

## Meek reigns as Queen

By Beth Cossiboom  
and Stephanie Edwards

Senior Polly Meek was chosen 1981-82 Homecoming Queen during the festivities held October 2 at the Flash field. She was elected by the varsity football team and crowned by last year's queen, Teresa Harwood.

Miss Meek was chosen from a field of six senior Queen candidates. "I was suprised and honored to be selected Queen. It has made my senior year," stated Polly. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Lowell E. Meek of Charlotte Ann Drive. Polly plays an active part in Lone Oak's extra curricular activities. She is involved in DECA, Biology Club, and Phi Alpha Delta Sorority. She is also a Junior Rotarian, and is very active in Beta Club. In her spare time she enjoys gymnastics, swimming, and horseback riding.

There were four senior attendents, P.J. Clayton, Penny Ezell, Julie Habacker, and Julie Lippert.

P.J. Clayton lives on Boxwood Drive with parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Clayton. Gabe Reeves was Miss Clayton's escort. She is a varsity cheerleader and is involved in the Biology Club, Key Club,

and FBLA. P.J. is also an officer in the choir.

Penny Ezell is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Ezell. Her escort was David Lentz. Miss Ezell is a member of the Student Council, the Key Club, Biology Club, and is an honorary member of the Phi Alpha Delta sorority.

Julie Habacker resides at Rt. 11, Highland Church Road with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Lynn Habacker. She was escorted by Shane Jones. Julie is captain of the varsity cheerleaders and was elected senior class treasurer. She is also a member of Biology Club, Key Club, and Phi Alpha Delta sorority.

Julie Lippert lives with parents Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Lippert at Route 1, Boaz. Miss Lippert's escort was Greg Thompson. She serves as co-captain for the varsity cheerleaders, senior class secretary, and vice president for the Student Council. Julie is a member of the Key Club, Tennis Team, and Phi Alpha Delta sorority.

Representing the junior class was Allyson Joiner. This is the second consecutive year for Miss Joiner to serve as attendant for her class. Allyson is a resident of

Krebs Station Road; her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Joiner. Escorting her was David Burns. She is a varsity cheerleader, along with being a member of DECA Club and Physical Science Club.

Sophomore attendant Danya Lamont is the daughter of Carole Owen and Dan Lamont of RT.

11, Colony Drive. Danya is pledging Phi Alpha Delta sorority and is a member of the Biology Club and the Key Club. Her escort was John Cossiboom.

Rebecca Throgmorten served as freshman attendant. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Throgmorten of 105

Atlanta. Her activities at L.O.H.S. are junior varsity cheerleader, freshmen reporter and she is in the Biology Club. Her escort was Barry Henson.

Following the football game, the traditional Homecoming Dance was held in the cafeteria. The band Illuzion was featured.



Senior Polly Meek is the 1981 Football Homecoming Queen. (Staff photo by Tamara Tucker)



Della Barnes died in 1897 amid mysterious circumstances. Her statue is pictured here in Oakgrove cemetary. (Staff photo by Marlie Spears)

## A Halloween story

### The legend of Della Barnes

By Marlie Spears

Della Barnes is a part of Paducah's history. Her life is a mystery but it has aroused the interest of some Paducahans enough that several stories are told of her life or death?

Della's death is a big part of the mystery: there are two theories concerning the way she died. One story states that on a cold, dreary Halloween night, Della was waiting for her husband to come home from work. It was her normal procedure to greet him at the door. On this particular night her husband greeted her with a bouquet of flowers. It is said that hidden in-

side the bouquet was camouflaged a knife. As the husband went to hug his wife he let the flowers press up against her chest until the knife lodged into her causing her death. Another story is that Della had a liver condition and had to take sulfur pills. It is thought that either her husband or a wealth-crazed murderer placed some sort of poison in her pill box; another possible cause of death.

As the story continues it is said that Della and her husband were well-to-do. When Della died there was a ring on one of Della's right-hand fingers. Evidently it was of great importance to so-

meone, because when she died it is said that an axe was used to chop off her fingers in order to get the ring.

Whatever the case may be there is a statue of Della placed in Oakgrove Cemetary on the eastside of town. On the statue there are no fingers on the right hand and on Halloween it is believed that blood trickles from the chopped fingers. Also, a warning has been sounded to those who have dared to deface or try to destroy the statue. It is said that ghastrly and supernatural things will and have happened to those who dare.

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### If at first you don't succeed. . .

By Jeff Abell

With election day, November 3, just around the corner, voters will face one very important question concerning a change in the Kentucky Constitution. The question is a constitutional amendment labeled as "the succession amendment".

The succession amendment asks voters whether the governor and other state officials should be eligible for re-election for one successive term. (Those officials, besides the governor are: lieutenant governor, treasurer, auditor of public accounts, secretary of state, commissioner of agriculture, labor, and statistics, attorney general, superintendent of public instruction, and register of the land office.) It also asks voters to allow the county sheriff to be eligible to unlimited suc-

cessive terms.

If this amendment is passed, each incumbent state official will be eligible for re-election for one additional term. After they have served two consecutive terms, they will then be ineligible for re-election to that office for the succeeding four years.

Opponents to the amendment argue that passage of the amendment is a possible invitation to machine politics and that our state constitution already makes the Kentucky governor one of the most powerful in the nation.

On the other hand, arguments in favor of the amendment maintain that the one-term restriction forces a governor to retire at the point he is most knowledgeable about the federal/state relationships. They also stress that all but six states permit the governor to

seek a second term.

State Representative Butch Burnett expressed his concern over the amendment at a recent public forum entitled "Election '81-Issues and Candidates" at the Paducah city hall. "It is wrong to see legislation passed for the benefit of the present administration. The dangers are too great for us to pass it," he said.

Vast media campaigns are being conducted around the state by both opposing and supporting sides of the amendment. The opposing force, known as the "Committee for Kentucky", are soliciting monetary donations to finance their campaign. They cite that the supporters of the amendment, like King George of England, have hundreds of thousands of dollars to spend.

### Do you know the origin of Halloween?

(Editor's note: This is a reprint of an article that originally appeared in the OAK K on October 22, 1973.)

Halloween, meaning hallowed or holy evening, was the day before All Saints Day to the early Celts and Druids. This was their substitute for New Years Eve since the new year then began on November 1. This celebration was also called Samhain, meaning the end of the summer and the beginning of winter.

The Druids tried to placate the Lord of Death. It was believed that the spirits of those who had died during the past twelve months were allowed on this one occasion to visit their homes for a

few hours. It was also an important rite to light great bonfires on hilltops to honor the sun god and to frighten away evil spirits that had been released on that special night. These people then put on grotesque masks and danced around the fires pretending that evil spirits were pursuing them. The Druids also believed a cat to be sacred. Supposedly, a cat was once a human being but was changed because of his evil deeds.

Some folks came to believe that on Halloween night that people could tell fortunes by performing such rituals as jumping over lighted candles.

It was also believed that on Halloween night that dead spirits

roamed the earth and the only way to get rid of them was to build big bonfires.

There are many superstitions connected with Halloween. A very interesting superstition is the origin of the Jack-O-Lantern. There was once a man named Jack who could not enter heaven because of his miserliness. He could not enter hell because he had played tricks on the devil. He was supposedly left on the earth to roam with a lantern until the day of judgment.

As the years went by, harmless, though often "daring" pranks gave way to behavior that was boisterous and destructive. This increased after World War II.

### Student rights are a legal matter

In a time when school violence is becoming more and more prevalent, administrators have increased efforts to keep their institutions under control. Though these administrators have the best for the school in mind, many school rules have brought about violations of student rights. Although the situation isn't severe here at Lone Oak, such rules have given some public schools an almost prison-like atmosphere.

For example, a major central Kentucky high school prohibits male students to grow long hair or mustaches. This belief that a "hippie" appearance creates a disruptive atmosphere doesn't even warrant the research needed to prove it. A probable explanation for this rule is that the administrator responsible prefers to see clean-shaven men with close-cropped hair.

Codes of appearance are not the only areas where students suffer from rights violations. In Kentucky a school official may

search a student's locker or person with only a suspicion of crime. Neither a warrant nor probable cause is necessary.

Although there are times when common sense allows such searches (i.e., a bomb threat), an unwarranted search under any other circumstances is in direct violation of a student's rights guaranteed by the Fourth Amendment.

Public schools cannot legally violate a student's freedom of the press; his self-expression; his freedom of speech; his personal privacy. Yet violation of these rights is as common as getting a parking ticket.

Students should have every right inside school walls that they are guaranteed as citizens of the United States. When an administrator denies rights with no regard for the student's voice, he not only jeopardizes order in public schools, he threatens the development of tomorrow as well.

### To the Editor. . .

Dear OAK K Staff:

Let me take this opportunity to thank you for the fine coverage you gave foreign languages in your first issue of this year's paper. The articles were interesting, informative and well-written.

It is encouraging to know that

students are interested enough in languages and foreign affairs to give it the coverage you made available.

You have the right to be proud of your paper and your abilities. Again, thanks and keep up the good work.

Sincerely,  
Dennis Buckner

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# Meet the students

By Holly Harris

The following are responses from you, the students, on some controversial questions asked in the halls and classrooms of Lone Oak High School by your roving reporter:

**Do you think the drinking age should be lowered?**

**Tom Renfrew:** Yes, because 18 is a responsible age for anyone to drink.

**Marta Garland:** No, because drinking is a big responsibility, and 18 is a little young to take on such a responsibility.

**Debbie Mayhugh:** Yes, because everybody gets it anyway.

**Dan Shaw:** Yes, if they lowered the drinking age, people wouldn't use as many drugs.

**Ellen Taylor:** Yes, because if people are considered responsible enough to drive at age 16 then at 17 and 18 they should be responsible enough to drink.

**Danya Lamont:** Yes, to 18.

**Do you think marijuana should be legalized?**

**Alicia French:** No, because everybody would be stoned all the time.

**Ellen Taylor:** No, because there are too many irresponsible people

in the world.

**Devin Potts:** Yes, to keep me out of trouble.

**Dan Shaw:** No comment.

**Do you think abortion should be illegal?**

**Debbie Mayhugh:** Yes, because you're taking another life.

**Tom Renfrew:** Yes, because you're depriving someone the chance to live.

**Alicia French:** Yes, because it is murder.

**Ellen Taylor:** Yes, because you're taking someone's life.

**What do you think of the preppy look?**

**Marta Garland:** Some of it is fine, but there is a limit.

**Alicia French:** I like it because it makes people look neater!

**Ellen Taylor:** It's okay, but there is such a thing as taking it too far.

**Danya Lamont:** I like it.

**Tom Renfrew:** It's boring.

**Do you think Ronald Reagan is a good president?**

**Devin Potts:** No.

**Danya Lamont:** Yes, he keeps his promises.

**Debbie Mayhugh:** Yes, he seems to know what he's doing.

**Dan Shaw:** Yes, he shoots first and asks questions later.



Junior Rotarian Scott Bratton



# Rodeo proves success

By C.D. Kash

Saddle bronc riding, steer wrestling, barrel racing, and the most dangerous, bull riding, were among the many highlighted events at the Jackson Purchase Rodeo. It was held in Paducah on October 8-10 at Carson Park, and sponsored by the Lone Oak Kiwanis Club.

The Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) includes world-class cowboys competing for record prize money on tough stock in top caliber competition. Each event in the rodeo

has a standard set of rules. Judging of the events depends upon the twisting and bucking of the animal and not necessarily how long the cowboy can stay on.

Any rodeo would not be complete without the spontaneous rodeo clown. The major purpose of the clown is to attract the bull's attention away from the fallen rider. The clown which travels with the the PRCA is Jack Lang from Huntsville, Alabama. Lang has spent 14 years as a rodeo clown. "I find my work both enjoyable and outrageously

adventurous. Rodeos are becoming more and more popular and I am constantly amazed at the great numbers of people who turnout for each one. It is an all-around family event!" he said. In addition to being a clown, Lang is employed as an electrician-maintenance man for NASA in Huntsville.

With over 10,000 in attendance for the three day event, Kiwanis affiliate Glen Smith was very pleased with the turnout and considered it a very successful event.

Some of Scott's hobbies are ping-pong, soccer, history, and playing Dungeons and Dragons. He has also enjoyed teaching tennis.

# Roots of the OAK K

By Tamara Tucker

Did you ever happen to wonder how the OAK K came into being?

The class of 1940-41 began the newspaper. A member of that class was Mr. Marvin Reber, once a social studies teacher at Lone Oak and presently a home-bound teacher, he was on the first OAK K staff. Mr. Reber was a feature writer and, along with Russell Shelton, was Co-sports editor.

According to Mr. Reber, the

OAK K was 4 pages then and much the same as it is now. "It has become a better quality newspaper," he commented.

The name of the paper OAK K was also put together by that class. The word "oak" came from that original oak tree that Lone Oak was named for. The paper became the OAK K because, in Mr. Reber's words, "We thought it was an "O. K." newspaper."

# Magazine sale ends

By Lori Keeney

This year's magazine raffle was a success, with over \$2,000 raised. Vicki Brien was the top winner and Kenny Harpe came in close second place. The FFA was also victorious, as the organization.

Vicki Brien, a member of DECA, sold 23 subscriptions for a total of \$255 worth of magazine. She won the top prize for the top \$50 or any prize. Vicki chose the \$50 prize.

Kenny Harpe won second top prize for \$248 worth of magazine. He received \$100 worth of magazine.

Once again the FFA was the winner. It averaged per capita \$100 worth of magazine. Wood and his family were the winners at any restaurant.

Vicki Brien was the salesperson for the weekend. Vicki sold 20 freethrows, each one that she hit. Gilliland made the most hits, hitting 16 out of

the top \$2 for each foot jumped.

There were two money tree winners. Shawnee Goheen, who won the money tree of \$20, and Daniel Gram, who picked the money tree.



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Senior Troy Ligon advanced to national competition at the American Institute on Cooperative Education in Ft. Knox, Colorado this past summer, earning for himself a \$400 scholarship.

## Ligon awarded scholarship at national seminar

By Jeff Abell

The American free enterprise system is based on the sound principles of competition and profits. That's exactly what earned senior Troy Ligon an expense-paid trip to Colorado and a \$400 scholarship this past summer!

Ligon was one of seven local qualifiers who attended the Kentucky Youth Free Enterprise Seminar June 30 at the University of Kentucky. During this three day event guest speakers spoke on cooperatives as well as the American free enterprise system. Daily tests were given to the approximate 500 students from across the state. The last day of the seminar tests scores were tallied and Ligon was one of the 14 highest scorers, enabling him to receive an expense paid trip to the American Institute on Cooperative Education at the Colorado State University in Ft. Knox, Colorado. Approximately 7,500 students from across the country attended this seminar.

Nationally known entertainment and business figures addressed the group, including the head of the Food and Drug Administration, John B. Adams, country comedian Jerry Clower, and University of Arkansas football coach Lou Holtz. At the conclusion of the event, a 15-page test was given to all students attending. Ligon placed second from the Kentucky delegation and received a \$400 scholarship to the college of his choice.

"I thought it was a great opportunity to meet people, see some beautiful Colorado scenery, and to make some money", said Ligon of his experiences at the seminar.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ligon, Troy is a member of the Physical Science Club, the Paducah Law Enforcement Post, and is a member of the Omega Psi Chi Fraternity.

Ligon will go towards the University of Kentucky and find the career he desires.



Bike-a-Thon participant Stacy Overby raised the most money for Cystic Fibrosis, turning in \$470.

## Biking for a good cause

By Lori Keeney

A group of energetic bikers peddled to a total of \$4,000 in this year's cystic fibrosis Bike-a-Thon, sponsored by the Key club.

Mr. Tony McGroarty was the chairman of the Bike-a-Thon, held September 26, in the Carson Park riding rink. There were 56 riders in the event. The Lone Oak students who rode were: Michelle Spence, Julie Habacker, Duane Elmore, Robert Parsons, and Jimmy Hall.

Dianne Katterjohn, a worker at the Bike-a-Thon, commented, "Everybody worked real hard." The other members of the Key Club who worked for the cause were: Bill Dibert, Wendy Westmorland, Djuna Looney, Tony Shaw, Donna Batts, Scott Overby, Dena Giaccone, and Christi Westmorland.

McGroarty is concerned about cystic fibrosis and explains it is a disease that effects the respiratory and digestive track of people. In Mr. McGroarty's words, "It is worse than cancer because it kills everyone." The money from the Bike-a-Thon will go towards the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and find the cure for the disease.

McGroarty would like to give the money to everyone who participated. Kack Hardy, of the Omega Psi Chi Fraternity at Lone Oak High School, who made the most money, earns \$10 for his efforts.

Overby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Overby raised the most money for the cause by turning in \$470. Stacy is a fifth grader from Lone Oak. He rode a 10-speed bike, a wind-up bike, and a T-shirt for his efforts.

## New sorority Delta Sigma Xi is established

By Lisa Vasseur

A new sorority, Delta Sigma Xi, is being established at Lone Oak High School. Sophomores Regina Tracy and Michelle Hayes are president and vice president.

Mrs. Carolyn Tracy, mother of the sorority president, was recently asked by Beta Sigma Phi International to sponsor a new sorority at Lone Oak. She then found that some students at Lone Oak were interested in the idea of forming a new sorority.

Delta Sigma Xi's first meeting was held in September. The sorority voted in rules, officers, and sorority colors, which are maroon and gold. Ten sweethearts were elected. They are Jeff Conkwright, Mike

Presley, Billy Hagan, Theodore Peshehonoff, Scott Elkins, Eric Coleman, Randy Rutherford, Mark Rust, and Roger Hagan.

Later on in the school year fund raising events will be sponsored by the sorority, such as dances, sales, and other activities not yet decided.

Regina Tracy commented, "I think that two sororities in a school are better than one because it gives people a choice of which one to be a member of."

Delta Sigma Xi's total membership is not yet official. Members will not be rushed or pledged until the beginning of the 1982-83 school year. Regular meetings of the sorority are the second and fourth Monday of each month.



A group of tired but head strong bikers continue to peddle their way to the finish line at the cystic fibrosis Bike-a-Thon sponsored by the Lone Oak Key Club.

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# Rubik invented it; Can you solve it?

By Djuna Looney

Erno Rubik, a Budapest professor of architecture, invented a cube in 1975 to help his students visualize three-dimensional geometry. Now, six years later, it has taken over minds world-wide. A person might ask, "What does this horrible, mind controlling invention look like and how does it work?" It's not very complicated; as a matter of fact, it's very simple. Each side of the cube measures about two inches. It's made up of 26 individual cubes that are called "cubies". The sides of the cubes are either green, yellow, orange, red, blue, or white. The cubes are moved by twisting them around a main axis. The object is to get the cubes on the sides the same color. You probably think this sounds simple enough, so you get a cube and attempt to work it. The good

thing about Rubik's cube is that it usually comes already solved. The number of possible combinations that the cubes can be arranged in is 43,252,003,274,489,856,000. Even so, many "cubists" are able to solve Rubik's cube. There are even a few cube masters who can solve it with incredible speed. The latest record for working the cube the fastest is 32 seconds, but that record probably will soon be broken. One might think that Rubik's cube is a one-of-a-kind thing. However, the science of cubology is an ever-widening field. A "magic domino" and a 4x4x4 cube are now in the planning stages. If you have never attempted to solve Rubik's cube, perhaps you should. But a warning is in order; it can be highly addictive



The games featured on this page are experiencing a surge in popularity. However, there are many other games that high school students enjoy playing. Uno is a relatively new card game for two to ten players. The object of the game is to be the first person to play all of his cards. It is a popular game to play at parties or at any group gathering. Many board games are still very popular because they allow more than one person to play at a time. Monopoly is an old favorite which is still popular. Other well known board games are Clue, Careers, Risk, and Sorry.

Checkers and chess are two games that are making a comeback. As many people know, checkers is a game played by two people. The object is to capture all 12 of your opponents pieces. Chess is also a game for two people, but it requires more complicated moves and strategy than checkers does. To win a game of chess you have to capture your opponents king. And, despite the overwhelming success of video games, pinball machines are still a favorite at arcades. Pinball was really the first game that was a challenge between man and machine. It takes skill and practice in order to score

# Games that are entertaining

By Laura Carrico

As science advances, the world is turning more and more toward computers and electronics in the home, office, school, and recreation. That present trend includes electronic games such as the ones found in game rooms, arcades, skating rinks, stores, bowling alleys, and food establishments, and also the home video games played on television. Asteroids, Space Invaders, and Pac-man are among the most popular games, all of which offer a challenge and require skill. "We're going into an age of electronics," comments junior Glen Hayden. "I think more people are looking for a challenge." Mr. Joe DuPerrieu, owner of DJ's Game Room, said that he guessed it all started with the original TV Tennis game, and grew after games such as Space Invaders were introduced. When asked what he thought sparked the interest, he said, "I think it's the challenge of man against machine, and trying to get a higher score than the next guy." The challenge is not the only thing that lures people to play these games. "People like to get away from

school and work, and just escape from the world. It's an escapist's dream," stated sophomore Tim Harris. Sophomore Kevin Clark feels that the games give you a chance to do things that you can't do in real life such as "blast an enemy out of existence, and shoot down aliens." Sophomore Roger Jett has found a "second home" with his hobby. "I started playing a few years ago when I saw this guy play Space Chase for an hour and a half on one quarter." After much practice, Roger almost had him matched by playing the same game for an hour and fifteen minutes. "Playing them is almost an addiction now," he added. "I've been trying to quit, so I'll go down to watch other people play, and then I just have to play!" Enjoyment of electronic games is not limited to teenagers. Mr. DuPerrieu noted that "kids from 10 to 40" frequent his game room. States Roger Jett, "My mom works there (Super X) and sometimes she comes out on her lunch break and plays Galaxy."

# Dragons are in their Dungeons; all's well with the world

By Becky DiSilvestro

The game Dungeons and Dragons, affectionately known to its followers as "D & D", was once thought to be dead, but according to Lone Oak High School seniors Troy Ligon and Scott Bratton, it's still alive and going strong. Dungeons and Dragons became a nationwide fad when newspapers around the country picked up the story of a young college student from New York, who, along with other students, would act out the adventures of "D & D" and the sewers of the city, and had disappeared without a trace. He eventually turned up in Houston, Texas, disclaiming any relation to the Dungeons and Dragons game. It was because of this news coverage that Troy Ligon, Scott Bratton, and others, including Mr. Larry Heflin, math teacher, became interested in the game.

Troy enjoys Dungeons and Dragons because it is a game of total fantasy. It appeals to Scott because it offers a chance to get together with a group of friends as well as have fun at the same time. Asked if the popularity for "D and D" has faded because the exposure has been decreasing, Mr. Heflin stated "No", adding that "it's in the masses now." Troy added that unlike a year ago, one can find "D and D" equipment almost anywhere. As proof of the growing popularity, the "D and D" official magazine "Dragons", once was a four page newsletter sent to only approximately 500 people. Today it is a 175 or more page magazine, costing \$3 and reaches a million people throughout the world. The credit for the Dungeons and Dragons goes to Gary Gygax, who in 1973 first for-

mulated the game. Gygax is the publisher of the monthly magazine "Dragon" and has made quite a large amount of money for his innovative idea. Dungeons and Dragons is anything but a simple game; if anything, the opposite. There are numerous manuals for assistance including the "Players Handbook", "Dungeon Masters Guide", the "Monster Manual", and various other books of reference. In order to play this game, there is a need for imagination as well as intelligence. Each game is a different operation or adventure with the Dungeon Master controlling the experiences of the players. The further one gets into the game the more complicated it becomes. Troy Ligon expressed this best, saying, "It's a game you don't want to sit down and play for 15 minutes, you want to play for 5 or 6 hours!"

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By Stephanie Edwards and Lori Kenney

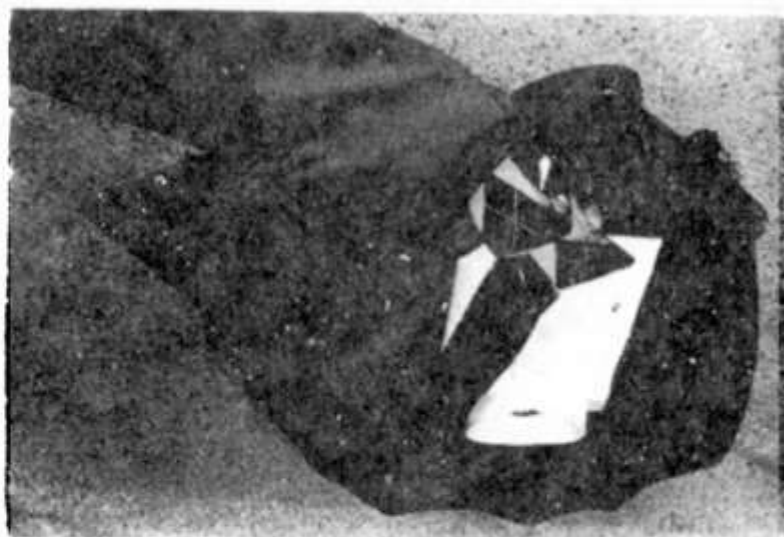
This year's fashions are basically the same as last year's. Button down shirts, sweaters, and jeans are still around, although there are some new styles.

In girl's fashions, wool shorts have become a popular new style. Mostly plaid is seen in this type of shorts. Combined with a sweater or blazer they add pizzazz to any wardrobe. Also Eisenhower jackets have made a successful comeback.

Flannel shirts and goose down vests or jackets have made a big hit with the guys. Jeans or corduroy pants make good matchmakers with these. Like last season's Izod craze, Polo by Ralph Lauren has rapidly taken its place in this year's styles.



Plaid wool shorts are new on the scene, seen here with an oxford shirt, along with the traditional top-siders. A polo crew neck brings this outfit together. (Staff photo by Tamara Tucker)



Dress pants and a sports coat highlighted by a Polo oxford shirt will snaz up any guys fall wardrobe. Loafers and a tie are excellent accessories. (Staff photo by Tamara Tucker)

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# Show ring home for Miss Davis

By Laura Carrico

"I don't know what I'd do if I didn't show horses; that's all I do!" stated junior Tana Davis. Like many other horse-lovers, she has found in the show ring an exciting and enjoyable hobby which offers experiences she will never forget.

"I've liked horses ever since I was old enough to know what one was," stated Tana, who has never known life without them.

She became interested in showing her horses in 1975 when she attended a horse show in which her brother-in-law's sister was riding.

Tana presently owns three horses which include Cat Ballou, a six year old grey mare; Golden Nugget, a seven year old palomino mare; and Nugget's foal, Semethin' Special.

Golden Nugget was shown in Western classes in 1978, earning 42 awards in ribbons and trophies.

Tana has had Cat Ballou for one year and shown her this August and September. Cat has been in seven shows, including ones in Lone Oak, Grandville, Clarksville, Nashville, and St. Louis. Her awards include 9 first places, 7 seconds, 5 thirds, 1

fourth, and 2 fifths; total 24.

Tana usually shows in classes over fences, Hunt classes Equitation, and Events. The Events are from one to three days long and include Dressage, Cross Country jumping, and Stadium jumping.

Tana admits that her horses take much of her time, although she does not work them every day.

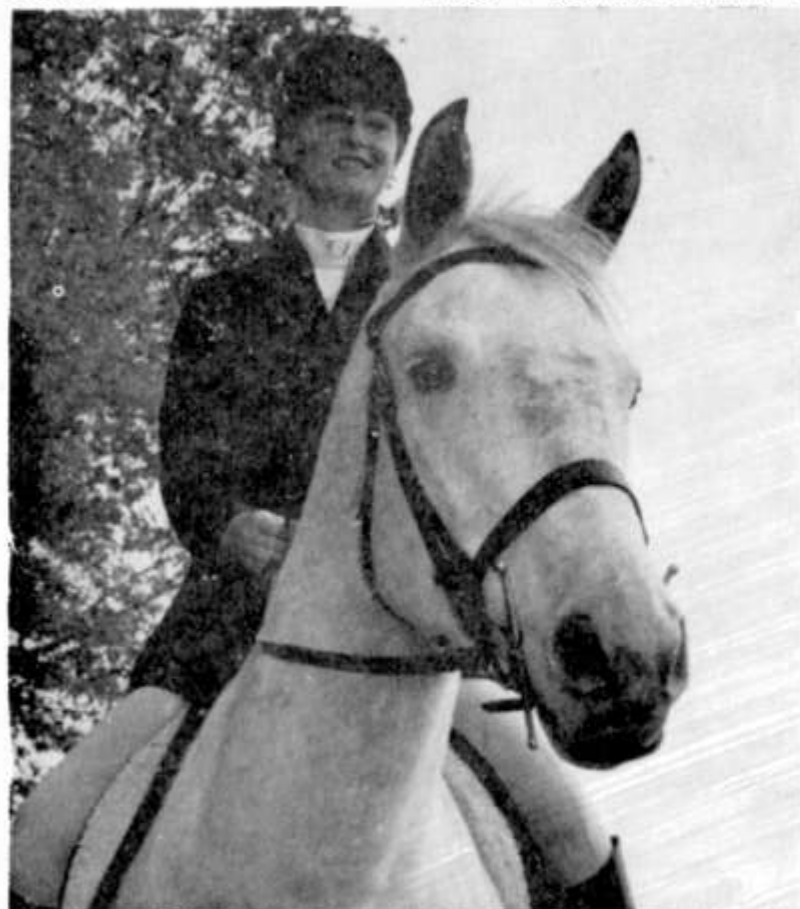
"Before a big show I usually work them five days a week," she comments, "and rest for two!"

Tana describes her feeling during a show in this way: "Before going into the ring, I work the horse as long as she needs it, usually up until three minutes before the class. The waiting makes me nervous, but once I'm in the ring it's all business. You have to be conscious of what's going on at every minute, and concentrate. When I'm in the line-up I relax and go over in my mind all that happened in the ring. Then when the judge comes by I have to concentrate again."

When asked how she felt about losing, Tana responded, "Sometimes if I think I deserved better than what I got, I go to the judges and ask what I did wrong. Usually though, I know I didn't do as well as I could have done."

Tana feels that showing teaches a person how to win and lose, and how to take responsibility for himself.

"When you're out in the ring there's no one to help you out like your riding instructor or a parent. You have to take care of yourself."



Tana Davis dressed in jumping gear with one of her three horses, Cat Ballou.

# Sorority rushes pledges

By Kim Austin

The Phi Alpha Delta sorority of Lone Oak started rushing for new members in September. Many social events were held by the old members to get acquainted with the new pledges.

An ice cream social was held September 20 at Noble Park. Twenty-one pledges attended. A salad social was held at Michelle Spence's house as another get-acquainted dinner, September 24. A progressive dinner in which food was served at different houses, was held September 29. After the dinner all the pledges left while the members stayed to choose their little sisters. Pledging will end in October.

Officers who were elected dur-

ing the summer for the 1981-82 year are: president, Suzie Wilkins; vice-president, Jennifer Dodd; recording secretary, Julia Allen; corresponding secretary, Kim Tidwell; treasurer, Robin Williamson; sergeants-at-arm, Michelle Spence and Kim Croft; historian, Kim Austin; communication directors, Lori Turner and Lisa Story; publicity chairman, Julia Habacker; pledge mistress, Holly Harris; honorary members, Penny Ezell and Robin Rushing.

Sorority sweethearts chosen were seniors Jimmy Boggess, John Cossiboom, and Joey Edwards, and juniors Tony Cipolla, John Davis, Kevin Hinkle and Kevin Wheatley.

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Mary Ann Wilson pictured here with winning steer took Governors Council of Agriculture Award at the Purchase Region Beef Cattle Show.

## Lone Oak FFA sweeps honors in Purchase Region Beef Cattle Show

The Lone Oak Chapter of Future Farmers of America won more honors than any other school during the Annual Beef Cattle Show and Carcass Evaluation contest held recently at Murray State University.

Lone Oak FFA members showed the most head of cattle from any chapter in the region nine. Eight of the nine animals received the highest blue-ribbon rating. One animal received a red ribbon. Lone Oak FFA member Kevin Blackburn received the

highest price for his animal of the entire show. His beef animal sold for \$1.55 per pound and brought a total of \$1,954.54.

Other FFA members from Lone Oak showing animals were Pat Englert, Kevin Bell, Mary Ann Wilson, and Rodney Goodwin. Total sales from Lone Oak was \$9,639.96 with an average of \$1,071.10 per head.

After the sale the animals were slaughtered at Reelfoot Packing Company and were entered in the carcass contest. Lone Oak placed

five animals in the top twenty in the entire show.

The highlight of the show was Lone Oak FFA member Mary Ann Wilson's hereford steer receiving the top rating of the entire show. Mary Ann received the Governors Council of Agriculture's top award for best performance animal of the event. She received the Governors trophy and congratulations from the State Department.

## Clubs prepare for new programs

The Biology Club is getting ready to go on a back-packing trip which will take them into Southern Illinois on the weekend of October 30. The guides for the trip will be Mr. Tony McGroarty, Mr. Norris Wells, and Mr. Ron Dierolf, a local resident familiar with Southern Illinois back-packing areas.

The money-raising projects this year, such as the car wash, stationary sales, and magazine sales, have gone well. The funds from these projects will be used to help finance the proposed trips to Reelfoot Lake and Huntsville, Alabama.

FHA had a picnic October 15 at Noble Park where they also had club initiation for the new FHA Club members.

The club is collecting donations for UNICEF until Halloween. Members will be collecting from homerooms and from the public.

A Regional FHA Committee Workshop will be held at Murray State University on October 27. Tammy Slushmeyer, regional officer, will be attending the workshop.

The Library Club has elected officers for this school year. They are as follows: president, Kathy Batcher; vice-president, Laura

Divert; secretary, Janet Bryan; treasurer, Becky Henry; reporter, Paulette Dukes.

At the last Physical Science Club meeting, Mr. Sensing, club sponsor, pointed out the advantages of owning one's own programmable calculator. He also demonstrated a few computer programs on the calculator.

Plans were made to add to the present computer system.

The upcoming meeting's program will consist of computer graphics.

The Future Business Leaders of America is making plans to raise money for the WPSD-TV Telethon of Stars. They are also planning an Adopt-a-Grandparent program which will be conducted each month. FBLA members will visit a local nursing home and present one resident with flowers, food, and gifts, and a certificate proclaiming them as Lone Oak FBLA's Grandparent of the month.

Fundraising is also being conducted with members selling products from the FBLA state and nationally endorsed Kit-n-Kaboodle kits. Funds raised from this project will be used to send members to the regional and state conferences in the spring.



Kentucky Colonels stop at attention in the Labor Day Parade, held earlier this year in downtown Paducah.

## Ky. Colonels rate successful season

By Tamara Tucker

The Lone Oak Kentucky Colonel Marching Band has been quite busy lately and has competed in several contests.

On September 26, the Colonels were at Hartford, Kentucky, for the 27th Annual Ohio County Band Festival. The band competed in Class AAAA, the largest class, and placed second. They also came away with Best Rifles, Best Flags, and Best Field Commander, Todd Dowdy.

On October 1 the Colonels went to Murray for the KMEA (Kentucky Music Educators Association) rating festival. The Colonels rated a Superior (the highest possible rating) for the fifteenth consecutive year.

On October 3 the band traveled to Columbia, Tennessee, for the Columbia Invitational Marching Contest. In this contest were both preliminary and finals competitions. In preliminaries 21 bands competed in three classes, (A, AA, AAA). In this contest the Colonels were in class AA and again placed second.

The eight highest scoring bands from preliminaries competed that night in the finals. Lone Oak was chosen for the finals and placed fourth over all.

Lone Oak Field commander Todd Dowdy won the Outstanding Field Commander Award out of the field of 21 bands.

The Colonels were in Hopkinsville October 10 for the Christian County Invitational Contest. Again there were four classes and again the band was in class AAA. The Colonels took first in their class as well as Best Colorguard and Best Field Commander, Todd Dowdy.

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## Movie review

**'So Fine' proves to be a farce**

By Becky DiSilvestro

The movie *So Fine* with Ryan O'Neil and Jack Warden heading the cast, has qualities necessary for a truly senseless and distasteful viewing.

The characters played by O'Neil and Warden are Bobby Fine, son, and Jack Fine, father, respectively. O'Neil tries desperately to portray a naive, dedicated English professor, put upon by the world's injustices and bullies, but falls pitifully short of his mark. He ends up appearing offensive in his attempt to convince the viewers of his innocence while really being a member of that revolting crowd; the swaggering, obtuse egoist.

Warden's part is not much better, but since he doesn't try to foster the illusion of being angelic, it's not an insult to the watcher's intelligence. Jack Fine is the owner of a clothing business which becomes indebted to a distressing giant, Mr. Eddie, to the tune of one million and five dollars.

## Book review

**'The Art of Living' provides thoughtful entertainment**

By Andy Elbon

In his first collection in seven years, John Gardner has put together ten tales of warm and unique fiction in *The Art of Living and Other Stories*.

The stories are splendid pieces of fiction that amuse, enlighten, and probe the lives of several very different characters: a well-known orchestra conductor who learns about life and death from a teenage girl; an artist who paints a picture of a princess that is so real it can talk; a family in New York who reacts to a very tragic loss in a unique way; a dog that tells the reader about a very strange kingdom.

Gardner takes special care in the development of each main character. He dissects their minds to reveal their thoughts; and in doing so he touches the reader in a special way.

One of the finest works in the collection is entitled "The Music Lover." The story deals with a

retired professor named Alfred Klingman who finds solace from his own pitifulness in music. Every night, dressed in the same tattered brown suit, the Professor attends a concert, whether an amateur choir or professional orchestra. The music inspires him and takes him to the gamut of emotions - from the tears of despair to ecstatic laughter.

One night, a performance of "contemporary music" (including the destruction of a cello) disturbs him so much that he leaves the theater in tears. But a chance meeting with a man later in the story eases the Professor's mind, and he learns the point behind the performance.

All the stories in *The Art of Living and Other Stories* measure up to "The Music Lover". Each tale, though short enough to be read in one setting, packs an incredible literary punch. John Gardner has compiled a true modern classic.

For some unknown reason, Bobby Fine is kidnapped from his position and forced to join his father in the business. Trying to escape a confrontation with Mr. Eddie when he is caught with Lira, (Mr. Eddie's equally vulgar wife) in a compromising position, he is forced to remove himself from the scene wearing a pair of her jeans. While escaping, he splits the seam of his pants. It becomes an overwhelmingly nationwide fad to wear one's pants split up the back, and saves the business of Fine Fashion from ruin.

All supporting actresses and actors were equally crude and unappealing.

Truthfully, I cannot recount what the movie's conclusion was, since I left three-fourths of the way through. This movie had no appeal whatsoever and bordered on the ridiculous. It is tasteless movies such as *So Fine* that give the film entertainment business a bad name.

## Record review

**'Heavy Metal' is released**

By Roger Estes

"Heavy Metal" is, no doubt, one of the best albums on the charts. Its explosive rock blows all other albums away. It contains songs from various artists, established rock bands, other groups who are just recently making it, and some individual band members whose solo ventures were dubbed worthy of being put into this magnificent collection of "Heavy Metal".

The album begins with one of its two title cuts, "Heavy Metal" by Sammy Hagar. It more than lives up to its name and is only a sample of things to come.

Next is "Heartbeat" by Riggs, a somewhat unknown group whose performances on this album may give them the exposure they need and deserve.

A deviation in style is Devo's popular New Wave single "Workin' in a Coalmine".

"Veteran of Physic Wars" by Blue Oyster Cult is an interesting song. The tone reflects the mystery and suspense of the movie "Heavy Metal".

Cheap Trick gives as much to this album as anyone. It's first contribution is "Reach Out", a classic work single.

The next title song is called "Heavy Metal (Takin a Ride)", performed by former Eagle Don Felder. It reveals Felder's harder rock side that was smothered by the wistern style rock prominent with the Eagles other band members.

Former Steeley Dan leader Donald Fagen breaks stride with a mellow tune called "True Companion".

"Crazy (A Suitable Case for Treatment)" by Nazereth is the last song of side one.

"Radar Rider", also by Riggs, begins side two and it is a great acid rock cut. But then the album turns around with "Open Arms" by Journey. It makes no sense that a band like this would be considered for "Heavy Metal". "Queen Bee" from Grand Funk Railroad is a fair song but contains a certain "pop" feel.

Cheap Trick with its exclusive style of acid punk has the best song of the album, "I Must Be Dreaming".

Black Sabbath keeps the rockin' goin' with "The Mob Rules". Trust, a newer band follows suite with "Prefabricated".

Upstart Stevie Nicks puts a cap on "Heavy Metal" with a very unsuitable cut called "Blue Lamb".

Though the "Heavy Metal" soundtrack is spotted with the cheap pop elements of Journey and Stevie Nicks, its hard rock base makes it a cinch as a chart buster.

Barry Manilow exhibited many talents, such as playing the accordion, when he appeared at SIU arena, October 14. (Staff photo by Becky DiSilvestro)

**Manilow shines at SIU**

By Becky DiSilvestro

Barry Manilow was greeted by enthusiastic applause and the screaming of the crowd when he appeared on October 14 at the Southern Illinois Arena in Carbondale.

At the opening of the show, Mr. Manilow joked, "We're going to do so many songs tonight you won't know which one to go out whistling first." And he didn't lie.

Both the first and second half of the show were high-speed movements from one song to another in a fast-paced medley of past, present, and future hits. This, of course, contained a selection from his ever-popular jungles. Each song was more dynamic than the last, travelling the emotional scale from deeply moving, such as "Ships", to the heavy beat of "Whose Sleeping in My Bed". The three hour show, with only a thirty minute intermission, also included "Nickels and Dimes", and "Let's Take All Night to Say Good-bye", two releases from his new album entitled "If I Should Love Again".

Mr. Manilow was well received by the fans at Carbondale. His energy and stamina were incredible. The audience was able to feel his enthusiasm coming across to them in waves. It was also obvious that Mr. Manilow very much enjoys getting close to his fans,

Mr. Manilow's entire concert ran with an incredible smoothness, his stage settings going from a single white piano to a club-setting with smoking candle and slowly revolving fan, to the Copacabana, complete with palm trees.

His stage, a slowly revolving circle dominated by a white grand piano, was encircled by an orchestra pit containing his seven member band and backup quartet. Throughout the concert, sixteen inch lights changed colors and in doing so set the mood according to whatever song he was singing. The lights would go from a dreamy, moody blue to a vibrant, smouldering red with various other startling and dynamic colors in between. This stage performance adds a certain vividness that his recordings have a problem in equalling.

He reached the people in attendance through his lively and alternating entertainment, including an amateur tap dance, a clarinet piece, and he even had a try at an accordion; all this he did in addition to his singing.

From his first welcome to the standing ovation at the end, Barry Manilow proved in no uncertain terms that he was a star performer. Toward the end of the concert, he stated emphatically, "Carbondale, we're going to have to do this more often!" This was greeted by what could only be called a roar.

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Senior Gabe Reeves goes for the tackle in the Flashes upset of Marshall County, 7-0. (Photo courtesy of The Paducah Sun)



Quarterback Kevin Wheatley (88) hands off to Tony Cipolla (24) in the Heath game. Heath won 35-3.

# Oakers shock Marshals in overtime

By Stephanie Edwards

Lone Oak defeated Marshall County in overtime, by a score of 7-0, September 18. If one word described this game, it would be DEFENSE.

The most exciting moments of the game occurred in overtime. However, during regular play, both teams' defense successfully managed to prevent any offensive scores. As the seconds ticked off the scoreboard in the 4th quarter, it became obvious that the game was headed for an overtime.

In an overtime situation both teams are allowed four chances to score from the 10 yard line.

To start the overtime, Marshall County chose to defend first. On second and goal at the seven, quarterback Shane Jones passed to senior Greg Raney. Raney made the reception just inches from the goal line. From there, Jones ran Lone Oak's only

touchdown and afterwards kicked the extra point. The score was 7-0 in favor of Lone Oak.

It was then time for the Marshall's chance, and also for Lone Oak's defense to prevail. On the Marshall's second play, the Flashes' Greg Thompson broke the offensive line to sack quarterback Martin Lockard. Marshall County's third play also resulted in failure, a pass was made to the end zone to David Anderson of the Marshall's. The pass, just barely long, slid through Anderson's arms. Their last hope of scoring proved useless as they were stopped at the two-yard line.

This game was a big win for Lone Oak. It was a hard-fought game and a well-deserved victory. The Flash defense showed the team's ability. "This game proved we are a good football team," stated coach Tom Pandolfi.

# Heath Pirates ambush L.O. Flashes

By Todd Dowdy

In the game that decided the McCracken County championship, the Heath Pirates rolled over the Purple Flashes, 35-3.

After an uneventful first quarter, Heath put the first points on the board early in the second quarter on a run by back Dwane Wright.

Lone Oak then answered by driving to the Heath eight yard line sparked by the running of junior Tony Cipolla. The Flashes were unable to cross the goal line forcing a field goal by John Cossiboom with just 50 seconds left in the half.

A crushing blow came when the Lone Oak kickoff was taken some 80 yards for yet another Heath score. The half then ended with the Pirates leading, 14-3.

Lone Oak received the kickoff to open the third quarter. Unable to score, they were forced to punt giving Heath the ball on their own 36 yard line. Heath drove the distance and scored with 7:13 left in the third quarter. A two point conversion was added to make the score, 22-3.

The Flashes remained scoreless throughout the third quarter whereas Heath, driving from mid-field managed to score once again as time expired in the quarter. The extra point was blocked making the score 28-3 going into the fourth quarter.

Heath scored once more in the fourth quarter. With 7:37 left in the game the Pirates quarterback dove over the goal line to seal the victory, 35-3.

# Intramural sports: Why not?

For those most gifted in athletics at Lone Oak High School, varsity sports are available. But what of those who have the ambition and interest to play but, "couldn't make the cut"?

In colleges and universities intramural sports are the answer. This provides team and league competition for those that are not involved in varsity sports. Yet at Lone Oak, there are no such programs.

At one time, however, Lone

Oak did have intramural basketball. From 1970 to 1974 almost 70 boys participated in the program each year which consisted of two leagues of four teams each. The freshmen and sophomores played in one league and the juniors and seniors played in the other. Besides a regular season, a round robin tournament also was played.

Although the program was going strong, it had to be discontinued. In an interview with Coach Albert Norris, he stated

the main reason for the league to end was the start of the girls' basketball program. This caused a lack of practice space for the intramural basketball teams. Also, there were so many varsity games. Coach Norris stated, "Where we once played varsity games each week on Tuesday and Friday, when the girls basketball program started, we would play every night but Wednesday".

When asked what it would take to start intramurals again Coach Norris said that the most prominent obstacle is that of space. Coach Norris did however suggest the use of the area elementary and middle schools.

So, what will it take to have intramurals at Lone Oak High School? The answer is a showing of student interest. Although it would take much organization and planning, if enough students are interested, intramurals sports once again can become a reality.



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# 1981-82 Basketball Preview

## Girl's preview

By Beth Cossiboom

"It will be hard to repeat the same amount of success as we had last year," stated girls basketball head coach Cliff Owen in a recent interview about his expectations on the upcoming season.

"There aren't as many returning lettermen as last year, but the four we have returning are very experienced in varsity playing. We also have a lot of young people who want to play, and are working hard at it," commented Coach Owen.

The players to look for this year include senior Karen Herndon, who last year was named a member of the Paducah-Sun All Purchase team. Herndon was also the squad's leading rebounder and second in scoring. She ended the 80-81 season with a 13.2 average. Senior "Dooper"

Winstead saw action both on the junior varsity and varsity teams. Dooper is expected to see a lot of varsity playing this year also. Junior Tammy Burton was the Lady Flashes' leading scorer last year. She averaged 15.2 points per game. Burton was also chosen a member of the Paducah-Sun All Purchase team. Junior Carol Habeck played both junior varsity and varsity positions. Habeck is expected to become one of the players to see a lot of action this season.

This summer, the team participated in a girl's league at Paducah Community College. The clinic was held for 10 weeks with high school and college girls from all over the area attending.

The Lady Flashes' first game is November 11 at the annual St. Mary's Thanksgiving Tournament.

## Boy's preview

By Beth Cossiboom

"Right now our varsity team is unpredictable, but we will be better than last year's team," were the comments made by head coach Steve Speed about his expectations for the upcoming basketball season.

"With only one returning senior Jeff Reed and two lettermen, junior Andy Gilland and junior Kevin Wheatley, we have the nucleus to develop into a potentially winning team," stated Coach Speed.

The other players who will be seeing a lot of varsity action are junior forward John Davis, and center Tony Snelling.

To better prepare themselves,

keep in shape and improve their own basketball skills John Davis, Andy Gilland, Mike Presley, Kevin Shannon, and Tony Snelling attended the P. C. C. summer league. Members of the basketball teams of Paducah Community College, Itawamba Jr. College and Union University were the instructors for the clinic held 2 nights a week.

The team is now doing their physical conditioning which consist of lifting weights every Tuesday and Thursday and strenuous workouts Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays to better prepare themselves for the season ahead.

## 1981-82 Basketball Openers

Nov. 11-14	St. Mary Tournament	St. Mary	VG
Nov. 16	Livingston	Home	FB, VG
Nov. 19	Lyon County	Away	JVG, VG
Nov. 24	Reidland	Away	FB, JVB
Nov. 25-28	Thanksgiving Tournament	St. Mary	VB
Nov. 30	Ballard	Away	FB, JVB
Dec. 1	Tilghman	Home	FB
	Ballard	Home	VG, VB
Dec. 4	Reidland	Home	VG, VB
Dec. 7	Mayfield	Away	JVG, VG
Dec. 8	Caldwell County	Home	JVB, VB
Dec. 9	Heath	Home	FB, JVB
Dec. 10	Reidland	Home	FB, JVB
Dec. 11	Lyon County	Away	JVB, VB
Dec. 14	Tilghman	Home	JVB, VB
Dec. 15	Calloway County	Away	JVB, VB
Dec. 17	Calloway County	Home	FB
Dec. 22	Massac County	Away	JVB, VB
Dec. 28-30	Christmas Tournament	Tilghman	VB

## Two district teams fall to Flashes

By Beth Cossiboom

In the game held October 16 at Webster County, the Lone Oak Purple Flash scored a 24-0 blow-out over the Trojan's to make the Flash record 5-3.

Lone Oak took charge of the game by taking control of the first kick off and driving it 59 yards in 13 plays to score on junior Tony Cipolla's two-yard run. Senior Shane Jones kicked the extra points to maintain the Flashes lead at the end of the first quarter, 7-0. Before the end of the first half, Cipolla increased the Flash score to 14-0 when the Lone Oak defense blocked a kick by Webster's punter. The Flashes recovered the ball on the Webster 27 and eight plays later Lone Oak scored. Tony Cipolla led all rushers with 81 yards on 22 carries.

In the second half, the Flashes scored 10 additional points. Lone Oak went to the air a first, but continued with a good ground game that helped to set up the next score. Junior Kevin Hinkle got the ball and took it straight

through for the eight-yard Flash touchdown. Shane Jones added to the scoring with a 27 yard field goal.

### Reidland vs. Lone Oak

By Marlie Spears

It took over half the ballgame to get things started for the Flashes and the Reidland Greyhounds Friday night, October 2. Both teams went scoreless to the locker room at the end of the first half.

Returning for the second half, fired-up Lone Oak took a 7-3 lead in the third quarter. The

clinging play of the game was when Greg Raney rushed Reidland's quarterback, forcing him to pass. The Reidland quarterback's pass was fumbled and Lone Oak's John Cossiboom was able to recover the fumble on Reidland's 23, with 10:37 left in the game. Scott Elkins, then carried the ball seven straight times, moving it within two feet of the goal line. Quarterback Shane Jones went the final inches for a 14-3 Purple Flash lead with 6:50 left. Reidland then scored a touchdown making the final score 14-9.

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