

'Special' student is nominated for award

by SCOTT NEWTON

Sue Chambers, special education instructor at Sandy Union High School, has seen students with learning disabilities drop out.

One student who has hung in there is Lorea Camp, a junior.

"One thing I think that is very special about Lorea is that even if she comes in and you can tell she's having a bad day, if you ask her about it, she'll end up smiling," said Chambers, who added, "She's determined."

Those are among the qualities that are responsible for Chambers nominating Camp for "Outstanding Handicapped High School Student," an honor given by the Metropolitan Committee for Employment of the Handicapped.

The winner of the honor, to be determined by a panel of individuals from business and service groups, won't be announced until spring. High school students from Clackamas, Multnomah, Washington and Columbia Counties are eligible.

To Chambers, Camp is a winner either way. And she has a stack of recommendations from tutors and

other teachers to back her up.

About 100 students are involved in the learning center program at the high school. Six are mentally retarded students who require a good deal of special attention, but are "capable of being educated." Other "trainable mentally retarded" students participate in a Clackamas County Education Service District program, which is held at Cedar Ridge.

Some in the SUHS program have physical handicaps, and others are "learning disadvantaged."

The term "learning disadvantaged" can cover a wide range of problems, including dyslexia and similar disorders. Auditory-memory problems are the most common handicap Chambers and her staff deal with.

"They don't look handicapped," Chambers said. "You don't know that they're handicapped, but at the same time they're working very hard."

Said Chambers, "The majority of the students I work with are of normal intelligence, but they have a learning disability, which means in some area the message is not being recorded in the brain pro-

perly." Some of these students don't attend the learning center. "Their pride gets in the way," Chambers said. "So they work hard to compensate."

Still, special considerations may be made, like the seating arrangement in a class, for example. And, their grades are checked frequently.

Most attend the learning center for only a class period a day. Otherwise they are "mainstreamed." Said Chambers, "We strive for that so they can work with the other students as much as possible."

In that class period they may do homework, but they must also take time to "build basic skill needs." Students with a learning disability are required to pass the same competency tests as their classmates. "They earn the same diploma as every else," Chambers said, adding that many of them work harder to get it.

Camp has an auditory-memory problem. "It's just that I can't read as well as some of the other kids," Camp said. "But, I try a lot."

Camp attended Boring Grade School, and is next to the youngest in a family

of six. Her parents are Gerald and Melba Camp.

She's interested in track, and jogs at least a couple of miles a day. She also likes to ride horses, and is in-

terested in becoming a nurse.

She's taking English, typing, world cultures, history and "foods," where she works for Juanita

Shuler in the cafeteria.

She also spends a class period working as a teacher's assistant to Stan Bowman, a science instructor.

Camp said she feels no stigma from participating in the learning center program.

Asked why she has stuck with the program when others dropped out, she said, "I'd rather be at school."

Said Chambers, "I don't know of another student who is special and unique

in the way she is. She takes what has come her way the best she

can. She comes to class. She's always pleasant. She's always on time."



Lorea Camp

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Recipes solicited for book

Weiches Community School is soliciting recipes for publication in a special cookbook.

Reva Cox, coordinator, said the cookbook will be published as soon as enough recipes are gleaned from the Mt. Hood area. So far, she said, the response has not been very good.

With plenty of space available, Cox said the community school is look-

ing for recipes from people that possess that special quality that a person can call "uniquely their own."

Cox said the cookbook will be "a cherished remembrance" that reflects the Mt. Hood area. It will be something for people to keep whether they remain in the area or move on. It will also be an asset in the kitchen.

Any person wishing to

contribute to the "Mountain Community Cookbook" should submit their favorite recipe along with their name, address and telephone number. Anything special about the recipe should also be included.

Submissions should be mailed to Reva Cox, P.O. Box 187, Rhododendron, Ore., 97049.

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College visitation set

Students from Sandy Union High School will go to the Portland State University campus for a meeting with representatives of the seven state colleges and universities on Dec. 2 at 9:30 a.m.

This program supplements the counseling program of SUHS by giving students first-hand information about course offerings, admission requirements, housing, financial aid, scholarships and

other information important to post-high school planning.

Parents are also encouraged to attend the program, which will feature information sessions with representatives from Eastern Oregon State College, Western Oregon State College, the Oregon Institute of Technology, Oregon State University, Portland State University, Southern Oregon State College and the University of

Oregon. The Oregon State System of Higher Education high school visitation program involves almost all public schools in Oregon.

Emerson and Potter say wedding vows

Susannah Emerson and Lt. George F. Potter were married Oct. 2 at St. James Episcopal Church in Tigard.

A reception followed at Quinn's Mill in Portland. Emerson is the daughter of David and Janet Emerson of Eagle Creek.

Matron of honor was her sister, Mrs. Jane Emerson-Brown.

Bridesmaids were Cheryl Legg and Cindy Burgoyne, both of Portland.

Junior bridesmaid was Carrie Lyn Zulauf, cousin of the bride.

Potter is the son of George and Suzanne Potter of Indiana, Penn.

They are now at home in Italy following a wedding trip to the East Coast.

Coming soon!

DETAILS of Santa's arrival & Sandy's old-fashion Christmas celebration! WATCH for details next week in The Post.

Daugherty to perform in opera

Paige Daugherty, a senior at Sandy Union High School, will play the part of Hansel in "Hansel and Gretel," to be presented by the East Portland Chamber Opera Company.

The play will be held at the Mt. Hood Community College Theater Dec. 17 and 18 beginning at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$3.50 for adults and \$1.50 for students.

Lemen completes course

Air National Guard Airman 1st Class Virginia M. Lemen, daughter of Myrtle M. and Allen L. Lemen of Sandy, has graduated from the U.S. Air Force food services course at Lowry Air Force Base, Colo.

Graduates of the course learned how to plan, prepare and serve food.

Lemen will now serve in Portland with the 244th Combat Communications Squadron.

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