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Brookshire crowned Queen

By Sarah Williamson

Donna Brookshire was crowned queen on January, 19 for the 1990 Basketball Homecoming.

The other Homecoming Queen Candidates were:

Tricia Evans, an active member of the band and is in the Phi Alpha Delta Sorority.

Amy Haskins, a candidate from the Football Homecoming, and a member of the tennis team and in Phi Alpha Delta. Amy Kaufman, also a

member of Phi Alpha Delta and of the Varsity Golf Team.

Jenny Moore, another candidate from the Football Homecoming and a member of Phi Alpha Delta.

Mindy Mullis, a member of the Student Council and of S.A.D.D.

Melanie Sigler, a manager of the girls' basketball team and a publicity chairman for Phi Alpha Delta.

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Basketball Homecoming Queen candidates and attendants. Above, L-R, 1st: Jenny Moore; Melanie Sigler; and Tricia Evans. 2nd: Beth Watson; Farrell Holland; Donna Brookshire; and Jenny Stephon. 3rd: Mindy Mullis; and Amy Kaufman. Angie Ames is absent from the picture.

Roach Motels in every classroom?

By Jim Kerins

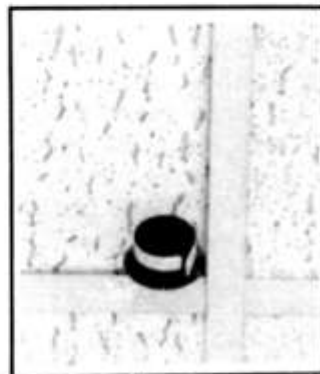
Have you been so bored in class that you noticed several black disk-like objects on the ceilings of some of your classrooms and wondered what in the world they were? Well, here are your choices of what they are: (A) toys from the bottom of cereal boxes, (B) roach motels placed in weird areas, or (C) radon gas detectors.

Contrary to popular belief, the correct answer is (C). Believe it or not, they are radon gas detectors, designed to detect harmful levels of, the survey says, radon gas.

Radon gas is a radioactive gas released

from the earth that in large quantities, could be harmful.

The Environmental Protection Agency recommended that all first floor and basement rooms be tested for the gas, therefore a detector is in each room. The detectors will be in place for a three month period and should be left alone.



Charter offers counseling and rehab programs

By Lori Spear

Charter Hospital of Paducah is a counseling and rehab center divided into three main branches: alcohol and/or drug related branches and a psychiatric branch dealing with mental, emotional, and behavioral disorders. Counseling for individuals or families is offered in areas such as stress management, eating disorders, and family problems. A free family assessment is available to determine the specific problems and type of therapy needed. Anyone interested should phone 444-0444 for an appointment. Also offered are student

assistance counselors, which are available at LOHS on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Your problem or concern need not be related to alcohol or drugs. Anyone who would like to speak with the counselor from Charter may contact Mrs. Jones for an appointment. Please keep in mind that these counselors are trained to help and support, not to criticize or condemn. All information exchanged with the counselor will be kept confidential except what is mandated by law to be reported to the proper authorities.

Another program offered by Charter is called Life Pact and

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Popularity and Education: Which One Wins?

By Heather Williams

In many schools around the nation, popularity is a big issue. In fact, in some schools, popularity rules out education. More and more students are falling into peer pressure and the latest "style" that they don't care about an education and their future. What most students don't realize is that after they get out of school, they are on their own, and without a good education, they can't find a good-paying job. Education is a big deal whether students realize it or not.

Being popular isn't a bad thing at all. In fact, being the center of attention gives a person the self-esteem that some people lack. Popularity gets bad when it goes too far. What this means is that students shouldn't let it rule their lives, their thoughts, their

decisions, and their grades. Students that are popular, should be because they act like themselves and not a made up person wanting to fit in. A person shouldn't ever change just to please someone else, only himself.

Popularity and education have always been in conflict. When students are so obsessed with being just right, sometimes their grades mean much less to them.

The pros and cons of popularity are important to many people, but they shouldn't run their lives.

Don't take this wrong: it's everyone's dream to hang out with the popular crowd and always be noticed, but popularity shouldn't interfere with someone's plans and preparation for the future.

Editorials

Security Becoming a Problem?

Is security becoming a problem at Lone Oak High School? It seems to be looking that way. More and more items are coming up missing such as jackets, tapes, and car stereos. To add to that two cars' windows have been shot out in this past month. These are some pretty serious problems that need to be remedied fast.

School administration could do a lot to protect student's private

property while they're at school. The school could administer each student a lock along with their locker. Another idea is to hire security guards to guard the parking lot. This would put an end to cars being broken into and keep cars from being vandalized. These would be wise investments upon the school's part to help protect the student's property.

Todd Walker

Sign up for Sports Abroad

If you think traveling to another country, making new friends, and training and competing in the sport of your choice is a good way to spend a month, then Sport For Understanding (SFU), a nonprofit international exchange program could be for you.

This summer, SFU will organize some 74 teams in more than 20 different sports—including its first bowling team—to travel abroad to destinations in Europe, Asia and the Pacific, the Caribbean, the Soviet Union and South America this summer.

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To qualify, players

must be ages 14-19, be active in their chosen sport and have a GPA of at least 2.0. The SFU program is for athletes of average or better skills, including the recreational athlete, and focuses on using sport as the vehicle for cultural learning. The program emphasizes sportsmanship and host family living.

Through SFU, teams from around the world also visit the United States. Hosts across the United States are needed for the more than 70 inbound teams which are expected to arrive in 1990.

For further information on the wide variety of programs offered, write: Sport For Understanding, Department C-112, 3501 Newark Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20016, or call 1-800-424-3691.

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Aunt Bertha

By Melinda Purvis

Dear Aunt Bertha,

There is this boy in 12th grade I like a lot. He has talked to me before. I just don't know what to say back. -Confused

Dear Confused,

When you talk to him, don't think of him as the guy you like. You should think of him as just someone you know. Soon, you will have plenty of things to say to him.

Dear Aunt Bertha,

I like this guy in the 12th grade. He is popular, and wouldn't go out with me. Should I talk to him or not. -Help Me

Dear Help,

That would depend on the circumstances. Does he ever talk to you? Does he act nice and friendly towards you? If

he does you should talk to him. If he doesn't you should consider finding someone else. Dear Aunt Bertha,

I'm going to be 16, and I've never kissed a boy. All of my other friends have been kissed many times. Does it come naturally or should I practice with a pillow? -Lonely Lips

Dear Lonely,

You shouldn't worry about never being kissed. You will be soon enough. However, I think that you should forget about the pillow.



Elbon selected Junior Rotarian

by Sharon Gordon

This month's Senior Spotlight is on Amy Elbon. Amy is a member of the student council, SADD, and All State and All District bands. She is also the vice president of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, secretary of Beta Club, captain of the colorguard and winterguard, and pledge mistress of Phi Alpha Delta.

In the future, Amy plans on attending either Georgetown University or Union University to study history and Spanish. She would eventually like to go into the field of law.

Amy thought the Rotarian meeting was "a



lot of fun" and "especially interesting." She and her fellow Junior Rotarians felt very welcome by the club.

AMY ELBON

Of the month . . .

By Eddie Bromley
OF The Month

1. Rock Groupie - Noriega
2. Hobby - The Flu
3. Best Concert - Motley Crue
4. New Group - Troop
5. Book - Dragonlance (Preludes)
6. Cause - Joining Greenpeace

7. Radio Station - E-2 105

8. Event - My Birthday (Jan 12)

9. Initials - NKOTB (Nobody Knows Of Their Boyfriends)

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It's Smart to be Safe

By Sharon Gordon

Every five minutes a horrific rape occurs in the United States. In 70% of these cases, the victim knows her assailant. There are some things that can be done to help prevent a rape from occurring.

SECURE THE HOME

- * See that all doors and windows are locked at night. Keep curtains and blinds drawn.
- * Make sure that entrances to the home are kept well lit at night.
- * Keep the lights on in more than one room of the house.

PRECAUTIONS ON THE STREET

- * Don't accept rides from people you don't know.
- * Keep away from dark or deserted areas.

- * Never travel alone.

IN THE CAR

- * Keep car doors locked at all times. (Even while driving.)
- * Check the floor and back seat before getting into the car.

DATING

- * Meet people in public areas.
- * Go out as a group when you start dating someone new.
- * When you say no, mean it.

If you or someone you know has been raped, contact the police or R.A.P.E. Relief Center immediately.



World News

by Jennifer Snow

* General Manuel Noriega's attorneys have accused government witnesses in the trial of having questionable credibility and also refused to plea bargain. Stated Steven Kollin, attorney for defense, "If you're innocent, you don't plea-bargain," and asked later about the witnesses, "Would you have these people babysit your children?"



* Anti-communist rallyists in Romania gathered on Sunday, January 7 to mourn the loss of revolutionists killed in the country's December 22 government overthrow. The march covered over a half a mile in Bucharest. Rallies are also being held in the cities of Braila, Galcizia, and Limisoara.

In and Out of 1990

Find out what's in the 90's

In

Social Gatherings
Boxer Shorts
Compact Discs
Eating-Out
Everything else
Autobahn
2 Live Crew
Democracy
Andre Dice Clay
Seisun Blue
Leather
Fruit Flies
Supreme Unleaded
Shooting Car Windows
Deborah Norville

Out

Parties
Briefs
Cassettes
Eating-In
St. Mary's Dance
Speed Limit
New Kids on the Block
Communism
Bill Cosby
Head & Shoulders
Polyester
Sharks
Regular Unleaded
Slashing tires
Jane Pauley

ATTENTION ALL
L.O.H.S. STUDENTS!

If anyone is going to be involved in any activities outside school, i.e., piano recitals, dance recitals, etc., we would be glad to print the information in the newspaper. Please write down all information concerning the activity and give to Mrs. Campbell - room D-204- or place the information in her mailbox.

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The 90's: A look ahead

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By Sarah Williamson

As we move into the 1990's, magazines, newspapers, television and radio programs have devoted significant segments to the last decade of this century. The topics and predictions presented have generally been based on statistical, economic, social, and scientific factors compiled in recent years.

Some popular majors for college students will be journalism, photography, graphic design, advertising, marine biology, and a variety of medicine related studies. People are becoming seriously involved with the condition of the environment on the local as well as the national level. The greenhouse effect has become a global concern. Fashion for the future will be comfortable and simple, yet traditional. Typical musical taste will vary from heavy metal to a bit of classical.

The stepfamily will be the family of the future. Stepchildren make up twenty percent of all children in married families. As

many as one third of the children born in the '80's may live with a stepparent by the age of eighteen. A new illegal drug called ice is now available. It is more addictive than cocaine and crack.

Two social classes will be dominant in the '90's and well into the twenty-first century. They will be upper and lower. Homelessness will be a growing problem in the U.S.A. Of the thirty-three million poor Americans, thirteen million are children. Five-hundred thousand of those are homeless.

Genetic engineering will be a common practice in the future for animals and humans. Robots will be used to cook in fast food restaurants or to clean shopping malls. They will eventually be common household equipment. A gene-splicing technique will allow fruits and vegetables to hold their crispness so long they might be sold as prepackaged snacks.

These are only a portion of the significant predictions for the '90's.

Young Riders Blaze onto the Screen

By Robert Weber and
Michelle Roberts

Gunsmoke, Bonanza, The Rifleman, The Lone Ranger, everyone knows these as classic T.V. westerns. But now a new generation of cowboys has arrived to carry on an American Tradition.

The Young Riders is a fictional show based on historical happenings. It is the adventures of six Pony Express riders.

The colorful collection of historic and fictional characters makes the show a winner. The main characters are a motley crew of orphans with varied personalities.

The Kid, who is the central character, is the most level headed of the group. He stays busy keeping the others from killing each other.

Lou has a secret that only the other riders know. Lou is the smallest of the bunch and probably has the most common sense.

Ike is different from the rest. Earlier in his life, Scarlet Fever robbed him of his voice as well as his hair, but that doesn't stop him

from being a good rider.

Buck is a half-breed Kaiowa Indian. He adds his wisdom and knowledge of the many Indian tribes that inhabit the Pony Express route.

William F. Cody, a.k.a. Buffalo Bill, is one of the two historic characters. He is good with a rifle and excels in being vain and cocky.

And last, but certainly not least, is James Butler Hickok, or Wild "Bill". Jimmy, as he is known on the show, is a short-tempered, reckless gunslinger who has a knack for getting into trouble.

All of these characters combined bring spice and humor to the show, making it a great way to spend a Thursday night.



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Movie and Record Review

Tora Tora and Dangerous Toys

by: Tim Black

The recently famous heavy metal band Tora Tora has a debut album entitled Surprise Attack. This group is from Memphis, Tennessee, and one would notice the regional color of their music having heard the album. Their bluesy flavor is displayed in large part by the sad, crying, and sometimes screaming vocals of Anthony Corder. Tora Tora now has two videos for the songs, "Walkin' Shoes" and "Guilty." Other notable tracks on Surprise Attack are "Hard Times," "Phantom Rider," and "One For The Road."

Dangerous Toys' self entitled debut album is accurately described as fun. These guys are from Texas and they are very proud of it. Each track is energetic and confident from a musician's viewpoint, and one thing the listener will notice is the hysterical lyrics. Jason McMaster's (Axl

Rose-like) vocals accentuate these lyrics. The two guitar and bass lineup is very popular today and has proven to be quite efficient for Dangerous Toys. They have two videos for the songs "Teas'n, Pleas'n" and "Scared," which is dedicated to Alice Cooper. Virtually every song on the album is its best, but some

particular hot spots are "Bones In The Gutter," "Queen Of The Nile," and "Sport'n A Woody." A connoisseur of classic metal would love Dangerous Toys.

TOUR UPDATE: Both Dangerous Toys and Tora Tora are finishing a tour with L.A. Guns. Dangerous Toys has a tour date with The Cult on January 16 in St. Louis.



*Homecoming/ from pg. 1

Beth Watson, a member of the band and of Phi Alpha Delta Sorority.

The other court candidates were:

Angie Ames, Junior, Jenny Stephon, sophomore, and Farrell Holland, freshman.

For Homecoming this year, nominations were made from each homeroom, then the candidates were selected from this group.

Disney does it again



By Michelle Roberts

Disney has added yet another great classic to their impressive list of animated movies. The Little Mermaid is an underwater fantasy that will tug at your heart strings and delight you with vivid colors and charming melodies.

This entertaining film is based on an old German fairy tale about a mermaid princess who falls in love with a human prince, yet she cannot be with him because her father, the king, has denied the mer people any contact with

the "evil, fish eating humans."

In an act of desperation, she sells her voice to a sea witch in return for three days of being human. I cannot tell you any more because I do not want to spoil the story for you. Do not be tricked into believing that just because the film is by Disney that it is just for children. The Little Mermaid is a delightful tale for all ages, one to eighty.



Everybody Knows...

by Laura Ernstberger

...Who is still the worst band of the month. (Ha Ha Just Kidding)
...Which class not to get caught chewing gum in.

...That cases of senioritis have already been diagnosed.

...Not to put an egg in the microwave, except for Sharon G.

...Which food is the favorite of the cafeteria.

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Mark Chumbler nails a charity shot as everyone watches wide-eyed. Photo by Todd Walker

Girls Varsity

Lone Oak 61
Tilghman 33

Lone Oak 50
Mayfield 66

Lone Oak 53
Massac 67

Lone Oak 55
Heath 40

Lone Oak 63
Lyon Co. 37

Lone Oak 61
Fulton Co. 62

Lone Oak 62
Tilghman 66

Lone Oak 65
St. Mary 39

Lone Oak 65
Ballard Co. 67

The last three minutes of this game will probably prove to be some of the most exciting of the season. The Lady Flash came charging back and with a few more seconds could have beaten the Bombers. But it was a great effort!

Boys Varsity

Lone Oak 48
Mayfield 79

Lone Oak 48
Massac Co. 70

Lone Oak 50
Reidland 52

Lone Oak 47
Carlisle Co. 59

Lone Oak 40
Hickman Co. 60

Lone Oak 60
Heath 63

Lone Oak 66
Carlisle 60

Lone Oak 39
Ballard Co. 48

Lone Oak 69
St. Mary 72 OT



Patricia Jones is a step ahead of everyone else. Photo by Scott Champion

Lone Oak loses Homecoming Game to cross town rivals

By: Robert Weber

A near capacity crowd turned out on Friday the 19th to watch Lone Oak take on the Blue Tornado from Tilghman. This was of course Lone Oak's Homecoming and the huge crowd was hoping for an upset.

After the Homecoming Ceremony, the game got underway. Tilghman jumped to an early five point lead, but Lone Oak came right back, led by

early scores by sophomore Matt Wallis.

The two teams shot it out through the first half. The Tornado kept a consistent margin of about ten points, but the Lone Oak squad fought back, and was never out of striking distance.

The war under the boards was ferocious, with the smaller Lone Oak team challenging the Big Blue for every rebound.

As the game wore on, though, it was evident that the the Oakers were not going to overcome the the double-digit lead of Tilghman. A few comeback charges were repulsed by the Tornados, and they held on to win by the score of 65 to 55.



Remaining Games

Feb. 2 Marshall A

Feb. 6 Livingston H

Feb. 9 Heath H

Feb. 13 Mayfield H

Feb. 16 Fulton City A

Feb. 20 Ballard A

Feb. 23 Graves H

Feb. 26- Mar. 2 Tourn. H

*Charter from pg. 1

deals directly with teen suicide. Friends learn how to better handle stressful situations. They also make "pacts" with each other promising that whenever one feels like he can't make it through the day, he will call on the other to support and encourage him. This program is similar to the SADD program in which students sign contracts pledging not to drink and drive.

It is highly recommended that our high school begin a support group for those who have been under treatment for substance abuse. These groups could meet during regular club meetings and give those returning to a school environment friends and encouragement, as well as the desire to accomplish what may seem impossible to them. If

anyone is interested in helping form a group such as this or be a member or supporter, please contact Mrs. Jones or Lori Spear. One regional high school that has a support group is Calloway County.

Executive Inn will be the site of a free community night sponsored by Charter on March 8, 1990 at 7p.m. The guest speaker, Michael Pritchard, is a stand-up comedian type speaker who gives a heartwarming message about facing life head on, making good

decisions, and taking the responsibility for whatever decisions you do make. His topic will be "Choose Your Own Destiny and Laugh Along the Way." For more information about this or any other program, please phone 444-0444 or Charter Counseling Center at 442-5089.

Roving Reporter

By Michelle Roberts

This month's question was "Do you agree or disagree with the United States' invasion of Panama?" Though I did not get many quotable quotes, I did however get many answers. Here are statements from two students who consented to having their thoughts in The Oak K. "I agree. We built the Panama canal and we have a responsibility to what happens around it."

--Michelle Wilkerson 11th

"I really don't have any feelings about it.

I only think we should stay out of matters that don't concern us."

--Elizabeth Palmer 11th

"I agree 100% with President Bush. It should have been done sooner."

--Clay Wagner 10th

As for the rest of the students interviewed, 84 gave me an answer. 86% of them agreed with the invasion saying that the United States government had every right to interfere. 7% disagreed saying that it was none of our business, and another 7% did not care either way.

Tri-Hi-Y gets a change of face

By Jennifer Snow

Lone Oak's Tri-Hi-Y club will undergo a change within the next year. The State's last all-girl YMCA sponsored group plans to go Co-Ed in August, 1990.

The group, headed by Mrs. Gwen Helfer since 1956 has performed multitudes of helpful services to the community.

Aimee Bahr, president, looks forward to the change. "Even though I won't be here, I think it's great that our club has the opportunity to reach out to new people. We perform so many services and enjoy ourselves in the process. It'll be good for the club to provide this for guys as well as girls," she says.

In the past two years, Lone Oak's Tri-Hi-Y club has progressed from a small, quiet club to one of the most important in the state. The group "captured the Triple A award in 1988, which was

given to only three other clubs in the state, for taking part in YMCA activities and local community service efforts.

"We hold the same goal for this year," states Aimee. To achieve their goal, the girls of Tri-Hi-Y have been busy since school began. They helped with the 4-H speech competition, Great Pumpkin race and collected for needy children and elderly people. Sponsor Maura Stewart reflects, "I feel privileged to be a part of this organization as I feel helping others is very rewarding for everyone."

The club will finish out the school with numerous activities, including the humane society drive and collecting for the March of Dimes. The members encourage everyone to "Come and see what Y-clubs are all about-helping others and improving lives."



Cartoons for Rednecks?