

Dena Giacone crowned queen at Lone Oak-Symsonia game

By Abigail Baker

Senior Dena Giacone was crowned 1984 Basketball Homecoming Queen at the Lone Oak vs. Symsonia basketball game, February 10.

Dena is involved in many activities at school. She is president of the Key Club, trip director of the Biology Club, and statistician for the varsity boys basketball team. Dena is a member of the Physical Science Club, Pep Club, and is a Student Council representative. Dena is also a member of the girls golf team for the second straight year. Miss Giacone was an honor student for two years, outstanding student her sophomore and junior years, and was voted Outstanding Key Club Member her junior year. Dena participated in the 1983 Youth Leadership Salute, has been nominated to "Who's Who Among American High School Students," and has received service awards from the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and the March of Dimes. She is the daughter of Dave and Gayla Giacone. Dena was escorted by Stan Norris.

The Queen's Court consisted of senior queen candidates Abigail Baker, Danya Lamont, Lori Spillman, Regnia Tracy, and Tina Troutman. Attendants for the underclassmen were junior Amy Grimes, sophomore Stacie Whaley, and freshmen Stephanie Carney.

Abigail Baker is the daughter of Thurman and Jen Baker. She has been an honor student all four years of high school, and was an outstanding student her sophomore and junior years. Abigail was a Football Homecoming Queen Candidate and was chosen Most Likely to Succeed by the senior class. She is president of the Biology Club and business manager of the Oak K newspaper. Abigail is a member of the Key Club, FBLA, representative to the Student Council, and serves on the Oak Leaves Yearbook Staff. She was a delegate to the 1983 Kentucky Girls State, was honored in the Youth Leadership Salute, was selected for Kentucky's Golden 100 her junior year, and has been nominated to



Photo by Ken Thompson

Senior Superlatives are chosen

Pictured above are the senior class superlatives. On the top row from left are Brian Bell, Most Athletic; Carla Sweatt, Most Attractive; Abigail Baker, Most Likely to Succeed; Theodore Peshehonoff, Mr. LOHS, Mr. Senior, and Most Attractive; Cindy Debow, Miss Senior and Most Fashionable; Kevin Yancy, Most Friendly; Tim Raney, Most Catching Smile; and Billy Hagan, Best All Around. Pictured on the second row are Cathy Williams, Miss LOHS and Most Dependable; Debbie Thompson, Most Humerous; Lisa Hayden, Most Catching Smile; Jo Beth Chambers, Best All Around; Tracy Hobgood, Most School Spirited; Mark Lawrence, Most School Spirited; and Sean Jackson, Most Fashionable. On the bottom row are Ken McKinney, Most Unforgettable; and Darrall Harris, Most Talented. Other Superlatives not pictured are Deron McIntosh, Most Dependable; Lisa Eyer, Most Unforgettable; Tiffin Beck, Most Talented; Peter Besold, Most Likely to Succeed; Danya Lamont, Most Friendly; Marie O'Nan, Most Athletic; and Daryl Tubbs, Most Humerous.



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Dena in her moment of glory; as the rest of the court look on.

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Everyone who is just becoming eligible to vote should utilize this privilege. The influence you can have on the future of the United States is great.

There are two main presidential hopefuls, Walter Mondale (Democrat), and President Reagan (Republican). Mondale and Reagan have differing opinions on such topics as the arms race, the Middle East, and the state of the economy.

To put their views in simple terms. Reagan believes in increasing America's defensive capability by forwarding a large proportion of the tax money to the military. Mondale, on the other hand, believes in decreased military spending so as to spend more money on domestic needs.

In regard to the economy, Mondale is fighting for more taxes so that the ex-

cess can be spent on aiding the "working man." Reagan strongly believes, and is in the process of, cutting taxes and thereby stimulating the economy.

There are eight other candidates running for the Democratic nomination in the up-coming election. They include the first black to try for the nomination, Jessie Jackson, and former astronaut and current U. S. Senator, John Glenn. No other Republican has been reported to be campaigning against President Reagan.

In the face of foreign military aggression, and a faltering economy, it is essential to exercise the vote for president. Different candidates have different policies. Your duty as a citizen is to vote for the presidential candidate whose views you think will aid and insure the United States' security and ideal.

Suicide: A Life Must Be Saved At Almost Any Cost

Every two minutes some person in the United States tries to kill himself. Every twenty minutes, one succeeds. Suicide is the tenth leading cause of death and is second only to accidents among college and high school students.

Adolescent girls attempt suicide at a rate three times that of adolescent boys, but boys are successful three times often than girls. About four out of five suicides have at least one previous attempt. Far more persons survive a suicide attempt than accomplish it.

In almost every case, a person contemplating suicide desperately wants help. In fact, the suicide attempt, itself, is often referred to as a cry for help. Some of the signals are as follows: not caring for prized possessions or giving them to others, a change in eating or sleeping patterns, self-hate, persistent mood change, use

of alcohol or drugs, and veiled threats. Whatever the outward signs may be, the person is usually suffering inwardly from the 3H's: helplessness, hopelessness, and haplessness.

According to McCracken County Coroner Jerry Beyer, eighty-seven of 1,048 coroner-ruled deaths in McCracken County from 1977 to 1981 have been ruled suicide. These include any suicides who died at local hospitals, even if they weren't McCracken County residents who died, fourteen committed suicide for a rate of 22.8 suicides per 100,000 population, a rate almost twice the national rate. For the last four years, in victims ranging in age from 0-19, fifteen have committed suicide.

Kentucky's suicide rate of 13.3 deaths per 100,000 population was higher than the nation's rate of 11.99 in 1980. The state recorded 470 suicides, 36 among persons under 20

Something Strictly For Girls: Only They Would Know

Can we talk? Don't you really hate waiting for a phone call? Doesn't it really bother you? Especially when you think a guy is going to be calling.

You go back to your room, lock the door, turn on a little soft music and wait. The phone call could come anywhere between 5:30 and 10:00 p.m. You reason to yourself: "I'll do something resourceful while I'm waiting." So you drag out the school books and try to get started on some College Prep. About 20 words and three sentences later, all you can think is "Is he going to call or not?" It's no use-homework-forget it. Eating always seems to pass the time, so you trudge into the kitchen, grab the Ruffles and French onion dip, and go watch some T.V. Brrring, the phone!

It's him you can feel it, so you hurdle the couch, fly down the hall, close the door to your room, jump across your bed, and pounce on the phone. And this is all before the third ring!

Anxiously you say "Hello," and are confronted with a static sound and a little voice comes on and says, "This is Sears catalog department informing you that your order has arrived and is ready for pick-up." The evening progresses downhill from here.

At 8:15 p.m. you've just about given up all hope. You've done everything you could possibly think of to do: painted your nails, given the dog a bath, cleaned out your closet, even

gone so far as to practice your piano lesson. At 8:22 p.m. the phone rings and you submit a desperate plea to the heavens to "Please let it be him." You pick up the receiver (a little less energetic than the last time) put on your best mature voice and say, "Hello." The voice at the other end says, "Hon, is your mom at home?" Your heart plummets into your stomach as you realize that it's your mother's homemaker buddy wanting to discuss the day's lesson. Thirty minutes later the phone line is still tied-up and you're trying to sign to your mother that her 30 minute phone limit is up. You stress to her the fact that she is conversing during the "off hours." (Her "on hours" of course being while you're at school for the day.) At nine o'clock she finally hangs up the phone.

You hold a short family conference and explain to them that no one is to get on the phone for any reason because you're expecting a call. Confident and in good spirits, you return to your room and resume your vigil by the phone.

At a quarter 'til 10 the phone rings. Knowing that it's him, you decide to play his game, and being real cool, you let the phone ring four times before you answer it. "Hey!" he says, "what took you so long?" Before you can reply he commands, "Go get your math homework. I need one through 20." Exasperated, you fall off the bed thinking to yourself, "Why do I do this?" Knowing full well that tomorrow night at the same time in the same place you'll be waiting for the same person to call.

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McKinney is Rotarian for February

By Ken Thompson

February's Junior Rotarian is Ken McKinney. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack McKinney.

Ken's classes this year consist of choir, computer technology, College Prep English, journalism, and Spanish. His hobbies include playing golf, listening to music, and writing.

After Ken finishes high school, he plans to attend the University of Kentucky or Western Kentucky University to study pre-law or journalism.

When asked about his attendance at the Rotarian meetings, Ken said, "I found the luncheons very informative and beneficial."



Ken McKinney, Junior Rotarian

Clubs Are Active In February

By Cathy Williams
TENNIS TEAM

Tennis letter jackets have been ordered and the team has chosen its outfits for the 1984 season.

FBLA

The FBLA discussed the regional conference to be held April 3, at its last meeting. The club held the drawing for its two-pound box of candy at the Homecoming Game. The proceeds went to the scholarship fund. The service project for the month of February was taking valentines and carnations for the people at Parkview Nursing Home.

FFA

The FFA was represented by Tracey Cowles as chapter sweetheart in the regional conference. Three members also attended the National Secretary's Meeting at Paducah Tilghman High School. The club is making plans to enter speaking and parliamentary procedure contests next month.

Beta

New members have received pins, certificates, and membership cards. New "Students of the Month" were chosen.

Physical Science

Mr. Sensing spoke on Binary Codes and computer functions.

FHA

February 9, the FHA held a Valentine Party. The FFA was invited. Candy-Gram sales were a success once again. Members are currently working on degrees (self improvement in home, school, and community activities).

DECA

Eighteen DECA members attended the Region I DECA Conference held at Murray State University, Saturday, February 11. The following students won in their respective categories of competition: Mark Lawrence—Service Station Retailing, Master Employer, First Place; Charles Waddell—Marketing Math, First Place; Benji Butler—General Marketing, Master Employer, Second Place; Todd Faugno—General Marketing, Supervising Level, Second Place; Carla Sweatt—Apparel and Accessories, Supervisor Level, Fourth Place.

Plans are being made to attend the State DECA Conference to be held on March 8-10 in Louisville.

Dena Giacone crowned queen.....

"Who's Who Among American High School Students." Miss Baker is an active member of the Handbell Choir and Youth Choir at Paducah First Baptist Church. She was escorted by Troy Dowdy.

Danya Lamont is the daughter of Dan and Carole Lamont. She was an outstanding student her sophomore and junior years and served as sophomore and junior football homecoming attendant. Danya was a class favorite her sophomore and junior years, and was elected Most Friendly by the senior class. She was also a Football Homecoming Queen Candidate. Danya was Student Council treasurer for two years, Key Club vice-president, and Biology Club trip director. Miss Lamont is also a member of the Physical Science Club and the Phi Alpha Delta Sorority. Danya has participated in the Cystic Fibrosis Bike-a-Thon and the March of Dimes Walk-a-Thon. She was escorted by J.D. Overton.

Lori Spillman is the daughter of Tommy and Sandra Spillman. Lori was an outstanding student her junior and senior years and has been nominated to "Who's Who Among American High School Students." She attends Paducah Community College in the mornings. Lori is a member of the Beta Club, Key Club, in which she serves as sergeant-at-arms, Pep Club, and FBLA. She is also the secretary of the Biology Club, co-captain of the varsity girls basketball team, and is a member of the girls softball team. Lori is a member of Mount Zion Baptist Church and participates in the youth group there. She was escorted by Mike Clark.

Regenia Tracy is the daughter of Joe Ed and Carolyn Tracy. She is a member of the Biology Club and was a three-year member of the Kentucky Colonels rifle squad. Regenia was a class favorite her freshmen and junior

years, and served as vice-president of her sophomore and junior class. She is treasurer of the Student Council, a member of DECA, and has been nominated to "Who's Who Among American High School Students." She was escorted by Mark Seay.

Tina Troutman is the daughter of Tommy and Barbara Troutman. She was chosen to serve as junior usher for the Class Night and Graduation ceremonies of 1983. Tina is a member of Biology Club, Pep Club, FBLA, and Student Council. She was a majorette for three years in the Kentucky Colonels Marching Band. Tina attends church at Bible Baptist and is active in the youth group. She was escorted by Jimmy Pierce.

Junior attendant Amy Grimes is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Grimes. Amy has been an honor student and an outstanding student her freshmen, sophomore, and junior years. She serves as reporter of the Beta Club, corresponding secretary of the Student Council, and secretary of her junior class. Amy is also involved with the Pep Club, Biology Club, and is a member of the girls varsity basketball team and softball team. She serves as pianist for the Lone Oak Lion's Club and is a member of Lone Oak Baptist Church. Amy was escorted by Andrew Wilson.

Sophomore attendant Stacie Whaley is the daughter of David and Katrina Whaley. Stacie transferred to Lone Oak High School in April of 1983, and since then has earned a starting position on the Lone Oak girls tennis team, and is actively involved with the high school Swing Choir. She is a member of the Tennis Club, the National Honor Society of Mississippi, and the Junior Beta Club. Stacie is a member of the Youth Council and Youth Choir at Lone Oak Baptist Church. Her escort was Brian Howard.

Freshman attendant Stephanie Carney is the daughter of L.E. and Carol Carney. She is an honor student and was chosen class favorite for the freshmen class. Stephanie is a Student Council representative, a member of the Biology Club, and is involved with the Medical Explorers Club. She is a member of the Kentucky Colonels flag corps. Stephanie is active in her church and its youth choir. She was escorted by Tommy Edwards.

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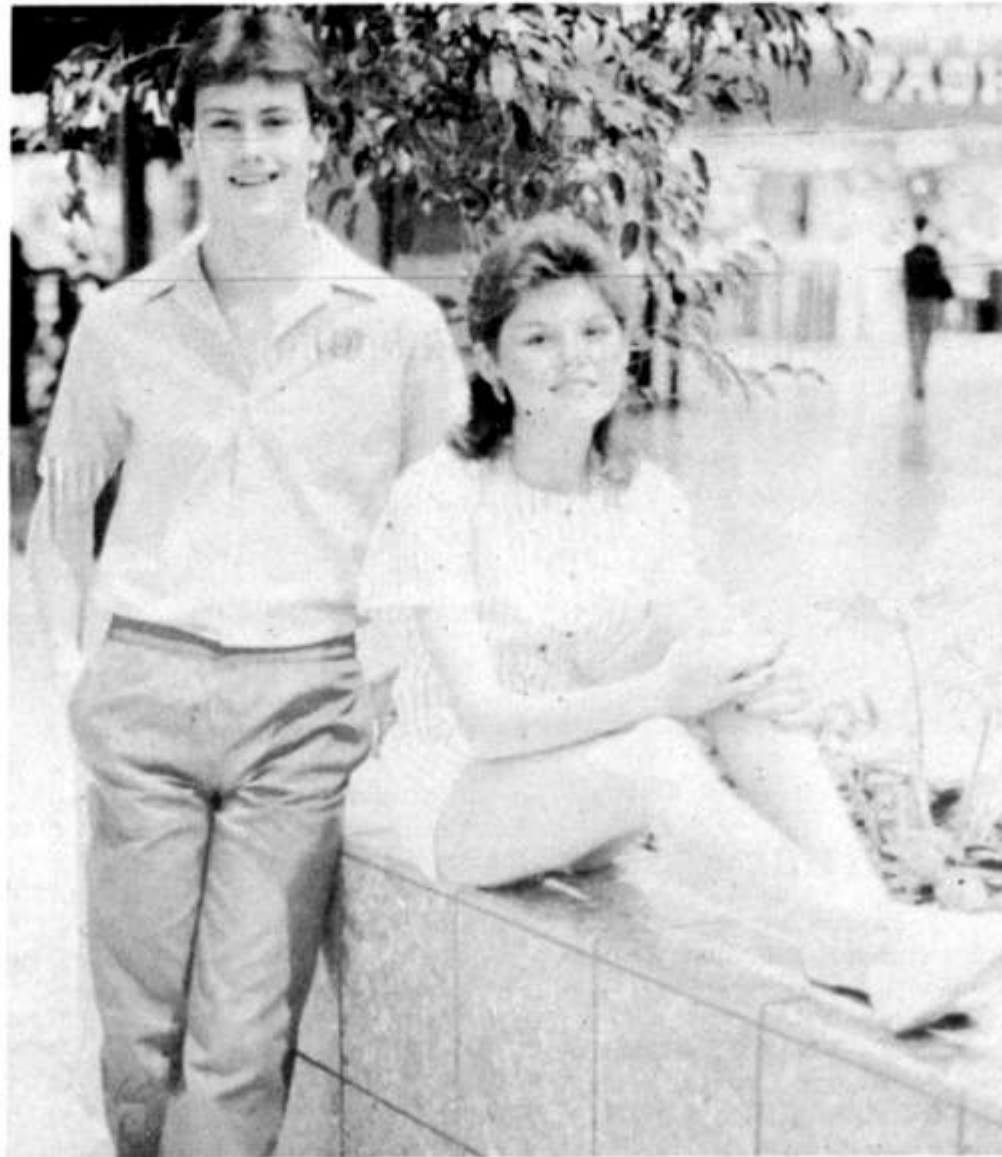
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Above, senior Eric Coleman and junior Marla Smith. Below, sophomore Brent Vasseur and freshman Kim Deaton.



The Look With Fashion Sneakers

By Rhonda La...

Pictured at upper left, Eric and Marla wear by Ocean Pacific. Eric wears bright blue shirt with a sailing scene on the b with pointed front yokes in white with

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By Rhonda Lawrence and Abigail Baker

Pictured at upper left, Eric and Marla are dressed casually yet comfortably in active wear by Ocean Pacific. Eric wears bright blue pants with elasticized waist and a light blue shirt with a sailing scene on the back. Marla wears pull-on style shorts and shirt with pointed front yokes in white with bright stripes of pink, green, red, and blue.

At lower left, Brent is ready for the courts in navy tennis shorts and co-ordinating cotton shirt in maroon with white and navy contrasts by Jantzen. Kim has the preppy look in kelly green pants, worn with a pink and kelly green shirt, both by polo.

Pictured at upper right, Tyler will be prepared for early spring in this cotton sweater by Henry Grethel in white with blue, purple, pink, and yellow argyle design on the front. His co-ordinating turquoise and purple collared shirts, also by Henry Grethel, worn under the sweater, are turned up at the neck to give him the casual look. The outfit is completed with pinstriped jeans by Union Bay. Turquoise "crop" pants and bright striped shirt, both by Esprit look "chic" on Melinda. She accessorized her outfit with blue "pop beads", Esprit belt, and "jazz" shoes by Pinwheel.

At lower right, John wears "wrap" style grey pants and grey and blue striped shirt. This outfit can be worn as either dressy or casual. Lissy wears pink cotton pants and pinstriped oxford blouse. To complete the outfit, she wears a white vest and pink knit tie.

Spring Fashion From The Models



Above, junior Tyler Prince and senior Melinda Smith. Below, freshman John Byles and sophomore Lissy McCain.



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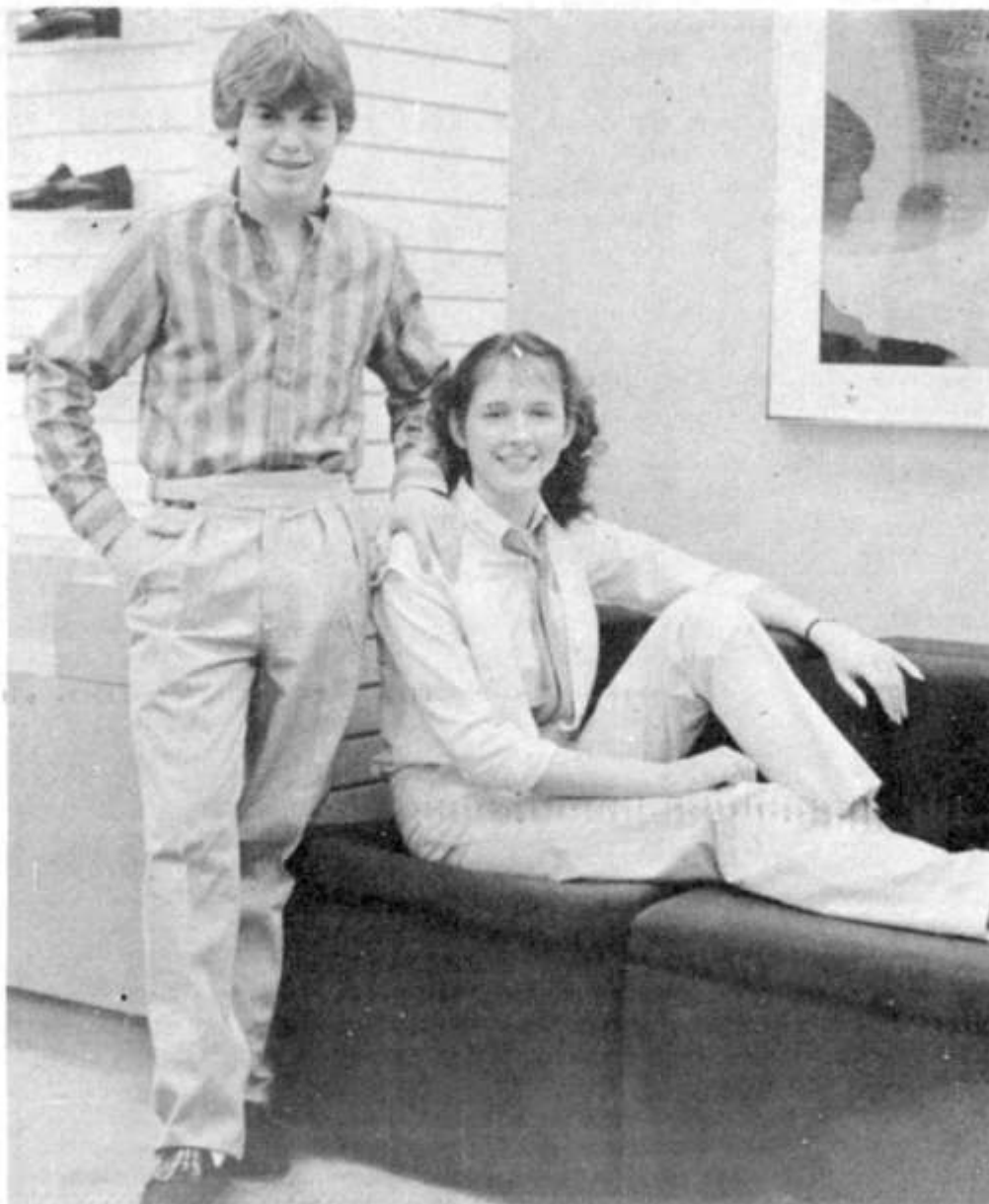
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Junior Kim Rose makes a marionette during the seminar held at Lone Oak

Video Art Class Participates In Puppetry Workshop

By Cathy Williams

The video art class of Lone Oak High School recently participated in a puppetry workshop. Mrs. Retta Folsom conducted the day-long seminar at Lone Oak in cooperation with The Kentucky Arts Council.

Mrs. Folsom gave the students a brief history of puppetry to introduce them to the art form. She explained that she got interested in puppetry through her love of story telling. The students were also shown a video tape providing them with information about puppetry around the world. Mrs. Folsom brought some of her handmade puppets to illustrate the variety of types available.

Each student made a simple marionette out of a scarf and seven

beads. After a few minutes of practice in front of a mirror, the students discovered the limitless creative potential of the puppets. The puppets (in cooperation with the puppeteers) were videotaped flying, walking, and dancing to music. To complete the seminar, Melinda Smith and Kim Ross staged an impromptu version of "Puff the Magic Dragon."

The seminar was dual in purpose: to give the students more videotaping experience, and to introduce them to puppetry as an art form.

The participating students were: Melinda Smith, Mike Handegan, Kim Ross, Wes Mathis, Kent Lawson, Theresa Hunt, Joe Crayton, Melinda Rodgers, Tori Rust, and Cathy Williams.

KEN'S RECORD

REVIEW

Ken finds Judas Priest classy, and Hall and Oats trashy



By Ken McKinney

"Defenders of the Faith" by Judas Priest is by far the best Heavy Metal album since "Screaming for Vengeance".

I, Ken McKinney, even found listening to it enjoyable. The beat is extremely contagious and the guitar solos are tremendous. The songs are well written and well sung. Rob Halford's singing ability surpasses every Heavy Metal vocalist on the market.

Metal fans can't look over this work of art.

Judas Priest adds class to a type of music where class is seldom found. "Defenders of the Faith" bursts with rawness, energy, and talent. I strongly

recommend the album.

Hall and Oats' latest album, entitled "Rock and Soul, Part One," can be summed up in three words...typical radio trash. There is not one song on this album that doesn't strangely resemble a song on one of their previous albums.

Hall and Oats have been sucked into the abyss of mundane conformity. It appears that they have put popularity before making an original and expressive album. It's a pity that a band with such talent would waste it on a product like "Rock and Soul, Part One."

I would avoid buying this album because you'll probably hear it continuously on the radio.

Murray Students Majoring In Math And Computers Teach At LOHS

By Leigh Ann Akin

Lone Oak High School received two students teachers during the month of February.

Mike Morris, age 29, is from Paducah and is attending Murray State University.

Mr. Morris is majoring in math and will graduate in May of 1984. After graduation, he is planning to get a job or maybe go to graduate school.

When asked, what he thought of Lone Oak, Mr. Morris replied, "I really appreciate how friendly everyone is, and I think that I will enjoy doing my student teaching here at Lone Oak High School."

During his spare time, Mr. Morris enjoys reading.

He is studying under the supervision of Mr. Larry Heflin.

Ann Assad is From Paducah and is attending Murray State University. She is getting her masters degree in secondary education.

Mrs. Assad doesn't know her definite graduation date. After gradua-

tion she plans on teaching mathematics and computers.

In her spare time, Mrs. Assad enjoys reading, walking, and spending time with her three children.

She is studying under Mr. Don Bruce, of whom she is a former student.

Mrs. Assad says, "So far I think it is a well organized school with polite, friendly students."

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Lady Flash finish regular season with 8-17 record

Lone Oak 45, Tilghman 40

Friday January 27, the Lone Oak Lady Flash hosted the 1-11 Tilghman girls whose only win came against Lone Oak back on December 15. This time the Lady Flash took the lead and never let go, handing Tilghman their 12th loss in 13 games by defeating them 45-40.

The Lady Flash took the early lead and led 26-16 at the half. Tilghman put together a good third quarter outscoring the Lady Flash 15-9, but Lone Oak kept the lead and upped its record to 4-13.

Scoring: Bell, Grimes 2, Johnson 10, O'Nan 7, Neihoff 4, Schaffer 14, Spillman 8.

Heath 35, Lone Oak 30

January 31, the Lady Flash and the Lady Pirates clashed for the second time this season. This time, the Pirates were seeking revenge for their earlier loss to Lone Oak on January 13.

Heath took the early lead in the game, but the Lady Flash came back to lead by one at the half. The Pirates chalked up 10 points in the third quarter to take the advantage 22-19.

From there, the Lady Pirates went on to win the game 35-30 and the Lady Flash record fell to 4-14.

Scoring: Grimes 1, Johnson 7, O'Nan 13, Neihoff 9, Schaffer 13, Spillman 12.

Lone Oak 53, Ballard 49

Thursday, February 2, the Lone Oak girls met the Ballard girls with an upset in mind. On their previous meeting, the Ballard girls bombarded the Lady Flash by 31 points. This time, however, Lone Oak found revenge by defeating the Ballard girls 53-49 at Ballard Memorial.

Ballard took the lead in the first quarter, but the Lady Flash managed to gain control and take a 1 point edge at the half. In the third quarter, Lone Oak outscored Ballard 14-7 and held an 8 point advantage going into the third

quarter. The girls maintained that lead and added one to the win column improving their record to 5-14.

Scoring: Bell, Burns, Grimes 4, Johnson 5, O'Nan 10, Neihoff 3, Schaffer 4, Spillman 4.

Massac County 65, Lone Oak 30

February 9, Lone Oak suffered its 15th loss of the season as the Patriots of Massac County defeated the Lady Flash 65-30.

The Patriots jumped on top early scoring 18 points in the first quarter compared to only 4 by the Lady Flash. Massac shot just under 50 percent from the field while Lone Oak shot almost 23 per cent.

Scoring: Bell 2, Grimes 2, Johnson 5, O'Nan 15, Norris, Schaffer 3, Smith, Spillman 3.

Lone Oak 33, Symsonia 29

Lone Oak hosted Symsonia for its homecoming on February 10. This

marked the third meeting with a 1-1 split on the previous outings. This time, the Lady Flash came from behind to beat Symsonia 33-29, giving Lone Oak its sixth win.

Symsonia took the 6-point advantage in the first quarter holding Lone Oak scoreless. Symsonia led through the first half, but the Lady Flash got on track in the fourth quarter. With 5:15 left to play, senior Marie O'Nan hit a jumper to give Lone Oak the lead which it held to win the game.

Lone Oak 51, St. Mary 47

Thursday, February 16, the St. Mary Lady Vikings hosted the Lady Flash for their second contest this season. Lone Oak improved its record to 7-15 by coming from behind to defeat the Lady Vikings 51-47.

St. Mary took the early lead in the first quarter and had a 24-21 advantage at the half. But the Lady Flash came out of the locker room fired-up, outscoring the Lady Vikes 22-6 in the third quarter.

Lone Oak had three players in dou-

ble-figures including Lori Spillman who led the Lady Flash in scoring with 14 points.

Scoring: Bell 1, Grimes 2, Johnson 11, O'Nan 11, Neihoff 4, Schaffer 8, Spillman 14.

Calloway 57, Lone Oak 30

February 17, Lone Oak's hopes of ruining Calloway's homecoming were to no avail as the Lakers handed the Lady Flash its 17th loss of the season.

Calloway jumped on top early, taking a 15-3 lead and had the lead the entire game. They won the game 57-30.

Scoring: Bell 2, Burns 6, Grimes 5, Johnson 2, Livada 2, O'Nan 1, Neihoff 4, Schaffer 2, Smith, Spillman 6.

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Photo by Ken Thompson

Above Are selected members of All State band and chorus



Marie O'Nan tries for a rebound—not letting her injury hinder her

LOHS Represented Well At All-State

By Gregg Jones

Earlier this month, four Lone Oak band members participated in the Kentucky All-State Band. Peter Besold (clarinet), Jimmy Bowland (saxophone), Brian Owens (trumpet), and Jamie Walker (bass clarinet), traveled to Lexington, Kentucky on February 1-4.

The band's performance was one of the final events in the Kentucky Music Education Association In-Service Conference. At this conference, all music directors in the state are invited to attend.

Each member of the All-State Band auditioned for the position on two distinct levels of competition, district

and state. Of the 682 statewide finalists, 247 musicians were selected to perform in the band. They rehearsed approximately twenty-two hours during the conference in preparation for the performance.

Likewise, Lone Oak had five students represent the school in the Kentucky All-State Chorus. Tiffen Beck (soprano), Kevin Clark (bass), Darall Harris (bass), Gregg Jones (tenor), and Renee Thompson (soprano), also performed during the conference.

Each member of the chorus auditioned at a state level in Murray. Of the 890 finalists, 373 musicians were chosen to perform.

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Lone Oak 40, Symsonia 25

Lone Oak's final game of the regular season came against Symsonia on February 20. This marked the fourth time Lone Oak has faced Symsonia this season. With a 40-25 victory this time, Lone Oak won three out of the four games.

Lone Oak scored 10 points each quarter and controlled the game. Symsonia was plagued by turnovers and Lone Oak capitalized, allowing it to up its season record to 8-17.

Scoring: Bell, Burns, Grimes 2, Johnson 6, Lee, Livada 1, O, Nan 6, Neihoff 4, Norris 2, Shaffer 10, Smith, Spillman 6.

Carlise 62, Lone Oak 32

The Lady Flash were defeated Monday, February 13 by Carlisle County, 62-32.

Carlise County was red hot, shooting a little better than 50 percent from the field, while Lone Oak shot around 20 percent hitting just 9 of 44 from the field.

Scoring: Bell 3, Grimes, Johnson 7, Livada 2, O'Nan 7, Neihoff 4, Schaffer 9, Spillman.



Junior Mark Seay tries for a rebound against a Symsonia opponent

The second quarter continued in the same fashion until the Flash pulled within 41-38 with nearly two minutes left in the half. Then the Oakers fell victim to an 8-3 PTHS spurt that gave them a 49-41 half-time lead. Lone Oak's 41 points at half-time equaled its highest first-half output this year.

"It was probably our best offensive effort of the season. We moved the ball quicker and with more confidence," remarked Speed.

Earlier in the year, the Flash would often combine one good half with a mediocre or poor one. But the Oakers stayed within four to seven points for the entire quarter, trailing 66-59 at the end. The first six minutes of the fourth quarter continued in the same way. Lone Oak trailed 81-75 when junior guard Troy Dowdy stole an errant pass and passed off to senior Mark Lawrence, who was fouled before he could get a shot off. Lawrence's first free throw rolled off the rim. A quick Tornado basket made the score 83-75.

"Then we simply began playing out of control. We panicked when they scored on a couple of breakaways. We lost our composure completely," explained Coach Speed.

Junior guard Stan Norris used his 12-for-19 field goal shooting to score 27 points to lead the Flash in scoring. Lawrence scored 19, and junior Mark Seay added 15 points and grabbed 10 rebounds.

Marshall County 78, Lone Oak 46

The Oakers traveled to Draffenville three days later to take on the Marshall County Marshalls. Lone Oak's

record fell to 5-13 with the 78-46 loss.

The Marshalls were very methodical in their victory. They consistently scored baskets on fast breaks after a missed shot by the Flash, opening up a 40-27 lead at the half. The Marshalls sealed up the win in the third quarter, opening up a 23-point lead after three quarters. The onslaught continued in the fourth quarter, as the Oakers were outscored 16-7 in the final period.

Stan Norris led the Flash in scoring with 20 points. Mark Seay added 8 and J.D. Overton contributed 6 points.

Lone Oak 47, Heath 38

Tuesday, January 31, saw the Oakers defeat the Heath Pirates 47-38 to clinch the McCracken County basketball championship once again. The win gave the Flash a 3-1 record against county teams.

Lone Oak looked sluggish in the first half, falling behind by 6 points early in the first quarter but coming within 10-9 after eight minutes. The second quarter was more of the same. The two teams seemed to be evenly matched, and the closeness of the game reflected that.

The Flash started to open a small lead in the third quarter, as the Lone Oak defense, which held the Pirates to 32-percent shooting, started to tighten up. The Oakers led 33-30 after three quarters. Heath stayed close until the three minute mark of the final quarter. Lone Oak scored the last eight points of the game with the help of some crucial rebounds in the last minute.

Norris led the Oakers with 16 points. Lawrence contributed 15 points and

grabbed 13 rebounds.

Seay pulled down 12 rebounds.

Livingston Central 88

Lone Oak 57

On February 7 the Flash hosted Livingston Central. The Oakers were defeated by one of the better teams in the area, 88-57.

After a close first period, the Cardinals used their physical strength to score on several putbacks. That was reflected in the rebounding statistics, in which Livingston outreached the smaller LOHS team 48-23. The Cardinals also grabbed more offensive rebounds than Lone Oak did defensively. That factor contributed greatly to the final score.

Norris and Overton tied for scoring honors with 10 points apiece. Seay added 8, and Lawrence scored 6.

Mayfield 63, Lone Oak 58

The hosting Mayfield Cardinals defeated the Flash 63-58 on Valentine's Day, February 14.

The Game was close all the way. Mayfield led 13-10 after one quarter and 26-25 at the half. The second half continued in the same fashion, with the Cardinals clinging to a 42-41 lead after three periods. The pivotal moment occurred with about one minute left, when, after a missed free throw, the Cardinals got five straight rebounds before finally scoring to take a 5-point lead. Lone Oak had too little time to make it up.

Norris led the Oakers with 23 points, with Overton scoring 13 and Seay adding 10. Overton led in rebounding with 8 with Seay and Lawrence grabbing 7.

Calloway County 70

Lone Oak 64

Calloway County defeated the Flash three days later 70-64 despite a combined 43 points from Norris, Overton, and Seay.

The lead changed hands several times in the first half, with the Lakers leading 36-35 at halftime. Calloway opened up a lead in the third quarter, leading by as many as 10 points at one time, finally leading 51-44 at the end of the period. The Oakers managed to pull within four at one time but could come no closer.

Seay scored 20 to lead the Flash, with Norris and Overton adding 18 and 15, respectively. Lawrence contributed 9 points to the LOHS total.

Lone Oak 72, Symsonia 58

The Flash ended their regular season with a 72-58 victory over Symsonia. The win gave the Oakers a 7-16 record going into the district tournament.

Lone Oak started out fast, taking a lead after one quarter, but a sluggish second quarter led to a 29-26 lead at the half for the Roughriders. But a 24-11 third quarter spurt led to a 46-29 second half advantage.

Norris led Lone Oak with 21 points, Overton scored 16 and Lawrence added 15.

Flash End Season Victoriously

Tilghman 96, Lone Oak 75

In possibly Lone Oak's best game of the year, Lone Oak was defeated by Paducah Tilghman 96-75, January 27. PTHS entered the game with a 17-3 record and was ranked third in the state.

"It was obvious after the first two minutes we were ready to play with them," said LOHS head coach Steve Speed. The Oakers took the lead early in the game and stayed right with the visitors, using several fast-breaks created by Tilghman turnovers and 53 percent shooting in the first half. The score was tied 24-24 after one quarter.

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