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Homecoming Is On Its Way

Fall Homecoming activities will begin Mon., Oct. 7 with "Lick'em Day."

To aid in building school spirit, each subsequent day will accent a special activity. Tuesday will be "Top'em Day"; Wednesday, "Sock'em Day"; Thursday, "Mock'em Day"; and Friday will be "Blue and Gold Day."

Dean Of Girls Comes To OTHS

Mrs. Sara Eckert assumes the position of Dean of Girls at OTHS this year.

Mrs. Eckert is the first person to fill this position at OTHS, which is one of the few schools in the state to have a Dean of Girls.

Her duties include counseling girls who need her help, handling discipline problems, checking out absences from school, and monitoring the halls and restrooms.

Mrs. Eckert has her Master's Degree in Guidance and Counseling from SIJ Edwardsville and has taught school in the primary grades through the university level.

Being Dean of Girls in a high school is something she has always wanted to be because she likes this age student and feels she can relate to them.

Mrs. Eckert doesn't approve of smoking in the johns or having a smoking lounge because it is against the laws of the State of Ill. She also feels an open campus would create more of a hassle than it would be of use.

Mrs. Eckert's office is located next to the guidance office and she is there from 7:30 to 4:00. She welcomes any girl who wants to come in and just talk.

Special Club Issue Next Month

Homecoming Day, Oct. 12, will start off with a parade at 10 a.m. The parade is being sponsored by the Pep Club. Participating in the parade will be the O'Fallon Marching Band, the Golden Girls, class floats, club floats, Homecoming Queen 'Court, Mascoutah Marching Band, cars, walkers, bicycles, cheerleaders, and other participants.

During the afternoon at 2:00, the football Panthers will take on the Mascoutah Indians, who are the traditional rivals of O'Fallon's. The Homecoming Queen candidates will be presented at halftime and the band and pom-pom girls will put on a special performance.

The New Homecoming Queen for 1974 will be crowned at 7:30 p.m. She will be chosen from 8 candidates by the student body. The candidates this year are: Renee Barbeau and Patti Bland, seniors; Renee Mitchner and Gina Nail, juniors; Kelly Muehlhauser and Gini Smith; sophomores; and Julie Carson and Tina Kahlert, Freshmen.

The semi-formal dance follows at 8:00 and is featuring the band DNA. The prices of admission are \$1.50 for single tickets and \$2.25 per couple. The dance is from 8:00 -11:00.

Student Council

Has Big Plans

The Student Council is already working on plans for the 1974-1975 school year.

They plan to keep the soda machine as long as students cooperate. They will sponsor several dances throughout the year. They will also bring "Free Fair" back for a concert.

The Student Council's biggest drive is in December when they sponsor the "Spirit Chain" to raise money for needy families.

As in years past, there will be exchange students here.

The officers for 74-75 Student Council are Doug Mathews, president; Anna Austin, vice president; Carolyn Mooney, recording secretary; Debbie Ball, corresponding secretary; and Sally Brown, treasurer. The sponsors are Mrs. Nesbit, Mrs. Eckert, and Mr. Knight.



Homecoming Queen candidates get ready for the big game. Left to right are Renee Barbeau, Renee Mitchner, Kelly Muehlhauser, Tina Kahlert, Julie Carson, Patti Bland, and Gina Nail. Not pictured is Ginnie Smith.

Freshmen Favorable Toward Highschool

When the freshmen were asked what their first impressions of OTHS were, the answers were about the same.

When asked what they think of high school compared to junior high, the majority of them liked it better.

Their reasons ranged from being able to choose courses of their liking to the soda machine in the cafeteria.

The upper-classmen haven't been as much trouble as some freshmen had expected. Being initiated was their biggest worry, but they soon found out that the upper-classmen had been through all of this just a few years earlier.

For the most part, the teachers are well liked, but as one freshman said, "We could change a few."

When asked what changes they would like to have made, the majority said they would like to have a smoking lounge added.

Class Officers Chosen For The 74-75 Year

The class officers of 74-75 have recently been installed to their offices.

The class of 75 has chosen Russ Thoman as their class president, other officers are Mike Keeney, Vice Pres.; Cathy Habermehl, sec. and Nancy Moody, treas.

Kevin Nabb will represent the Junior class as president, with Sally Brown, Vice Pres.; Joni Allen, sec.; and Tami Hoxworth, treas.

The Sophomore class has Dave Rowe acting as president, Jim

Whitten, Vice Pres.; Kelly Muehlhauser, sec.; and Diane Cryder, treas.

Newly elected officers for the Freshman class are Scott Mathews, President, Mike Kondar, Vice Pres.; Janet Pearce, sec.; and Jim Kellin, treas. Also the Freshman class has elected their Student Council Members for 74-75 they are Tim Kernan; Janet Pearce; Jodie Ellet; Author Aho; Mike Cook; Rick Patterson. Alternates are Chalice Sandhirdrich; Lori Stien; Jean Warhoover.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Although I don't attend OTHS anymore, I am still interested in the schools activities. In the two years I attended, I kept observing one thing over and over again: underexposure of the Speech and Debate team activities by OTHS Publications. Everyone knew how well the athletic program was going or what the Student Council was doing, but few people knew how well the forensics program was doing.

I had hoped that there would be more than just the usual group photo's of the teams in the 73-74 yearbook. Members of the debate team had taken first in one tournament and second in another. Speech team members had done quite well during the year, especially at the MUC tournament. Jeff Williams, Terri McClure and Cheri Epping made it to the State tournament for speech while Bethel McClanahan and Brian Muehling represented the Debate team there. Steven Stanton and I went to the Illinois Speech and Theatre Association's State Debate Tournament.

Yet none of this was mentioned in the "Yearbook" which is supposed to record the achievement of O'Fallon students during the school year.

More people from different places throughout the state learn of O'Fallon through the efforts of Messrs. Cordon, Greenburg, and Waggoner than by any other method. Yet in their own home town, few people know of the dedicated efforts of the OTHS Speech and Debate teams.

The school is not populated with just "jocks" and a few select people, and I think that it is high time the staff of the Prowler and the yearbook learn that!

Truthfully yours,
Kevin Wilson

Dear Editor:

This year the pep assemblies started off great. It took a little while for everyone to join in, but the football players took care of that.

Last year, pep assemblies, where the only activity for students to join in on was cheering, were not very successful. However, the ones where there were bicycle races, tug-of-wars, and teacher participation were extremely successful.

According to one of the football coaches, the cheerleaders should stick to the regular cheers and not come back from camp with new cheers. They should stay with the same cheers so the people would know them, which would bring about tradition. Tradition is a big factor in spirit.

Loita Camp

Yearbook Underway

Plans are already underway for the 1975 yearbook with the staff currently working on cover designs, themes, and book unity.

Advisors from Pischell Publishing Company, a division of Herff-Jones, who will print the book, will meet with the staff at least twice a month until deadline date.

The faculty advisor is Mr. James, journalism instructor. Editors and other staff positions have not yet been appointed.

It is regretted that some pictures were missing from the 1974 Panther due to some students not having their pictures taken. Mr. James said that he hoped all students will be photographed for the current issue. Prints are also used for school office files.

Price of the yearbook will depend upon the amount of advertising sold and costs of materials.



Teachers turn in tune with the times.

"The Fuzz" Attacks Male Teachers

Have you taken a close look at the male teachers at OTHS lately?

They have changed somewhat. Some of the men have been culturing, pampering and caring for the hair on their faces and have produced some rather interesting masterpieces.

More Students Ride Bikes

Bicycles are becoming more and more popular here at O'Fallon and other places in the United States.

The most popular type of bike ridden is the ten-speed. On one afternoon there were 74 bikes parked around OTHS. Of these 74, 47 were ten-speed bikes and 19 were either three or five speed. There were only eight coaster brake bikes.

There are many reasons given for riding bikes. The main one given at OTHS is "it's too far to walk." Others ride them for the exercise, and some people who are big conservationists ride them to help fight pollution.

Unusual Cars Appear at OTHS

Every day more than 150 autos are driven to school by students. Most of the autos are average but some aren't.

Probably the most unusual one is Clint Bland's "Gypsy Wagon", a retired ice cream wagon converted into a camper. This truck has two transmissions, a couple of beds, and makes a great place for parties.

Occasionally Hal Woods drives a 4-door Ford pick-up truck. There's nothing special about it except it's a 4-door truck.

Phil Schildknecht drives a funeral procession car once in a while... It's an Oldsmobile station wagon with a cherry on top used for a flower wagon.

Don Luge drives a 69 Goat set up for a quick quarter mile... This car has a 400 cu. in. engine with dual pump Holley 650, dual point distributor and a 4 gear.

Tom Pike drives a 1969 Corvette. Tom's car has a 4 gear and is capable of doing at least 140 mph.

These are just a few of the above average autos driven to school each day.

Take Mr. Dennis Grimmer, for instance. His expertly shaped mustache looks quite healthy and well fed. It comes in very handy because it allows him to eat and dust off his fork at the same time.

And then there's Mr. "Big Ed" Fulton. He grows one mustache after another during the summer, shaving each one off and keeping it. Then at the end of August, he collects them all and transplants them on his head for the winter. Of course, he keeps a permanent mustache to add a little class to his fine physique.

There's more growing in the Geology Department besides plants. Mr. R. D. Turley and Mr. Wolf have used their green thumbs to grow great looking specimens on their upper lips.

Mr. Shelby Hammond has developed a new technique. Instead of taking his frustrations out on his students, he just adds a little bit more to his mutton chops. They're getting longer all the time.

The most extraordinary features are the unbelievable crops that Mr. Nesbit and Mr. May have produced. They went all out with full beards which look very distinguished. Mr. Nesbit probably has the idea that maybe if he looks like a leprechaun his cross country and track teams will have good luck.

So, if you haven't noticed, take a good look at some of these creative works of art. Wonder when Mr. Lentz will conjure up something.

Columbus Day Oct. 14

In 1492, nearly 500 years ago, a Portuguese explorer named Columbus discovered North America, a previously uncharted, unexplored wilderness continent off the shores of the Bahama Islands.

Columbus Day was first started in 1892 by President Benjamin Harrison, but later fell due to lack of interest. In 1920 it was passed as a National holiday. This year Columbus Day will be celebrated on Oct. 14, a Monday, therefore giving OTHS students a three day holiday.

First Gear Returns to OTHS

"First Gear" will visit OTHS again this year.

This modern, musical group is composed of guys in their middle twenties. They are originally from Florida and travel all around performing at different schools. They first give a free concert and then charge admission for another show open to the public. This is their

fourth year together.

On Friday, Oct. 18, "First Gear" will perform during an assembly at 9:00. Then on the following Monday, Oct. 21, they will give a 90

minute show at 8:00 in the evening. The admission price will be \$1.50 in advance and \$2.00 at the door. This will be open to the public.



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The OTHS Prowler is published by the Journalism Classes. Every aspect of production is done by the students thus making the Prowler a truly student production.

It is important that a newspaper present a broad cross section of opinion. For this reason, the Prowler staff welcomes the opinions of its readers. Any letter written under reasonable standards of good taste, presenting a responsible opinion and signed by the writer, will be printed. Please restrict letters to subjects which are directly related to the reading public reached by this publication.



Two sets of brothers from distant lands join OTHS student body this year. Seated are Geoffrey and Yves Sahtoe from Surinam. Standing are Jamal and Jimmie Mahmood from Israel.

Israel and Surinam

Foreign Students Attend OTHS

There are four foreign students from Israel and Surinam attending OTHS this year.

The two students from Israel are brothers. They are Jamal and James (Jimmy) Mahmood. Both young men are fifteen and are freshman.

Jamal and Jimmy are natives of Chicago, Illinois, where they spent their first eight years. They also resided in Mt. Vernon for approximately four years. Born of Arab parents, Jamal and Jimmy spent the last two years in their parent's home country, Israel, where they learned of their family's culture and studied

the Arabic language. During their stay in Israel, they visited other countries such as Lebanon and Jordan.

Both Jamal and Jimmy feel quite at home here in O'Fallon, but Jimmy would always like to return to Chicago. The major factor in deciding upon O'Fallon was that Mr. Mahmood is an insurance agent for a firm in Belleville.

As for OTHS itself, Jamal and Jimmy feel they get along well with the students and teachers. They report that they find most of the people here very friendly.

The other two brothers, Yves and Geoffrey Sahtoe, are also fifteen and are sophomores from Surinam, formerly Dutch Guiana in South America.

Their father is a native of Surinam and their mother is from Holland. Mr. Sahtoe presently works as a chemical engineer for Alcoa Laboratories in E. St. Louis.

Yves and Geoffrey feel the students here at OTHS are very cooperative and easy to get along with. They also said that the school is nice and they really like the teachers. As for O'Fallon, both Yves and Geoffrey indicated they like it very much. They stated they really wouldn't want to reside in any other town but O'Fallon.

Speech Team Has First Tourney

The speech team will open their 1974 season with a tournament at Parkway Central High School in St. Louis on Oct. 18 and 19.

O'Fallon will host their own tournament this year after not doing so last year. It will be the third weekend in November.

There are a number of returning team members. These include Cheri Epping, part of a "fourth-in-state" dramatic duet team in 1973-1974. Other speech team veterans are Jo Bradshaw, Julie Codomo, Dean Russell, Anna Austin, Jeanne Hines, Jeff Williams, and Joe Monken.

The new members this year are Butch Gentry, Theresa Ryan, Sally Brown, Roger Glasscock, Jeff Struttman.

Mr. Greenberg said "I feel that we should be in the top three in the conference and overall we should have some individual stand-outs!"

MUSICAL CORNER

Band Has Full 1974 Schedule

The Panther Band has a full schedule on tap for this school year.

Included on their agenda are all the home football games where they will perform a pre-game and half show. They will also lead the football homecoming parade.

Qualified students will enter all-state and district auditions as well as the solo and ensemble contest. Later in the year, the full band hopes to compete in the annual Full Band Contest where last year the Panther Band took a first place rating.

For the remainder of the year, the band will travel around to schools and colleges for various activities along with more fund raising for their planned trip to Washington DC and New York in the summer of 1975.

The size of the Panther Band has increased significantly this year because of the large number of freshman raising last year's enrollment of around 100 students to 150 strong this year including the pom-pom girls.

This past summer was no real vacation for the Panther Band and the "Golden Girls" squad as they followed a tight schedule.

First Chorus

Concert Oct. 27

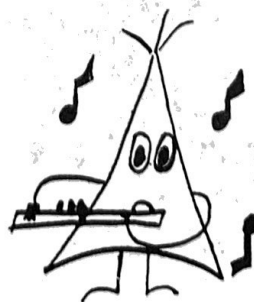
The new advanced chorus and freshmen girls chorus will start the year with a concert, October 27 at 2:30 in the auditorium.

The concert will be under the direction of Mrs. Moore and two student teachers, Miss Gail Schnipper, a former student of Mrs. Moore's, from McKendree College, and Mr. Roger Geale from SIU-E.

The program will consist of pop music, such as "My Sweet Lady," "I Believe in Music," "Amie's Song," and spirituals such as the pop version of the Lord's Prayer and more.

There will also be solos from the voice classes, choruses, and piano classes. Several of the numbers will be accompanied by drums, guitars, and trumpets.

Admission to this concert will be free.



Almost every weekend they performed for homecomings in various Illinois towns, such as St. Jacob, Mt. Olive, Mascoutah, and Hillsboro. They also marched in the Illinois State Fair in Springfield, the Bond County Fair at Greenville, and Lebanon's Centennial.

The band received \$150 from each city which they visited for homecoming parades. For the O'Fallon Homecoming they received \$125. This money will be added to their funds being earned for their trip next summer.

Tri-M Club Holds

Initiation Ceremony

Tri-M will hold their initiation for new members Nov. 12, in the band room. The ceremony will be open to the public.

Requirements for membership in Tri-M are that a student must be at least a sophomore, must maintain a C average, have one year of band or chorus and be invited by the organization.

This year's officers are as follows: President, Elena Dallas; Vice-President, Margie Napoli; Secretary, Becky Hines; Treasurer, Anne Britt and Laura Pearce, Historian.

Oct. 25, Tri-M will sponsor a dance after the Roxanna game. Also in the making are various dances, a homecoming float, and monthly music programs at Colonial Manor Nursing Home. Tri-M members are also planning a trip to the Ice Follies on Oct. 13.

Recorder Club Is Unique

A unique club at OTHS centers around the recorder, an instrument similar to an early wooden flute.

There are four types of recorders; soprano, alto, tenor, and bass.

These four instruments, when played together, are called a consort. A consort accompanies the Madrigal many times, or can play alone.

Mrs. Moore, club sponsor, says that this is an easy way to learn how to read music.

Mrs. Moore teaches students how to play these instruments, and also helps the ones who already know how.

This club meets on the third and fourth Tuesday of every month. Anyone interested, can join whether they have instruments or not.

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SPORTS

Record 15-1

Linkmen Swing

In high hopes of a second conference championship in three years, the golfers under coach Dan May have begun another season.

In previous years the golf season was conducted during the spring months. This season, however, the golf coaches throughout the state have voted to switch to fall golf. Better weather conditions during the fall was the main reason for the switch.

The linkmen are currently sporting an outstanding record of 15 victories against only one defeat. The squad is regarded as one of the toughest in the conference as well as the entire area. Their victories have come against such opponents as Assump-

tion, Lebanon, Mater Dei, Wood River, Highland, Roxana, Triad, Jerseyville and Bethalto. They avenged their only defeat of the season as they defeated Waterloo at Tamarack Country Club, the Panthers home course.

Coach May has been blessed with some fine individual golfers, Senior Keith Williams has been the medalist in every match except one. Other standouts include juniors, Bob Kern, Mark Tiemann, Chris Baxter and Sophomore Klay Tiemann and Freshman Bob Smith. Other members of the team include Scott Muelhauser, Rick Campen and Mike Munie.

With regard to the conference tournament, Coach May expresses great optimism. Other teams expected to give strong challenges are Mascoutah and Highland. This season Bethalto will be hosting the tournament.

O'Fallon is also expected to be one of the favorites in the district tournament. Last season the Panthers were edged out of qualifying for sectionals by one stroke.

O'Fallon Girls Have Tennis

This year OTHS has added a tennis team to the girls interscholastic competition.

Competition will begin Wednesday, Oct. 2, against Roxana at Roxana. There will be three other games with Mascoutah, Triad, and Highland, before Districts, and hopefully State.

The coach, Mrs. Gail Sparks, said there will be two home games with Highland and Triad, which will be played at O'Fallon Park tennis courts.

Mrs. Sparks commented that girls tennis was in great demand this year. She said, "I started with 30 girls and there are 15 dedicated tennis players left."

The single candidates for the team are Anne Eikenberry, Nancy Osterhus, Kim Davis, Tracy Sharp, and Brenda Hinnant, all possible starters. The rest is all a toss up because the doubles still have to be viewed. The other members are Karen Schmale, Barb Sweeney, Sandy Vitale, Nancy Tonies, Pam Miller, Sara Eckert, Patty Sheedy, Rita Yarbrough, Cheryl Smith, Delores Hornbostel, Tami Dayley, and Doris Schlosser.

The girls will have to practice very hard because the other teams (Roxana, Mascoutah, Triad, and Highland) have been playing years and they'll have starters coming back. The O'Fallon girls will have to practice on their serves, and ball placement.



Left: Bob Kern drives a long shot into the green during a match against the Jerseyville Panther golf team.
Right: Keith Williams takes a shot in an important conference match against the Mascoutah Indians.

Cross Countrymen Off To Good Start

The Panther Cross Country team will go up against a tough Jerseyville team tonight in a conference duel at Jerseyville's home track.

Thus far this year, the O'Fallon team has posted a 4-3 record. They have dropped both triangular meets in which they have run. One was against Granite City North and Mater Dei. The other was dealt by Highland and Lebanon. The only other loss this year was to Granite City South in a dual meet.

O'Fallon's four wins this year all have one thing in common. All four were against conference foe. The list of victims include Roxana Shells, the Triad Knights, the Wood River Oilers, and the Civic Memorial Eagles from Bethalto.

One big accomplishment so far is the second place trophy they won while at Highland in the St. Paul Tourney. Finishing first out of all runners was sophomore stand-out Paul Kish.

Two runners have really set the pace this year. Both have split half and half on picking up on the first place honors. They are Paul Kish and junior John Perez.

Another big help this year came in a transfer package from rival Mascoutah. He is sophomore Stan Hunt. One interesting point of the team is the Perez clan. The triple act of brothers begins with junior John, then goes to sophomore Dan, and the final Perez is Charles who is a freshman.

Coach Bob Nesbit thinks the big factor in this year's team is the lack of experience in all of his runners. By the end of the season with the meets under their belts, this team should begin to move out.

The team has set many objectives in which they plan to shoot for. The first will be tried tomorrow as they participate in the St. Clair County meet. Nesbit feels that they should bring home a trophy and if they have a good day, maybe the first place hardware.

Another objective for the team is to place high in the Mississippi Valley Conference meet this year. Many teams say that Highland has it with no trouble. Coach Nesbit thinks different as he said that if

anyone will give Highland a race, it is the Panther team.

Also in the freshman, sophomore level, there will be a special tournament at St. Paul of Highland. There will be five varsity members taking place in this big underclass

The last objective is a rival contest. Nesbit wants to beat Mascoutah outside the homecoming football game. He feels this should be the easiest to achieve.

One thing the team needs now is for more freshmen to try out for the team. More frosh members would make it possible for planning the future teams.

This year's varsity members are seniors Gary Clifford, Mike Englebrecht, Mike Jones, and Doug Mathews. The lone junior is John Perez. The sophomores include Jim Farha, Stan Hunt, Paul Kish, Tim Krohn, and Dan Perez.

Cheerleaders Bring Spirit Back To OTHS

The OTHS varsity and junior varsity cheerleaders will be introducing some new cheers which they learned from the week long camp they attended last June in Normal, Ill.

Along with the cheers, the girls also learned new chants, pom pom routines, and gymnastics. Their instructors were college cheerleaders from all over the nation.

Both squads were judged every night on a cheer that they had brought from home and one they had learned that morning. Spirit, smile, and appearance, were also important factors in the competition. O'Fallon brought back five excellent ribbons, four outstanding, and one honorable mention.

After returning from camp the girls had a car wash and bake sale in order to raise money for their new uniforms. They also worked for the Bank of O'Fallon helping the people to become acquainted with the new drive-up facility.

Chess Is Now An IHSA Sport

There is a big difference in chess this year. This sport is now recognized by the Illinois High School Association.

Now any participant is eligible for a varsity letter. This year's team is still in the early going, so it is quite unconsolidated.

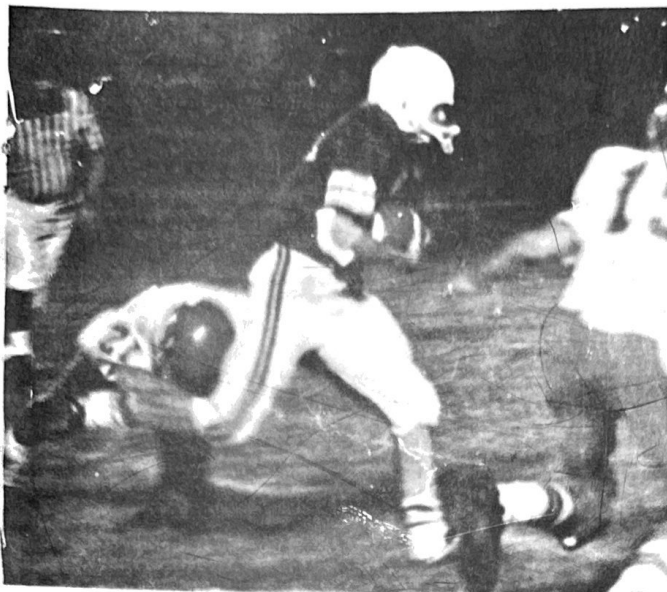
There will be one varsity team consisting of six players and two freshmen, sophomore teams. Four players have already made the team with the last two positions being played for.

The four starters thus far are Steve Morse, David Hangleben, Jim Dante, and Mike Connolly.

The chess team opens its season at Alton in a tournament on Oct. 5. This tourney will last from 8:00 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Coach Ben Lentz feels his team has made great improvements and should have a successful year. He would also like to see some girls participate in this sport.





Russ Thoman takes off on one of four touchdowns in his record breaking night. Thoman had 247 yards on 11 carries and 26 points.

OTHS Varsity Football In Close MVC Race

This Friday, the Panther gridgers will travel to Jerseyville in an important conference battle.

Last week, the Wood River Oilers came to town. O'Fallon couldn't put it together as the Panthers dropped the contest, 10-6.

It wasn't until late in the fourth quarter that O'Fallon was able to move the ball. The lone Panther touchdown was scored when Russ Thoman went over for six. This was the first conference loss in three outings.

However, the week before was a more pleasant one as the OTHS gridgers buried the Highland Bulldogs, 36-14. Highland led at half-time by one point, but inspiring words by Coach Scates and Coach Butler helped turn things around.

Also against Highland, speedster Russ Thoman broke some school records. Thoman ran for 247 yards on only 11 carries. He scored four times and added a two point conversion as his scoring totaled 26 points. This great night for Thoman was climaxed when he was chosen the Metro-East Prep Player of the Week.

The first loss of the season was a convincing one. The Tigers from Edwardsville stepped all over O'Fallon in a one-sided 38-6 match. Edwardsville is one of the Metro-East's powerhouses as they returned 18 starters from last year.

The only Panther tally came when defensive linebacker Mark Klaus picked up a Tiger fumble and ran it in for a touchdown. The Panthers mounted several drives, but couldn't pull off the key plays.

The season opener was played at Bethalto against the Civic Memorial Eagles. The Panthers came out on top of the conference clash, 14-9.

The first score of the game came near the end of the first half when Russ Thoman took a David Rowe pass across the goal line. The two point conversion was added to make the score 8-0.

The second half was very slow as neither team could mount any drives. The second O'Fallon score came on a sweep with Russ Thoman going in for six.

Coach Scates and Coach Butler feel that though the team is quite inexperienced, they do show potential. Scates also thinks that desire and intestinal fortitude are two

Key parts on deciding the outcome of the Panther's season.

The Panthers have only nine active returning lettermen. They include Mark Coville, Ron Sommers, John Santoro, Steve Curran, Russ Thoman, David Gift, Kevin Drombar, Tom Pike, and Don Baker.

Fresh Gridiron

Has Slow Start

The freshmen will be trying to lift their record from the dumps as they complete the school series against Wood-River on Thursday at the Oiler's Field.

Last week, the freshmen picked up their first win after three losses by walking on the Highland Bulldogs, 34-0. The coaches feel this win may give confidence to the team and could turn the season around.

In the weeks past, this squad did not put it together. The opener back-fired in a 28-0 loss to the Crusaders of Althoff.

In the next game, Bethalto came from behind to squeeze past the freshmen Panthers, 8-6. The third loss at the hands of Belleville East Lancers humbled the squad, 26-8.

Soph Gridgers Looking Good

Tonight the sophomore football squad will try to increase their win record as they take on the Wood River Oilers at Wood River.

In previous weeks the team has played very well. This is shown by their 2-1 record. Coach Jerry Ray feels that the team should finish high in the conference.

Last week, Highland fell victim to them, as the underclass gridgers convincingly beat the Bulldogs, 25-6. In their first two games they pushed back Bethalto, 14-6, but were no match for powerful Althoff in a 38-3 loss.

Leading the offensive team for the squad are Jim Whitten, Terry Tiberend, and Mark Oldfield.

Coaches Finally Pick All-Conference Team

The Mississippi Valley Conference baseball coaches finally got together to pick the All-Conference teams this fall.

The delay was caused by O'Fallon's trip to the Illinois State Tourney. The Panthers lost their semi-final to East Peoria 4-2 to eliminate their championship hopes.

Rick Murray was the only player to receive an unanimous decision to the first team at third base. This was Murray's second year to make All-Conference. Pitching ace Paul Buschmann also made the first team.

The Panthers placed two players on the second team, first baseman Paul Strohand outfielder Randy Schmittling. Five other players received Honorable-Mention Honors. They were catcher Mark Delvicchio, second baseman Duane Daniels, shortstop Rick Jones, outfielder Steve Curran, and pitcher Randy Schmittling.

Honorable-Mention Selection is different from past years. In the years before, a person made Honorable-Mention even if his name was mentioned just once. This year the person had to receive a

minimum number of first team votes to make it.

All-Conference honor players who will be back on the Panther team this year are Paul Buschmann, Mark Delvicchio, Steve Curran, and Rick Jones.

Scholarships Go To Five OTHS Grads

In past years O'Fallon has provided many colleges with outstanding athletes, last year was no exception.

Football was the main sport in which scholarships were granted. Four O'Fallon gridgers received full rides to colleges. In baseball, another full ride was handed to a Panther sportsman.

All-American Bob Cryder went to Alabama's Crimson Tide. Gary Kombrink and Ron Meyer signed with SIU-Carbondale. Also Duane Daniels has gone to Milikin. Baseball player, Rick Murray, is playing for the Saluki's of SIU-Carbondale.



The O'Fallon Panther defensive unit gets set up to stop the momentum of the Highland Bulldogs offensive team in the third quarter action.

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Panthers vs. Indians



Offensive Team (L to R): Bob Graeter, David Gift, Dave Barrow, John Santoro, Mark Coville, Tom Pike, Charles Harris, Mark Oldfield, Lester Ross, Bob O'Brian, Dave Rowe, Steve Curran, Rick Jones, Russ Thoman, Brad Meinkoth



Defensive team (L to R): Kirk Bowles, Tom Haney, Dan Baldus, Kevin Nabb, Mike Chamberland, Mark Klaus, Kevin Drombar, Steve Mueller, Dale Wagener, Brian Holland, Bruce Dillow, Ken Reaner, Ron Sommer, Don Baker

"SCHOOL SONG"

Let's go,
Let's go Varsity!
We want,
We want a Victory!
V*A*R*S*I*T*Y*!
Varsity! Victory!

We gotcha! Uh Huh!
Well tried to sneak by
us now didn't ya Uh Huh!
Well, gotcha on the run
Now don't we Uh Huh!
Hey! We gotcha!

Clap-S
Clap-C
Clap-O
Clap-R
Clap-E
Score Panthers!
Clap-Score!

Go Panthers! Fight!
We've got the spirit!
We've got the might!
So go Panthers! Fight

We're loyal to you, O'Fallon High,
We're Gold and we're Blue, O'Fallon High,
We'll back you to stand
You're the best in the land
For we know you can stand O'Fallon High Rah! Rah!

So toss in that ball, O'Fallon High
We're backing you all, O'Fallon High
Our team is the famed protector
On boys, for we expect
A victory from you, O'Fallon High

From those broad green plains that nourish the land
For honest labor and for learning we stand,
For unto you we pledge our heart and hand
For you O'Fallon Township High.

Rah, rah, rah-rah-rah
Rah, rah, rah-rah-rah-
Rah, rah, rah-rah-rah
O'Fallon!



Great is better than good
Panthers it's understood
We're Great!
We're better than good!!

Tick tock
Tick tock
Count the seconds on
the clock
Time for a touchdown
Six Points!

Two bits
Four bits
Six bits a dollar
All for O'Fallon
Stand up and holler!

We're going to the top
And we can't be stopped
Hey!
Straight to the Top!!

Beat the Indians

"See How They Run" Premier Friday



The fall school play "See How They Run" will premier on Nov. 1 and 2, and return for Saturday night. "See How They Run," is a comedy farce. The main theme centers on mistaken identities that are complicated by different groups of people coming together for the first time.

The cast is an ensemble, where there are no real leading characters because everyone has a fairly large part. The entire cast consists of Sally Brown, Ron LeMense, David Hangleben, Laura Pearce, Theresa Ryan, Butch Gentry, Roger Glasscock, Dean Russell, and Joe Monken.

Rehearsals have been under way since the last part of September. The cast selections were based on talent and how well a person fit his part in tryouts.

Mr. Greenberg, the faculty director, is quite pleased with the play. He feels there is a talented cast that has good material to work with. Student director Cheri Epping also feels that great progress has been made in getting things ready for opening night.

Mr. Cordon is in charge of publicity and the house arrangements. Posters obtained from a company in New York will be put around the school and surrounding area. Also the local paper and radio station will give some coverage.

The play starts at 8:00 pm both nights, and will cost \$1.50 for adults and \$1.00 for students. Its estimated length is two hours.

Sally Brown, Roger Glasscock, and Ron Lemense emote on stage in practice for this weekend's two performances of "See How They Run."



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Andy Barfknecht Named Semifinalist For National Merit Scholarship

Andrew Barfknecht has been named semifinalist in the competition for about 3,400 Merit Scholarships to be awarded in 1975.

Andy, a senior, has lived in O'Fallon for three years. He enjoys school, especially math and science courses. All through high school he has maintained a 4.0 average. He was initiated into the National Honor Society his junior year.

Wrestling has been his sport for three years. After high school he plans to attend college but has not decided where.

The Merit Program Semifinalists were the highest scorers in each state on the 1973 Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT), administered to over one million students in about 17,000 schools nationwide.

The Semifinalists, most of whom will complete high school and enter college in 1975, will be identified to regionally accredited U.S. colleges and universities. Many semifinalists find this recognition useful in gaining admission to the college of their choice and in obtaining financial aid.

According to Edward C. Smith, president of the National Merit Corporation (NMSC), "The approx-

imately 15,000 semifinalists represent the top one-half of one percent of the nation's most academically talented young people. The students bring honor to themselves, their families, their teachers, and their communities.

Open House to National Education

OTHS will have their Open House Oct. 30, from 7 until 9 p.m., to highlight the American Education Week in O'Fallon.

Open House is a "get acquainted" program. The teachers will be in their classrooms to explain the material that will be covered throughout the year. Any questions the parents may have will be answered at this time. Particular projects will be demonstrated, such as art projects and ceramics.

At this time, the parents may make an appointment for a conference if there is a student/teacher problem.

It is estimated that 200-300 people attended Open House last year. Mr. Hesse said that he would like to see a larger attendance, not only by those who have children in school, but just citizens who pay taxes. He feels that they have a right to see what they are paying for.

Highlight Week

The guidance office, main office, and library will also be open. If a teacher will not be able to attend, a student will be there to take over and explain the procedures.

Refreshments will be served in the cafeteria from 8:30 on.

Student council representatives will be there to act as guides.

"Many of these students, those who make the best use of their ability to become productive at the high intellectual levels of which they are capable, will be future leaders in business industry, and the professions."

Semifinalists must qualify as finalists to advance to competition for Merit Scholarships.

EDITORIALS

Let's Keep Dances Closed

Recently, I've heard many students complain about closed dances here at OTHS. They feel dances should be open and no form of identification is needed. In my own opinion, they should be closed, limited to O'Fallon students and their guests only.

In a recent interview with Mr. Knight, all the main reasons for closed dances were given. For the security of students and protection of school property, identification of those attending the dances is necessary.

Another important factor, Mr. Knight has a lot of responsibility at the dances and he doesn't need any trouble from out of town visitors. If they damage school property, there is no possible way to find out who did it: so Mr. Knight would take the blame.

Mr. Knight is not the only person who decides upon closed dances. The chaperones, sponsors, administration and school board make final decisions. He also has nothing to do with selecting the bands. The dance sponsors have that responsibility.

Policemen at the dances are necessary, but only one would be adequate.

Mr. Knight states a student can sign up as many friends as he wishes provided the friends abide by the rules.

In my own opinion, Mr. Knight's ideas are very valid, and, as a student at OTHS, I agree with him. Therefore, although it may take a little longer to go to the office and sign up friends, it can cause less trouble in the long run.

Jan Woods

Closed Dances Unsuccessful

I feel the success of the dances so far this year leave some concern by the sponsors. Dance attendance has dropped considerably since the enforcing of a new rule, which only allows O.T.H.S. students or their registered guests to attend dances. This rule was put into effect in the hope that it would create less problems.

In past dances I viewed very few real difficulties. There seemed to be very few problems with out-of-town visitors. Most problems are caused by OTHS students. So closing the dance to other students will not be a solution to the discipline problem, since OTHS students are still allowed to attend. Mr. Knight feels that the responsibility must rest upon someone. I think the OTHS students are responsible. Closing the dances is not the solution to the problem.

Many students forget their identification cards and have trouble entering the dance. But no exceptions are made when a guest is not signed up.

This new rule can only be the final blow to the dances' success.

Tony Peach

Cafeteria Food Beats Baggies

I would like to comment on the food served by our cafeteria. Almost every issue of the school paper has something to say against the lunches.

People always take the dark side of the issue at hand. I think you should look at the brighter part of the story. Where else could a person buy a meal containing a meat, vegetable, dessert, and milk for only 45 cents.

You have to remember that the school isn't in the lunching business for a profit. All the cafeteria is trying to do is give you a well balanced meal for the least amount of money possible. The only way the school can afford to give the students such a bargain is to use money grants from the state.

If you like to complain a lot about the food, try bringing your own lunch for a week or two. Then, maybe after a week of dieting on peanut butter sandwiches, bruised fruit, and smashed "Twinkies," you will reconsider your view point. People always make things sound a lot worse than they really are.

Steve Curran

Students Really Forget!

Student forgetfulness is an everyday thing at OTHS.

Starting off the day, some students forget to get up and come to school on time and as a result they are late for class.

Students are also late to class because they are continuously forgetting their locker keys. Approximately 15 students a day forget their keys. Forgetfulness of students causes the office workers and custodians a lot of work they

wouldn't have to do if students would remember their keys.

Students are very good at forgetting books for class, which some times causes them hardships with the teacher. Some teachers might take off points or give you zero's.

Some students even forget to do their homework, they leave it in another book, or at home.

Students aren't the only ones who are forgetful. We have a few "absent-minded professors" too!

Reviews

Movies

This column is to provide you with some information about the books and movies available in this area. The books reviewed will be available at the OTHS library. All the movies reviewed will be showing in the area at the time of the review. This month we are reviewing a movie.

One of the movies much talked about at the high school is "The Longest Yard". This movie stars Burt Reynolds as an ex-football player who is sent to prison. There he revives an old football career as the coach and football player of a team made up of convicts.

The plot centers around a game between the guards and the convicts. The warden (played by Eddie Albert) wants the game to be his first victory. The guards have to win to satisfy the warden who believes winning at football is more important than running his prison. The conditions of the prison as compared to the condition of the football field show this.

The movie doesn't follow the standard where the convicts play the villain? The reverse takes place in this movie as the warden plays the villain, and the convicts become the good force. This change is shown very well by the acting of Eddie Albert, who portrays his character perfectly. Burt Reynolds' comedy demands laughs from the audience as he casually displays his humorous qualities. The movie collects an interesting group of actors who execute their characters in perfect union.

The movie shows a side of prison life that is rarely seen on the screen: the life where no one has cares and no one feels obligated to anyone but himself. Here all the enemies group together to beat the guards. The unity of the actors reaches off the screen and pulls you into the movie. Several comedy cliches are used to create this new and funny comedy which this reviewer feels deserves the right to be labeled one of 1974's better, if not best comedies.



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Record Albums

Bad Company

This group that sprang out of nowhere is surprising a lot of concert goers. The band was recognized by Led Zeppelin as a money maker, so they cut the first Bad Co. album on their own label. Their sound is that of a dance hall band, but a bit more sophisticated. They've been appearing in concert in the west, and have been well received. Boogie fans should give them a listen.

Illusions on a Double Dimple

A strange title for an album, and a strange name for a band, but this highly polished group from Germany is sweeping the nation with their first album ever released in the US. This three man band does some fantastic exploration of the type of music that made Emerson, Lake and Palmer famous.

The Moog synthesizer is the dominant instrument in the band backed up by drums, and bass guitar. It's available at most local record stores.

Ladies and Gentlemen

Emerson, Lake, and Palmer

This is Emerson, Lake, and Palmer's second live album. The band usually sounds great on studio albums, but in concert they are even better. They have a certain type of magic that comes alive on the stage.

On the album a lot of their older songs are played along with several cuts off their new album, *Brain Salad Surgery*. The album was recorded at the Anaheim Convention Center at Anaheim, California.

This album is a must for Emerson, Lake, and Palmer fans. Since it's a three record set, it will provide hours of good electronic sounds.



Patti Bland, escorted by Student Council Pres. Doug Mathews, was named 1974 Homecoming Queen at the coronation held in the gym.

OTHS To Hold Speech Tourney

Approximately 300 students representing over 20 schools will attend the OTHS Invitational Debate Tournament Nov. 15 and 16.

This year the topic for all debaters is Resolved: The Federal Government should significantly change our methods for selecting Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates.

At least six members of the O'Fallon Debate team will debate every school at some point in the tournament. Some of the schools involved are Belleville East, Belleville West, Parkway West, Springfield, Granite City, Bloomington, and 17 others.

The tournament is open to the public and spectators are warmly invited.

In the Belleville East Debate Tournament last Saturday and Sunday, O'Fallon placed fourth behind a two way tie for second and third.

O'Fallon's Lynn Minton placed first as an individual, Derek Hermon placed fifth as an individual, and the four-person team of Lynn Minton, Derek Harmon, Jon Miller, and Cathy Peter placed fourth.

Individual speakers for O'Fallon were Lynn Minton, who received a trophy for Outstanding Debator, and Steve Stanton and Wendy Markee, who placed fifth in varsity.

O'Fallon won more sweepstakes points than any of the other schools. O'Fallon had 19 wins and 10 losses.

Vocational Aptitude Battery

Military Test To Be Given Nov. 6

An Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) will be given Nov. 6, in the auditorium.

The ASVAB is a battery of nine tests, derived from "common" content among the military service aptitude batteries. It is based on over three decades of military service

research on the classification, placement and training of enlisted personnel.

There will not be a fee to the student or school to take the ASVAB.

The ASVAB scores to be reported to the school are scores on all nine subtests, and five composite scores. The test scores are Coding Speed, Word Knowledge, Arithmetic Reasoning, Tool Knowledge, Space Perception, Mechanical Comprehension, Shop Information, Automotive Information and Electronics Information. The aptitude composites are General-Technical,

Clerical, Electronics, General Mechanics and Motor Mechanics. All scores and composites are reported in percentile form, and are calibrated against a national sample of youth.

The composite scores report from ASVAB identify combinations of abilities which are relevant to success in particular clusters of jobs. Thus, the student's better scores identify job areas he should explore and consider.

Girls as well as guys can take the ASVAB. Sign up in the counselor's office.

More Students

Graduate Early

Twenty-nine students plan to graduate in January. This is an increase over the 19 students who graduated early last year.

Reasons for this increase are 1) to get a job before all of them are taken, 2) to earn money to cut the cost of college fees, 3) to get married, and 4) just to loaf around until everyone else gets out.

To graduate at mid-term, students must have 16 academic credits, and 1½ nonacademic credits. Early graduates may be exempt one semester of gym with the approval of the school board.

The student, after filling the credit requirements, must then have their parents write a letter to the board stating the reason they wish their child to graduate in January. The board then has to approve or disapprove the early graduation and notify the student of their decision. Students who are planning to graduate early should see their counselors to make sure they have enough credit to do so.

Students graduating in January are Patricia Austin, Lucille Baker, Shirley Bugger, Terry Carrico, Kim Carroll, Cynthia Cook, Steve Christel, Connie Ellet, Debbie Foppe, Lois Getz, Cathy Habermehl, Elizabeth Haley, Jim Hill, Nancy Kombrink, Tim Houlihan, Lisa Ingle, Cindy Jarrell, Venicia Johnson, Jeanette Louis, Donald Luge, Rebecca McCaw, Tommy McGarvy, Rhonda Moore, Roy Newcomb, Frances O'Toole, Nancy Schaefer, Darlene Stitzel, Patricia Warhooover, and Gale Willeford.

ILLINOIS MUSIC FESTIVAL

Band and Chorus Will Participate

OTHS band and chorus students are to participate in Illinois Music Educators' Festival District VI, Nov. 23, at SIU-Carbondale.

Students representing the band are Jim Hill, Anne Britt, Sharonne Hamby, Kevin Jung, Bill McClure, Margie Napoli, Kevin Nabb, Julie Schamens, and Jan Woods.

The band directors submit 15 names (usually the best players in the band). They are ranked 1-15 in order of ability. The top players submitted by each band director are selected. After tryouts, the best players will be in the festival band and the rest in the Sight Reading Clinic Band.

Students representing the chorus are *Elena Dallas, *Laura Pearce, *Charlotte Mahan, Faith Coziar, *Debbie Trainor, *Valerie Williams, *Donna Kendall, Cheryl Choat, *Steve Wilson, *Dean Russell, David Hangsleben, Butch Gentry, and Luther Sturgill. (*Also auditioning for State Chorus.)

The chorus is selected the same as the band except that all the singers are in District Chorus. Auditions are held for State Chorus.

Tryouts were held at Rend Lake College, Oct. 28. The judges were qualified band and choral judges selected by the festival chairmen.

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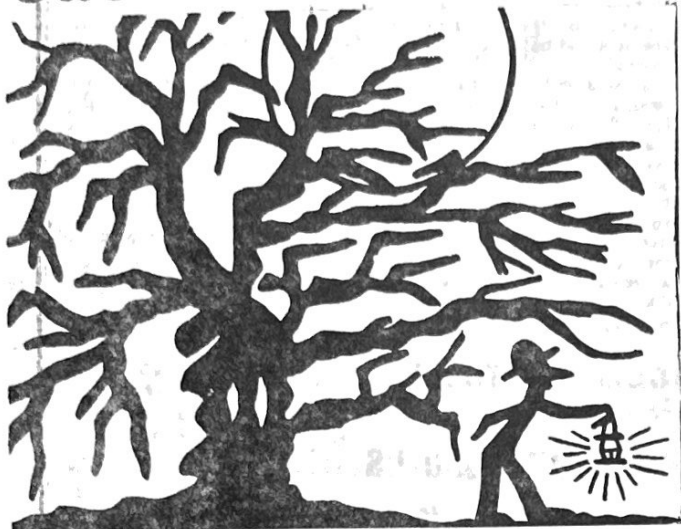
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Jack Still Stalks on Halloween



Varied Physical Education Program Encourages Interest in Physical Fitness

According to the Physical Education staff, the objective of P.E. is to promote physical growth and social competence in areas of vigor, strength, adjustments, poise, and confidence. P.E. is here to offer the student body a fundamental knowledge of athletic and recreational activities which prove to be useful in later life. P.E. helps to develop the proper attitude toward hygiene and clean living.

Juvenile Officer Offers Counsel

Mr. Roy Winans, a juvenile officer with the O'Fallon police force, visits OTHS at least twice a week to counsel and help students.

O'Fallon High is one of the first schools in the area to set up a "program of counseling" such as this.

Officer Winans' job basically involves juvenile law, which is set up whereas "the root of the problem may be revealed and any unnecessary punishment avoided." The service provides counseling for juveniles and seeks help for them through social services when a juvenile becomes involved in a more serious crime, such as a felony. Officer Winans' job deals with on a day to day basis which makes it easier for him to understand the problems of youths better than that of an ordinary policeman.

Many students are sent to Mr. Winans' office for a number of reasons, while just as many come of their own free will just to talk or seek some answers to any questions they might have.

Officer Winans likes working at OTHS and feels that the program is very unique. He also feels other schools should begin performing this service, as it is easier for a juvenile to come in and talk over his or her problems in more of a "private atmosphere" rather than in a "public place" such as a police station.

Mr. Winans' office is located at the end of the hall behind the band room, and he is there on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 to 3:30.

He welcomes any student who wants to come in and just talk.

Students have complained about the issue of having to wear a standard uniform. The teachers' answer to this is the uniforms help classes organize as a single unit. They also said the uniform is a good practice for self cleanliness. If the students were allowed to bring in street clothes there's no doubt that some would participate in the same clothes they attend classes in. This is extremely bad for self cleanliness.

P.E. classes here offer a wide selection to choose from. They have everything from archery and golf to killerball and croquet. The girls P.E. course offers a selection list of five gymnastic events alone, not counting the many other events. They have team sports, such as soccer and speed-away, and individual sports, such as bowling and

The image Halloween has today has grown throughout the ages. It is quite different from its past.

Halloween, Oct. 31, was the Celtic festival at the end of the summer during the Celtic and Anglo-Saxon times. It was named Samhain, and it was in contrast with May Day.

It was also one of the ancient fire festivals and was connected with the return of herds from the pasture. This festival had several importances. Laws and land tenures, the rekindling of fire for the coming year, and the practice of divinations (foretelling the future) and its association with the dead were some of its significances. The souls of the dead were supposed to revisit their homes on this day.

November usually marked the darkest and most barren half of the year. This designated the sinister time when ghosts, witches, hobgoblins, fairies and demons roam around.

swimming. All these activities are offered over a three year time period. The boys P.E. class offers individual sports such as weight lifting and wrestling and many team sports.

OTHS also offers an intramural program existing of volleyball, basketball, tennis, archery, badminton, and the new fast sport of soccer. P.E. teachers have said that they try to coordinate their classes with the intramural sports.

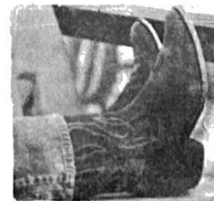
As far as the grading system goes, it is split into four categories, participation, skill, knowledge and attitude, with participation and attitude carrying the most weight.

Physical Education, a semester course here at OTHS is required in order to reach graduation status. You must have three years of passing credit before graduating.

Can You Match 'em? Shoe Styles On The Rise

Have you noticed that your best girlfriend grew from 5'0 to a booming 5'6 all of a sudden? If you haven't figured this out yet, take a good

look at her feet, or, more precisely, her shoes. Below are some people's faces and their shoes. See how well you can match them.



There was a group called the Druids, an order of priests in ancient Gaul and Britain who believed that these sinister beings came to harm people. Cats were sacred, and were once human beings, they also believed, but were changed as punishment for evil deeds.

In Ireland, young people gathered on this day to determine when and who they were to marry. Such things as the name, occupation and hair color were determined. "Halloween" came from "hallowed" or "holy evening", because it was the day before All Saints' Day in the north of England. It was known as "mischievous night." This later came to the U. S. from Ireland. Boys and young men overturned sheds and broke windows. Later younger children went from house to house asking for a "trick or a treat."

The symbol of Halloween is the "jack-o-lantern", which is a pumpkin hollowed out with a candle in the center. There is a story behind the "jack-o-lantern". A man named Jack was unable to enter heaven because of miserliness. He couldn't enter hell because he had played practical jokes on the devil. So he had to walk the earth carrying a lantern until Judgement Day.

Field Trips Aid Learning

Classes at OTHS are discovering a new way of learning. It's not by sitting in a desk in a four-walled room but by traveling by bus to some place other than school property.

Mr. Grimmer's American History classes are planning a trip to the Loretta Hilton Repertory Theatre this coming month to view the play, "Indiana."

Mr. Grimmer is taking his Today's Issues class to McKendree College Oct. 31. The students will participate in a mock UN to understand how it operates. Mr. Grimmer recently took his World Environment class on a trip to Pierre Marquette State Park where they went "orienteering"; that is, they used maps and compasses to find their way around the park.

Mr. Lentz, who is the head of the Art department, took his Art II, III, and IV classes to Johnson's Shut-In's in October. Here they made fall sketches in water colors. The main point of this trip was for the students to be able to draw and translate from three dimensions to two dimensions.

The Sociology and Psychology classes taught by Mrs. Bosworth have both gone on separate field trips this past month. The Sociology students visited the Amish Colonies in Aurora and Arcola, Illinois. This trip was planned so the students could observe the culture and visit some of the Amish businesses.

The Psychology class went Oct. 28 and 29 to Centralia, Illinois where they visited the Murry's Home for Retarded Children. The students were to observe the retarded children's habits and reactions to certain stimuli.

Mr. Wolfe and Mr. Turley also took field trips during the month of October. They took their Geology classes to the Silver Mines which is by St. Francis Mts. and Town Sauk reservoir. At the Silver Mines they were to study the Volcanics of Missouri and report data in class.

Clubs And Activities

OTHS Offers Wide Selection of Organizations

This year, there is a wide variety of organizations for students to participate in at OTHS.

Spanish Club

Any student who is or has taken Spanish is invited to join the Spanish Club.

The Spanish Club sponsor is Mr. Minoff, who is also one of the instructors of the course. The offices that are held are President Gini Rainwater, Vice President Cindy Krohn, secretary/treasurer Anne Eikenberry.

The Spanish Club is helping the storm victims of Honduras by collecting food and clothing. They also participated in the Homecoming parade. Some of their activities include a fiesta to celebrate Christmas, a skating party and an annual picnic at Forest Park.

The Spanish Club also supports an orphan child in a foreign country. To continue to support this child, they are planning a bake sale, a candy sale or a movie.

The Spanish Club meets the fourth Thursday of every month.

French Club

Paula Sanders, President, Cathy Habermehl, Vice President and Secretary Treas. Cyndi Whitehead are working very closely with French Club Sponsor Miss Frink, deciding this year's activities.

Miss Frink feels there should be more to the meetings than just coming, eating and leaving. She also thinks there should be more trips planned than just the one with the Spanish and German Clubs in May.

The three officers proposed Charlie Chaplin movies, a scavenger hunt in French to support a foreign child. They also wish to make plans for the Basketball Homecoming float, which came in first last year.

The French Club plans to meet the fourth Tuesday of every month and welcomes any new members.

Russian Club

The Russian Club meets every fourth Thursday of the month. The sponsor is Mr. Chapas.

The officers are President, Laura Young, Vice President, Patti Adams, Secretary, Roger Glasscock and Debbie Gendron, Treasurer. The one requirement is a present or previous enrollment in Russian.

The Russian Club entered a decorated car in the homecoming parade. They also intend to sell Russian treats as a fund raising project.

Latin Club

This year's officers for the Latin Club are President, Stephen Gribat, Vice President, Jim Dixon, and Liz Costello, Secretary/Treasurer.

Some of their activities include a possible trip to St. Louis to see the Art Museum or McDonnell Plantarium. Also participation in the Jr. Classical League. They also prepare Roman meals.

The requirements for the Latin Club is that a student be taking a or have taken Latin. They have no money making projects underway as of yet.

German Club

The officers for this year's German Club are as follows: Marge Schaefer, President, Mike Bailey, Vice President, Karen Schmittling, Secretary and Gayle Feist, Treasurer.

The German Club entered a decorated car in the homecoming parade, setting off their activities for the year. They also have an Oktoberfest celebration scheduled for this month, along with attending the Beef Eaters Buffet held at the NCO Club. They also plan to sell German candy.

The only requirement is one year of previous German or present enrollment in the course. The meetings are held in room L113. The club sponsor is Mr. Chapas.

Drama Club

The Drama Club has a full schedule of activity and projects this year.

Mark Greenberg, the club sponsor invites all students who show an avid interest in the theatre. The officers are President, Cheri Epping, Vice President, Sally Brown, Secretary-Treasurer, Carma Blakey.

Some of the activities are theatre trips to see at least four professional productions in the St. Louis area. Along with supporting and participating in all the school productions.

They intend to co-sponsor the February Frolics and the all school variety show scheduled for February 22. The Drama Club will present "An Evening of Drama", student directed, produced and performed.

Anyone interested in the Drama Club is to come to the meetings held the third Thursday of every month.

F.M.C.

Future Medical Careers is an organization designed to give information to anyone interested in a medical career. Medical work can range from veterinarian to physician work.

At the present there are ten members. The only officer is Sandy Vitale, president.

Some events that will take place are tours of medical schools and hospitals. Also some guest speakers involved in the medical careers will attend meetings.

If anyone is interested, he should see Mrs. Knewitz, school nurse.

Student Council

The Student Council is already working on plans for the 1974-75 school year.

They plan to keep the soda machine as long as students cooperate. They will sponsor several dances throughout the year, also they will bring Free Fair back for a concert.

The student Council's biggest drive is in Dec. when they have a "Spirit Chain" to raise money for needy families.

As in years past, there will be exchange students here.

The officers for 1974-75 Student Council are Doug Mathews, president; Carolyn Mooney, recording secretary; Debbie Ball, corresponding secretary; and Sally Brown, treasurer. The sponsors are Mrs. Nesbitt, Mrs. Eckert, and Mr. Knight.

Science Club

The Science Club is looking forward to another busy year.

Most of the activities are fund-raising in anticipation of the canoe trip in the spring. These include selling popcorn at games, washing cars, and sponsoring the Slave Auction.

There is usually a big turnout for the Science Club meetings. Mr. Rauch's comment was "They all want to go on a canoe trip, to be honest."

President Karen Adamcik, vice-president Michelle Grannan, and secretary-treasurer Lori Castleman are working with club members to include other activities, such as a visit to Johnson Shut-Ins, state parks, chemical or petroleum industries, the Botanical Gardens or the Museum of Natural Science.

The Science Club meets the first Thursday of every month.

History Club

For the first time in OTHS there is a History Club.

All social studies teachers are the sponsors. They have no officers at the present time. They entered a car in the homecoming parade this year to start off their activities.

They will also sponsor an orphan overseas and go on a few field trips. They have no schedule to their meetings, so you just have to catch them when they are announced. The only requirement is that you have an interest in history.

F.H.A.

Any student that has completed one year of home economics or is presently taking is invited to join Future Homemakers of America.

The officers are as follows: Barbara Johnson, President, Leslie Strickland, Vice President, Rose Tones, Secretary, Cyndi Whitehead, Treasurer, Marlie Munier, Historian and Jody Rentner, Public Relations. Meetings are held every second and fourth Wednesday of every month. The sponsor is Miss Jefferies.

FHA has many projects scheduled. Some of these are Trick or Treat for UNICEF and a Fall Rally set for November 2. They also entered a float in the Homecoming parade.

Fund raising activities include jewelry sales and several bake sales.

Geology Club

Anyone interested in joining the Geology Club should come for their next meeting or contact Mr. Turley for details.

They meet whenever is convenient, so they have no definite time or date. The only requirement for the Geology Club is any previous or present enrollment in the course.

Their activities this year include cleaning out a cave, a field trip which involves all Mr. Turley's classes. They wish to make a map of the underground mines of O'Fallon.

The Geology Club has only one money making project in mind. This will be their annual movie.

The officers of this year's Geology Club are Pres. Paula Sanders, Vice Pres. Debbie Foy, and Sec./Treas. Tami Hoxworth.

Pep Club

Any student that is interested in promoting school spirit through various activities such as parades, and games should come to the bi-weekly Pep Club meeting after school.

The sponsor is Mrs. Nichols and officers are President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. They hold poster parties Wednesday evening from 7:00 to 9:00.

The money making projects are selling ribbons, mums, candy, pom-poms and sponsoring dances.

Radio Club

For the third year OTHS is to a Radio Club.

Under the supervision of Mr. Kirkman and President Mike Conley, the club meets in room n-3 on the 3rd Monday of each month. Later on the meetings will be on every Monday.

Activities on top for this year include workshops with other schools and clubs and possibly a station that covers a program of Morris Code.

There are no requirements for club membership, but there is a \$1 fee for the year. Faculty or students who are interested in "ham" radio may join.

Debate

What is debate: Debate is an academic activity not to be confused with the average club. The primary function is not social. It is designed to develop the following skills: reasoning ability, verbal skills, research technique, organization (oral and written material), argumentative ability, important current events, development of proper work perspective.

Debaters should try to develop these skills to a point where they will qualify for financial aid to universities. This is not to say that debate is without social benefits. The debaters travel as a group to about one dozen different universities in the course of a year to compete. There are also other group activities and projects sponsored by debate. This year the debate team will go to these places: University of Illinois, Augustana, Illinois State, Eastern Illinois University, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, and Bradley as well as eight other tournaments.

There are 16 to 20 members actively debating and approximately two dozen others marginally involved in debate. The varsity debaters are Steve Stanton, Wendy Markee, Brian Muehling, Lynn Minton, Derek Harmon. The Jr. Varsity debaters are Karen Stein, Sue Eckert, Diane Deeken, Kathy Pietry, John Miller, Tina McSpaden, Paula Sanders, Steve Gribat, Laura Young and Lisa Sutton.

O'Fallon is one of the stronger schools in debate. Last year O'Fallon won approximately 70% of the debates they were in, and Mr. Waggoner says they will do much better this year.

Last year we were one of only two teams in the entire nation to be the National Debate Team. We beat them both times we met them.

Students work in the summer an average of 600 hours on debate.

PANTHER



SPORTS

Tips For Nonstarters

Benchwarmers Lead Exciting Life

A benchwarmer in any sport leads a very exciting life, but to be one as a varsity football player holds a story all of its own.

First of all, you get to practice all week, working just as hard as the starters, doing the same things, and for what? Just to earn yourself a spot on the varsity bench. During practice you get to be the lucky dummy holders or do other odd jobs

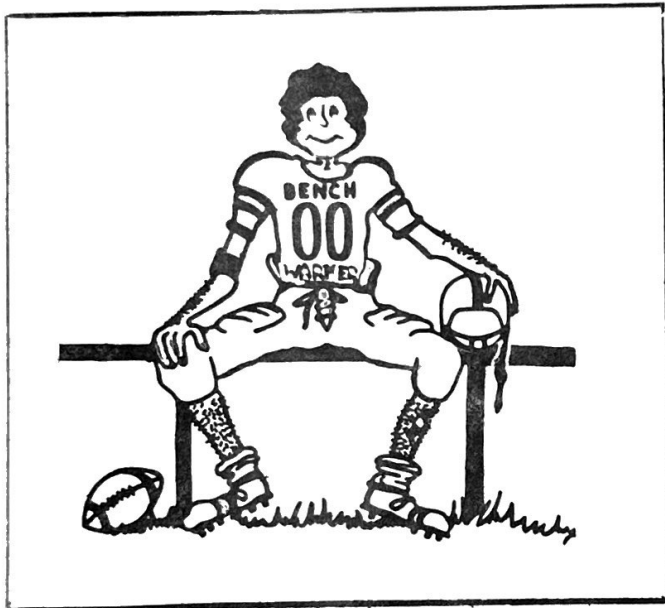
a starter would not be caught dead doing.

When it comes to games, you go through warm up exercises just as though you were a starter, but you try not to work up a sweat, so you don't have to take a shower after the game. If your team is ahead by a reasonable margin, then you can expect to play. If not, then there are "tricks of the trade" that

every experienced bench warmer should know to help make sitting on the bench as enjoyable as possible.

For instance, slipping an extra pad in the rear of your pants will make those cold aluminum benches more comfortable, or will keep you from getting splinters from those wooden benches. When you're not using your helmet, it comes in handy as a hiding place for such things as bubble gum and candy.

Being a benchwarmer isn't all bad though. There are a few good things about it, such as—you get a front-row 50 yard line seat, which is hard to beat. You also get in all the games free, and get to take credit for the win or loss, even if you didn't leave the bench. All things considered, there is not a better spectator sport than bench warming. You should remember that this year's bench warmers are next years starters.



Girl's Tennis Closes Season

O'Fallon's newly formed girl's tennis team finished their rookie season with an excellent 3-1 record.

The OTHS girls' three wins were all convincing. The first victory was over Roxana. It was O'Fallon all the way as they took the match without much opposition, 6-2. Highland and Triad also fell victim to the mighty Panther racketeers by the same 6-2 score.

The only loss of the year came when O'Fallon crossed the path of Mascoutah. The Indians had no trouble breezing by O'Fallon in a 3-0 shut-out.

In the post season, O'Fallon traveled to Granite City South to part-

icipate in district play. All but Anne Eikenberry dropped their first matches and returned home. Anne followed the next day after dropping her second match.

In first round play Pam Miller and Brenda Hinnant were overwhelmed by Althoff 6-2, 6-4. In other action, Barb Sweeney and Tracy Sharp were bounced out by Belleville East 6-0, 6-2. In singles action, Nancy Osterhus was convincingly crushed by Cahokia 6-0, 6-0.

Schools competing in the tourney were Althoff, Belleville East, Belleville West, Granite City, Cahokia, and O'Fallon. Coach Mrs. Sparks selected which OTHS girls were to make the trip to districts.

OTHS Harriers Run Season To A Close

Cross Country finished its 1974 season with a 4-6 dual and triangular record.

In districts, the Harriers took an eleventh out of eighteen school entered. In the Mississippi Valley Conference meet, O'Fallon hung near the bottom, taking a seventh out of eight teams. John Perez was the lone highlight as he finished sixth out of the conference competition.

The best team accomplishments

for O'Fallon this year came with a second place finish at the St. Paul Invitational Tourney at varsity level and a fifth place finish at the Waterloo Tournament at the Frosh-Soph level.

Paul Kish pulled in gold medalist honors at St. Paul leading the team in the tournament. At Waterloo, Dan Perez took fourth in helping the freshman-sophomore meet.

Coach Nesbit feels that the team peaked early then the team was plagued by injuries, including Stan Hunt's broken ankle and Doug Mathew's case of bronchitis.

The team, dominated by sophomores was hurt by lack of experience and lack of leadership from upper classment. By the end of the season, the top runners included one junior, six sophomores, and one freshman.

The top seven lettermen will all return for next year. They include John Perez, Paul Kish, Dan Perez, Tim Krohn, Ed King, Jim Farha, and Stan Hunt. Other lettermen include Gary Clifford, Doug Mathews and Mike Englebrecht. Also contributing this year was freshman Charlie Perez.

Linkmen Break School Records

The O'Fallon linkmen completed the most successful season in the school's history with an outstanding 19-3-1 record.

The golfers finished the season as they started with victories over Mascoutah, Wood River, Bethalto, and Triad. In the last match of the year, O'Fallon dropped to Highland. This diminished the thought of a 20 victory season.

In the conference match this year, the Panthers took a strong third behind champion Mascoutah and runner-up Highland. Keith Williams shot a 71 which was good for an individual tie for first. Bob Kern put in a fine score with a 78.

In district play, the golfers had a disappointing day. They finished tenth out of nineteen teams competing in the tourney.

Many records were broken by the team this year. Among them were best record, most victories, and best team average. Also, the team broke a record for low-score in a match with a 152 against Bethalto.

O'Fallon golf prodigy Keith Williams had a sensational year for the Panthers, setting many new records. Keith was low score medalist in 18 of the 23 matches. His season average was a record shattering 37.2. Coach May feels that Williams is one of the best in the area.

Others who helped make the year successful were Bob Kern, Bob Glazenbrook, Bob Smith, Mark Tiemann, Klay Tiemann, Chris Baxter, Bill Connor, Scott Muehlhauser, Mike Munie, and Bill Campen.

In closing the season, Coach Dan May felt that this team would be remembered for a long time to come in the school record books. He best summarized his feelings by saying "It wasn't a bad season at all."

Boardmen Drop First 74 Match

This year the OTHS chess team has added new faces to their squad and a new format to their matches.

Instead of five men teams, the Illinois High School Association has a new rule stating that there will be eight men squads.

The varsity squad this year includes Jim Delaney, Steve Morrese, John Hangsleben, David Hangsleben, Mike Clingan, Jim Williams, Mike Conley, and Brian Kube.

At a recent match, O'Fallon lost to East St. Louis by three points. Winners in their matches were Mike Conley, Steve Morrese, Jim Williams, and Brian Kube.

The only other action Panther boardmen was in the Alton tourney. The results of this tournament were not in at press time.

Other teams on the OTHS chess schedule are Belleville East, Belleville West, Alton, Cahokia, Highland, and Mascoutah. The rest of the 74-75 line-up will consist of teams picked up along the year.

Coach Ben Lentz feels that the chess team is capable of having a good season even though the team lacks experience. The main reason for this inexperience is the fact that Coach Lentz had to bring up three players from JV to meet the new rule requirements.

Girl's Volleyball Starts In November

Practice for girls' extramural power volleyball will begin in the second week of November for any girl who would like to participate. Fifteen girls will be selected to

make up a varsity and junior varsity team. Selections for the team will be based around the girls' ability in the sport and the desire displayed to play on the team.

In beginning its second year of existence, the schedule will be larger. This year's opponents will include Triad, Wood River, Roxana, Mascoutah, Edwardsville, and Okawville. Also the team will play in the Regional play-offs. Uniforms will be issued to anyone making the team.

The coach, Mrs. Sparks, hopes for a big turn-out for the first week of practice. A bigger turn-out would enable her to have a better selection in choosing the team.

Power volleyball is generally the same as regular volleyball. However, there are some changes which make it a faster moving sport. A person can't make contact with the ball using an open hand. This is known as a foul for slapping the ball.

Serves in power volleyball are delivered with more force causing difficulty in the return. Each team has only six players on court at a time. Also the courts are enlarged and have higher nets than the regular courts.

Basketballers Start

Practice For Season

O'Fallon's Roundballers have been practicing for a month and they have another month before their first game.

Coach Pace wants to be sure that his team is in shape for the upcoming season. All basketball players who didn't participate in fall sports ran with the Cross Country team to get in shape for practice.

So far, the practices have consisted entirely of defensive play. The team feels if the defense can come around, the offense will follow.

A complete review will be in next month's issue.

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The O'Fallon defense holds the Mascoutah Indians to only a field goal after giving up ball in good field position on the Panther homecoming day. O'Fallon dropped the contest, 17-13.

Gridders Blow Winning Season

O'Fallon's varsity gridders will travel to Triad on Friday at 8:00 in hopes of breaking a three game losing streak.

Last week, the Panthers blew their chances at second place by dropping to Roxana in a 31-15 loss. O'Fallon now has fallen to fourth position in the Mississippi Valley Conference.

The game started with O'Fallon taking the opening kick-off and marching down field for a touchdown. Dave Rowe received the six point honors going over from four yards out. After that it was all Roxana. Finally late in the second quarter with a 17-7 Roxana lead, Russ Thoman went 67 yards off tackle for a touchdown.

The only O'Fallon score in the second half was a safety, when Charles Harris trapped the Shell's Steve McMahon behind the goal line. This loss also gave O'Fallon's first losing season in the school's history.

In the Althoff Crusader game, the Panthers were stomped and buried, 33-8. O'Fallon was held for a negative total offense. The only O'Fallon score came when Russ Thoman took the kick-off starting the second half 83 yards for the touchdown. Dave Rowe hit Steve Curran for the two point conversion.

O'Fallon's Homecoming was also a big disappointment as the Panthers

lost to Mascoutah 17-13.

O'Fallon's two touchdowns came on bombs from Dave Rowe to Brian Holland and Kevin Dzombar. The last scoring threat by the Panther was destroyed nine yards from the goal line as the game ending gun sounded. The drive originated on the O'Fallon two yard line with five minutes remaining.

The coaches feel that the loss of the season in the minds of most of the players. O'Fallon has been humiliated in both games since Mascoutah.

The game preceding the above was more pleasant for the Panthers. O'Fallon man-handled Jerseyville, 24-8. Dave Rowe received an Honorable Mention in the Metro-East for his play that night. Besides running for a touchdown, Rowe connected with Kevin Dzombar and Rob Graeter for two more touchdowns. Russ Thoman also contributed six points on three, two point conversions.

The other conference loss was dealt by the Wood River Oilers in a 10-6 game.

O'Fallon's only score came in the fourth quarter when Russ Thoman went over for six points.

The Panther's record now stands at 3-5 over-all and 3-3 in the conference.

Boy's Intramural Soccer Is Success After School

This year soccer has been added to OTHS boy's sports. Soccer, a form of football, is one of the fastest growing sports in the country.

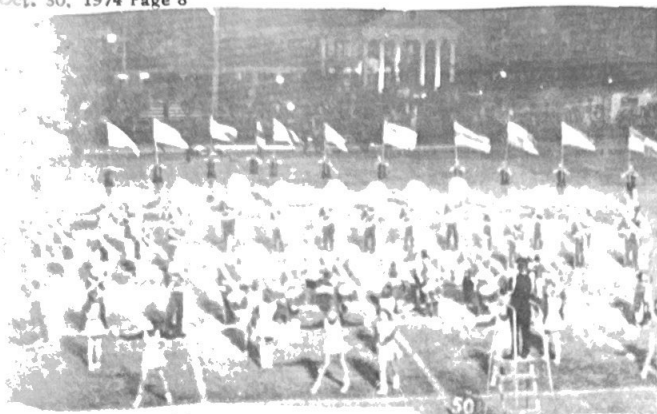
The game is played on a rectangular field with players maneuvering around ball mainly by kicking, but using, or using any part of the body except the arms and hands in attempts to score points through a net.

Games begin after seventh hour and are held each week alternately on Mondays and Wednesdays or Tuesdays and Thursdays. Mr. Ferry, teacher in charge, said this schedule

was planned to allow students who have jobs to be able to come at least once in a while. He also added that specific teams were not chosen, in order to allow anyone to participate without having to attend on certain days.

Many reasons were given for why the students turned out for the after school game. The three most common were because it's fun, they receive credit in P.E., and there is nothing better to do.

Soccer will continue as long as the weather permits and



The marching Panther Band and the Golden Girls Pom Pon squad close out a very successful season of performing during halftime at all the home football games.

Students Top Obstacles On "Orienteering" Trip

"Orienteering" is bringing World Environment students home.

Earlier in the school year the class, under the instruction of Mr. Grimmer, learned that "orienteering" is finding one's way between two given points, using only a compass and a map. Recently, this group of brave students decided to try their hand at it.

They chose Pere Marquette State Park as their grounds for this adventure. At the start, instructions were given to follow a certain reading in order to get to the first meeting point. Steep hills, high slopes and thick covering of trees and bushes were just a few of the obstacles the students encountered.

In all, a total of three check points

were located between the starting and finishing points. The total lay-out of the course was approximately six grueling miles.

To many, the adventure meant sore bones and muscles, and to others it was an event worth trying again.

Boys' Gym

Cracking Up

The cracked walls in the gym are finally going to be repaired.

Mr. Hesse, who is in charge of the repairing of the walls, said that when the bricklayers finish the new building they will turn their attention to the cracked walls in the gym.

They have been there for the past two years receiving no attention. This year Mr. Knight has brought the problem to the attention of Mr. Hesse.

Mr. Knight stated that the cause of the cracks in the gym walls is due to the flat roof on the gym. This allows the rain and heavy snow to settle on the roof, thereby putting much pressure on the walls.

Fulton Adds Pom Pon Girl

Mr. Fulton's wife, Karen, had a baby girl 7:29 a.m. Monday, Oct. 21 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Highland.

Blue eyed Amy Louise weighs 8 lbs. 11 oz. and is 20 inches long.

Mr. Fulton commented, "I wanted a basketball player, but another Pom Pon girl is fine."

So if you saw him passing out cigars you'll know why.



Mr. Freeman and David Sturgill stroll through Johnson Shut-Ins on a recent art field trip. The students used water colors and pencil to sketch trees and flowers observed on the trip.

New Storage Room Provides More Space

New facilities under construction east of the Industrial Arts building, will provide OTHS with more storage and garage area.

It will provide space for the school's vehicles. It will also store

supplies including lumber for the Industrial Arts classes, tools from the Auto Shop, janitorial supplies, and large quantities of paper.

Work started on the new building during summer vacation, and the completion date was set for late August. Due to a strike by the construction workers, the completion date has been set back to mid-October.

The brick structure when completed will measure 89' by 31'. Funds for the new building were made available from the OTHS building fund.

Today's Issues Students To Go To Model UN

Students in Mr. Grimmer's Today's Issues class will this year again attend the Model UN and Security Council at McKendree College.

In participating in the Mock UN and Security Council, students hope to gain a better understanding of how the security council operates. They will learn knowledge of world problems and parliamentary procedures of other people, plus the ability to operate effectively in a large body of people.

The Security Council will be held on Nov. 31 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Model UN will be held in the spring.

The students that are involved this year are Anna Austin, Ann Britt, Mark Coville, Belinda Eakin, Rhonda Fahy, Barb Johnson, Lee Ockner, Nancy Schmidt, Mark Gauss and Gretchen Willis. They are involved because they have an interest in social and international problems. They have a good history background and a desire to go.

The committee system and parliamentary procedure are used to carry out the event. UN resolutions are passed and copies are sent to the real UN in N.Y.C. This event is held periodically and this is the fourth year it will be held.

Involvement give the student a chance to receive awards for excellence in scholarly work. Results have been an extreme interest, a prolonged interest and an understanding of U.N. operation.

Besides O'Fallon, there are 12 other schools including Mascoutah, Lebanon, Triad, and Belleville East

NOTICE

We would like to print any art work, poems or stories of yours. Feel free to submit your talents to the journalism department.

Spanish Club Helps Honduras

The Spanish Club collected four large boxes of canned goods and 16 boxes of clothing for the hurricane victims in Honduras, a Spanish-speaking country in Latin America.

The club collected these donations from Sept. 26 to Oct. 4. All of the packed boxes were taken to Famous-Barr, where they will later be transferred to the American Red Cross office in St. Louis.

Mr. Minoff, sponsor of the club, was pleased with the response of the students and teachers. The Spanish Club would like to thank the students and faculty for their helpful contributions.

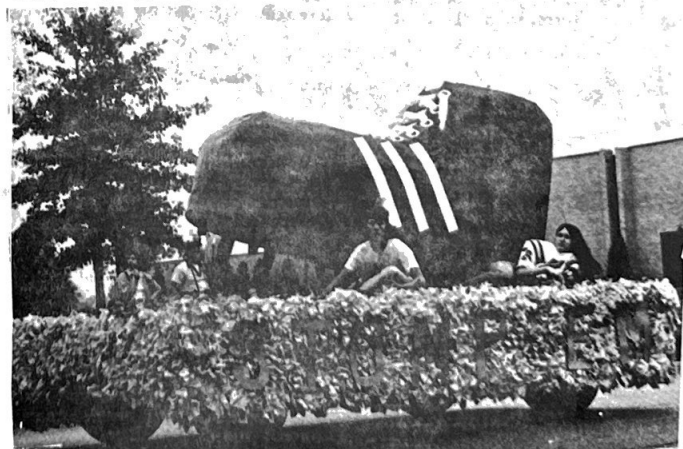
Drama Club On The Move

The Drama club plans to attend the Loretta Hilton Repertory Theatre production of "Indians" on Nov. 20.

This is reported to be a very innovative, well-performed show.

Another trip being planned is to see the 1950 rock-n-roll show "Grease" at the American Theatre. This show is just off a long, successful run on Broadway.

Social events are also in the works for the Drama Club. Sally Brown is hosting the club to a wiener roast on Nov. 9. A Christmas dinner is being considered.



The Sophomore class won first place in the float competition during the Homecoming parade.