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Choir members to attend All-State in Louisville

By Amy Gordon

Eight choir members will be traveling to Louisville to participate in the All-State Chorus, which is to be held from February 1-4.

The All-State Chorus is divided into two separate choirs consisting of a SATR (soprano, alto, tenor, bass) group and a SSA (soprano, second soprano, alto) group. The SATR group is a mixture of male and female voices. Anthony Cole will sing with this group as a tenor and Robbie Adams is also in the SATR group representing the highest bass score of the region. The SATR will sing

German, Latin, and English songs ranging from opera chorus to negro spirituals. They will be under the direction of Professor Rodney Lichenberg from UCLA.

Six girls will represent Lone Oak in the SSA group. Stacey Speer was ranked the second in the region as a soprano. Marcey Turner will also sing soprano and April Gordon, Christy Morris, Jennifer Kunzman, and Jaimee Burchard will be among the altos. The SSA group will sing French, Latin, and English songs ranging from French art songs to "Roogie Woogie Ruple Roy" songs. Sandre

Willet from Duquesne University will direct the SSA group. Mrs.

Kathy Hunt Collier, a 1971 L.O.H.S. graduate, will also be accompanying this group for her third year.

The All-Star choir members have been working a total of two and a half months preparing for this event. Both groups will rehearse the first two days in the Hyatt Regency

and give a concert on the third at the Center for Performing Arts. Lone Oak High School wishes the All-State participants the best of luck in their performance.



Photo by Matt Starling

All-State Chorus: Jennifer Kunzman, April Gordon, Anthony Cole, Robbie Adams, Christy Morris, Jaimee Burchard, and Marcey Turner.

Bordess, Toon, McDermott chosen for Golden 100

The Golden 100 is a statewide academic competition for juniors. Annually held in the spring, it takes place at Murray State University (MSU). Stephen Bordess, Kevin Toon, and Dan McDermott were the three

juniors chosen by the guidance counselors to represent Lone Oak High School.

Bordess, Toon, and McDermott were selected because of their grade point averages and their National Merit test

scores. They will travel to MSU on March 5 and 6 to compete with about 100 other juniors on timed tests similar to the ACT. Then they will attend lectures scheduled to be given by various MSU professors.

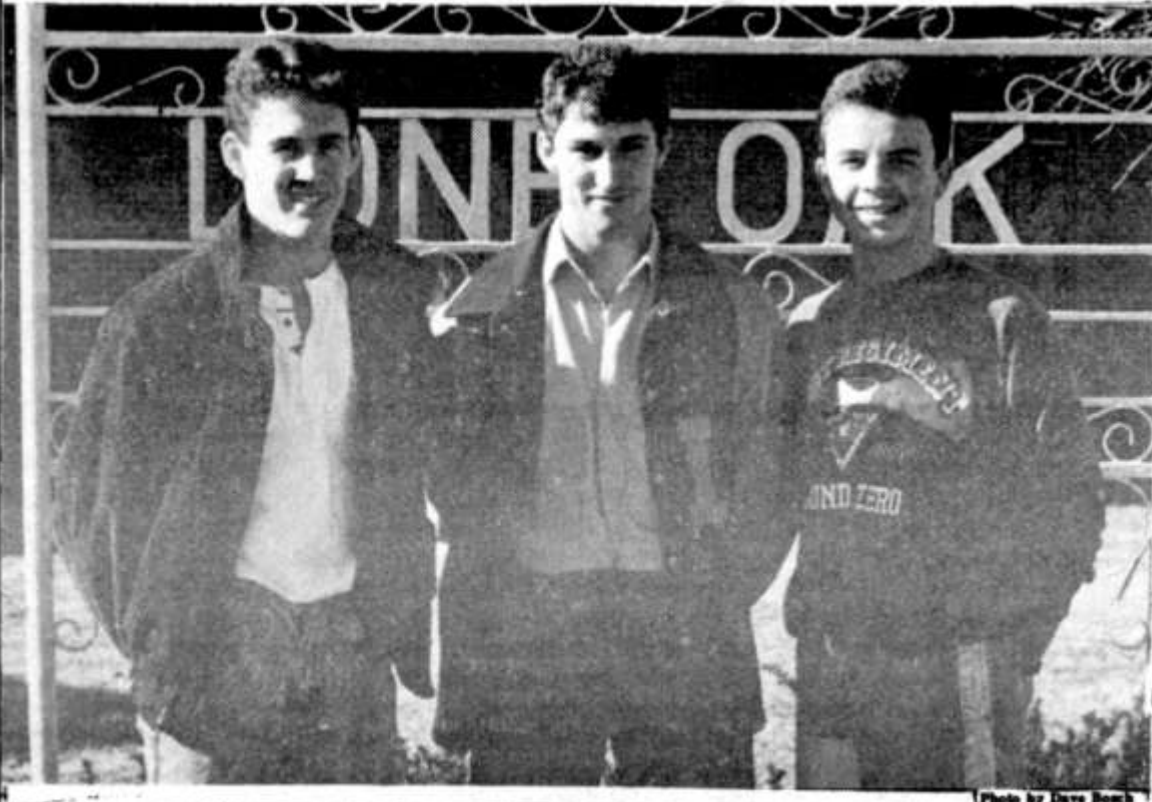


Photo by Dave Beach

Adler, Bahr attend GFIC

By Jennifer Snow

Yentucky's 7th annual "Go For It" conference was held recently at the Flager Center in Louisville.

Shannon Adler and Aimee Bahr attended the state YMCA sponsored conference, which is designed to enhance motivation and camaraderie among participants. The theme of the convention was "You've got to give to live", and many activities were taken part in with that in mind. The students began the three day experience by being split into separate communities which "gave us the opportunity to get to know the people really well", stated Aimee.

Each of the eight communities performed before the group in a talent show. Aimee's group did a skit, "Sunshine Yellow and the

Seven Midgets", and Shannon's, a skit based on the TV show Double Dare.

Participants also held a mini-olympics and took part in priority and goal activities. "Listening to other people talk about their goals helps in determining your own", said Shannon of the goal activities.

"GFIC was the best YMCA conference I've attended. It gave everybody an opportunity to relate as friends and it was really hard to leave," Shannon stated.

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Does cafeteria deserve criticism?

I think it's about time our cafeteria got the praise it deserves instead of all of the complaints and criticisms it gets.

Think about it—if our cafeteria didn't exist, our days would be without as much entertainment. Once in high school, cutting line becomes an "art" and a "challenge," not just a way to be first in line to eat. Getting hustled by Coach Mizell proves to be almost as embarrassing as dropping your tray and everyone clapping.

Then there's all of the times the cafeteria workers run through carrying big bowls, as if they're trying out for the circus selling snacks—"Hot fries!!" "Hot fries!!" Believe me, at that cue you had better move out of the way or be ready to get moved.

If none other than the six (count 'em) chicken nuggets, or the three packages of ketchup we are allowed, it's all hilarious. I personally think it makes perfect

sense to be able to have as much salt as you want, but be deprived of extra protein. Somebody would have made a great philosopher.

Therefore, the injustice our cafeteria receives is unfair. They offer us lots that we wouldn't get from an open campus.

Laura Wallis

Editorial Policy

A school newspaper should not only inform and entertain the community, but also act as a voice for the student body. Therefore, The Oak & editorial staff welcomes and encourages any letters to the editor and guest editorials and editorial cartoons.

A signed, correct copy must be submitted to the editor or journalism sponsor at least one week before the printing date of each issue. The editorial staff reserves the right to edit any submissions, but will inform the writer of any changes.

By Misty Cash
Good-bye fellow classmates! Although most Lone Oak students do not yet realize it, their futures at Lone Oak High School are very uncertain.

McCracken County School Board is struggling to make decisions to finalize plans for extensive

students in the Concord area attended Lone Oak schools 7-12 grades. In 1971 boundary lines were moved and these students were forced to attend Heath 7-12 grades. Some of these students, while living only 2 or 3 miles from Lone Oak schools, were forcibly bussed to Heath High School. This "sacrificial lamb" has

section of the Heath High School district. This option will still require the transfer of L.O.H.S. students to the newly relocated Heath High School for the same reasons as those stated in option 1.

OPTION 3: Consolidate into two McCracken county high schools. Kentucky



construction in McCracken County. Of three possible options, any of the three will result in the transferral of Lone Oak High School students to another school.

OPTION 1: Rebuild a new Heath High School at its present location. This option will result in necessary changes in school boundary lines to provide sufficient enrollment to fully utilize this new school.

In 1971, school boundary lines were changed to replenish declining enrollment at Heath. Prior to 1971,

not been sufficient to offset Heath's continuing decrease in enrollment. According to figures furnished to "Citizens for Schools of Excellence" committee, Heath High School's enrollment has decreased by 134 students in the last 10 years, while Reidland High School has decreased 18 in the same time period, and Lone Oak High School has lost only 4 students.

OPTION 2: Rebuild Heath High School closer to the Concord area, the most densely populated

State Board regulations will not allow a new high school to be built that will house more than 1500 students, so one McCracken County consolidated high school is not an option.

The question is not if Lone Oak High School students will be forcibly transferred, but when and where. I do not prefer any of the three options; I want Lone Oak to remain as it has always been. However, since a choice is inevitable, I think consolidation into two county high schools would be the fairest choice.

Without diplomacy, world wars is imminent

Unless the students of Lone Oak High School have played ostrich and buried their heads in the sand, they all know of the United States' little argument with Lybia.

It seems that we shot down two of their planes when our pilots found that the Lebanese aircraft had their targeting computers on them. The American pilots say it was in self defense, but Lybia claims that is a lie.

The fact no one seems to think about is that if a stone isn't put to this bickering, we might be

facing the frightening reality of war. Not only should we worry about war, but the possibility of the Soviet Union joining Lybia's cause. America does not need to fight their strongest rival, and the last thing the world needs is for the two super powers to be nulling out their weapons, which includes a formidable arsenal of nuclear bombs that could destroy the world entirely.

All across the country stand monuments recognizing the soldiers that died or were lost in

battle. Widows were left with nothing more than the shadows of their husbands, and children were left without fathers.

Through all the pain, some still believe that glory lies underneath the surface of war, but is the price that must be paid worth it? War brings death to all, whether it is a person's own death, or the death of a close relative or friend. We should make the world understand, we do not need another war.

Michelle Roberts

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Caution needed on icy roads

By Dave Rosch

With winter here and bad weather soon to come, many drivers are going to face snow and ice for the first time. Snow and ice are much different than any other driving conditions, including rain. Even the most experienced driver has found himself stuck in a ditch or hurled into the path of another car under these conditions saying, "I don't know what happened!"

Driving on snow and ice can be made easier though if the following steps are followed:

1. Make sure you're car is properly equipped with either all season or snow tires with no signs of wear.
2. Clear your windshield and all windows completely. Not only is it unsafe to drive with snow and ice on any part of the windows, it is against the law.
3. Take off slowly. Give yourself time to get used to the conditions and maintain a slow speed.
4. Don't stop suddenly. Stops should

be planned far in advance. If an emergency does occur, pump the brakes to keep the tires from locking. Locked tires lose all control of steering. Never downshift suddenly, this can be the same as locking the brakes.

5. Don't turn away from a skid. If the left side of the back of the car comes around turn left to compensate, until you gain control.

6. Plan your turns in advance. Not only does this allow you to turn safely, it also allows traffic around you to adjust when you signal.

7. Always remember that ice is at it's worst when it starts to melt and begins to refreeze. Be careful when you see the snow and ice is starting to melt off the roads and you decide to get out. Special precautions need to be made when travelling over bridges. Those are the last areas of the road to melt.

8. Watch out for the other drivers. Other cars can't manoeuvre as

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Comcast Cable celebrates 10th birthday

By Robert Warner

It happened ten years ago; a new source of entertainment called cable television arrived in the Lone Oak area. This marked a new era in television by providing, via satellite, all types of services beamed directly into area homes.

In 1979, Comcast Cable only offered twelve basic services and one premium service to Paducah. The original cable line-up consisted of mainly local independent channels and a 24-hour news, financial reports, and sports channel.

Today Comcast Cable Inc. offers three times as many services and four premium services.

The Disney Channel provides family entertainment for the whole family. Cinemax, Home Box Office and The Movie Channel provide viewers over 100 movies each month.

Recently, Turner Network Television (TNT) was added to the cable channel line-up. TNT offers exclusives and premium movies on channel thirty-five. This service is available

twenty-four hours a day.

Comcast offers four religious services: CNN Family Channel, Eternal Word Television Network, Trinity Broadcasting Network, and American Christian Television System.

There are two music services available: Video Hits-One and Music Television.

A 24-hour weather service called The Weather Channel is available with local, regional, national, and

Black Entertainment Television, Lifetime, Nashville Network, Nickelodeon, Nick at Night, Superstation TBS, USA Network, and UGN-Television in Chicago.

Home shoppers can enjoy shopping services like Quality Value Convenience (QVC) 24 hours a day on channel 31 and Video Mall that broadcasts from 3 A.M. until 8 o'clock in the morning on channel 20.



international forecasts. Cable-Satellite Public Affairs Network (C-SPAN) provides coverage of House of Representatives.

Cable News Network and Headline News offer 24-hour news, weather, and sports updates around the clock.

Comcast provides many channels of variety programming like Arts & Entertainment Network,

Who knows what future services will be available in the years ahead. For more information or installation call Comcast Cable at 442-6382.

Students to display talents at Governor's Cup Competition

By Joe Herman

Do you excel in mathematics or history? Or is writing your forte? Well, regardless of which category you're good at, the Governor's Cup Competition may be for you. Governor's Cup is a competition where members from each school compete in chosen areas against other schools in their district. The four major categories, math science, language arts, and social studies, all consist of taking a long written test in which the two top scorers in each area are then allowed to compete at the regional level. Regional winners may then progress to the state level. Only two people from the same school may compete in each category,

but these four areas are not all of the categories of the competition. There is also the composition competition. This consists of a student writing a composition on a topic which is not revealed to him until the time he has to compete. The compositions are graded upon content, punctuation, structure, smoothness of transition, etc. The top two winners of this competition may also advance to regionals. Only one person from each school may compete in this event. Also in the competition is the quick recall category. This is held the same as an academic team match. Two teams of four players

each answer questions asked by a moderator and receive points for each correct answer. The team with the most points at the end of the match wins. The top two teams advance to regionals. Finally that brings us to the last category, the future problem solving competition. Here a team of four players is given a current pressing world problem and asked to list a series of steps and procedures to solve the problem. The top two, unlike in the composition competition, is given to the teams beforehand but the actual problem is not revealed.

The Governor's Cup Competition will be held February 6 through

February 10 after school at Heath High School. It is open to all Lone Oak students. If you have the talent and wish to participate, please contact Mr. Toy for further details.



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Practice makes perfect

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Students in Mr. Toy's Speech and Drama class have recently begun pre-production of "Rest Assured," a comedy to be presented in late March. Standing (L-R): Carolyn Kerins, Kris Miller, Nicki Henderson, Bill Johnston, and Steve Harper.

Senior Superlatives chosen for class of 1989

By Misty Cash
Senior Superlatives for the Class of 1989 were announced on January 12. They are as follows:

Mr. and Miss LOHS: Tim Stonecipher and Karen Wooley

Mr. and Miss Senior: Tim Stonecipher and Karen Wooley

Most Likely to Succeed: Brian Denker and Karen Wooley

Most Talented: Nathan Baker and Donna Engler

Best All-Around: Tim Stonecipher and Kelley Slaffer

Most Outgoing: Mark Overton and Amy Gordon

Friendliest: Kris Miller and Patrice Hart

Class Know-It-Alls: Chris Hollowell and Carolyn Kerins

Most School Spirit: Robyn Stiles and Tim Massa

Most Catching Smile: Alex

Thomas and Jennv Ragwell

Most Attractive: Richard Tracy and Kelley Vaughn

Most Athletic: Brent Gaines and Shari Brantley

Most Fashionable: Stacy Overby and Jill Green

Class Flirts: Tyrone Carden and Leigh McIntosh

Mr. and Miss Wittv: Derek Wildoner and Christy Moore

Most Unforgettable: Chris Nelson and Kyra Atherton

Physical Science Club to sponsor computer dating

By Joe Herman
It is said that love is what makes the world go round. It has also been said that the world runs by computers. Well students at Lone Oak will be exposed to both. The Physical Science Club will, for their fund-raiser, offer a computer dating service this Valentine's Day.

The idea was initiated by the club's sponsor, Mr. Sensing, who was planning on mailing away for the service. But one of the members of the club, Jason Purcell, realized that he could create a program himself

rather easily and without cost to the club. Twelve hours after its conception, he had created a workable computer dating program and the Physical Science Club had its fundraiser. And here's how it will work.

All students will be administered a survey in their homeroom sometime in late January. These surveys will be stored in the computer. Later people wishing to see whom they would be best suited with can purchase a printout of the top ten candidates in the school. Printouts come in sealed

envelopes and will cost one dollar. They will be distributed in homeroom on Valentine's Day. Possible mates are chosen by the number of identical answers that both people share on the survey they completed. Also offered will be a printout of the top ten people just in their class (freshman, sophomore, etc.) for an additional dollar. So even if you're not interested in purchasing a printout for yourself, you are urged to fill out a survey anyway because you still can appear on another's top ten list.

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well either.

9. Don't panic. Many accidents occur due to someone panicing in a difficult situation. Remain calm and avoid the accident.

These are quite basic, but very important rules to follow. Probably the best advise is to use good judgement under these conditions and as always, buckle up!

Archer gets taste of America

By Michelle Roberts
We have an exchange student from Australia, Kathryn (Kathy) Jane Archer.

Kathy's first exposure to America was on the beautiful islands of Hawaii. Her stay was accompanied by rain, but she managed to enjoy her self anyway.

After three or four changes in planes, a quick meal at an airport

popular Australian food that they use the same Australia.

Kathy attended St. Margaret's Ladies College, a private school where she had to wear a uniform, no make up, and no jewelry. She also said that the classes in Australia are not mixed in grades. She has been used to her classmates all being in her grade, not a variety of different classes.

She wants to see as was we use peanut butter.

During her stay, she plans to see New York, New Jersey, and Dallas. That little she has seen of America so far, she likes. She will be here until July, but she has one message for the students here. "Come visit Australia."



Photo by Matt Sterling

McDonald's, and a case of jet lag, Kathy arrived at Nashville where she was greeted by the family she is staying with now.

Her first venture outside in Paducah was a trip to the library. She first got the feeling that she was here by the differences in scenery.

"I was confused at first. Everyone was driving on the wrong side of the road." She says she knew about this, as well as drug stores, Burger Kings, and Taco restaurants, all things that they do not have in much of Australia. To give her a little comfort during her stay, she brought a large jar of vegemite, a

of the month

Song: "Two Hearts" by Phil Collins

Movie: Rain Man

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REM offers new sound for bored listeners

By Chris Titsworth
REM is a southern rock band from Athens, Georgia with a fresh new garage band sound. They now bring us their ninth album Endtimes. It is a compilation of all their best songs from their other albums and a soundtrack.

They have uncovered new versions of "Radio Free Europe," "Gardening at Night," and "Finest Worksong," and have also surfaced "Romance" from the Made in Heaven sound track.
REM is a refreshing change, that might interest some people tired of the same old music. For those who

might have thought that they might like to try REM, or something different, this is an excellent album to start with. With catchy lyrics and driving beats, it is possible for this rebellious college band to catch several new listening ears.

"January Man" not best way to start new year

By Robert Wagner
The January Man is a romantic, comedic mystery about a serial killer. It involves a maverick New York City police detective, played by Kevin Kline, who took a demotion to firefighter to avoid a corruption scandal (really involving his police commissioner brother Harvey Keitel). He's called back to duty by the insufferable blustery mayor, played by Rod Steiger, to track down a serial killer who's unorthodox methods—he uses music,

computers, his parrot, and astrology charts to help solve crimes—infuriate his bosses, mostly because he gets results. Kline only accepts the job provided his brother, the Police Commissioner, played by Harvey Keitel, delivers Mrs. Commissioner, played by Bull Durham's Susan Sarandon, to Kline's apartment for a special dinner. It seems that Kline used to date his brother's wife until she left him for the commissioner.

The January Man was produced by Norman Jewison and Ezra Swerdlow. Pat O'Connor directed the movie. Written by John Shanley, an Oscar winner for Moonstruck.
This film is available in theatres nationally. But frankly, I would not waste any money on this one. It has all the ingredients for an interesting movie, but it just does not quite cut it. Save your money; watch it when it comes on cable.

Jennifer Kunsman serves as January Junior Rotarian

By Shannon Adler
The Junior Rotarian for the month of January is Jennifer Kunsman, a senior chosen for her academic achievements and leadership abilities.
Jennifer is active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the choir. She is also the Lone Oak Girls Basketball Manager. After graduation she plans to go to college and major in special education so that she can teach learning disabled students. Currently, she

is working with the special education class at Lone Oak Middle School. She finds the kids to be really sweet and a lot of fun to work with.
As Junior Rotarian, Jennifer attends to Rotary Club's meetings every Wednesday in January. One of the speakers was Bill Reasley from the chamber of Commerce.
"I am really pleased to be chosen as a Junior Rotarian," stated Jennifer Kunsman.



Scott Henry asks why

The confusion of clothes

By Scott Henry
On my way through a clothing store recently, I saw some of the coolest clothes I have seen in a while. Colorful shorts and swimtrunks, thin shirts and pants, and all manner of clothes suited to people living in Florida right now. This brought a question or two to my mind; why is this store selling clothes that only people in Florida could—or would want—to wear? Do the people living in Florida who want new, expensive summer clothes come to Kentucky to buy them?
If I lived in Florida, would I want to come to Kentucky to shop for my summer wear? Not really, but that brings another question to mind; are the clothing stores in Florida selling warm sweaters, sweat suits, winter coats, and all other manner of winter wear?

to sell clothes suited only for residents of the other state? Was this bargain made to increase tourism into each state or just as a joke? Whatever the reason, this must ston! Clothing stores here in Kentucky do sell winter clothes, but during the summer. Perhaps the two—the types of clothing and the time of year—are in inverse variation, winter clothes are sold during the summer and vice-versa. As for Florida, I guess they always sell winter clothing.
I guess what we will have to start doing is cancelling a few trips to the lake this summer in order to buy clothes for the upcoming winter season. We will either do that or just travel to Florida now.

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Grade schoolers tell of big plans for high school years

By Laura Wallis and Amy Gordon

If it were possible to remember back to grade school and see what we thought we would be like in "high school," the result would be unbelievable.

Lots of things have changed since we were that age. Now, grade schoolers dream of driving corvettes and lamborghinis instead of firebirds. And instead of Shawn Cassidy, they listen to Guns'n'Poses.

In a few years, these young kids will look back and compare their high school years to what they'd expected in third grade. A group of 3rd graders from Lone Oak Elementary were recently interviewed and asked what they thought life would be like in high school.

David Rothwell will drive a corvette and have a whole bunch of parties. He's going to play baseball and take Christy Rasinski to prom. He thinks Lindsey Fesmeyer will be Homecoming Queen. David wants to be a scientist when he grows up.

Trev Swaker says he's joining track and field since he's already good, along with taking Algebra I and II, Calculus and Trigonometry. For fun in high school he's going to hang out in the teacher's lobby (brown nosing early) and drive a Budweiser rocket. He wants to take Michaelangelo to prom (he doesn't know if it's a boy or girl) and eventually become a "famous piano composer."

Vince Carter thinks he'll study extremely

hard in high school and drive a Lamborhini. He says he'll hang out at the mall, listen to Guns-n-Roses, and take "anybody that wants to go as long as they're not ugly" to prom. After playing professional football, Vince plans on becoming a lawyer.

Shannon Powell plans on hanging out at the movies and listening to Tiffany. She wants to go to prom by herself and will vote Ronnie Garrett for homecoming queen. Shannon plans on becoming a veterinarian.

Amanda Mitchell is sure she'll play basketball in high school. She thinks she'll go to prom with Russ Campbell and hang out at the mall. She thinks Shannon Powell will be homecoming queen. Amanda plans on playing

professional basketball.

Marcus Floyd doesn't like music and is not going to prom. He says he's going to eat for fun and hang out with friends in the African jungle. He also says Lindsey Fesmeyer will be homecoming queen. Marcus is going to be a policeman.

Mark Adams plans to have lots of parties and drive a Lamborhini.

Emily Pigdon says when she gets to be in high school she'll be driving a red Porsche to the mall to hang out with her boyfriends. She thinks she'll play tennis and soccer and listen to Ron Jovi. When she grows up, she wants to be a nurse/farmer.

Amanda Schaefer claims that Lindsey Fesmeyer will be sure to win the homecoming queen. Amanda

wants to be active by being a cheerleader. She has high hopes of becoming a movie star in the future.

Suzannah Stolla sees herself as a future basketball star at the high school. Whitney Howard is Suzannah's nomination for the homecoming queen of her class. She thinks she will attend prom with Nichols Dearnat. She would like to be a doctor.

Michael Shook is sure his Mom will be his senior homecoming queen. He thinks he will drive his topless convertible on the weekends to Jolly Time in the mall to meet friends. As of now, he thinks he will take Shelley Skarps to his prom.

Julie Simms is looking forward to being a high school cheerleader. She is sure that hard rock will be the cool music in high school. Taking Kevin Brandt to the prom is also a guess about her future.

How paradise was stolen by modern technology

By Amy Kilpatrick

I can still remember how they welcomed me. They were so kind, so, so real. Not in the sense of flesh and blood, but real feelings, true hearts; meaning flowed with every word they spoke. There were not many of us there—just, I supposed, those of us with kindred spirits and wants and yearns of the similar mind. They took me and we flew over spacious lands of green foliage. We flew over vast depths of seas and oceans. The muted sky in which we ascended into was doused with soft pastels of pink and blue and lavender. Throughout the firmament there were castles and mansions floating just as feathers. Waterfalls listened suspended as if in animation and you could feel, without touching, the coolness and sweetness of the refreshing water. I continued to fly with the others, not speaking, for there was no need. All of our energies flew as one and our minds inter-connected: I was

crossing the plane to another world. As we began to drift downward, I noticed a somewhat immense vatican which was surrounded by beautiful botanical gardens. The gardens were those of Eden; the fruit which I saw and could taste melted like a sweet



candy, the heavenly juice which it secreted filled my mind—mouth. The taste was divine, though it never touched my lips. Great vineyards covered fields with the aromatic smell of wine. The wine was pure and soothing to my spirit. I had no hunger nor thirst. I could float effortlessly into different phases of light. There were many suns and stars; I could gaze at the dusk while a "new" sun rose behind my shadow. Sleep, I needed

not. There was a sky of midnight blue that sparkled with shooting stars and other heavenly bodies. The breeze would blow through me and fill me with a different kind of life. Tears I had once felt were now petals of a rose, my wants swaying in the wind like that of a willow. This world was like a magnificent dream, every thing real, love was even conceived. Love of this world—a better life—a heaven I had been searching for such a very long time. No depression or hate, only understanding; oh to be understood at last. The pressures of life and mortals just vanished—I was free.

But now all I feel is depression. The rain stings as I sit and stare into the darkness. They have brought me out to look at the stars. I have no power to move, to speak. I have no strength; my body can not even take my own life. Why or how could they do such a cruel thing? They let me live, the doctors, the nurses, my own

family! Now I am nothing but a useless invalid, paralyzed forever. I have no desire to live. If I only could show them what a terrible thing they have done—they have saved a life? Modern technology has ruined fate. I am destined to dream and remember, until I ascend once again to my other world—a greater plane. I'll pray forever til I am out of the small box in which my evil cantors keep me confined. No communication, a wasted life. But I'll be free again to fly with greater beings... someday.

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REMEMBER VALENTINE'S DAY

Youths can "lose their heads" thanks to poor St. Valentine

By Joe Herman

From the man who brought you Christmas, and Thanksgiving comes Valentine's Day.....

With February rapidly advancing upon us also with it comes Valentine's Day. Every kid remembers sending and receiving Valentines to and from all the kids in his class, tearing the sealed envelope open to see if the fellow classmate had the decency to put some candy in it. Then upon finding nothing, cursing that kid's name and secretly hoping him to die a long and painful death. How did the Valentine's tradition begin, you ask? Was it the whim of some feudal lord imposed upon his loyal subjects or was it some ancient Indian pagan ritual? There could be a million possible ways that Valentine's Day began and when thinking of these, it makes its real beginnings kind of a disappointment. So, as not to disappoint my readers, I'll give you a choice and let you decide which history you prefer. But if you just absolutely can't live without knowing the correct history then skip on down to the last paragraph.

1. Valentine's Day derived its name (perhaps) from a ship. Early in the eleventh century, England used to get its overseas mail by a shipping company. The shipping company was called none other than the Valentine Shipping Co. Gradually, people began to refer to the day the ship with their mail came as Valentine's Day.

Usually it came three times a year, but after England's numerous wars began, it could only come once a year. This was, of course, sometime in February. Finally, with new technology, the Valentine Company ceased to exist. People still come to call a time in February Valentine's Day, and because the mail company no longer brought them letters from their family and loved ones overseas, they sent mail, or valentines, to people close by. Eventually, this became tradition and developed into our modern Valentine's Day (or maybe it didn't).

2. In Scotland, about the seventeenth century, a brave but flamboyant king was on the throne. His name was none other than King Valentine (what a surprise). He was married to Queen Margaret, who although was very attractive in her time, later developed an acute skin disease which left large unattractive blemishes on her face and body. Because of this, she spent most of her time traveling from Scotland to Europe to see doctors to cure her condition. The flamboyant king then began to fancy other women in his kingdom. Soon, he became quite a lady's man. The king would see a woman to his liking and then have one of his messengers send for her. These messages requesting a woman's presence at the king's palace became known as valentines. Hence, where we got our modern Valentine's Day.

3. In ancient Greece, there lived a great playwright by the name of

Aristophanes. Although most famous for his comedies, he also wrote some successful dramas. One such drama entitled The Heart's Desire is one of his most recognized works. The play begins with a lonely Greek man called Valentine. Valentine is an impoverished poet who longs for a beautiful woman named Corinthia. He writes her many poems and letters expressing his love, but she spurns him and uses his love to torment him. Finally the Greek god of love, Aphrodite, seeing



Corinthia, toying with Valentine's emotions, has her son Cupid pierce her heart with his arrow. Once pierced, she fell blindly in love with Valentine and the play ends. Many Greeks came to see it, for it was very popular. Later, it witnessed a rebirth when Renaissance scholars took a new interest in ancient Greek literature. This play is the foundation of where we get our Valentine's Day.

4. Or could it have been this way? Around 270 A.D., there lived a Roman priest by the name of St. Valentine. He refused to pay tribute to the pagan gods and was thus executed by the

Roman government. The date of his execution fell near a Roman feast called Lupercalia. During this feast, male youths chose their sweethearts for the following year. Somehow, these two occurrences merged and the rest, well, as they say, is history.

I have now presented you with four different possible explanations of how Valentine's Day could have begun. Is it paragraph number one or maybe the last paragraph? Well to keep my promise

to those of you who skipped down over the last four paragraphs to find the real answer, I will confess. It is the last paragraph. Hard as it may seem, we do in fact, owe our Valentine's Day to poor St. Valentine who lost his head so that future youths may, as a figure of speech, lose their heads. Well, that's Valentine's Day, look for next time when I return with St. Patrick's Day, which is funny that you might ask, all started when Peter the Great attacked....

Candy-Grams to be sold by FHA

By Aimee Rahr

For those of you who like to do something for that special someone or a good friend for Valentine's Day, the Future Homemakers of America are having their annual Candy-Gram sale.

Candy-Grams are pieces of paper containing one of four Valentine verses with a lollipop attached. The verses range from Happy Valentine's Day to the more romantic type.

Sales will run February 6-10. Each Candy-Gram will cost a

quarter, with the money raised going toward the organization.

Kerry Schenk said, "This is FHA's biggest money making projects. There will be posters displayed throughout the school to remind students to buy Candy-Grams."

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L.O. struggles to beat Carlisle

By Clay Wagner

Thursday night January 19, the girls varsity team played Carlisle County's Girls basketball team in what turned out to be an exciting contest.

Carlisle opened the game by scoring the first basket. Then Shawn Huffine put Lone Oak on the board tying the match up. Both teams continued scoring, and at the end of the first quarter it was Lone Oak 14, Carlisle 12. Donna Brookshire started the second quarter off with a three-point play. Lone Oak continued to build the lead but Carlisle hung on to end the first half with Lone Oak leading 29 to 24.

The second half began to get more exciting when Carlisle took the lead with 5:15 left in the third quarter. Lone Oak again took the lead and

held a six point advantage to finish the third quarter 43 to 37. In the fourth quarter both teams came on and Carlisle closed in on Lone Oak. Carlisle took the lead again with 30 seconds with a score of 55 to 54. Both teams had chances to put the game away but Shari Brantley tied the game up 56 all with just seconds left.

Both teams were hungry for victory and it stayed close through out until Carlisle turned it over with five seconds left in over time to give Lone Oak the win 61 to 60.

Leading the Lady Flash in scoring were Shawn Huffine with 17 points, followed by Shari Brantley with 12, Donna Brookshire with 10, LeTonia Jones with 8, Lori Meadows with 7, and Micki Henderson and Patricia Jones with 4.

L.O. freshmen prove impressive

By Tina Griggs

The freshmen division of the Lone Oak Purple Flash won a hard fought rare against the Graves County Eagles on January 20.

The tip off proved an omen for the rest of the game. The Flash's quick thinking and intelligent playing put them ahead and kept them there. Graves and Lone Oak danced within 5-10 points of each other for most of the game. The first-half ended with Lone Oak on top by 6.

This was a freshmen rare therefore there were a number of errors from both sides. Experience is a tremendous learning resource; one that a freshmen team hasn't had opportunity to encounter much of yet.

Lone Oak won the game with the final score being 39-56. The freshmen team's playing ability and attitude on the court is impressive.



Donna Brookshire goes for a lay-up against the Lady Tornado.

Photo by Matt Starling

Flashes dominate game against the Lady Tornado

By Tim Hooker

The Junior Varsity Flash proved who was boss January 16, as they defeated the Lady Tornado 36-27 in the Lone Oak Gymnasium.

Jennifer Burnette got the game off to a good start with a couple of three-pointers during the

first two minutes. By the end of the first quarter, Lone Oak led by a wide 15-6 margin.

Tilghman strived for revenge during the second quarter, but could only close the gap to 19-14.

During the last half of the game, Lone Oak

began to regain its very comfortable lead. Angie Jones hit two free throws in the last minute of play to end it 36-27.

Cindy Hooker and Jennifer Burnette each scored ten points, and Deanna Willett trailed with eight.

Varsity cheerleading squad places 27 in IOCC

By Jim Kerins

"Will you buy a ribbon from me?" Many students will associate that question with the Varsity cheerleading squad. The squad was selling ribbons to pay for their trip to the IOCC (International Open Cheerleading Championships) Competition in Nashville, Tennessee.

The squad left for Nashville on Wednesday, December 28. They competed in the

preliminary round the next day at the Opryland Hotel. Those who participated in the competition were Christy Alderson, Johana DeHow, Carolyn Kerins, Brittany Lawrence, Marci Lech, Adrianna Lyles, Amy Newton, Fern Pierce, Holly Riggs, and Kelly Vaughn.

The squad was selected to compete at the competition after they won the championship in

the Large Varsity division this summer at cheerleading camp. The squad began preparing for the competition in early September.

"We came in about 27th out of 63 squads. It was a great learning experience," states Carolyn Kerins.

The next competition for the squad will be at KAPOS at 2:00 on February 19 at Graves County High School. The JV squad will also compete.

Fennis team begins preparations for new season

By Clay Wagner

The Lone Oak High School Tennis Team is gearing up for this year's season. Soon, tennis players will start their conditioning program. The tennis players will be lifting weights in the LOHS weight room and begin running at Paducah

Community College.

Coach Larry Heflin has already set goals for both the boys and the girls teams. Coach Heflin and the boys' team want an undefeated season and would like to capture the Regional title and place either second or third at state. Coach Heflin hopes that Chad

Dowdy and Richard Tracy will be the state doubles champions. "This is the best boys tennis team I've ever seen," said Coach Heflin.



Photo by Matt Starling

Niki Henderson takes a shot against St. Mary