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McCracken students take Chicago by storm

On March 2, 1990 the L.O.H.S. Art and Physical Science Clubs, along with students from Reidland and Heath High schools, left Paducah for the windy city of Chicago. Their overnight stay was a complete success.

They arrived in the early afternoon and went directly to the Art Institute of Chicago. While most students were familiar with the works of Renoir and O'Keef, actually observing the original artwork was something of an experience. "It was breathtaking," said Art Club member Christina McCune.

The real experience, however, was eating at the Hard Rock Cafe later that day. Senior

Shannon Pittman commented, "It was like a rock museum with loud music and expensive food."

After that, the students took a tour of Chicago and went shopping at the Water Tower Place. They finished out the day at the Sears Tower, the world's tallest building.

The students then retired to the Congress Hotel, albeit the students and chaperones allegedly didn't rest as well as they should have. Frisbee in the halls, precarious camera shots out windows, hail monitors armed with pillows and various other games kept them up well past a decent hour.



Six LOHS students meet Alan Kulwicki, driver of the #7 Zerex car at the Motorcraft 500. Notice how Kulwicki handles fans who sport souvenirs of other drivers! (left to right) James Turner, Robert Milam, David Langston, Kulwicki, Terry Ballard, Jeff Downs, and Tim Bruce.

By Michelle Roberts

On March 16 Mrs. Richards and Mrs. Bruggen chaperoned six students on a trip to Atlanta, Georgia where

The next morning the students visited the Museum of Science and Industry and wrapped up their trip with a stop at the Shedd Aquarium. They arrived home at 10:30 that evening.

Sandy Hayden, Art Teacher, was very proud of her charges. "The students on this trip were exceptionally well behaved and fun to be with. My only regret was that we didn't stay a second night."

they attended the Motorcraft 500 car race. This trip was part of a writing project in Mrs. Richards' English class.

The students earned money for the trip by selling ads in a book they are writing of biographies of NASCAR drivers. They were able to meet and talk with Alan Kulwicki (see picture) and were also able to see Dale Earnhardt.

Mrs. Richards commented about the trip, "The students had a good time, despite their disappointment over the lack of wrecks."

Kentucky Oaks 12=Kentucky Oaks Ripoff

This topic is an age old source for an editorial and it's going to be used again because it so time-oriented and very true.

Recently I took a trek to the Kentucky Oaks 12 Theatres to see a late showing of Leatherface: The Texas Chainsaw Massacre III and I was dazzled by the nice interior decorating and hawk: three (count em three!) concession stands. Wow! Now I can go get something to eat (and/or) drink without the risk of losing my usual \$4.50 ticket stub.

Wait a minute! \$1.10 for a small Coke? I've seen more liquid in a urine sample at the doctor's office. \$5.00 for a box of popcorn soaked in a putrid color of a buttery substance (somewhat resembling old Valvoline)?

Get real! If prices continue to rise at the Kentucky Oaks 12 Theatres, people with approved credit could put a downpayment on a bag of Twizzlers with their Visa card (American Express is not accepted).

Jim Kerins

Lone Oak needs new, United Campus

As most of you know, there will be some changes taking place throughout the McCracken County School system in the near future. All elementary sixth graders will be moved to middle school, Heath High School will be rebuilt, and a new science wing will be constructed at Lone Oak. These changes are all needed and appreciated, but they do not include the one thing that Lone Oak desperately needs- a United campus. By the term United campus I mean a new, well-equipped school building with an adjacent football field, band practice field, tennis court, softball and baseball fields, soccer field, and track. Let's also add to that list an auditorium and an air-conditioned

gymnasium. Currently, parts of our campus are spread all over town like a big jigsaw puzzle whose pieces were never quite fully assembled. It is a big hassle for underclassmen or students without cars to get to practice after school, therefore eliminating some students from even participating in an extracurricular sport. This is a loss to the student as well as our school. I realize that there is no money available right now to undertake such a large project, but I sincerely hope that our need is recognized and acted upon, therefore providing a wonderful new school for future students.

Lori Spear

Cutting down on wasted time

It seems that every year there are a million new award shows. There are the Grammys, the Aces, and Golden Globes, ect... How many times have favorite shows been missed because the networks are putting on 5 hours of people dressed in tuxedos and evening gowns?

These programs wouldn't be bad if it were not for the length of time they take up. These wasted seconds could be cut drastically if they took the following advice:

1) Choose one person to present the awards. A good thirty minutes are wasted because every time an award is presented, two models have to escort two people to present the award to the podium. One person could announce the awards and stay in one place the full time.

2) Reduce the number of acts. Having seven different performers an hour is ridiculous. There is no need for more than two. That can save a total of about one hour and fifteen minutes.

3) Throw the speeches into the garbage. It is no secret that some performers are hams. They can take more than ten minutes to say how

much they deserved the award. Save the speeches for the fan magazines and let them worry about all of the "I thank my dog, my cat, my canary..." and so on. That will save about forty-five minutes.

There, now the award shows are only two and one half hours long. This is much easier on one's sanity.

--Michelle Roberts

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SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

By Eddie Bromley

This month's Senior Spotlight is on Chad Hawes. Chad is on the All District basketball team, is president of the Industrial Club, was recognized. Youth Appreciation Week by Optimist Club, is a Boy's State Delegate, participated in Youth Salute, is a member of the LCHS baseball team, and Beta Club, and was voted Best All Around by classmates.

Chad plans to attend college and major in industrial arts.

When asked how he felt

about being chosen for this month's Senior Spotlight, he said, "I feel it is an honor that my teachers have that much confidence in me."



Humane drive tops record

By Jennifer Snow

Lone Oak Tri-Hi-Y, along with English teacher Mr. Toy, sponsored the school's largest Humane Society Food Collection Drive.

Over 1,100 pounds of dog and cat food were collected by students during the final weeks of February, surpassing last year's high total. "For the past several years, Lone Oak High School has made a significant contribution to the Humane Society by supplying food for the animals. Our school is the largest supporter," commented Mr. Toy. For the first time in the school-wide drive, homerooms were used as headquarters for food donations. Mrs. Stewart's homeroom boasted the most food per person, earning them a pizza party furnished by The Parlor. Top honors in the collection race also went to Mr. Toy's homeroom, where

the efforts of the students were rewarded with doughnuts sent by the Tri-Hi-Y.

"On behalf of the Lone Oak Tri-Hi-Y club, I would like to extend a very special thanks to Mr. Jim Toy, who donated much time and effort to this cause. I would also like to thank Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Richards for their contributions. I found the experience extremely worthwhile, challenging, and rewarding," stated club sponsor Mrs. Maura Stewart.

Tri-Hi-Y members would also like to extend appreciation to the following merchants who donated food toward the collection drive: Piggly Wiggly, Food World, Gore's Foodland, Lone Oak Farm Store, Wal-Mart, K-Mart, Kroger, TSC, Southern States, Super Valu, and Tilford Agricultural Sales, Inc.

Art class attends competition

by Stephen Borders

March 3, the Art class participated in the Sixth Annual Purchase-Pennyrile Regional High School Art Exhibition. The exhibition was held at the Clara M. Eagle Gallery at Murray State University. The students that submitted entries were John Cason, Chris Darnell, Evan Hogood, Eric Jenkins, Dwight Pepper, Roger Smith and Fred Wayne.

Of the 455 entries submitted, 79 were chosen for exhibition. The following students had their works displayed: Chris Darnell-First Place Printmaking, "Another Brick in the Wall," Evan Hogood-Second Place Printmaking, "Dragon Master," Dwight Pepper-Third Place

Printmaking, "Confederate Lizard,"

John Cason-honorable Mention Printmaking, Eric Jenkins-honorable Mention Portrait, Fred Wayne-honorable Mention Watercolor and Linoleum Block, and Roger Smith-honorable Mention Pen and Ink Drawing, "Jason Miller: The Living Legend." These works will be displayed during March at the Murray State Fine Arts Building.

For Chris Darnell's First Place Finish, his entry will be displayed at the All-State Exhibition April 8 at the Old Capitol Building, Frankfort. His work will be displayed there until April 30. Congratulations Art students.

by Sharon Gordon

Of The Month:

Seniors:
Michael Crawford
Cassie Lewis
Juniors:
Aaron Meridith
Renee Hollingsworth
Sophomores:
Aaron Gibson
Christine McClune
Freshmen:
Garland Crawford
Christine Robertsnn

Teacher:

Mrs. Stewart
Party House:
Dudley's
Car: Brad Robertson's
Celica GTS
Animal:
Teddy Bear
Cause:
Earth Day
Song:
"Nothing Compares 2 U"-
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Saying:
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Prom Fashions (For Guys & Girls) forecasted for 1990

By Sarah Williamson

Prom is right around the corner and most juniors and seniors beginning to seriously prepare for prom. This article will summarize the various styles of prom gowns, tuxedos, and other important details of the big night.

A popular look for many prom dresses is the "mermaid effect." The skirt of the dress starts an inch above the knee, and it gradually gets longer in the back, going down to the ankle. Uneven hemlines are popular with any length dress—short, tea, and ankle. Many dresses are available that show the legs and

especially the shoulders. Taffeta, satin, sequins, and lace are the main materials used for the dresses. Bold colors make a big statement, but a simple black dress can be just as special. A tie-dyed looking print has made its debut this year, giving a dress a playful, fun-loving look. At most stores where a girl purchases her dress, she can also purchase the shoes, handbag, jewelry, and hair accessory to match her special dress perfectly. If she does not want to spend the money for a new prom dress she can dye last year's dress (have it professionally done) or use different accessories.

At prom time, most guys rent tuxedos. Some get their cummerbund and tie to match their date's dress. According

to some magazines, guys prefer the girls to wear red because this accents the black and white in tuxedos. Vests and flowered bow ties add a certain uniqueness to a guy's outfit for prom. Black tails and a white shirt are always classic and timeless for a non-trendy look.

White, peach, and other pastels dominate the color scheme of corsages. The wristlets are the most popular flower arrangements. "Composite flowers" have become big this year. These are several types of flowers made into a gorgeous corsage. Many corsages have ribbons with rhinestones and pearls to match a dress perfectly and give it a sophisticated and refined look. Boutonnieres, men's flowers are always pinned to the left lapel of a jacket. Keep flowers refrigerated, especially if it is very warm.

Planning for the prom is very important in making in making the night special. Two to four weeks before the prom, arrange plans for the night with everyone. Get a haircut, practice applying make-up, break in new shoes (gradually), get film for the camera, make arrangements with the limousine service, restaurants, and after or pre-prom parties.

Check the weather of the day and night of the prom, so you can make plans accordingly.

Limousines are a good way to transport several

couples to the prom and other places as well. Most limousine rates start at \$45 an hour. Limos come in black, white, silver, and navy blue. The more accessories on the limo, the more expensive the price.

Ethnic designs influence fashions

By Sarah Williamson

By now, almost everyone is getting tired of winter clothes and looking forward to the new styles for spring and summer. Ethnic designs are one of the main themes for spring. The influences come from Asia, Mexico, Southwestern United States, and India just to name a few. The Woodstock influence has a big impact on all types of styles for men, women, and children. Nautical style clothing is a perennial favorite for spring. Rayon is a popular material for this season. Comfort is playing a big role in the fashion scene. This includes jumpsuits and sport skirts. Shorts are longer this year, usually made of linen. This goes for men and women. Harem pants are comfortable for eveningwear or for a casual look during the day. Sandals and big earrings dusting the shoulder look terrific

Most girls want an ideal date for prom. Everyone would like to take Mr. Perfect, but taking a good friend would make a comfortable date. It is easier to be open with a good friend about prom plans and other important things.

with ethnic-influenced styles. Bolo ties can make a western outfit complete. Accessories and pieces of clothing that are tied are fashionable this season. Bathing suits are not as skimpy this year, more one-piece suits are available. Neon and animal prints are commonly found, and one can wear them under clothes.

For guys, neon beachwear is always popular, but the styles change each year, more colors are being used this year. Like persimmon and plum. Safari shades of greens and browns are more available in suits. Various designs of prints are abundant this spring in different clothing styles for men. Linen and rayon are two materials that are not only fashionable in the women's clothing, but also men's.

The sources used for this article are: The Pagan Sun (Spring Fashion Issue).

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Simpsons break into television

By Melinda Purvis

The FOX network has a new show on this season that everyone is talking about. The show, The Simpsons, is about a wacky cartoon family.

The parents of this family are Homer, a man of less than average intelligence, and Marge, who has the highest hair on television. The children are Bart, the ultimate trouble-maker, Lisa, the normal one, and the baby, Maggie.

Each week the family

becomes involved in some outrageous and often ridiculous stunt. One such episode is when Homer was mistaken for Bigfoot.

The Simpsons were originally shown as short segments during the Tracey Ullman Show; however, they became so popular, they were given their own series. This is the first cartoon series to be on primetime since The Flintstones years ago.

by: Robert Weber

The date was July 18, 1863. This was the day set for the Federal attack on the Confederacy's fort Wagner, on the beach in Charleston Harbor. The route of attack was only wide enough to send one regiment through at a time. Colonel Robert Gould Shaw, just barely 25 years old and commander of the all black 54th Massachusetts, volunteered his regiment to lead the assault. He knew, as did everyone, that this action was virtual suicide. So at dusk, the gallant 54th charged across the beach toward Fort Wagner, and into legend.

This is the climactic scene of the Tri-Star Pictures release, "Glory." "Glory" is the story of the 54th Massachusetts Regiment and their commander, Col. Robert Gould Shaw, played by Matthew Broderick. The story goes from the recruiting of the all black regiment, through its training, to its

glorious attack on Ft. Wagner. Morgan Freeman and Denzel Washington also star as members of Company A of the 54th.

The Ft. Wagner scenes were shot on location at Jekyll Island in Georgia. Hundreds of black reenactors and extras were hired for this production at \$50 a day. Many of these extras were offered all the necessary equipment for \$600, two thirds the actual cost. The men were trained by experienced reenactors and lived in the field for the three weeks it took to shoot the Wagner scenes. Several of the extras are members of the 54th Mass. Reenactment Unit.

"Glory" is an excellent movie. It is incredibly authentic, it has a good story, and the battle scenes are overwhelming. The viewer grows to feel for the members of the 54th, most of whom are runaway slaves. And by the end, the audience is holding back tears and leaves with a different view of war, particularly the American Civil War.

M.C. Hammer turns out another one

By Jim Berins

Please Hammer Don't Hurt Em is the latest release from master rapper M.C. Hammer. His latest album contains 13 selections while his previous album, Let's Get It Started, contained only 11.

Please Hammer Don't Hurt Em is roughly a follow-up to Let's Get It Started and the songs are relatively the same. M.C. Hammer uses the same sound effects in the new album, just as in the old.

While this review may sound on the negative

side, Please Hammer Don't Hurt Em is really a good album. "Crime Story" is one of the better songs, as are "Black is Black" and "Help The Children." With his newest album, M.C. Hammer is almost assured of being a nominee for the American Music Awards Best Male Rapper for the year 1990 (he won the award for 1989). At the price of \$8.98 on tape and \$13.99 on CD, this album is a very good buy and certainly worth the price.

By Michelle Roberts

Ever so often even someone who rarely picks up a book gets the urge to read one. Knowing that this occurs The Oak K has decided to review some of the latest titles so that readers have a somewhat easier choice.

Brian Lumley, with the help of Tor Horror, has written another book for his fans. House of

Doors, an interesting tale involving space aliens and terror, is a must for every horror buff. The story follows the adventures of a few misplaced people as they try to find a way out of a machine disguised as a castle. While they are trying to survive, an alien, bent on their destruction, is hitting them with their worst nightmares.

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*Aunt Bertha

By Melinda Purvis

Dear Aunt Bertha,

I have a slight problem. When I was backing out of the driveway, I had a little accident. I put a barely noticeable hole in my neighbor's house. Okay, it is a rather large hole. They are coming back into town next week. What do I tell them? -Homewrecker

Dear Homewrecker,

Tell them that Santa has been stuck in their chimney since Christmas. He finally had to call his reindeer to crash through the wall to rescue him. You might want to leave a gift to make it look authentic.

Dear Aunt Bertha,

My dad got a bump on the head when he fell out of his treehouse. Now he thinks that he is on Gilligan's Island. He keeps on calling me Mary Ann and telling me to fix him some seaweed. Everytime a friend comes over, he shouts that we are rescued. What do I do about this? - Stranded

Dear Stranded,

Take your father to an island and dump him off. Then come back for him later on. He should really believe that he is rescued if you do that. Even if he doesn't, you can always leave him there.

World News

By Jennifer Snow

*Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir is considering an American proposal for peace talks between Israelis and Palestinians. The leader agreed to look over the bill, which would allow the Palestinians deported from Israel to take part in the talks.

*Lithuania declared independence from the USSR on March 11th. The new government elected the first non-communist leader in Soviet history

to lead a republic.

The people of Lithuania are now pressing for independence for the countries of Latvia and Estonia, which are also Soviet held territories on the Baltic Peninsula.

*Japan's Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu ended two days of talks with George Bush earlier this month. Kaifu agreed to attempt to reduce the trading tensions with the United States, along with lowering Japan's trade surplus.

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Roving Reporter

By Michelle Roberts

This month the Roving Reporter decided to see what the students of Lone Oak High thought of fellow journalists Oprah Winfrey and Geraldo Rivera. The results were...uh...interesting. Here is what a few of them had to say.

-Well, personally, I like shows that discuss more than sex or drugs. Oprah has a good show, but she needs more interesting topics. I'd rather go see Geraldo for an interesting,

dope-breaking hour!

Stefanie Espie, Junior

-I'd rather see Oprah anyway, rather than Geraldo. I think that Geraldo is a jerk and needs his nose broken many more times.

Laura Cope, Junior

-Geraldo, he's hot!

Jessica Housman, sophomore

In case any of you are wondering, the results are as follow: Out of 40 people polled, 62.5% like Oprah, 25% prefer Geraldo, and 12.5% did not care for either. ^

Everybody knows ...

that winter is almost over.

the journalism staff really doesn't know how to write.

the last day of school is May 24.

what kind of weather we'd rather be having.

Coming Up Issues:

April
Special Report
"Earth Day"

May
Senior Edition

Writing Contest

By Michelle Roberts

At the first of this month, Mrs. Bruggen took her English classes on various field trips. The trips were arranged so that her students could collect information on Kentucky for a writing contest.

The contest is sponsored by the writing grant she and two other teachers created and introduced this school year. The students from Mrs. Bruggen's classes have researched and written their papers. The Oak K will print the names of the winners when they are announced.

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1990 Lone Oak Softball Schedule

March 29	Heath	H	4:00
March 30	Hopkinsville	H	4:45
April 9	Reidland	H	4:00
April 10	Graves	Fancy Farm	4:00
April 11	Calloway		
April 12	Murray	A	4:00
April 13	Marshall	H	4:00
April 16	Reidland	A	
April 17	St. Mary	H	3:30
April 18	Ballard (one game)	H	4:00
April 19	Mayfield	A	4:00
April 20	Graves	H	4:00
April 24	Mayfield (one game)	H	4:00
April 25	Marshall	A	4:00
April 26	Ballard	A	4:00
May 1	Heath	A	4:00
May 2	St. Mary (one game)	A	3:30
May 4	Murray	H	4:00

1990 Lone Oak High School Softball Team

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Seniors select Superlatives

By Sarah Williamson

The Senior Superlatives for the Class of 1990 are as follows:

MR. AND MISS SENIOR: Kevin Toon and Holly Earhart; FRIENDLIEST: Eric Brown and Holly Earhart; CLASS KNOW IT ALLS: Eric Grogan and Heather Alexander; MOST TALENTED: Steve Harper and Paula Atherton; MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED: Kevin Toon and Kim Burnett; BIGGEST FLIRTS: Jamey Snyder and Jenny Moore; MOST CATCHING SMILE: Tripp Dupperieu and

Tracey Hayden; MOST FASHINABLE: Paul Cartee and Johnna Debow; MOST ATTRACTIVE: Brad Robertson and Christy Blackburn; MOST UNFORGETTABLE: Chris Burkhardt and Le Tonia Jones; MR. AND MISS WACKY: Richard Hopkins and Jamiee Burchard; MOST SCHOOL SPIRIT: Darrel Byrd and Brittany Lawrence; MOST ATHLETIC: Keith Barkley and Donna Brookshire; BEST ALL AROUND: Chad Hawes and Amy Eison.

*Books cont. from pg. 5

The book is slow in parts and does not come close to Mr. Lumley's famous trilogy The Necroscope, but it still makes for good reading.

V.C. Andrews has thrilled millions of readers with her previous books. Adding to her current series dealing with Heaven Casteel, her mother and her daughter, she has released Web of Dreams, a novel about Leigh Dian VanVoreen, a young Bostonian teenager who has been thrown into a world of deceit and lies. The book is published by Pocket Books and is every bit as good as Ms. Andrew's previous stories.

For the romantic in all of us, Avon Books has published Johanna Lindsey's nineteenth

novel, Savage Thunder. In this story, Jocelyn Fleming, a young widowed duchess, runs across Colt Thunder, a.k.a. White Thunder, a half Cheyenne, half white gun slinger. Though it is meant to be a serious love story, the constant battle of wills between these two hot tempered people is laughable.

To satisfy even the most chronic of fantasy buffs, TSR publishers offer The Halfling's Gem by R.A. Salvatore. In this story of adventure and magic, four friends go off in a desperate search to free the kidnapped friend. On the way they encounter pirates, thieves, and other dangers, giving an unyielding attraction to this tale.

Lone Oak welcomes student teachers

By: Todd Walker

Yes, once again Murray State University has blessed us with the presence of five new student teachers. These student teachers are Christine Worthen, Kelly Cox, Frances Yates, Michelle Goins, and Raymond Rogers.

Christine Worthen is a student teacher for Mr. Buckner. She is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish. Christine enjoys being able to help students understand something totally foreign to them. Christine also enjoys reading, listening to music (mostly the Beatles), and watching tapes of Monty Python's Flying Circus.

Kelly Cox is a student teacher for Mr. Clark. Kelly will be receiving his Bachelors degree in biology. Then he will be going for his Masters in teaching biology. He loves teaching because he enjoys communicating with the students about biology.

Frances Yates is a student teacher for Mr. Toy. Frances is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in English and Mathematics. Frances wants to be a teacher because she enjoys working with young people. She also wants to be a positive influence in their education and in their

lives in general. Frances enjoys playing the piano, playing volleyball with her church team, and shopping. Michelle Goins is a student teacher for Mr. Wagoner. Michelle is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics. Michelle feels that being a teacher is an excellent opportunity for her to help make someone else's future a success. She enjoys reading romance novels, water-skiing, and watching movies.

Raymond Rogers is a student teacher for Mr. Mizell. Raymond found that he really enjoyed history and English, and enjoyed sharing his knowledge with others. He is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree with a double major in English and history. Raymond enjoys watching movies, reading classic literature, and listening to 60's and 70's rock and roll.

All of these student teachers will be graduating from Murray State on May 12, 1990. When they were asked what their idea of a perfect student was, the response was basically the same. Their idea of a perfect student was a student that tried hard, interacts with other students well, and has a good disposition.