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Art students Kevin Nabb, Cindy Zollner, Becca Hines, Nancy Moody, and Dan Thompson talk over plans for their entries in the Scholastic Art Awards Contest.

Art Students Prepare Entries for Contest

National Scholastic Magazine will present their Scholastic Art Awards Contest exhibition Feb. 8-22 at Famous-Barr downtown St. Louis. Sometime in the month, the art classes of OTHS will visit the exhibition. Afterwards, the students will go to the Art Museum in Forest Park.

This will be the 48th year of the National Scholastic Art Awards program. The program's purpose is to encourage student achievement in creative art.

With the cooperation of public sponsors, Scholastic Magazine Inc. conducts this program every year.

The Famous-Barr Company in St. Louis sponsors the Eastern Missouri Regional Exhibition.

Classifications include the fields of drawing, print making, painting, design, three-dimensional art and photography.

Students are given the opportunity of having local recognition with regional exhibitions. The national honors are cash awards, gold medals, scholarships and the honor of having their work displayed in New York at the National High School Art Exhibition.

Only students currently and regularly enrolled in public and non-public schools in grades 7-12 are eligible.

The emphasis of this program is creativity; so all entries submitted must be original.

The National Association of Secondary School Principals has placed the Scholastic Art Awards program on to the Advisory List of National Contests and Activities for 1974-75.

Mardi Gras Dance Begins Annual Affair For OTHS Foreign Language Department

Mardi Gras Evening, an evening of dancing sponsored by the Foreign Language Dept. on Feb. 8, will climax the pre-Lenten season for OTHS.

Music for the evening will be provided by "Blizzard." The dance will

begin at 8:00 p.m. and last until 11:00.

Finger foods from around the world will be available in the concession stand. On display will be projects from the various language classes.

The Language Dept. hopes to make this pre-Lenten celebration an annual event. Most foreign countries climax this season with celebrations familiar to the Mardi Gras of New Orleans, but are variously known as Carnivals.

In Spanish countries there are always colorful parades and gala competitions. Girls from different neighborhoods, wearing costumes in their own neighborhoods distinctive color, vie with each other for the Carnival dancing laurels.

All along the Rhine River, German cities keep vividly alive the pre-Lenten festivals. Especially in Cologne, there is a large Carnival (originally meaning to leave off meat) and a king and queen are chosen to preside over the weekend immediately preceding the beginning of Lenten. These days are called "Crazy Days" and is a time in which "anything goes."

France celebrates the season in a similar way. A king and queen are chosen from some social organization and they preside over festive activities which include parades and numerous balls.

Tickets for the OTHS pre-Lenten Carnival will be available at the door. Prices are 1.50 for couples or \$1.00 for singles.

Frolic Tryouts Next Week

Tryouts for February Frolic 1975 will be held Feb. 3 and 4, at both 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

Acts for the Frolic, to be held Feb. 22 in the boys' gym, do not have to be perfected by tryout time.

Any student or faculty member is eligible for participation in this annual variety show.

All kinds of acts are needed for the Frolic: singers, musicians, comedy acts, or dancers. Participants may enter any type of entertainment and all combinations, solos, duets, trios, or groups, are acceptable.

Mrs. Moore, Mr. Fulton, and Mr. Greenberg will evaluate the entries for acceptance into the Frolic itself.

The February Frolic is an annual event sponsored by the drama and music departments. According to Mrs. Moore, the object of the event is to furnish entertainment for the student body and to give students a showcase for their many talents.

The money charged for admission will be added to music and drama club treasuries for use throughout the year.

Slave Auction Plans Readied

Slaves will again be auctioned off by the Science Club in their annual auction at 3:35 p.m. Feb. 19 in the school auditorium.

Slaves to be auctioned off by auctioneers Chris Baxter and Darryl Jinkerson include Cindy Krohn, Kim Baker, Becca Hines, Barb Adamcik, Paula Sanders, Steve Joyce, Alan McAtee, Jim Krohn, Kenny Dan-

iels, Kevin Dzombar, Gary Clifford and Barb Knewitz.

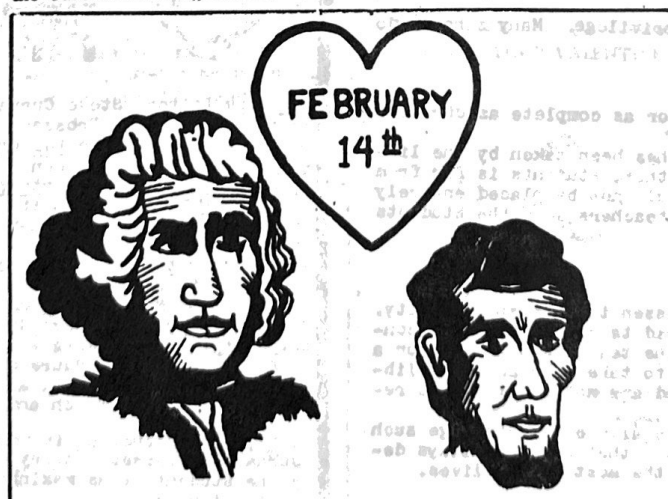
The slaves will be held captive for two days, Thursday Feb. 20 and Friday Feb. 21.

Although slaves are the traditional attraction at this auction, new games and products are added each year to add to the appeal.

This year there will be a number of baked goods, furnished by members of the club on sale. There will be a "Let's Make a Deal Game" in which bidders vie for one of three doors, with no knowledge of what is behind it.

If possible, a puppy will be available for sale. Parties by different teachers will be auctioned off.

There will also be a lottery which promises two \$10 bills for the lucky ticket holders. Ticket may be purchased at the door for 25¢.



OTHS will observe Lincoln's birthday, Tuesday, Feb. 12, as a holiday. Although Washington's birthday, Feb. 22, is observed by federal employees, OTHS will not have the day off.

EDITORIALS



Bleacher Brats Add Cheer

This year, I think, but I'm not sure, that school spirit is actually trying to sneak into our school. I can see it at the basketball games in the form of a bunch of guys called the Bleacher Brats, but it seems that it still hasn't had the time to slip into the wrestling matches.

I suppose that during the football, cross country, golf, and tennis seasons, this spirit was busy making the rounds to other area schools and it didn't see fit to visit OTHS. I only hope that it becomes acquainted with several people at O'Fallon in order to spur interest in the upcoming February Frolics, baseball and track season, and other school activities.

However, I must warn you, if you do happen to see this spirit wandering around at a school event, be careful, because it is known to be extremely contagious and can spread

a good feeling to a lot of people in a short amount of time.

Anne Britt

Library Behavior Appalling

I am appalled at the behavior of some students in the library. They seem to believe that the library is a place to go to talk or play games. They don't seem to realize how good a library we have.

We are lucky to have this privilege. Many schools do

not provide facilities as large or as complete as our library.

I also feel the action that has been taken by the library personnel in reprimanding these students is far from severe. The problem, however, should not be placed entirely upon the students. Many of the teachers send the students

over to the library in order to lessen their responsibility.

I feel that the teachers should take a little more control in the library. Many of the teachers take off for a coke or to just visit the lounge to take a break. The librarians are not there to teach and are not qualified to replace a teacher.

As usual though when you are allowed a privilege such as this you abuse it. It's a shame that we must always destroy the things which benefit us the most in our lives.

Tony Peach

Reviews

Record Albums

This is The Moody Blues - The Moody Blues

After being together for ten years, the Moody Blues have disbanded. They say the reason for this sudden break-up is that their creative well has run dry. They got together to record a last album, but the music they recorded did not live up to their own standards.

So instead they put together this album, which contains most of their greatest hits. If you like the sound of the Moody Blues, then buy this album, since it is a showcase for their best works.

The Alex Harvey Band

Here is the English version of Frank Zappa. Not much more can be said of him, except that his band sounds like the Mothers of Invention.

Rock and Roll Animal - Lou Reed

Although this album is not a new one, I will review it anyhow. Yes

folks, Lou Reed is a tag. And it's also true that he plays and sings songs that were done originally by other bands. And it's also true that the songs that are his own are not very good. But still, when he does other peoples songs, he does them with a style that is fairly good. He and his band have a hard rock and roll sound. His most well-known song, "Sweet Jane" is on this album.

Movies

This year seems to be the time of situation comedies. Beginning with Burt Reynolds "Longest Yard" then onto Art Carney's "Harry and Tony" and Billy Wilders production of "Front Page". The movie is a revival of an old Broadway production, this time starring Academy Award winner Jack Lemmon and another fine actor Walter Matthau. The com-

bination of these two has been very entertaining in past movie and plays.

This movie is no different. They pull together to form one of the funniest comedies of the year. The story begins with the sounds of the press room as a background for

Walter Matthau's screams of discontent over the late arrival of Jack Lemmon. However Jack has other ideas on his mind besides covering any story. It seems that Jack has decided to divorce his typewriter for a concert pianist from Boston. But his boss Walter Matthau has other ideas for Jack. Walter wants Jack to cover a big hanging the next morning.

However the train tickets are for the train that night and Jack refuses

to change them. Before leaving Jack throws a party for the boys in the press room at the city hall.

During the party Carol Burnett, girlfriend of the man to be hung, walks in. She is a little mad about the whole thing and they gave her in the paper. The writers have no pity for the Twelfth Street prostitute!

It begins to look as if Walter has lost the fight to keep Jack. Then, the prisoner escapes only to be accidentally caught by Jack Lemmon in the press room. He can't resist the story in front of his eyes. There is still enough news blood in him to hammer out just one more story.

Unfortunately the press room becomes Central Station. Jack finds it harder and harder to hide his prisoner. Then his whole story breaks open.

Don't worry Jack gets to the station, but does he get to Boston? Well, you will just have to go see the movie to find out the answer to that question.



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Winter works its magic on the sleeping branches of a tree.

Scott Additions May Affect OTHS

Additional people moving to Scott AFB in the near future could have an impact on O'Fallon and OTHS. One of the major factors affecting O'Fallon, as well as surrounding communities, will be housing. This is expected to be especially critical during the months of June and July.

Officials are anticipating the arrival of approximately 2,700 families. They hesitate, however, to estimate how many of these will find housing in O'Fallon. On this, of course, depends the influx of students to already crowded OTHS.

OTHs administration indicates there are no immediate plans being made to accommodate such a student increase. At the present, everyone is simply waiting to see what happens.

The reason for this big move is that Military Airlift Command (MAC) is taking over the transport group from Tactical Air Command (TAC). The TAC group was operating at Langley Air Force Base, Va.

With the transfer of this group came the C/130's under their command. Since these airplanes are now at Scott, the people now stationed at Langley will be transferred to Scott.

Communication Service and World Weather Service are also moving to Scott. The addition of these two groups will add still more people to Scott AFB and the local area.

State Scholarship Commission Makes Major Finance Changes

There recently have been changes made in the major financial aid program of the Illinois State Scholarship Commission.

Free Hour Movies Return To OTHS

There is a great possibility movies will return to O'HS students. Movies could be presented for entertainment during free hours and for freshmen in study hall.

Three years ago they did show movies during free hours. Now students are again wanting some sort of entertainment for their spare time. On certain days of the week different movies could be shown such as comedies, adventures, and mysteries. Even cartoons might be shown occasionally.

Earlier, films were provided to the school at no cost. Various companies sent them just for advertisement purposes. If such a plan were to be reinstated Mr. Mitchell would have to make the arrangements to get them.

The only problem would be finding films for advertising instead of renting them out. Mr. Mitchell would also have to make up a schedule showing the movies. Equipment could sometimes be a problem since projectors may not always be available.

Two Assemblies For February

Two assemblies scheduled for February should provide music and entertainment.

The first assembly of the month will be the return of the musical, variety, and comedy group, "Free Fare". On Feb. 17, at 9 a.m. in the boy's gym there will be a free concert for all students and teachers to enjoy.

"Free Fare" will return in the evening to give another concert. Tickets will be sold in advance for \$1.75 or at the door for \$2.50.

On Feb. 27 at 9 a.m. in the boy's gym the "James Dutton Percussion Quartet" will perform for the entertainment of the students and teachers.

This will be their first time to our school. The Quartet performs music with scope and brilliance of classical music, yet they have the emotion of jazz, the intimacy of chamber music, and the excitement of blues rhythms.

In the monetary award program, there have been three changes which apply to all programs of grant assistance, including the regular monetary award program, the Bilingual Scholarship/Grant Program, scholarships for survivors/dependents of police men and firemen killed in the line of duty, and scholarships for survivors/dependents of POW/MIA veterans.

First, Illinois undergraduate students, at any ISSC approved institution, enrolled in at least six credit hours of college work in any semester, are eligible to receive assistance through the Monetary Award Program if they qualify on the basis of financial need.

Second, the maximum amount for which a student may qualify for the Monetary Award Program has been increased from \$1300 to \$1350.

Early Graduate Numbers Increase

Twenty-eight OTHS seniors are graduating at the end of first semester.

Early graduates for this year include Patricia Austin, Lucy Baker, Shirley Bugger, Terry Carrico, Kim Carroll, Cindy Cook, Steve Cristel, Connie Ellet, Debbie Foppe, Lois Getz, Cathy Habermehl, Jim Hill, Tim Houlihan, Lisa Ingle, Cindy Jarrell, Venicia Johnson, Nancy Kombrink, Jeanette Louis, Don Luge, Charlotte Mahan, Becky McCaw, Rhonda Moore, Roy Newcomb, Fran O'Toole, Nancy Schaefer, Darlene Stitzel, Patti War Hoover, and Gale Willeford.

Graduating early at OTHS is becoming more popular by the year. Early graduates in 1970 were discouraged; therefore, only two seniors had the privilege of graduating in January.

In 1971, the number jumped from two to six. In 1972, the number went to 13.

By 1973, the number of early graduates had increased to 25. Last year the number dropped by 10, but this year the number moved back up to 28.

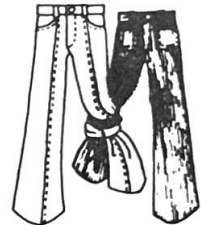
This amount is available only toward tuition and mandatory fees.

Third, the monetary awards will be made available to eligible students for up to five years of undergraduate study or until the student receives a bachelor's degree or an equivalent amount of college credit.

The final application deadline for the 1975-1976 Monetary Award Program is Oct. 1, 1975.

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English Department Builds Basic Communication Skills

Here at OTHS the primary objective of the English Department is that each teacher will provide each student with the opportunity to practice his or her communication skills of reading, writing, speaking and listening in every course offered by the department.

Ground Hog Day

Tradition Based

On Candlemas

Ground Hog Day is the day on which, according to very popular superstition, one can forecast the weather. The date is Feb. 2.

On this day the ground hog emerges from his winter underground home. If he sees his shadow he will return to his home, and winter continues for six more weeks. If when he comes out and the sky is cloudy and he doesn't see his shadow, it will be a very early spring.

This superstition is believed to have originated in the United States, but is actually a variation of the European tradition that a nice sunny Candlemas Day, which was also Feb. 2, indicates that its going to be a long cold winter.

Candlemas was celebrated by the Jewish by taking their new born forty days after their birth and presenting them to the Lord. Mary made this trip to the Temple forty days after Christmas. So Feb. 2 was known as the Purification of the Virgin Mary.

In Luxembourg, the children celebrated it by holding candles that were blessed by a priest, and knocking at doors of elderly people and singing a song about their lights.

In Mexico, the sacred doll representing the Christ child that was placed in the manger on Christmas Eve was taken on Feb. 2. This event is called Dia de La Candelaria. It is then dressed and placed on a tray of flowers.

Thus, a peculiarly American tradition, seems to have its foundation in religious expressions of other countries.

A secondary objective is to provide each student courses in which to practice those communication skills while learning three basic kinds of information: A) the nature of language and more specifically the English language; B) the nature of mass media as purveyors of information and the effect that the media are having on society; C) the nature of various literary forms that have helped form and perpetuate the cultural heritage of this country.

Each year that he is in high school, the student will be able to choose from three types of English courses established according to the three basic communication skills.

Category I involves Reading Courses. In these courses, the student will concentrate on improving reading skills, with secondary emphasis on the other communication skills writing, speaking, and listening. Seventy-five percent of the student's work in this course will involve developing reading skills with a corresponding percentage of the students grade earned for the work.

Existing category one courses are Basic Reading, Individualized Reading, Reading for the College Bound.

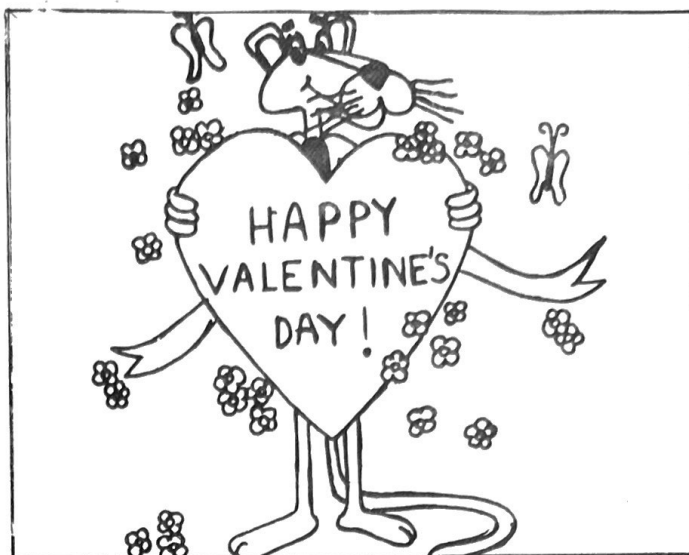
In category two there are writing courses which concentrate on improving students' writing skills, with secondary emphasis on reading, speaking and listening skills.

The existing category two courses are Written Composition, Expository Writing, Creative Writing, Beginning and Advanced Journalism.

Category three features subject oriented courses. Here there is primary emphasis on reading skills and secondary emphasis on writing, speaking, and listening.

Existing courses in category three are English 3 and 4, Basic Grammar, English Literature, English Proficiency and Review, Film Study, Literature of Minorities, Literature of the Super Natural, Mythology, Science Fiction, Short Story and Vocational English.

OTHs offers a wide selection of English courses in hope of aiding students find the road to better communication in all areas.



Valentine May Be Saint But Cupid Is Little Devil

Saint Valentines is the name given to three different Christian martyrs whose feast day falls on Feb. 14. The custom of Saint Valentines Day may or may not have any connection with the lives of these saints.

There are many explanations for the customs of sending cards of greeting and love tokens. The most plausible one is that it is the survival of a Roman festival which was held on Feb. 15.

A well known symbol of Valentines Day is "Cupid". He is represented as a chubby, naked boy with golden wings and his face is dimpled and smiling. He carries a bow and a quiver of arrows.

Cupid is the son of Mars, the god of war, and Venus, the goddess of love. He is popularly known for his love-potion arrows which supposedly make anyone wounded by one fall in love.

The tradition of sending Valentines to one's sweetheart or close friends seems to have started in Europe. During the last 50 years, however, this tradition has become a special treat for children.

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Debate is for those students who wish to improve their speaking and research abilities. Semester classes offer the fundamentals of debate and allow English credit. However, it is not necessary to be taking or have taken Debate to be a member of the team.

For those who like to travel, there are approximately 15 major tournaments per year. More than half are out of the area.

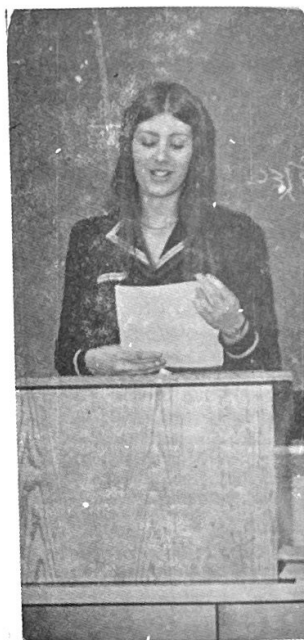
Some of the upcoming tournaments include ones at O'Fallon, Bradley University, Eastern Illinois University, Granite City, Peoria, and

Homewood Flossmore.

Varsity members of the team include Wendy Markee, Steve Stanton, Lynn Minton, and Brian Muehling.

Debate, one of the most demanding of all activities at OTHS, is in need of more members, according to Mr. Waggoner, debate coach.

Anyone interested is invited to see Mr. Waggoner for details. However, it should be stressed that debate is not for the person with 15 different activities. Scholarships are available for those students who excel in debate.

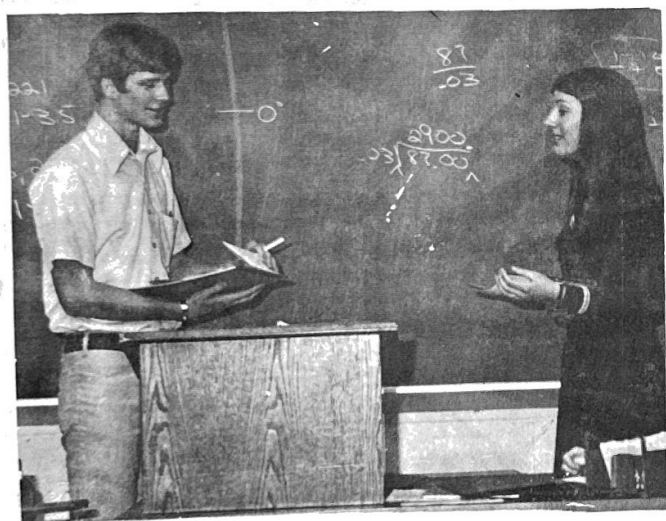


Wendy Markee tries out her speech before fellow debaters.

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Girls Volleyball

Girl's volleyball season came and went rather un-noticed around the halls here at OTHS, therefore many students, as well as faculty, missed seeing an exciting sport being played.

Perhaps you have seen the volley-

ball demonstrated in past olympics on TV if so, then you have a basic idea of the type of games the girls had for participation. The conventional fingers on the ball, with lifting and pushing has been eliminated from the game.

Frosh Take Third In Own Tourney

This year's O'Fallon Frosh Tourney found Belleville Althoff in first, Highland in second and the Panthers holding third.

In first round action, O'Fallon man-handled Freeburg, 50-32, Highland overwhelmed Belleville West, 67-55, Dupo was killed by Althoff, 85-33, and Triad upset Belleville East, 51-40.

In the losers bracket Belleville West blew Freeburg off the court 57-29, and Belleville East stomped

Dupo, 72-46. It was West over East, 66-43, for the consolation championship.

Girls B-Ball Prepare For First Game

The girls basketball team will take on Triad at their gym Feb. 11.

Tryouts proved to be successful as the coaches were pleased with the number of girls trying out. They also feel that the girls have much individual talent, but the question is can they get it together by their first game. The girls who made the team are: Debbie Alberts, Lynn Albrecht, Kim Baker, Diane Cryder, Ann Eikenberry, Shelly Flynn, Dolores Hunbostel, Cindy Krohn, Gina Rainwater, Judy Reno, Chris Schwaegel, Tracy Sharp, Nancy Tonies, Debbie West, Sue Wignasky, and Rita Yarbrough.

January Bad Month For Frosh & Soph

January proved to be a bad basketball month for underclassmen as the sophomores dropped three and the frosh squad split four games.

The sophomore team fell victim to Wood River, 68-35, Althoff, 64-54, and Mascoutah, 60-47. The freshmen pulled out victories over Wood River, 63-58 and Wesclin, 68-36. They were less fortunate against Althoff, 53-52 and Mascoutah, 55-47.

The sophomore coach, Mr. Toler, feels the main cause of their losing is that there are six of his players up on varsity. Their record now stands at 1-8.

The frosh currently carry a 7-6 record. Coach Ray is pleased with his squad's play. However, he feels they haven't reached full potential. He expects for his team to close the season very strong.

B-Ballers Start New Year Right

O'Fallon's Varsity Basketball will be at home tonight battling the Knights from Triad.

Last week in the Belleville East Tournament, O'Fallon took a low seventh place. In first round action Belleville West crushed the Panthers, 74-47. Dale Averick hit 10 points to lead O'Fallon.

Althoff was the next team in the tourney. O'Fallon again came out a loser, 78-56. Rick Jones scored 12 points in the losing cause. Next O'Fallon tangled with Murphysboro for third place consolation. O'Fallon came out on top 77-55. Dale Averick and Steve Curran led O'Fallon with 22 and 20 points, respectively.

In recent weeks the Panthers have played quite well. The only loss

besides the tournament was to Granite City North, 60-45. Not one Panther reached double figures.

In January, O'Fallon was victorious in three scheduled outings. O'Fallon's first victim was conference foe battle, the Panthers overwhelmed Roxana, 52-48.

The coaches feel O'Fallon could finish the season with a winning record if they continue to play good defense. The slow paced offense Bethalto, 49-42. Next, the Panthers bumped off highly ranked Althoff, 57-49. In another conference has helped the squad cut down on turn-overs.

Their record now stands 5-10 overall and 3-4 in conference play.

End Season

The ball is almost rebounded from the waist up on the body parts in this new game of "Power Volleyball", and the slapping of the ball is replaced with snapping of the wrist and use of the back of the hand. Many plays are controlled by what is called the "bump". This skill is performed with the hands folded together, arms together with the elbows down, providing a flat surface on the lower arm, with which to play the ball.

Other skills have interesting names like the "dig", a one arm skill used to play balls that come to the sides of the player. The "dink" is a skill performed with deception in mind, just about the time the opponent thinks you are going to spike the ball, the ball is lightly popped over the front row of players heads, which caused the back row to come sliding on their knees, usually, to try and save the play. The spike, and block for the spike are familiar skills from the conventional game.

Sound exciting? Well it really is! Just ask Diane Cryder, Pam Miller, Tracy Sharp, Nancy Angelo, Chris Schwaegel, Rita Yarbrough or Pat

Bland, they've been playing on the girls' varsity team and can vouch for the fast moving sport. As a team, these gals won all their scheduled games until their last week of play, when they lost their last two home games.

At the regional tournament, O'Fallon was seated against second rated Althoff and lost their chance to advance. Our team had only two games to their experience upon entry to the tournament and next year with more organization and experience will be much more prepared to give other teams a battle for their rightful deserved ranking.

Karen Schmale, Peggy Gorard, Kim Davis, Debbie Albers, Dorothy Reynolds, Cheryl Tiberend, Donna Moser, Carma Blakey and Cheryl Lucas all played Jr. Varsity volleyball. The JV record was not quite as good as the varsity, but as in most situations, win and loss records do not indicate the concentration of effort and the will to win that was required by all that were involved.

To sum up the season, Good job all, we will really get them next season!

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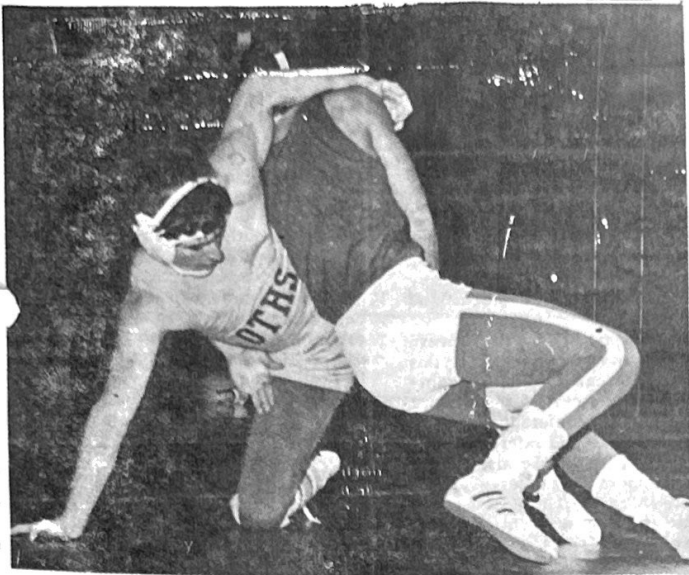
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Above: Dave Kasten initiates a reversal on opponent.
Right: O'Fallon on top in referees position.

JV Squad Tries To End Slide Tonight

O'Fallon's J.V. Roundballers will be put to the test tonight against Triad and tomorrow Mt. Vernon in hopes of stopping their eight game winless slide.

In the most recent outing, the Panthers fell victim to the steelers from Granite City, 53-43. Mike Betts dropped 14 points through the nets in the losing cause.

In past weeks, O'Fallon was blown out by Roxana, 73-53. Mark Hinrichs and Jeff Lucas hit 11 points each. Althoff was another to heat

O'Fallon, 64-50. Mike Betts sank 17 points for the losers. In the only other action since Christmas, Bethalto stunned O'Fallon, 59-50. Mark Hinrichs came through in double figures with 13 points.

Coach Hodgdon feels that the numerous amount of losses is directly associated with the fact that many under-grads have seen J.V. action. The original team was divided by promotions to the varsity squad. Their record now stands at 2-8.

Intramural Basketball Underway

The 1975 basketball intramurals began play last Saturday, with games being played throughout the morning and afternoon.

Games will be played on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, depending on other athletic activities occupying the gym. Members of the Varsity basketball team will be the officials for the games.

This year's competition promises to be much better than in years past. Each team is ranked, according to their talent, and put into two separate divisions. The AA-division will consist of the better teams. The A-division will be derived from those teams considered to be less competitive.

There are nine teams in each division. At the end of the season the top four teams will have playoffs to decide each division winners. The winners of each division will compete for the 1975 intramural championship.

The team which wins the championship will not only have the satisfaction of being O'Fallon's best intramural team, but will also have a chance to play the faculty in a student-faculty game, which will be played later this year.

O'Fallon Matmen Travel To Triad

O'Fallon's Varsity Wrestling Squad will be try to overcome numerous setbacks as they take on Southwestern and Carrollton in a triangular meet tonight at Triad.

O'Fallon lone victory thus far this season, came against Mater Dei Monday night by the score of 48-15 in the Panthers last match, they lost to Roxana by the score of 72-6.

It seems that the coming of the new year brought no resolve to the problems of the Panther wrestling team as they fell victim to Hillsboro, 52-9 and Bethalto, 41-17.

Assumption then crossed the Panther's path which found O'Fallon on the short end of a 55-3 score. Woodriver then routed the Panther's 69-0.

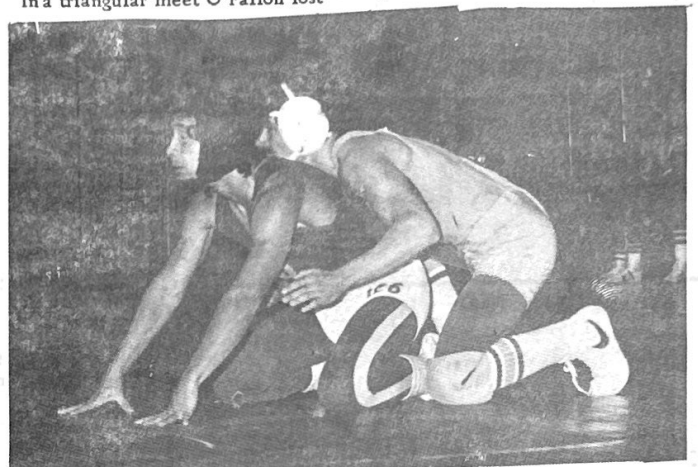
In a triangular meet O'Fallon lost

51-15 against Althoff, and 54-6 against East St. Louis.

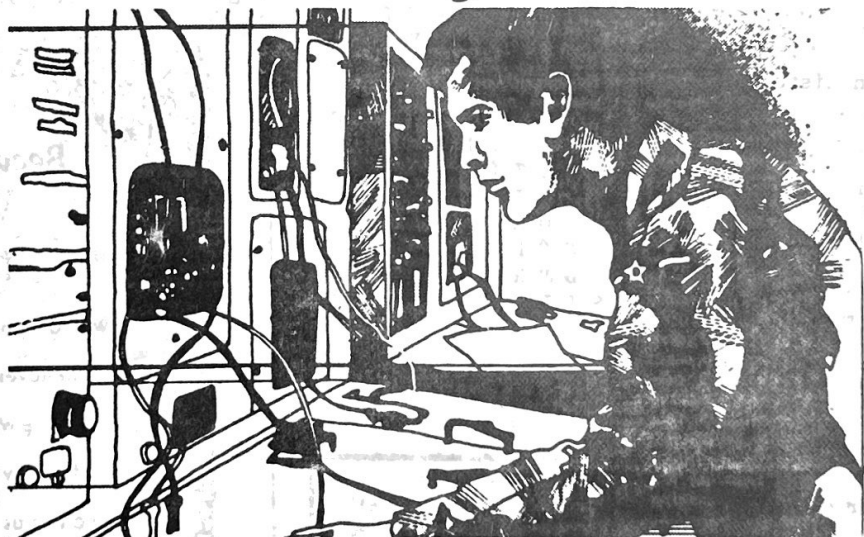
The Edwardsville Tigers were next on the Panthers list, which proved embarrassing, as we lost 60-0. Alton added to O'Fallon's losing streak by the score of 55-6.

There are many reasons for the wrestling team's poor record this season, some of which include lack of experienced players and school support.

You must consider that even though the Panther's record is 1-12, there are some members of the team who are really working hard and deserve some credit. The coaches feel that Andy Barfknecht has been the OTHS most valuable wrestler, since he has won the majority of his matches and is the top point gainer.



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Kemper Insurance Company is sponsoring its 20th annual Traffic Safety Contest.

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A student may show his concern for traffic safety by entering this contest. He can do this in a number of ways. A few ideas are photographs, conferences, newspaper articles, and safety demonstrations. There are many other ways a student may enter.

There are five different categories in which students may enter. They are writing, graphics, overall traffic safety campaign, and publications.

Reply cards are available from teachers on request. The company will send contest entry blanks and various safety information and tips to help the projects off to a good

start. Entries will be chosen by a blue-ribbon panel of the working press. All entries become property of the Kemper Insurance Companies. Deadline for entries is May 1, 1975.

A winning entry can send the student and his advisor on a three day expense paid vacation to Washington, D. C. next June. As one of five top winners, he will visit Congress, tour the White House, and see some of the nation's finest monuments.

There are also cash prizes for individual students. Several prizes are listed under each category.

OTHS Debators In NFL Tournney

Varsity debators Steve Stanton and Brian Muehling have qualified for participation in the National Forensic League District Debate Tournament.

This tournament will be held Feb. 21 and 22 at Eastern Illinois University. The winners will qualify for

the national tournament to be held later in the spring. The debate team will travel to Bradley University this weekend, while the speech team will enter the Individual Events round at Belleville East.

There will also be a speech event at Eastern Illinois University Feb. 7 and 8. The following weekend, Feb. 14 and 15, O'Fallon will host the Illinois Speech and Theatre Association Debate Sectional.

Band Features 1812 Overture

OTHS Panther Band will present a concert 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 16 in the boys' gym.

This concert will feature Tchaikovsky's difficult but famous 1812 Overture, complete with cannons and church bells.

In order to simulate the sound of cannons, bland shotgun shells will be fired into steel oil drums. The churchbell effect will be achieved by beating on two different sized railway rails with a sledgehammer.

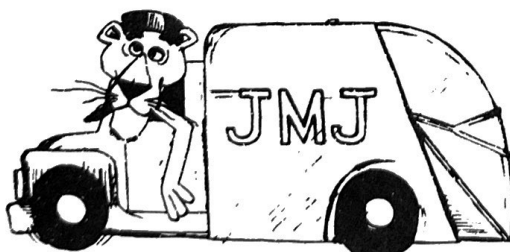
Mr. Ed Fulton, band director, says he has heard these special sound effects before and they have produced excellent results.

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