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Miss Allen is a motivated teacher with a positive attitude about everything she does. This enthusiasm spills onto all students and fellow staff members who come into contact with Union Teacher of the Month, Connie Weaver.

This educator has gained the respect of those around her. In fact, all nominations for her honored much her encouragement and positive attitude each teacher she works with.

Miss Allen is a true professional with a special touch. A caller to the Seventh Grade Coordinators received a smiling voice answering the phone...the voice of Employee of the Month, Connie Weaver.

Miss Weaver has worked for Union Public Schools seven years. During that period, she has seen a tremendous growth in student population as well as building development throughout the district. Miss Weaver has been the "right arm" for new teachers, principals and new students. Her knowledge of general daily functions at the Seventh Grade Center as well as her positive attitude have eased many "numbing jitters" to make students and staff feel comfortable.

Her winning smile and optimistic nature make Mrs. Weaver a pleasure to work with...and behind every man there is a good woman...behind the Seventh Grade Center is Connie Weaver.

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PTA Scholarship Recipient

The Union PTA Council has awarded its $500 scholarship to senior Lynn Phillips.

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Lynn Phillips received her $500 scholarship at the 1982-83 All State Choir. Phillips is a member of the National Honor Society, Who's Who in American High School Students and the Society of Distinguished High School Students.

Miss Phillips plans to attend Oklahoma Christian College or Tulsa University majoring in Music Education.

The PTA Council Scholarship was awarded based on citizenship, grade point and need. Each Union PTA unit donated money toward the worldwide scholarship.

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Knight Invited To International Science Fair

Union Junior High student, Arlin Knight, was selected as overall winner of his school science fair for 1983, "The Fanatic". This qualified him to advance to the regional science fair for March.

At the regional fair, Arlin captured first awards, including Outstanding Project. However, the biggest highlight for this eighth grader mờiored, was the opportunity to be one of two representatives from the Tulsa/Creek County Area Science Fair at the International Science Fair to be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico in May. Good luck, Arlin!
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I would play with my sister.

I would play with my friends and family.

I would color with my friends and family.

And we would not learn very much like on the show Sesame Street. And we just want to sit down and play with dolls.

I would help in my family.

I would do math problems.

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One of my favorite games was "Star-Crater," and the other was "Super Mario." I would play these games all day long and never get tired of them.

Dad started his TV withdrawal syndrome, my dog moaned, my cat hissed, and I woke up every morning to watch the "Today Show." I ate breakfast, got dressed, and went to school. It was so boring watching the same old shows every day. I wanted to go out and have fun.

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Friends, students, faculty and staff were recognized at the assembly. Tracy Williams and Fellowship of Christian Athletes President Dendy Clark received the "Foot" Award from Trike Lamson, Project Concern's National Walk Director and Marie Oliver, Tulsa Area Walk Director.

The Fourth Annual Walk For Mankind will be held Saturday, May 7. Students from Union Junior High, the Seventh Grade Center, Union High School and some elementary schools will participate.

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**Kindergarten Pre-Enrollment Scheduled For May 5**

Kindergarten pre-enrollment will be held in each Union Elementary School on May 5 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. A child must be five years old, on or before September 30, 1983.

Required for pre-enrollment are:

1. Verification of birth.
2. List of immunizations recorded by State Law.
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**Busy Month Set For Fine Arts**

By Ed Tackett

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As the school year draws to a close, we are preparing for the expected slowing down of arts activities for union students. May begins with a large speech tournament at the high school that involved speech teams from several area high schools.

On May 5, at 7:00 p.m., in the high school gym, the instrumental music ensemble "Frosts" will take place. This annual event allows opportunity for all students involved in band at Union Schools to play on one program. An exciting finale utilizing over 600 hand handcrafts is planned to climax "Frosts."

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Our speech/music department faced much this year especially in the area of competitive speech. Union speech/glee students are developing a reputation as formidable opponents in all areas of speech competition.

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**Board Briefs**

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