# February marks anniversary

By Lori Keeney

The date February 2, 1972 may not mean much to most people but to approximately 400 Lone Oak High School and 50 faculty members it is a day that will live long in their memory as the day that Lone Oak High School was virtually destroyed by fire:

Firemen arrived on the scene about 4 a.m. and battled the blaze until 10 a.m., saving everything possible. Because of a water pressure loss at one point during the fire fighting water was used from a nearby swimming pool.

Twenty-six classrooms were destroyed or damaged beyond repair. The library was saved and all of the books were moved into the cafeteria. It was orginally said that except for the library wing the rest of the school would be completely demolished and a new building built on the same site. Later it was decided total destruction was not necessary.

Mrs. Gwen Helfer was one of the first faculty members to arrive on the scene. She remembers the sight of Mr. Wallace Adams going into the building wearing an oxygen mask to save the permanent records, records that if destroyed could never be replaced.

The announcement was made early Wednesday morning that the Lone Oak High School students were to meet in the Lone Oak Baptist Church. The students were advised on the situation, and dismissed before noon. There was no school Thursday or Friday but school resumed Monday, February 7, in the middle school.

School did not resume in the new high school until the following fall. Mrs. Helfer recalls that "There was not alot of complaining," and "students and teachers adjusted well."

It was the second fire at the high school in a little over a month. The art department had been destroyed by fire on December 26, 1972. Also lost in the fire was a part of the office, and there was smoke and water damage throughout the school. School went on as scheduled after the Christmas break



(Photo courtesy of Harold Rogers)

February of this year marks the tenth anniversary of the burning of Lone Oak High School. It burned February 2, 1972.

#### Off-track betting sparks critcism from public

By Jeff Abell

Paducah may soon be in the business of off-track betting.

Downtown developers are pushing for a \$17.5 million complex for downtown Paducah. The development, one of five which the General Assembly proposes for Kentucky, includes a theater for viewing races and other closed-circuit events, a health club, housing complex, parking garage, office complex and several retail stores.

A recent legislative meeting was held in city hall chambers with four area legislators attending. Also attending were 25 area ministers, mostly Baptists, who were disturbed at the thought of the idea. The Rev. Dale Peterson, pastor of Broadway Baptist Church, said a statewide organization, "Kentuckians Opposing Parimutual Gambling," has been formed. Peterson said the movement has approximately 75 supporting pastors in the sur-

rounding area along with a number of others in the Louisville and Frankfort areas.

Rev. Peterson stated: "Statistics prove that wherever legalized gambling goes, it detracts from the dignity of human beings. We're making our citizens susceptible to immorality." He also added that an all out letter writing campaign will be launched making state legislators aware of their opposition.

Citing that the off-track betting facility resembles one facet of farming, State Representative Joel Ellington said, "I think that if Paducah needs this for their growth, then I think they are using the wrong kind of fertilizer.'

Along with the opposing forces at the meeting. were an equal amount of residents approving the facility. Downtown merchant Steve Keiler said the facility would not only be used for betting but also for closed-circuit sporting events, concerts, and

State Representative Dolly McNutt, a strong proponet of the facility, explained that the development would be thoroughly regulated, taxed, and would be an asset to the community.

Surprised by all of the negative brawling presented over this project, Representative McNutt explained to the opposing side that this is not what is going to destroy Paducah. "I only wish that you would propose and advocate the type of opposition you are proposing for this measure toward the issue of abortion. That is the major issue, and without the right to life and respect for life, we have nothing. That is truly the greatest immoral consequence to our entire society in Paducah, as well as everywhere else on the face of this earth!"

An informal poll of some of Lone Oak's faculty and student body was taken, asking their opinion on

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#### **Editorials**

#### Nancy Reagan-From riches to riches

Americans have recently turned their attention from the nation's grave state of austerity and have begun focusing on a lighter, more elusive picture, the nation's warm, yet high-strung first lady—Nancy Reagan.

Mrs. Reagan has brought much criticism for her impatient demands made upon White House changes as well as its' staff. She has been attacked for spending more than \$700,000—all from private donations—for renovations of the White House living quarters, and perhaps even more unpopular, for having accepted \$200,000 to pay for the new Lenox china for the Executive mansion. Her \$5,000 dresses and outlandishly priced hair-dos all add in her attempt to return glamour and prestige to the White House.

The recent china scandal has tipped the boat. Mrs. Reagan's purchase of the \$209,508 worth of Lenox china further reinforces her extravagant and frivolous image. While Mrs. Reagan is dining on the best, there are many, many hard-working but poor

people across the nation who can hardly put enough food to serve on their paper plates.

Although the china and other such gifts are taxdeductible, tax experts say that if the benefactors are in the top tax bracket, the taxpayers might indirectly foot as much as 70 percent of the bill.

White House aids have reported that repeat visitors to the mansion have begun to dread the invitation. Nancy Reagan is always cold and usually cranks the heat up to 85 to 87 degrees. It's no wonder that Ronald Reagan says Nancy makes his life "like coming into a warm room."

When her term is over Nancy Reagan will leave no impressions upon the public, except that future first ladies must learn to live with a special edition of Lenox china. By contrast, millions will always remember past first ladies such as Eleanor Roosevelt who was far too busy working for the good of people to bother with such simplistic worries as mismatched china and \$5,000 dresses.

Nancy Reagan, come to life!

#### Class of '82 looks forward to...what?

This year's high school graduates are facing an increasingly uncertain future as-they look towards college and/or the job market.

Not only has there been numerous issues in the new ately about the supposed depressed state of the economy, but the combined issues of unemployment and cuts in education programs do not make a plear to view for the future's of the graduates of 198

In lot of cases, Mommy and Daddy won't be paying the bills anymore. Students will be paying their income taxes, their insurance, possible car paying the state of the local terms of the

Up to now, we have lived pretty sheltered lives.

W. a "Bobby" wrecks his car, the ever-dutiful
part the increase in insurance, and with a
light nition Bobby is back on the streets again.

Every ning "Patty" is pushed to school by her
pe ing mother—what will happen to Patty
when the part isn't there at college to push her and no

one really cares whether she makes it to class or not?

Then there are the students in class who have to be led by the hand and reminded daily: "Now, Charlie, don't forget your homework." And, "Here's another copy of the test, Charlie, since you lost the first one."

Whether at college or on the job, there isn't going to be anyone looking out for Charlie telling him how to keep his job or how to stop flunking English Composition #101.

Now, on top of all that, many students are finding out there is a sudden lack of grants and scholarships, so colleges previously considered as distinct possibilities are now being scrapped.

Seniors, as well as upcoming students, should try to establish a certain amount of independence from teachers and parents as well as try to prepare for the self-reliance that will be necessary on the job or while attending college. Only in this way will they be prepared for the sudden "shock" of leaving high school.

# Meet the students

By C. D. Kash

Here are some questions from your roying reporter that will help you to get acquainted with your fellow friends.

What has been your most embarrassing moment at Lone Oak High School?

Jo Beth Chambers: When I had an armful of books and I tripped up the stairs.

Roger Hagan: Driving "ole blue" to school every morning.

Scott Overby: It was my freshman year when I spilled my tray on the floor and everyone applauded.

What are the pros and cons of Zonkers?

Pam Haglar: It's a great place to go and have fun, but people are getting tired of it.

Jo Beth Chambers: It has good music but costs \$3 and it's boring to just stand around.

If you were given three wishes what would you wish for?

Tracey Hobgood: A date with a certain junior football player, to loose 25 pounds, and to make an A in Mrs. Cooper's class.

Pam Haglar: That my mother would feel well and be healthy like everyone else, to find Mr. Right, and that everyone show a little more love.

Jo Beth Chambers: To be president, lose weight, and to go out with a certain basketball/football player.

What is your opinion on the preppy look? Will it last?

Roger Hagan: To wear preppy clothes is O.K. once in awhile but everyday is too much.

Scott Overby: I like it even though most of my friends belong to an organization called "Kill a Prep."

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#### Polly Meek chosen Rotarian

By Marlie Spears

Polly Meek was selected for this month's Junior Rotarian. Each Wednesday Polly has attended meetings at the Irvin Cobb Ballroom.

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 student's leadership abilities.

"I felt very honored," when told that she was chosen to attend the luncheons and hear guest speakers. Polly also said that "the meetings are very interesting."

Some of Polly's hobbies are swimming, horseback riding, and gymnastics. Her extra curricular activities include Biology Club, Beta Club, and Treasurer of DECA. Polly was also chosen 1981-82 Football Homecoming Queen and the Best Looking Girl in the senior class.

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# FBLA conducts business breakfast

By Jeff Abell

Hot coffee and donuts were the main issue last February 11, as the Future Business Leaders of America conducted their second annual business breakfast in the Lone Oak business department.

In conjunction with national FBLA week, February 7-13, the Lone Oak FBLA invited approximately 60 business people from the Lone Oak area, along with school administrators and business co-op employers, to participate in a business appreciation breakfast. It was a continental breakfast, consisting of hot coffee and donuts, which was served in the early morning hour before school.

Members were given the opportunity to meet and mingle with the area business representatives attending. Those attending were able to view FBLA oriented magazines and pamphlets telling what the organization is and the goals it is striving to achieve. As one business representative noted, "I was surprised to find that FBLA was as large as it really is."

The FBLA members found it beneficial in that, as member Donna M. Batts noted "They really cared about what was going on in our high school while we were able to learn the present happenings of the business community."

With the breakfast beginning at 7 a.m., it may have been a little early for some, but as Mrs. Etta McCarthy of Tom McCarthy Studios told the FBLA members attending, "You are the brave ones!"

#### Date set for Murray

#### Career Week

By Andy Elbon

Murray State University's College of Environmental Sciences is sponsoring the annual Science Career Week for juniors and seniors February 22-26. Lone Oak High School students may attend the sessions Thursday, February 25.

The purpose of Science Career Week, according to Assistant Dean Phillip Sparks, is "to enable them (the students) to visualize more about the nature of specific careers." Students attending Career Week will learn more about careers in agriculture, biology, medicine, mathematics, and the physical sciences in two one-hour "Academic Sessions." Sessions.

The day's activities will begin with registration, followed by a half-hour lecture on the career outlook for the 1980's and the '90's. Next on the agenda is the two Academic Sessions. The day will conclude with lunch at the university's Winslow Cafeteria, to give visiting students an idea of the typical college student's meal.

Any junior or senior interested in attending Career Week sessions should contact Mr. Don Bruce or Mr. Tony McGroarty before Wednesday, February 24.



FBLA members mingle with special guests at the second annual FBLA business breakfast held during national FBLA week on February 11.

# Mark your calendar

As the school year progressively comes to an end these are many dates and deadlines which must be met by both college bound seniors and juniors alike.

- \* The deadline for all scholarship applications to Murray State University is March 1.
- \*The deadline for all scholarship applications to Paducah Community College is April 1.
- \* To take the April 3 ACT test you must register by March 5.
- \*To take the June 12 ACT test you must register by May 14.

Guidance Counselor Dennis Griffith encourages students to listen to the announcements for all pertinent information.



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The River City Street Machine Show was held February 12-14 in the Paducah Mall. The show was sponsored by the River City Street Machine Club and the public voted on the car it liked best. The first place trophy was won by Danny Harrison's blue 1969 Camaro. Chris Henson's yellow 1957 Chevrolet placed third; Todd Myrick's black 1974 Camaro Z-28 placed fifth; Tony Keeling's black 1957 Chevrolet placed sixth; and Tommy Williams's gold 1974 Camaro Z-28 placed ninth.

Shown above is Todd Myrick and his black 1974 Camaro Z-28.

#### Off-Track Betting...

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the issue. Seventy-percent of those polled were in favor of the proposal. Most who favored the issue cited monetary gains as the prime benefit to Paducah.

"I think it would be a progressive move for the Paducah area. The taxes could be used to benefit schools and other organizations," explained Guidance Counselor Phyllis Jones.

Senior Becky DiSilvestro said, "If it's already established illegally, and it's only going into a few pockets, then why not benefit from it economically?"

Another point raised which was targeted at the moral issue of the project was by Donna M. Batts, "Morally wrong is someone's own conscience and not for someone else to decide!"

Librarian Gwen Helfer, who opposes the complex pointed out, "If the money used for this would help reopen some plants which have closed and would put people back to work, it would be a more wholesome benefit for the city."

Both Senior Trent Smith and Sophomore Michelle Hayes cited, "It would just bring in organized crime!"

Principal Thomas Stephenson stressed that betting is wrong and kept the more democratic idea, "I think it should be left to the will of the people and should be decided by referendum.

A proponet of the project, Guidance Counselor Dennis Griffith said, "If everyone would not abuse it, and it is controlled, it would be all right, yet I can understand people who oppose it."

# Former student awarded honor

By C. D. Kash

David E. Wilkins, an alumnus of Lone Oak High School, was recently awarded \$1,250 from Kappa Sigma Endowment Fund for his outstanding record at Lambuth College in Jackson, Tennessee.

Out of 343 Kappa Sigmas, Wilkins was chosen with a 3.80 grade point average for the Hamilton W. Baker "Man of the Year Award."

Some of David's achievements included lettering in tennis, being grand master, grand treasurer, and rush chairman for Epsilon-Psi, and being elected student government president. He also had membership in several honorary fraternities.

David is the son of Ruby and Ed Wilkins who reside on Pepper Lane. He has three sisters: Melissa, Karen, and Suzie.



(Staff photo by Tamara Tucker)
Jean's fashion board member Stephanie Edwards.

#### Edwards chosen fashion board member

By Lisa Vasseur

Junior Stephanie Edwards has been chosen to represent Lone Oak High School on the Jean's Fashion board on January 30. One junior girl is chosen from each of several area high schools to be a member of the board.

In the upcoming months Stephanie, among other fashion board members, will be modeling spring and summer sportswear. Board members also participate in modeling shows and offer many services for charity. The girls also do radio advertisements, each representing her individual high school.

"I am very pleased that I have been chosen to represent my school. I think it will be a good experience as I have interest in fashion merchandising," states Stephanie. The staff at Jean's choose girls to represent their schools on the fashion board according to their interest in modeling, scholastic grade point average, and involvement in their school.

## **Band notes**

By Tamara Tucker

Several members of the Lone Oak High School Kentucky Colonel Band have recently participated in three honor bands.

The University of Tennessee-Martin Honor Band was held January 28-30. Players auditioned and were selected for the band. Lone Oak members participating were seniors Tony Kitchen and Todd Dowdy and junior Jeff Parker.

The All-State Band was held in Cincinnati, Ohio, February 3-5. It was held in conjunction with the Ohio All-State and Lone Oak participants were senior Todd Dowdy and junior Paul Besold.

The All-District Band will be held March 19 and 20 at Paducah Tilghman High School. Thirteen Lone Oak members will attend. They are: seniors Lisa Hertter, Todd Dowdy, Andy Elbon, and Sara Spahr; juniors Paul Besold, Laura Carrico, Lesa Prince, Micki Lynn, and Jeff Parker; and sophomores Valarie Foster, Peter Besold, Jimmy Bowland, and Mark Ingram.

The band is also planning a trip to Florida, April 27-May 2. They will participate in the Orange Blossom Festival in Orlando, Florida. The Colonels will compete in three categories at the festival: field, concert, and parade. They will also give a performance at the Disney World "Tencennial" celebra-

#### Foreign language students present projects

By Lisa Vasseur

Every school year, students studying a first year foreign language create their own projects that pertain to their particular foreign language class. The students present their project in front of their class.

French or Spanish foods, models, reports, paintings, dolls, and costumes are just a few examples of the types of projects that are made. Foreign foods are the most popular project chosen every year, according to foreign language teacher, Mr. Dennis Buckner.

"Working with samples of foreign lifestyles benefits the student in many ways," states Mr. Buckner. "It gives the student an opportunity to

sample the lifestyle and customs of the people they are studying. The student can learn more about foreign ways of life." When ask what he felt has been the best project over the years of his instruction, Mr. Buckner mentioned a project that consisted of life-size paper mache figures of Virgin Mary, Joseph, and the Christ child forming the nativity scene. This project went on to win a prize at a contest at Murray. It was also used as a Christmas scene in front of Lourdes hospital.

The projects are presented once a week for about three months. Each student tells about his own project. If he is presenting a food, the entire class is able to sample it.



French I student Jennifer Cooper offers Mr. Buckner a cream puff

# Oxford starts

## Day tradition

By Lori Keeney

How did the old tradition of pinching people who don't wear green on St. Patrick's Day get started?

Long ago there lived a little man named Oxford who lived in Ireland. Having been born a midget, Oxford stood only two and a half feet tall. Oxford was a firm believer in wearing green on St. Patrick's Day, and that not wearing green on this day was disrespectful to St. Patrick.

One St. Patrick's Day, Oxford got an idea. He went to a very crowded market and went around pinching everyone he saw that was not wearing the color green. Of course, because of his size, he was not very easily seen in the crowded market.

All of the pinching caused mass confusion and quite an uproar. As the shoppers talked among themselves they discovered it was only the ones among them that were not wearing green that were being pinched. No one had connected Oxford with the pinching, so the people thought that it must be some type of a game to be played on St. Patrick's Day. Thus, the tradition of pinching everyone who isn't wearing green on St. Patrick's Day was established

#### St. Patrick's Chills Bring Few Thrills

By Jeff Abell

As the school year progresses, so does the inevitable-cold weather. Nature's thermostat has hit an all time low during the month of January, and accompanying these intolerably chilling temperatures are the intricacies which plague many each year.

Paducah suffered a record low of 10 degrees below zero this month and along with it a wind chill factor of 38 degrees below. Kentucky can feel fortunate though, as across the Midwest, temperatures have dropped as low as 46 degrees below zero.

Setting all statistics aside, such temperatures cause difficulties in not only traveling conditions but may also be harmful to a person's physical condition. Frostbite plagues many during the winter months. Caused by extreme cold on the body, it usually affects the ears, nose, hands, and feet. Early symptoms of frostbite include tingling, numbness, and pain, while seere freezing of deeper tissues is dangerous, and often results in gangrene. Treatment of frostbite includes a gradual warming of the affected layer of skin. Paducah physician Ralph Frazier, an emergency room doctor at Lourdes Hospital, cited that recovery from frostbite usually is painful, though most cases respond to treatment. Dr. Frazier said that whatever the case may be, you still need to see your doctor.

Frostbite may be prevented by simply wraping up. Extra pairs of socks, hats, gloves, and boots should become new friends during sub-zero temperatures. And as the U.S. Army slogan states "Be Prepared," so goes the same for the chilling winter weather.

#### Clubs reports February news

By Andy Elbon

The FHA has been busy this month with activities in honor of National FHA Week, February 7-13. Club members have prepared apples for teachers with appreciation notes attached. An FHA Week potluck dinner was held February 16.

The Library Club sponsored a Valentine's Day contest to promote use of the library. Winners of the contest were: 6th-Tina Troutman, 5th-Mark Brantley, 4th-PaulRikel, 3rd-Beth Hughes, 2nd-Lori Spillman, and 1st-Mr. George Murphy. The club is now considering the possibility of an Easter promotion.

Mr. Jeff Sills, a commercial art student from Atlanta, was the guest speaker at this month's Art Club meeting. Sills demonstrated the technique of airbrush painting and showed examples of other art techniques from his personal portfolio.

At this month's Tennis Club meeting, members

discussed possibilities for a trip during KEA week. Final plans were also made for a ping-pong tournament, which is to be held February 27.

Mr. Billy Sensing was the speaker at the Physical Science Club meeting. He lectured on the use of the club's new computer disc system. The discs store information used in computer programming.

The Key Club sold Valentine's Day carnations this month for \$1. Funds raised from this project will go to the club treasury.

The FBLA made final plans for their Business Breakfast, which was held February 11th. Forty members of the the FBLA will be attending the Regional FBLA Convention at Murray, March 30.

The TRI-HI-Y is collecting Hyde Park labels, newspapers, and stamps to raise money for hungry children. The club also sent Valentine's Day cards to members o the LOHS faculty.

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## Personal computers enter the American household

By Djuna Looney

"I love it!" remarked sophomore Holly Bruce about the TRS-80 personal computer that was recenly put in her home. The Bruces are now getting used to their computer and learning how to program it. They are already using it as a study aid for her younger brother and to play games on.

The average home computer is about the size of a full sized electric typewriter. The video screen that the computer prints out on is about the size of a portable television set. The cost of a personal computer is approximately \$500, however, many people choose to add on accessories that can drive the price up to \$1,500 or even \$2,000.

The three main functions of a personal computer center around entertainment, education, and services. The best know games for entertainment are "thinking" games such as chess, backgammon and checkers. Action games like football, tennis and space games are also popular. Computers are also employed in many schools for educational purposes. They are so diverse they can help younger children learn their multiplication tables and the same computer can assist a graduate student with a research project. There are many services that a home com-

puter can provide in the average home. It can keep financial data for tax forms, prepare a family budget, and balance a checkbook. It is able to keep lists that can often be easily lost such as a personal telephone directory, medical records, and Christmas

The functions of all computers are basically the same: input, processing, output, and memory, which is the ability to store information and recall it instantly. In this way the small personal computer is much like the large computers used in banks and department stores. The difference between the two is their ease of operation. A large computer usually has to be programed by a hired programer. Home computers are easier to operate because the programs also called softwre, can be purchased on discs or tape cassettes for securities, analysis, personal record keeping and tax investment. These programs ae priced between \$20 and \$70. Although many computer owners use bought programs, some prefer to program their own computers. These people usually use BASIC (Beginners All-Purpose Symbolic Instruction Code). This is the most commonly used high-level computer language.





By Diuna Looney

A study for the National Science Foundation has found that more than half of all high school students in the United States have used computers. The same study also predicts that all high schools will have computers by the mid 1980's

In some classrooms, the computer has nearly replaced the book. At the University of Maryland, students can hear a full semester of history lectures

from electronic consoles and never see a teacher even during an exam.

The computer is a valuable tool for education because of its versatility. Some computers are so diverse they can teach geometry, conjugate Latin verbs, give a test on Shakespeare, and demonstrate the proper method for treating a heart attack victim. Another beneficial feature is the computer's unlimited patience. A teacher can get frustrated having to ask a child repeatedly what is three times seven, but a computer will keep asking the child until he answers correctly.

Computers are helpful to all students. In lower grades, computers are used in drill and practice routines such as spelling and multiplication. These exercises can be tiresome for an entire class with students working at different levels. In high schools, students can be taught and tutored by computers. On the college level, computers can give students practical experience in their major field of study. In one college, students pretended to be city managers. Using computers, the students prepared a city budget, fought pollution, provided housing, and planned mass transportation. The computer then projected their actions 50 years into the future and showed the results of their decisions.



Seniors Tony Kitchen and Steve Lester

#### Computer class to be offered next year

By Laura Carrico

Senior's will have a new class option next year-Computer Programming. This class will be offered to 21 students each semester.

Lone Oak High School presently has two computers, but will receive five new Apple computers for next year.

Students will study mainly BASIC programming. This includes Universal Programming, which is the writing of simple programs; Loops, the generating of tables and charts; Sub-Scripts, an introduction to data processing; and Graphics, or game theories. Also studied will be Computer Peripherals, which is the operation of the printer, cassette recorder, and other parts of the computer. Applications will make up a great part of the class; this includes working up your own programs and writing programs for other

The purpose for the class is to learn computer programming and computer familiarity in general.

The idea for the class came from Superintendent Bill Brown. When he saw Lone Oak graduates competing for jobs with students who had computer training, he felt that Lone Oak should offer similar training.

The standards haven't been set yet," states Mr. Billy Sensing, science, chemistry, and physics teacher, "but the student should have had algebra and be familiar with a typewriter keyboard."

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#### "Taps" claims loss of innocence

By Becky DiSilvestro

"Taps," starring Timothy Hutton and George C. Scott, dramatizes a group of young boys' first realization of responsibility and their subsequent rapid maturity.

The movie opens innocently enough at a military school for boys who are preparing excitedly for summer break. Some are staying, some leave; it is also graduation for the seniors.

Timothy Hutton, who portrays Cadet Brian Mooreland, is promoted to major and becomes second in command at the school only to General Bache (George C. Scott).

From then the movie takes a sudden swing when the General informs the cadets of the school's imminent closure. This climaxes dramatically on the night of the graduation ball, when a civilian is shot and killed by the General's gun (though not necessarily by the General himself) during a brawl between the cadets and the town's youth, provocated by the "civilians."

After the General is arrested, taken away, and suffers a heart-attack, the situation progressively deteriorates. These events lead to the take-over of the school, with Hutton as officer in command.

Throughout the student occupation, major things happen which forces everyone, both inside and out, to face the growing realities of the difficult situation. These responsibilities fall solely on Hutton, who gives a very intense performance of a young man confronted with protecting his ideals.

One of the finest points of the film "Taps" was the contrast between the colonel of the national guard and Hutton. The colonel, being an experienced,



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realistic soldier, is sympathetic to the students cause, but not blind to its very obvious weaknesses; on the other hand is Hutton, the untried cadet, full of ideals and intent upon the preservation of honor above all. The colonel's respect for Hutton's beliefs, but impatience with his methods, further strengthens the feelings of helplessness concerning the fate of the academy; a feeling present throughout the entire film.

#### 'Bread Upon the Water' lacks know-how

By Andy Elbon

In his newest release, "Bread Upon The Water," novelist Irwin Shaw has composed a tale of pride, warmth, love and suspense. Despite its new flaws, the book makes for enjoyable reading.

The story is about Allen Strand, a high school teacher, and his family's experiences in New York City, Connecticut and France. Strand is the chairman of the history department; his wife teaches piano; his eldest daughter is a dedicated high school athlete. Chapter one of "Bread Upon the Waters" establishes each of these central characters to a certain degree, revealing a normal American family

somewhat spoiled by a protective and proud father.

The reverie of family life is broken one night by the appearance of Russell Hazen, a prominent attorney. Brought cut and bleeding to the strand apartment by the youngest Strand, Caroline, Hazen had been bicycling in Central Park when attacked by three young muggers. Caroline, who had been playing tennis in the park, stumbled upon the scene and chased off the would-be assailants with her tennis racket. Hazen considers himself greatly indebted to Caroline and the Strand family for their generosity during his recuperation, and showers them with gifts and takes overwhelming interest in their private affairs.

But Russell Hazen's involvement in the Strands personal affairs begins to take its toll on the family members' relationships with each other. The remainder of the novel deals with the rapid deterioration of the Strand's family bonds and how they are finally tied back together.

Although Shaw's development of the story is good, he sometimes doesn't seem to know what he is talking about. While he shows off great knowledge of history and art, on the subjects of music (both rock and classical) and law, Shaw becomes very vague, as if the only knowledge he has of them is litte more than the average high school student would have.

But this one flaw is minor in comparison to the many 'highlights of the book, and doesn't keep "Bread Upon the Waters" from being a good novel. Devo expresses new wave sentiment

By Roger Estes

The "New Traditionalists" album by Devo has provoked cries of commercialism but the material is New Wave to the core.

The songs carry quick beats and the rhythms are very repetitious.

Devo's smash hit "Working in a Coalmine" is included in the album. It is perhaps the best New Wave single of 1981.

"Through Being Cool," which appeared in the bloody bar scene of "Heavy Metal;" is a classic example of Devo's anti-spud sentiment.

Ozzy Ozbourne has ventured from Black Sabbath to produce his own "Diary of a Madman." His lyrical and musical genious has carried over into this, his first solo album. "Flying High Again" and "Over the Mountain" have received much deserved acclaim.

The great success of this album as well as his present "Dead Bat" tour should encourage Osbourne to continue his solo career.



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The new students are as follows (first row): Lee Jones, Cheryl Holt, Dara Jackson, (back row): Bobby Brown, Troy Utley, Greg Jackson, James Jones, and Bob Warford.

# Lone Oak receives eleven new students

By Holly Harris

Eleven new students are attending Lone Oak High School this semester. Of these students there is one senior, one junior, four sophomores, and five freshmen.

Freshman Dara Jackson moved to Lone Oak from Reidland where she was actively involved in the band. Some of Dara's favorite pastimes are dancing, swimming, and playing racketball. When asked what she likes most about LOHS she replied, "The band and the people."

"I like it a lot better than Reidland," was what freshman Greg Jackson had to say about Lone Oak. While attending Reidland, he was active in basketball and track. During his spare time Greg enjoys playing basketball and collecting albums.

Sophomore Cheryl Holt comes to Lone Oak High School from Marshall County. In her spare time Cheryl can be found motorcycle and horseback riding. Cheryl commented that the best thing about Lone Oak is that "I don't get lost everytime I walk in the door."

"The kids are the best part about Lone Oak," says new sophomore Bob Warford. Bob moved from Globes, Michigan to Lone Oak where he now resides

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on the Old Mayfield Road. Bike riding is one of his favorite pastimes.

"The lunchroom," is what sophomore, Steven Warford said he likes about Lone Oak. Steven, who comes from Globes High School, is very active in football, and he also enjoys cruising and motorcycle riding.

Senior Robin Holmes comes to I OHS from Lowes High School. When asked how he feels about Lone Oak, Robin said, "It's just a better school than Lowes. I didn't like to tell people where I went to school, but I don't mind letting people know I go to Lone Oak because it's just better." During his spare time Robin enjoys working.

Sophomore James Jones came to Lone Oak from Lakeview High School, in Decatur, Illinois. At Lakeview High School he was a football and basketball manager, played baseball, and was on the year-book staff. James commented on the nice students and teachers. Also, he said, "The classes are easier here than where I went before."

Junior Lee Jones comes to LOHS from Lakeview High School, where he played football. His favorite pastime is watching television. When asked how he liked Lone Oak, Lee's reply was, "I like it."

"It's bigger and I know more people here," are a few of the statements freshman Bobby Brown had to say about LOHS. He moved to Lone Oak from Gords, Alabama. Bobby can be found at his home on Marshall Road building model cars and working.

When asked how she likes LOHS, freshman Sharon Cooper said "The students and teachers are nice. Also, I like how big the school is." Sharon comes from Lyon County High School where she participated in band, flag corps, and FHA. During her spare time Sharon enjoys hockey and different kinds of sports.

Freshman Troy Utley comes to Lone Oak from Reidland High School. When asked how Troy likes LOHS, his reply was, "It's a better school, it's just better." Troy now resides on Colony Drive, and his favorite pastime is girls.

# Hair: It makes the first impression

By Holly Harris

With spring well on its way, a fabulous hair-style will be needed to go along with the new spring fashions clothes. This article reveals some of the 1982 hairstyle predictions and grooming advice tips so you too can have beautiful spring hair.

This year more and more people are going to have shorter and more manageable haircuts. A shorter and more manageable cut is one that has built-in ease and is also a modern and easy way to wear hair off the face. Among these will be such old favorites as the Princess Diana and Dorothy Hamil haircuts. There will also be many punk rock styles. This is where the hair is short in front and is sticking up on the top. The effects of the short cuts are to enhance the features of the face, such as the eyes and the cheekbones.

For longer hair, feathering (cutting in different lengths around the face and ends of the hair) is considered a face framing cut. Ribbons, barrettes, and headbands are going to be very popular with the long cuts this year.

In order to have really terrific looking hair, you must take very special care of it. Here are a few tips so you too can have healthy and beautiful hair:

- Before shampooing, brush the scalp very thoroughly to bring out the oil
  - → Always use a mild conditioning shampoo
- Never rub hair vigorously when towel drying as hair is more likely to break off when wet
- To refresh limp hair at the end of the day lightly sprinkle talcum powder over hair then thoroughly brush
- When shampooing, only use the fingertips. Do not blow-dry hair unless absolutely necessary.

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Senior Steve Lester was the Grand Prize winner in the recent Asteriods contest. (Staff photo by Becky DiSilvestro)

## Steve Lester clears hyperspace

By Becky DiSilvestro

Senior Steve Lester was the Grand Prize winner in the recent Asteroids Contest held at the Woolco department store in the Paducah Mall. The competition was held Saturday, February 13.

To win the Grand Prize, Steve first had to go through prelimineries held on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Nine finalists were then chosen according to the highest scores. The finals were held Saturday from 2 until 4 p.m.

With a preliminery score of 84,560. Steve then went on to score 69,810 in the finals which won him the Grand Prize, an Atari video computer system. Other prizes awarded were cartridges for Atari.

In addition to playing video games, Steve also enjoys working with computers.

Steve is the son of Dean and Linda Lester of Route #6, Clinton Road.

## Everyday is a holiday

By Laura Carrico

Do you feel like celebrating? Every day is a holiday according to "Chases' Calendar of Annual Events" by William D. and Helen Chase, which lists over 4,000 special days, weeks and months that can be a cause for celebration this year.

For those who enjoy potatoes, there's Potato-Lover's Month (February); if eggs are more to your liking don't forget National Egg Salad Week (right after Easter).

Some events to keep in mind are Pay-Your-Bills Week (February first to fifth), Return-the-Borrowed-Book Week (March first to seventh), and Write-a-Love-Poem Fortnight (April 23 to May 6).

National Grouch Day (October 15) may prove to be among the easiest to celebrate, as well as National Procrastination Week (March first to seventh), and Be-Late-For-Something Day (September fifth).

Yet another important date is December 22, National Flashlight Day, to "promote awreness of how various flashlights play a vital role in one's everyday life."

National-Anthem-Memorizing—Resolution Day (May 19) is but one of more than 500 holidays in May—the month holding the record for the most holidays.

January 16 is perhaps the most useful of all holidays: National Nothing Day. This day was set aside so that Americans could have "one national day when they can just sit without celebrating, observing, or honoring anything."



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## Wilkins makes collection of calling cards

By Marlie Spears

Senior Suzie Wilkins, the daughter of Ed and Ruby Wilkins, has been collecting calling cards since 1977. As of February 5, Suzie had collected 2,127—more than your baseball collection?

When asked what made her start collecting calling cards Suzie stated, "I really can't remember. I won some stuff from a radio station and they sent me advertisements with several calling cards from some local businesses." Ms. Wilkins also stated, "there were also several around the house," and within a month she had accumulated approximately a hundred.

A big boost came when Suzie's parents once went to Sue and Charlie's Restaurant and in the lobby of the restaurant there was a fish net full of calling cards. Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins returned from the restaurant with approximately 600 calling cards to up Suzie's collection to around 700.

Many of Suzie's cards have come from friends and even friends of friends. Suzie even said that "I've had people 'borrow' them off of bulletin boards and paintings." Out-of-town friends and relatives have also contributed to the collection making it a widespread effort.

Commentary

# Pro athletes roll in the dough

By Todd Dowdy

As the unemployment lines grow longer and longer and the number of people on welfare increase by the day, there is one group of people who have yet to feel the economic crunch. This upper-class group is that of the super-stars of professional sports.

For decades now almost every young boy has watched his favorite ball player and dreamed of someday playing baseball in the major leagues or to play in the Superbowl like his favorite football player. Now, unlike the past, professional athletes are not only looked upon as heros but are also excessively wealthy.

Granted some of these sport "gods" are well worth a great deal of money due to their talents, but many if not all, are grossly over-paid. For example, the President of the United States earns a salary of \$200,000 a year. Ozzie Smith, owever, of San Diego is demanding \$650,000 a year while batting a

meager .230

A well established lawyer, with four years of college and three years of law school, possibly makes \$70,000 a year. This salary is dwarfed by many of the "golden boys" of baseball, the pitchers.

Not only do these professional athletes make tremendous amounts of money in base pay, many do commercials and advertisements for businesses, adding even more to their yearly income.

Also, this "big business" attitude toward the game put a damper on the sport of baseball this previous summer as teams were on strike for almost three months.

Situations such as these could slowly decrease the support of many avid sports fans. For this reason, professional athletes should be less concerned about whether they will make seven or eight hundred thousand dollars this year, but accept a reasonable salary, and "play ball"!

# By Kim Austin For the past two to three months the boy's and girl's tennis teams have been working out at the Raquetball Club of Paducah on the Nautilus weight lif-

Nautilus club

girl's tennis teams have been working out at the Raquetball Club of Paducah on the Nautilus weight lifting machines to get in shape for their spring seasons. They have also played raquetball to increase their quickness and footwork when they return to the courts early this spring.

prepares varsity

Since February 2, Mr. Larry Heflin, coach of the girls and boys teams, has had his teams running in the high school gym after school twice a week. "Physical conditioning is an integral part of being able to succeed as a tennis player. We run during cold weather so that we can use our good weather to practice strokes and strategy on court," said Mr. Heflin.

The girls' team has their first match March 23, against Metropolis, Illinois at Metropolis. The line-up will start out with last fall's starting six with three seniors leading off. Suzie Wilkins, Karen Herndon, and Kim Austin will fill the first three positions respectively. Junior Stephanie Edwards, freshman Cathy Thweatt, and senior Kim Tidwell will fill the fourth, fifth, sixth positions.

The boys's team will have their first match March 24, against Metropolis at Metropolis. Their starting six will be senior Scott Bratton, junior Mike Presley, freshman Troy Duncan, eighth grader Chris Dallas, freshman Tyler Prince, and eighth grader Allan Foster.

Coach Heflin's expectations for both his teams run high. "Both boy's and girl's teams have an excellent chance to have very good seasons. The girls are very experienced and have an excellent chance of being the best team in the region for the second consecutive year. The boys are very young and inexperienced. However, there is a lot of talent and depth on the team and they are improvint very rapidly.

#### District tourney takes shape

By Todd Dowdy

Culminating a long season of play, the girls' and boys' basketball teams will enter the Second District tournament at Reidland High School beginning March 1 and ending March 6 with the boys' final. The girls' final will be on Friday night, March 5.

The boys' tournament proves to be interesting as both Tilghman (19-6) and Ballard (13-9), ranked one and two in the district, are in opposite brackets. Both teams open the tournament as Ballard goes against Lone Oak (9-11) on March 1, and Paducah Tilghman plays St. Mary (8-12) on March 6. The Reidland Greyhounds and the Heath Priates both drew a bye.

The winners of the Lone Oak-Ballard game advances to the semi-finals on Wednesday night at 8 p.m. The winner of the Tilghman-St. Mary game plays Thursday night, March 4, also at 8 p.m. The

final game will be held at 7:30 on Saturday, March 6.

The girls' tournament begins or Monday night, March 1, with the game between Ballard County and the St. Mary Vikings. The game will begin at 6:30. In the same bracket the Reidland Greyhounds drew a bye and get a free ride into the semi-finals. In the lower bracket Tilghman squares off against the Heath Pirates while the second-ranked team in the region, the Lady Flashes of Lone Oak, drew a first round bye. The semi-finals will be held on Wednesday and Thursday night with the winner of the Ballard-St. Mary game playing on Wednesday and the lower bracket winner playing on Thursday evening. The girls' final will be held on Friday night at 7:30.

In both the boys' and girls' tournaments the winner and runner-up will advance to the regional tournament.



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## Flashes squeak by Heath Pirates

By Beth Cossiboom

The Lone Oak Flashes scored their ninth victory of the season by defeating the Heath Pirates February 2, by a score of 44-41. Lone Oak has beaten the Pirates once earlier in the season.

In the first half play, Heath managed to hold the Flash, battling to a 14-14 tie at halftime.

In the third quarter disaster struck the Flash as the team's leading scorer, junior Andy Gilland, received an injury which sent him to the locker room early in the quarter. Replacing Gilland was freshman Stan Norris. Norris scored 14 points in the remaining minutes of the ballgame, including 6 for 6 at the foul line.

In the fourth quarter with just six seconds left, junior Mike Presley sank two freethrows to put the Flash on top.

The leading scorer was freshman Norris with 14, followed by junior Kevin Wheatley with 9. Junior Tony Snelling and Andy Gilland contributed seven points each.

In the Tilghman gymnasium January 29, the varsity boys were defeated by the Tornadoes, 51-40.

Lone Oak in the first quarter scored only four points, with Tilghman outscoring the Flash by five.

In the second quarter, the Flash gained five points against the Tornadoes; Lone Oak went to the locker room leading 16-15. Tilghman came out in the third quarter to dominate throughout the remaining two quarters.

In fourth quarter action junior John Davis added two points from the charity stripe to decrease the lead to six. With less than a minute left, however, Tilghman started to slowly run away with it, winning it by 11 points.

The leading scorer was junior Kevin Wheatley who scored ten points in the evening's play, followed by junior Andy Gilland with nine. Junior John Davis contributed nine, while junior Tony Snelling added eight.

The Oakers traveled to Marshall County to play the Marshal's February 5, to suffer its ninth loss of the season.

In the first quarter, playing a 1-3-1 zone, the Oaker's experienced poor shooting, but made up for it in defense. At the half Lone Oak was down by six points.

In the second half of the game the Flashes



(Staff photo by Becky DiSilvestro)

Coach Speed yells advice to members of the boys varsity team.

shooting improved dramatically with the Oakers shooting 45 percent. The end of the third quarter the score was 31-30 with the Marshal's having a one point lead. "With two minutes left, we made some critical turnovers which cost us the game," stated junior John Davis. The final score Lone Oak 42, Marshall County 46.

The leading scorer for the Oaker's was junior Kevin Wheatly with 14, followed by junior Tony Snelling with eight. Junior's John Davis and Mike Presley each contributed six.

The game held February 9 against the Livingston

(Staff photo by Becky DiSilvestro)

Senior Jeff Reed (32) and junior John Davis (42) sky for a rebound.

County Cardinal's marked over Oaker's record 9-11.

In the first quarter's actions the tip-off was controlled by junior guard Andy Gilland. The Cardinal's compiled a 4-0 lead against the Oakers in the first minutes of the game, but the Flash came back and gained an eight point lead over the Cardinals at the end of the quarter. In the second quarter the purple Flashes played a neck and neck game against Livingston with the Oakers cutting the margin to three at the half.

"In the third quarter, we lost some of our momentum," stated senior Jeff Reed. The Cardinal's obtained a one point lead 32-31 at the end of the third quarter. In the last quarter's action with the Oaker's having to adjust to the Cardinals powerful press the Oaker's trailed by 4. The final score was Lone Oak 44-Livingston County 40.

Leading off the Flashes in scoring was—junior Mike Presley with a total of 14 points. Following Presley was junior Tony Snelling with 12 points, junior Andy Gilliand contributed 9.

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Girls Varsity Basketball

# Lady Flashes down Reidland

By Stephanie Edwards

For the Lady Flashes, the month of January ended successfully. With only two losses this season, they added two more victories to their record.

On January 26, the Lady Flashes played the Reidland Greyhounds and won by a score of 56-37. Lone Oak stayed ahead by a sizable margin throughout the game. The halftime score was 27-19, Lone Oak. The Lady Flash were able to maintain their lead as they shot 73 percent from the free throw line. The Greyhounds played a diamond and one defense on Tammy Burton which seemed to prevent her from scoring her usual high. High scorers for the game were Karen Herndon with 25 points and Carol Habeck with 15.

The Lady Flashes last game in January was against Tilghman. It was played on the 29th at the home of the Tornadoes. This game marked the fourteenth win for the Flash. Both teams started the game with good pressure defense. The halftime score was 28-20 in favor of Lone Oak. In the fourth quarter the Oakers gained a 15 point lead which was soon narrowed to 6 points. The final score was 53-47. Karen Herndon scored 16 points, followed by Tammy Burton with 15 points.

The first part of February was another period of triumph for the Lady Flashes. On February 2, the Flashes struck the Heath Pirates and won by a score of 53-24. Lone Oak began their powerful win by scoring 21 points in the first half. The second half was even more successful as 32 points were tallied. The Oakers dominated the entire game with scoring led by Karen Herndon and Tammy Burton, with 20 and 17 points respectively.

Coach Cliff Owen commented on the progress of the Lady Flashes this season. "At this point in the season we are doing better than a lot of people expected us to. I don't think anybody expected us to be 15-2. Our players are working real hard and we hope to do well near tournament time," stated Owen.

The District Tournament begins March 1 at Reidland.

On Monday, February 8, the Lady Flashes upset Mayfield by a score of 62-36. Lone Oak began the game by flying past their opponents and never looking back.

Finishing the first quarter the Oaker's were ahead



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Junior Carol Habeck goes for two dwring Lone Oak's win over Heath 53-24.

by 14 points. The halftime score was even better as the score tallied up to 35-14, in favor of Lone Oak. Realizing their deficit, Mayfield was unable to catch the Flash. The Oakers shot 67 percent from the free throw line with Tammy Burton scoring the most points with 19. Karen Herndon hit for 17 points and "Dooper" Winstead had 12.

February 9 marked another victory for the girls as they defeated the Tilghman Tornadoes, this time at the home of the Flash. Lone Oak started the game with the first two points, but didn't lead for long as their opponents zipped ahead. The Tornadoes were ahead 10-4 at one time in the first quarter, until the home team gained control by ending the quarter with a 14-12 lead. The entire second half consisted of both teams staying neck and neck. The halftime score remained neutral as it was completed with a 24-24 tie. To start the second half, the Lady Flashes dominated the remainder of the game. With 2:45 left in the third quarter, they were ahead 37-30.

With the Tornadoes taking two time outs in the final quarter, any plans of control proved futile as the Flash went on to win 55-48. High scorers were Karen Herndon with 19 points, Tammy Burton. 13, and Carol Habeck, 12 points.

The Lady Flashes seem to be on a streak as they won their 17th game February 11. They played Calloway County at home and had little trouble winning as they defeated the Lakers by 38 points. Throughout the first half the Oakers led by a sizable margin, finishing the half with a score of 37-17. The second half was a repeat of the first. Lone Oak completed the game with a victorious score of 85-47. High scorers for the game were Carol Habeck with

23 points, Tammy Burton-21, and Karen Herndon-18.

Carlisle County proved to be no competition for the Lone Oak Lady Flashes on January 15. The Flashes conquered their rival by 29 points. Contributing these points were junior starters Carol Habeck with 19 points and Tammy Burton with the same. The final score was 67-38.

