



P. J. Clayton, Penny Ezell, Polly Meek, Julie Lippert, Julie Habacker, and Michelle Spence are the six senior candidates competing for Homecoming Queen. The Homecoming Dance will be held October 2 after the game against Reidland and will feature the band Illuzion.

Freshman attendant is Rebecca Throgmorton, sophomore attendant is Danya Lamont, and junior attendant is Allyson Joiner.

Lone Oak boasts three Merit Semifinalists

By Marlie Spears

Three Lone Oak High School seniors have been named semifinalists in the 1982 National Merit Scholarship competition.

Michaela Besold, Andy Elbon, and Troy Ligon are three of over one million students enrolled in some 18,000 secondary schools nationwide that entered in the 1982 Merit Program by taking the PSAT/NMSQT in 1980. They help represent the top half of one percent of the state in high school senior classes in Kentucky. In addition to being honored publicly, Michaela, Andy, and Troy's names are being submitted to colleges and universities to help increase their educational opportunities.

To be considered for Merit

Scholarships, semifinalists must qualify as finalists by meeting additional requirements. The finalist's standards include being recommended for scholarships by their principals, submitting records that demonstrate high academic standing, sustaining high qualifying test scores on another examination, and supplying a self-description of their activities and extracurricular accomplishments. About 90% of the semifinalists are expected to advance to finalist standing.

The semi-finalists were chosen on the basis of their performance on the PSAT. To qualify for semi-finalist standing, a score of 186 or better was necessary. Ligon scored 204, and both Besold and Elbon scored 195.

Although they were not semi-

finalists, Brad Montgomery and Becky DiSilvestro were commended by the National Merit Society. They scored 185 and 182, respectively.

Michaela Besold plans to attend Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri and major in pre-med. Miss Besold is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Besold of Paducah.

Andy Elbon is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Elbon of 125 Winslow. Andy plans to attend Vanderbilt University and major in political science.

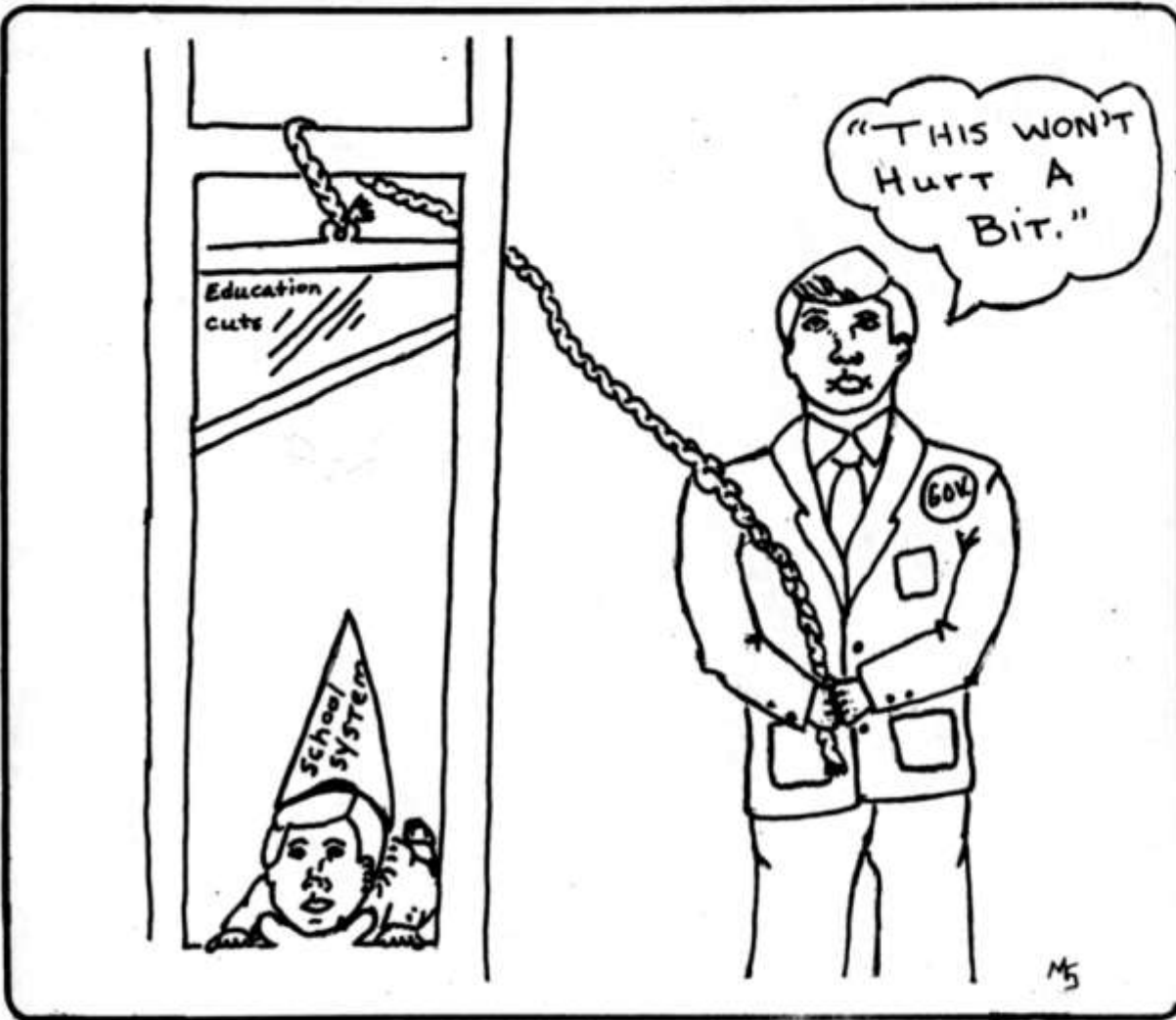
Troy Ligon resides at 320 Goodman Drive and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ligon. Troy intends to major in electrical engineering at the University of Kentucky.



The National Merit Semi-Finalists from Lone Oak are (left to right): Michaela Besold, Andy Elbon, and Troy Ligon. Their next step in the scholarship competition will be to take the SAT November 7.

The OAK K has undergone some major changes in both its distribution policy as well as in its layout. Subscriptions can only be purchased by mail at a rate of \$4.00. All other copies will be sold at school for the price of 25 cents.

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Merit test will be given in October

Phyllis Jones and Dennis Griffith, guidance counselors at Lone Oak High School, have announced that new services introduced last year as part of the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) will again be provided to students taking the test on October 27, 1981.

results and on general college planning.

The PSAT/NMSQT is cosponsored by the College Board and National Merit Scholarship Corporation. It is administered annually to more than one million students and measures verbal and mathematical abilities that are important in college work.

Before the test, students will receive the PSAT/NMSQT Student Bulletin which contains a complete sample test with an answer key and scoring instructions. In December, students will receive a Report of Student Answers which displays the correct answers and the students' responses as well as scores. Schools will return test booklets at the same time so that students can review the original questions. Students will also receive About Your PSAT/NMSQT Scores a booklet containing information on interpreting PSAT/NMSQT

The PSAT/NMSQT gives students a chance to find out what the College Board's Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) is like, and helps them in planning for college; further, students who opt to participate in the College Board Student Search Service have an opportunity to hear from colleges that they might not otherwise learn about. The PSAT/NMSQT is also the qualifying test for students who wish to participate in the nationwide scholarship competitions administered by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

Editorials

Budget cuts have educators singing the blues

Governor John Y. Brown's budget cut proposals have caused quite an uproar recently among education circles. In recent interviews, McCracken County School Superintendent Bill Brown and McCracken County Education Association President Carolyn Ford gave reasons for all the furor.

suddenly so much interest has been generated to transfer the responsibility for funding education to the local level," said Brown. "To raise the necessary extra funds in the future, more local tax will be necessary. But since most county residents don't have children in school, tax increases will be voted down."

If Governor Brown's budget proposals pass through the state legislature, the local government will have to bear the brunt of education cuts. But Superintendent Brown points out that the terms "state" and "local" are inappropriate here, since "state" funds are really local funds sent to the state.

So where will the money come from? Neither education official interviewed seems to know. "Unless we (the KEA) can reinstate the budget cuts at the state legislature in January, we do have a gloomy future," commented Ms. Ford.

"It seems inappropriate that

Supertendent Brown agrees. "If the economy continues at the present rate, the worse is yet to

come." But education critics have pointed out that education's cut of 9.6% is minimal compared to other department cuts, some reaching 50% or more. These critics have apparently forgotten where they learned their economics.

In a society so utterly dependent on the quality of education, it is almost ignorant to jeopardize our public schools' future. Perhaps it's time for Governor Brown to wake up and listen to education's laments. If the KEA continues to act as a labor union and if teachers are forced to teach with less than adequate supplies, students may very well take a back seat to economic haggling.

'Strike three,' you're fired

"The law is the law," confirmed President Reagan at a White House press conference over the firing of the air traffic controllers who are striking around the country. And rightfully so, but not only have the air traffic controllers gone on strike, but so have the teachers in the Philadelphia public school system. Both groups are government employees, and both are clamoring for a larger paycheck to compensate for stress and other psychological problems occurring on the job. Are these "strikers" sound thinking Americans, or are they greedy individuals who are just trying to receive an extra buck from Uncle

Sam? Strikes are seemingly becoming the "in thing" in the United States. Prompted by the baseball strike beginning on June 12, the pivotal issue in its simplest form was compensation for clubs that lost free agents. Afterwards was the air traffic controllers strike, followed by the recent teachers strike in Philadelphia. The list will continue to grow until employers take the attitude President Reagan expressed, either snap up or ship out!

So these strikers are suffering from stress and hypertension as well as having psychological problems. Our fondest wish for these bureaucrats is that they share the

same stress and job insecurity as others in the private sector. At least they have or had a job which is more than you can say for the thousands of unemployed people in the United States today.

President Reagan's firm stand toward the air traffic controllers strike deserves the commendation of all sound-thinking Americans. Double digit inflation will only be curbed when labor unions and any other employees cease making excessive and unreasonable demands. For the only true deterrent to striking is harsher laws, and respect for these laws can only be achieved by the enforcement of them!

From the principal

Lone Oak High School is in session for the 1981-'82 school year. The doors have been opened, books issued, lockers filled, classes met and new friends found. It is always a thrill to start on a new venture...a new school year.

Your senior Year. How a person begins a project or a job usually determines how that project of job will be completed.

For our Seniors, '82 is great! This is *THE YEAR!* For our underclassmen, '81-82 is a preparation year for YOUR year;

If our beginning, this year, is any indication, LOHS is in for a banner year. Everyone's concern, staff and students alike, has been evident. I think everyone wants the very best year, ever.

The beginning has been great....THANK YOU!

Thomas J. Stephenson

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First District U. S. Representative Carroll Hubbard converses with his constituents at the annual St. John's Picnic on September 12.

Unity in government stressed by legislators

By Jeff Abell and Becky DiSilvestro

Approximately 1000 people were on hand for the annual St. John's picnic September 12. Ten local and state government officials attended to address the public with County Judge Executive Raymond Schultz serving as master of ceremonies.

Keynoting the event was U. S. Senator Wendell Ford. He strongly emphasized the danger of high interest rates for the middle class population, mentioning the perils of budget cuts and concern for the Social Security receivers. Ford explained that the Federal Insurance Company of America is not broke and that existing problems can be solved if members of the government would stop investing the money at an interest rate of 8% and raise it to the existing investment rate. Ford fiercely advocated that a cutback in education is an attempt by the people in Washington, D.C. to damage rural America.

"This is a complex government. There are no simple solutions and they will not be found by one person, we must all work

together," said Lieutenant Governor Martha Layne Collins. She expressed concern over the loss of prime farmland as well as the inheritance tax issue.

"There is no form of government other than state government that is so important to the well-being of the public," stated State Representative Dolly McNutt. She also commented that dedicated legislators have an essential and important need for people to join together and work to make government our business.

Others who attended the event were former Governor Julian Carroll, U.S. Representative Carroll Hubbard, Commissioner of Agriculture Alben Barkley, Jr., State Senator Helen Garrett, District Attorney Mark Bryant, and State Representatives Joel Ellington and Butch Burnett.

All seemed to agree that Kentucky must become a more unified state and that the public's views, opinions, and desires must be heard in government. Perhaps State Representative McNutt said it best, "If you do not run government, the government will run you!"

'Youth Salute' involves nine LO seniors

By Tamara Tucker

Becky DiSilvestro, Andy Elbon, Lisa Herter, Tony Kitchen, Lee Ann Lockman, Lisa Lockman, Sara Spahr, Lisa Thompson, and Robin Williamson were nine Lone Oak seniors honored in the Tom McCarthy/WKYX "Youth Salute" this summer.

"Youth Salute" is a contest in which seniors from area schools in the top 10 percent of their class are honored. Pictures of each were made by Tom McCarthy and displayed at Paducah Mall, Citizen's Bank, Mayfield Ex-

change Bank, and the Bank of Marshall County. This is the third year of the "Youth Salute" contest in Paducah.

Winner of the "Youth Salute" contest was Susan Pace of Ballard County. She received a \$500 scholarship and an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. for the National Youth Leadership Conference.

Dr. Jack Early, speaker at the Paducah contest, will be back in Paducah for another lecture at the first of the year. The lecture will concern goal setting and becoming successful, and is open to anyone wishing to attend.



Junior Rotarian Jeff Abell

Abell chosen Junior Rotarian

By Lori Keeney

"It is an educational experience," remarked senior Jeff Abell, September's Junior Rotarian. Jeff was chosen because of his academic standing, leadership and involvement in school activities.

Jeff met each Wednesday at the Irvin Cobb ballroom for a luncheon and guest speaker. He heard such speakers as Larry Hopkins, a U.S. Representative and possible candidate for governor, and Frank Beamer, head football coach at Murray State University. In regard to the meetings Jeff said "You not only learn about business in a community but you have the opportunity to meet the businessmen in Paducah."

Jeff's school activities include: Editor of the OAK K, president of FBLA, vice-president of Beta Club and Student Council Parliamentarian. After he graduates he plans to attend Murray State University and major in business administration.

Jeff is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Abell of 175 Charlotte Ann Drive.

Eat, drink and be merry

By C.D. Kash

The Youth Advisory Council is an organization to be started by students at Lone Oak High School who are interested in their school's lunch program. The purpose of the Y.A.C. is to make students more aware of the nutritive values of school lunches and the availability of a well-balanced lunch.

Mrs. Bea Koster, cafeteria manager, has attended several meetings over the summer studying the lunch program. "Y.A.C. has had several successes at many other schools," stated Mrs. Koster. One of the purposes for Y.A.C. is to get the opinions and

criticisms of the students about the cafeteria. Many Lone Oak High School students have said the food in the cafeteria is high priced and its not good. Mrs. Koster would like to organize a Y.A.C. so she can receive feedback from the students on the food and conditions.

An example of a Youth Advisory accomplishment is that salad bars have been introduced to many school cafeterias, a Y.A.C.-sponsored program. Other accomplishments of Y.A.C. in other schools have been to put in juke boxes and possibly vending machines. The students responded well to the new items.

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Nine new seniors have begun the school year at Lone Oak. They include Cassie Leeper, Donna Ingram, Gina Spurling, Julie Henry, John Hagan, Christie Rose, Carolyn Burgess, Debbie Mayhaugh, and Wendy Westmoreland.

Nine seniors come to Lone Oak

By Holly Harris

Forty-eight incoming students have begun the 1981-82 school year at Lone Oak High School, eight of which are seniors and will be featured in the first issue of the Oak K.

Carolyn Burgess moved to Lone Oak from Homestead, Florida. When asked how she liked Lone Oak High School, her reply was, "It's great." Carolyn is the daughter of Carol Burgess.

John Hagan, son of Charles and Reva Hagan, comes to Lone Oak from Tilghman. He enjoys hunting, camping, and water-skiing. John said he likes LOHS a lot better than Tilghman.

"Lone Oak is very different from St. Mary," stated Cassie Leeper, who is attending Lone Oak for the second time. She went to Lone Oak her freshman and sophomore year, but attended St. Mary her junior year. Some of her favorite pastimes are reading and horseback riding.

"I like it. There are a lot of nice people here," were some of the comments Debbie Mayhugh, made about Lone Oak High School. Debbie moved from Livingston County where she was involved in cheerleading. She was also president of her junior class. In her spare time, Debbie likes to swim, ride horses, and go riding around.

Gina Spurling comes from Bullit Central High School where she was active in the Beta Club, Student Council, the prom committee, and an usher for graduation. Gina enjoys spending her time water-skiing and going to rock concerts.

Wendy Westmoreland moved from St. Charles Missouri, where she was very active in the band. When asked how she liked Lone Oak, Wendy replied, "It's nice. I'm used to a more hectic school. My old school had two thousand kids in it." Some of Wendy's favorite pastimes are reading and listening to the radio.

"I like Lone Oak a lot better than Reidland," says new senior, Donna Ingram. At Reidland she was active in F.H.A., C.Y.F., and COED-Y. Donna, who is the daughter of Charles Ingram, says that she enjoys swimming and watching football games.

Christie Rose, the daughter of Chris and Nioka Rose, came to LOHS from East Millinocket, Maine. In her old school Christie was involved in band, majorettes, and choir. Some of her favorite pastimes are reading, swimming, and gymnastics.

Julie Henry, comes from Frankfort where she was involved in pep club, Juniorettes, Student Council, Art club, and Science club. Some of her favorite pastimes are skiing and going to rock concerts. "It's okay. It's a lot different from my old school," was what Julie had to say about Lone Oak.



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Class officers are elected



Senior class officers are from left to right: Tanya Peck, reporter; Michelle Spence, vice president; Julie Lippert, treasurer; Julie Habacker, secretary; and Lisa Thompson, president.



Junior class officers are from left to right: Terri Clark, treasurer; Daniel Shaw, president; Caroline Adkins, secretary; Scott Overby, reporter; and Lori Webb, vice president.



Freshman class officers are: Laura Hertter, reporter; Christi White, secretary; Leigh Ann Akin, vice-president; Rebecca Throgmorton, treasurer; and Cindy Jenkins, president.

By C. D. Kash

Class officers for the 1981-82 school year at Lone Oak High School were chosen by popular vote, September 1.

The elected officers ran for the position they wished to obtain. Posters were hung and campaigning was done during the week of August 24. Senior officers will be: president, Lisa Thompson; vice president, Michelle Spence; secretary, Julie Habacker; reporter, Tanya Peck. When we asked Lisa if she realized the importance of her position, she replied, "Yes, I loved being junior class president and as senior class president, I must help organize graduation, plan the reunion, and any other specialities for our seniors."

Juniors elected were: president, Daniel Shaw; vice president, Lori Webb; secretary, Caroline Adkins; reporter, Scott Overby; treasurer, Terri Clark.

The sophomore class officers are: president, Theodore Peshenhonoff; vice president, Regina Tracy; reporter, Cindy Debow; treasurer, Dawn Alexander. "I wish to try and improve the activities at Lone Oak High School for the student body," stated Theodore.

The elected officers for the freshmen class are: president, Cindy Jenkins; vice president, Leigh Ann Akin; secretary, Christi White; reporter, Laura Hertter; treasurer, Rebecca Throgmorton. Cindy said that she feels that her classmates are behind her and it gives her confidence in the months to come.



Sophomore class officers are: Dawn Alexander, treasurer; Cindy DeBow, reporter; Jo Beth Chambers, secretary; Regina Tracey, vice president; Cindy Jenkins, president.

Clubs attempt to raise money

By Marlie Spears

Fund raising is the key thought in most of the clubs this year; not only to help themselves but also to help others.

The Biology Club members will be conducting a car wash October 3 at Brown's Gulf. Members of the club may be knocking on your door selling stationary as part of their fund raising to go on a back-packing outing in Southern Illinois.

The Tri-Hi-Y is collecting postage stamps to combat world hunger. Old newspapers and Malone and Hyde labels are also being collected for the Easter Seal Center.

The Key Club conducted a Bike-A-Thon September 26 at Carson Park to raise money to help Cystic Fibrosis. Prizes such as bikes, shirts, decals, and jackets were given away.

The FBLA held a pizza party at Pizza Inn and practice has begun for the parliamentary procedure

team to ready them for the regional competition.

The FHA-Hero Chapter program of work this year includes an activity for each month. Their first activity was the annual magazine drive, which gave the chapter money to operate this year.

The Lone Oak Distributive Education Club of America is busy with the magazine sale. DECA is going to decorate for the Football Homecoming Dance and work the concession at the home basketball games. The Parliamentary Procedure Team will be preparing for the Regional Conference to be held at Murray State.

The Physical Science Club plans to buy a printer for their computer with money they collected from the magazine drive.

The Art Club is going to buy an air-brush with last year's funds to aid in Lone Oak's art department.

Future Farmers excel in contests

The annual state Future Farmers of America Convention was held in Louisville, June 3-5. The Lone Oak FFA Chapter was awarded the Kentucky Gold Emblem Award, the highest award given in Kentucky. Lone Oak was also selected as one of 12 chapters in the State to represent Kentucky in the National to be held in Kansas City in November.

The Lone Oak Chapter FFA officers attended the Leadership training Center in Hardinsburg, Kentucky, July 6-10. The officers received training in providing better leadership for the chapter. In athletic activities, Bryan Helfer was chosen to be on the camp council. Only seven in the state was chosen for this high honor.

August was a busy month for the FFA. The Meat Judging Team entered the regional contest held at Reelfoot Packing Com-

pany. The team, consisting of Tommy Pitman, Kenny Vaughn, and Alan McFall, placed third in the region.

Also during August members of the chapter competed at the Kentucky State Fair in Louisville. The Meat Judging Team placed seventh in the state. Tony Hicks, who tied for first place, received a blue ribbon and a plaque for finishing in the top twelve in the Cattle Showmanship Contest. Steve Freeman also received a blue ribbon in the contest. Bobby Lawrence was in the top twenty in the state in Seed and Weed Identification. Steve Beals received four blue ribbons and one red on Horticulture exhibits.

The highlight of the Kentucky State Fair was Lone Oak FFA being named a Blue Ribbon Welding Team in Kentucky. Only five teams in the state received a blue rating. Team members were Tony Hicks, Gerry Kemper, and Frank Lawrence.

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Foreign languages a benefit



Mr. Dennis Buckner instructs Spanish II class.

Buckner urges students, "Take a language"

By Becky DiSilvestro

During a recent interview, Mr. Dennis Buckner, foreign language teacher at Lone Oak High School, strongly emphasized the value of taking a foreign language for practical as well as personal reasons.

Some of these practical reasons listed by Mr. Buckner include college requirements, both to get in and to graduate with a degree, and job related bonuses. Not only are there the purely language-oriented jobs, but there are also the numerous jobs where language skills could mean an increase in pay and/or a position.

He also emphasized the personal advantages of taking a foreign language; such as travel, since even in the United States, wherever one goes there are people who speak a language other than English. Also Mr. Buckner believes there is the experience of being able to read literature in the language it was written in because there is "no way to translate essence..." of the written work.

Overall, Mr. Buckner feels that language can furnish an opportunity to expand one's horizons and teach an appreciation of other cultures. He is of the firm belief that "...the language carries something of the people with it."

Questioned about the caliber of students that take a foreign language at Lone Oak High

School, Mr. Buckner replied that, "...the majority of them (the students) are serious about the language and are trying to find their goals and values...". He also emphasizes that even though there aren't necessarily many jobs specializing in languages, there are numerous opportunities for those with the language skills in the working field; because of these opportunities he stresses that all students, no matter what field or profession they are considering entering, should consider taking a language on a mature level. Mr. Buckner is insistent that "Every student should try at least one year...do not pass up opportunities...do not close doors."

Mr. Buckner himself became involved in languages in high school his sophomore year, when he was chosen to be in a Spanish class. From there on he continued his education in languages. Mr. Buckner is certified to teach Spanish, French, German, Russian, and English; he has a masters in Spanish, a second masters in secondary education, a minor in French, and a minor in German. He has been a teacher at Lone Oak High School for nine years. Before that he taught one year at Providence High School, Providence, Kentucky, and two years at Paducah Tilghman High School.

How much do you know about languages?

Gesundheit! This popular foreign word meaning "God bless you" or "to your health," is uttered by millions of English speaking students whenever people sneeze or make a toast.

Many other foreign words are also used in the English language. The following words are some commonly used expressions. Choose the best definition.

1. AD INFINITUM

- A. to the finish
- B. after it's done
- C. with no end

2. ALMA MATER

- A. one's mother
- B. one's school
- C. one's spouse

3. COUP DE GRACE

- A. poor manner
- B. finishing move
- C. another one

4. NOM DE PLUME

- A. without feathers
- B. birds of a feather
- C. per name

5. PER DIEM

- A. by the day
- B. by the gods
- C. by the law

6. POST MORTEM

- A. after death
- B. dead letter
- C. death notice

7. TOUT DE SUITE

- A. put on the clothes
- B. immediately
- C. tempting situation

8. VIS-A-VIS

- A. eye to eye
- B. face to face
- C. nose to nose

9. EN MASSE

- A. it's large
- B. all together
- C. back side

10. VENI, VIDI, VICI

- A. I stop, I look, I listen
- B. I come, I go, I stay
- C. I came, I saw, I conquered

(Answers on page 10)

Making friends through letters Foreign Pen Pals

By Laura B. Carrico

Having a pen pal in a foreign country can be a fun, as well as educational, hobby. Through letters one can learn much about the lifestyle and culture of young people around the world.

Several Lone Oak students have correspondence with foreign students. "It's interesting because of the way they talk," says junior Tamara Tucker, who has pen pals in Belgium, Greece, and Australia, "and I can learn about their countries."

Senior Fran Dodge observed that the pace of life is considerably slower in Mexico, and that "Mexicans take it easy. They don't hurry to be on time like Americans do."

Differences between French and American eating habits were learned by Sophomore Annette Cathey. "They eat their meals in courses and they drink a lot of wine." She also commented that the French people don't eat corn because "corn is for cows."

All of the letters are written in English, and sometimes an accent is conveyed by the sentence structure.

Sharon Earhart's Japanese friend writes, "I will go to school's dormitory for studying university's examination from April. I will return my home from there weekend. It is so difficult for us to enter university in Japan."

The foreign students have much in common, including a liking for rock music, sports such as soccer and volleyball, traveling, and learning the English language.

If you would like to have a pen pal in South America, Europe, Africa, Asia, Australia, or New Zealand, contact Mr. Buckner, or write to: Student Letter Exchange, Waseca, Minnesota, 56093.



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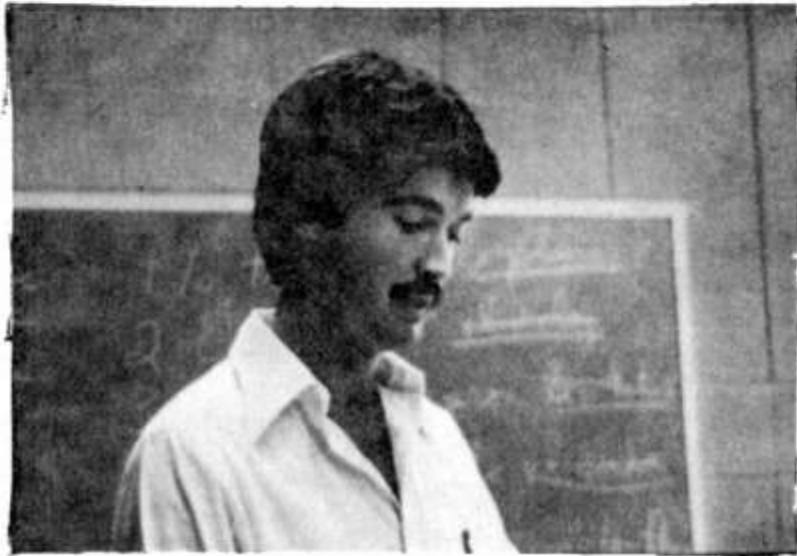
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South American girl visits

By Djuna Looney

On December 14, 1979, Sandy Montero, a foreign exchange student from Costa Rica, came to live with the Lockman family. Lee Ann and Lisa Lockman both feel that it was a very good experience for all three of them.

The Lockmans found out about Sandy through Mr. Buckner, the foreign language teacher at Lone Oak High School, and the Open Door Exchange Program. They communicated with Sandy through letters for two months before she came to live with them.

Sandy's family had to pay for her transportation to the United States and back home. They also had to buy Sandy winter clothes for the cooler climate in America and provide her with some spending money. The Lockman family had to supply her with room, board, and three meals a day, but they supplied extras during Christmas and around birthdays.

When Sandy first arrived there were no real problems, except a slight language barrier, and that was overcome in a few days. But not all exchanges work out this smoothly. Sometimes the student doesn't fit in with the family, or he becomes so homesick that the whole experience is miserable.

Sandy had to leave for home on February 20, 1980, and she didn't want to leave. She, Lee Ann, and Lisa still keep in touch. The Lockmans plan on visiting Sandy this summer in Costa Rica.

For more information about foreign exchange program call toll free 1-800-424-3691



Nils Möher, foreign exchange student from Sweden, enjoys Mr. Hanrahan's sixth hour history class.

Language classes popular with students

By Laura B. Carrico

Phrases such as "Love it!" and "It's a blast!" were used by students to describe the foreign language classes here at Lone Oak High School. There are exactly 140 foreign language students, 10 of whom are learning more than one language.

The language classes have grown considerably in the last five years. Mr. Dennis Buckner, Lone Oak's foreign language teacher, attributes this increase to the students' awareness of language requirements in college, and the stiffness of job competition.

Besides simply enjoying the class, there are other reasons why students take a foreign language. They seem to agree that learning a language will be helpful to them in the future. Many of them are planning careers in which the knowledge of a language will be useful. Several plan to travel and even live in a foreign country.

"It's important to be able to communicate with other people in the world," states senior Lee Ann Lockman, a three-year Spanish and first year French student. "Most people don't realize that Spanish is the second largest spoken language in the United States."

As for the work in a language class, the students agree that it isn't too hard if you're willing to work at it. Senior Lisa Lockman, French I and Spanish III, explains, "The work gets harder as

you go along, but if you learn it as you go and don't let it pile up, it's not too hard at all. Mr. Buckner helps you to understand things; he's patient."

Sophomore Regina Glisson, a first year Spanish student, says simply, "It's fun because it's so different from other classes."

"He (Mr. Buckner) understands when you can't get something," comments junior Tana Davis, a first year French and third year Spanish student. "If he has to explain it fifty times then he'll explain it fifty times. But he doesn't believe in laziness."

In addition to the study of grammar and vocabulary, foreign language students also learn about the cultures of other countries, through films, literature, and an occasional food-sampling.

Several of the students participate in the annual Murray State University Foreign Language Festival. This event includes academic competition in reading, writing, and speaking languages; and also in foods, handicrafts, and many other categories.

In order to excel in foreign language studies, Mr. Buckner feels that a student should have a desire to learn, interest in the subject, intelligence, ability, and, "They have to be willing to work at it. A kid could be a real whiz, but do poorly in a language class if he doesn't work enough at it."

Life in America experienced by Swedish student

By Djuna Looney

"What impresses me the most about Americans is that they are very friendly," said Nils Möher, a Swedish foreign exchange student at Lone Oak High School.

He became one of approximately 3,000 Swedish students in the United States by applying to several exchange programs. He was accepted by the American Scandinavian Student Exchange Program. This program also awarded him a scholarship to help cover the expenses of his trip.

He arrived in the United States from Stockholm, Sweden, on August 5. He plans on returning home in either June or July, 1982.

Nils believes that American students are more motivated in their studies than Swedish students are because American

students are allowed to pick the subjects they want to take in high school. Nils favorite subject at Lone Oak is Mr. Sensing's Advanced Chemistry class. He also admits that it is his hardest class.

In Sweden, high schools do not sponsor sports or extracurricular activities as high schools in America do. Therefore, Swedish students have to find ways to fill their spare time by themselves. Nils does this by being involved in the politics of his country. He attends meetings of the conservative party sometimes as often as once a day.

When Nils returns to Sweden he plans to finish high school, then he hopes to be selected for military service. Nils thinks that being a foreign exchange student will help him with his future plans.

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Louise Mandrell and R. C. Bannon perform at the Murray Field House as part of the Louise Mandrell Benefit to raise money for the



West Kentucky Easter Seal Center in the picture at the left. Louise and R. C. meet the press at the Rolling Hills Country Club, right.

Meet the students

By Lori Keeney

Once again your roving reporter has been let loose in the hallways to ask you, the student, thought provoking questions.

If you could change one thing about the way LOHS is run, what would it be?

Danny Beyer--Give the people until 8:30 until they are late.

Tony Wilson--No homework.

Scott Elkins--Let the students go to the bathroom anytime they want.

B.J. Hardy--Allow the upper classmen to be terrible to the freshman-like it was when I was a freshman.

John Cossiboom--There should be more school support in athletics.

Debbie Jeffrey--We should be able to leave for lunch.

Paul Williams--There should be longer time between classes.

If you could make one statement to Ronald Reagan, what would it be?

Danny Beyer--Quit monkeying around with the defense budget.

Scott Elkins--Blow Iran away!

Melinda Smith--Quit making all of the budget cuts.

John Cossiboom--Are you sure about all of your budget cuts?

Paul Williams--I've never met a person I didn't like...until now.

If you had to evacuate your house and could take only one thing with you, what would it be?

Danny Beyer--My guns, they are the most valuable thing I have.

Melinda Smith--All of my money.

Debbie Jeffrey--My stuffed animals, because they have sentimental value.

B. J. Hardy--Betty's buddy, Bertha Ballerina.

What do you think about all of the students going around school selling things?

Danny Beyer--Get away kid, you bug me.

Scott Elkins--Not much because I haven't bought anything.

John Cossiboom--They are selling too much at the same time.

Melinda Smith--I think it is fine, because they are supporting their clubs and groups.

Tony Wilson--We don't think money grows on trees.

B.J. Hardy--They should sell something worthwhile like Joey Ramone t-shirts and Devo glasses.

If you could be anybody in the world for a day, who would it be?

Debbie Jeffrey--Brooke Shields.

John Cossiboom--Tom Selleck, Magnum P.I.

Mandrells highlight benefit weekend

By Kim Austin

The Paducah Downtown Kiwanis Club presented Louise Mandrell in concert at the Murray State University Field House on September 12. Joining were her husband R. C. Bannon, and her sister Barbara.

The concert, tennis tournament, and golf tournament held on the weekend of September 11-13, were to raise money for the West Kentucky Easter Seal Center in Paducah.

Kiwanis Club Chairman Bill

Beasley said over \$70,000 will be grossed, and that after expenses, about 85 percent will go to the speech and hearing at the Easter Seal Center.

After the tennis tournament, held at P.C.C., benefit members and guests witnessed a tennis exhibition by Murray's Mel Purcell. Purcell's opponent was Chip Hooper, his college teammate at Memphis State University. Purcell went on to win, 7-5,6-1.

A barbecue and burgoon picnic by J.L. Beasley of Henderson,

Kentucky, was held later in the evening at the Drury Inn as awards were given to Paducah's Larry Heflin and Shirley Doran of Murray, as winners of the mixed doubles tennis tournament.

Following the picnic, benefit members loaded onto five buses at Drury Inn and were escorted to Murray by county and state police cars.

Personalities that attended the concert were former Kentucky Governor Jullian Carrol, Lt. Governor. Martha Layne Col-

lins, Basketball stars Rick Robey and Larry Bird of the Boston Celtics, tennis professional and Murray native Purcell, U.S. Representative Carroll Hubbard of Mayfield, MSU basketball coach Ron Greene, and Paducah native Don Cross.

A golf tournament was held at the Rolling Hills Country Club the next day.

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Osborn's latest measures up to past merit

By Andy Elbon

Author John Jay Osborn, Jr.'s first novel, *The Paper Chase*, was made into an Academy Award-winning movie, an acclaimed television series, and earned Osborn much praise as a author. His latest work, *The Man Who Owned New York*, does nothing less than re-affirm the critics' faith in him.

The story is of Robert Fox, a New York lawyer, who has worked towards the goal of being named junior partner in the prestigious firm of Castle and Lovett. While occupied for several years in this pursuit, Fox finally reaches his position in the partnership, only to realize that success doesn't insure happiness. Adding to this disturbing revelation, he loves a woman who will not marry him, his young associate is maddening in his endless pursuit for perfection, and he is dumped with the disagreeable task of tracking

down three million dollars missing from the estate of a deceased millionaire.

Though most of the plot is concerned with Fox in his search for the missing millions, there is a much deeper, underlying thread as Fox is forced to confront himself and recognize what he is. Fox's work on the case promotes a certain alienation between him and the world; he becomes an observer instead of a participant. This feeling of alienation is increased as his search goes on. The people he encounters during his work brings back many disturbing memories from his subconscious and increases his insecurities. Not until Fox finds the money are his inner conflicts resolved.

This novel contains moments of suspense, but its main strength is the easy continuation of the story, making it readable and intriguing; a story the reader will find hard to put down.

'Arthur' entertainment for all

By Becky DiSilvestro

The movie "Arthur" uses the old theme of "poor little rich boy saved by classless girl" in a delightfully humorous and unique way.

This film is a combination of many genres in various guises. "Arthur" will appeal to almost anyone, as it contains humor, romance, sadness, and even a slight suspense as to how the tale will really end.

In the humor area, Dudley Moore is always equipped with a bevy of one liners, each one better than the last. Mr. Moore plays the character of Arthur Bach, heir to millions of dollars, with a panache that is remarkably believable. Linda, played by Liza Minelli, contains a down to earth normalness that is at times an anchor for Arthur's flightiness and childness, while at the same time drawing out the sensitivity

and caring in him. Even so, my favorite was John Gielgud as Hobson the valet, a true gentleman's gentleman down to his very British fingertips. He plays Hobson with a crispness and a confidence that lends authority to the part. Hobson is the parent-like, lovable figure in Arthur's life, rarely unbending in his attitude but always there as a father figure to the little boy in Arthur.

This movie is of a young man, Arthur, irresponsible and rich all his life, surrounded by very responsible and position minded people who wish him to lead the life they choose. He merely ignores them when he can or drinks to face them when he can't.

One day in unusual circumstances Arthur meets a unique young lady, Linda. When with her, Arthur becomes a bit more adult and respectable. The

story climaxes when Arthur is pushed into a marriage with a socialite for whom he has no feelings. Delivered an ultimatum by his iron-willed father and grandmother and badgered by an intense father-in law-to-be, he is forced into making a choice between his lifestyle or Linda. Throughout the entire movie there is a rapport between the three leading characters which keeps the viewer on his toes at all times. The lesser characters, Susan, and Linda's father, as well as others, are also entertaining; appearing at key moment as suitable compliments to the Minelli-Moore combination. The theme song from the movie, "Arthur's theme", sung by Christopher Cross, is already climbing the charts and is just right for the opening night scenes of the more elite districts of New York City.



Stone's new release disappoints

By Roger Estes

English super-group *The Rolling Stones* have released a brand new album called "Tattoo You". Though it has potential it is a let down from past productions "Some Girls" and "Emotional Rescue".

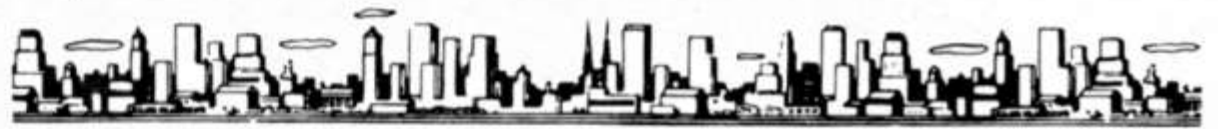
Side 1 contains the Rock-n-Roll sound that fans have come to expect from the *Stones*. But the second side is filled with off music. The songs are dull and uninteresting.

A short rock cut, "Start Me Up," has received the most air

time so far. Next came "Hang Fire" and "Little T and A". Both are typical *Stone* Productions. Closing side 1 is "Neighbors", a super hard-rock song. It is definitely the best song on the album.

Side 2 has relatively little to offer but slow monotonous music. "I'm Worried About You" sets the pace for the rest of the side.

Perhaps its few quality songs will attract customers. But it is doubtful that it will have the long range success as past *Rolling Stone* albums.



Illuzion to play at Homecoming dance

By Roger Estes

Illuzion, a rock-n-roll band from Paducah, will perform at the Lone Oak Homecoming Dance, October 2. The festivities will be held in the cafeteria following the Lone-Oak Reidland football game.

This jammin' band has appeared at some local establishments and has proven it self to be a real crowd-pleaser.

"I believe that our style of hard rock will go over very well with the Lone Oak crowd," proclaimed lead guitarist Jeff Dyer. "We play a lot of *Journey*, *Van Halen*, *Rush*, and some songs by *Foreigner*."

The other band members include Todd Dyer, Jeff's older brother, who plays bass; Rick Debuque, lead singer; Doug Long, drummer; and rhythm guitarist Jay Cummings.

Though a very talented group, *Illuzion* has been together for only four months. "It all started when I came up from Florida to visit my brother Todd here in

Paducah," said Jeff Dyer. "When he told me he was getting a group together I stuck around. In May of this year we got together, signed for a few gigs at

Bogey's, and here we are." *Illuzion* is planning only four more months in Paducah. They hope to tour southward soon.

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Band notes



Alabama on the riverfront

By Lisa Vasseur
 The Lone Oak High School Kentucky Colonel Band received numerous awards in their first competition of the season. Among the hardware accumulated was Best Colorguard, Best Field Commander, and first place in Class AAA. Over-all awards that were presented were Best Majorettes

and the Sweepstakes Award, which is given to the highest scoring band present. The competition was held September 12, at Heath High School Stadium. Seven other high school bands were present. Mr. Gary Crisp, LOHS band director, seems well pleased with the band's opening marching season. He stated, when asked his

opinion of the way the Colonels were beginning their year, "The attitude of the band is very good at this time. We (the band) have the potential to be the best band we've ever had at Lone Oak High School." Mr. Crisp also said, "The enthusiasm, co-operation and dedication of the band has been tremendous."

By Tamara Tucker
 Many of you may have been asking yourselves, "Why are so many people wearing *Alabama* T-shirts?" The people wearing those T-shirts probably purchased them at the Alabama concert which was held August 7 at Paducah's own Riverfront. *Alabama* is a country singing group consisting of four members: Randy Owen, lead guitar; Teddy Gentry, bass guitar; Jeff Cooke, double-neck guitar; and Mark Herndon, percussion. *Alabama* performed two concerts on August 7, one at 5:00 and one at 8:00. The concerts were opened by Chuck McCoil

and Kentucky Jam, a country group from Paducah, and George Strait, a new star on the country horizon. Terry Schmitt, a disc-jockey at country music radio station, WKYQ., made these comments on the concert. "I was really impressed with George Strait," he said, "I think he'll be the superstar of the '80's." And what about *Alabama*? "What can I say about *Alabama* that hasn't already been said?" *Alabama* performed some of their more popular hits including: "My Home Is In *Alabama*", "Why Lady, Why", "Feels So Right", and their first number one hit, "Tennessee River."



Fashion Update

By Lisa Vasseur
 As autumn approaches, more and more fall fashions are being seen in magazines and modeled in stores. This year lace, ruffles, and blousy styles are definitely in. Fluffy sweaters, button downs, pleated skirts, and blazers are still very popular as they were last autumn. An ever-lasting favorite is khaki and it is as popular this year as ever. Corduroy, wool, and linen blazers are a great idea to dress up blue jeans and are

also a favorite co-ordinating with skirts. If mixing and matching are what you like, the fashions this fall will especially please you. This fall almost anything can be combined. As far as footwear goes, flats, loafers, top-siders, and low heels are making it extremely big this year. Skirts worn with socks or hose with low or flat heels are really the favorite for fall. Pleated slacks, designer jeans, and khakis worn with this style of

shoe is also a combination of sportswear. Colorful rubber topped leather boots are also a fashionable but rugged fashion for the feet. Accessories such as head bands, scarves, ribbons, and pins are pretty to accent an autumn outfit. This autumn styles are versatile and many are out of the ordinary. So, when the temperature drops, snuggle up and keep warm but look smashing at the same time.

Choir plans fund raisers

By Lisa Vasseur
 The Lone Oak High Choirs are beginning their year planning and preparing. Many fund raising events are in the process of being scheduled. All funds will be aimed at a possible trip to the World's Fair in May. The choir will sponsor their annual turkey shoot October 31, and on October 24 the choir parents will sponsor an all male "Miss America" contest. As of now, the contestants of the "Miss America" contest are Mr.

Stephenson, Mr. McGroarty, Mr. Rushing, Mr. Cruse, and Mr. Buckingham. The choir's goal is to obtain a contestant to represent each of the fifty states. John Williams from WPSD TV will be master of ceremonies at the pageant and Joel Ellington, state representative, will be one of the judges. Also upcoming in the choir's schedule is madrigal auditions which takes place at the end of September.




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Tennis professional Mel Purcell strives for top ten in the world yet takes time off for the Louise Mandrell Benefit.

Tennis pro Purcell visits Paducah

By Kim Austin

"My goal in tennis is to make the top ten in the world and to have a good time doing it," said tennis professional Mel Purcell last September 12 at Paducah Community College. Purcell flew into Paducah to give an exhibition match in honor of The First Annual Louise Mandrell Benefit.

Purcell's opponent during the exhibition was his college teammate Chip Hooper. Hooper used a straight-on powerful serve and volley attack against Purcell.

Purcell, however, was too quick and used every shot to beat Hooper 7-5, 6-1. The exhibition drew less than 75 people, but what money was raised from the \$2-per-person admission charge will go to the West Kentucky Easter Seal Center's speech and hearing lab.

As a 22 year old Murray native, Mel Purcell has been ranked as high as 21st in the world. He has won such tournaments as the USTA National Indoor and Outdoor Champion-

ships in 1978 and captured the 1979 Pan American Games singles and doubles gold medals. He was named the 1980 Rolex Rookie of the Year and has earned over \$100,000 in prize money while winning the Tampa Open and the prestigious Atlanta Constitution-Journal Tournament.

Aside from playing tennis, Purcell took time off from his busy schedule to join other celebrities in playing golf in the Mandrell Benefit at Rolling Hills Country Club on September 13.

Flashes

blast bombers in season opener

By Todd Dowdy

Trouncing heavy favorite Ballard County 22-6, the Lone Oak Purple Flashes opened their 1981-82 season August 28.

The Flashes took the opening kickoff but failed to score. In

fact, the entire first quarter was a "see-saw" battle with neither team crossing their opponent's goal line.

Lone Oak received the first break of the game as Ballard fumbled a Bryan Stevens punt leaving Lone Oak with excellent field position on the Ballard County 14-yard line. Scott Elkins then scored Lone Oak's first touchdown with 2:45 left in the half. Senior Shane Jones added the extra point giving Lone Oak a 7-0 lead going into the locker room.

The Bombers put points on the board for the first time early in the fourth quarter on a three-yard dive over the Flashes goal line. The extra point attempt fail-

ed, making the score 7-6.

On their very next possession, Lone Oak drove 61 yards for yet another touchdown. The touchdown was scored by senior John Lossiboom on a pass from quarterback Jones. Kevin Hinkle then added two points on the conversion to make the score 15-6 with just over six minutes left in the game.

Ballard, again unable to score, turned the ball over to Lone Oak. On this possession a touchdown pass from Shane Jones to Greg Raney put an end to Ballard's chances. Jones once again added the extra point making the final score, 22-6.

Freshmen take first two opponents

By Stephanie Edwards and Kim Austin

The Freshman football team has started their season with a bang. The team won their first two games.

The Flash defeated Calloway County September 10 at the Flash field by a large margin. Two touchdowns were made by John Myers. Also Mike Scheer recovered a fumble to add another victory for Lone Oak. The final score was 18-0.

Murray proved to be another victory for Lone Oak. On September 17 at Murray the Flash trampled the Tigers 20-6. Ethan Taylor helped contribute three touchdowns.

Freshman Coach Jim Lyles stated that the team is expected to do well this year. "The guys have a very good attitude toward the game."

Flashes' 1981 Football Schedule

JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

August 28	Marshall County	Away
October 5	Reidland	Away
October 12	Heath	Away
October 19	Murray	Home

VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

October 2	Reidland	Home
October 9	Heath	Away
October 16	Webster County	Away
October 30	Union County	Home
November 6	Murray	Away

FRESHMAN FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

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October 15	Heath	Home
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Flashes victorious in first district game

By Beth Cossiboom

The Lone Oak Purple Flash won their first district victory in the Lone Oak-Crittenden County game, September 11. Lone Oak won the game, 21-0.

In the first half, neither team was able to score. Lone Oak had a slow start with penalties setting the Flash back. "With the offensive line playing exceptionally well, the Crittenden team had no chance against us," stated junior Scott Elkins, who had 19 carries and 123 yards rushing in the evening's action. Even with fumbles, Lone Oak managed to dominate first half statistics. The Flash had eight first downs to

Crittenden's one, and 123 yards on the ground to the Rocket's 25.

The first of the Flashes' scoring occurred in the third quarter with junior tight end Kevin Wheatley catching a play-action pass from senior quarterback Shane Jones from 19 yards out. In less than a minute, Kevin Wheatley intercepted a Crittenden pass to add 6 more points to the Oaker's score. With the help of two extra points by Jones, Lone Oak had a 14-0 lead.

To open the fourth quarter, a snap from center Danny Beyer to Shane Jones was handed off to junior fullback Kevin Hinkle,

who ran it for a Flash one yard touchdown. "We really played a great game," commented Hinkle. "The defense played well and kept Crittenden from scoring against us."



Junior Scott Elkins (40) sweeps to the outside behind the blocking of Jeff Conkwright (44) against Calloway County. Calloway won 14-6.

Lone Oak suffers defeat in second game

By Beth Cossiboom

"Tilghman's tough defense, strong passing game, and Lone Oak's own first half playing were the causes of the 32-7 Flash defeat," stated junior Jeff Conkwright in remarks made about the September 4 Lone Oak loss.

The Purple Flashes only scoring occurred in the first half. A 47 yard touchdown pass thrown by junior Tony Cipolla to Kevin Wheatley accounted for all of Lone Oak's scoring. In the second half, the Flashes passing game improved dramatically, with senior quarterback Shane Jones completing over 50% of his

passes. Still it was not enough to stop the destructive force of the powerful Blue Tornadoes, according to junior Tony Cipolla. The low points of the game were the many Flash fumbles and turnovers, with the offensive line not playing up to their regular potential. "We were intimidated by their size, speed, and the (fact they are) champs," said senior defensive end John Cossiboom. He added, "In the first half we made costly mistakes because of this. The Lone Oak team did have its chance to display its ability to play when they came out for the second half."

"We buckled down to play ball and stopped making mistakes to set the Big Blue back," Team Captain Bryan Stevens explained; "We were undecided the first half, but in the second half Coach Pandolfi made us realize they weren't as tough as we had anticipated." Paducah Tilghman only scored one touchdown against the Flashes defense.

Lone Oak did have its share of injuries, including pulled muscles and cramps. Junior Danny Beyer didn't play due to his ankle injury received during the August 28 Ballard County game.

Lone Oak suffers first district loss

By Todd Dowdy

Lone Oak and Calloway County, both undefeated in district play met September 18 at Calloway County. The Lakers won 14-6 and remained in first place, undefeated in Class AAA.

On the first drive of the game, Lone Oak drove for some 65 yards aided by a pass interference call and the running of Scott Elkins. This gave Lone Oak excellent field position on the Calloway County four-yard line. On fourth down and a yard to go, quarterback Shane Jones connected with Greg Raney only to have the ball slapped away. The Lakers recovered the fumble ending Lone Oak's drive. Calloway County was also unable to score on their possession. In fact, neither team managed to score in the first quarter.

Not until late in the second quarter did Calloway manage to cross the goal line. The drive started with just over five minutes left in the half and ended on a one-yard plunge by Tommy

Workman with 1:37 left before the buzzer. This gave Calloway a 7-0 lead and the momentum going into the third quarter.

The Lakers came out charged in the third quarter as they marched 70 yards for another touchdown. This score came with 7:09 left in the third quarter.

Although Lone Oak failed to score in the third quarter, early in the fourth quarter Gabe Reeves blocked a Calloway punt giving Lone Oak the ball on the Laker's 37 yard line. With 8:04 left in the game, junior Tony Cipolla added Lone Oak's only score of the game from three yards out.

Calloway, unable to score, was forced to punt giving Lone Oak another opportunity to score with six minutes left in the contest. The Flash, with a flurry of fumbles and a sack by Calloway were forced to punt, never to have possession of the ball again. The game ended with the final score, 14-6.

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Round Robin begins fall tennis season

By Stephanie Edwards

Beginning with a round robin tournament, Lone Oak's girls' tennis team has started its fall season. This tournament determines positions on the team for the fall matches.

The Flash began their fall matches September 9 by defeating Sikeston, Missouri on the Lone Oak courts. The final score was 5-4.

On September 22, the Flash took on Charleston, Missouri, to add another victory. 4 singles matches and 3 doubles matches were won. 7-3 was the final score.

Senior Suzie Wilkins captured

the top seed by narrowly defeating Karen Herndon in the tournament. Herndon, also a senior and ranked second, is followed by senior Kim Austin. In the fourth position is junior Stephanie Edwards, followed by freshman Cathy Thweatt and senior Kim Tidwell. Senior Julie Lippert and Freshman Dana Shannon occupy the seventh and eighth positions. Other members include sophomores Dawn Alexander and Cindy Debow, and juniors Rhonda Hooper and Lisa Mick.

