

Drug testing over budget

Costs for student drug testing are running higher than budgeted, according to Vernonia School District 47J Sup't. Ellis Mason, so the school board has decided against the continued testing of all students involved in each new activity. Instead they authorized testing only those who hadn't been tested prior to some other extracurricular activity.

If, for example, a student tested negative prior to the start of football or basketball, then decides to participate in track or golf, that student won't be re-tested. However, a student who wants to participate in some extracurricular activity, but who hasn't already been tested this year, will be required to submit urine for the test before receiving permission to participate.

There have been no positive drug tests so far in the 1989-90 school year, Mason reported, and there have been no legal challenges to the drug testing.

The board approved a one year contract for a 5% salary

Weight room policy undergoes change

The policy regarding use of the Vernonia High School weight room has been altered because of recent needs of the athletic teams and damages caused by out-side individuals.

First priority for use of the facility will be weight training classes at VHS. Second will be use of the room for in-season athletics, and the third is for off-season athletics, after school until 6 p.m.

The room will be open for public use between the hours of 6-7:30 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and from 3-4:30 p.m. on Saturday. There will be no charge for using the facility, but users will be responsible for cleaning up and closing the room.

The school is going to upgrade the weight room by adding new equipment and painting the interior. No one is to be in the room other than the hours noted. Violators will be prosecuted for trespassing and any acts of vandalism will result in public use being curtailed.

increase for classified employees. The contract also provides a \$20 increase in medical benefits for each classified employee.

A negotiator from the Oregon School Boards Association will represent the district in negotiations with certified employees.

Representing the Vernonia Booster Club, Carol Davis asked why athletic uniforms were not budgeted. She was told the uniforms were originally in the budget but were cut because of finances.

Additional members were appointed to the curriculum advisory committee. Appointees are Cici Bell, Jim Buxton and Susanne Ragsdale.

Weather conditions affected school days in early January, with school opening late on the 2nd and, in Vernonia, on the 9th. Mist School stayed closed on the 9th, and all district schools were closed on the 8th.

Water also caused some problems in the fuel tank at Washington Grade School. The boilers couldn't be fired until the water was removed.



Scott Scharringhausen

Trailblazer speaker will discuss drugs

Michael Harper of the Portland Trailblazers will discuss the problem of drug abuse in our society, at a Vernonia High School assembly on Tuesday, February 7 at 10:15 a.m. Mr. Harper works in the front office of the Trailblazer organization.

Parents are invited to attend the assembly.

Lions honor Scharringhausen

Scott Scharringhausen, a Vernonia High School senior was chosen by the Vernonia Lions Club as the Outstanding Student for the first quarter grading period.

Scharringhausen is active in athletics, school activities and community projects. He is a member of OSSOM, a statewide youth organization that promotes traffic safety and opposes drug use. He has donated time to the community's summer baseball program and other community activities.

"Scott is a very positive individual," said Lions Club member Randall Aultman, "and is always willing to help others." He is the son of Carol Davis.

Vernonia Lions will recognize an outstanding student each grading quarter to encourage youth to contribute to their community and school. The student will be selected by the high school faculty based on involvement in activities and personal leadership.

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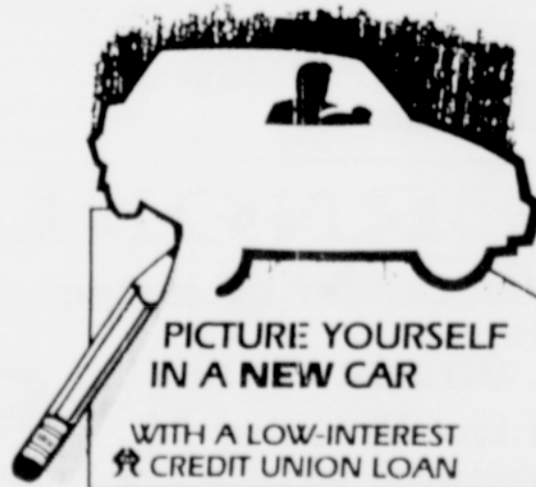


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