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Darnaby Encourages Young Photographers & Authors

Fourth Graders at Darnaby learn the rudiments of photography by making sun prints, a basic blueprint with the aid of sunlight. This activity precedes a unit in which the children make pin-hole cameras and participate in a photography contest.



Darnaby sun print artists (standing) Sebastian Olivares, Kevin Royal, Travis Guy (seated) Johnna McMahan and Micah Bacon.

Students also write original poetry to accompany the image they have selected for their sun

print. Teacher Sue Bishop is the master-mind behind this wonderful and expressive project.

The second graders at Darnaby will be sharing their creative license in the early spring by writing their own stories and binding them into books. Parents

donate the materials and help with the production of the books.

Math-A-Thon

Grove fifth grade students participated in Math-A-Thon in late January. Math-A-Thon is an outstanding program which helps students reinforce their basic math skills. It employs creative techniques to encourage children to develop an interest in mathematics. At the same time, it provides St. Jude Children's Research Hospital with funds needed to continue life-saving research, patient care, and educational programs which benefit children worldwide.



"Mr. See It" at work!

Seeing is Believing -- Or is it?

Seeing is believing -- or is it? That is what fourth graders at Darnaby and Grove were wondering when a giant, hand-drawn eye came alive to sing "The Eyeball Rap" and when Iris the Eye Bunny magically disappeared only to reappear later from a magic box.

These are only two of the tricks "Mr. See It", a magician with vision, used to help students understand the wonders of sight. With sleight of hand, optical illusions, rope tricks, and colored scarves, "Mr. See It" gave a 30-minute magic show that taught children about eye care, eye safety, and the workings of the human eye.



Roy Clark Elementary teacher Donna Luke helps students Jamie Wallace, Courtney Hill, and Krista Garner with their "Whole Language" lesson. Whole Language is the process of relating one theme to several subject areas.

Union Starts Education Foundation

by
Dr. Clark Ogilvie

Exciting things are happening in Union Public Schools! The Union Schools Education Foundation (USEF) Steering Committee has been holding organizational meetings. On Tuesday, January 29, six members of that committee agreed to be the initial trustees and to begin the incorporation process.

Those trustees are Dennis Brand, Jerry Buchanan, Larry Henry, Linda Neel, Larry Payton, and Jack Wimbish. Special thanks to these pioneers! The Steering Committee and the new trustees will be holding additional meetings and contacting other interested Union patrons to expand the list of potential trustees.

The purpose of USEF is to be a community based non-profit partner of the district. In doing so, the Foundation will secure resources from individuals, corporations, foundations, and other sources. These funds will support educational programs to challenge all students. The educational programs will be funded through the Foundation's ongoing solicitation of contributions and endowment earnings.

A Gift That Keeps on Giving

Union secondary school students still talk about the good things they learned from internationally known motivational speaker Roger Crawford.



Roger Crawford

Crawford, challenged at birth with a severe physical handicap, entertained and inspired students with the message that handicaps are simply challenges to be recognized and met. His speech, which focused on the power of a positive attitude, was part of Red Ribbon Week.

Union extends a special thanks to Tom Butters, District Manager of the Doubletree Hotels, for helping to provide excellent accommodations for Union guest speakers, including Roger Crawford.



High school students shared their ideas with Dr. Tim Jenney during the Superintendent's "Student Leadership Breakfast" recently. Dr. Jenney plans to have more small group meetings with students in the near future. Among those attending the breakfast were (left to right) Bob Cole-Junior, Jennifer McKinnis-Junior, and Heath Collins-Senior.

Elementary Science Labs

Open

by
Ken Bibb

Two years ago, Union elementary science teachers began sharing their thoughts and dreams about what an elementary science laboratory should include. And now, several blueprints, catalogs, and committee meetings later, their dreams are coming true thanks to Union voters who approved the 1988 Bond Issue. The labs were completed during the fall of this school year.

A committee of science teachers met after school almost weekly since September to select equipment and supplies. They have examined products, heard sales presentations, watched demonstrations, and studied stacks of catalogs.

Their efforts are certainly appreciated and we say thank you to these Union elementary teachers: Michelle Naylor, Julie Sumner, Janice Luce, Cynthia Burnett, Debbie Reeves, Tammy Risner, Vince Owen, Randy Edwards, Denise Thomas, Jean Kelley, Pam O'Halloran, Judy Cairl, Beverly Kiger, Cathy Collins, Sheran Long, Jackie Furbeck, Jane Watson, and Carolyn Taylor.



Boevers sixth grader Dusty Fletcher gets some help with his space suit from NASA's James E. Pratt.

Spacemobile Visits

Boevers

NASA's Aerospace Education Services Project, the "Spacemobile" visited Boevers Elementary recently. Mr. James E. Pratt, an aerospace education specialist for NASA, conducted a program for the fourth through sixth grades. He used simple experiments and scale models of space hardware to provide students with a understanding of the objectives, accomplishments, and benefits of our country's space program.

Making Research Easy and Fun

by

Barbara Rather

Did you know Union High School students can search other libraries' computer catalogs on a Macintosh computer, find a magazine or newspaper article citation by computer, receive a "FAXed" article from another library, print out a copy of a magazine or newspaper article from Microfiche, scan graphics to illustrate a research paper, or word process and print out a copy of their research papers?

Students at Union High School have discovered that research can be as easy as checking out a "mouse" in the Media Research and Writing Lab. The newly enlarged computer center offers the same data bases as the University of Tulsa and Tulsa City-County Library. The indexes *Resource One* and *Newsbank* are the top draws since they save the student time-consuming manual searches through print indexes. *Compton's Encyclopedia on C-D Rom* is a convenient way to select a topic of interest and begin research.

The media computer center was enlarged this past summer to house the Macintosh computers and several IBM compatible computers needed to provide a variety of resources for the students. Currently this lab consists of six Networked Macintosh computers, three IBM compatible systems with printers, one scanner,



Students (front to back) Chi Ta and Tiffany Wemhanen are assisted by Jolene James in the High School Media Center.

a laser printer and two other printers, an Apple II computer, a facsimile machine, and a networked modem to handle access to remote data bases and other libraries.

These improvements, funded through the 1989 bond issue and state and federal grants, have greatly enhanced the ability of Union students to conduct most of their research for papers at Union's media centers.

Similar systems, on a smaller scale, are in process for Union Jr. High and 7th Grade Center.

French Club Elects Officers

by

Valarie Jernigan

The French One students are really excited about French this year because this is the first year for a French Club at the Junior High School! Usually French students have to wait until their sophomore year to become French Club members.

For Club members there are many benefits including French tutoring, as well as social activities such as a Mardi Gras celebration.

The French Club officers elected for this year are Valarie Jernigan-President, Christine Tran-Vice-President, Katie Allison-Secretary, and Athena Iatridis-Treasurer. Our officers hope to make French socially fun as well as promoting it as a rewarding academic activity. The French Club would especially like to thank Madame Jack for all her help in getting the French Club started!

Lawmakers in Action

by

Keith Edwards

The lawmakers in John Pribram's third hour class discovered what it is like to be in Congress. Each of the students authored a bill about a national issue. Then the students decided in committees whether or not the bill would be sent to the "General Assembly." The students used congressional etiquette in debating on each bill.

The president of the session was Erin Acrea. "We discovered that the process of making a bill into a law is much more difficult than it seems," he said. "The lawmaking process takes a long time due to different opinions and views."

The bills that were passed dealt with everything from the environment to abortion. A favorite was a proposal for a four day school week. Jodi Fowler, author of this bill, set it up so that school would have the same number of hours but not as many days.

Students learned a lot about lawmakers. The class will most likely make them more patient with congressmen later in life.

AIDS Awareness Week at 7th Grade Center & Junior High

The current AIDS epidemic is a major threat to the health and well-being of the world. Because AIDS will be with us for a long time, it is important for us to know how to avoid infection with the AIDS virus (HIV). As teenagers, our children need to, and can, take responsibility for protecting their own health. A few good choices now can help them avoid many serious problems later.

AIDS Awareness Week at the Seventh Grade Center will be March 4-8. A parent forum will be held on February 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the commons area of the Seventh Grade Center. The films and curriculum materials that will be used in the classroom will be presented by our School Nurse Debbie Furgerson. Parental input and active participation are sincerely requested.

AIDS education at the Junior High will be presented to the ninth grade by the school nurse, Jane Hewett, R.N. The presentations will be done in the students' science classes during the week of March 4-8. The filmstrip being used and all teaching materials will be available in the Media Center of the Junior High during the week of February 25 through March 1. Any parents wanting to preview them may do so during school hours. The film will be the same one shown at the 7th Grade Center and at the High School. Please contact the nurse with questions or concerns.

Planning For Today And Tomorrow

The success of Union Public Schools is directly related to the support provided by its patrons. We recognize the commitment necessary from each of you to contribute toward funding a quality school system and acknowledge the hardship it may create for some of our residents. It is however, a responsibility which all of us have inherited by virtue of being citizens of a free society charged with the educational guardianship of our next generation.

In Union, you have chosen to keep the standards high. With little financial support from the state, we have no alternative but to maintain a strong local effort. This year's approach to the bond issue will occur in two phases. Our immediate concern is for the timely attention needed in areas of instructional or support material purchases and capital improvement for existing facilities. Every dollar spent on items in the bond issue frees up monies which help fund programs and assist in opening new schools. Timing is critical if we are to be proactive and accomplish all of the proposed projects. We recognize your right to know the facts, and we are making every attempt to communicate with you the needs of this district.

Phase II will be based on a recommendation in July to the Board of Education regarding the needs of our secondary population. Upon completion of a five-year plan to handle our explosive growth, we will return to you in September to deal with our long-range building program.

Suffice it to say, we appreciate the support you have given the Union School District in several of the last bond elections. A tradition of quality will continue to be our theme for many years to come. Please exercise your democratic right to vote.

Tim Jenney
Superintendent

March '91 Bond Election

PROPOSAL 1 - "Shall Independent School District No. 9 of Tulsa County, Oklahoma, incur an indebtedness by issuing its bonds in the sum of Two Million Four Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$2,425,000) to provide funds for the purpose of constructing, equipping, repairing and remodeling school buildings, acquiring school furniture, fixtures and equipment and acquiring and improving school sites, and levy and collect an annual tax, in addition to all other taxes, upon all the taxable property in such District sufficient to pay the interest on such bonds as it falls due and also to constitute a sinking fund for the payment of the principal thereof when due, said bonds to bear interest at not to exceed the rate of ten percent (10%), per year, payable semi-annually and to become due serially within five (5) years from their date?"

Acquiring school furniture, fixtures and equipment including audio-visual and media equipment and supplies and a district computer system for finance and student services

- Audio Visual and Communications Equipment
- Library Books
- Satellite Dish (4 sites)
- Research Computers
- District Computer System for Finance and Student Services
- Special Services Vocational Accommodations
- Microscopes, Micro-Macro Video Microscope Systems
- Industrial Arts Equipment
- Driver Education Materials

\$1,300,000

Acquiring educational equipment and fixtures, school maintenance equipment, and performing building maintenance, repairs, modifications and renovations throughout the district

- Increase Lighting at 7th Grade Center Gymnasium
- Doorway Enclosures at Prototype Elementaries
- Renovation of the Service Center
- Re-engineering the Parking Lots at 7th Grade Center and McAuliffe
- Playground Improvements
- Maintenance Vehicles
- Mowers
- Vacuum Cleaners, Buffers, Floor & Shampoo Machines

\$ 995,000

Making athletic facility improvements including site improvements at the baseball field at the Junior High School, installation of fencing at the running track at the Junior High School, and resurfacing the gymnasium floor at the Seventh Grade Center

- Site Improvements at the Junior High Baseball Field
- Fencing at the Junior High Running Track
- Resurfacing Gym Floor at the 7th Grade Center

\$ 130,000

Total Proposition 1 - \$2,425,000

PROPOSAL 2 - "Shall Independent School District No. 9 of Tulsa County, Oklahoma, incur an indebtedness by issuing its bonds in the sum of Two Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$275,000) to provide funds for the purpose of purchasing transportation equipment, and levy and collect an annual tax, in addition to all other taxes, upon all the taxable property in such District sufficient to pay the interest on such bonds as it falls due and also to constitute a sinking fund for the payment of the principal thereof when due, said bonds to bear interest at not to exceed the rate of ten percent (10%), per year, payable semi-annually and to become due serially within five (5) years from their date?"

Purchasing approximately six (6) new school buses and related transportation equipment.

- Four (4) conventional buses
- Two (2) special education buses
- Transportation related equipment

Total Proposition 2 - \$ 275,000

Both Propositions Total \$2.7 million

By way of comparison, we offer the following facts regarding additional taxes through this bond issue:

If in 1990 you paid this amount	then	in 1991 the increase is . . .
1990-91 Taxes	Annual Increase	Monthly Increase
\$ 100.00	\$ 1.94	\$ 0.16
\$ 200.00	3.88	0.32
\$ 300.00	5.82	0.49
\$ 400.00	7.76	0.65
\$ 500.00	9.71	0.81
\$ 600.00	11.65	0.97
\$ 700.00	13.59	1.13
\$ 800.00	15.53	1.29
\$ 900.00	17.47	1.46
\$1,000.00	19.41	1.62
\$1,250.00	24.27	2.02
\$1,500.00	29.12	2.43
\$1,750.00	33.97	2.83
\$2,000.00	38.82	3.84



VOTE

on March 19, 1991

Passage requires a 60% majority.

**Polls Open
7 a.m. - 7 p.m.**

Remember to vote at your regular precinct, the same location as during statewide elections.

Fine Arts

High School to present "Brigadoon"

The Fine Arts Department of Union High School will present the musical "Brigadoon" on March 6, 7, 8, and 9 in the Union Performing Arts Center.

"Brigadoon" is a fanciful story of two hunters who lose their way in the highlands of Scotland. In the mist they happen upon the awakening village of Brigadoon, a village which comes into being only one day in each century. The hunters are immediately drawn into this 18th century village with its weddings, feuds, loves, and conflicts.

"Brigadoon" features Chris Peterson as Tommy, Kristi Acrea as Fiona, Melinda Kavanaugh and India McDonald as Med, Brian Blaho and John Bentley as Jeff, David Kennedy as Harry, and Melinda Davis and Shannon Russell as Jeannie.

"Brigadoon" utilizes a large cast of singers and dancers, beautiful costuming and sets, and full orchestral accompaniment. A unique feature of this presentation is a performance by two professional bagpipers. Curtain time is at 7:30 each evening; tickets are \$4.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students. Elementary students are admitted free when accompanied by a ticketed adult. Make plans to attend "Brigadoon". It is a musical you will never forget!

Seventh Grade Chorus Performs

January 31st, Linda Davis' Seventh Grade Concert Chorus participated in a Seventh Grade Vocal Music Festival in Jenks. Choirs from Union, Sapulpa, and Jenks joined together to form one mass choir. Angela Broeker, who is currently completing her DMA degree at the University of Oklahoma, was guest conductor and rehearsed with the vocal students. A mini concert was performed by the students at the end of the day.

Jumping Into the Winner's Circle



Darbi Witte

Union's Darbi Witte placed third among high school girls from around the country in the National Cheerleaders Association Championship in Dallas, Texas. Also during the December competition Union's outstanding cheerleading squad placed fourth in the large varsity division.

Seniors on the squad include Deedra Hayes, Darbi Witte, Jenny Bacheldor, Heather Wilson, Carrie Tudor, Amy Goodsell, and Leslie Hammons. The juniors are Melody Suggs, Stephanie DuPree, Julie Langdon, Brook Henry,

and Tracey DeDamonick. Sophomores include Carrie Kremer, Kerri Pratt, and Kim Eisner. Congratulations to the girls and their coaches, Terry Stump and Liz Richie!

Asked to share in the national spotlight on a different field at a different time was Union High Stepper Whitney McKellar. Whitney was asked to participate in the pre-game show for the Super Bowl.

Eighth Grader Wins Competition

Union Junior High student Daniel Leung was recently chosen a winner in the Oklahoma Music Teacher's Association piano audition. He was one of several winners among students from all over the state.

Kudos to another talented Union student!



All-State musicians for 1990-91 are (top row L-R) Natalie Pate-Sr., Becky Carl-8th Gr., Heather Howell-Jr., Jenney Tuller-Sr., Emily Steele-Soph. (bottom L-R) Carter Robertson-Sr., and Ceth Barnett-Soph. Not pictured is Krista Erickson-Jr.

All-State Talent Recognized

Eight outstanding musicians were recently named to the prestigious All-State Band and Orchestra. They are Natalie Pate, Becky Carl, Heather Howell, Jenny Tuller, Emily Steele, Carter Robertson, Ceth Barnett, and Krista Erickson.

In the last issue of *The Communicator*, we mentioned that several Union vocalists were selected for the All-State Choir. The All-State Choir, Band, and Orchestra as well as the Union High School Classic Orchestra and the Junior High Concert Chorus were featured at the Oklahoma Music Educator's Association Convention in January.

Percussion ensembles from Union have been selected as honor performance groups for the Oklahoma Percussive Arts Society State Convention in March. This recognition is considered a great honor. Congratulations to all of these students and their instructors!

Speech & Debate Team Wins Trophy

Union's novice speech and debate team beat nineteen other schools to bring home the third place sweepstakes award from Jenks recently.

Individual winners were Christal Gresh & Kelly Williams-third place/Poetry and Kelly Laxton-second place/Poetry. David Nolen & John Everett won two of four rounds in cross examination debate as did David Aduddell and Kim Hagman. Also scoring points were these finalists: Eric Correno, Shane Thompson, Danielle Hill, Jennifer Willis, Amy Jones, Megan Thompson, Zack Butts and Teanka Stiles.

Congratulations to the students and their coaches, Denise Miller and Jim Weaver!

Junior Achievers Live Up To Their Name

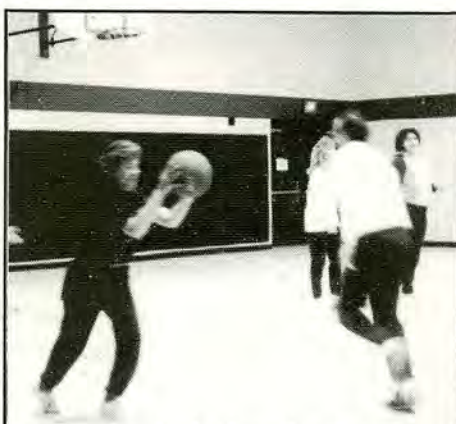
As an exercise in finance and to serve some of their funding needs, members of the high school Junior Achievement program requested permission from the school board to open and maintain a checking account for the Union High School Applied Economics class.

Chief Financial Officer Tim Raymer said he reviewed the proposal, as did the school attorney and the state auditing department, and was impressed with how well prepared and organized the students were. The board named teacher Danny Williams fund custodian and complimented Mr. Williams and his students for their good work.

Parent Education Classes to be Offered

Youth Services of Tulsa is offering "Parenting for the 90's" for parents of adolescents. The class will be on Tuesday 6:30-8:30 p.m. and will run for four consecutive weeks. There is no charge. Sessions will be held March 5, 12, 19, and 26; April 2, 9, 16, & 23; and May 7, 14, 21, & 28.

All sessions will be held at the offices of Youth Services of Tulsa, 302 S. Cheyenne. For further information call 582-0061.



Peters physical education instructor Jan Diven offers district parents a fun way to exercise and find out what their children learn in P. E. classes. Adults interested in attending the free sessions (Tuesdays 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Peters) should call Mrs. Diven, 357-1954.

Tulsa to Host 1991 National Dropout Prevention Conference

Tulsa will be host to the 1991 National Dropout Prevention Conference on April 14-16, and it promises to be an exciting event. "Unlocking Human Potential: Key to the Future" is the theme.

The list of speakers for the conference is impressive -- **Waylon Jennings**, who will tell why, at age 52, he completed his G.E.D. (General Equivalency Diploma); **William Raspberry**, nationally syndicated columnist; **Wilma Mankiller**, Oklahoma's own Chief of the Cherokee Nation; and **Patrick Taylor**, founder/owner of Louisiana's Taylor Energy Company, whose "Taylor's Kids" program was featured on *Sixty Minutes*.

The Oklahoma Chapter of Telephone Pioneers of America (an organization of active and retired telephone industry employees) and Homeland have formed a partnership to assist in securing the scholarships for teachers to attend the conference. Their goal is to send a representative from each of the approximately 600 school districts in the state to the conference.

Teachers interested in one of these scholarships, or anyone who would like further information, should contact Jo Ann Proctor at 250-3734.

ARC Leaders Plan Activities

The Academic Resource Center Student Council is planning fund-raisers and educational projects. Under the leadership of President Jonathan Bartlett, ARC students are going to sell T-Shirts and schedule trips to the Omniplex in Oklahoma City and to the Oxley Nature Center in Tulsa.

The ARC Student Council officers and representatives contribute a lot of time and talent to the program. Besides Jonathan, the officers are Todd Masters, vice-president, Ashley Webb, secretary/treasurer, and Greg McCourt, publicity chairman. The six class representatives are Elliot Blosche, Kerri Gamble, Michael Gerlach, C. Hegdale, Adam Schmidt, and Pete Stevenson.

Least Restrictive Environment by

Elaine Minson

The central concept underlying the least restrictive environment (LRE) mandate is this: the handicapped student must be placed in the least restrictive environment in which an appropriate educational program can still be delivered. LRE requires that the placement team determine the maximum level of integration for each handicapped child in view of his or her handicapping condition.

LRE is a program placement based on a continuum of services: regular classroom, regular classroom with special materials or consultative services, resource/lab classroom, partially self-contained classroom, full-time self-contained classroom, special education center (public day school), private, residential, hospital school, or institution.

Educators must strive to give a child the most appropriate education in an environment which would be least restrictive. Placement in the regular class is the preferred alternative, but by no means should it be the only alternative considered. The responsibility for the success of a handicapped student's educational program should be shared by the special education, regular education, and administrative personnel in the school.

New Year's Resolutions and Predictions

by

Monica Bradford

Welcome 1991! In the Jr. High civics class we started the new year by writing the traditional New Year's Resolutions and by setting short-term and long-term goals for ourselves.

The students not only set their own short-term and long-term goals, but each interviewed two adults over 30 to find their goals. The results were very interesting. The top three goals for students in the next year (in descending order of importance) are 1) make better grades, 2) learn a new skill or improve one they already have, and 3) lose weight or improve health and fitness. On the other hand, the adults surveyed answered 1) lose weight, 2) get a promotion or raise, and 3) buy a new house.

For the long-term goal of 10 or more years, the students put 1) go to college, 2) get a GOOD job (and they almost all knew which career already), 3) have children, and 4) make lots of money. Only a handful put "be happy." The long-term goals of the adults were 1) get kids through college, 2) retire, 3) travel, and 4) do something significant.

The students were then asked to predict what the world would be like in one year and in ten years. Their answers were surprisingly pessimistic. In one year 1) war with Iraq, 2) economic trouble (depression, recession), and 3)

environmental pollution increasing. The adults were split on this question. Half said war and recession. The other half said peaceful solution and environmental improvement.

The long-term predictions were the most significant. The students were still pessimistic. They saw world war with some nuclear weapons used, further environmental decay, and overall problems. The adults, on the other hand, were much more optimistic. They saw world peace, one world economy, and environmental clean up. However, some did see the "end of the world" and the "second coming" in this time span.

This lesson was used to point out our individual goals of a good education, good job, and loving family life and to balance that with what we saw for the world-war, depression, and environmental decay. The students were reminded that "only they can make the difference."

Transportation Department Initiates Innovative Training

A change on the state level now requires anyone operating a Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) to pass a test for a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) even if the operator holds a Chauffeur's or Commercial Chauffeur's License.

School bus drivers are affected by the change, so the Union Transportation Department has developed an innovative training program.

Transportation Communication's Representative David Young reports that the eight-hour course prepares the drivers and helps to alleviate their test anxieties. Union is one of the first school districts in the state to design and implement such a program.

* ATTENTION *

If you have or know of a child or young person who may need or could use SPECIAL SERVICES, Please call: Elaine Minson, Director of Special Services, 252-3561.

This may include Learning Disabilities, Hearing Impaired, Visually Impaired, Speech/Language Impaired, Physically Impaired, Mentally Retarded, Emotionally Disturbed, etc.

AGES: From Birth to 21 Years



When icy roads took Tulsa by surprise Friday, January 4, Union bus drivers and Transportation Director Joe Gill demonstrated flexibility and skill by delivering students to their destinations safely. It was not an easy task as road conditions deteriorated rapidly. But they did it with the help of district mechanics and ground crews meeting them with sand trucks when necessary. The transportation office personnel also did a splendid job. Maintenance crews were up extra early to shovel sand. Pictured left to right are Rande Emerson, Bill Poyndexter, Austin Beighle, Steve Fuller, Gene McElroy, Bob Beighle, Mark Schenk, Bruce Roberts, Chuck Chapman, and Dale Ross.

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 1991-92

Teacher Orientation
 Staff Development Day
 Teacher Work Day
 First Day of School
 Labor Day
 State Teachers' Meeting
 End First Quarter

August 16, 1991
 August 19, 1991 (P)
 August 20, 1991 (W)
 August 21, 1991 (DT)
 September 2, 1991 (H)
 October 17 & 18, 1991 (P)
 October 23, 1991 (DT)

First Quarter:	Days Taught	43
	Professional Days	3
	Work Days	1
	Holidays	1

Begin Second Quarter
 Elementary Parent Teacher Conferences K
 (Kindergarten Students Not in Attendance)
 Elementary Parent Teacher Conferences K-6
 (All Elementary Students Not in Attendance)
 Thanksgiving Holidays
 Winter Vacation
 End Second Quarter/First Semester

October 24, 1991 (DT)
 November 7, 1991 (DT)
 November 8, 1991 (DT)
 November 28 & 29, 1991 (H)
 December 23-January 3, 1992 (H)
 January 10, 1992 (DT)

Second Quarter:	Days Taught	45
	Professional Days	0
	Work Days	0
	Holidays	12

FIRST SEMESTER TOTALS:	Days Taught	88
	Professional Days	3
	Work Days	1
	Holidays	13

Begin Third Quarter/Second Semester
 Staff Development Day
 End Third Quarter

January 13, 1992 (DT)
 January 20, 1992 (P)
 March 13, 1992 (DT)

Third Quarter:	Days Taught	44
	Professional Days	1
	Work Days	0
	Holidays	0

Begin Fourth Quarter
 Spring Vacation
 Staff Development Day
 End Fourth Quarter/Second Semester

March 16, 1992 (DT)
 March 23-27, 1992 (H)
 April 20, 1992 (P)
 May 21, 1992 (DT)

Fourth Quarter:	Days Taught	43
	Professional Days	1
	Work Days	0
	Holidays	5

SECOND SEMESTER TOTALS:	Days Taught	87
	Professional Days	2
	Work Days	0
	Holidays	5

GRAND TOTALS:	DAYS TAUGHT	175
	PROFESSIONAL DAYS	5
	WORK DAYS	1
	HOLIDAYS	18

In the event school is dismissed for inclement weather, an equal number of days will be added to the Fourth Quarter.
 Example: In Event (1) Snow Day Used - End of Semester Will Be - May 22, 1992
 In Event (2) Snow Days Used - End of Semester Will Be - May 26, 1992
 Memorial Day, May 25, 1992, would be a Holiday.



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div>MARCH 1991</div>				1 Clark - 5th Grade Growth and Development, 2:30 p.m. Jr. High - High School Enrollment Assembly High School - German Club Mtg. 7:35 & 2:35, Rm. 2203	2 Clark - Fun Night Grove - Carnival, 5:30-8:30 pm, at Union Jr. High School Peters - Carnival, 6-9 pm Jr. High - District Vocal Contest Sapulpa, 8:00 High School - District Solo Ensemble, E. Central, All Day/ Gymnastics Meet, Gym, All Day
4 7 pm - Union School Board Meeting, Admin. Center	5 Peters - Parent P.E., 6:30 pm	6 McAuliffe - Popcorn Day Jr. High - 8th Grade Enrollment	7 Briarglen - Parent Support Mtg. Peters - End PTA Drive for Memberships	8 High School - PTSA Meeting, 9:30 a.m., PCR/Varsity Cheerleader Tryouts, 3-5, Gym	9 Darnaby - School Carnival, 2-6 Jr. High - District Band Solo & Ensemble, 8-4, at Union Jr. High
<div>March 4-8 - 7th Grade Center - AIDS Awareness Week</div>		<div>March 6-9 - High School - Advanced Drama presents "Brigadoon"</div>			
11 Peters - 4th Gr. Oklahoma Unit, Begins, 9 am - Jerry Weber from Channel Two Jr. High - High School Enrollment for Mr. Storm's classes	12 Briarglen - PTA Skating Party, 7th Gr. Orientation for 6th Gr. Clark - Skating Party, 6-8 p.m. Grove - PTA Board Mtg., 7 p.m. Peters - PTA Council, 9:30 a.m. Jr. High - Drill Team Parents' Meeting, 7:00, Room 1500 High School - Orchestra Parents' Mtg., 7:30 pm, Vocal Music Rm./Natl. Honor Soc., 7:30 am/2:35	13 Briarglen - Dr. Jenner's Visit Jr. High - High School Enrollment for Mrs. Elkins' classes	14 Grove - 6th Grade Enrollment Assembly McAuliffe - PTA Meeting Jr. High - 9 Weeks Tests Even Department Head Mtg., 11:15 High School - International Club Meeting	15 Briarglen - Staff Breakfast, 8 am Jr. High - 9 Weeks Tests-Odd, District Band Contest at U.H.S., High School Enrollment for Mrs. Dalton's classes	16 Briarglen - PTA Fun Night
18 Grove - PTA Unit Mtg., 7 p.m., Speaker-Elaine Minson Jr. High - Make-up Exams, UHS Enrollment - Mrs. Risenhoover's Classes All City Orchestra, 7 pm, Hale High School	19 Darnaby - PTA Unit Meeting 7:00 p.m. Peters - Parent P.E., 6:30 pm Jr. High - UHS Enrollment Mrs. Akins/Mrs. Niemel's Classes/ Band Concert, 7:30, UPAC High School - Nurse Staff Mtg. 8 am, Admin. Ctr., Spanish Honor Society, 7:30 am/2:35 pm, Rm 2208	20 Peters - Dr. Jenner's Visit/Popcorn Day High School - Faculty Appreciation Breakfast, 7 am	21 Briarglen - PTA Skating Party Peters - Roller Skating, 4-6 pm Jr. High - Jazz B and Concert, 7:30, UPAC High School - Band Concert	22 Briarglen - PTA Popcorn Day/ 5th Gr. Science Workshop Clark - Popcorn Day Darnaby - Popcorn Day Peters - 4th Gr. Oklahoma Day/5th Gr. Jr. Achievement Business Basics Grade Cards Go Home	23
25	26	27	28		HIGH SCHOOL March 4-7 Varsity Cheerleader Clinic 3-4:15 p.m., Gym March 10 Redskin Cheer Clinic 2-4:00 p.m. March 11-13 Redskin Cheer Clinic 6:30-

*** Spring Break ***