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**Happy
Thanksgiving**

Mr. Heflin chosen state tennis coach of the year

by Stephen Borders

Last month, Larry Heflin was chosen 1989 Kentucky Tennis Coach of the Year. When asked what his reaction to such a distinction was, he said, "I was very surprised to receive this award. It is one of the greatest highlights of my career."

The process of electing the Coach of the Year is the responsibility of the Ky. High School Athletic Coaches Association. Every year at the Ky.

State High School Tennis Tournament, all coaches present vote on a candidate. The KHSACA then tallies the votes and notifies the winner the Fall of the next school year.

Last season, both the boys and girls teams were the best teams in the state outside of Louisville and Lexington. Both teams won the Regional Team Title for the second consecutive year. The boys' team finished with a



**COACH
LARRY
HEFLIN**

17-1 record, with their only loss coming to the number one team in the State. The girls finished with an undefeated 16-0 season. Both teams finished with a third place finish at the State Tournament. Two members of last year's team, Richard Tracy and Lana Allcock,

received Prince All-American Honorable Mention.

Larry Heflin began coaching tennis in 1972, with the first boys' tennis team at Lone Oak. He started the girls team in 1977. He has coached the boys to an overall 248-64 record and

See/Heflin/Pg. 8

Colonels compete at state marching contest



The Colonels show off their Lone Oak pride in a precision marching routine at a recent band competition. (Photo provided by Shannon Pittman.)

By Tim Black

On November 4, the Lone Oak Kentucky Colonel Marching Band attended the Kentucky State Marching Band Championships in Bowling Green. In order for a band to be allowed to perform there, the band must have

scored at least two superior ratings (80 or above) in the division that they are to compete. This system, obviously, has proven to be most effective with the Lone Oak Band in previous years.

The buses left the bandroom at 8

SEE BAND/PG. 8

Editorials

"An ounce of prevention..."

More teenagers are becoming sexually active every year, and the consequences that can result are many, one of which is pregnancy.

Teenage pregnancy is growing every year. Most teenagers believe it won't happen to them, especially if it's the "first time," but it does. Having a baby is a large responsibility that most kids aren't ready for, especially if they are still in high school. Of course the girl does not have to have the baby, she could have an abortion, or she could give the baby up for adoption once it is born. But there

are consequences to both, and both are hard to do.

Pregnancy is not the only consequence of having sex. There are many diseases that are transmitted through sexual contact such as AIDS, gonorrhea, syphilis, and herpes. Some of these diseases can lead to premature labor, arthritis, brain damage, and even death.

The only way to insure the prevention of these problems, is not to have sex. At such an early age, having sex is not worth it, especially since the consequences could ruin your life.

Heather Williams

SCHOOL UNIFORMS —

The Stepford Wives revisited?



School Uniforms would promote equality

By Lori Spear
Uniforms could provide a sense of unity and equality in today's schools. Many students cringe when first asked their opinion on a mandatory code of dress. After seeing the advantages, though, most students realize that uniforms really aren't such a bad idea after all.

First and most important, uniforms would promote equality among students. Everyone would be equally dressed. All men were created equal. Why not dress equally? Uniforms would possibly cause cliques to diminish. They would help students better enable themselves to work together in the classroom as well as in extracurricular clubs and organizations. Providing a less

wealth-competitive environment is another advantage of having uniforms.

The point of argumentation that uniforms hide individuality is ridiculous. Individuality is not based on a person's wardrobe. It is based on one's personality and individual characteristics, which are not expressed entirely through clothing. The mind is the main component of individuality, and cannot be corrupted by simple clothing. There are a number of other methods of expressing oneself, such as art, writing, speech, hairstyle, jewelry, and various clothing accessories.

There are disadvantages related to uniforms also. In this case, though, the benefits outweigh the disadvantages.

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World News



By Jennifer Snow

* An estimated 500,000 people gathered in East Berlin to form the largest rally of its kind in East Germany. On Saturday November 4, marchers carried placards with free speech, free election slogans.

The rally's seventeen speakers, among them popular writer Christa Wolff, gave talks on Hungary's new open-door policy as well as on the lift of many East German travel restrictions.

* The trial of Kentuckian Larry Mahoney began on Wednesday November 8. Mahoney is charged with murder, assault, wanton endangerment and driving under

Roving Reporter

by Michelle Roberts

This month the Roving Reporter asked students what they thought about the idea of wearing school uniforms. A total of ninety students responded. Here are a few choice quotes:

"What do I think about school uniforms? I wouldn't go to this school because I wouldn't want to wear them." Cindy Hooker, 11.

"Uniforms? No, no way! I hate uniforms. I like

the influence in the May 1988 accident in which Mahoney's pickup collided with a church bus in Carrollton, Kentucky, leaving 27 people dead.

* November 4 marked the tenth anniversary of Iran's takeover of the U.S. Embassy in Tehran. Iranians took the embassy and held 52 U.S. diplomats hostage for over a year.

* The South African government has coted to free black nationalist leader Nelson Mandela. Mandela, who was arrested in 1962 for his attacks on Apartheid, is to be released provisionally in January.

to dress how I like
to dress." Kelly,
11.

"I don't want them. I want to wear what I want to wear." Holly Holland, 9.

"I like them. I think they are neat, but I wouldn't want to have them." Christine Robinson, 9.

The percentages of the students polled are: 68% were against school uniforms, 2% liked the idea, and 30% did not care.



Look...
practiced for the November 16-18 performance of
"Rehearsal for Murder..."

Aunt Bertha

By Melinda Purvis
Dear Aunt Bertha,
There is a girl
that I really like,
but she is going
out with someone
else. What should I
do? -Lovestruck
Dear Lovestruck,

If she's going out with someone else, your chances with her are not very good. I believe that you should try to get over this girl. You need someone who will like you as much as you like her. Dear Aunt Bertha, My girlfriend left me. I don't know what to do. Do you have any advice.- Heartbroken

Dear Heartbroken,
You don't have
very many choices.
The best thing you
can do is try to
get over her. The
quicker you can do
this the better off
you will feel.



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Market House Theatre rich in local history

By Lori Spear
Paducah's history is colorful, rich, and exciting. The Market House Museum invitingly presents local history with exhibits ranging from the complete interior of a former local drug store to the many almost unbelievable items on display. The museum opened in June of 1968. The marketplace it occupies was once a popular meat market, but was forced to close because of the inability to meet health codes. Instrumental in the museum's creation were the Women's Club, the Civic Beautification Board, and the Daughters of the American Revolution, as well as a large number of townspeople. W.H. Beaman, curator until 1983,

was the driving force behind the museum. It is currently open Tuesday through Saturday, 12-4 and Sunday, 1-5. Admission is \$0.50.

Ornate gingerbread woodwork from the List Drug Store is one of the main focal points of the museum. The drug store operated with

woodwork intact from 1877 to 1967, when Mrs. Ethel DuBois Smith, owner of the building, donated it to the museum. To guarantee authentic installation, each piece was numbered and labeled as it was removed from the store, where it had been custom-made by cabinet artisans. The moving process lasted for 5 months.

A few of the many interesting exhibits include a life-sized statue of Henry Clay, a scale model of the Russel Lord towboat, a 1913 model La France fire truck, the last manual telephone switchboard used in Paducah, a linotype machine employed until 1974 to set newspaper type at the Paducah Sun-Democrat, and a signal bell cast

for Paducah Marine Ways weighing 800 pounds and containing 400 silver dollars contributed by company employees.

A visit to the museum is like a refreshing walk down memory lane, and would be enjoyed by anyone interested in local history.



Civil War battle to be Re-enacted

By Robert Weber
Attention Civil War buffs! From Nov. 30 to Dec. 3 of this year, there will be a huge Civil War battle re-enactment in Franklin, TN, just south of Nashville. An estimated 6,000 - 8,000 re-enactors will be on hand to recreate one of the Civil War's bloodiest battles.

In addition to the battle, there will be tours through authentic army camps, drill demonstrations, and a barn dance to end the festivities.

So make plans to come join in on living history.

For more information contact Robert Weber.

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Senior Spotlight

By Sarah Williamson

Kim Burnett, daughter of Jay and Jan Burnett was chosen as this month's Junior Rotarian. Kim is President of Beta Club, Vice-President of Students Against Driving Drunk, Secretary-Treasurer of Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Reporter of the Senior Class, member of Student Council, and a member of Youth Salute. She also participates in

Kim Burnett selected November's Junior Rotarian

various community projects sponsored by school and church groups. When Kim is not too busy with her school activities, she likes to swim, water-ski, cross-stitch, be with friends, and have fun. Kim hopes to attend the University of Kentucky and major in accounting. She plans to become a certified public accountant (C.P.A.) then raise a

family.

At the first Rotary Club meeting, a guest speaker representing a national woman's club spoke on the importance of determination and goals in everyday life. Kim stated "The talk was very informative and helped those in attendance hear something that we all often forget. We need to strive for success in all



Kim Burnett

that we do." The Rotary Club is taking donations to help the victims of the San Francisco earthquake. If anyone is interested in contributing, please contact Kim or another member.

Wood and Rushing compete in Farm Bureau contest

Ryan Wood and Amy Rushing represented Lone Oak High School and McCracken County in the Purchase Regional Farm Bureau Contest Saturday, Nov. 4 at Mayfield, Kentucky.

Ryan won the Regional "Outstanding Young Man" and Amy was the regional runner-up in the "Young Girl" contest.

Ryan will go on to the finals in the state competition to be held in Louisville, Kentucky at the Galt House on December 8 and 9. The contest is sponsored by the Kentucky Farm Bureau.

Thanksgiving — A Time to remember those less fortunate

By Sharon Gordon

On November 23, another Thanksgiving will be celebrated. Families will gather in their respective homes for a feast of turkey, cranberry sauce, and pumpkin pie. However, does anyone realize how lucky we are to have what we do? Does anyone realize the problems in the world? In 1986,

2.1 million cases of abuse were reported in the United States alone. 456,000 cases of family violence were reported in the 1983. There is an average of 800,000 homeless people. There were 18,690

murders reported in the United States in 1985.

Americans are known to be selfish, but this Thanksgiving, try to remember how much pain goes on in the world and be thankful for what you have.



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Movie and Record Review

by Eddie Bromley

"Straight from the Seventies" is the only way to describe The B-52's. With an original beat for the 1990's and creative sounds from the 1970's, their album Cosmic Thing is flying through dance, pop, and UK charts. With the release of the album and the opening of a dynamite tour, The B-52's are worthy of their comeback.

Other groups with up and coming albums to watch for are:

Rap - 2 Live Crew, Ice Tea, Run-Dmc, Doctor Ice, and NWA. Dance and Pop - Bros., Dead or Alive, Shakespeare's Sister, Red Hot Chille Peppers, Kon Kan, and Hoodo Gurus. R&B - Techno-Pop, Billy Ocean, and Arthur Baker.

by Chad Young

Shocker is the latest film by writer and director Wes Craven. The movie begins with Mark, the lead character, having a dream that his family is murdered. He is awakened by a phone call from his step father, chief of police, and is shocked to find his dream true. Next using some kenetic bonding between himself and the killer, Mark leads the Police to Horrace Pinker's house. This time Mr. Pinker managed to escape. Remembering Mark's name and face, Horrace finds Mark's house and takes revenge by killing Mark's girlfriend.

Now Mark decides to take revenge on his own, but is followed by the police. They arrive right when

Horrace is about to make his next victim. While being carried away, Horrace reveals the shocking news that he is Mark's father. Now that the film makes sense the plots twists again.

Horrace has some kind of voodoo ritual in his cell before the execution. After being electricuted his soul can jump from body to body just by touch.

The ideas in this movie are original and very creative. The diversity of the plot and the upbeat music will keep people on the edge of their seats. So, light up your weekend by seeing Shocker.

"The Man on the Beach"

by Eddie Bromley
Beautiful colors fly by, but cannot be reached - at least not by the man who lives on the Beach.

He has claimed a many a home and has free time to roam, but the man on the Beach is always alone.

It seems in a country as great as ours that he could be friends with the President and shake hands with the stars.

Everyone cares for only himself, and puts the man on the Beach with the other problems away on the shelf.

Not looking to the future, oh what a mess. Take a second, open your heart, and say hello the the Homeless.

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Sports

Tennis gears up for season

By: Tim Black

The Lone Oak High School Tennis Team headed for the highway for some foreign competition November 10-12. They traveled to the towns of Owensboro, Kentucky and Evansville, Indiana. This trip was made so the players could face different forms of competition. Among the places the Oakers played include "Our Tennis House" and the Executive Inn Tennis Club in Owensboro, and the Tri-State Tennis Club in Evansville.



Shannon Mungle keeps his eyes on the ball during tennis practice.

The trip proved to be most beneficial to this year's starting squad. Coach Heflin and the team are looking forward to making an identical trip again in the future.

EXERCISE PREROGATIVES

Jog your memory
Skip a meeting
Break a date
Pull yourself together
Stretch a point
Carry a tune
Grasp at straws
Run a temperature
Shake a habit
Fish for compliments
Flip your lid
Throw a party
Toss a salad
Bat an eye
Kick the traces
Jump to conclusions
Bend the truth
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Basketball Preview

By: Robert Weber

Basketball season is just around the corner, and the Lone Oak teams are getting geared up.

For six weeks, the varsity boys team conditioned and held tryouts.

The boys program is headed by Coach Hopper, J.V. Coach Pope, and a new addition to the staff, Freshman Coach Wallace.

The boys varsity squad will see its first action in the St. Mary's Thanksgiving Tournament starting on Nov. 27. They will open the season against Tilghman at Tilghman.

When asked to give a prediction on the upcoming season, Coach Hopper said, "Our main goal is to go to regionals again this year. We have a young team and we'll take some lumps early. With our size and depth, though, we have the potential to be a very good team

late in the year."

The girls basketball teams have also been working hard to prepare for the new season.

After six weeks of practice the squad had been narrowed down to about thirty players in all, lead by four seniors. The varsity squad lost several key seniors last year and hopes to make up for that loss.

The girls varsity team opens their regular season with a battle against Calloway County at home on Nov. 27.



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***Heflin from Pg. 1**

the girls to an outstanding 179-15 record. Both teams have been undefeated for 5 years in regular season regional matches. Coach Heflin's teams have also won 39 regional trophies since 1979.

The boys' team

graduated two seniors from last year's team, while the girls' graduated three seniors. But, the girls have added Amy Haskins, a State Singles Quarterfinalist last year.

Coach Heflin has very high expectations for both of his teams

this year. He would like for both teams to win the Regional Team Title and to sweep the Singles and Doubles Championships in both boys' and girls' competition. He said, "This year could also be our best opportunity for the Boys' and Girls' State Championship and we hope to better our finish of third place last year."

The highlights of this season will be the Carter Invitational Tournament, in Nashville, and the Rotary Invitational Tournament, in Chattanooga. Both teams will also travel to Louisville to play the reigning State Champions, St. Xavier and Sacred Heart, for a regular season match.



Everybody knows . . .

By Clay Wagner

Everybody Knows . . .The world is coming to an end in a couple of billion years. . . "Fashionably late" is not accepted by Coach McGroarty. . .What hall not to walk down after 2nd

...OF THE MONTH

By Laura Ernstberger

Song: The Cure "Pictures of You"
Car: Neil Pierce's Nissan truck "Its got a hot pink stripe!"
Fruit: Avocado
Event: Rehearsal for Murder
Book: Bloom County The Night of the Mary Kay Commandos
Cause: Save the Lemmings
Band: B-52's
Saying: We dew it rllight.
Joke: If a canoe with wheels pulls up in your back yard, how many pancakes does it take to cover your doghouse?
Answer: None cause ice cream does not have bones.
Worst band: New Kids on the Block

Simple Reading

"Like to read, Johnny?"
"Yep."
"Who's your favorite writer?"
"My dad."
"What's he write?"
"Checks." . . .

***Band from Pg. 1**

o'clock Saturday morning. The Colonels performed at 1:42 under fabulous weather conditions. Though they marched well, close competition kept them out of the finals. Four bands from each

class were allowed to perform in the finals. Lone Oak, a three A band, was one of eighteen in their class. When the band returned home Sunday morning, band director James Light had only one word to say: **"PARTY!!!"**

December Calendar of Events

Nov. 27 - Dec. 4	Boy's St. Mary's Basketball Tourn.
Dec. 1 - Dec. 5	Beta Club Convention in Louisville
Dec. 4	Girls' Basketball Game vs. Murray (Away)
Dec. 5	Boys' Basketball Game vs. Tlilghman (Away)
Dec. 6	Club Meetings
Dec. 7	Girls' Basketball Game vs. Tlilghman (Home)
Dec. 8	Boys' Basketball Game vs. Mayfield (Away)
Dec. 11	Girls' Basketball Game vs. Mayfield (Away)
Dec. 12	Boys' Basketball Game vs. Massac (Away)
Dec. 15	Boys & Girls' Basketball Game vs. Reidland (Home)
Dec. 15	Semester Tests (2nd & 4th Hours)
Dec. 16	Girls' Basketball Game vs. Massac (Away)
Dec. 16	Semester Tests (3rd & 5th Hours)
Dec. 19	Semester Tests (1st & 6th Hours)

Christmas Events:

PTRS Christmas Tourney	Dec. 26 - Dec. 30
Christmas Vacation	Dec. 20 - Jan. 1
Beta Club Christmas Project	Dec. 1 - Dec. 20
Key Club - JAGG Christmas Dance	Dec. 6
Band Christmas Concert	Dec. 7
Band Christmas Parade	Dec. 7
Tri-M-H Christmas Party	Dec. 7

Beta Club Soc-Hops

By Clay Wagner

On November 10, the Beta Club held its second annual Sock Hop. The dance was held in the gym and lasted from 8 p.m. to midnight. Contests were held

for best socks and originality. Music was provided by M2R2. The money collected from the dance will go to help various projects the Beta Club plans on doing this year.

hour.

...Freshman girls wear too much makeup. . .Eric Grogan's table manners aren't the greatest. . .that nobody knows where their assigned parking spot is.