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The 1978-79 Basketball Homecoming Queen and her court: Kim Tidwell, freshman attendant, Gayla Lane, junior attendant, Kelly Siegfried, senior attendant, Theresa Bearden, Queen, Nancy Williams, senior attendant, and Marsha Dexter sophomore attendant.

Flashes Crown Theresa Bearden

By: Cheryl Housman

The basketball teams of Lone Oak High School chose Theresa Bearden, senior, to be the 1979 Basketball Homecoming queen, with seniors Nancy Williams and Kelly Siegfried as attendants. Theresa was crowned amidst a beautifully decorated background of purple and gold mums interspersed with greenery and white candles.

Theresa is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Bearden of 343 Pepper Lane. With Ken Hancock, senior, as her escort, she was dressed in a floor length dress of

white with a blue floral design accented with lace. Theresa commented, "I feel that it is an honor to represent the basketball teams and the student body. I was very nervous, but at the same time happy."

Nancy Williams of 270 Andromeda Drive is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Williams. She wore a street length dress with a lavender, pink, and cream-colored floral print. Charles Bechtold, senior, was her escort. Nancy stated that she felt very honored and happy to represent our team as a candidate. She replied, "Dur-

ing the ceremony I was nervous and excited about the whole night. It was a lot of fun."

Kelly Siegfried lives at 205 Lakeview Drive with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Siegfried. She wore a lavender dress and was escorted by senior Terry Quinlan. Kelly felt very honored and was happy to be a part of the ceremony.

The underclass attendants were: junior Gayla Lane escorted by junior Scot Hartig, sophomore Marsha Dexter escorted by senior Daryl Hobbs and freshman Kim Tidwell escorted by Jimmy Bogess, freshman.

Superintendent Revises Schedule

By: Donna Groves

McCracken County schools have missed fifteen days due to the snowy weather that has recently plagued this area. Now the task of finding time to make the days up becomes the main problem.

Superintendent Bill Brown announced on February 4 a new calendar listing ways in which the snow days are to be made up. However, soon after this announcement, more snow and ice hit the area causing McCracken County schools to dismiss classes for three more days. On February 12, another schedule was

presented stating that two days which were to have been inservice days will be used as make up days.

The first revised schedule explained that three days not having to be made up were built into the calendar as calamity days and an inservice day accounted for another. It also stated that students would go three days of the Kentucky Education Association week this year. Attendance on those days was built into the calendar in case of bad weather.

A second schedule change announced that McCracken County

schools will be in session February 19 and March 9. Those days had been scheduled for inservice but both inservice days were held during recent inclement weather when classes were not in session, Mr. Brown said.

Before the last snowfall, Superintendent Brown made the statement that if no more days were missed, McCracken County schools will be dismissed on May 25. However, three more days have been missed since then. As it now seems, with a little luck and a lot of help from the weather, school might possibly be dismissed on the last day of May.

Kindergarten: Public or Private?

By: Carol Freeman

Public kindergartens will be available in McCracken County this fall, according to Superintendent Bill Brown. Although attendance is not mandatory, school systems must offer a kindergarten program to the public beginning with the 1979-80 school year to be in compliance with state legislation.

The state has appropriated funds for one teacher for each group of twenty-five students that are present at school for a half-day session. "We expect between 450 to 500 kindergarten students to enroll in the county school system, thus we anticipate hiring ten kindergarten teachers," stated Mr. Brown.

In all probability, Concord Elementary will have 1½ kindergarten teachers; Farley, 1½; Forestdale, 1; Fremont, ½; Hendron-Lone Oak, 1½; Lone Oak, 2½ and Reidland, 1½.

Brown noted that the board has three options to operate the kindergarten program. One way, which the Board of Education seems to favor, is for half of the children to attend morning sessions and the other half to attend afternoon sessions for both semesters. Another alternative is for half of the children to have Monday, Wednesday, Friday all-day sessions and the other half to have Tuesday and Thursday all-day sessions the first semester. The children would switch days the second semester. The third choice is for half of the students to have all-day sessions five days a week for the first semester and the other half to attend the second semester.

Having the public kindergarten will affect several area private kindergartens. Next year Lone Oak Baptist Church will not have a five-year old kindergarten, but they are in the planning stage for a four-year old nursery school. "We wanted to offer a program that the schools didn't offer," stated the Reverend Willis Henson. However, Mrs. Carolyn Sue Bobo, who has been the kindergarten teacher at Lone Oak Baptist for twelve years, will have an afternoon kindergarten session at Highland Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Instead of having a five-year old kindergarten, Lone Oak Methodist Church plans to have a four-year old nursery on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and a three-year old nursery on Tuesdays and Thursdays, according to the Reverend Dossie Wheatly. Also Concord and Reidland United Methodist Churches will not have their kindergarten programs next year.

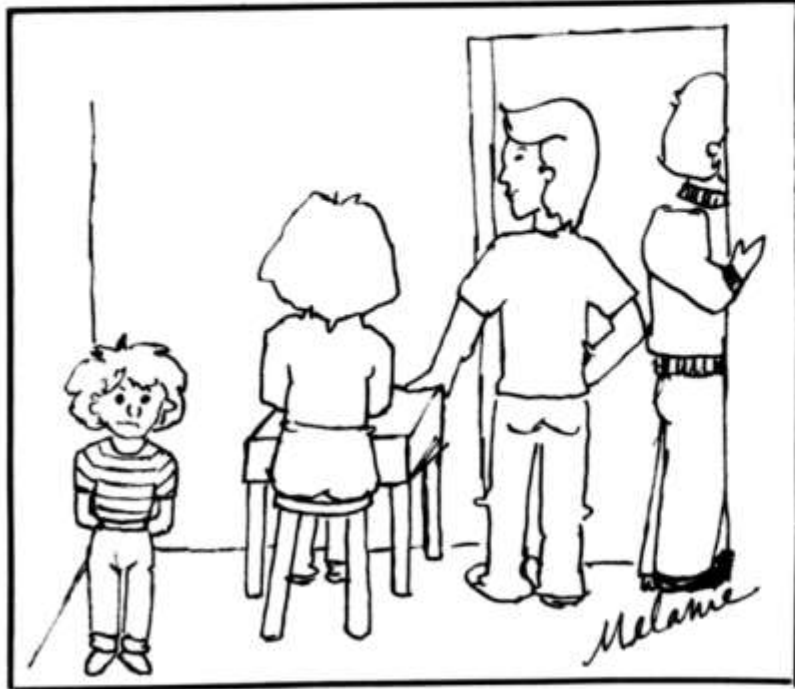
"St. Paul Lutheran Church will have a kindergarten if we have enough enrollment," stated the Reverend Paul Donner.

Reverend Bob Kersey said that the First Baptist Kindergarten will definitely remain open next year with a four year old and the five year old sessions.

This reporter interviewed fifty parents who will enroll their children in kindergarten next year. Thirty one parents (62 percent) stated they will enroll their child in public kindergartens. Thirteen parents (26 percent) plan to enroll their child in private kindergartens. Six parents (12 percent) have not decided whether to send their child to a public or private kindergarten.

This reporter was curious why parents would pay a private kindergarten \$25 or \$30 per month when the child could attend a free public kindergarten. Some responses are: "I prefer sending Phillip to a certain private 5 year old kindergarten because he will be familiar with its surroundings since he currently attends nursery school in the same building." Another response: "Ben will attend a private kindergarten because I don't feel comfortable sending him on a bus to a large school," explained Ben's mother. "Jennifer is going to a private kindergarten because I don't want her to be a part of an experimental program," commented her mother.

Marcie, Renee, and Teresa are going to the public kindergarten because it is more economical than a private kindergarten, while Carrie is going to the public kindergarten because it is very convenient for her parents. Jamie and Shannon's mothers explained that they feel "attending will make adjustment to first grade easier."



Four stages of high school development.

Memories Of A High School Student

A Senior. What does it mean to you? Probably nothing if you are a freshman, sophomore or junior but don't worry, you'll have your day. When I walked into this high school I thought I was really someone special until some of my so-called friends (which just happened to be upper-classmen!) directed me to my first hour class. As I look back on this incident, (which is so very hard to do since I'm so much **older** and **wiser**), I recall one friend saying "Mr. Bruce's room is on the 3rd floor" and one replied, "If you use the escalator at the end of the hall you'll make it before the 2nd bell rings!" Well, you feel sorta stupid after running down the hall only to find another group of upper-classmen laughing at you! And who could forget the good ole freshman initiation. You know, the red belly's and other assorted painful but funny tortures! And last but not least the best, the greatest, the "ultimate" pep rallies. Oh sure, at first when everyone is yelling all together you think it's great but then after about six cheers and 10 minutes of speeches you hear a faint "Yeah freshmen" and an overpowering "BOO".

Then you're a sophomore. What can I say? The newness of the high school has worn off and you're getting itchy for some kind of excitement! Anyone would have to admit there is really nothing to look forward to in being a sophomore except that you're maybe a half an inch bigger than the freshmen and you don't have to take civics. But then you are tougher at pep rallies coz only about half of the upper classmen care enough to "BOO" you! If you can make it through your sophomore year I'd say you have it made.

Then your junior year arrives! You're definitely an upper classman and you have quite an exciting year ahead of you. If you're lucky you get to eat first D.S. instead of the usual starving that you're accustomed to. You order your class ring and that's

enough excitement to last the whole year. But some people just aren't satisfied, so they decide to let you juniors plan the PROM! You know you have to do a great job. Either the seniors will get you the following Monday or the sophomores will give you the most terrible prom ever imagined the next year. With that kind of pressure you have to do something right. Yeah, being a junior is pretty good but not quite as good as being a senior.

Well, the summer before you are a senior you start acting tough. You can hardly act silly and get away with it because you are always being reminded to set an example for the underclassmen.

You're the biggest at the pep rallies and you think you can rule the school. October rolls around and you get to order your invitations while the juniors are ordering their rings.

Many fringe benefits go along with being a senior. You get the choice of leaving at 11:10, if you're in a work program, or staying at school day. You get first pick at classes, you get your senior pictures made, and you've got your own color section in the annual.

Finally you get to make out your senior will and everyone asks the inevitable question: "What are your plans after graduation?"

Finally class night arrives and everyone is excited about what they have done their past four years in high school, or not so excited because they haven't done anything at all.

Graduation night finally rolls around and all the seniors get sweaty palms and have the great fear of tripping across the stage.

You wonder if you are ever going to see your life-long buddies after graduation, when you realize that you will be starting as freshman in college and the cycle starts all over again. But then that's part of growing up.

Letter To The Editors

Dear Editors,

The Lone Oak High School PTO has four meetings a year, in October a Back To School Night, in November or December a College Night (which was greatly expanded this year and reached a large number of students and parents), a February or March program, and a Senior recital and tea in May (a program featuring talented LOHS students that has really been outstanding the past two years). In addition we have a Teacher Appreciation Week, provide refreshments for the 8th grade orientation program, and do other things as requested by the high school. We also support the John Robinson Scholarship which goes to a senior each year. The amount required for this fund is \$400 each year. The scholarship was named to honor a well respected former principal of LOHS.

We no longer pay national or state dues, so all the dues money stays in the local organization. In a school with 862 students we have a potential of at least 1500 parents. If one-third of the parents join, we do not need any money making projects. This year we've had 77 parents join or only about 5% of the parents. The seniors — one of whom should receive the scholarship — have 3% of parents joining; the juniors 4%; the sophomores 3%; and the freshmen 10%. Surely there are 400 caring parents who have not joined the PTO and who wish to see the John Robinson Scholarship Fund continued. Perhaps the note did not get home or perhaps it was laid aside and forgotten. I hope those students whose parents have not joined will urge their parents to do so today. We will have a better school with a continuing interaction between parents and teachers. Since only three teachers have joined, I would also urge that the teachers join and encourage their students to enlist their parents in the LOHS PTO.

Thanks for your support.

Sincerely yours,
Ann M. Edwards
President, LOHS PTO

Varsity Cheerleaders To Compete

By: Gayla Griggs

The Lone Oak Varsity Cheerleaders are very close to completing the 78-79 Basketball season. On March 3 they will compete in the District cheerleading competition which is associated with the District Basketball Tournament. This competition includes squads from: Ballard, St. Mary, Reidland, Heath, Tilghman, and Lone Oak.

The competition will be held at the Heath High School gym. All squads will be judged on two sideline cheers, one gymnastic cheer, one freeze ending cheer, appearance, and a Pom Pom routine. The first and second place winners will compete in the Regional competition held at Murray.

Letter To The Editors

Dear Editors,

We would like to comment on the letter in your January issue pertaining to the school spirit and so-called "pep" at Lone Oak High School. A few months ago, the school started a program on "Spirit Week" to improve the "pep". Since then, school spirit has gone down the drain. After a while, spirit week was forgotten, and soon they stopped announcing the clubs that won.

Three years ago, the middle school was invited to several GREAT pep rallies. They lasted from 45 minutes to an hour, and everyone yelled. When was the last time we didn't have a pep rally playing Paducah Tilghman? We realize, of course, that school had been out, but that was a big game. Today, our pep rallies last from 15 to 20 minutes. What happened to the signs and hoop that the cheerleaders used to make? The only signs that we have seen were made by FBLA's Spirit Committee. The band, however, does a great job at the rallies and the games.

Why should the teams care, if the student body and faculty don't? Come on, Lone Oak! Show us your "PEP"! Get up and yell at pep rallies or stay in class!

Signed,
Juniors
Cindy Johnson
Lucinda Hawkins

Greta's Book Tree



By: Greta Hipp
THE IMMIGRANTS

A six months bestseller, Howard Fast's epic novel, THE IMMIGRANTS, is the powerful story of the lives of the children of immigrants during the turn of the century.

The story focuses mainly on Dan Lavette, son of a French woman and an Italian fisherman, and his struggle to the top of the ladder. Dan Lavette survives the disaster of the San Francisco earthquake to build a mighty shipping empire.

THE IMMIGRANTS tells of the achievements of the sons and daughters of those turn-of-the-century newcomers; of those who made a reality of their fathers' dreams.

This is a very well-written and intriguing novel, and should inspire the reader to believe in the American dream.

FBLA Plans Gong Show

By: Julie McGowan

The Lone Oak Future Business Leaders of America will sponsor a Gong Show on March 20 during second hour. First, second, and third place prizes will be awarded as well as a prize being awarded for the most outrageous act.

Those wanting to present an act in the production must pay an entrance fee of \$1.50. The attendance

fee is 50 cents per student.

If you want to be a part of this year's Gong Show, contact juniors Lucinda Hawkins, Amanda Shelton, Sandy Hawes, or Angela Robinson.

Linda Finnell was elected to fill the position of secretary that was vacated by Lisa Abell who graduated mid term.

The OAK K

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Behind The Scenes: Who's There?

By: Greta Hipp

"All the world's a stage, and all the men and women are the players..." or so the saying goes. Much the same could be said about school life; its main actors are obvious. Who, then, are those hard-working, not-so-obvious, "stage-crew" that are as essential as the actors for a successful "show"; those who remain "behind the scenes"?

Ballgames do not consist of players alone. Referees, clock keepers, and bookkeepers help keep the "show" going smoothly. Mr. Jim Mizell keeps the clock while either Mr. Bill Buckingham or Mr. Buddy Rushing records the book. Referees maintain law and

order on the floor, and often are the object of much criticism. Why, then, are these men willing to take the job? "Being a referee helps keep me in contact with the game, keeps me in shape, and helps me relate with the kids," replied Mr. Fred Gibson, also the head football coach at Lone Oak High School. Other regular referees include Mr. L.V. McGinty, Mr. Dwight Mills, and Mr. Budde Poe.

Football and basketball managers help aid the coaches, pack for games, wash uniforms, and keep statistics. This year seniors Carol Freeman, Linda Boggess, Kelly Peck, junior Tammy Sills, sophomores Brenda McElrath, Heather Longton, Carolyn Davis, Joe Swatzel, and

freshman Steve Lester each served as either football or basketball manager this year.

Another "behind the scenes" crew is the concessions stand workers. FBLA and DECA are responsible for operating the concessions stand and coke machine. Joanne Ward, Linda Finnell, Lucinda Hawkins, all juniors, and freshmen Tony Finnell and Jeff Abell are members of a committee in charge of working the stand. FFA provides fans with fresh hot popcorn from their popcorn machine. Some of these workers are Paul Barnhill, Monty Lambert, Brad Siress, Kevin Bell, Julian Mitchell, Kert Nelson, Anthony Hook, Steve Beale and David Bates.

being a photographer; it gives me a chance to express my imagination." Other area photographers, such as Mr. Richard Cook, allow the newspaper and annual staff use of certain photographs.

Many other students and adults hold "behind the scenes" posi-

tions, for example, office workers, club advisors, cafeteria or bookstore helpers, etc. They, too, have earned the full credits and attention of Lone Oak's students. Perhaps more rewarding than the credit is the self-satisfaction that is theirs for a job well done.



As basketball managers, senior Carol Freeman and sophomore Brenda McElrath prove sideline assets.

Another "show" produced in the high school results in a monthly issue of the *Oak K* newspaper and *Oak Leaves* annual. Familiar faces appear in each issue, but who's behind the camera? Photographers Kevin Cook, a senior, and Dane Fulkerson, a junior, provide interesting candid shots of school life. The responsibilities of the many photograph assignments and meeting the deadlines keep both these young men very busy. Dane commented, "I enjoy



Senior Kevin Cook reloads the school camera after completing a photo assignment.



Look who's in FRONT of the camera! Dane Fulkerson, a junior, takes a break from picture taking and basketball practice.



Sometimes work can be fun decide freshman Tony Finnell and Jeff Abell, as they count candy for concession stand.

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Here Sophomore Pam Hoyt models this acrylic multicolored sweater which can be worn with dress pants as shown or jeans.

Junior Chris Rickman shows off this three-piece tweed suit by "Espina" accented with a brown "Disco" shirt. Jacket is complete with suede elbow patches.

This handsome sweater-shirt combination is modeled by Senior Terry Quinlan. The white sweater trimmed with blue and maroon is made by "McBride", corduroy pants by "Levi" and maroon shirt by "Augie".

Junior Renee' Catcher looks attractive in this green corduroy vest and pant suit by "Levi".

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Sophomore Girl - Laurie McKinney
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Freshman Girl - Sheila Powell
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Lamb - Randy Rutherford???
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Chet's Critique

Behind The 'Screens'

Have you ever thought about what takes place behind the "screens" so you can go to see a movie? Well, this is a little insight on what really happens at the Arcade and Columbia Theatres in Paducah.

As the working day begins the office workers make their way to the Theatre. The manager is there to make sure everything runs smoothly. His secretaries come in to help. Films have to be ordered and returned to the companies.

Schedules for the employees have to be made. The accountants and bookkeepers have to be sure sufficient funds are available for the films, worker's paychecks are made out, and the books are balanced.

As the day wanes and the night life begins, the people you actually see is a different crew from the office workers. The ticket sellers, doormen, ushers, concession workers, and projectionists start working so you can see the movie. Of course a manager has to stay to be sure everything continues to run smoothly. The concession workers must come in an hour before the feature starts to get everything ready to sell—the popcorn hot and buttery, drinks cold and refreshing, and candy, etc. ready. The ticket sellers have to clock in thirty minutes before the movie begins to get change ready for selling tickets. The doormen and ushers have to take the ticket seller to her box office and be ready for the first movie goes to come in. The projectionist has to make sure his films and projector are ready. He, too, arrives early. Then as the people flock in and the picture starts, everyone shifts in high gear for work. Tickets are sold, tickets are taken, concessions are sold, people are seated, and the movie is on! Even after the last feature begins, everyone is required to continue to stay. The box office girls have to stay and sell tickets to anyone who comes in late. The concession stand stays open until the box office closes. The ushers stay so they can take the box office girl back to the main office. The doormen stay even longer to sell tickets to very late comers and often to close the theatre. The projectionist must stay until the film is over, put away, and finally he is allowed to leave. The manager usually stays until everyone has finished their jobs so he can close the theatre. Of course, a janitor then has to come in to clean up after the people who have come to see the show.

So you see, much activity has taken place before, during, and after you have attended a movie.

Meet The Students

By: Donna Groves
Chet Overstreet &
Michele Hendricks

Hi! This is your Roving Reporter interviewing you, the student, with questions about the world around you.

Question: Who is your favorite TV personality? Why?

Melody Buckingham - The Coneheads, of Saturday Night Live, because they remind me of my brother.

Randy Highers - Steve Martin, because he is a "wild and crazy guy" and people love someone who can make them laugh.

Kim Traugher - Gary Coleman, of Different Strokes, because he is so mean 'he's scared of himself'.

Cindy Logan - Mork, on Mork & Mindy, because he reminds me of Karen Herndon.

Question: Do you think that watching too much TV has an effect on young children?

Karen Meadows - Yes. For instance, they see a program where a child has a problem. The problem is solved before the hour program is up. This is untrue to

life as real problems may not be solved for days sometimes.

Laura Dixon - Yes, television has an effect on children. Because it can influence what they do by watching what the stars do on TV.

Mark Bass - Yes, excessive watching of TV has effects on a child's learning ability.

Phillip Nethery - Yes, because children are influenced by their environment and TV is a very important part that can be used for good or bad.

FHA Elects Turner Queen

The Future Homemakers of America enjoyed a Valentine banquet on February 12. From 6:00 until 8:00 there was a potluck dinner, and from 8:00 until 9:00 everyone was free to sit and talk or dance. After the dinner, the candidates for the Valentine King and Queen were introduced. They were senior Sheila Hill and Tommy Peeler, senior Janene Turner and Bobby Binkley, and senior Cheryl Housman and Glenn Peeler.

After each member of the club voted, Janene and Bobby were chosen as the FHA Valentine King and Queen.

Senior Monty Lambert who is the FHA Sweetheart was also present.

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DECA To Attend State Conference

The Lone Oak High School Distributive Education Department participated in the Region 1 Conference at Murray State University, Monday, January 29, 1979.

There were seven competency-

based events that the Lone Oak students placed well in: Advertising Services, Pam Atherton, senior, first place; Food Service, Carol Garnett, junior, second place; General Merchandising, Charles Bechtold, senior, second place; and Petroleum, Brad Chandler, junior, second place. Bruce Tucker, senior, was second in the Regional Math contest. Brenda McElrath, sophomore, was third in the DECA Creed contest.

The Parliamentary Procedure team consisting of juniors Tim Greenwood, David Galloway, Melony Houser, Debbie Strickland, Lisa Rose, Mark Rikel, and Rod Yewell was second in their contest. All first, second, and third place winners will advance to the State Conference to be held at the Galt House in Louisville on March 8, 9 and 10. A total of thirty two students from Lone Oak attended the conference.



Senior Stephanie Cates has been selected Chapter Sweetheart of the Lone Oak Chapter of Future Farmers of America. Stephanie was elected at the last FFA chapter meeting by popular vote. Tammie Tucker was runner-up. Stephanie will now represent Lone Oak in the Regional Sweetheart contest.

To Co-op Or Not To Co-op

By: Kim Stiles

Being a Senior at Lone Oak High School has many privileges. One of these is being able to leave school at 11:10 to go to work, if you are in a Co-op work program.

Approximately 137 out of 209 Seniors take advantage of this privilege. There has been some discussion about students leaving early and missing out on school activities.

Some Seniors who do leave at 11:10 were asked their feelings on a few questions. Here are their responses:

"Do you think it is a disadvantage or an advantage to leave early?"

Mona Beyer—"I think it's an advantage because I get to see 'Days of Our Lives'."

Beth Denton—"An advantage because in the summer you can leave and if it's your day off you can head on up to the lake!"

Leisa Neihoff—"I think it's an advantage because I can work and make extra money and get out before everyone else but I think it's a disadvantage because I don't get to see all of my friends."

Scotty Parker—"An advantage because you get more hours in at work."

Do you think it's worth missing pep rallies and meetings to leave early?"

Dana Stahman—"I like leaving early, but I wish the school could hold club meetings and class meetings in the morning."

Rick Mason—"Yes, because I don't go to pep rallies anyway."

Terrie Foster—"Yes, because it's different and it makes you feel like a Senior."

Kenny Hunt—"Yes, because I'd rather work than go to school and attend the meetings."

"If you had it to do over again, would you still leave at 11:10?"

Rena Latta—"Yes, because I like having only three classes and not having to eat at school."

Debbie Elliott—"No, because I have to work at night and I want weekends off."

Tammie Hicks—"Yes, because all 11 years you have to go all day

and now leaving early is something different."

Lesia Felts—"No, because I am going to college next year and I need the classes and education."

"Why do you work?"
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Thespians Take New Form

The Thespians are experimenting with a new kind of theatre never accomplished by any other group from this area. The form is called "Street Theatre" and the name of the play is "This Ark is Leaking".

"This Ark is Leaking" was written by Thomas Fuller and was first seen by the members of the Thespian club who attended the convention at Owensboro last year. The play is being acted out by two different casts. Each cast is being directed by a student. One cast is rehearsing for the drama competitions to be held in Murray at the end of February. The other cast is preparing to start touring near the end of February.

Both groups plan to perform at many elementary schools in Kentucky, Tennessee, and Illinois and at many public places, such as the Paducah Mall. The Thespians have been working on this play for about a month and details are now being arranged.

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Frosh Flash Bright Lady Flash

By: Tina Mullen
 Things are looking up for the freshman boys as they have forced their opponents to retreat for their third straight victory. Their winning streak began in a battle against Livingston Central and following in defeat were Lyon County and then the Hickman Falcons.

L.O.-46 Livingston-39
 The Flash led the Livingston team throughout the ballgame and ended with a long awaited victory. The win was partially attributed to the team hitting 50 percent from the charity stripe and to the scoring of high-point man Victor Shelby with 15 points. He was followed by Jeff Reed who added nine points, Randy Rutherford chipped in seven, and Shane Jones recorded six points.

L.O.-51 Lyon Co.-42
 On their home court Lone Oak found its second victory in play against Lyon County. Two players, Victor Shelby and Jeff Reed, cashed in for scores in double figures with 15 and 12

points respectively.
L.O.-38 Hickman Co.-26
 Continuing their winning streak the Frosh flew past the Hickman Falcons. The Flash broke away in the fourth period to win substantially by twelve points. The top scorer was Jeff Reed with 14 points and Shane Jones added seven. Victor Shelby contributed six points and was followed by Cary Carney and Randy Rutherford with five each. Joey Edwards summed up the scoring with one



Win Two

By: Tina Mullen
 In Varsity girls basketball action Lone Oak swept destructively past three of the four teams they recently played. The only team to get by the Flash was the Lowes Lady Blue Devils. The Flash, however, had no mercy for the Tilghman Tornado, Lyon County, or Hickman County as they forced their opponents to drop one by one.

L.O.-56 Tilghman-34
 The Flash breezed past the Tornado for a 22 point difference in a big victory. The Lady Flash shot 49 percent in field goals and 77 percent from the line. Seniors Cheri Edwards and Ladonna Powers, and sophomore Kathy Bechtold combined for 44 points. Edwards and Bechtold shared top honors with 15 apiece and Powers pumped in 14.

L.O.-60 Lowes-69
 The Blue Devils proved to be too overpowering for the Flash to come out on top. After going to the locker room down by 26, Lone Oak came back to within close range. Even this was not enough as they dropped to Lowes by nine points. Three Lone Oak players scored in double figures. They were paced by Kathy Bechtold with 21; and Kim Moore, junior, and LaDonna Powers both added ten each.

L.O.-61 Lyon-45
 After defeat, Lone Oak came back with revenge and demolished Lyon County. Kathy Bechtold led with 12 points, Kim Moore and Tracy Burton, sophomore, had 11 apiece, and senior Theresa Bearden and LaDonna Powers scored eight each.

L.O.-47 Hickman Co.-45
 What started out to be disappointment for the Flash, who was behind 24-13 at the half, turned into a nerve-wracking, joyous victory won in the final seconds by a pair of free throws. Pouring in 21 points was Kathy Bechtold, Burton and Powers added seven each.

JV Shuffle Cards

By: Carol Freeman
L.O.-47 Livingston-45
 With four seconds left in overtime, sophomore Wes Hagan pumped in a 15-footer to win the game. The contest started out slow with the first basket scored by junior Ronnie Overton with 2:23 left in the first quarter. Overton hit a 50-foot buzzer shot to put the Flash ahead 13-12 at the half.

L.O.-53 Heath-28
 Bickerstaff led all scorers with 16 points. Hagan and Junior Dane Fulkerson followed with 7 points. McIntosh and Overton had 6 and 5 points respectively. Clark contributed 3, and sophomores David Dodd, Joel Dreher, Sammy Freeman and Tim Hayden tossed in a bucket apiece. Freshman Jeff Reed finished with 1 point.



By: Carol Freeman
 District Tourney time generates a wave of enthusiasm and suspense throughout the participating schools. Only the two teams who make the finals advance to the regional tournament — there is no "next time". When the District Tournament opens at Heath on February 27, records and ranking will be forgotten and anything can happen!

The Oakers fared well when the District Tournament was held at Heath six years ago. In the opening round, Lone Oak upset Tilghman 73-69. The Tornadoes were ranked first in the region and fifth in the state. The Flash dumped the home-standing Pirates in semifinal action, while St. Mary squeaked past the Oakers in the finals.

This year the Second District Tourney boasts the strongest field in the first region. Four of the top ten regional teams — second-ranked Tilghman, fourth-ranked St. Mary, fifth-ranked Lone Oak, and tenth-ranked Heath — are in contention for the second district crown.

Lone Oak, the defending champions, opens the tournament against Ballard at 8:00 on Tuesday, February 27, at Heath.

The Flash crushed the Bombers 86-59 earlier this year. On Wednesday, February 28, Reidland (6-13) tangles with St. Mary (14-8). The Vikings belted the Hounds 73-57 last week. On Thursday, March 1, Heath (8-12) plays the Lone Oak-Ballard winner, while the next night Tilghman (12-8) meets the Reidland-St. Mary winner. Saturday, March 3, will be the night of the finals. Lone Oak senior Bruce Dreher commented, "I think we have a good chance to advance to the regionals." Team captain Kris Houser added, "We'll just have to play our best basketball."

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Flash Strike Carlisle Tonight

By: Cheri Edwards
Tonight the Purple Flash tackle the Carlisle Comets on the opponents' floor. The Flash has already encountered the Comets early in the season, during the St. Mary Invitational Thanksgiving Tournament. The outcome was a defeat for the Flash, but it was an extremely close battle.

Forwards Bruce Dreher and Daryl Hobbs, both seniors, will be facing opponents Hayden and Hunt. This shows a slight height advantage for Lone Oak on an average 6'0" tall as opposed to

5'10" tall. The ability to jump or "sky" could be a major factor of the competition. At the center position Carlisle's Paul Crowley stands at 6'6" as compared to Lone Oak's senior Ken Hancock who measures at 6'2". Guards, senior Kris Houser and junior Stan Shuemaker, must display their quickness because Carlisle guards Thommasson and Hoskins are very quick according to Lone Oak's Coach Butler.

Lone Oak is now posted as sixth in the region with a 12-7 record, while Carlisle is rated seventh in the region. Lone Oak has many players that alternate as leading scorer of the team which shows a great amount of team work.

Passing is definitely an asset to team work, and assists are led by Shuemaker, who feeds the ball to the low posts. Carlisle sports one player as a main leading scorer and this is Chuck Hayden. He currently pumps in 12 points an outing. The quickness of Carlisle will be an asset because the team as a whole is quick.

Lone Oak should have the momentum with a strong desire to win after having lost to them at the beginning of the season. Carlisle on the other hand will probably realize this momentum and will be determined to be victorious again. This game promises to be a stimulating game with plenty of action-packed plays.

Flash Floods Predicted

By: Tina Mullen

As the end of the basketball season draws near the excitement of the oncoming district tournament mounts. The teams work harder than ever and plan their strategy against their opponents. Every team's goal is to go to the state tournament, also referred to as the "Sweet Sixteen". The first step towards this goal is the districts, which begin on Tuesday, Feb. 27 at Heath High School.

On opening night the St. Mary Vikings and the Ballard Bombers will go at it. St. Mary, with a record of 7-12, is rated as number 11 right behind Ballard, who is rated tenth in the region. The Bombers advanced as the second place team to the regionals the previous year and will be looking forward to going again.

The following night will see Reidland pitted against the Heath Pirates, who will be playing on their home court. Reidland has a record of 1-14 as compared to seventh ranked Heath's 16-3 record.

Two of the district teams drew a bye, these being Lone Oak and Tilghman. The Flash and the Tornadoes therefore automatically proceed to the semi-finals. Lone

Oak will take on the winner of the Viking-Bomber bout and Tilghman will play the victor of the Heath-Reidland game.

The Lady Flash has high hopes of going to the regionals this year after their narrow miss last season in the semi-finals. The Tornadoes sneaked away with the ball game in the final seconds. Lone Oak stands with a record of 10-7 with only one regular season game remaining. Senior Theresa Bear-den commented, "I think we stand a good chance because we are working well as a team".

The eighth ranked Tornado squad, the defending champs, will follow in play against the winner of the previously mentioned game. Tilghman defeated Ballard in last years closing game in the finals to take the first place honors. Their record for this year is 7-11.

The two teams that advance to the finals will both be entered into the regional tourney held at Murray State University.

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JV Girls Take The Floor

By: Cheri Edwards

Some teams go virtually without recognition and one such team is the Lone Oak JV girls. This program has just recently been organized in a proper manner because never before has there been a separate coach for

the team. Only three games compile the team's record and two of these were played within the last month against St. Mary and Lyon County.

LO 27 - Lyon County 19

In the JV's first battle, they were victorious by a 27-19 score. This was a close struggle and the Flashes first lead at the end of a quarter came at the end of three periods, when the Flash held the Lyons scoreless during the period.

Freshman Karen Herndon lead the Flashes with ten points and junior Traci Gilcrease followed with seven. Freshman Sara Spahr and sophomore Laura Runge each added three points while Lisa Downey, junior, and Dooper Winstead, freshman chipped in two points apiece.

LO 29 - St. Mary 36

The second tangle of the JV Lady Flash turned out to be a much tougher one and the Flash crumbled under St. Mary, 36-29. The Flash never led the ballgame after any quarter finish and after three quarters St. Mary had taken a 30-16 lead. The final quarter splurge was boasted by Downey who scored eight of her game high nine points at this time.

Again setting the scoring pace was Herndon with a total of 13 points. Downey was one away from double figures with nine points and Winstead, Gilcrease, and freshman Debbie Sheffler added two points. Sophomore K.C. Kowalik chipped in one point for the Flash.

The team consists of ten players and three of these players also dress for the varsity team. There are two juniors, four sophomores and four freshmen. In the future, this program should really begin to grow because here lie the "players of tomorrow".




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