

Student newspaper awarded

The Hehisch, Heppner High School's student newspaper, placed second among Oregon's Class "A" schools recently in a contest sponsored by the Oregon Journalism Education Association. The school's winners were honored May 16 at a banquet at the University of Portland.

Forty-four schools from Oregon entered the competition, which consisted of entries from newspapers published during the 1985-86 school year. The Hehisch placed in 13 of the 15 categories it was allowed to enter, finishing first in nine of them. Entries were judged by out-of-

state journalism teachers. First, second and third place winners in each category received certificates. Sweepstakes plaques were presented to the top three schools in each classification based on the total number of firsts, seconds and thirds received.

Winning the Class "A" first place sweepstakes award was Alsea High School with 36 points. The Hehisch finished second with 33 points, while third place was Highland Park Junior High of Beaverton with 24 points.

First place winners from Heppner were Michelle Beck in school related straight news writing, Dana Reid in

personality features, Ashley Conklin in both sports news and editorial writing, and Kevin Hughes in both column writing and other opinion writing.

Conklin placed second in sports features and Bob McConnell placed third in editorial cartoons.

As a staff, the Hehisch placed first in single issue layout, headlines, and best single issue. The paper also received second place in page one layout design and third place in double page spread layout.

Editor of the Hehisch is Conklin and advisor is Brent Eggers. Last year the student newspaper won first place.

Honor Society inducts seven



Back row, from left: Marion McMillan, Penny Connor, Ken Curtis, and Loran Hayes.

Middle row, from left: Clark Wallis, Tabitha Block, Shannon McLaughlin. Front row from left: J.J. Osmin, Kathleen Brazeli, Mark Fishburn.

By Ashley Conklin

The Heppner High School branch of National Honor Society recently installed new members for the 1986-87 school year and chose new officers.

New members tapped into the honor society at the beginning of the school year were seniors Penny Connor, Ken Curtis, and Loran Hayes.

Recently seven new members were chosen to be inducted into the honor society: senior Marion McMillan, juniors Tabitha Block and Clark Wallis, and sophomores Kathleen Brazeli, Mark Fishburn, Shannon McLaughlin and J.J. Osmin.

The seven new members who



New Honor Society officers (from left): Ashley Conklin, reporter; Jason Palmer, vice president; Shannon McLaughlin, treasurer; Trent Harrison, president; and Theresa Lindsay, Secretary.

were recently chosen were installed with the three chosen at the beginning of the year at Heppner High Schools' Talented and Gifted Banquet on May 15.

Four new officers were chosen by a vote of the honor society on May 7.

Exchanges talk about cultural trade



Ursula Messer (left) and Matt Weimar

Ursula Messer, 21, Switzerland, is beginning a six-month tour of the United States as part of the International Four-H Youth Exchange. Matt Weimar, Arlington, recently returned from a 10-month stay in China as a participant in the same program.

The Extension Service's I.F.Y.E. program allows young people 19-25 years-old to live with host families in other countries on a cultural exchange program. Messer is staying with Virginia, Ken and Geri Grieb during her three-week stay in Morrow County.

German-speaking Messer is from the small village of Zauggenried near the capital of Switzerland. In addition to her native German, she

also speaks English and French. Her family farms 80 acres which she says is a large farm for Switzerland. They have 20 acres of potatoes, 20 acres of wheat and 10 acres each of hay and corn. The family raises feeder pigs, mother pigs and cows.

She arrived in New York May 1 and spent three days in New York City then went on to Washington, D.C. and visited the National 4-H Center. Her first impression of the United States was that it is "big." The ranches here are so big, "it's crazy," she smiles her amazement. Although in the United States only a short time, she has noticed many differences between here and her homeland. The people are nice here, she says, they're friendly, "always saying, 'Hi, nice to meet you.' I think they are fine."

Weimar spent two and a half months on the island of Taiwan where he stayed with host families while learning the Chinese language. He then spent seven months in Guangxi on the mainland of China at an animal husbandry research institute where he taught English and consulted on agricultural production. His impression of China was not

that it was so large, but that there were so many people. Taiwan is half the size of Oregon but has nine times as many people. Farming was also different. He helped cut, bail, dry and make black tea on a host family's tea farm, worked on another host family's 10-acre, 10,000-duck and watermelon farm; and at yet another, and drove a rice harvester on a rice paddy. The harvester is completely different, he says from a combine and about one-third the size.

The most surprising thing, he said is "all the stereotypes I had of the Chinese, how they would act, what they would do, and how they would respond to an American were completely blown apart. They are an open, warm, friendly people. On the mainland, I was allowed to see and do as I wanted."

He says he met many Chinese people who spoke English and the language was not a barrier to everyday life. Some of the projects he was working with, he said, it was necessary to make sure he had a good interpreter because although he could ask the questions, he could not understand the response.

The experience, he says has changed his views of the way the U.S. views other countries. He may not always be as willing to take the government's word for the way we should act toward other countries as he used to. "Each country is its own situation and should not be lumped together as communist."

Weimar has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Ag Economics from Oregon State University and has worked at his family's and at neighboring farms near Arlington. He would like to stay in farming, he said, but after his trip to China, can see a lot more things such as marketing wheat that he can do if he wants.

Math contest winners named

The 1986 Morrow County Elementary Math Contest was held at Lone High School on May 20. The top six finishers in each grade received ribbons and the first place winners received plaques. The place winner were as follows:

Fourth grade: first - Jason Smythe, Sam Boardman Elementary; second - Aaron Cross, Sam Boardman Elementary; third - Weston Judd, Sam Boardman Elementary; fourth - James Lunders, A.C. Houghton; fifth - Andy Hedman, Heppner Elementary; sixth - Truitt Greenup - Ione Elementary.

Fifth grade: first - Chris Tallman, Sam Boardman Elementary; second - Marc Evans, A.C. Houghton; third - Sherry Bingham, Heppner Elementary; fourth - Seth Smythe, Sam Boardman; fifth, a tie between Nick Compton and Jason Sheadel, both of Sam Boardman Elementary.

Sixth grade: first - Jana Mounts, Sam Boardman; second Ryan Adelman, Heppner Elementary; third - Mina Gin, Sam Boardman; fourth - Tracy Dumler, A.C. Houghton; fifth - Brandi Ball, Ione Elementary; sixth - Brent Sheribon, Ione Elementary.

Local students awarded full-tuition scholarships

Eleven full-tuition scholarships will be awarded from the David and Maria Nelson Scholarship Fund by Blue Mountain Community College for the 1986-87 school year.

Winners of the \$612 scholarships include: Dana Reid and Lana Reid, Heppner; Travis Harrison, Lexington; Scott Gilmore, Kim Rogers, and Trina Jennings, Milton-Freewater; Kimberly Purswell, Hermiston; Steven Porter, Rachel Smith and Connie Kramer, Stanfield; and Laura Young, Pilot Rock.

The David and Maria Nelson Scholarship Fund was established in honor of the two long-time

Pendleton area ranchers. Contributors to the fund were Mrs. Helen Nelson Mobley and Clarke Nelson, daughter and grandson of the Nelsons.

Each year the college offers full-tuition scholarships from the interest the fund produces.

Applicants are evaluated on their financial need as well as high school scholastic record. First consideration is given to residents of Umatilla and Morrow counties. Students must have a 2.5 grade point average based on seven terms of high school work.

Local students receive degrees from OSU

Oregon State University will award about 3,500 degrees at its 117th annual graduation program on Sunday, June 8, at 2 p.m. in Gill Coliseum.

Following OSU tradition, there will not be a formal speaker as part of the ceremony. President John Byrne will speak briefly to the graduates after conferring the degrees.

The following local students will be among degree candidates:

Boardman: Lorie A. Coleman, Bachelor of Science, Elementary Education; Richard D. Danielson, Master of Education, Vocational Education; Bruce L. Russell, Bachelor of Science, Elementary Education, with high scholarship.

Heppner: Patrick E. Clark, Bachelor of Science, Animal Science; Nancy L. Miller, Bachelor of Science, General Agriculture; Anne VanSchoiack, Bachelor of Science, Elementary Education; Daniel R. VanSchoiack, Bachelor of Science, Business Administration.

Ione: Michelle D. LaRue, Bachelor of Science, Business

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