

Seven students capture Elk's scholarships



Lisa Meyers

Three Ione High School and four Heppner High School students have won the annual Elk's Leadership Scholarships. Jim Swanson, chairman, has announced.

First place winners of \$400 each are Pat Clark and Paula



Shawn LaRue

Palmer, both HHS students. Pat, 18, is the son of Ned and Kathy Clark, Ruggs. He plans on attending the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology at Socorro, New Mexico.

Paula, 17, the daughter of



Carolyn Plocharsky

Roger and Shirley Palmer, Heppner, plans on attending Eastern Oregon State College at LaGrande.

Second place winners of \$200 each are Shawn LaRue, IHS,



Pat Clark

and Carolyn Plocharsky, HHS.

Shawn, 17, the son of Del and Linda LaRue, Ione plans on attending Pacific University or Oregon College of Educa-



Paula Palmer

Carolyn, 17, the daughter of Warren and Irene Plocharsky, Heppner, plans on attending Oregon State University or Pacific Lutheran University.

Third place winners of \$100 each are Brett Sherer, HHS, and Lisa Meyers, IHS, and



Brett Sherer

Susan Johnson, HHS. Susan and Lisa tied in the third place girls' category.

Brett, 18, the son of Margo and Richard Sherer, Ione, plans on attending Oregon State University.

Lisa Meyers, 17, the daugh-



Susan Johnson

ter of Gordon and Darcene Meyers, plans on attending Oregon State University.

Susan, 17, the daughter of Burl and Julie Wattenburger, Echo, plans on attending Eastern Oregon State College. The students were chosen on

the basis of leadership abilities, a personal interview, the completion of an extended application brochure, letters of recommendation and grades, said Swanson.

Judges in the competition, besides Swanson, included George Koffler, Mike Sweeney and Marv Peterson.

Scholarships will be presented at graduation exercises says Swanson.

The two first-place winners, Pat and Paula, will go on to district competition at Pendleton on Feb. 22, and if they emerge the winners in that competition they will be eligible for state competition.

"We had one girl from Heppner, Anita Davidson, go all the way to national competition about eight years ago," added Swanson. He said that the national winner may earn around \$12,000 in prize money.



Lisa Wilson and Steve Curtis dance at Heppner High Sadie Hawkin's dance Saturday

BMCC Board makes major economic decisions

In an uncustomarily long meeting Wednesday evening, the BMCC Board of Directors made some major economic decisions.

Representatives from the architectural firm of AJS Lynch presented to the board their site location for a 5,000 square-foot administration building. The college, over the past three years, has been studying the problem of space to meet increasing enrollments.

The conclusion of three separate studies indicate that an additional structure on campus would allow for Academic Department expansion as well as centralization of administrative functions that are presently mixed with academic areas. The space vacated by the administrative functions would then be available classroom space.

The Lynch proposal would place the new structure in

close proximity to Morrow and Pioneer halls allowing for ease of student movement at registration periods. The proposed structure will be further studied at future meetings.

Bill McNeal and Ray Kuykendall representing the energy engineering firm of Keith Krueck Engineering, explained details of an energy management control system for which the college has recently received federal energy-saving funding.

The system is a computer controlled operation that would tie all buildings and heating-cooling systems to a control monitoring device. Yearly energy savings, because of the efficiency of the system, have been projected from 18 percent to as much as 30 percent.

The Board, after hearing the engineering consultants, as well as Registrar Truman

Baily and board member Tim Mahry, who recently visited a facility that used one of the proposed systems, moved to call for bids for installation of a system on campus.

In other action the board:

—Authorized up to \$2,000 to study the possibility of using the college's 65 degree well water to convert the campus to geothermal heating.

—Heard a recommendation by the faculty Sabbatical Leave Review Committee to approve two sabbaticals for the 1981-82 academic year.

The recommendations were for Keith Schubert, a physics instructor, to study in the area of geophysics and astronomy at Battelle Northwest Laboratories. Schubert would also take courses at The Joint Center for Graduate Studies in computers and physics.

The second suggestion was to allow geology and chemistry instructor Stan Prowant to return to school to update his

chemistry teaching abilities. The board will act on the recommendations at its February meeting.

—A request to reinstate the intercollegiate golf program for the 1981 season was denied by the board.

—Recognition was given to the expiration of the board position now occupied by Harmon Springer of Hermiston as of June 30, 1981.

Following the executive session the board approved a management economic agreement calling for salary increases of approximately 11 percent for 1981-82. The board also approved the extension of President Ron Daniels' contract through June 30, 1984.

The next board meeting will be held Wednesday, February 25. That date will allow the budget hearing to be held in conjunction with a board meeting, as has been past practice.

TV not a good teacher

Many parents have concerns about how television is affecting their children. Oregon State University Extension Human Development specialist, Marcelle Straatman, has similar concerns, and has recently developed a program on the topic which will be a study group program in Morrow and Umatilla counties this spring. In addition, she shares the following information concerning the topic:

"After 20 years of television in American homes, parents and educators are beginning to show concern about the effects it has on the development of children and youth."

"Studies conducted by social scientists, educators, child psychologists, and pediatricians are indicating strong media influences on the beliefs, attitudes, values, and behaviors of

children," according to Marcelle Straatman, OSU Human Development Specialist.

"A recent survey revealed that preschoolers watch an average of 23.5 hours a week. In other words, 'looking' takes up the equivalent of three adult working days," Straatman says.

Television is influencing our children as much as parents and schools and far more than church.

Public pressure has moderated the amount of violence on TV during family viewing hours but other worrisome TV habits must be monitored by parents.

"Heavy TV viewing removes children from direct real-life experiences that are essential for intellectual, social and physical development," Straatman explains. "In preschoolers, it increases

restlessness, decreases imaginative play, lowers comprehension and interferes with social and communicative activities."

For many, TV has become the major shaper of their view of the world and how they should act in that world. No wonder it is often referred to as the "flickering blue parent."

"It's hard to say how much TV is too much, but when it crowds out running and jumping out doors, reading or being read to, homework, chores, playing with others, doing things with the family, hobbies or sleeping, it is too much the specialist says.

"Although 98 percent of homes in the U.S. have TV, parents are not defensive against its intrusion," says Straatman. "Practicing television control is no different than practicing principles of good nutrition, desirable be-

haviors or health habits with children."

"Teamwork is the most effective method for family control of viewing," says Straatman. "Begin with selective viewing."

Parents and children can decide which shows will be watched together. This can be done on a day to day basis for small children and on a week to week basis for older ones.

When the show is over, turn off the set. Be prepared to suggest other activities to follow such as outdoor play, snack time, play time or study time.

Adults are needed to help children interpret what they are viewing. Four or five year old youngsters have little ability to separate fact from fantasy or the subtle meanings of the behavior they view.

They use words heard on TV programs without the vaguest idea of the meaning.

Adults react to most TV content with silence. Children have no way of knowing whether behavior is acceptable or unacceptable unless parents speak up about the scenes that are in opposition to their values and applaud or voice approval those they do approve.

Children learn their values and behavior through imitation of what they see and hear. "Parental Guidance" means that adults should be present to help children determine actions that are acceptable in their family and in the world beyond.

"Is it alright for children to have a TV in their bedroom?" one mother asked. "Would you put a refrigerator full of food in their bedroom and allow them to eat any amount and type of food they wanted without your supervision?" Straatman replies.

We pay close attention to guiding our children's habits and must learn to take the same responsibility for their TV intake.

Horse Course

Oregon State University invites you to sharpen your skills as a horseman by attending the 25th Annual Horsemen's Short Course, March 14-15, Corvallis. Registration blanks are available at all extension offices for this varied program. The featured guest was an instructor on dressage, 1976 Olympics, and has won many other honors as a horsewoman. Information on equine research as well as other topics related to health of horses will also be included in the two-day workshop.

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