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Seniors Choose Anne Britt For Good Citizenship Award



Anne Britt, a senior at OTHS, has been selected by the senior class to receive the DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) Good Citizenship Award.

Anne is very active in school. She is now in her third year as a cheerleader. Also involved in several organizations, she is vice-president of the Panther Band, treasurer of Tri-M, a member of the French Club, and she was selected her junior year to be in the National Honor Society. Anne has not as yet made definite plans upon graduating from high school, but she is considering attending Eastern Illinois University.

The DAR award is based on dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism. The aim of this project to pay tribute to youthful character and to call attention to those qualities which are desirable of good citizens. It is not a popularity contest.

When one girl from a school has been chosen, her name and address is sent to the Chapter sponsoring the school. The Chapter chairman will then send the name to the State chairman. The school Good Citizen will be asked to fill out a brief questionnaire in order that the Il-

linois Good Citizen may be chosen on the basis of merit.

The winning girl in each state will receive a Government Bond of \$100 maturity value from the Illinois Organization, Daughters of the American Revolution. The National Society gives a \$1,000 scholarship to the National Good Citizen winner. A \$25 Savings Bond is given to the winner of each of the seven Illinois DAR Divisions. Three \$25 attendance awards are presented at the Illinois State Conference, March 3, 1975. The Good Citizen of each high school will receive a pin and certificate of award.

Coronation of Christmas Queen To Precede Annual Yuletide Ball

The annual Christmas Ball, sponsored by the senior class, will be held in the boys' gym Dec. 7 at 8 p.m.

Preceding the dance, at 7:30, will be the coronation ceremony for the Queen of the Ball. Candidates for the 1974 Christmas Queen are: Anne Britt, Renee Barbeau, Patti Bland, Karen Adamcik, Pam Armstrong, and Lynn Albrecht.

Tickets for the affair will go on sale Dec. 2 fourth hour in the cafeteria. Singles will be \$1.50 and couples will be \$2.50.

Four committees are responsible for sharing the planning load. Lori Castleman heads the Coronation committee; Beth Bradley, the Decoration committee; Anna Austin, the Food committee; and Russ Thomas, the publicity.

Music Department Greet's Yule Season with Concerts

OTHS Music department will be presenting two Sunday afternoon concerts in December.

The choruses will sing some selected carols from various other countries as well as the usual familiar carols.

The highlight of the concert will be the "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel Messiah, sung by the advanced chorus.

Charlotte Mahan will sing an aria from the Messiah and student teacher Gail Schnipper will perform an organ prelude.

Accompanists for the concert will

be Marianne Phemistor, Laura Pearce, Valerie Williams, Donna Kendall and Kim Kendall.

The band will present their Christmas concert Dec. 15 in the boys' gym.

They will be performing "Illinois March," "A Festival Prelude," "Slidin' Winds," and "Chorale Prelude."

Mrs. Sharon Lazar, a student teacher from S.I.U. will direct "Toccata" and "First Suite in E Flat."

The stage band will also offer some selections for the concert.



"Ugly Man" candidates clown for photographer. Left to right they are Gary Clifford, Jim Krohn, Dave Kasten, Rick Dawson, Kirk Allison, Tim DeFosset, and Doug Mathews.

First OTHS "Ugly Man" Receives Honor Today

The first annual OTHS Ugly Man Contest finalists are Kirk Allison, Gary Clifford, Rick Dawson, Tim DeFosset, Dave Frost, Dave Kasten, Jim Krohn, and Doug Mathews.

Each finalist received an "Ugly Man Finalist" button furnished by the Pep Club. The Pep Club also will furnish a trophy for the winner.

In addition, the winner will receive one free season basketball pass for him and a guest, and a

certificate with his name will be placed in the main hallway trophy case.

Judges in the pageant will consist of six students and six teachers chosen at random by a computer.

The contest, originated by Steve Stanton, and Stephen Gribat, was designed to promote school spirit and to provide some fun. It was approved as a project for Mr. Cordon's fourth hour Mass Communication Class.

EDITORIALS

Let's Stop School 'Parties'

This school really has changed in recent years. Students have found different ways to get their kicks and to pass away the time. They have turned-on to drugs, thinking it's the only thing they have to do.

Yet, others in this school wouldn't have a thing to do with drugs, even though they realize that their own friends have been taking them or smoking pot. School, just like any other place which holds a lot of people at one time, is a center of traffic for drug flow.

Some students who have been going to OTHS for several years now, still don't have any idea of the "parties" that have been going on in this school -- in the restrooms or outside down the hill.

Others may miss these "parties" because they are afraid to come in the john. There are even some who do not go into the john to smoke pot. They are cigarette smokers and have to cure their nicotine fit.

These "parties" even exist in the students' fault as well as the teachers'. All the students ever say is, "If they want to mess up their life by using drugs, let 'em."

If these students cared about other students smoking pot in the johns and having their "parties", perhaps they would take some steps to prevent them. Teachers and administration try to prevent it from happening, but so far they have not succeeded.

Mark Rynders

Apathy Rules Supreme

This editorial comment brings up a condition which points to a situation in our school environment which is not uncommon to the entire United States and probably to a large percent of the world. APATHY rules supreme.

For five to ten hours each day, each person is collected with approximately 1350 others with one purpose, to obtain and provide education for those people between 14 and 18 (hopefully). Education is a process and environment which should prepare a person to live in the present and the future.

It seems reasonable that everyone involved in this O'Fallon education environment would like to see it be as effective as possible in reaching its goal. Evidently this is not the case.

Those who bring drugs (marijuana is a drug) into the school should realize they jeopardize their chances of reaching the potential they possess. Users or dealers could be busted, creating a problem for them, their families, and, indirectly, the entire school population. Users also alter their ability to function positively in the school environment, again hindering them and others around them.

If apathy does rule, no one will care about the problem drugs can and do create in school. If apathy is not supreme, each person who can reach someone who uses or deals drugs in school should let him know that he cares about him and the whole environment enough to disapprove of his action.

It is impossible for a set of rules to force drugs out of this or any other school without disrupting the school environment with a great deal of force from administrators, teachers, and, possibly, legal agencies outside the school. But, peer pressure, pressure from concerned students, can solve the problem peacefully with harm to no one.

Prowler Staff

Assembly Stirs Crowds?

Jean Max-Sam, a bongo drummer from Haiti, bored OTHS students with an hour of bongo-drumming and Haitian dances.

He started the show right by arriving 20 minutes late. Listening to Mr. Bellina read the lunch menu until Sam arrived proved more exciting than the performance!

He accompanied the drumming with stories about the gods of Haiti who were heavy drinkers and 200 proof rum that the natives drink when they dance. His female dancer performed dances that had steps about as difficult as walking down the street. Maybe they're more difficult after drinking some of that 200 proof rum.

All that can be said for this assembly was that at least you could catch up on your sleep.

by Mike Caldwell

Reviews

Record Albums

Apocalypse

Mahavishnu Orchestra.

For anyone who saw the Mahavishnu Orchestra's last concert in St. Louis, this is the studio recording of all the songs they performed.

The Mahavishnu Orchestra has radically changed from what it was in the past. On the "Birds of Fire" album, the Orchestra only had five members which included John McLaughlin on guitar, and Billy Cobham on drums, with Jean Hammere on keyboards.

Now, however, the Mahavishnu Orchestra is almost a real orchestra. It includes John McLaughlin on guitar, his wife playing keyboards and handling vocals, two violin players, two cello players, a new drummer, and two horn players.

Anyone who appreciates fine guitar playing (the best in fact) beautiful arrangement of music, and great orchestral arrangements, (performed by the London Philharmonic Orchestra) will appreciate this album.

War Child

Jethro Tull

At last a new album by Tull! After their last concert tour in the US, Ian Anderson, the band's flutist and lead vocalist stated that the band would never perform again, because of the critic's comments on their album "Passion Play."

Well, either they ran out of money, or else they can't resist playing, because they just cut an album, "War Child", which has just been released in the US.

Anderson has plans for a movie Passion Play. Apparently, the album was well received by record buyers, even though the critics comments on it were not favorable.

Apostrophe

Frank Zappa

Frank Zappa, who started his career in Southern California with the Mothers of Invention, is now acclaimed all over the country as one of the best progressive rock and jazz musicians of our time.

Zappa has always mixed criticism, fire, and social comment into his lyrics, and in his new album, "Apostrophe", he carries his humor to high levels.

Cuts off the album include "Nanuk Rubs It", "The Stinkfoot", and "St. Alfonzo's".

In "Nanuk Rubs It", Zappa tells

the story of a young Eskimo boy and what he does when a fur trapper tries to kill his favorite baby seal.

Movies

Many of the movies made today deal with disasters. Mark Robson's new production, "Earthquake", does exactly that. This movie shows what would happen if an earthquake would hit Los Angeles.

The idea of the California earthquake has lingered in Americans' minds for years. Now this movie shows the horror, grief, and disaster such an earthquake would bring.

At last this suspicion becomes real on the screen. Los Angeles is destroyed by this shocking jolt delivered by nature. The film production is unbelievable in the reconstruction of the earthquake scene.

Very few movies are allowed the privilege of casting all big stars, such as Charlton Heston, Ava Gardner, George Kennedy, Lorne

Barrymore, Richard Widmark, Lloyd Nolan, in one movie. The rest of the list reads many more of Hollywood's long respected actors and actresses, as well as some new and young talent.

New movies carry many new dimensions in sound from the industry. "Earthquake" is no different. With it comes Sensurround. This new method in sound gives you the feeling of being there. You not only feel the sound of the earthquake, you feel the earthquake movement.

Too many movies concentrate on

nostalgia. It is nice to see a movie dealing with the future. Perhaps "Earthquake" is a bit too tragic. But we all must begin somewhere.



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Peculiarly American Thanksgiving Day Preserves Harvest Tradition

On the fourth Thursday of November, a "peculiarly American feast," Thanksgiving Day is celebrated. Thanksgiving is a holiday enjoyed by Americans and descendants of the Pilgrims. The first Thanksgiving Days were known as "harvest festivals," or days for thanking God for the plentiful crops received during harvest season. Thistle why Thanksgiving takes place late in the fall, after the crops have been gathered.

Thanksgiving was not initiated by the Pilgrims, as most people think, but by the Chinese, thousands of years ago. It can be traced back to the ancient Jewish "east of Tabernacles," which lasted eight days. In the past, Thanksgiving was celebrated on many different days. In October 1575, the Pilgrims saw the Dutch celebrate a day of thanks for their victory over the Spanish. In 1863, President Lincoln issued a proclamation saying that Thanksgiving be celebrated on the last Thursday of November "as a day of thanking and praise to our beneficent Father."

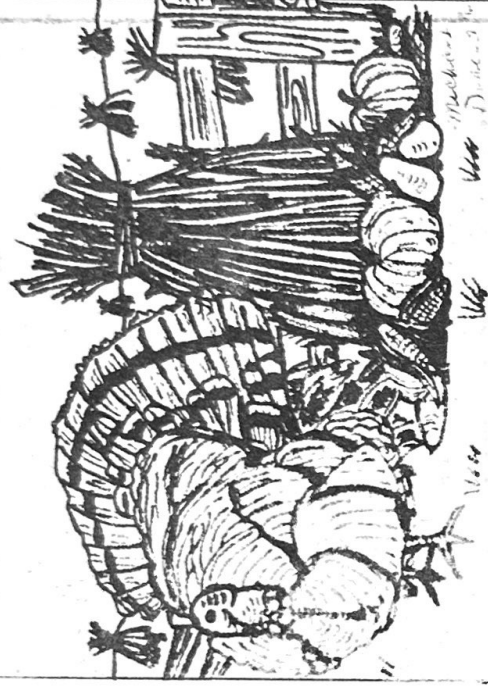
Finally, in 1941 Congress ruled that Thanksgiving Day would be celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November and would be a legal holiday. In all the states, the District of Columbia, the Canal Zone, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands, Thanksgiving is considered a legal holiday.

During the second winter that the Plymouth colonists spent in the New World, the first Thanksgiving Day was celebrated. This was the first

of a dreadful winter the colonists in Massachusetts had experienced. It killed nearly half of the colony members. But there was hope for them in the summer of 1621, when the corn harvest was abundant.

In the United States, Thanksgiving is considered a family day and celebrated by big dinners and joyous reunions. When friends and families met for Thanksgiving Day in 1863, they ate almost the same foods that we eat on this holiday. Food such as roast turkey with dressing, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, creamed onions, squash, pumpkin pie, plum pudding, mince pie, milk and coffee is still served in the homes of many families.

When you think of the word "Thanksgiving," and you think of good things to eat, it is also time for religious thinking, church services and personal prayers.



Varied Selection of Science Courses Available for Future Scientists

The OTHS Science Department offers a wide selection of sciences from which to choose.

Unlike many schools in this state O'Fallon offers Geology on both a first year and advanced basis. Geology-I consists of an introductory course on the origin, processes and forces of the planet earth. Advanced Geology offers the subject in greater depth than first year Geology. Its topics include mineral resources and other current geological topics.

O'Fallon also has a large biology program. There are two first year courses in biology, in order to group the students according to their year in school. Biology-I is designed to give students an introductory knowledge of fundamental biological principles. Students are provided with the opportunity of laboratory exercises that correlate with the lecture material, and stimulate their interests in biology and other sciences.

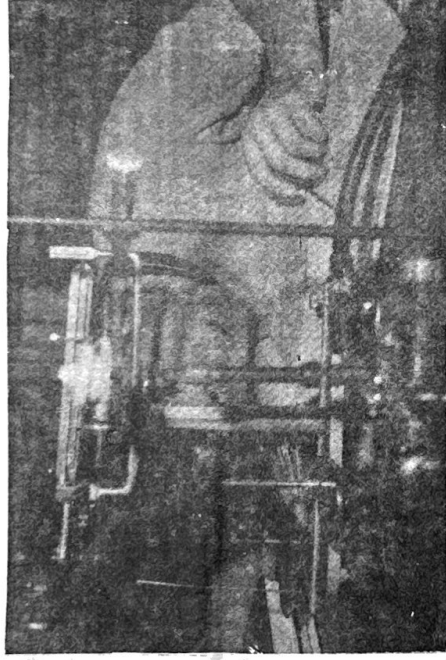
Advanced Biology, according to the Course Description Book, "is an intensive college-level course for able and ambitious students interested in the line of science."

The chemistry course offers everything from practical chemistry to advanced chemistry. Practical Chemistry is a course recommended for a student needing the more advanced Chemistry I course.

Chemistry-I is a one year course in the classification and behavior of matter. Some topics covered are atomic theory, chemical bonding, acids and bases and a final unit in qualitative analysis.

Advanced Chemistry is a lecture lab course with a prerequisite of one year of algebra and the Chemistry-I course. The general course format is discussion and lecture on the theory relating to that particular week lab.

Physics is a one year course dealing with matter and energy and their transformations. Topics covered include matter and energy, force and motion and electronics. The course is designed for students with a strong mathematical background.



Doyle McGinty evaluates closely his calculation in chemistry.

"Jocks" and "Freaks" Abound in OTHS Halls

Have you ever been classified as a "socialite", "freak", "socialite-freak", or "jock"? Supposedly, these are the four types of OTHS students.

If you have ever been stereotyped as one of these and do not have any idea what they are, here are some definitions to inform you of what others think of you.

"Socialites" always look nice, wear good clothes, never wear sloppy jeans, are stuck-up and talk only to their own friends, stay in their own clique, and usually earn good grades. "Freaks" always wear jeans, hang around the smoking joints, do not care about their reputations, have average or below average grades, and the guys usually have long hair.

A new classification is the "socialite-freak". These students wear good clothes or jeans, can be found in the smoking joints, and socialize with "freaks" and "socialites". In other words, they can not make up their minds!

And finally the old, faithful "jocks". They play all types of sports, can be found in the nurse's office if they do not feel like going to class (even when they are not sick) can make bad grades and still play sports the next Friday night, have a specific "jock-strut" walk, and always hang out in the hall by the cafeteria during lunch rating girls on a scale from one to ten.

In my opinion, classifying people is pointless! People have different beliefs and morals and if they want to smoke or drink, wear nice clothes or sloppy jeans, that is their prerogative. It can hurt someone's ego if they are called "socialite" or "freak" because others might think they are too good for everyone else or not good enough. What does it really prove? Is it because some people are jealous of what others have accomplished? In the Bible and Constitution, it is stated that all men are created equal whether they are black or white, ambitious or not.

Finding Jobs Takes Effort

Acquiring a job is not as easy as people sometimes make it out to be. It takes some skill and coordination.

Most jobs have certain requirements pertaining to age and experience. A lot of employers insist on an application form being completed by the applicant. Why? To give the employer some knowledge of the applicant's background and sometimes possibly even his present health.

If the application is accepted, an interview is next in line. Acquiring the job depends strictly on the interview. Appearance is the greatest factor to be concerned with when trying to impress an employer. This includes cleanliness, neat clothing apparel, a friendly attitude, and some coordination.

A person seeking a job must be dependable, and transportation plays a major role in measuring up to this quality.

It is also a good idea to have some people on hand as references. Many employers will often check into references before hiring, to find out a little more about an applicant and his ability to learn.

One last form to be filled out during an interview is a police report. This tells the employer whether or not the applicant has a criminal record of some kind. The form is filled out for a number of obvious reasons.

Acquiring a job just takes a little time and willpower. With some skill, coordination, and fulfillment of the mentioned qualities above, anyone can obtain a job. There are available jobs today. You just have to want one bad enough.

Sophmores Choose New Courses

Recently, the sophomore students were asked to choose which fields of American history they would like to take for next year.

Approximately 200 students received description catalogs of the

mini-courses available to them, and were asked to choose one course from each of the five categories.

The first category covers the period of "Exploration and Colonization." Of the three mini-courses in

this category, the students selected "American Revolution and Independence" and "Exploration and Early Colonial Life."

Following chronologically, the second category included the "Civil War and Reconstruction." Four mini-courses were offered in this area and the students selected "The Role of the Robber Barons" and "The Civil War."

The third category covers the area of "The Early 19th Century." Selected by the students from this area are the courses, "America's West", which had the highest number of votes from all categories, and "The

United States Becomes a World Power."

The fourth category included "The 20th Century, Foreign and Domestic." Four courses were offered in this area, and the students selected "The Roaring Twenties and the Great Depression," and "The United States in a Nuclear Age."

The last category is titled "Miscellaneous." Seven mini-courses were offered in this area, and the students selected, "Women in America," "Illinois and the American Experience," and "America at War."

Speech and Debate Teams Place High

O'Fallon speech team added to their list of accomplishments last weekend at Waterloo.

Placing second in impromptu duet acting were Cheri Epping and Sally Brown. Sally also placed fourth in dramatic interpretation.

Mark Gauss earned third place in extemporaneous speaking and Lyn Myers placed fifth in prose reading.

The O'Fallon debate squad was very successful over all in the O'Fallon Invitational Speech and Debate Tournament.

Out of 28 debate teams representing 18 schools, O'Fallon placed second. Lynne Minton and Wendy Markee were the outstanding debaters.

The tournament was held at OTHS Nov. 15 and 16. According to Mr. Waggoner, it was extremely successful in many respects. He says that it ran relatively smoothly with very few problems.

He credited the ease with which the tournament was administered to the result of an outstanding contribution of time and effort by O'Fallon students.

Mr. Waggoner emphasized, "Several dozen O'Fallonites spent several

hours monitoring the halls, keeping time and running errands. Without their assistance the tournament would have been unsuccessful.

The purposes for hosting the tournament at O'Fallon were to give the students an opportunity to observe speech and debate competition and to participate. It also provided a way of making money for the O'Fallon Speech and Debate program.

Madrigal Set For December

Madrigal, the elite singers of advanced chorus, will sing at the Methodist church Dec. 1 and 2 at 6:00 p.m.

They will also sing at the annual Christmas Chorus Concert.

Some of the songs they will be performing are "Christmas Is Coming", "Masters In This Hall", "How Unto Bethlehem", and a Spanish song entitled "Ya Viena La Vieja".

Madrigal is an elite group of students from advanced chorus. Mrs. Moore selects the students. They specialize in songs from the Renaissance period (1450-1600). But they do sing a variety of songs such as Spanish, French, Italian, and modern. They sing a lot of their music a cappella or with the use of recorders or a harpsichord.

Plans are now being made for the annual Christmas Feast tentatively scheduled for Dec. 20. The Christmas Feast is held every year. It started as a pot luck supper and turned into what it is today. Every year they have a cassata and figgy pudding. The feast usually ends with a song fest.

The group is available for out of school activities. Anyone interested in having this group perform may contact Mrs. Moore.

Library To Hold Book Fair In Dec.

There will be books by the dozen on display in Conference room #2 in the library. The library is sponsoring a paperback book sale from Dec. 9 to the 20th, covering every topic possible. They will have fiction and nonfiction, current best sellers and favorite old classics.

It has been explained that the library will order a certain amount of books and sell only that many books. Personalized orders will not be taken. Only books on hand will be sold. There will be a 10 and 30 discount. Any students having ideas for books are welcome to talk to the librarians.

This is a good time, according to the librarians, to take advantage of the sale because of rising book costs.

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Scott Scholastic Awards Still Open for Seniors

The SAFB Officers' Wives' Club still has three scholastic awards available to high school seniors graduating the calendar year 1975.

Applications for these awards must be dependents of military personnel on extended active duty stationed at Scott Air Force Base subsequent to Feb. 15, 1975 and must be residing with his or her military sponsor. The awarding of the scholastic awards will be limited to those students seeking to enroll in accredited college.

The scholastic awards will be based on the following: a) scholastic standing, b) leadership, c) ability to work successfully at college level.

Any seniors interested should see Mrs. Mathews in the Guidance Office

Gym Classes Try Coed Volleyball

The gym classes have recently engaged in something known as coed volleyball.

Each gym class divided into four teams of upper-classmen and four teams of under-classmen. Then the teams from each class changed gyms and played volleyball following normal rules.

To their surprise, most girls found that not all guys are as coordinated and strong as they think they should be. Also the guys found that all girls are not as dainty and helpless as they seem either.

Mrs. Matyas said that they did a good job of converting the ballhogs, or just as bad, the standees into team workers.

Following coed volleyball there will be coed volleyball tournaments after school so those who are interested should start getting teams together



Miss Bonnie Junker cuts the cake students presented her on her return to OTHS after an extended illness.

Miss Junker has since announced her engagement to Mr. Mike Meyer, a teacher at Central Junior High School.

They will be married at St. Peter's Cathedral in a 7 p.m. candlelight service on Dec. 27.

New Mall Helps Teens

The St. Clair Mall opened on Thursday, Oct. 31.

Many people did not know how to react to the Mall. They commented, "We're glad we don't have to go all way over to St. Louis."

The Mall has several jean stores for the teenagers. They are Union Jack, Jean's West and Chess King. A few other stores for the young people are Fox Moor and The Limited. Garlands and Arther's are for the women and Arnold's is for the men and boys. There are approximately seven shoe stores and a pet store with puppies, snakes, agiana lizards, guinea pigs, mice, fish, and hamsters.

Open till Dec. 20

Yearbook Sales Extended

Yearbook sales have not been successful enough to give the students the kind of yearbook they both want and deserve.

In order to give students and faculty a further opportunity to purchase, we are continuing the sales

until noon on Dec. 20. However, the student must indicate on the following form that he intends to purchase.

Clip the signed form and return it to room 133. A reservation will then be held for you until noon, Dec. 20.

Yes, I do want to order a 1975 Panther but I wish to defer payment until a later date. Please place my name on the subscription list. I agree to pay \$7.00 in room 133 anytime after 2:35 before Dec. 20, 1974. If my payment is not in by that date, I understand that my name will be taken off the subscription list and no yearbook will be ordered for me.

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SPORTS

Roundballers Open At Home Saturday

O'Fallon's Roundballers return five lettermen to open their 74-75 season this Saturday against Mater Dei in the Panther's gym.

The team will rely on its defensive play this season. Coach Pace feels that a team can't win without a strong defense. The main part of each practice is spent on drills to over emphasize and improve on a player's weaknesses. The coaches want five well-balanced players on the floor.

One of the four returning seniors who lettered last year is 6'3", 185 pound Dale Averick. Dale's strength lies in his ability to score from both inside and out. Senior Ken Betts, a 6'5", 170 pound, two year letterman is also a big scoring threat. Betts plays defense well, too.

The other two year letterman are

Seniors Steve Curran and Rick Jones. Curran is 6'4", 210 pounds and his strength lies in his ability to rebound and play good defense. Jones stands at 5'11" and weighs 155 pounds. He is a good ball-handler and a good shot from outside.

The junior letterman is 6'2", 160 pound Brian Holland. Holland is also a good outside shot and plays defense well. Others that should help the team this year are Mike Betts, Dave Rowe, Mark Himrichs, Dan Beckert, Bill McClure, and Mark Oldfield.

Soph Football Post Winning Record At 4-3

The O'Fallon Panthers' sophomore football team ended the season with a record of 4-3.

They fell to the hands of two conference teams, Mascoutah and Roxana, and were beaten by Althoff, a non-conference team. The teams the Panthers beat were Bethalto, Highland, Woodriver, and Jerseyville.

The team's offense was led by Terry Tibrend and Mark Oldfield. Both boys saw varsity action this year. The team's defense was led by Scott Brannon, Steve Mueller, Danny Baldus, Greg Baker, Andy Dickenson and Alan Holton. Both Steve Mueller and Dan Baldus had a lot of varsity time this year.

The others that played varsity, Dan Baldus, Steve Mueller, Mark Oldfield, Jim Whitten and Terry Tibrend could not play sophomore fither.

Coach Bridell and Coach Ray were pleased with the quality of play put in by the squad this year. The coaches feel the season could have ended more pleasant if it wasn't for a drop of morale in the players toward the end of the season.

Varsity Football Squad End Frustrating Season

O'Fallon High School's varsity football team closed the most unsuccessful season in the school's history with a 3-6 overall record and a 3-4 conference record.

At the fall banquet numerous team awards were given. Russ Thoman received "Most Valuable Player," best running back and team co-captain. Mark Klaus received co-captain and most improved player. Mr. Inspiration went to Paul Bushmann.

Best offensive line man went to Mark Coville. Steve Curran received best defensive lineman and Brian Holland received best defensive back.

The season started good as the Panthers dropped Bethalto, 14-9. In the next game, Edwardsville stomped on O'Fallon, 37-6. O'Fallon came back the week afterwards crushing Highland, 36-14. As injuries began to hit the team Wood River surprised O'Fallon, 10-6. Bouncing back again, the Panthers trounced Jerseyville, 24-8.

Homecoming turned failure as Mascoutah barely squeezed by the gridders, 17-13. The following week was a nightmare as O'Fallon was buried by Althoff, 33-8. Roxana was the next team to humiliate the Panthers, 31-15. The last game of the season was no different as O'Fallon was upset by previously winless Triad, 24-22.

Eight O'Fallon players received post season honors in conference. Steve Curran received both first team defense and second team offense. Russ Thoman received first team offense. Junior Brian Holland got first team defense. On second team two O'Fallon players were named. Mark Klaus was on defense and Dave Gift was on offense. Mark Coville, Ron Summer, and Kevin Dzombak all received honorable mention.

Boardmen Prepare For Edwardsville

The OTHS chess team has an upcoming match against Edwardsville on Dec. 9 in the cafeteria.

The boardmen are now 2-2 accepting defeat to East St. Louis and Lincoln. O'Fallon beat Bellville East by a score of 15-10 with Roy Newcomb, Steve Morrese, Mike Clington, Jim Williams, and John Hangleben winning their matches. Their other victory was over Assumption with a score of 25-0. All 8 players on the Varsity team won the matches.

Mr. Ben Lentz, the sponser, said the team will be meeting some tough competition with schools like Bellville West and Alton in the remainder of their season.



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Andy Barfknecht practices holds on teammate Kevin Dzombar in preparation for their upcoming match against Triad on Dec. 5.

Frosh Gridders Finishes 2-5-1

The frosh football squad finished the season with a disappointing 2-5-1 record.

The two victories came against

Ping-Pong Starts Before Vacation

Intramural ping-pong championships at O'Fallon will take place in December.

Sponsor Mr. Ferry will choose the exact date after the Thanksgiving holiday. The tourney will be over a two day span. Anyone wishing to participate should listen to the daily announcements for further instructions.

Highland and Alton. Macintosh accounted for the lone draw during the year. The Panthers fell victim to Althoff, Bethalto, Belleville East, Wood River, and Jerseyville.

The offense was headed by quarterback Scott Mathews who lead in passing, rushing, and scoring. Greg Klein, Larry Schackelford, and Tim Kernan contributed to the offensive running attack.

The defensive unit was highlighted by Art Aho and line man Bob Cook. Tim Kernan and Dave Hopkins also played consistently well throughout the year.

Inexperience hindered the team throughout the year. However, Coach Stone and Coach Grimmer were impressed with the determination of this squad.

Matmen Have New Concepts

A poor turnout in varsity wrestling this year may prove costly as the team returns only five lettermen.

The five lettermen are Kevin Dzombar, John Santoro, Andy Barfknecht, Ken Moreland, and Joe Joiner. These wrestlers will be the bulk of the team and others will fill in remaining spots.

A new coach, Mr. Matykar, has

introduced new concepts to the team. A new style of take-down and other moves should surprise many OTHS opponents.

The J.V., unlike varsity, has a considerably good turnout of around 30 guys. Inexperience is the main problem with this group. The coaches expect a slow start, but it will pick up as the season progresses.

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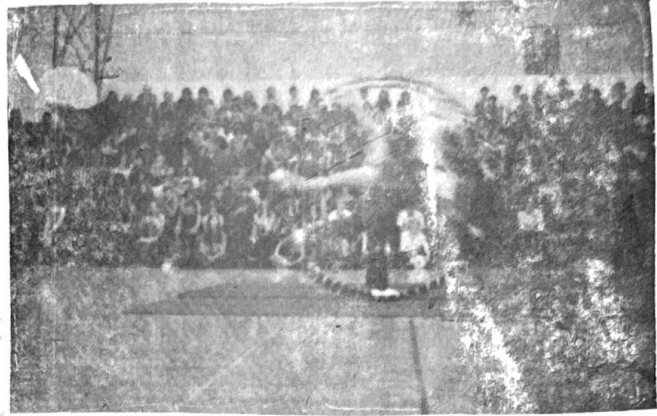
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Assemblies Relieve Students and Teachers From Normal Routine



Terry Henderson demonstrates the wheel.



Terry and Ursula in the wheel together.

One of the favorite school activities of the student and faculty here as OTHS is the assemblies.

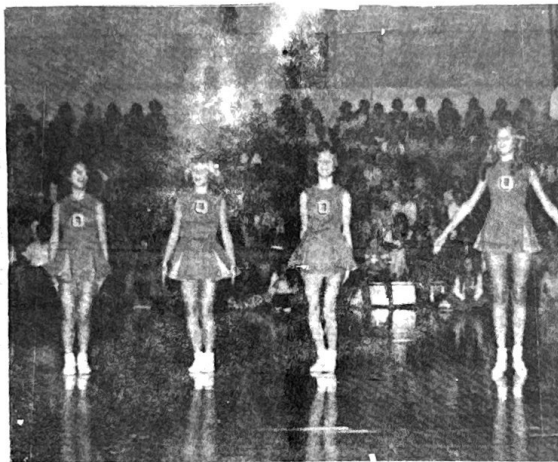
This year, there have been four assemblies, including one pep rally. During this time, students and the faculty get a break from either their third or second hour class.

The pep assembly started off the football season and the opening game against Bethalto.

"First Gear" also made an appearance here. They repeated their concert later in the boy's gymnasium.

Terry and Ursula Henderson displayed their acrobatic talent by performing stunts on a wheel, trampoline and floor mats.

The latest assembly was Jean Max-Sam, a young man from Haiti, who performed for the student body by playing the bongo drums. He spoke of the ancestry and the culture of the people of Haiti. Jean



The J.V. Cheerleaders promote spirit at a pep rally.

Max-Sam also had a female assistant who demonstrated the native dances of Haiti.

Concerning the Jean Max-Sam assembly, the general consensus among the students is that it was sheer boredom. Some students indicated that they would have rather stayed in their classes than sit in that assembly for an hour.

Most students seemed to have enjoyed Terry and Ursula Henderson, primarily because of the student involvement. "First Gear", appealed to a majority of the students, mostly because they perform the type of music that is popular with teenagers.

As for the pep assembly, alot of students and faculty really enjoy them but they feel pep rallies are much too short. It seems that just when the pep rally begins, it is finished.



Terry shows his talent on the trampoline.



Ursula Henderson demonstrates the difficulty of a backbend.