

Winstead crowned Homecoming Queen

By Stephanie Edwards
and Lori Keeney

Senior Karen "Dooper" Winstead was chosen the 1981-1982 Basketball Homecoming Queen January 22, at the Lone Oak Gymnasium. She was elected by the varsity basketball teams and she was crowned by last year's queen, Susan Darnell.

Miss Winstead is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Winstead of Mohawk Drive. She is a member of the girls varsity basketball team and the FBLA Club. In her spare time she enjoys playing softball, scuba-diving, and snow skiing. Escorting her was Kevin Wheatley.

The other four candidates from the senior class were Julie Habacker, Michelle Spence, Julie Lippert, and P.J. Clayton.

Julie Habacker lives with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Lynn Habacker at Route 11, Highland Church Road. Julie is the senior class treasurer and is a varsity cheerleader. She is also a member of the Phi Alpha Delta sorority, the Key Club, the Biology Club, and was selected Junior Rotarian. Her escort was Pat Luther.

Michelle Spence resides at 4560 Westchester Lane with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Spence. She is the senior class vice-president and the corresponding secretary of the Student Council. Michelle is also a varsity cheerleader and a member of the Key Club, Biology Club, and the Phi Alpha Delta sorority. John Davis served as her escort.

Julie Lippert is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aurbrey Lippert of Route 1, Boaz. Julie is the senior class secretary, vice-president of

the Student Council, and of A'capella Choir. She also participates in varsity cheerleading, tennis, and is a member of the Phi Alpha Delta sorority. Her escort was Andy Gilland.

P.J. Clayton lives on Boxwood Drive with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Clayton. She is a varsity cheerleader and a member of the Biology Club, Key Club, and FBLA. Shannon Ellington was P.J.'s escort.

Representing the junior class was Jennifer Dodd. She lives with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Allen Marshal of Natchez Lane. Jennifer is a member of the Key Club, Biology Club, Student Council, and Phi Alpha Delta sorority. Her escort was Mike Presley.

Jo Beth Chambers served as sophomore attendant. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Chambers of Star Hill Road. Jo Beth was elected secretary of sophomore class and is on the girl's basketball team. She is also a member of FBLA and the Phi Alpha Delta sorority. Her escort was Kevin Shannon.

Freshman attendant Charlene Meador is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Meador. She is a member of the Biology Club and is pledging Phi Alpha Delta sorority. Miss Meador was escorted by Tony Snelling.

Following the basketball games the annual Homecoming Dance was held in the cafeteria. For the first time at Lone Oak High School the theme for the dance was Western. The music was supplied by a disc jockey who played Country and Western as well as various other types of music.



Senior Karen Winstead was crowned Basketball Homecoming Queen in ceremonies last Friday night.



Seniors Micheala Besold, Becky DiSilvestro, Troy Ligon, and Tony Kitchen display awards won at the 11th Annual Chemistry Scholarship Tournament at Murray State. The Chemistry team won second place in team competition, and Ligon took second in individual competition.

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Meet the students

By Jeff Abell

Once again your roving reporter has searched far and beyond to find out how you the student feel about the issues at large.

During his campaign, President Ronald Reagan repeatedly spoke out against reinstating draft registration. Just this month he renewed registration for the draft. Should a president take reverse action against a campaign promise after being elected?

Donna M. Batts: I feel when situations change one cannot be expected to perform as always. Part of being a president is being flexible.

Cathy Willams: If national security depends on it then I agree, but I question the capability of a person who makes such irresponsible statements before he has the facts.

Larri Ane Prow: No. I think once the president has promised to do something, he shouldn't go back on his word.

Brent Hurst: I don't think he should!

What do you think of the current video craze?

Christi Rose: I think it's great! I especially like "Centipedes."

Donna Lane: It's kind of a waste of money; but it's something to do.

Julie Lippert: It's a great idea but

you usually end up a lot of money. I usually play them though and think they're fun.

Donna M. Batts: I say it's about time there was a game invented that improves intelligence, dexterity and foresight. However, I'm more in favor of them if they gave you back your money if you won!

Cathy Willams: I think it's a fun way to take out frustrations.

Is it worth being off for snow days in the winter if you have to make up for them in the spring?

Donna Lane: Yes. I'm used to getting out a few days in the winter and I be disappointed if we didn't.

Donna M. Batts: Yes!!! The snow limits many of our activities and getting away from school takes out some of the monotony.

What would you like see changed at the Junior-Senior Prom this year?

Donna M. Batts: Less money for the tickets and zippier punch, although I would be willing to pay more for the tickets if we could get a great band this year.

Brent Hurst: A better band!

Christi Rose: I don't know but I'd like to see a good one.

Julie Lippert: There's not anything that really needs to be changed as long as we have a good theme and band.

Donna Lane: No juniors!!

Editorial

Mr. Reagan: Clear up the registration mess!

During his last few months in office, President Jimmy Carter performed what was perhaps a conciliatory move to silence critics who said he had allowed America's defense program to all but go to waste. He reinstated draft registration.

Presidential candidate Ronald Reagan's response to Carter's actions, despite his campaign promise for a stronger military, was to promise to put an end to draft registration.

Reagan has now had a year's opportunity to end draft registration, and instead he has done just the opposite. In just this past

month, the President said that our ending the draft registration would send the wrong message to Poland and the Soviet Union. So, draft registration is still the law.

But what kind of message does President Reagan think we are sending abroad when citizens have refused to register and have suffered no penalty?

Since it was decided that those who haven't registered for the draft will not be fined nor imprisoned, a paradoxical situation has been created. The same government that says, "All eighteen-year-olds must register," is also saying, "If you

don't register, that's okay with us."

Reagan must clear up this policy as soon as possible. A muddy policy has gotten America in trouble before (i.e., Vietnam), and a half-done draft registration will mean the difference between readiness or disaster in the event of a national emergency.

If Reagan truly believes that draft registration is a necessity, then some Presidential muscle-flexing is in order. Only until draft registration "dodging" is made a punishable offense will young America comply 100 percent.

Cupid or St. Valentine?

By C. D. Kash

Is there such a person as Saint Valentine who soars through the air with his pouch of love potion and poison bow and arrow? Of course not! (That is Cupid.)

A Roman priest who suffered martyrdom during the persecution of Christians by a Roman emperor died on February 14. His grave, alongside that of the bishop of Terni, Italy, is located in Italy with a large structure in honor of the two brave men for the love of the countries.

A valentine is a gift or greeting sent to someone on the set aside day to express admiration or

care. They have been sent since the sixteenth century and are known as the very first greeting cards.

What are you sending your loved one for Valentines Day? If you're having a difficult time here are a few heart warming suggestions: Send...

A love poem to him (by you)

A singing telegram

A favorite food signed "Happy Heartburn"

A dozen roses (or her favorite flowers)

A puppy to a friend

A favorite flavor of lip gloss to your gal

A monogrammed heart key chain

A red hammer for your pop that's tops

A cookie to your brother

An arrow with your phone number

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Rotarian Tony Kitchen

Kitchen selected Rotarian

By Lisa Vasseur

Tony Kitchen was selected for this month's Junior Rotarian. He will attend meetings each Wednesday in the month of January.

There, at the Irvin Cobb Hotel Ballroom, he will attend a luncheon and hear a guest speaker.

The faculty of Lone Oak High School select students to serve as Junior Rotarian according to scholastic and academic achievements. The teachers also consider the students leadership abilities.

"Being that the faculty selects the Junior Rotarian, I feel it is quite an honor to be chosen", states Tony.

Some of Tony's hobbies are playing drums, working with electronics, and playing football and basketball. His extra curricular activities include band, Beta Club, T.V. Science Club, and he serves as president of the Physical Science Club.

After he graduates, Tony hopes to attend the Naval Academy at Annapolis and pursue a career as a naval officer.

Tony has received several honors. He was selected for Who's Who Among American School Students. He also received a nomination from Carroll Hubbard to attend the Naval Academy.

Westpoint provides free but demanding education

By Lori Keeney

With the sharp rise in the cost of a college education, the four years of free education provided by the United States Military Academy is an answer to many student's problems. The United States Army Academy is located in Westpoint, New York.

Chris Marshall, a graduate of Reidland High School, now a cadet at "Westpoint," recently addressed the students of the advanced math and English classes at Lone Oak High School. Chris spoke to the students about the possibilities of the Academy as a college. It's a bachelors degree program, run by the government; it costs the student nothing.

"It's demanding and it's rough," states Chris. Each cadet receives only about twenty days of summer vacation, seven weeks of each summer being spent in some type of military training. Each cadet must also participate in some type of sport ranging from varsity football to orientation, (finding one's position with the use of a map and compass.) Before their four years are up, each cadet will have served as a platoon leader for a month somewhere in the world, and gone to a special school. Plus, cadets must maintain a high average; "two F's and you get kicked out," stated Chris.

After a cadet graduates with

his bachelors degree in engineering, he is then obligated to serve a five year commitment to the army. A graduate of the Academy enters the army as a second lieutenant, and in five years could become a captain. Each cadet has two years to make up his mind; he can go to the Academy for up to two years and have no commitment to the army.

"Westpoint" is one of the most difficult schools to get into. About 10,000 people apply for admission to the school each year and only 1,200 to 1,300 are accepted. Anyone can apply, male or female. At the present only 10 percent of the enrollment is female.

Each student considering "Westpoint" should start applying in the spring of his or her junior year. Each applicant must have at least two recommendations from congressmen, and each congressman is allowed only a certain number of recommendations. All of the recommendations are sent to the academy and the best ones receive a nomination. After receiving a nomination each student must pass a complete medical examination and physical aptitude test.

The U.S. Military Academy was established as a part of the U.S. Corps of Engineers, with five officers and ten cadets, on March 16, 1802.

Reid rolls to victory

By Lisa Vasseur

Freshman Mark Reid competed recently in the Kentucky State Roller Skating competition and achieved first place. The competition was held at Kingsway Skateland, December 6, 1981.

Before competing in the state competition, Mark was required to have obtained first place in the regional competition. Regional competition was held at Kingsway Skateland, earlier in 1981.

In the state finals, Mark competed against seventy-four other competitors from different regions in Kentucky. The competition consisted mostly of dance skating.

When asked what he enjoys most about skating and perform-

ing, Mark stated, "Just getting out there and having a good time." Mark practices his roller skating skills every Sunday at Kingsway Skateland for four hours, constantly, during the winter. In the summer he practices almost every day. Although Mark enjoys skating very much, he admits that his parents, Pat and Anita McElya, always encourage him to pursue his talents, and keep him practicing.

Mark has competed in other contests and recieved many honors. He competed in regional competition last year and also participated in numerous racing contests. Recently, Mark appeared on NBC's *P.M. Magazine* where he was interviewed and he demonstrated some of his roller skating abilities.

At the beginning of this year the Senior Scrapbook Committee announced a fashion day on every Wednesday of the week. The reason, so that when the scrapbook and annual is completed the Seniors of '82 will have pictures of the fashions they wore as teens.

Here is a partial list of the upcoming Fashion Wednesday...

January 27, Punk Day, (Safety pins, Devo glasses, skins, leathers, leopardskins).

February 3, Total Prep (loafers, Izod, polo oxford, plaids);

February 10, Classic Day, (dressy clothes-silk, lace, tweeds);

February 17, Knicker Day (gals)

(wool, tweed, corduroys) Designer Jeans Day (guys) (Calvins, Jordache, polo).

February 24, Casual Day, (casual anything).

March 3, Slop Day, (favorite old sweatshirts, jeans);

March 10, Flannel Shirt Day (all and any);

March 17, Buttondown Day, (any color you can find, one or all);

March 24, Hairstyle Day, (do it different, French braids, pony tails, or mohawks).

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Alcohol: social drink or drug?

By Laura Carrico

The most abused drug in the United States today is seldom even recognized as a drug. It ranks number one among teenagers and is accepted by our society. The name of this drug is alcohol.

Alcohol is a depressant drug that slows the activity of the brain and spinal cord. When too much alcohol is consumed, intoxication, or drunkenness, will occur. When a person is drunk, vision and depth perception become distorted, emotion and mood become unpredictable, and coordination and judgement become poor. The person will appear clumsy, slow-witted, and

confused, and will be unable to think or speak coherently.

Today in the United States there are 95 million drinkers, 9 million of which are chronic abusers of alcohol.

A recent national survey found that 93 percent of male and 87 percent of female teenagers had been introduced to alcohol. (This doesn't mean that they drink regularly, but many do.)

The fact is that most people who choose to drink do so responsibly (without getting drunk, or harming themselves or others). But there are some, about one drinker in ten, who have trouble with alcohol, getting drunk often. It becomes the

center of their social activities, and they talk and think about it a great deal. These people who have trouble controlling their drinking run a high risk of becoming alcoholics.

Alcoholism, an addiction to alcohol, is a form of alcohol abuse. Alcoholism is one of the top three health problems in the United States.

Another example of alcohol abuse is drinking and driving. Statistics show that alcohol is a factor in one half of all highway fatalities.

Many teenagers seem to have the impression that beer won't get them as drunk as wine or liquor. The fact is, beer, wine, and

liquor all have the same active ingredient, ethyl alcohol. A 12-ounce bottle of beer, a 5-ounce glass of wine, and a 1½ ounce shot of whiskey all contain about the same amount of alcohol; so one beer, one glass of wine, or one cocktail are all about equally strong.

Because of the alcohol content in the blood, there is no shortcut to sobering up. All the old "remedies" such as black coffee, cold showers, and fresh air have no effect on blood alcohol content.

There are many reasons why people abuse alcohol. Some use it as a cure for boredom or loneliness; others use it as an

escape from problems, or to block out painful feelings. But drinking never solves the problem, and often only adds to it.

Alcohol can also affect health, if drinking is continued over a period of years. Malnutrition, brain damage, cancer, heart disease, liver damage, ulcers, or damage to pituitary glands could result.

The U.S. Department of Health agrees that if used responsibly and in moderation, alcohol can be harmless and enjoyable, such as with meals, at social gatherings, in religious ceremonies, in celebrations, or for medical purposes.

Middle class forms large portion of drug abusers

By Becky DiSilvestro

Availability seems to be one of the prime contributors to drug abuse in our world today.

Contrary to popular belief, drugs are not solely bought and sold on the streets of big cities by desperate junkies and wealthy dealers.

Unfortunately, there is no such thing as exclusion when it comes to the misuse of drugs. The problem has spread to all levels, taking in all classes, creeds, and religions.

Surprisingly enough, the most prevalent drug problems are among the middle-classes due to easy availability and the convenience of prescription and non-prescription drugs alike.

There are businessmen, that because of the pressures of their work, obtain a prescription from their physician for mild (sometimes not-so-mild) tranquilizers. Through continued use of these

mild depressants, the user develops not only a psychological dependence on the drug, but also an increased resistance to it causing increased dosage.

The same situation is occurring to the normal, everyday housewife, who also has to cope with the pressures of her day.

Once these people develop such a need, they find they also start to require stimulants to get them going in the morning or to keep themselves working late into the night.

Because of the ease in obtaining these barbiturates and/or amphetamines through prescription or as over-the-counter products, the general public who takes these drugs believe that they are harmless and do not consider themselves as seriously ill when they develop such a dependency. Because of this, those affected do not receive the proper care for

their condition.

If and when physicians recognize the problem and refuse to prescribe any more of the drug (which if necessary and taken in moderation, is okay, but abused can be seriously dangerous), the patient simply goes to another doctor for further prescriptions; a doctor who has no previous knowledge of their condition.


Many teenagers begin their "drug careers" by taking the pills out of Mom and Dad's medicine cabinet, moving on to the harder stuff when the dosage being taken is having no effect due to the resistance built up by their bodies.

This dangerous situation facing the middle class is just now beginning to come to light and as more and more is discovered about the development of psychological or physical dependence on drugs, more cases are being discovered.

| Rate per 100,000 Population | | | Alcoholics (1000) | | | |
|-----------------------------|------|--------|-------------------|-------|-------|--------|
| Total | Male | Female | State | Total | Male | Female |
| 4200 | 7300 | 1300 | 1975 | 5,750 | 4,800 | 950 |
| 4200 | 7300 | 1300 | 1970 | 5,400 | 4,500 | 900 |
| 5140 | 9210 | 1510 | Ill. | 356.1 | 300.8 | 55.3 |
| 3940 | 6870 | 1300 | Ind. | 124.5 | 102.8 | 21.7 |
| 3290 | 6180 | 670 | Ky. | 65.1 | 58.1 | 7.0 |
| 5090 | 9110 | 1570 | Mo. | 150.6 | 125.8 | 24.8 |
| 2920 | 5540 | 620 | Tenn. | 71.5 | 63.4 | 8.1 |


A graph showing the alcoholism rate of five local states.

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Drinking and driving: killing combination

By Djuna Looney

In 1982, more than 4,000 teenagers will be killed in accidents caused by drinking and driving. In addition, over 40,000 will be injured, some seriously, by the same cause.

Results other than death and injury can come from driving under the influence. Teen-agers who have never been in trouble before can end up with an arrest record and maybe even lose their privilege to drive.

They might copy irresponsible drinking behaviors they see and hear about in the media or at home. Some associate drinking with masculinity, femininity, and maturity. A number of them do it for peer approval. But perhaps the main reason is that teen-agers have just begun to gain a little freedom and they are concerned about governing their own social lives. They want to be "one of the gang."

There are many factors that affect how intoxicated a person can become. The heavier a person is, the more alcohol he will be able to consume without becoming drunk. The more food a person has in his stomach, the less drunk he will become. Also, some people can build a tolerance for alcohol.

However, how intoxicated a person is doesn't necessarily affect his chance of having an accident. A study by the National Public Service Research Institute found that more than half of the teen-agers involved in alcohol-related accidents had blood-alcohol concentrations of only .02 percent or less. This level is reached after only one drink. They are considered legally sober but most of them were inexperienced about driving and drinking.

And not all wrecks involve another car or speeding. Only 25 percent of alcohol-related accidents involved speeding and 60 percent were single car accidents.

There are some things a teenager can do to stay out of trouble. He should resist peer pressure and not drink just because everyone else does. If he does drink, he should set a limit in advance because a drink doesn't take effect right away. And if he doesn't drink, he should watch his friends that do when he is out with them, because he could be hurt in an accident that they might cause. He might also save their lives if he drives instead of them.

Marijuana: cure in disguise?

By Djuna Looney

Marijuana was for a long time considered a drug that had no established medicinal value. But recently, a marijuana ingredient, tetrahydrocannabinol (THC),

has been found to relieve the symptoms of many diseases that conventional medicines can't.

Although the Food and Drug Administration has not approved the use of THC, a few doctors

have been given special permits to dispense it to their patients. The reason it has not been approved is because many people believe that the side effects outweigh the benefits. However, THC is expected to be approved within the next few years.

The most common use for THC is to help relieve the nausea and vomiting caused by chemotherapy. This was made known after doctors found a group of patients who had gotten positive results after using marijuana illegally.

It was found to control epileptic seizures in a young boy when the usual medicines didn't work by themselves. But it has to be taken with the other medicines in order to be effective.

It has been used to halt the progress of glaucoma by reducing the fluid pressure in the eyeball. THC has reduced blood pressure in a group of hypertensive patients and helped people with chronic asthma to breathe better by opening the airways to the lungs.

| TYPE OF DRUG | PERCENT OF YOUTHS (12-17 yr.) | | PERCENT OF YOUNG ADULTS (18-25 yr.) | | PERCENT OF OLDER ADULTS (26 yr. and older) | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|--|--------------|
| | Ever used | Current user | Ever used | Current user | Ever used | Current user |
| Marijuana and/or hashish | 28.2 | 16.1 | 60.1 | 27.7 | 1.4 | 3.2 |
| Inhalants | 9.0 | .7 | 11.2 | (2) | 1.8 | (2) |
| Hallucinogens | 4.6 | 1.6 | 19.4 | 2.0 | 2.6 | (2) |
| Cocaine | 4.0 | 1.0 | 19.1 | 3.7 | 2.1 | (2) |
| Heroin | 1.1 | (2) | 3.6 | (2) | .8 | (2) |
| Other opiates | 6.1 | .6 | 13.5 | 1.0 | 2.8 | (2) |
| Stimulants ¹ | 5.2 | 1.3 | 21.2 | 2.5 | 4.7 | .6 |
| Sedatives ¹ | 3.1 | .8 | 18.4 | 2.8 | 2.8 | (2) |
| Tranquilizers ¹ | 3.8 | .7 | 13.4 | 2.4 | 2.6 | (2) |
| Alcohol | 52.6 | 31.2 | 44.2 | 79.0 | 77.9 | 54.9 |
| Cigarettes | 47.3 | 22.3 | 67.6 | 47.3 | 47.0 | 38.7 |

| CHARACTERISTIC | PERCENT EVER USED | | PERCENT CURRENT USER | | CHARACTERISTIC | PERCENT EVER USED | | PERCENT CURRENT USER | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|------|----------------------|------|---------------------------------|-------------------|------|----------------------|------|
| | 1974 | 1977 | 1974 | 1977 | | 1974 | 1977 | 1974 | 1977 |
| Youths, 12-17 yr. | 23 | 28 | 12 | 16 | Adults (18 yr. and over) | 19 | 25 | 7 | 8 |
| Male | 24 | 33 | 12 | 19 | Male | 24 | 30 | 9 | 11 |
| Female | 21 | 23 | 11 | 13 | Female | 14 | 19 | 5 | 6 |
| White | 24 | 29 | 12 | 17 | White | 18 | 24 | 7 | 8 |
| Black and other | 17 | 26 | 9 | 12 | Black and other | 27 | 27 | 8 | 8 |
| 12-13 years | 6 | 8 | 2 | 4 | 18-25 years | 53 | 60 | 26 | 28 |
| 14-15 years | 22 | 29 | 12 | 15 | 26-34 years | 30 | 44 | 8 | 12 |
| 16-17 years | 39 | 47 | 20 | 29 | 35 years and over | 4 | 7 | 1 | 1 |
| Northeast | 26 | 35 | 14 | 21 | Northeast | 22 | 29 | 7 | 11 |
| North Central | 21 | 29 | 11 | 19 | North Central | 17 | 24 | 7 | 8 |
| South | 17 | 19 | 6 | 7 | South | 13 | 17 | 5 | 4 |
| West | 30 | 36 | 19 | 22 | West | 29 | 32 | 11 | 11 |
| Large metro. areas ¹ | 27 | 37 | 14 | 22 | Large metro. areas ¹ | 24 | 30 | 9 | 11 |
| Other SMSA's | 22 | 28 | 11 | 16 | Other SMSA's | 20 | 26 | 8 | 9 |
| Nonmetro. areas | 18 | 18 | 10 | 10 | Nonmetro. areas | 12 | 16 | 4 | 4 |

| | 1971 | 1972 | 1974 | 1976 | 1977 | 1971 ¹ | 1972 ¹ | 1974 | 1976 | 1977 |
|--------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|-------------------|-------------------|------|------|------|
| Youths | 14 | 14 | 23 | 23 | 28 | 6 | 7 | 17 | 12 | 15 |
| 12-13 years | 6 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 7 | 4 |
| 14-15 years | 10 | 10 | 22 | 21 | 29 | 7 | 6 | 12 | 13 | 17 |
| 16-17 years | 27 | 29 | 39 | 40 | 47 | 10 | 16 | 29 | 32 | 29 |
| Young adults: 18-25 yr. | 39 | 48 | 53 | 53 | 60 | 17 | 28 | 26 | 25 | 28 |
| Adults: 26-34 years | 19 | 20 | 30 | 36 | 44 | 5 | 9 | 8 | 11 | 12 |
| 35 years and over | 7 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 7 | (2) | (2) | (2) | 1 | 1 |

¹ Less than .5 percent. ² Person designated self as current user.
Source of tables 192-194: Abelson, Fishburne, and Cisin, *The National Survey on Drug Abuse 1977*, vol. 1, *Main Findings*. Data from survey conducted for U.S. National Institute on Drug Abuse, 1977.

Teenagers and drugs: Is the friendship ending?

By Laura Carrico

For years the statistics on teenage drug use have been going in one direction - up. But now the

pattern seems to be changing.

According to a recent survey of 17,000 high school seniors by the University of Michigan's Institute for Social Research, the number of students reporting daily use of marijuana dropped by 12 percent from last year. This is the first substantial decline since the surveys started in 1975. The number of students who had tried hallucinogens such as PCP also fell. The use of cocaine, heroin, and LSD leveled off.

George Farnham, Political Director of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML), says: "Adolescence is a period when the body is going through many chemical changes itself, with puberty and development. Mentally and physically, it's a terrible time for an adolescent to

get into any type of mind-altering substances."

Evidently, more and more high school students are agreeing with the advice. 75 percent of the students surveyed said that they disapproved of marijuana smoking on a regular basis. Dr. Lloyd Johnston, a social psychologist who conducted the survey, believes that this trend results from more concern about health, and from a more conservative outlook among teen-agers.

Despite these findings, researchers note that overall drug use among high school students remains widespread. The use of stimulants and methaqualone (Quaaludes) continues in a steady upward rise. Nearly two thirds of the class of 1980 had tried an illicit drug - an 18 percent increase since 1975.

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Seniors Lisa Thompson and Andy Burch have been named Mr. and Miss L.O.H.S. by the faculty.

Designer jeans are still popular

By Tamara Tucker

One of the biggest crazes to ever hit the fashion world has been designer jeans; Calvin Klein, Gloria Vanderbilt, Jordache, and Sasson, to name a few.

With the designer jean's rise in popularity has come a common problem--counterfeits. These counterfeits are usually offered at the same or slightly lower prices but are characterized by poor fit and cheap fabric.

How can one avoid such counterfeits? To get the most for your money, it's best to know certain distinctive characteristics about the designer jeans. The key clue is usually the right back pocket label; Calvin Klein has a white tape at the top right of the pocket with "Calvin Klein" woven in red; Gloria Vanderbilt has the "Gloria Vanderbilt" signature at the top center of the pocket emboidered and outlined in gold thread; Sasson has a red tape at the top center of the pocket with "Sasson" woven in

white; and Jordache has a burgundy tape in the center of the pocket with "Jordache" woven in white.

Other popular designer jeans are Chic, Bon Jour, Yves Saint Laurent, Zena, Sergio Valente, and Cacharel. By the fall of 1981, however, an old favorite, Lee jeans, made a considerable comeback. Wrangler and Levi's, two traditional favorites, are returning as well.

Clothes designers aren't the only ones to offer designer jeans, country music performers do so as well. Gilley's, Willie Nelson's, and now Kenny Rogers' Jeans, are the big names here.

Probably the biggest thing about designer jeans is the price. On the average, Calvin Klein, Sasson, and Gloria Vanderbilt jeans cost about \$38.00; Jordache costs about \$41.00. Calvin Kleins are about the most popular designer jeans and owe partial credit for their prevalence to the million-dollar model, Brooke Shields.

"Masquerade" hides modern-day treasure

by Becky DiSilvestro
"Masquerade", by Kit Williams, is a short book of buried treasure, confusing clues, and hidden rabbits all leading to the discovery of a gold hare buried somewhere in Britian.

This story departs from reality and heads straight into riddles and rhymes to confuse the would-be discoverer.

Beginning with a forward of "Within the pages of this book there is a story told of love, adventures, fortunes lost and a jewel of solid gold.

To solve the hidden riddle, you must use your eyes, and find the hare in every picture that may point you to the prize."

the tale follows the travels of an intrepid rabbit called Jack.

This hare is entrusted with the gift of a golden jewel by the moon, who has fallen in love with the sun.

The story takes one through the short adventures of this hare and how he eventually arrives at the end of his journey, but without the jewel.

At the end of the story, Mr. Williams reveals that the task of the reader and hopeful treasure hunter is to discover where the hare lost the jewel which would then reveal the location of the real golden hare, buried in Britian in an urn with the inscription *I am the Keeper of the Jewel of Masquerade which lies safe inside me for you or Eternity.*

Supposedly the precise location of the jewel, given by clues in both the story and the lavishly painted pictures (also by the author) is simple enough to be discovered by a ten-year old. As of now, though, no one has yet discovered the golden hare.

Clubs plan future events

By Tamara Tucker

The Key Club recently earned over \$4,000 dollars for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Different organizations from Kentucky, West Virginia, and Southern Indiana sponsored events to earn money for Cystic Fibrosis. The Lone Oak Key Club brought in more money than any other organization. Forty-five club members participated in the fund raising. The club plans to participate next year as well.

A shipment of about 170 new books have been received by the Library. There are books to fit all reading tastes. The Library Club has been busy processing the books to go on the shelves.

Saturday, January 23, members of the Tri-Hi-Y attended the Pre-Kentucky Youth Assembly at Kentucky Dam Village. This meeting prepares delegates for the Kentucky Youth Assembly in Lexington.

Tri-Hi-Y is collecting used postage stamps and Hyde Park labels. Contributions of these articles would be appreciated and may be turned in at the library.

At the January meeting of the Physical Science Club, Troy Ligon demonstrated how computers could be used for practical purposes. One such purpose was dialing a telephone so that the computer served as a sort of directory. Another function the computer served was turning on and off appliances.

The Biology Club is planning several trips for this year. The first is a proposed cross-country skiing trip in North Carolina. In March a trip to Huntsville, Alabama, is scheduled, and in April there will be a backpacking trip in Southern Illinois.

The Lone Oak FFA delivered 16 baskets to the elderly and needy in the Lone Oak community during the Christmas holiday.

Sophomore Sami Crane was elected FFA Chapter Sweetheart during the December FFA meeting. Sami will now represent the Lone Oak FFA chapter in the regional contest held at Murray State in February.


Lynn Burgess won the regional Soil Conservation Essay contest sponsored by the Courier Journal-The Louisville Times. He received \$50 and will now represent the district in state competition with the possibility of winning \$500. The title of his essay was, "Fish and Wildlife Habitat in My Community." Eighty-one essays were written by FFA members from Lone Oak High School.

At the last F.H.A. meeting, a Valentine's dinner party for February was discussed. The decoration committee consists of Vicki Buchanan, Sami Crane, and Monica Scheer; clean-up committee is Anita Sawyer, Monica Scheer, and Lisa Sharkey.

The Future Business Leaders of America is finalizing plans for their annual Business Breakfast. Approximately 60 Lone Oak businessmen are being invited to attend the breakfast which will be held on February 11.

The 11th annual Region I FBLA conference will be held on March 30 and the Lone Oak chapter is making plans to compete in the various business related events which will be held on that day.

Two new officers were elected at their last meeting. They are Reporter- Jo Beth chambers, Historian- Lori Story.



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Girls' basketball

Symsonia falls to Lady Flashes

By Todd Dowdy

The Lady Flashes, having lost but once so far in January, entered what was to be a duel to the buzzer against the second ranked team in the region; the Symsonia Riderettes. The January 22 match-up gave Lone Oak a Homecoming victory, 50-47.

The first half was virtually a draw as both teams ran in "spurts." In the early moments of the first quarter, Symsonia seemed to control the momentum. Lone Oak rallied, however, and the quarter ended in a tie, 8-8.

The Lady Flashes once again fell behind in the second quarter. In fact, Lone Oak was down by as much as 6 at one point, but aided by Karen Herndon's free throw shooting and the "Tammy Burton floor show," the Flashes once again rallied.

Lone Oak found themselves down by two as the third quarter began. The Flashes came out hustling though and soon built up a 6 point lead. In the closing minutes of the quarter, Symsonia rallied to within three. The quarter ended with Lone Oak on top, 40-37.

A full court press by Symsonia and some sloppy ball handling cost Lone Oak the lead at the start of the fourth quarter. Once again, the Flashes rallied to tie the game at 47 apiece with 1:45 left in the contest. Lone Oak then sealed the game with some pressure free throw shooting by Karen Herndon. The Lady Flashes won, 50-47.

After a long Christmas vacation the Lady Flashes saw action on January 4 against the Livingston County Cardinals. The vacation was obviously not without practice as Lone Oak trounced the Cardinals, 69-36.



Carol Habeck (13) skies for a rebound against the Symsonia Riderettes. Lone Oak beat the second ranked Riderettes, 50-47.

The Flashes controlled the game from the opening tip-off to the final buzzer, as Lone Oak tripled Livingston's score in the first half.

The second half was more of the same, as a good free throw percentage (68 percent) and strong play from Karen Herndon finished off Livingston. Herndon was the game's high scorer for Lone Oak with 24 points.

Also contributing in double digits for the Flashes were Carol Habeck with 15 points and Tam-

my Burton with 16 points.

On January 8, Lone Oak got an overtime scare by the Lowes Blue Devils. The Lady Flashes went on to win by one point, 83-82.

The Flashes trailed most of the first half and entered the third quarter down by a point. The remaining portion of the game was a see-saw battle with both teams trading leads. Lone Oak led by two, 55-53 as the fourth quarter began.

The fourth quarter ended in a tie and it took an overtime to decide the outcome. The Lady Flashes came away victorious.

Tammy Burton, Lone Oak's leading scorer with 35 points commented, "I thought we played a great game." Karen Herndon had 20 points followed by Carol Habeck with 13 points.

Lone Oak's next game came on January 11 with Marshall County, the second ranked team in the state. The Marshals dished out Lone Oak's worst defeat of the year, 71-53.

"Our loss was due to the lack of offensive rebounds," stated Caroline Atkins.

Offensive rebounds were not the only thing plaguing the Flashes as the Marshals kept an 8 to 10 point lead throughout the game.

Tammy Burton led all Lone Oak scorers with 23 points and

Oak opened up an 11 point lead while Heath faltered. The score at the half was 31-20.

In the third quarter, Heath failed to score as Lone Oak ran up a 22 point advantage. Heath was to score only nine more points in the fourth quarter while the Flashes sealed the victory, 56-29.

Carol Habeck and Karen Herndon contributed 15 and 13 points respectively.

The next opponent to fall victim to the Lady Flashes was the St. Mary Lady Vikings in January 19.

St. Mary called an early timeout to regroup as Lone Oak pulled out to a 9-2 lead in the opening moments of the game. The Flashes, led by strong play from Karen Herndon and Tammy Burton, maintained the lead and entered the second quarter with a five point advantage, 13-8.

The Vikings came alive in the second quarter. The St. Mary "surge" was held off, however, and Lone Oak had the lead, 25-22, going into the locker room.

As the third quarter began St. Mary found that they had cooled off considerably at half-time. In fact, the Vikings didn't score a point until just over a minute was left in the period. This provided the Lady Flashes an opportunity to run up a nine point lead and the momentum going into the final quarter. The period ended with Lone Oak on top 35-26.

The Vikings staged a mild come-back in the final quarter. With just over a minute left in the contest, Lone Oak opened up a 10 point lead and were not to be caught again. The game ended as Lone Oak won their fifth game of the month, 55-44.

In the second quarter Lone

stated; "If we play up to our potential we can beat them."

The Lady Flashes bounced off the Marshall County defeat to beat Heath 56-29 on January 16.

Tammy Burton kicked in the first two points of the game, on her way to 17 points, and the Pirates never caught them. Heath did, however, keep it close throughout the first quarter. The quarter ended with Lone Oak on top, 16-14.

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John Davis (24) and Andy Gilland (22) fight for a rebound against the St. Mary Vikings.

Boys' basketball

Flashes stun Symsonia

By Beth Cossiboom

The varsity basketball team realized an important Homecoming victory over the Symsonia Roughriders, January 22.

The first quarter of play saw the Flashes take the lead at 19-18, shooting 68% from the field. It wasn't difficult for the Flashes to extend the lead to 31-23, at the half.

"We played exceptionally well, both on offense and defense," stated junior Tony Snelling. In the third quarter, Lone Oak started moving out, gaining a 19 point lead.

Fourth quarter action saw the Flashes gain a 30 point lead over the Roughriders, winning it 67-37.

Lone Oak's leading scorer was Andy Gilland with 32 points; Kevin Wheatley had 17.

In a game held January 5 at Fulton City, the Flashes defeated the tigers, 50-42. The score at the end of the first half was 18-16,

with the Flashes on top.

Lone Oak's leading scorer was junior Andy Gilland with 16, juniors Kevin Wheatley and Tony Snelling had 10 points, as did senior Jeff Reed.

The varsity boy's pulled out a victory on the road January 16, at the Heath gymnasium.

In the first quarter the Pirates led by 6 with the Flashes trailing until the fourth quarter. This is when Lone Oak made its move. A lay-up by junior Tony Snelling was the starting point of the Flashes come back. From that point on Lone Oak led throughout the game. Final score; Lone Oak, 51-44.

Juniors Kevin Wheatley and Andy Gilland had 10 each for the Flashes while senior Jeff Reed added 8.

The varsity boy's were defeated by the St. Mary Vikings January 19 by a score of 63-45 at the Flash Arena.

The first half of action, the

Flashes played an aggressive game, though this was not enough to stop the strong aggressive game of the Vikings. Lone Oak went to the locker room trailing by 8 points.

In the second half of play, St. Mary dominated all the way, out scoring the Flashes and increasing its lead. Lone Oak came out on the short end of a 62-45 final score.

Andy Gilland and Kevin Wheatley each scored 10 points.

Freshmen

By Stephanie Edwards

The Frosh played the Ballard Bombers January 18, and defeated a margin of 15 points. The Flash dominated the entire game; the final score was 53-38. High scorers were Stan Norris who contributed 16 points, with J.D. Overton scoring 12, and Mark Seay 10 points.

The Freshman team now has a record of 8-3.

Junior varsity

On January 5, the JV Boys played Fulton City and added another victory to its record. The Flash lead throughout the game playing well defensively as well as good offense. The leading scorer, Mark Lawrence, scored 16 points, followed by J.D. Overton who supplied 14 points. The final score was 46-36.

The boys played Ballard County, January 18, which was not as successful as the earlier game. The Flash stayed ahead during the first half to make the half time score 15-12. The Bombers then gained control in the second half of the game to edge past Lone Oak 36-31 to win the game. The high scorer of the game was Stan Norris with 10 points.

The junior varsity boys team has played ten games this season; its record is 7-3.

Tennis team sponsors ping pong tourney

By Roger Estes

Coach Larry Heflin and the Lone Oak High School tennis team sponsored an Ping Pong tournament last Saturday morning. The proceeds went to pay for a camera and video system for the tennis team which helps them to pinpoint flaws in the players form.

"The tournament was a great success and I hope very much to have another in February," said Heflin.

Paducah native Ray Pinner dominated the men's "A" singles of the Lone Oak Ping Pong Tournament by winning four matches in eight straight games. "My toughest opponent was my cousin, Steve Grubbs. He used to beat me a lot at PCC. This was a great time for revenge," said Pinner. Pinner defeated Grubbs in the finals, 21-11 and 21-10.

PCC political science teacher Chun Whang Ro, teamed with Pinner to win the men's "A"

doubles. The only game they lost was the first game of the first match to a team of Reid and Davenport. A few Pinner fans were a bit worried after their opening loss but Mr. Ro assured them that it was but one game of three.

And so it was, for the Pinner-Ro team rattled off eleven unanswered points and went on to win the match 22-24, 21-12, and 21-10.

This was the first time the two had ever played together but they lost only one game in the entire tourney.

In the finals Pinner and Mr. Ro defeated Larry Heflin and Mr. Leauwh 21-10, 21-10.

Pinner credits Chung Ro with his skill at Ping Pong. "He got me started when I was a student of his at PCC" said Pinner. "He taught me to play and can still thoroughly dust me when his game is on."



Junior Andy Gilland (22) goes for two as three St. Mary defenders stand ready for the rebound. The Flashes suffered a defeat as St. Mary won, 62-45.

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