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Sensing and McGroarty Instruct 4+1 Program

BY SARAH WILLIAMSON

Two teachers from LOHS, Tony McGroarty and Billy Sensing, have the opportunity to be creative by working with second to sixth graders for five Saturdays from Feb. 23 to March 23. This program is called "4+1 Saturdays" taught by professionals in numerous subject areas. It enables gifted and talented students from the Paducah City Schools and the McCracken County Public Schools to enrich their minds in a broad variety of

subjects for two hours for five Saturdays.

The "4" in the name of the program stands for four Saturdays the students are involved with their instructors in the classes. The "1" in the name is the last Saturday and the elementary students come to the classes with their parents.

A student can choose one class for the whole program. The classes are held throughout Paducah, depending on the subject

area. The classes can vary from drama at the Market House Theater, TV Production at Paducah Community College, banking at the Paducah Bank, medical exploration at Western Baptist Hospital and many others. McGroarty teaches "Buy-All-U-Gee," and Sensing teaches "Kid Chemistry." The courses consist of hands-on experience, as well as lectures to broaden the horizons of these academically advanced children.



Mr. Sensing

Project Graduation 1991 Kicks Off at Parents Meeting

BY LORI SPEAR

Believe it or not, it is already that time of year again; time to corral parents and civic organizations to give their time and energy to pull off Project Graduation 1991, a feat that only a dedicated group of workers can achieve.

The January 24 parents meeting was the official kick-off of this year's

after-graduation party. About 30 parents arrived at the LOHS cafeteria for the meeting, conducted by sophomore English teacher Jim Toy. As Toy, the faculty sponsor of Project Graduation, informed the senior class after the homecoming pep rally, this was not a very good number of parents, considering that there are potentially from 400 to 600 parents

available from the senior class. Toy invites parents who did not attend the meeting but who are interested in getting involved to join any committee by contacting either the committee chairperson or Jim Toy. Committees are chaired as follows:

FOOD:

Jeanne Burnette

ACTIVITIES:

Marti and Dennis Cope
Joe and Diane Newton

DECORATING:

Bonnie Willett

PRIZES AND FUNDRAISING:

Richard Black and Jim Toy

REGISTRATION/SECURITY:

Presently unchaired

As most seniors know, Project Graduation is an all-night party for seniors after graduation. One guest per senior is allowed but must fill out the proper registration forms.

Pre-registration will be available but will not be necessary. Anyone who decides to attend but did not pre-register may do so as long as he or she registers between 11 PM and midnight. All pre-registered seniors and guests must also check in during that time.

Activities of past Project Graduations have included volleyball, basketball, board games, movies, the dating/best friends game, a dance, a casino and a bubble gum stuffing contest. The cafeteria will transform into a restaurant with serve-yourself buffets, including items such as pizza, hamburgers, hot dogs, nachos, fresh vegetable trays and ice cream.

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A familiar sight this year has been students gathered on the parking lot and lawn due to various emergency drills. Students in Mrs. Campbell's homeroom wait for the all-clear signal.

Americans Should Stand Firm in Middle East Crisis

The situation in the Middle East has revealed something that has left me utterly disgusted. Watching all the anti-war protests and listening to the war/peace debate has convinced me that the American public has no backbone. I always thought that America was the "home of the brave" and that Americans would stand firm to defend the weak. Well, I guess I was dead wrong.

It is beyond me how any red-blooded American would passively sit around and watch a nut like Saddam Hussein take over the entire Middle East and rob millions of people of their God-given rights. My blood boils when people say, "Let them deal with their own problems. We should not do anything about it." Surely

they know what would have happened had we not sent our troops into Saudi Arabia. If not, I am going to play teacher.

For starters, Hussein would now have control of all the oil in Saudi as well as in Kuwait. Of course some people might say that oil is no reason for war. In my opinion it is a darn good reason for war. What would this country be like without oil? Our whole lifestyle would be severely altered. We depend on oil for so many things. Without it, we would have to adopt a new source of energy. I am not going to say the "N" word because the same people who are opposed to war over oil are opposed to using the "N" word for power.

Secondly, if we had not jumped at Hussein when we did, who would have stopped him from taking over the Middle East? Nobody. Then he would have looked across the Mediterranean at Europe and licked his chops. It would not have been until he had bombed Italy or landed troops in Greece that we would have said, "Hey, we had better do something about this guy." By then, a war would have cost many more lives and much more time than it will now. If you do not believe this scenario, I have one word for you--Hitler.

Thirdly, this situation should arouse our pride as Americans, if we still have that pride. Hardly a day goes by when those crazy people are not dancing in the streets and burning Old

Glory. Do we not have enough pride and love for the U.S. of A. to stand up and protect our flag from those who would turn it to ashes? Judging from the flag burning debate in our own country, obviously not.

Do not get me wrong; I am by know means a lover of war. I am well aware of the death and destruction that wars cause. Every time a casualty is announced on the news, I wince. I know that there is a family somewhere who just lost someone.

Unfortunately, the human race has not become advanced enough to solve its problems peacefully. Until it does, war will continue to be a part of this earth.

--ROBERT WEBER



If You Ask Me...

BY DAVID BEYER

In the newspaper recently, there was an article about Ed McMahon making his divorce final. For child support, his daughter was going to have to settle for \$50,000 a month. How will the poor child eat? Only \$50,000 a month? What will the kids at her Beverly Hills private school think?

Some of these "big-time" celebrities make salaries that are unbelievable. Think about it. All it took for McMahon to become a multi-millionaire was to host Star-Search, do a

couple of Publisher's Clearinghouse commercials, stay up late and laugh at Carson's jokes, and he rakes in millions. As a matter of fact, the winner of Publisher's Clearinghouse sweepstakes only makes a fraction of what McMahon makes for doing the ad.

I have this strange recurring dream that I win the sweepstakes and as McMahon hands me my check he smiles and says "Congratulations, but that wouldn't even pay for my shoes."

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Dwight Pepper, Jason Niehoff, and Mike Betts (not pictured) used their talents to design this bulletin board in Mr. Stewart's room. The drawings depict "Operation Desert Storm."

Student Body Succeeds at Having a Real Pep Rally

In all honesty and as much as I hate to say it, pep rallies at LOHS are usually pretty boring and not very peppy. Their only redeeming quality is getting out of class and being able to talk to friends. Exciting is definitely not the word to describe them.

But things changed on January 25 at the basketball homecoming pep rally. It was fantastic and certainly the best pep rally in my four years at LOHS (except for the one my freshman year when the freshmen won the pep stick and the seniors became violently angry).

At the homecoming pep rally, the LOHS student body proved two things. One, that they were pumped up for the game (which, unfortunately, we lost); and two, that the entire student body could behave well while assembled together.

The whole student body (and especially the seniors) showed their enthusiasm throughout the entire pep rally. At the beginning, a group of senior boys started it off right by singing "America the Beautiful."

Then, when Coach Hopper tried to weasel his way out of shaving his beard (CHICKEN!), as he had previously agreed to do for FBLA and the March of Dimes, everyone chanted "Shave, shave, shave..." until he figured out that he had absolutely no other choice. By the way, Mr. Hopper's heartfelt thanks goes out to Mrs. Whitson for doing such a fantastic shaving job. He says it was the best shave he's ever had!

During the pseudo-coronation, when senior "Bubbles" (Mark Chumbler) was crowned queen, the crowd went wild once again. They also showed tons of support while the boy's varsity basketball team shot some hoops. Although they did not sweep the Hickman County Falcons off their feet that Friday night, the dedicated team played a tough game and never gave up on winning.

The cheerleaders, too, gave a peak performance of their sizzling new dance routine. They will surely waltz right in and take first place at their regional KAPOs competition on February 10 at Calloway County High School.



Beauty or the Beast??? Basketball players dressed up as homecoming attendants for the pep rally. Mark Chumbler, left, a.k.a. "Bubbles", was queen. Next to him are: Ricky Alexander, Keith Byrd, Chad Kelley, Brady Thompson and Paul Thurman. Jack Meece, Jon Griffith and Chris Williams are obscured in the picture.

Without a doubt, the best, most touching event of the January 25 pep rally was when the entire student body sang "God Bless the USA" in honor of American troops in Saudia Arabia. This poignant unification brought spine-tingling chill bumps and teary eyes to many. Thanks goes out to Mrs. Stewart for providing the song on cassette tape.

Even though it was not possible to see the stage during the pep rally, those who attended the game saw how wonderfully decorated it was, thanks to Mrs. Hayden and the art students. The cafeteria, where the dance was held,

had also been beautifully transformed. Thanks to Coach McGroarty and Key Club for their hard work on the cafeteria.

All in all, the pep rally was outstanding due to the combined efforts of everyone involved. Does this mean more and better pep rallies as well as assemblies will be taking place at LOHS in the future? Hopefully the answer to that question is YES. Since the peppy seniors won't be around much longer, the Juniors will have to take over as role models. It's a tough job, but somebody has to do it!

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--LORI K. SPEAR

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Project Graduation Continued

Information regarding Project Graduation will be passed out through senior homeroom representatives as follows:

Champion: Lori Hayes
Heflin: Michelle Roberts
Whitson: Eric Franklin
Buckner: Chris Driver
Thompson: Robin Watkins
Hayden: April Keeling
Farmer: Kelli Bailey

Pope: Lori Spear
Any questions may be directed either to a homeroom representative or Jim Toy.

Junior parents who plan to be involved in Project Graduation next year are encouraged to get involved now and are welcome to join any of the five committees.

LOST Dives Into Competition



LOST members are: Laura Cope, Scott Caron and Kim Caron.
Not present for picture: Mary Weber.

BY ROBERT WEBER

LOHS has a new athletic team, and no, it is not a lacrosse squad. Give up? There is now a Lone Oak Swim Team, or LOST for short.

Initiated before Christmas by senior Scott Caron, LOST is "coached" by English teacher Jim Toy and consists of five experienced swimmers: Caron, Laura Cope; Kim Caron, Mary Weber, and eighth grader Cheryl Cope. Although LOST does not have official practices, its members practice three times a week with the Paducah Swim Team, of which they are all veteran members.

"Coach" Toy, who is coach only in name, was asked by Caron to be the sponsor of LOST. Each Kentucky high school swim team must have a coach

present at all meets attended by the team. Even though Toy is not exactly a coach, he will definitely get a taste of swimming life and probably learn a bit about the sport.

LOST plans to participate in only one meet as a team, but the "AquaFlashes" will be swimming regularly with PST. The one meet LOST will attend will be the High School Regionals on February 15 at Elizabethtown HS. The top three swimmers in each event from this, and other regional meets, will then advance to the State Finals at the University of Kentucky.

For now, swimming is an unheralded sport at LOHS. Hopes are, though, that next year, LOHS will hire a professional coach and expand the team. With PST pushing the city to construct an olympic-size pool, this area may see a flood of interest in this exciting and demanding sport.



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Club News

BY HEATHER BOND

CO-ED Y will be collecting money for the March of Dimes. The members have also been involved in designing sweatshirts and t-shirts which say "We Support Operation Desert Storm." The shirts will be sold school-wide as means for supporting the troops in the Middle East.

FHA sold candygrams for Valentine's Day. On February 28, they will be hosting a fashion show in the school cafeteria.

FBLA is preparing for competition at the Regional Conference at Murray State University on March 20.

ART CLUB, along with various art students, has been participating in many activities throughout the school year. Some of their activities include making posters for homecoming and soccer and football games; painting windows at McDonald's, International Golf, Domino's, Tire Warehouse and the Parlor; and making banners for Coach McKamey's 300th

victory, the fall sports banquet, the district Governor's Cup and the Kentucky School Board Association's convention.

They also painted pumpkins at Halloween, designed and produced t-shirts for the state Beta convention participants and decorated a Christmas tree at Fleming Furniture to help collect canned goods for Family Services.

One of their most recent activities was designing the program cover and stage decorations for the 1991 basketball homecoming ceremony.

Currently the art students are preparing for the seventh annual regional high school art competition at Murray State University on Feb. 23 through March 2.

The Art Club has also heard from several guest speakers during their club meetings, including David Brown, Dan Carver of the Paducah Art Guild, Sarah Rouach of the Second Street Gallery and Bernard Lewis of Bernard Lewis Jewelers.

LOHS Implements After-School Detention

BY BETH CARMICHAEL

A new program for students who misbehave has recently been put into effect by the McCracken County School System for LOHS. The program is after school detention.

This program is set up

for certain minor offenses, such as tardies, that students were formerly sent to Saturday school for.

The detention program lasts for one hour after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The number of days students spend in the

program is according to the level of the offense.

Self-help packets designed to help the students recognize their misbehavior are assigned to the students for them to complete by the end of the hour.

Some examples of

offenses punishable by detention are: defamation, harrassment, disturbances, tardiness, bus offenses and public display of affection.

The goal of the program is to try to control student misbehavior on the student's own time.

LOHS Hosts Governor's Cup Competition

BY HEATHER BOND

Lone Oak High School hosted this year's Governor's Cup which was held on Feb. 9. The schools that participated were Lone Oak, Heath, Reidland and Tilghman.

Lone Oak has

participated in the Governor's Cup for six years. Senior English teacher Brenda Thompson was in charge of coordinating the competition. Results will be printed in next month's paper.

Participants from LOHS are listed as follows:

SOCIAL STUDIES:

Garland Crawford, Robbie Chopra and Jennifer Moore.

SCIENCE:

Garland Crawford, Eric Roberts and Maria Sanchez.

LANGUAGE ARTS:

Sarah Williamson and Laura Dennison.

ENGLISH COMPOSITION:

Julie Grogan, Millie Lynn, Tiffany Jarboe and Kelly Speer.

QUICK RECALL:

Jason Jones, Mike Keeney, Jeff Webber, John Cason, Eric Roberts and Blair Tolar.

Hopper Meets With Close Shave

BY DAVID BEYER

Students may have noticed that Mr. Hopper is looking a little different these days, thanks to FBLA. This year's basketball homecoming pep rally featured the shaving of Mr. Hopper's beard. Although he tried to buy his way out at the last minute, Hopper did go through with it. It was all for a good cause; Hopper shaved to aid the

March of Dimes, an organization which does research to prevent birth defects. Votes were cast by students at twenty-five cents each. The students voted to either "save or shave" the beard. The campaign provided a check for \$85.

So, when you see Mr. Hopper in the hall, say "Good Job, Coach, but couldn't you have shaved the moustache?"



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Mystery Students

BY SARAH WILLIAMSON

This Mystery Student is a senior who has brown eyes, and likes the color black. He describes his hair as, "long all the way around and longer in the back, parted on the side." His favorite expression is, "uh, huh, yeah right." He teaches swimming at Broadway United Methodist, and is on the track team. He enjoys scuba diving, weight lifting and life-guarding.

The Junior Mystery Student is a member of Beta Club, Key Club, SADD and the yearbook staff. His eyes are brown half of the time and green half of the time, and his favorite color is black. He

describes his hair as being, "extremely spiked, lots of gel." He works at Berman's Leather at Kentucky Oaks Mall. He usually wears "beat up black high top Reeboks," and dislikes people who break into cars and steal CD's.

The sophomore Mystery Student attends First Baptist Church, plays the piano and is a member of the Kentucky Colonel Band. She has blue eyes, often says, "is that supposed to be funny?" and mainly wears dress shoes. Her favorite color is teal and her favorite song is "The First Time" by Surface. She occasionally works at the Olive Branch at Kentucky Oaks Mall.

Mr. X describes his hair as, "short, brown in the winter, blonde in the summer." He is a member of Lovelaceville United Methodist Church, FBLA and Druthers/Kwik Lube baseball team. He listens to rap, likes to go to the movies, ride 4-wheelers and hang out with friends. His favorite expression is, "peace" and his favorite color is purple.

These are the answers to January's Mystery Students:

Senior: Terri Wilkes

Junior: Amy Sturm

Sophomore: Billy Bagwell

Freshman: Mary Weber

See page 8 for the answers to February's Mystery Students.

Wouldn't It Be Great If...

...weekends were three days long.

...it was as hard to get into trouble as it is to get out of it.

...there were no cigarettes.

...all of life's problems could hit at 16--when we know everything.

...there were no flies.

...teachers would not schedule tests on the same day.

...only those without faults would criticize others.

...politicians lived up to their promises.

...those who insist on being called "men" would act like men.

...a moving mouth required a working brain.

...there was a better way to start the day than getting up in the morning.

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Unique Gifts Express Valentine Feelings

BY SARAH WILLIAMSON

As February 14, also known as Valentine's Day, approaches, gift shops and florists will have displays galore of candies, cards and flowers. Some people want to give their special someone or family members something different besides these "usual" gifts.

Girls or guys can show their true feelings without spending a week's paycheck on their sweetheart. Writing a romantic song, playing an instrumental piece or sending a singing telegram can show true feelings musically. Taking pictures of each other, using a tripod or having another person take them

can capture special or silly moments of a relationship.

If living a long distance from each other, call and talk to a loved one for a few minutes. Hearing a familiar voice can brighten someone's day.

Treat someone to a nice dinner and a four-star movie. This can be a good time to be together.

If all else fails, give that special someone, family member or friend lots of love. Being there to lend a helping hand or a shoulder to cry on is the sweetest and most treasured gift anyone can give or receive.



Amy Newton

Junior Rotarian

BY BETH CARMICHAEL

Amy Newton, daughter of Joe and Diane Newton, is February's Junior Rotarian. Amy is a member of the LOHS Pep Club, Student Council, Biology Club, Beta Club and is a varsity cheerleader. Also, she is presently president of the Lone Oak Methodist Church youth group.

Amy plans to attend either the University of Kentucky or Vanderbilt to major in mathematics or business.

As a Junior Rotarian, Amy says, "I feel that this will help me to learn more about Paducah, and I am very honored."

EAT Recycles Almost 3 Tons in 4 Months

BY SARAH WILLIAMSON

Since Oct. 1, 1990, the LOHS Environmental Action Team has been accepting recyclable materials. Since that date, 380 pounds of plastic, 606.5 pounds of glass, 233 pounds of aluminum, one ton of paper and 4650 pounds of newspaper have been recycled. Everyone is encouraged to continue bringing in recyclable materials to the designated areas. The school's participation and cooperation is greatly appreciated by all EAT members.

Some possible future projects for the EAT participants include selling recycled paper at school, planting trees community-wide, adopting a highway and recycling within the community.

Anyone who would like to join the club is invited to attend the meetings every Wednesday at 2:30 PM in D-102.

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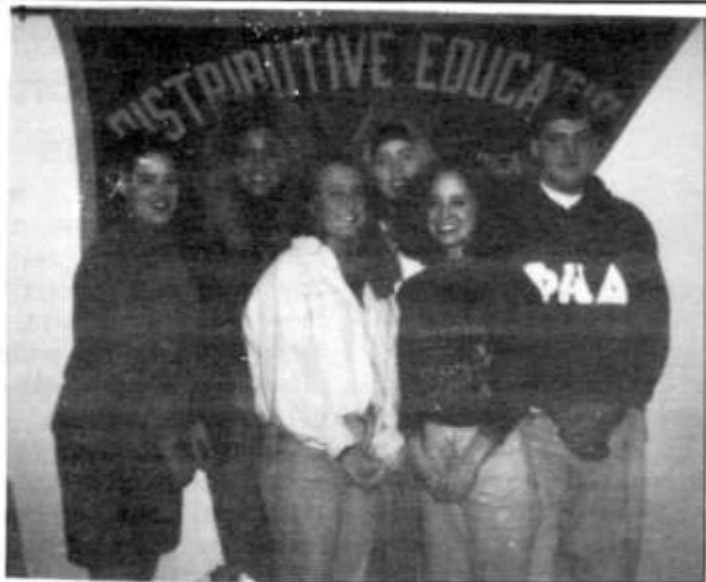


Heather Bond
models prom wear
from Bride's Corner.



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The students pictured above participated in the Region I DECA Career Development Conference at Murray State on January 28. They are: Carrie Hopper, Ashley Ellis, Millie Lynn, Rhonda Reid, Ellen Sweatt and Scott Coovert. Lynn placed first in Marketing Math; Reid, second in Advertising; and Hopper, second in Job Interview. Coovert placed third in the DECA Creed. These winners will participate in the State DECA Conference in Louisville in March.

War News Update

BY SARAH WILLIAMSON

On Jan. 16, 1991, the allied war planes bombed Baghdad at about 5:30 PM. President Bush stated, "The liberation of Kuwait has begun."

As of Jan. 27, (due to printing deadline), allied casualties have been light.

On Jan. 25, crude oil was poured into the Persian Gulf, the allies holding Iraq responsible. It has been described as an environmental disaster not only for the aquatic life of the gulf, but for the entire world.

The numerous news reports give information on

the war, but a majority of the general population is not familiar with the jargon of military reports. This is a brief description of some of the most common words used:

"Fur Ball" is a slang word referring to planes fighting in air.

"Mort themselves out" is a term used by fighter pilots on the same side accidentally shooting each other.

"Sortie" is one flight of one plane.

"BDA" stands for bomb damage assessment.

HOW TO BE A WHOLE PERSON

- Smile - It's the melody of the soul.
- Work - It's the service of the spirit.
- Play - It's the secret of youthfulness.
- Read - It's the source of wisdom.
- Love - It's the gift of the heart.
- Pray - It answers every need.

This month's mystery students are: Vrat Kelzlar, Todd Wagner, Leah Garrett and Aaron Harper.

PERFECT FRESHMAN

BY HEATHER BOND AND CHRISTINA McCUNE

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Amy Atkinson
Adam Stroud

PERSONALITY OF:

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Josh Brown

Four Colonels Take All-State

BY BETH CARMICHAEL

Four members of the LOHS Kentucky Colonel Band recieved All-State honors this year. First they were required to make the District Band and then were judged for All-State.

Those students were Tim Black, Andrew Engler, Stephanie Espie and Aaron Meredith.

Members of the LOHS Kentucky Colonel Band honored by qualifying for

District Band were Tim Black, Deanna DeRose, Andrew Engler, Stephanie Espie, Heather Furlong, Stacy Hickey, Rodney Hook, Aaron Meredith and Bret Morris.

In order for students to make the District Band they were required to play on tape. The performance was then judged and hence the results.

Congratulations to all of the participants!



All-State Band members are: Tim Black, Aaron Meredith and Stephanie Espie.