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Oakers Investments Pay Off

by Lori Spear

Eric Roberts learned how to read stock reports from playing The Stock Market Game in Don Baker's AP U.S. History class. Roberts also learned that he will not buy gas from Kubota or United Cities; nor will he invest in the stock market later in life.

The Stock Market Game is a simulation of the New York Stock Exchange where stocks and commodities are traded for a profit. The Council of Economic Education and the Louisville Courier-Journal sponsor the game, which lasts for ten weeks. The object of the game is to teach students how to read stock reports and to help

them better understand how international events affect stock prices.

One of the three teams from LOHS competing in the game placed first out of 26 teams in this region and 31st in the state. The team, consisting of Jason Jones, Ben Steger, Eric Roberts, Mike Keeney and Todd Wagner, won \$100 for their efforts. The other two teams from Baker's class who competed placed 8th and 17th.

Each participating team was allowed \$100,000 to simulate stock purchases. They used the Louisville Courier-Journal, which was provided by the sponsors, to decide which stock they wanted to buy and/or sell



Stock market moguls from Mr. Baker's AP U.S. History class are Todd Wagner, Mike Keeney, Jason Jones, Ben Steger and Eric Roberts.

each week and bubbled their team made a total profit of choices in on scan-tron \$10,377. sheets. Lone Oak's winning

FFA Wins at Murray



The Lone Oak FFA recently won every regional welding contest held at Murray State University.

The Arc Welding Team Contest winners were as follows: Bobby Adams, Ryan Wood, Dennis McDonald and Mike King. The Lone Oak team, winning 1st place superior championship, scored 285 points out of possible 300 points. The team beat second place Marshall County by 21 points.

Lone Oak also won the Arc Welding Individual Contest. All three top individual welders were from Lone Oak: Bobby Adams, superior 1st

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Regional welding champions are Dennis McDonald, Bobby Adams, Ryan Wood, Mike King and David Witte.

College Days Help Determine Future

College admissions counselors will gladly tell you that one of the most important parts of choosing a college is visiting the campus. Campus tours provide an opportunity for the prospective college student to talk with professors and current students, attend college classes and visit dormitories. It also gives the student a glimpse of the surrounding community. These factors are very important in choosing a college, which is one of the biggest decisions many students make.

Deciding where to spend the next four years of one's life is a tough job and it seems that the LOHS policy of allowing seniors only one day to visit

colleges is to visit them colleges makes this decision even harder. What if one visits a college and does not like it? For example, let's pretend that you take your college day to visit the University of Kentucky. After the campus tour (which could take the entire day at UK), you decide that you would feel more comfortable in a smaller environment. Your parents have one more day of vacation from work left and will be glad to accompany you to another school, but you cannot go because you have already used your one college day. This situation can present a real problem in planning one's future education.

One option open to students wishing to visit

during the summer or on the weekends. This is a good solution for some, but often a student's job interferes with visiting on the weekends. Another disadvantage incurred by visiting at these times is that college students and professors are not readily available and the visiting student does not have the opportunity to sit in on any college classes.

Although college days prove very beneficial to college-bound students, there are drawbacks as far as the high schools are concerned. Allowing an excessive amount of college days would give students the opportunity to take advantage of the excused absences. One way to combat this problem is to

require students to submit a tentative itinerary for the day including what college is to be visited and what tours, classes, interviews, etc. are scheduled.

College-bound high school seniors need more than one college day. Because there is not a magic number that would solve the problem effectively, one option is to leave the decision up to the guidance counselor and each individual student (some students are not interested in taking any college days). As long as school officials know that seniors are serious about using college days to find the right college, everyone can work together to improve this matter.

--Lori K. Spear

Something Worth Crowing About

If You Ask Me ...

by David Beyer

The end of the holiday season marks the beginning of the "After-Christmas Depression." This is the depression that comes over people right after the Christmas break. The tree has dried up, all the presents have been opened and the rest of the school year stretches ahead endlessly. The questions have gone from "Can you wait 'til Christmas?" to "What'd you get for Christmas?" and soon it will be "Can you remember Christmas?"

Also for students, the best line ever used for getting out of homework can't be used for another year ("Come on, it's the Christmas season..."). It just doesn't work after the Christmas break.

By far the worst thing, and it is a shame, is that there is no more of the wonderfully inspiring Christmas music being played in the halls. Without the "D-Wing Choir of Angels" to listen to, what is there to look forward to after Christmas?

Seniors Exceed Expectations

by David Beyer

The Class of '91 has something to be proud of. In a speech to our class the day before our eighth grade graduation, we were told that less than half of us would graduate. In this same speech it was said that most of us wouldn't even make it through high school, and on top of that, the speaker said we were considered the worst class to come through Lone Oak

Middle School in years.

Well, our class will be graduating 197 students and that is far more than half of the students who heard that speech. Our class is also the first in several years to have gone through Lone Oak High School without a class member dying. It is rare for a class to graduate without losing a member, so let's hope that the Class of '91 does it!

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Did You Know?

"Young Guns" Excel At LOHS



Angie Ames and Scott Plewke shoot from prone position at a recent rifle match in Louisville. Ames is shooting with a borrowed rifle. Hers was stolen from the hotel the night before this match.

by Christina McCune

Many students at LOHS are involved in a variety of sports and activities outside of those normally offered through a school. Two such students are Angie Ames and Scott Plewke. They are active in competitive target rifle shooting.

Both Ames and Plewke practice and compete at the Jackson Purchase Rifle and Pistol Club in Paducah and at the rifle club in Murray. Ames, who has been shooting competitively for over three years, is the top girl in her age division. Plewke has been competing for about six

years and has excelled as far as to try out for the Junior Olympic team.

Both shooters use an Anschutz 22 target rifle in their competitive shooting. The rifle is designed specifically for target shooting and is much more sophisticated and elaborate than a basic 22 rifle used for hunting.

Ames commented, "Competition is one of the many reasons that makes this sport so enjoyable."

Both Oakers attended a summer camp at Murray to increase their competitive edge, and they both hope to continue the sport in college.

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Parents Abandon Children

by Christina McCune and Beth Carmichael

The movie Home Alone is a box office hit for the Christmas season by Paramount Pictures. The fast paced movie stars "Kevin," a young boy who has been left home, ALONE!!!

Kevin's parents and family are off to Paris while he does the weekly grocery shopping and

watches improper Jimmy Stuart movies. The climax of the plot revolves around an attempted robbery of Kevin's home, but this 9-year old successfully guards his fortress.

The movie is good for all ages, and the exceptional actors make the movie worthwhile. This down to earth comedy represents humor at its purest.



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Scott Sawyer:

Get a new car

Lori Rutherford:

Get to school on time

Cindy Hicks:

Start listening to my parents

Donovan Sullivan:

Take life more seriously

Craig Herzog:

Pass advanced English

Kristi Raffidy:

Change my attitude! I want to become more helpful to my friends and family and I want to make more friends!

Elisha Bohannon:

Finish high school and make money!

Laura Johnston:

Get some sleep

Rob Wagner:

Be able to see the entire senior class graduate alive

Mr. Hopper:

Teach my 5th hour class whether they need it or not (want to or not)

Tim Walker:

Stop bothering Mrs. Campbell during AP English

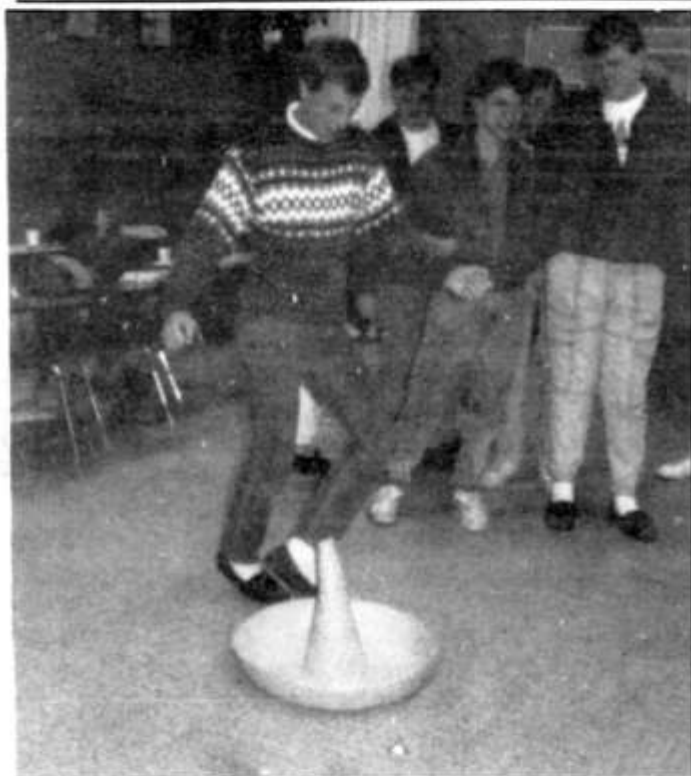
Michael Powell:

Eat a lot of black-eyed peas so I'll be rich. Hopefully I'll win the lottery because I hate black-eyed peas.

BASKETBALL HOMECOMING 1991

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25
7:00 PM

LOHS GYMNASIUM



Jason Jones, Ben Steger and Eric Roberts look on as Scott (Leon) Kopetz entertains with an impromptu Mexican Hat Dance when Mr. Buckner's 6th hour Spanish II class gave Paola Escobar a farewell fiesta before Christmas vacation. Escobar was an exchange student here briefly from Guatemala.

Scholarships Available

BY HEATHER BOND

Seniors, there are many different scholarships available. If you have a GPA of 3.25 and an ACT composite score of 25 you may qualify for a scholarship. Many colleges offer scholarships and

various businesses or organizations which offer scholarship money are Wal-Mart, Lone Oak Lions Club and Service Merchandise. For applications and more information stop by the counselor's office.

Perfect Sophomore

BY HEATHER BOND AND CHRISTINA McCUNE

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Stacy Perry

Jeff Webber

EYES OF:

Johnna Waggoner

Billy Bagwell

PERSONALITY OF:

Shannon Bement

Jack Meece

VOICE OF:

Tara Lasley

Todd Riley

BRAINS OF:

Holly Holland

Garland Crawford

CLOTHES OF:

Sarah Williamson

Matt Morse

COMPLEXION OF:

Melanie Williams

Ricky Alexander

MOUTH OF:

Laura Borders

Ryan Davis

SMILE OF:

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Mystery Students Excite Curiosity

by Sarah Williamson

"Mystery Student" is a new feature in The Oak K. One student from each class is randomly chosen by a staff writer. The job of the reader is to guess the identity of the mystery student. The next publication of The Oak K will reveal the names of the students.

A certain freshman born on April 13, 1976, is 5'8" tall and has freckles. She is a member of EAT, FCA,

Paducah Swim Team and Key Club. Her favorite color is green, and her favorite food is cookies.

Mr. X is a sophomore that plays football and baseball at LOHS. His date of birth is March 24, 1975. He enjoys cycling, basketball, the color black, the store Corn Austin and the television show In Living Color. His pet peeve is school.

This Mystery Student is a junior who was born on September 24, 1974, and

wears a size 6 shoe. She enjoys traveling, swimming softball, the color blue, the food lasagna and the movie Pretty Woman. She is a rifle member of the Kentucky Colonel Band.

This colorguard and winterguard member of the Kentucky Colonel Band was born on August 15, 1973. She has dimples, wears a size 7 1/2 shoe and is 5'3" tall. Some of her hobbies include singing, talking on the phone and going out with friends. Her pet peeve is smart alecks.



Lori Spear

Junior Rotarian

by Christina McCune

Junior Rotarian for the month of January is Lori Spear. Spear is involved in many activities at LOHS. She is presently the Beta Club President, editor of The Oak K, a member of FBLA, Pep Club and Key Club. In addition to school activities, Spear works as a receptionist at Lone Oak Chiropractic. Her plans for college include attending either Western Kentucky University or University of Kentucky.

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"US" Rocks LOHS

by Chris Holland

There is a new uprising in the underground music market. Spreading across Kentucky from Louisville to Paducah, it is "US," the new metal group consisting of five talented LOHS students.

The band members are Chris Gish on vocals, Tim Black playing lead guitar and acoustic guitar and Brian Eller on rhythm guitar and acoustic. Rodney Hook masters the bass guitar and backs on acoustic, also. Aaron Meredith hammers out the drum rhythms. The backing vocals are sung by Hook and Eller.

"US" originated in September of 1989 when they performed a shortened version of "Stairway to Heaven" at the state Beta Club convention. Then the band went into a period of music selection and practice. In December of 1990, the band performed again at the state Beta convention. This time, however, they placed in the top four out of 15 acts in the talent competition.

"US" plans to play professionally, a career it seems to be pursuing effectively. "US" is a band to be watching for in the future!



The band "US" poses in the somber and eerie setting of a cemetery. Members are Brian Eller, Tim Black, Chris Gish, Rodney Hook and Aaron Meredith.

Band News

Oakers Hindered By Fouls Against Heath

by Robert Weber

"Wanted: two pairs of thick eyeglasses to be used by basketball referees."

The LOHS boys varsity squad should run an ad something to that effect in every newspaper available. On January 4, aided by numerous questionable calls, the Heath Pirates staged an almost unbelievable comeback to down the Oakers 72-66.

Had Lone Oak won the contest, they would have taken a major step towards winning the McCracken County Championship. For the first half, it looked like they were well on their way to doing just that.

After an opening basket by the visiting Pirates, the Oakers silently and quickly flashed to a commanding 17 point lead.

The Lone Oak faithful were sure their boys had Heath at bay. The problem was, it seemed the players felt the same way. By half-time, Heath had fought their way back into the game, but Lone Oak still held a fairly good lead of eight points.

When the teams returned to the court, everything started falling apart for the home team. Lone Oak

went cold and the Pirates took advantage of the Oaker's frustration and scored several easy buckets. Lone Oak fans watched, horrified, as Heath took the lead for good midway through the fourth quarter. It did not help any that the referees called Lone Oak players for fouls right and left and slapped three technical fouls on the Oakers.

Flash

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

BOYS		GIRLS	
JAN. 22	Calloway	JAN. 28	Carlisle
25	Hickman		
29	Tilghman	FEB. 01	Marshall
		04	Livingston
FEB. 01	Marshall	08	Heath
05	Livingston	12	Mayfield
08	Heath	14	Lyon Co.
12	Mayfield	19	Ballard
15	Fulton City	22	Graves
19	Ballard		
22	Graves Co.		

Lady Flash Fall Short

by Robert Weber

The Lady Flash also tipped off against Heath on January 4, and they too were defeated.

The Lady Pirates held control of the contest most of the way. Then, in the fourth quarter, the Oakers came charging back. Sparked by the surprising long-range accuracy of Deanna Willet, the Lady Flash came to within a basket of downing Heath. A

last second shot bounced off the rim, and the dramatic comeback fell just short.

The effort put forth by Coach Clark and his squad in the fourth quarter brought the gathering crowd to its feet. Although the Oakers were unable to claim victory, they deserve the respect and admiration of the entire Lone Oak community.

LOHS Griders Receive Honors

BY CLARK KENT

After the cheers of the crowd have died away for another long off-season, several deserving high school football players are selected for honorary post-season teams.

The Western Kentucky Conference Team, which consists of players from nearly thirty teams, is selected by the vote of coaches. The All-Purchase Area Team, made up of Jackson Purchase players, is selected by the Paducah Sun. The Courier-Journal All-State Team is voted on by coaches and selected journalists.

This year, four LOHS Football players were selected for these honors.

All-Western KY Conf.

Greg Shelton (Jr, QB)
Greg Richards (Jr, FB)
Keith Byrd (Jr, LB)
Robert Weber (Sr, FS)

All-Purchase Area

Robert Weber (2nd team)
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Robert Weber (Hon. Men.)

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Robert Weber and Garland Crawford were honored this year by KHSAA by being chosen for Academic All-State Football team.

Bikers Race For Health And Recreation

by Lori Spear and Sarah Williamson

In recent years, biking has revolutionized into more than just a form of transportation. It is now revered far and wide as a sport and a recreation that includes many different styles and purposes. Some ride bikes for pleasure, some ride for exercise, and still others ride for the social aspect. Whatever the reason, biking is now considered a serious sport and LOHS boasts several dedicated bikers.

Sophomore Matt Eller, member of the Chain Reaction Cycling Club, bikes every day. Matt has been biking for a year and a half and says that he enjoys biking because "after a 50 mile ride it gives you a sense of accomplishment." Matt competed in the Paducah Summer Festival bike races and won third place. The proud owner of a Raleigh Technium bike, Matt says that he wears a helmet so that "just in case I do have a wreck I won't get hurt."

Tyler Frazier is another biker who attends LOHS. Frazier rides almost every day except during winter and wears a helmet most of the time. He rides a

Raleigh Supercourse bicycle and plans to begin racing this summer.

Early in the morning is when sophomore Daniel Lang prefers to ride. Lang has been riding for a year and says he enjoys biking because "you get to meet people and go places you haven't been before." Member of the CRCC and owner of a Raleigh Technium PRE, Lang does not wear a helmet while biking because "it's uncomfortable."

Another dedicated LOHS biker is sophomore Matt Morse. Morse rides anywhere from 30 to 60 miles every day. The farthest he has ever ridden is 140 miles. He says that he prefers to bike during the late afternoon when he is "finished with everything else." Getting to travel and staying in shape are the main reasons Morse, who has been biking for four years, enjoys the sport. Morse has won numerous road and circuit races including the Indiana/Kentucky District Road Race, the Evansville Sterling Classic and the Champaign Michelob Classic. Morse rides a Pinarello and belongs to the Rapid Transit racing team in Louisville, KY. He says that the benefits of



LOHS biking enthusiasts include: Mr. Jim Toy, Matt Morse, Matt Eller, Daniel Lang, Tyler Frazier and Eddie Church.

membership on a team include having entry fees for races and hotel rooms paid, getting discounts on biking equipment and being a member of a top class team.

Mr. Jim Toy, sophomore English teacher at LOHS, has been biking for six years for health reasons. He lost thirty pounds when he first began biking seriously. Toy says he enjoys leisure biking and competitive racing. He says, "They both offer different benefits. Leisure-relaxation and friends, racing-sense of accomplishment when finished." Toy has participated in various races in St. Louis and

Carbondale. He finished second in the 1990 Paducah Summer Festival.

Eddie Church, a 16-year-old sophomore at LOHS, has been biking for two and a half years. He became interested in biking after watching the Tour de France on television. Church's biking accomplishments include winning the West Kentucky Dogwood Classic and placing second in the criterium race at the 1990 Paducah Summer Festival. He rides a Raleigh Comp bicycle for recreational riding and racing. To train for races, Eddie rides every day in the summer as long as weather permits.

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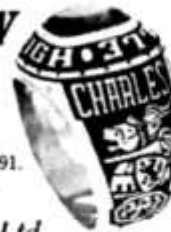
regional champion; Ryan Wood, superior 2nd; and Dennis McDonald, superior 3rd in the region in individual contest.

The Oxy-acetylene welding contest was won by senior David Witte. Lone Oak has won the regional championship in both Arc Welding and Oxy-acetylene welding eight out of the last ten years.

Lone Oak will now represent McCracken County Public Schools in the state finals to be held this summer at the Kentucky State Fair in Louisville, Kentucky.

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So many times it has been said, "I will read the assignment when I get a round tuit." Or, "I will start on the report when I get a round tuit." How many mothers have heard, "I will clean my room when I get a round tuit."

Maybe you have been putting off writing a

letter, making new friends, cleaning your locker, or practicing your musical instrument simply because you didn't get a round tuit.

Now all that is past! Everyone has his own personal round tuit. This should be a very good year!!

What's missing

Figure out the series, then see if you can supply the missing member:

1. C, CC, CCC, CD, ____.
2. Polk, Taylor, Fillmore, ____.
3. A, D, G, J, ____.
4. S, M, T, __, T, F, S.
5. 2, 4, 8, 16, ____.
6. 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, ____.
7. 6, 36, 1,296, ____.
8. 5, 15, 45, 135, ____.
9. Z, Y, W, T, P, ____.

The following pairs of anagrams when unscrambled are opposite in meaning. Solving one will give you a clue to the other one. The first one is done for you.

1. cihr	<u>rich</u>	opor	<u>poor</u>
2. glear	_____	lamsl	_____
3. exlader	_____	seent	_____
4. wetse	_____	rosu	_____
5. greand	_____	fetsay	_____
6. notnynec	_____	litugy	_____
7. seflanporios	_____	tamraue	_____
8. sescusc	_____	refaliu	_____
9. sates	_____	billiiayt	_____
10. tivyrco	_____	teeafd	_____