

THE OAK K

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Films promote SADD to classes

By Jennifer Snow

Lone Oak's Key Club has taken steps toward the initiation of its new Students Against Driving Drunk (SADD) chapter. Presentations were given to juniors on Wednesday, Dec. 9, by April Gordon and to seniors on Thursday, Dec. 10, by Sheryl Beasley. Two films were shown about SADD and the benefits it offers.

Mrs. Angela Verbaere, of the West Kentucky Driver Training Center spoke on one of the films that deals with the tragedy of a drunk driving accident at each of the meetings.

Along with the presentations, the Key Club has sent out Contracts for Life. The contracts are signed by the students and their parents, the students agreeing to call home if they become intoxicated, and the parents consenting to pick the child up, no questions asked. "If it saves one life in the next three million years, it will all have been worthwhile," says Key Club sponsor Mr. McGroarty. Tyrone Carden, a junior, said he thought the contracts were very effective and a good idea.

"I'd like to personally thank



Photo by Matt Starling

Miss Angela Verbaere, from the McCracken County Driver's School, introduced the Johnny Miller film during SADD presentation.

everyone who has put in time, effort and money to help this program. We do feel it is very important and we hope one day it will be an institution at Lone Oak," says Key Club President Rusty Smith.

"I have heard much positive input from juniors and seniors concerning the SADD program," says Mr. McGroarty, "I hope the student body will continue to be receptive. The Key Club has worked very hard on this program."

Clubs spreading Christmas cheer

By Shannon Adler

Decorations, stockings, gifts, parties, and poinsettias are some of the activities that the clubs at Lone Oak have planned to spread Christmas cheer.

The clubs involved include the Art Club, Future Homemakers of America, Beta Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Tri-Hi-Y, and Future Business Leaders of America.

The Art Club is painting Christmas scenes on the windows of the Paducah Sun office

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Little, Rudolph win honors at State Beta Convention

By Lechelle Yates

Matt Little won second place in the spelling competition and Dan Rudolph placed in the top six in the oratory contest at the Kentucky Beta Club convention held at the Galt House in Louisville, KY, on December 4, 5, and 6.

Little's victory over 48 other competitors makes him eligible to compete in the spelling contest at the National Beta club convention to be held at Little Rock, AK, in June. "I knew I had done well, but I was still surprised when they announced my name," says Little.

Carolyn Kerins, and her Peanuts Gang—Little, Rudolph, Shelly Gibbs, Lechelle Yates, Bill Johnston, Joe Herman, Jennie

Church, Stephen Borders, Jeff Oakley, Ron Nichols, Robbie Siefert, Dave Bosch, Marc Lockett, and Stacy Overby—waged an unsuccessful campaign against eight other candidates for the office of state vice president. "I was surprised that I didn't win; I thought I had a really good chance," states Kerins. Todd Durham from Christian County won the nomination. Other winners of state offices were: President—David McCamish of East Hardin in Louisville, KY, and Secretary—Laura Jones from Calloway County.

Entertainment planned by the convention included an informal dance on Friday night and a talent competition and the Annual Beta dance on Saturday night.



Photo by Lechelle Yates

The highlight of the trip for most of the Beta's was the flat tire. Jeff Oakley helps with the repair by jacking up the rear.

"Happy X-Mas,
War Is Over"

Tribute to John Lennon
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Photo by Matt Starling

Rusty Smith, Key Club president, introduced the guest speakers to the juniors and seniors during the SADD program.

Students need encouragement to become the best Americans

The poor performance of American students compared to Oriental students in comparable grade levels has shocked and worried many people. There are many reasons for these problems, however, and they shouldn't be surprising.

Due to the heavy population and great expense of education in Asia not every child receives a full twelve year education. After a certain number of years in school the students have their skills tested. Only the students with the best scores on these tests are allowed to further their education.

The chance to continue his education is an honor to a young Oriental and his family. The high reverence in which honor is held in Asia spurs the child to study hard in hope of bringing honor on to his family. Therefore only the best and the brightest of children attend Oriental secondary schools.

With the type of student body these schools enjoy, they are able to teach advanced courses. The training students receive in the advanced courses better prepares them for competitive testing such as college entrance exams.

Sadly, though, this does not hold true for the United States. The education system in America severely hampers the progress of advanced youth. In order to maintain a curriculum that the more average students are able to contend with schools are not able to offer enough advanced courses for those able.

The superior students are allowed to take a few advanced courses, but not nearly enough. It seems that when a student is achieving at a level above that of his peers in America, he is sent to work with older students. This can cause a great deal of discomfort for a student having to adjust to an older, more mature climate.

Compounding the problems are overworked teachers. An instructor should not be required to teach to two different types of students. Some students are achievers, and some simply are not. Teachers who are required to instruct both type of students are unfairly saddled with a big burden.

Teachers capable of instructing advanced students should be allowed the luxury of

doing only that. Fighting with classes who have nonchalant attitudes can tire the best teachers and affect their performance when it really counts.

Schools should be established for capable, hardworking students. Many borderline great students would improve when the peer pressure changed from goof off to study.

Many people are worried about America's youth. They claim that the laziness will affect and maybe even someday ruin our country. What these people need to realize is that reforms are needed to correct the problems by encouraging greatness, not by just offering a chance at it.

Rusty Smith

Christmas spirit should shine through the year

By Robert Wagner

With the coming of the Jewish holiday, Hanukkah, and the coming of Christmas for the rest of us, it seems to me that everybody is happier and friendlier at this time of the year. Children look forward to the presents that will lie under the tree Christmas morning and adults and children both look forward to being with their families during this time of celebration. Why can't we make it last?

Every day we are faced with problems and decisions, but why can't we react the same way we do during the last six weeks of the year? Nothing seems to bother us much during this time. As wonderful if every name was chosen this Christmas? It is not too late. By making some child happy this Christmas, it might make you feel good too and isn't

Students ask Administration answers

WHY WAS THE SEMESTER TEST SCHEDULE CHANGED? It really was not changed; it was just made for this year. It is made on a year to year basis. Most changes were the result of trying to solve problems with last year's schedule. The big problem with last year's schedule was the 4th period.

WHY DOES LONE OAK NOT TAKE TWO TESTS IN THE MORNING, THEN GO HOME TO STUDY FOR THE REST OF THE DAY LIKE TILGHMAN? We are required to be in school six hours per day per student, seven and a half for teachers. Two extra days of instruction would be required to make-up the number of days we must be in session if we used any schedule other than a full-day schedule.

WOULD A CONSISTENT SCHEDULE LIKE THAT OF PAST YEARS BE LESS STRESSFUL TO STUDENTS DURING TESTING? I don't feel this schedule is anymore inconsistent than scheduling of the past. On last year's schedule 4th period met for a total of four and a half hours. There were problems with vocational school students and co-op students having to return and take a semester exam on the last day in the afternoon. On this schedule all exams are given at the usual period with extended time. I don't feel this schedule will be anymore stressful than any test schedule would be.

WHAT OBSERVATIONS HAVE YOU MADE DURING THIS, YOUR FIRST AS PRICIPAL, SEMESTER OF LONE OAK? Lone Oak is a good school with alot of pride. Most students let this pride become a part of themselves and work hard to keep the tradition of being a part of Lone Oak.

that what Christmas is all about? students, we can look forward to a couple of weeks of relaxing and having fun and not having to do homework or attend school. We seem to be happier, but it always seems to end as soon as school resumes. Why?

Why is it that almost the entire world is joyous at this time of the year? It is a time for celebrating. Christians around the world are celebrating the birth of Christ. For many, it is celebrating the fact that we are with family and friends. We have a chance to visit with those, whom we do not see the rest of the year. It is a time for remembering all those

Christmases of the past and for remembering all of those who are not with us now.

Christmas is a time for sharing and giving. Let's not forget those children who do not have as much as we. I can think of no better Christmas than for the students of LOHS to "adopt" a child for Christmas. Many of the stores have special trees with the names of area children who need our help during this Christmas. Wouldn't it be

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Sponges prey on faithful students' hard work

When the teacher makes a homework assignment, one hears the groans and exasperated sighs rumble throughout the room. These groans and sighs soon become conversation about how to get the homework when there is so much more to do. But in the midst of this desperate exchange of thoughts come some smirks that spread across the faces of people who have a very different view of doing their homework assignments. Such clever people are known as sponges. Sponges prey on faithful students during school hours and outside the school

campus. School hours provide a perfect time for sponges to irritate devoted students with their sweet innocence and constant nagging. The innocent ways of sponges come first thing in the morning with a question such as, "Did you get that calculus homework?" followed by a meek "Could you help me?" By this time, though, it is too late for the faithful student to explain the delta process; so the persistent sponge again performs the guileless act of asking for homework. This act is introduced

with "Can I just see your paper?" and ends with "Thanks, I owe you one." Another innocent way of sponges is to ask for advice. "How would you go about writing this paper?" is a common question asking for advice.

Not only do sponges irritate faithful students with their innocence but also with their constant nagging. Sponges are known to turn around and ask questions about yesterday's assignment while a lecture is being given. Also, in-between classes is a favorite time for sponges to follow closely behind a loyal student's asking, "What is another word for big that I can use in my essay?" No matter how one looks at it, the sweet innocence and constant nagging of sponges are annoying to students who faithfully do their homework.

Outside the school campus provides an ideal setting for sponges to have study parties and make annoying phone calls. Study parties for sponges for sponges are really mini-cheat sessions in disguise. Sponges usually sit back to listen and observe what everyone else is doing. Later, they use the same methods to do

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Senior Superlatives

Senior Superlatives were announced Monday, December 7. They are:

- Mr. and Miss Senior: Shelly Gibbs and Jason Hartig;
- Most Likely to Succeed: Karen Vaughn and Dan Rudolph;
- Most Dependable: Lechelle Yates and Jason Hartig;
- Most Catching Smile: Stacie Foster and Matt Little;
- Most Attractive: Cherie Muller and Doug Ranev;
- Most School Spirit: Holly Warren and Bill Coleman;
- Most Athletic: Jenny Thomas and Bill Coleman;
- Mr. and Miss Witty: Sheri Rust and Jeff Prescott;
- Mr. and Miss Flirt: Tina Hack and Todd Powers;
- Most Unforgettable: Andrea Shields and Berry Rvasse;
- Most Talented: Shelly Gibbs and Glenn Shaffer;
- Best Apple Polishers: Anee Meyers and Craig White;
- Class Know-it-alls: Deanna Coovert and Scott Stinson;
- Most Fashionable: Sheryl Beasley and Mike Davis.



Photo by Matt Starling

The Art Club painted the Christmas at Angles scene on the Paducah Sun windows as part of Paducah's downtown Christmas celebration.

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building. The club is sponsored by Mrs. Stickler.

FHA is filling stockings for the Salvation Army. The stockings will be filled with candies and small gifts for boys and girls. They will be delivered to the Salvation Army office for distribution to the children.

The Beta Club decorated the school for Christmas. They are also planning an activity to help those in need. FCA is going to buy Christmas for two families. The proceeds from the dances which are sponsored by FCA are used for this project.

Tri-Hi-Y is sponsoring three activities. "Teacher Pals" is the first activity. Every member of the club chose two or three teachers at the December club meeting. During the last week of school before Christmas vacation, the teachers will find small

gifts or cards in unexpected places. Tri-Hi-Y is planning to go caroling on December 21. They are also buying poinsettias for elderly people in the area.

Members of FBLA will be going to a Christmas party at the Easter Seal Center. They will take a gift to each student at the center.

Kyra Atherton, Tri-Hi-Y President, said, "I think that all clubs should become involved in many activities, especially during Christmas."

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Snowflakes journey quite unique

By Andrea Shields

Where do they come from? How are they formed? Are there really no two formed alike? Questions like these not only fascinate the scientist with his sense of wonder and order, but also the individual with his sense of both.

Science (which never assumes anything) is able to give us relevant facts with certainty. Each flake is an accumulation of crystals, and each crystal could contain about ten sextillion molecules. What is the chance for these molecules to be arranged alike twice, even in the four billion years since the atmosphere was formed? Mathematics tells us the odds against it are enormous.

Whatever the correct reason that snowflakes form, we know that they attract water droplets that are not heavy enough to fall

on earth. (A line of 10,000 of these droplets would fit across the head of a pin.) As these droplets crystalize in proper atmosphere, they set a field of energy which draws more water vapor. In its own minute storm, the gentle powder flake is born.

Next time when watching a snowflake fall to the ground, remember the long yet unique journey it traveled.



13 band members participate in All-District

By Tina Griggs

Thirteen member of the Lone Oak Kentucky Colonel band recently participated in all-district tryouts, and ten of these people have been recommended to all-state. The people who made all-district will give a performance on January 20th. Senior band member Glenn Shaffer states, "It takes a lot of hard work to be in any honor band."

All state tryouts were held on December 12. The people trying out include: Paula Atherton, Shelly Gibbs, Julie Foster, Donna Engler, Jennie Church, Glenn Shaffer, Rebekah Lewis, Jennifer Coley, Deanna DeRose, and Laynia Hutson.

The people who make all-state then go to a convention held for music instructors. They have three days to work on a concert piece directed by one of the band instructors at the convention. The people from all-state will then give a performance within the first two weeks of February. Band director Mr. Light stated, "They really had to put in some extra effort because of all the things going on in marching band."

Then on December 13, a Christmas concert was hosted by the Colonels. Songs played by the Colonels included: "Sleigh Ride", "Christmas Favorites",

"Christmas Day", "Christmas Music for Winds." The Lone Oak sixth grade band performed, along with the Cadet band (Lone Middle School seventh and eighth grade band). The Lone Oak First Baptist Church handbell choir performed, and then the Colonels gave their portion of the concert.



Reid serves as Junior Rotarian

By Robert Wagner

Lisa Reid has been chosen as the December Junior Rotarian by the Lone Oak High School faculty and staff for her academic ability and achievements.

Lisa serves as President of Future Business Leaders of America and is a reporter of Beta Club.

The best thing about LOHS is that "everyone is friendly and easy to get along with", according to Lisa.

One thing she dislikes about LOHS is, "the lack of school spirit. I think more people need to get involved and support the players of all our teams. Without the students' support, the teams lack the inspiration and desire to play hard."

She thinks it would be nice to have Drama Club. "I think there would be alot of student



participation.", she said

Her idea of a good student is, "One who is always prepared for class, puts forth his/her best effort, and is concerned about maintaining good grades.

She feels a good teacher is one who can explain and help the students understand their assignment. They should also be concerned about problems of students and be a friend you can talk to.

Lisa plans to attend college either at the University of Kentucky or Murray State University and major in pre-dentistry. She would like to become an orthodontist.



The thirteen participants in All-District were (front row) Jennie DiSilvestro, Jennifer Coley, (second row) Layne Hudson, Glenn Shaffer, Jenny Church, Donna Engler, Shelly Gibbs, (third row) Deanna DeRose, Paula Atherton, Tricia Evans, Christy Peterson, Julie Foster, and Rebekah Lewis.

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 8:30-8:35Homeroom
 8:40-9:55SECOND HOUR SEMESTER EXAM
 10:00-10:40 ...Regular Third Hour Class
 10:45-11:15 ...First Lunch Hour
 (10:45-12:00)FOURTH HOUR SEMESTER EXAM: For second lunch hour students
 (11:20-12:30)FOURTH HOUR SEMESTER EXAM: For first lunch hour students.
 12:00-12:30 ...Second Lunch Hour
 12:35-1:20Regular Fifth Hour Class
 1:25-2:20Regular sixth Hour Class

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17:

7:45-8:40Regular First Hour Class
 8:45-8:50Homeroom
 8:55-9:30Regular Second Hour Class
 9:35-10:50THIRD HOUR SEMESTER EXAM
 10:50-12:20 ...Regular Fourth Hour Classes and Lunch
 12:25-1:40FIFTH HOUR SEMESTER EXAM
 1:45-2:20Regular Sixth Hour Class

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18:

7:45-9:00FIRST HOUR SEMESTER EXAM
 9:05-9:10Homeroom
 9:15-10:00Regular Second Hour Class
 10:05-10:50 ...Regular Third Hour Class
 10:50-12:20 ...Regular Fourth Hour Classes and Lunch
 12:25-1:00Regular Fifth Hour Class
 1:05-2:20SIXTH HOUR SEMESTER EXAM

Choir aids Christmas celebration

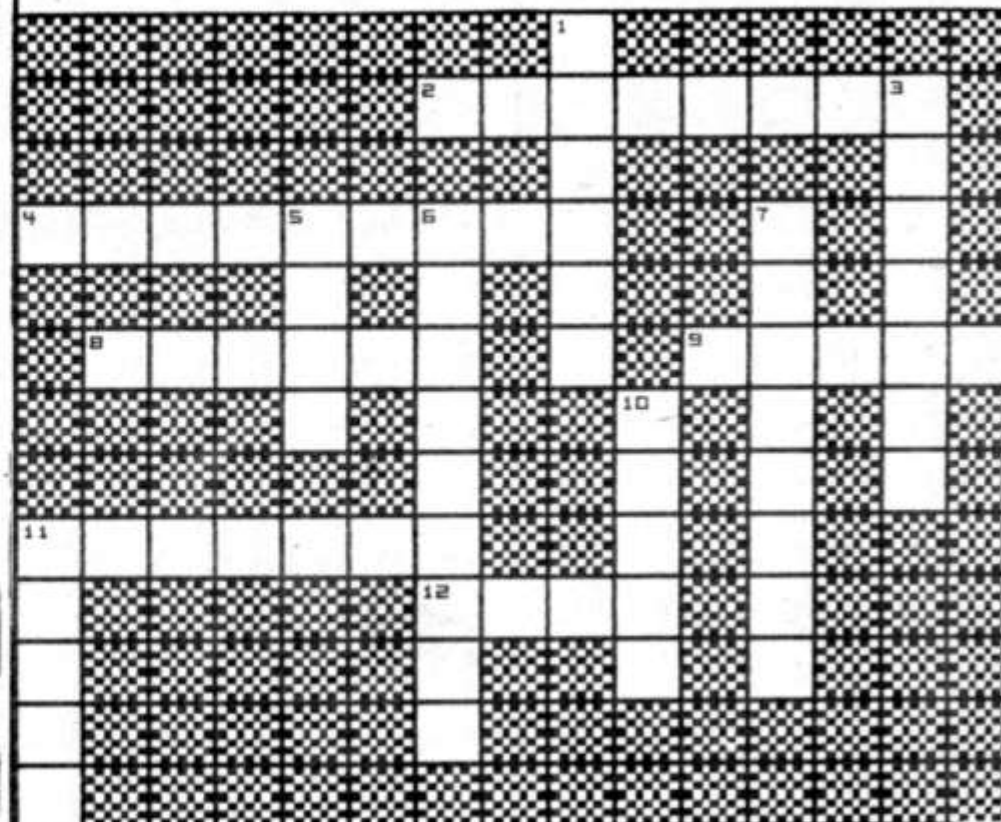
The Lone Oak Choir participated in the "Christmas Celebration" concert, which was presented by the McCracken County High School Choirs, on Sunday, December 13, at the Paducah Community College Fine Arts Theater.

According to Choir Director George Murphy, the presentation was a success. "I expected the students to do very well," he

said. "The only problem was that we didn't have an auditorium to rehearse in."

The concert, which featured songs such as "Sleigh Ride" and "Winter Wonder Land", lasted approximately an hour and a half. Each school sang about six songs and ended the program with a combined choir of about 150 students who sang the "Halleluja Chorus".

Holiday Fun



ACROSS CLUES

- 2. ALASKAN BEAST OF BURDEN
- 4. DECEMBER BIRTHDAY
- 8. SONGS
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- 11. MISERLY MISANTHROPE
- 12. CONIFER

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Fuzzies part of Brugger's class

By: Carolyn Kerins

"A long time ago, people carried little bags, and each time a person reached into it, he would pull out a warm fuzzy. Warm fuzzies made people feel good, and people gave them out freely, until a bad witch spread around the rumor that one day they would run out of warm fuzzies. Then, the children and adults became stingy with their warm fuzzies, and gave out plastic fuzzies and cold pricklies. Later, a stranger came and started giving out warm fuzzies again. Eventually, everyone gave out plenty of warm fuzzies." This is the "Warm Fuzzy Story" written by Claude Steiner.

Mrs. Donna Brugger, who has been an English for twenty-four years, got the idea to share the "Warm Fuzzy Story" from her teacher in graduate school, and began sharing it with her classes about fifteen years ago. "I feel the students like it and remember it," said Mrs. Brugger.

Warm fuzzies, cold pricklies, and plastic fuzzies can be interpreted in many ways. Junior Kelley Vaughn said with a smile, "Warm fuzzies are nice things you give other people, like hugs and kisses." Bill Johnston added, "They are hugs, smiles, and anything friendly". The most popular belief among the junior

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Damron's Restaurant site of Christmas party

By Derrick Gourieux

The Lone Oak High School faculty held its annual Christmas party Saturday, December 5, at Damron's Restaurant between La Center and Kevil.

There was a good turn out according to Mrs. Gwen Helfer, who was in charge of organizing the event. Approximately 70 people, including teachers, administrators, custodians, and their spouses, attended the party that began at 6:30 p.m. and lasted about two and a half hours.

Mrs. Helfer feels that the party gave everyone a chance to get to know each other and to become closer. "It was a good time to have fellowship," she said. Mrs. Ruth Powell invited

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Movie and Record Review

Faster Pussycat's premiere purrs

By Rusty Smith

An exciting new glam rock band has released their debut album. Faster Pussycat is the appropriately named album by the band Faster Pussycat and if things continue to go well, this band could be 1988's Poison.

This band consists of singer Taime Downe, guitarists Brent Muscat and Greg Steele, bassist Eric Stacy, and drummer Mark Michals. The quintet is one of the many new bands coming out of the L.A. area with a new record contract and a wild reputation to live up to.

Many good songs grace this album. Tunes such as "Don't Change That Song", "Bathroom



Wall", "Cathouse", and "Babylon" highlight this excellent L.P.

Faster Pussycat can now be seen on tour with rock legend Alice Cooper and fellow L.A. upstarts Guns N' Roses. The true test of this band's mettle will be their handling of a long tour and their ability to produce another quality album.

Fans of most types of music should enjoy Faster Pussycat. The music is fast, the rhythm is good, and the songs are catchy. With all these things going for them, Faster Pussycat has released an album well worth buying now rather than waiting until the band reaches star status and the album can't be found.

1984 warns of political corruption

By Derrick Gourieux

Many times movie-makers express their political opinions through brief, subtle statements in a film. However, in "1984", on video cassette, the fear and paranoia of today's political systems is very powerfully projected.

This movie, based on the book by George Orwell, portrays the struggle of two people who are trying to escape from the tyranny of their society and find freedom any way they can. They are lured into a secret organization to overthrow the

government, only to find out that it is a trap to find and punish revolutionaries.

Although "1984" is a very hard-hitting movie, it can be difficult for a person to follow if he has not read the book. The movie leaves out much needed information that allows the viewer to understand what is really happening.

However, this is the perfect movie for the politically oriented person who has read the book and is not afraid to become depressed. "1984" will leave him unsure about his society and ready to change the world.

SPONGES

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their homework. Study parties also provide a perfect setting to get notes that never get taken during class because sponges are usually turned around asking a question.

Another clever way of getting homework assignments besides having study parties is making phone calls. Phone calls from sponges are almost always late at night because homework done by a faithful student is surely completed by that time. Sponges like to "check their answers" over the phone. One distinct characteristic of this conversation is that the sponge never gives out the answers he has. Another technique used over the phone by a sponge is that he acts genuinely interested in the other person's opinion. Such a technique involves this type of question, "What do you think about today's lecture?" Other questions follow depending on what the lecture was about. Sponges really use their skills to find effective ways of getting someone else to do their homework when not in school.

Sponges have a very unique way of doing their homework. Unfortunately, their methods often irritate those people they soak information from. Whether during school or after school, sponges constantly find ways to get homework from students who always complete their assignments.

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Skateboarder achieves air in the usual skate attire

Skateboarding challenges most

By Shannon Adler

A new pair of Vans shoes, a brightly colored board, and loud music are the sights and sounds associated with skateboarding.

Three types of skateboarding include freestyle, ramp, and street riding. Freestyling is a type of skating which is done on a hard flat surface with a narrow

board. Ramp riding consists of a skatepark and a half pipe. This style of riding requires a wide board. Street riding is done with a wide board and includes using curbs, stairs, flat areas, street ramps, and docks for places to ride.

There are several types of tricks that may be done on a skateboard. A few include the invert, ollie, grind, boneless, ollie air, and the layed back grind. Vans, Vision Street Wear, Air Walk, and Converse Chuck's are some of the more popular types of shoes to wear while skating. According to Jason Rubenacker, a popular type of

music to skate to is "anything that is fast and loud" such as, Anthrax or Metallica.

Jason Rubenacker and Brent Carter tell why they skate. Jason said, "Why do I skate? I don't know, to show off. (laughter) No, because it is something I really like to do, but if it impresses somebody, I like that, too." Brent said, "Skating is fun and there is always something new you can learn."

Album pays homage to John Lennon's life

By Derrick Gourieux

The seventh anniversary of the death of John Lennon has just passed, and many people have published books, videos, and other documentaries to pay homage to him. However, the true aspects of this great peace-maker's life can be best understood in his music.

"The John Lennon Collection," an array of 17 of his greatest songs, brings back the legacy of the man that was shot to death on December 8, seven years ago. Through the music on this album, one can see Lennon's concern about corruption in government, his desire for world peace, and most of all, his love for his wife Yoko.

Many times Lennon has been accused of being a trouble-maker or a dreamer; however, he was only trying to do his part in making the world a better place to live the only way he knew how—through his music. "You may say I'm a dreamer," he wrote in one of his songs, "but I'm not the only one."

For fans of Lennon, "The John Lennon Collection" will be very enjoyable because of its diversity in songs. And for those people that are not so familiar with Lennon's music, it is a good way to broaden their horizons and perhaps "share in the dream."



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David Adams believes that cold pricklies are cut-downs, while Lana Allcock thinks they may be people who are two-faced. What are plastic fuzzies? Well, Shannon Adler said, "False friendliness", while Jill Green considered them as something like a fake smile.


Dealing with homework and school is hard enough, but having to put up with cold pricklies and plastic fuzzies makes it even more rough. So, why don't we all share a few warm fuzzies. class is that warm fuzzies are hugs.

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the faculty to her home after the dinner.

"Our Christmas parties are kind of a tradition," explained Mrs. Helfer. "It started a few years ago as breakfast for the teachers on the last day of school before the Christmas break." Later, the event was changed to an evening get-together that included the spouses of the faculty.



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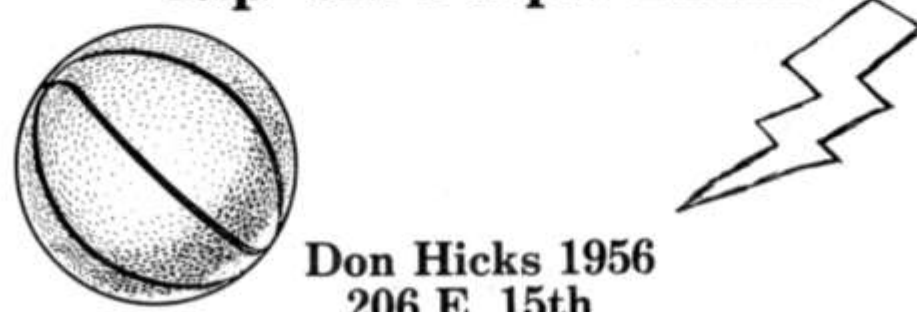
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Purple Flash drops opening game

By: Carolyn Kerins
Lone Oak 60, Hickman 88

The Purple Flash squared off in what was a very fast-paced game against the Hickman County Falcons in the first match-up of the St. Mary's basketball tournament, on Wednesday, December 2, at 6:00 p.m.

Although it was Lone Oak's first game of the season, Hickman County started their season in November, giving the Falcons a slight edge. Lone Oak wouldn't accept those odds and fought hard, allowing Hickman to have a 16-19 lead at the end of the first quarter. The lead changed constantly as the Flash and Hickman rallied back and forth. Hickman was ahead at halftime with the score of 34-42.

Toward the end of the game, Hickman's previous game experiences start to show as they agitated Lone Oak into making

costly fouls.

"I didn't touch him, man," were the words Nathan Baker said to John Beyer when he committed his third foul, which gave Hickman a chance to increase their lead at the free throw line.

"The final score was not a reflection of how the game went," said Jason Ricks, who completed three 3-point shots, about the outcome of the game.

Jeff Smith was the high scorer for the game with 14 points, followed by John Beyer who scored 13 points, Jason Ricks who added 11 points, and Brent Gaines who had 10 points. Tim Stonecipher scored 8 points, while Nathan Baker and Chad Hawes each chipped in 2 points.

The boys' varsity basketball team will play its next game at Lyon County on December 11.

Lady Flash opens with win

Lone Oak 69, Murray 60

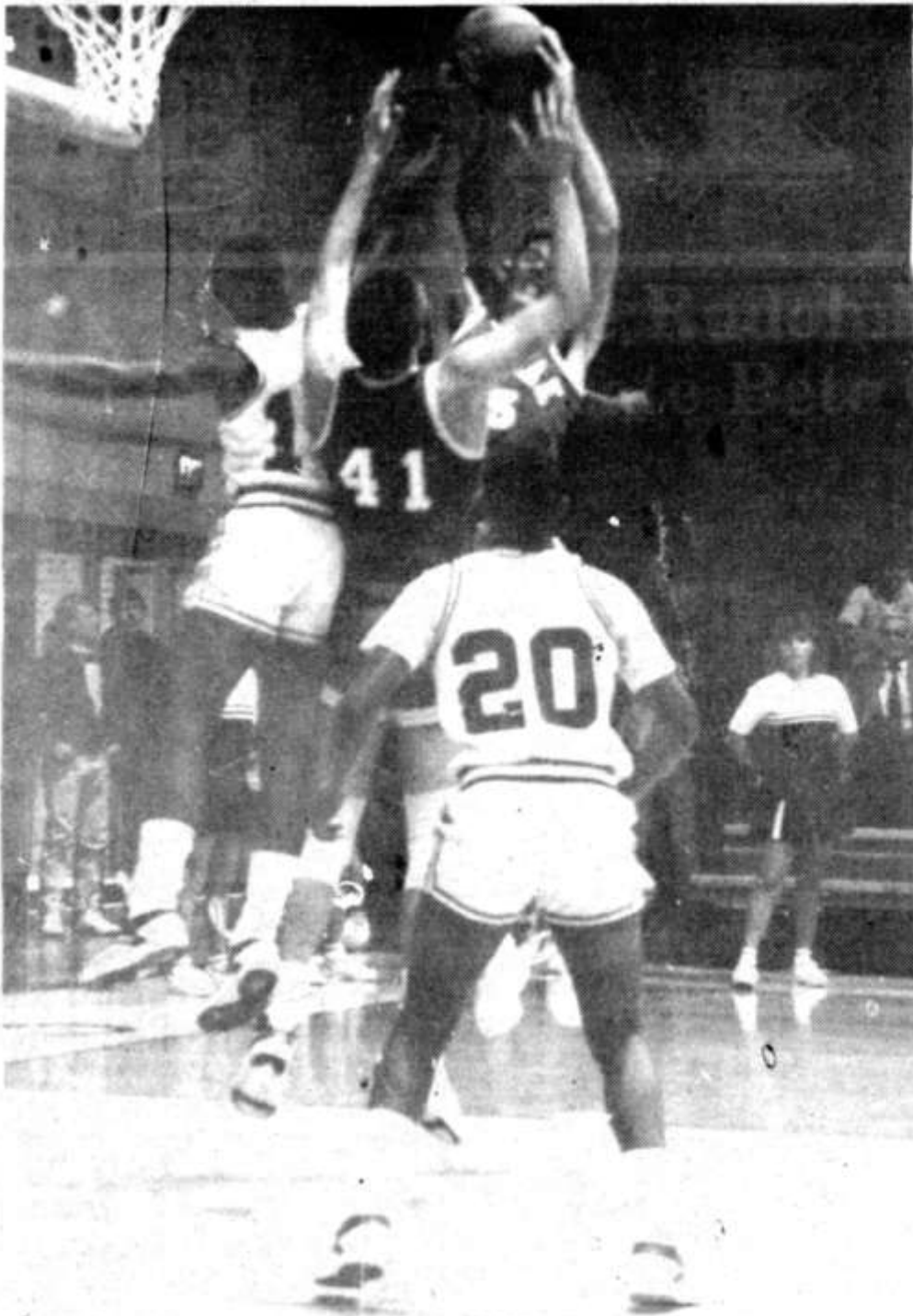
The Lady Flash succeeded in victory in its first basketball game against Murray High, in Murray, on Monday, December 7, at 6:00 p.m.

Although Lone Oak was losing at the close of the first quarter, with the help of Shawn Huffine who scored 18 of her 21 points in the second quarter, the Lady Flash was leading 35-31 at halftime.

second half to keep up the momentum. The Lady Flash was still leading 52-45 at the start of the fourth quarter. Lone Oak scored 17 more points in the final quarter to end the game in the Flash's favor, 69-60.

Shawn Huffine was the leading scorer with 21 points, closely followed by Patricia Jones who scored 18 points. Shari Brantley added 14 vital points to the pursuit of victory, while Laura Wallis shot for 8 points. Niki Henderson and Angela Beach each chipped in four points.

Lone Oak newcomer, Patricia Jones scored 12 points in the



John Beyer grabs rebound over two Hickman County players at the St. Mary's Tournament.

Tilghman Christmas tourney schedule

