

JANUARY 31, 1986

Townsley gets crown

By Amy Walker

Lone Oak High School held homecoming festivities on Friday night, January 17. The homecoming queen and her court of five senior girls and three underclassmen girls were introduced before the varsity game with Fulton County.

Queen Yolanda Townsley resides with her mother, Mrs. Barbara Townsley. Yolanda is involved in Biology Club and is club secretary this year. She is a member of FBLA, reporter for Key Club, and a member of Pep Club. She is a senior scrapbook committee member, and she served on prom committee last year. Yolanda has been listed in "Who's Who Among American High School Students." She has been a manager of the girls' basketball team and is statistician this year. Her escort was Mr. Marc Murray.

Miss April Burch is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Burch. April is a member of Pep Club, Key Club, FBLA, Biology Club, and Medical Explorers; and she is a Student Council representative. She was a football homecoming queen attendant in 1985. She was escorted by Mr. Rusty Banks.

Miss Shannon Hatfield is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wally Hatfield. She is a member of Key Club, Biology Club, Physical Science Club, Tri-Hi-Y, and band. She has been listed in "Who's Who Among American High School Students." Shannon's escort

was Mr. Tim Reynolds.

Miss Shelly Livada, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Livada, is involved in Biology Club, FBLA, Key Club, and the senior scrapbook committee. She was a 1985 Youth Salute participant and is statistician for the boys' basketball squads. She was escorted by Mr. Jason Ricks.

Miss Leslie McKinney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George McKinney, has been elected class president each of her four years in high school. She is presently secretary of the Student Council. She has been selected Miss Senior and Friendliest Senior Girl by her peers. She is head of the senior scrapbook committee and has been named in "Who's Who Among American High School Students." Leslie was escorted by Mr. Todd Walton.

Miss Stephanie Spence is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Spence. Stephanie has been involved in A'Capella Choir, Biology Club, Pep Club, FBLA, and Key Club. She has been selected for "Who's Who Among American High School Students." Stephanie has been on the junior varsity cheerleading squad, serving as captain for the last two years. She is presently on the varsity squad. Stephanie's escort was Mr. John Beyer.

Miss Stephanie Carney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Carney, represented the junior class as attendant.



Yolanda Townsley was crowned Basketball Homecoming Queen.

She is involved in several clubs and is a Student Council representative. She is the junior class president and has been chosen class favorite three years running. Stephanie was escorted by Mr. Joey Holifield.

Miss Cherie Mullen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Mullen, represents the sophomore class. She is a class favorite and a varsity cheerleader. Cherie is a honor student and a member of the golf team. She was escorted by Mr. Jeff Garner.

The freshman class queen

attendant is Miss Kelley Vaughn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Vaughn. Kelley is a member of A'Capella Choir, Pep Club, Biology Club, and is a junior varsity cheerleader. Her escort was Mr. Rick Hill.

Also introduced were the cheerleaders, the Lady Flash team members, and members of the boys' varsity basketball squad.

After the varsity ballgame, "Gonzo" Clint Jackson and K98 provided the music for the homecoming dance, "Purple Desire."

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Immaturity in every grade

By Kris Kelso

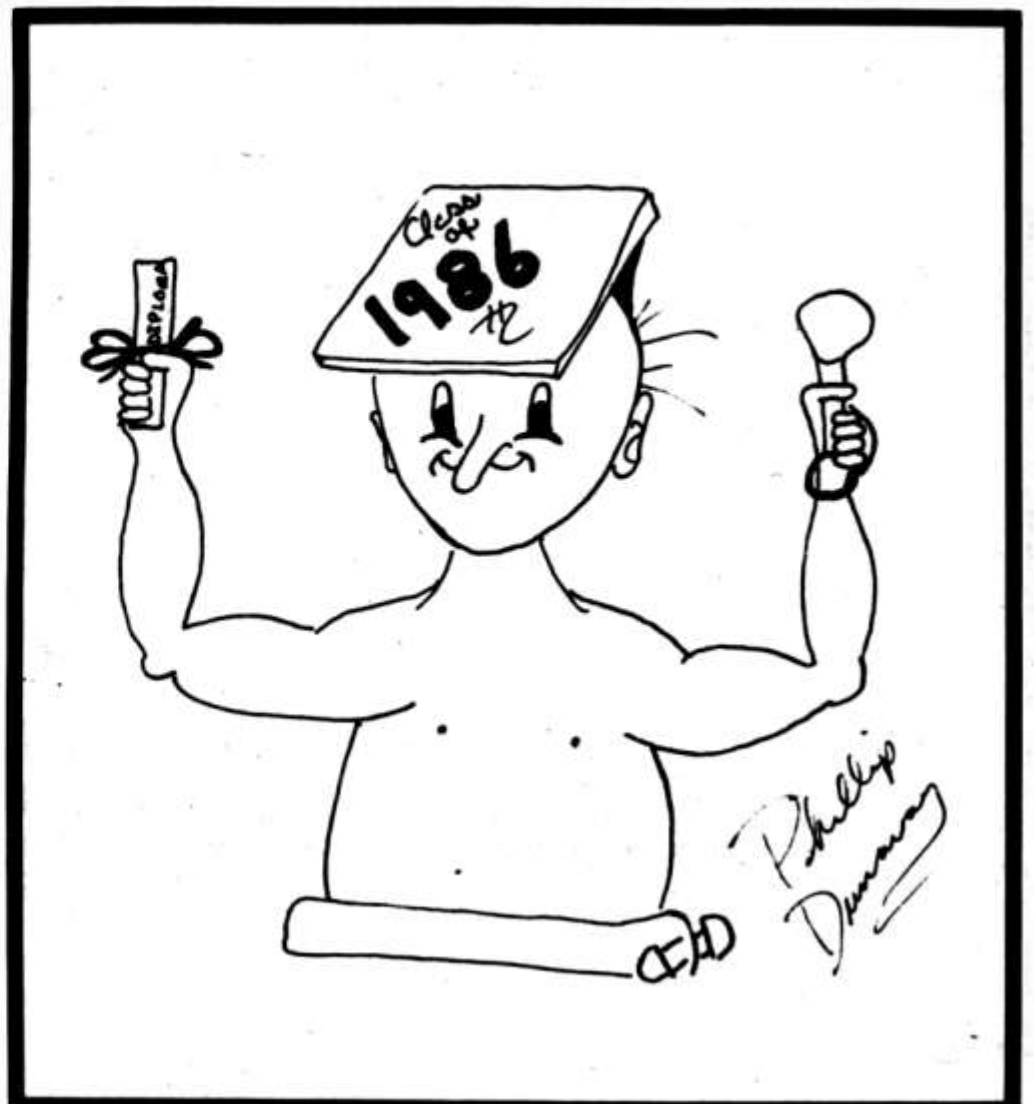
Immaturity is often associated with age, that is the younger one is, the more immature he is. However, this is not always the case. Immaturity is not a stage; it is a state of mind. Granted, freshmen seem infantile in the eyes of a senior; but the reason for this is that the newness and awkwardness of being in a different school has not yet worn off. Young or old, there are certain rules everyone must observe. The way in which one deals with these rules, not to mention the way he deals with situations in which there are no rules, is what maturity is all about.

Immaturity is not knowing when to quit. Talking is a problem that needs to be discussed in this area. Talking can be a very valuable form of communication, but it can also be very annoying when someone talks incessantly about absolutely nothing. Every student needs to learn when to quit joking and "goofing off" and when to quit rebelling against authority.

Along the same lines, immaturity is not knowing when to keep pushing. If one makes an "F" in a class, he should not drop out; he should jump into his studies determined not to fail again. One can learn from his mistakes.

An immature person fails to recognize priorities. Schoolwork is far more important than having fun. It takes a mature person to stay home, avoid the television, and do his homework.

One must remember that the main objective of coming to school is to learn. There are certain rules that must be maintained in order to reach this goal. If one is not here for this purpose, then he should not ruin the chance for others to learn.



Kadhafi presents United States with unsolvable problem

By Darby Holladay

The President of the United States has run into a problem that seems to be unsolvable, the elimination of the threat posed by Libya's Muammar Kadhafi. The problem is this: how does a superpower deal with a third world country politically or militarily? Should a superpower use total force or economic sanctions?

Economic sanctions are used to try to cripple an opposing country's economy and end the leadership of the country as it stands or make the leaders reconsider their viewpoint.

The latest problem in Libyan/American relations was the attacks on the Rome and Vienna airports by terrorists

who killed nineteen people, including five Americans. The United States' reprisal of economic sanctions has no effect unless actively pursued by the United States' European allies. Sanctions were used because Kadhafi had threatened to send Arab "hit squads" to America if military force were used against Libya. Does one man have that much control of American foreign policy? Kadhafi made these same threats in 1981 when U.S.

naval aircraft downed two Libyan jets in the Gulf of Sidra. Nothing happened then. Whether or not he will do something this time is what is standing in the way of a forceful approach. Kadhafi and terrorists are winning the battle by making U.S. options nil before retaliatory options are considered. It is difficult to attack a group such as Abu Nidal's because of its constant moving and smallness in numbers.

Libya was supposedly giving support to Nidal and was held responsible for the Rome and Vienna attacks, but this only signifies again the difficulty for a superpower to deal with a third world country.

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An Editorial is...

An editorial is a short statement concerning a problem or situation. It is usually followed by one or more paragraphs of detail, information, facts, figures, quotations, or arguments. The editorial should be closed with a summary statement which suggests a solution or drives a point home.

Editorials fall into four categories: those which interpret, those which praise, those which criticize, and those which persuade. They can take the form of an open letter, a short story, a dramatic sketch, a poem, or a cartoon.

There are five basic rules to follow in writing an editorial: be brief, be exact, avoid using first person, involve the reader, and do not preach.

Amero, the city that used to be

By Phillip Dunaway
The town of Amero, Colombia, is no longer a prosperous cotton-growing center. Now, it is a gigantic mud pie as the result of a cataclysmic eruption of the Nevada del Ruiz Volcano on Wednesday, November 13, 1985.

Mount Nevada del Ruiz erupted shortly after 9:00 P.M. The massive explosion melted the mountain icecaps, sending torrents of water down the mountain's face and creating rivers of mud.

The town of Amero had a population of about 22,500 and lay at the base of the volcano.

The first word to the outside world came from Amero's mayor, Ramon Antonia Rodriguez, 34. He was speaking on the radio with another man in Iliaque, sixty miles to the south, when the volcano erupted. The mayor was calmly describing the event when he suddenly shouted, "Wait a minute. I think the town's getting flooded." Unfortunately, these were his last words.

The mudslide entombed Rodriguez and cut through the city of Amero like a hot knife through butter. One witness recalled that the wave of mud "rolled into town with a moaning sound, like some sort of monster." As people watched, more than eighty per cent of the 4,200

buildings vanished in the tidal wave of mud, and their families were swallowed up also.

Thousands of people watched thirteen-year-old Omara Sanchez on television as she struggled for life in the muddy ooze. She stayed trapped in this prison for two days after the disaster. When the mudslide hit their house, Omara was washed up against her aunt, who grabbed her. Her aunt died but still kept her grip on the young girl. This death grip is what kept Omara in her prison. She died of a heart attack after rescue workers had worked for sixty hours to free her.

This one natural disaster proved how powerful Mother Nature can be by wiping out several prosperous cotton-growing communities and killing thousands of lives.

Relief funds have been sent to Colombia along with food and clothing from the United States to help in this crisis. Perhaps someday these tragedy-stricken people will be able to start again.



Missing children are many in number

By Shannon Adler
People have become more aware of the growing problem of the many children and teenagers missing all over the United States.

Although missing children have always been a problem, they are just now receiving the attention they deserve. Leaflets are being distributed through the mail. These leaflets picture the children and give some biographical information about them. This same information is printed on milk cartons and grocery sacks. A toll-free telephone number is also given so that one may report that he has seen a child.

Television shows are calling attention to this

problem. "Into Thin Air" appeared on television on October 29, 1985. It was a true story about a nineteen-year-old boy who was reported missing by his parents.

A person is not considered missing until he has not been seen for thirty days. This is the problem. By the time thirty days have passed, no one has any idea of the whereabouts of the person missing. A search for the person should begin immediately after the realization of the absence.

The boy mentioned in the movie was not found alive. When his murderer confessed to the crime, he received a ten-year prison sentence; but then he might be out on probation much earlier.



Temperature problem disturbs classroom

Lone Oak High School has a severe problem. The heating and air-conditioning system at Lone Oak leaves much to be desired. On countless occasions, the classrooms are so uncomfortable that the educational process is greatly hampered. It is very difficult to concentrate on the subject material when one is trying diligently to keep from melting or freezing. Also, the frequent moving from rooms having

great temperature differences can and have caused colds which is also detrimental to the educational process. I realize that equipment can fail, but the problems which we have experienced with the temperature control need immediate attention. If Lone Oak High School truly is a school of progress and academic excellence, then problems such as this need to be handled quickly and efficiently.

Alan Foster

Ten-point scale needs to be considered

Every nine weeks there always seems to be some confusion around Lone Oak High School. Students and teachers look at test scores, figure averages, and usually end up arguing over the final grade. The majority of these arguments arise in classes with the 94 to 100 grading scale. For instance, a student receives a 93 average for the nine weeks. It's up to the teacher whether or not the 93 is a B+ or an A-.

The classes that seem to have less confusion are the classes with the 90 to 100 grading scale. This scale is simpler than the 94 to 100 scale because the line between grades is more plainly drawn. For instance, an 89.9 is a B+, but a 90 is an A. Not only is the 90 to 100 scale easier to understand, it's also fairer. Students have a ten-point spread between grades instead of the six-point spread of the 94 to 100 grading scale. Other schools have adopted this easier and simpler grading scale in all of their classes. Why hasn't Lone Oak?

Cheated and Confused

American farmers have great difficulties

By Derrick Gouriex
Farmers have really been in poor financial condition recently. Many family farms are being auctioned off by banks, and others cannot make enough profit to keep everything in working order. If something is not done soon, the American farmer will be almost wiped out.

Agriculture is more important than most people realize. One-third of the jobs in America are related to agriculture, and American farmers produce most of the food eaten by U.S. citizens. Certainly this country could get food somewhere else, but the national economy would

suffer. Furthermore, grain that America supplies to Russia is a fairly important factor in the peace between the United States and Russia.

How can farmers be helped? The "Farm Aid" concert, held last fall, played a major role in the aid for farmers. This concert featured many country and rock artists who gave their time to support farmers. The performers not only urged people to support farmers with money but also to write their congressman and express their feelings.

Farmers have gone through a good deal for America. Now America needs to do something for farmers.



Alan Foster

Foster is named Junior Rotarian

By Shannon Adler

Alan Foster was chosen as the Junior Rotarian for the month of January. He received this honor for his academic achievements.

Alan is studying physics, calculus, English 12, and computer techniques. He is active in the swing choir. In addition, he is a member of the tennis team and Tennis Club, Beta Club, and the Physical Science Club.

As a semi-finalist in the National Merit Program, Alan proceeded to take the SAT test. He attended the 1985 Governor's Scholars Program at Murray State University from June 22 to July 25. He won the Murray State Regional Science Fair in the math category. Alan is also an honor student.

After graduating from Lone Oak High School, Alan plans to attend the University of Kentucky or the University of Louisville.

The best of 1985 has been selected

By Karen Wooley

In 1985 Stallone was hot; Dire Straits definitely was not. This was shown by an Oak K survey of approximately eighty students. The survey was conducted in mid-January, 1986.

"I Miss You," "Crazy For You," and "Heaven," respectively, were shown by the poll to be 1985's best songs. Dire Straits' "Money For Nothing" and Billy Joel's "You're Only Human" were picked as the worst songs of last year.

Sylvester Stallone had an extremely good year as the star of two of '85's three best movies. His Rocky IV knocked out all other

contenders for the first place title, and his Rambo-First Blood Part Two scored an impressive second. Michael J. Fox's Back to the Future ranked a close third place.

The Night the Screaming Stopped, despite its advertisements' claims that all viewers would be wise to obtain "stomach distress bags," has been named the absolute worst movie of 1985.

NBC had one of its most successful years in 1985. "The Cosby Show," "Miami Vice," and "Family Ties," the year's biggest hits, are all NBC shows. It is evidently impossible to be the best all of the time, however, because the two worst shows of the

year, "T.U.'s Bloopers and Practical Jokes" and "The A-Team," are also found on NBC.

Kool and the Gang and Wham! produced several chartbusters last year, according to the opinion poll. As a result, they have been named the best bands of 1985 in a very close vote.

Dire Straits had a very disappointing year, according to the opinion poll. Aside from performing "Money For Nothing," the worst song of 1985, they have been named the year's worst band.

By an overwhelming majority, Whitney Houston was named the best new artist of 1985. Eddie Murphy earned a distant second place.

Valentine's Day wishes are told

By Julie McIntosh

Valentine's Day is a special day observed annually on February 14. On this day people send greeting cards called valentines to their sweethearts, friends, and members of their families. Many valentines have romantic verses, and others have humorous pictures and sayings. Most say, "Be my valentine."

Valentine's Day has certainly come a long way since the days of Alfalfa and Darla in those classic "Little Rascals" episodes; however, some of the same traditions from those days have managed to influence today's generation greatly.

Candy, flowers, and stuffed animals are a few of the most traditional gifts

received on Valentine's Day. Valentine's Day is not a national holiday; however, it is very traditional, and many people celebrate by attending dances and parties with their sweetheart.

Several people responded to the question, "What would you like to receive on Valentine's Day?"

Freshman Karen Wooley said that she would prefer some roses or a big stuffed animal.

Junior Dee Dee Black said, "Valentine's Day is a special day and a single red rose would mean a lot to me!"

"A big Hershey's chocolate kiss and a day off from work would be two great Valentine's Day gifts for me," said senior Phillip Dunaway.



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"Senioritis" strikes home

By Kris Kelso

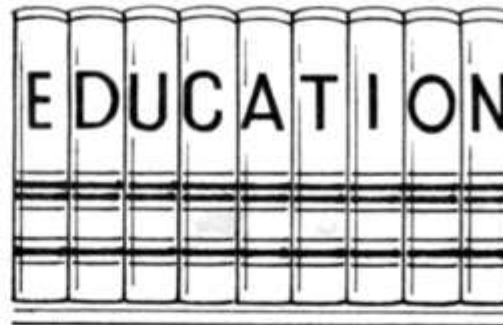
Senioritis, by definition, is all the faked illnesses to get out of school; all the classes "ditched" to go to the lake; and the general lack of concern involved with homework, classwork, and studies of any kind. Those most often affected by the dreaded disease are in their late teens and in the last semester of high school.

infirmity? According to the experts, there are several reasons for the appearance of the disease, including excessive homework, report cards, semester tests, and lengthy class periods. However, some seem to believe that the most recent cases are caused by changes in rules and regulations. No public display of affection, levels one through four punishment, and eight semesters counting toward GPA's instead of seven in the past have seemed to add to the already devastating problem, not to mention what twenty credits and no more mid-term graduation will do to morale.

The bad news is that there is only one known cure for senioritis. Seniors must be dismissed from school immediately! The mental future of the class of '86 is in jeopardy! If the seniors' dismissal does not occur, teachers, with whips in hand, will have to guide the slowly worsening victims through May.

Senioritis can be detected as early as the first day of the freshman year. The sickness gets progressively worse as the student's high school career continues. In the latter stages the victim is frequented by sudden sleeping spells, especially during important lectures such as "My Definition of Kinky" by Mr. Sensing, "What It Takes to Knock My Socks Off" by Coach McGroarty, and "My Son Timmy Is a Football Player" by Mr. Bruce. Some accelerated cases have been reported with patients as young as fifteen going "off the deep end."

What causes this terrible



Choosing a college is difficult

By Cheri Herman

While many seniors have found that choosing a college is difficult already; underclassmen will soon face the same problem.

A nationwide survey of college presidents by U.S. News and World Report in the November 25, 1985, issue shows that those schools which rank highest give special attention to strong, broad-based studies. King's College President James Lackenmier said, "It is liberal learning which, after all, prepares students for the changes that their lives and careers will ask of them."

Seven-hundred eighty-eight college presidents responded to the poll in which each president was asked to pick the top five undergraduate schools from a list of colleges and universities similar to their own. Presidents were asked to consider factors such as strength of curriculum, quality of teaching, relationship between faculty and students, and the

atmosphere for learning.

Of the national universities considered, Stanford, Harvard, and Yale topped the list with Princeton and Duke not far behind. This all sounds very impressive throughout the nation as a whole, but students in Western Kentucky desire quality education a little closer to home.

Berea College in Berea, Kentucky, ranked first among one hundred sixty eight smaller comprehensive institution in the Southern Border States. Berea's founding purpose is to provide a liberal arts education to students who otherwise could not attend college.

Other colleges which ranked in the top five in the Southern Border States category were Berry College in Georgia, William Jewell in Missouri, and Presbyterian in South Carolina. Stephens College in Missouri and Oklahoma Baptist College were deemed noteworthy although they did not rank in the top ten.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Physical Science Club encourages all with a good project idea to enter the annual Science Fair.

FHA will be selling Candy-grams through February 11. Do not forget those you love on Valentine's Day.

Attention Seniors- Don't forget to get your scholarship forms and financial aid forms completed this month!



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'86 Spring have come

By Julian
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Pat Hollowell, Wade Poat, Robert Simmons, and Brent Vasseur give the newest look of summer with their shorts and sunglasses. Pat is modeling a Clairborne short outfit with light blue and white striped shorts and a blue short-sleeve shirt under the matching striped top. Wade and Robert with their yellow and green School of Hard Knocks T-shirts and wild cartoon print Bermuda shorts are sure to catch anyone's attention. The light blue California sweatshirt and blue jean shorts give a guy the right to go barefootin' as Brent is pleased to point out. All these clothes can be found at Meis either in the Men's or Red Carpet Departments.

by Marsha

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Espirit clothes are known for their wild combinations of bold colors. Shauna Thomas's yellow Espirit sweater and blue dress with yellow print and a matching belt from Perry's could only compliment her honor as Best Dressed girl. Stephanie Spence modeled a yellow and orange Espirit dress, also from Perry's. Her matching yellow shoes were supplied by Martin's. The elegant blue and pink dress with pink cotton tank top from the Junior Department at Meis worn by Stephanie McDermott would look great anytime, especially this Easter.

'86 Spring Fashions have come to town

By Juliana Mobley

On January 21, 1986, a tropical breeze blew into Paducah, instead of the usual Arctic winds. The unseasonably warm weather infected sixteen Lone Oak High School students with an early case of spring fever. Seniors Julie Elkins, Ben Harwood, Pat Hollowell, Amy Morris, Wade Poat, Robert Simmons, LaDonna Smith, Stephanie Spence, Shauna Thomas, Brent Vasseur, Cary White, and Lynn Zimmermann with Juniors Natalie Black, John Geiger, Stephanie McDermott, and Mary Kay Wright traveled to Kentucky Oaks Mall to model some of the new spring fashions from Corn Austin, Limited, Meis, and Perry's. Martin Shoes and Sunglasses Plus provided accessories for some of the models.



by Marshall Matheny

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The seven students in this picture roamed the length of the Mall looking for their spring fashions. John Geiger, Ben Harwood, and Cary White are ready - for a date or day of school with their Generra clothes from Corn Austin. Both Mary Kay Wright and LaDonna Smith wore print jeans with a cotton sweatshirt and short-sleeved sweater, respectively, from the Junior Department of Meis. Mini skirts are still the rage for Natalie Black and Julie Elkins. Natalie's flowery blue jean skirt and pink cotton sweater are also available in Meis' Junior Department. Julie's bright blue, yellow, fuchsia, and green sweater vest over the plaid long-sleeve shirt with the yellow skirt from Perry's look great with the fuchsia

Matheny



Dear Daniel

By Daniel Kirbwood

Dear Daniel,
My friend is always copying my homework! How can I persuade her to do her own work without upsetting her? Mad

Dear Mad,
Leave your homework in your locker until you're ready to go to that class. If she asks for it, tell her you don't have it with you. Sooner or later she'll get the hint.

Dear Daniel,
I just turned sixteen and my parents won't let me drive by myself yet. What should I do? Upset

Dear Upset,
Give them time to realize you're getting older and need more freedom. Some parents are over protective because they are concerned for your safety. Be patient!

Dear Daniel,
I want a job, but I have basketball practice everyday after school. Which is more important? Basketball Girl

Dear Basketball Girl,
Stay in sports. In the long run it will be more important. You have plenty of time to work after the season is over. If possible, do odd jobs on the weekends.

Dear Daniel,
My parents don't trust me at all. Everytime I ask them if I can go somewhere, they start a huge fight and demand to know where I'm going and what I'm doing. What should I do? Upset

Dear Upset,
Very simple, you just tell them. If you constantly argue with your parents, they will suspect you're up to something. After a while they'll learn to trust you, if you don't get into any trouble.

Dear Daniel,
I like this guy, but he doesn't like me. Should I "chase him"? Lovestarved

Dear Lovestarved,
To most guys, being chased is flattering; but it usually turns them away because there isn't a challenge. No, don't go to him; make him come to you!



Dear Students,
"Dear Daniel" needs your questions! If there is anything you are having a problems with or if you just need someone else's opinion about a decision you are finding difficult to make, just write the question down and give that to me. Your identity will be kept confidential, and your question will be appreciated.



Movie and Record Reviews

Philip Furaway
Glor. Krause

W.A.S.P. stings the United States

The rock group W.A.S.P. released its new album The Last Command earlier this month. This high-strung, party-plagued album is by far the best album for W.A.S.P..

Lead singer Blackie Lawless's piercing vocals highlight the album extremely. The guy may look like an idiot with saw blades attached to the sleeves of his jacket, but he surely can sing.

The songs contain several "controversial" words and phrases, but it is difficult to hear them because of the

distortion of the guitars. W.A.S.P. plays better as a whole on this new album. One of the best songs on the album, "Wild Child," shows a major improvement over their last album. The hard-driving drum beats and outstanding guitar playing are the elements which make this album spectacular.

The only mistake on this album is that some of the songs sound the same, but this mistake does not hurt the album too much.

W.A.S.P. will be touring with KISS next month which will prove to be a loud and wild tour.

Freddy is back- for better or for worse?

Just when you thought it was safe to go back to sleep, Freddy is back to slash through your nightmares in "A Nightmare on Elm Street II: Freddy's Revenge," the sequel to the horror hit "A Nightmare on Elm Street." The scene is five years later, and a new family has moved into the house where Freddy last crept.

This time Freddy is looking for a teenage apprentice in Jesse (Mark Patton), but Jesse is not exactly willing. When Jesse starts having nightmares about killing people and then wakes up only to find them dead, things really start to get interesting.

There are some good special effects in this

film. A couple of scenes where Freddy and Jesse shed each other and an unusual love scene with Jess and his girlfriend are really good. Unfortunately, however, these scenes aren't very scary. As horror films go, "A Nightmare on Elm Street II..." is really fairly boring.

As a sequel "...Freddy's Revenge" is a real let down. The scary excitement of "A Nightmare on Elm Street" just isn't in this movie. If there is ever a third "Nightmare on Elm Street," let's hope it's better than the second one.

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- that Dee Dee Black is against drunk driving.
- that Jason Ricks and Shaw Hayes can spell Lone Oak.
- that Lone Oak needs basketball fans.
- that the steps that Student Council had built don't do any good because the teachers are never there to open the doors in the morning.
- that Mr. McKinney wants early morning bus duty.
- that Mr. Herrold wants to wipe off lunch tables.
- how Daniel Kirkwood broke the code of conduct at the pep rally.
- that Daniel's last name is Jirkwood.
- we almost beat Graves County.

I dream of...

- Genie??
- snow on Sunday night.
- Mr. Baker with hair.
- empty freshman halls.
- research papers being outlawed.
- graduating.
- roses on Valentine's Day.
- all A's on my report card.
- having purple and gold blood.
- Mr. Mizell with a muzzle.
- new books in the library.
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**January
Guess
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By Holly Carter

January's mystery "guess who" has been teaching at Lone Oak for seventeen years. He did his student teaching here also. His birthday is close to Mr. Sensing and Mrs. Foster's birthdays, although it is not quite in the same year.

His hobbies include photography, eating, exercising, backpacking, and skiing. His favorite food is shrimp.

This teacher spent four years in the navy. He sponsors two school-related clubs. When one walks into this teacher's room, he will find "cats, dogs, and other assorted critters."

For those who have not figured out who he is yet, here is a dead give-away. He has many different sayings, such as "Knock your socks off" and "Tell my momma," for which he is famous.

"After Christmas Blues" arrive

By Juliana Mobley

Christmas is over now. New Year's came and went quickly. Remnants of a few pine needles stuck in the carpet are all that is left of the once beautiful decorations which spanned the house. Now what? January? New Year's Eve hangovers? Snow days? Birthdays? Carnations? BOREDOM??

Some teenagers dislike the first month of the calendar year; they say it is dull with nothing to look forward to but homework. Ugh!! True, January may not be the best month of the year; even New Year's Day, the very first day of the year, few people associate with fond memories, unless their football team won.

After New Year's Day January means little less than back to school, work, and exercise class. January is also the time to throw that great Christmas gift Aunt Esther sent into the closet and eat leftovers for every lunch and dinner. Now there is a minority who like leftovers and cannot wait to go back to school to show off their newly acquired Florida tans. They are also the ones

who could have just kissed Aunt Esther for sending money instead of a totem pole.

About the second week of January all the school kids start praying for snow, forgetting the June consequences. They believe the teachers need a few days bed rest and plenty of fluids, in order to rid themselves of that terribly contagious disease "continuous homeworkitis."

Birthdays are about the only other thing exciting in January. In some southern states January 19 is a legal holiday honoring Robert E. Lee's birth. January 15 became a national holiday just last year, commemorating the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Not to be excluded, the King of Rock-and-Roll, Elvis Presley.

Here are a few more juicy tidbits about January. Most animals are so thrilled with this month that they hibernate through it. The flower of the month is the carnation which, of course, is normally seen in funeral homes. Garnet, the stone of the month, looks like a cheap ruby.

What teachers expect from their students

BY Chris Dallas

"School Stinks! All the teachers do is give us homework and sit at their desks. They have a responsibility to teach us."

Comments similar to this are often heard in the halls as students exit the classrooms and mingle at their lockers. The student is correct; the teacher is expected to teach, but what does the teacher expect of the school?

According to a recent survey of Lone Oak High School teachers, the most expected thing from students was respect. Not only respect for teachers, but for other students also. This, along with most everything else expected of students, should not be difficult to display because most kids are brought up to show respect.

Regular class attendance ranked second on the poll. This helps classes move rapidly by keeping the teacher from going what has already studied.

Of the month...

Song- "The Superbowl Shuffle" by the Bears' Shuffling Crew

Car- Tim Reynolds' Camaro

Couple- Tommy Campbell and Kris Kelso

Flirt- Cheri Herman

Event- Valentine's Day

Saying- "I have a dream....."

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Students cannot be bribed to show pride

The lack of spirit here at LOHS is a problem as everyone can see, but we students do not seem to care. Free tickets to the games are a bribe that will not work, as proven the night the varsity girls' and boys' teams played Ballard County. Only about twenty per cent of the tickets ever showed up at the door.

Plenty of pride is shown when asked what school we attend. Everyone proudly states "Lone Oak." Why cannot the pride be carried to athletics? "But why have spirit, the teams lose?" is the question on everyone's lips. Perhaps a little support shown might help motivate the players. Let's place ourselves in a

basketball player's shoes. How would we feel if we glanced at the audience and all we saw were the sides of the people's heads who were busily discussing the latest gossip?

The cheerleaders could play a major role in increasing the spirit. Encouraging the crowd to yell when a basket is made or when a player steps to the line for his free-throws is one idea. Involving the spectators in supporting the team as soon as they step into the gym might prevent some of the socializing.

At the next game, try shouting for the team or a favorite player. Let's have enough confidence in our cause to show that we care.

Poll of students recognizes favorites

By Marshall Matheny

The students of Lone Oak High School were polled recently to find out some of their favorites. Forty-eight freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors were asked eight questions pertaining to television, singers, and so on. Here are the top opinions and responses to the questions.

Who is your favorite recording artist?

- a. Whitney Houston (30%)
- b. Corey Hart (25%)
- c. Eddie Murphy (25%)
- d. Billy Ocean (20%)

Who is your favorite actress?

- a. Meryl Streep (50%)
- b. Morgan Fairchild (35%)
- c. Goldie Hawn (15%)
- d. Judy Garland (10%)

What is your favorite food?

- a. Pizza (60%)
- b. Steak (30%)
- c. Shrimp (10%)

Do you think it is acceptable for a girl to ask a guy for a date?

- Yes- 79%
- No- 21%

What is your favorite thing to do on a weekend?

- a. Party (70%)
- b. Go parking (20%)
- c. Anything (5%)
- d. Cruise Elmwood Court (5%)

What is your favorite movie?

- a. "Nightmare on Elm Street" (45%)
- b. "Rocky IV" (35%)
- c. "Raiders of the Lost Ark" (20%)

What is your favorite television show?

- a. The Cosby Show (50%)
- b. Miami Vice (30%)
- c. Hill Street Blues (15%)
- d. Dragnet (5%)



To work or not to work, that is the question

Working is very rewarding

By Holly Carter

Going to school for six and one-half hours a day and then having to go to work after school may not appeal to some, but it does have its advantages. Earning money, meeting people, and having responsibilities are a few of the appealing aspects.

The first of these, earning money, enables the student to gain some independence. Students learn how to manage their money. They learn to save for luxuries such as clothes, a much wanted stereo, or a dream car. While the average student's paychecks will not cover something like a car, it will cover expenses for the weekend and other things such as concerts, albums, spending money for a trip, and so on. Money gives a student a chance to start breaking away from his parent's steady cash flow.

Making new friends is another advantage of having a

job. Working gives one the opportunity to meet people from other schools. Friendships are likely to develop with people with whom one works. Along with meeting people one's own age, he has the opportunity to meet older people such as bosses and customers.

Going hand-in-hand with working is responsibility. Although some students shrink from responsibilities, some students handle situations better if they know it is part of their responsibility. Being responsible is a commendable characteristic to possess. Having a job and getting rewarded for doing a good job helps one to obtain responsibility.

Any situation a person gets himself into will have its advantages and disadvantages. If a student must work, or just wishes to, an optimistic outlook could determine whether a student enjoys his job or not.

Working has its disadvantages

By Phillip Dunaway

Students in society today carry many responsibilities on their shoulders. One of the biggest is working and going to school which may become a disadvantage to students.

Students can co-op from school and receive three credits for this. They could possibly be making a big mistake. These students should be getting a good education, because their job may not be beneficial to their future.

Students might work after school. The work shift might be for four to eight hours. If they work until closing, they might not clock out until eleven or twelve o'clock at night. Many

students at Lone Oak High work, especially seniors. This could cut out needed time to study if the job is a steady one.

In an interview with Lone Oak High School Counselor Dennis Griffith, he said that "Jobs take away student involvement in extracurricular activities at school. Certain jobs involving students may also keep other people from getting a job."

The second disadvantage is the bite the working hours take out of a student's social life. If students work on week nights, they will probably work on weekend nights also.

Jobs have both advantages and disadvantages. It depends mostly on the number of hours students work on if they care about their education. Work is a good thing that everyone should experience, but not to the extent of ruining a student's future.



Lady Flash pushes onward

By Lori Lee

LO 46, BALLARD 67

Ballard defeated the Flashes January 3, at Lone Oak Arena by a score of 46 to 67.

The Bombers dominated the game, outscoring Lone Oak in every quarter. Elizabeth Godman led the Flashes' scoring with fourteen points.

LO 39, HEATH 52

Heath defeated Lone Oak January 10, at Heath by a score of 39 to 52.

The Pirates outscored the Flashes in every quarter except the third. Liz Godman led Lone Oak's scoring with twelve points, but it wasn't enough as Heath went on to win 39-52.

LO 54, LYON CO 73

Lyon Co. defeated Lone Oak January 13 at Lone Oak Arena by a score of 54 to 73.

Lyon Co. dominated the game, outscoring Lone Oak in every quarter. Liz Godman led the Flashes' scoring with nineteen points.

L.O. 65, FULTON 44

The Flashes defeated Fulton County at Lone Oak Arena January 16, by a score

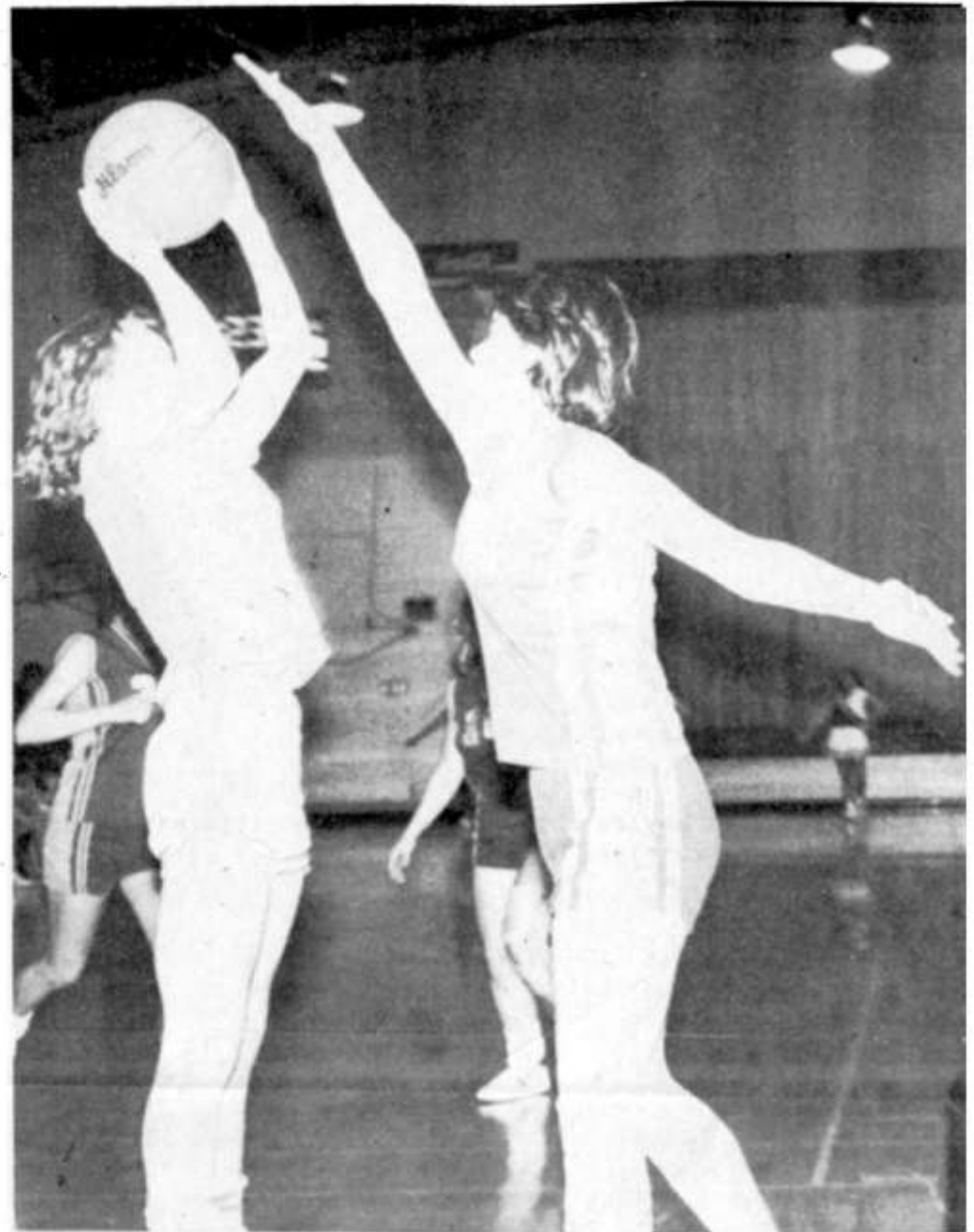
of 65 to 44.

Lone Oak outscored Fulton in every quarter except the third, 26-11, 16-10, 12-15, and 11-8. Ginny Shaffer led the Flashes scoring with twenty points, as they went on to win 65-44.

L.O.-39, MARSHALL CO 80

Marshall County defeated the Flashes January 23, at Marshall County by a score of 39 to 50.

Marshall dominated every aspect of the game outscoring Lone Oak in every quarter except the second, 9-16, 8-7, 7-36, and 14-31. Stephanie Grossum led Marshall County's scoring with twenty-nine points. Ginny Shaffer led the Flashes' scoring with twenty points, but it wasn't enough as Marshall went on to win 39-80.



Cynthia Neihoff goes one on one as the defense goes for the block.

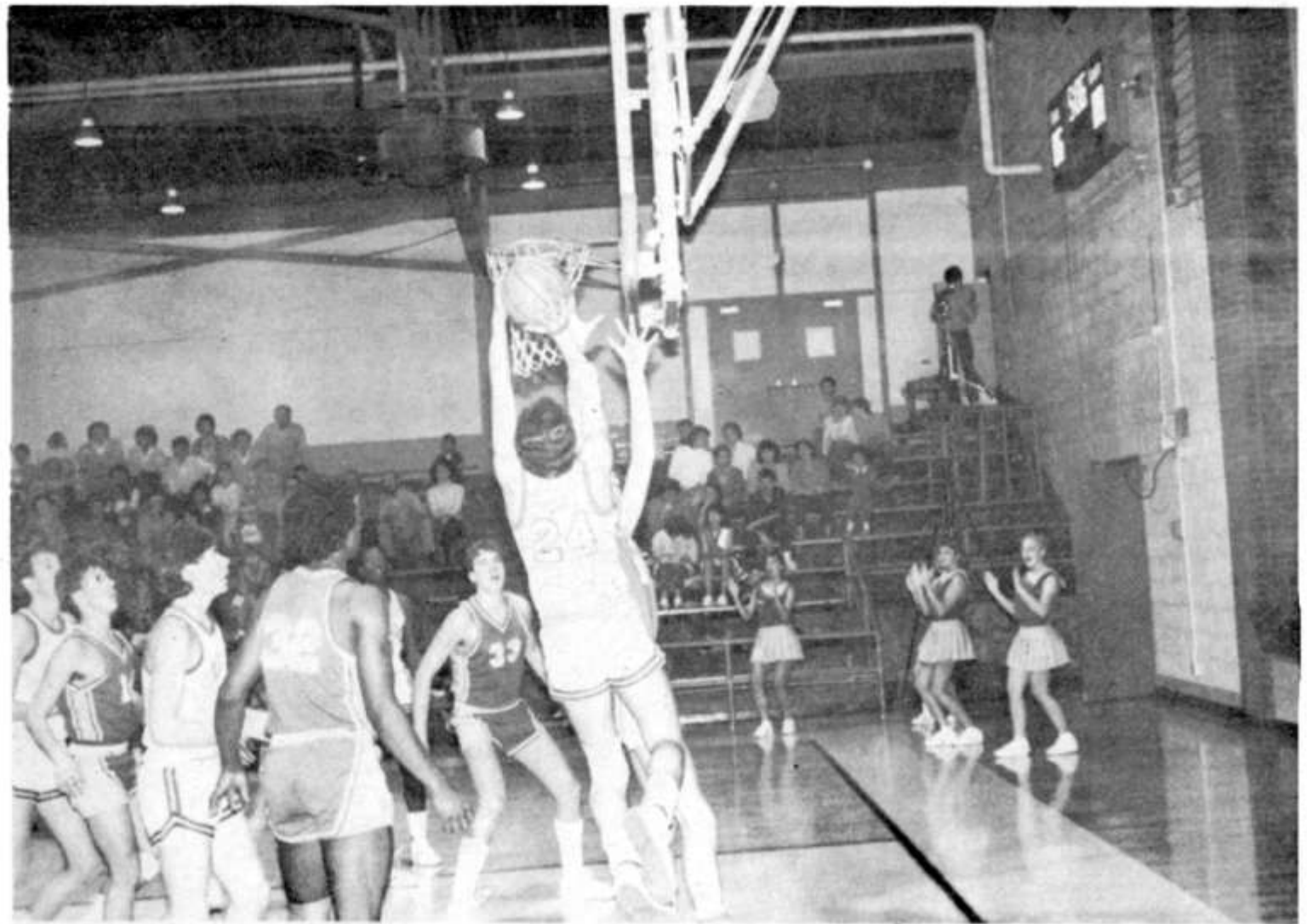
The Lady Flash move down court for two.



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Jeff Garner, 24, takes a shot as teammates John Beyer, Marc Murray, and Jeff Holland look on.



Lone Oak Purple Flash season nearing a close

By Chris Dallas
Lone Oak 50, Tilghman 91

Lone Oak took on cross-town rival, Paducah Tilghman, on December 11, at Lone Oak Arena, losing by a score of 91-50.

Lone Oak fell behind 27-9 after the first eight minutes and couldn't come back. Tilghman's height, experience, and relentless offense handed Lone Oak its first home defeat of the year.

Lone Oak 63, Massac County 69

Lone Oak visited Massac County on December 17, in a close, exciting game. The Flash lost by six, 69-63.

Massac seemed to have it made leading 21-13 after the first quarter only to have Lone Oak cut the lead to two in the third quarter. Massac hit another scoring spree to extend the lead and defeat Lone Oak 69-63.

Lone Oak 63, Ballard County 72

The Purple Flash played the Bombers of Ballard on January 3, at home. Ballard gave the Flash a tough home game winning 72-63.

Ballard took a 15-12 first quarter lead only to have the Flash come back and lead 31-30 at the half. Ballard's Brent Buchanan scored thirty-two points to lead the Bombers to victory.

Lone Oak 43, Tilghman 89

Lone Oak played Tilghman in the Christmas Tournament held at Tilghman on December 27, losing 89-43.

Lone Oak fell behind at the end of the first quarter, 20-12. The Flash brought it back to 24-20, Tilghman's lead, with 4:37 left in the half. Tilghman suddenly poured on the pressure and expanded their lead to 43-25 at the half. Lone Oak could not bring it back and lost first round to the very strong Tilghman team.

Lone Oak 64, Fulton County 68

Homecoming was a good game, but not as good as planned. Lone Oak played Fulton County on January 17, losing by four in an exciting homecoming game.

Lone Oak, down by nine at halftime, cut it to eight at the end of the third quarter.

Fulton County had all they could take winning 68-64.

Lone Oak 44, Carlisle 48

Lone Oak took on the Carlisle County Comets on January 14, at Lone Oak. Carlisle fought off the upset-seeking Flash.

Lone Oak fell behind 12-4 by the end of the first quarter. They came back to gain a one-point edge at the half. Carlisle came out firing in the second half and would not let go of the lead winning 48-44.

Lone Oak 64, Reidland 77

The Greyhounds of Reidland visited the Flash on December 20. The Greyhounds, seeking revenge for a loss earlier in the year to the Flash, had it tough in the early part of the game but pulled away to beat the Flash.

Lone Oak kept the game tied through the half, but the Greyhounds were too tough and edged the Flash 77-64.

Lone Oak 57, Graves 61

Lone Oak played the tough Graves County team on January 24. Lone Oak had its chance but lost by four.

Graves County, regarded as one of the best teams in the district, had all it wanted with the Oakers. Lone Oak had a two point lead going into the fourth quarter but could not keep their upset hopes alive losing 61-57.

