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Exchange Students Attend LOHS

By MARY KATE GARROTT

This year LOHS has three exchange students. They are Rosa Castellanos from Spain, Zayda Torres from Ecuador and Thys Mouw from Holland. All three students are seniors.

Castellanos, 19, says she is here because she wanted to learn the English language better and to experience a different culture.

Her family in Spain has a small vineyard to grow grapes for wine. In her school back home, students take nine subjects, but not all nine each day.

Does she like what she has seen of America so far? Castellanos says, "Yes!

Everything is green here!"

Torres, 18, says everything is new for her. In America she likes to watch movies, whereas in Ecuador, she spent most of her extra time playing basketball and volleyball.

"The language is the most different thing for me," comments Torres. One of the reasons she decided to visit the United States was to see how American students would react to a foreign student in their classes. She also wanted to experience the customs of this country firsthand.

Mouw, a senior, is on the Lone Oak Tennis Team. As of press time, no other information was available.



The three senior exchange students are: Zayda Torres, Thys Mouw and Rosa Castellanos.

Students Experience State Government

By SCOTT COOVERT

Eleven LOHS students had the privilege of attending the 1991 Boys and Girls State held this summer. These students were chosen by LOHS faculty and were sponsored by Kentucky's American Legion.

The six boys chosen were John Cason, Jason Jones, Blair Tolar, Mike Keeney, Jamie McDaniel and Scott Covert. They attended Boys State at Moorehead State University.

Melissa Korte, Chrissy Whitelock, Macie Jones, Christie Carroll and Jill Davis represented LOHS at Girls State held on the

campus of Murray State University.

While at this conference, high school juniors learned about state government and actually elected and formed a government of their own. The state officers, as well as senators, representatives, and city officials, performed their duties at mock government sessions.

HOMEcoming

Friday, Oct. 4

Ceremony 7:00 PM

Flash Field



The five charter members of Lone Oak Swim Team (LOST) receive their letters from the past swim season. From left: Coach Jim Toy, Kim Caron, Mary Weber and Cheryl Cope. Not present for picture: Scott Caron and Laura Cope.

Education Reform Equals Success

By SARAH WILLIAMSON

By 1995, Oregon high school sophomore students will have the privilege of choosing their future. The Oregon Educational Act is to improve high schools by letting students work to their best ability. Each student may choose college or job training or both in the eleventh and twelfth grades. Children will be grouped by ability, not age. If a child fails the "certificate of mastery," then he is held back his tenth grade year. The school year will also be

lengthened from 175 days to 220 by the year 2010.

If applied to all states, this education reformation can change the future of the United States. In allowing the students to decide for themselves a career before finishing high school, this will allow each student to concentrate more on a particular area of study.

Some teenagers have no interests in vocational occupations like mechanics or technicians. Others have more interests in studies that require at

least a four year degree.

Skeptics disagree with the reformation because of lack of funds. The lawmakers in Oregon have targeted \$2 million to initiate the program.

Others criticize Oregon for attempting an "elitist" European style of education.

The program's chief sponsor, Rep. Vera Katy says, "It is the intent of this legislation that Oregon will develop the best educated citizens in the nation by the year 2000 and equal to the best in

the world by 2010."

Currently, high schools gear students toward college. Not all students feel they have that ability and many sometimes actually do not have the ability to go to college and succeed.

Hopefully, this new education program will give students a better chance of doing well at something they enjoy, while at the same time producing a more learned society for tomorrow.

What If?

Channel One: Commercial Land

By LAURA DENISON

"I wanna be like Mike." The Houdaks Travelog. G.T.V. (Gorbachev Television). Are these the phrases you expected to hear on Monday, August 26? (At school!?) What about "Bill and Ted" in Grateful Dead shirts, extolling the wonders of Colgate toothpaste? After having viewed the Whittle Communications presentation that first day, I understood the motive behind these televisions, as probably did everyone else whose brain hadn't already been zapped by this

friend - advertisement.

Bombarded day in and day out at home and at school by these catchy little tunes, our brains will turn to total mush - along with yesterday's Geometry lesson. It could mean the end of all human intelligence! Okay, okay; maybe that's a little too drastic. But it is a known fact that most forgetting is caused by interference, which includes these commercials which come barging in between news stories.

Don't get me wrong - I'm not bashing all

advertisement. It has its place. But sitting in a classroom watching Michael Jordan telling me which shoes to wear is a little bit ridiculous, and is definitely not an aid to the learning process - that is, unless you're in P.E. It seems like a good excuse to waste time in first hour to me, but on to another point.

Picture this - you're sitting on the couch at home, remote in hand. Suddenly this commercial using a horrible impersonation of Bill and

Editorial Policy

The Oak K is a self-supporting newspaper that is published monthly at Lone Oak High School.

It is a student publication produced during class time allowing students to learn and develop skills in writing, reporting, design layout, and editing.

Every attempt will be made to cover the school as accurately and completely as possible. Coverage will also be fair and impartial and the staff will endeavor to be accurate and accountable.

If an article contains a factual error, a correction will be printed if the author or editors feel a correction is needed. Minor typographical errors, including the misspelling of names, generally will not be considered as a correction.

Letters to the editor are welcomed, but must have a signed signature. No letter should be over 250 words, and The Oak K reserves the right to correct the letter.

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Can Soviets Hold Out?

By MARY WEBER

Democracy triumphs in Moscow! Or does it? Once the Communist hardliner's coup attempt was over and Gorbachev was "back in power," it was obvious that things had changed dramatically. The immediate Western reaction was hope that the Soviet Union would become a democracy. But is this hope realistic? The Soviet people are faced

with horrendous living conditions and unimaginable food shortages. Another pressing problem is the fact that many of the republics want autonomy. It may be that neither Gorbachev nor the extremely popular President of the Russian Republic, Boris Yeltsin, can solve these problems. If this is the case, conditions will be ripe for a return to

dictatorship. Dictators do come from unstable countries and desperate people. Look at Lenin, Hitler, and Castro, just to name a few. Most Americans support Gorbachev. If the hardliner Communists hadn't been in the way, he could have already made many more reforms. Ironically, now the coup has cleared the way; the Communists seem

powerless. But can Gorbachev and Yeltsin bring the country through the harsh winter to come without disaster?

Cold Facts

Nothing in Particular

By JEFF WEBBER

I have a dream. It's a simple dream, really. Maybe it's too simple. I know other people dream of world peace or a cure for cancer and relevant things like that, but me, I dream of sneakers - red, low-top, rubber-toed, Converse Chuck's All-Stars.

They're very simple shoes; they don't pump, air, gel, flex, turbo boost or any other space function Michael Jordan says I need. They aren't even leather (they're canvas). Matter of fact, the only thing they actually can do is cover your feet, but oh, they do it well. You'll get no hookworms with Chucks on. Great shoes. But you can't find them anywhere. Especially not

at Foot Locker.

"Welcome to Foot Locker, may I help you?"

"Yes, I'd like to see some Chuck's All-Stars, please."

"I'm afraid we don't carry those, but..."

"But what?"

"Don't you wanna cross-train?"

"No."

"Don't you wanna blacktop?"

"No."

"Don't you wanna play rock-n-roll tennis?"

"No."

"Then of course you'll be wanting some of our top-of-the-line, ultra high quality, futuristic, technological breakthrough running shoes of the 21st century, the Nike 180's with the visible airpocket

in the sole?"

"No."

"Don't you want the shoe with the gel?"

"No."

"Don't you want the shoe with the bladder?"

"No, thank you. I have my own."

"No, no, an air bladder. Nike Pump. With the air bladder for a tight fit."

"I thought that's what the shoestrings were for."


Obviously, this man was deluded. As I left, he was still raving about Michael Jordan and bladders and gel and things.

It's sad to think that we live in a world this obsessed with even the most trivial technology. Even buying sneakers isn't simple anymore.



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The Oak K Features New Teachers



LOHS's Three new faculty members are: Ms. Brenda Sigmin, librarian; Mr. Steve Cobb, special education; Mrs. Debbie Hosick, teacher's aide to Mr. Cobb.

Seniors Flourish at GSP

By MARY WEBER

John Cason, Aaron Clarkson, Mark Gillihan and Chad Peterson are four Lone Oak seniors who attended the Governor's Scholars program this summer. The program lasted five weeks and was held at two colleges.

Cason and Clarkson attended Kentucky State University where Cason majored in Biology and Clarkson concentrated on Political and Social Theory.

Gillihan and Peterson attended Centre where they both majored in Ecology.

During the program, the students took classes in their chosen subject. The

classes, however, were not typical. They were made up of group discussions.

"The classes were much more free-form than I thought they'd be," said Clarkson.

When asked if he studied, Cason replied, "Of course not!"

"It was a wonderful experience," stated Peterson. The programs were serious but were intended to make learning fun.

Gillihan commented, "It was one of the greatest experiences of my life."

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By JULIE SHELTON

LOHS is sporting a few new faculty members this year. In fact, it wouldn't be surprising if you didn't realize that because they fit in so well.

Mr. Steve Cobb, Special Education teacher and assistant football coach, recently moved to Paducah from Murray. He and his wife Shannon have two sons, Chris, 9, and Clint, 4. Mr. Cobb also includes his yellow lab, Mr. Briggs, as a bonafide family member.

Mr. Cobb graduated from Webster Co. High School in 1973. He continued his education at Western Kentucky University and went on to graduate from

Murray State.

"I never dreamed I'd be a teacher!" states Mr. Cobb. He has pursued other career interests in the past including editor of a city newspaper and building contractor. He enjoys outdoor photography, fishing and golf.

Ms. Brenda Sigmin is the new librarian at LOHS. She recently moved here from Sikeston, Missouri, where she taught at nearby Charleston High School. She has two children, Justin, 10, and Brandon, 8.

Ms. Sigmin graduated from Arkansas State University where she began studies in foreign
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Sweatt Chosen for ICF Staff

By SCOTT COOVERT

Ellen Sweatt, a senior at LOHS, was recommended by the International Cheerleading Foundation Touring Team to serve as a 1992 Staff Member. If selected, Sweatt will travel around the country for eight weeks teaching high school cheerleading squads next summer.

Because she was recommended, Sweatt will move on to compete for a position on the ICF Team. Her audition will consist of composing a video demonstrating her talents in four categories: dance, cheer, tumbling and stunts. The videos will be judged and the selected staff will train for two weeks in Kansas City next June.

Sweatt was the only girl chosen to receive this honor while attending



Ellen Sweatt, senior

Murray State ICF Cheerleading Camp this summer (July 7-10, 1991). Sweatt and fellow squad member Jennifer McIntosh were chosen as All American Cheerleaders.

They'll Be 'Round the Mountain

By JENNIFER WEHRMEYER

Have you seen the movie *City Slickers*? If not, the plot consists of three middle-aged men who go on wild expeditions trying to recapture their youth. Seems we have a few "city slickers" on the LOHS faculty!

On July 20, 1991, Norris Wells, Albert Norris, Dennis Griffith and John Waggoner, all LOHS faculty members, left on a ten day expedition to the Bridger Wilderness area in Wyoming. They all traveled in Mr. Waggoner's truck, three in the front and one in the back, although the back was more comfortable, "because you could actually stretch out and sleep, so everyone took turns," said Mr. Waggoner. The foursome had been talking about the trip for

about a year, and although the trip itself was fun, according to Mr. Griffith, "making the plans was half of the excitement."

When they left civilization (the nearest house was around 85 miles away), they left behind all the comforts of home. They ate freeze-dried food, cooked over portable campstoves and drank water out of streams, which incidently, Mr. Griffith fell into one and got very sick. Later, Mr. Norris fell ill, but the two managed to keep up with the others. They slept in tents. The first day it rained and sleeted. Luckily for the rest of the trip, the weather was great! At night the temperatures got down to around thirty and

in the eighties during the day. They also had a "close encounter" with a bear.

In the end, a good time was had by all. When asked

if they would go back, the answer was a resounding "Yes!" As Mr. Griffith said, "We will probably be going on these trips until we can't go anymore."



The four mountain men pose for a quick picture during their fun-filled trip. From left: Mr. Albert Norris, Mr. Norris Wells, Mr. John Waggoner and Mr. Dennis Griffith.

EAT Expands Focus to Education

By TRACY LINZY

It's a new year for the LOHS Environmental Action Team (EAT), and along with a new year are new members, new ideas and new attitudes. EAT member Sarah Williamson says, "Everyone seems extremely enthusiastic, and this should prove to be a productive year."

EAT will be focusing on education this year and will not be accepting recyclable materials. However, they are collecting white paper and plastic jugs from the school. Hopefully, last year, EAT helped the students develop the habit of recycling.

The following is a list of local recycling centers and the items they accept:

Kroger - aluminum
plastic
glass

The Paducah Sun -
newspaper

Easter Seal -
white paper

All Chem - freon,
refrigerants

Although recycling is a major way to help the environment, it's just as important to buy items made from recycled material. For instance, recycled notebook paper is becoming easier to find.

Do you know the difference between manufactured waste and post consumer waste?

If your paper comes from manufactured waste, it comes from scraps of paper left over after producing notebooks, envelopes, etc. Paper manufacturers have

always used these scraps. They've never put them into landfills. Post consumer waste, however, unless recycled, would end up in one of the nation's many overflowing landfills.

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Curtain! Lights! Action!

By TRACY LINZY

"Curtains! Lights! Action!" Another season has started with fanfare at the Market House Theatre (MHT) in downtown Paducah. Along with regular theatre productions, MHT also has a teen acting troop, Footlights.

Several students at LOHS are involved in Footlights. Scott Coovert, senior, says, "Footlights is a great introduction to

theatre and a wonderful experience for youth."

No experience is needed to join the troop, only an open mind and a "festive" attitude. Footlight's members learn things such as acting techniques and face painting. The troop also puts on at least one stage production a year. There are numerous other opportunities connected with Footlights such as ushering for MHT's

mainstage productions.

The theatre is always in search of young ushers to seat people and serve refreshments during intermission. It is not only an excellent opportunity to meet new people and gain experience in public relations, but ushers may also stay and attend the play free of charge.

Footlights 'accepts' members ages 8 to 18, and

dues are \$20 a year. There will be three separate troops this year, one each for elementary, middle school, and high school.

If you would like more information on Footlights, ushering or purchasing tickets, contact the theatre between 10 AM - 4 PM, Tuesday through Friday at 444-6828.

Fall Fashions

Go for Comfort

By BRITTANY WALTER

O.K., ladies! Clean up those rooms, dig through those closets and find those pleated skirts and pennyloafers.

These nostalgic items are making a comeback as well as plaid clothes, stirrup pants and trouser socks. While you're at it, dig out those old angora sweaters and anything with suede on it.

Guys, you're still as rugged and natural as ever. Cotton flannel shirts, baggy jeans and hiking boots are in for your wearing pleasure this fall and winter.

According to Corn Austin, the country and western look is really hot this season for guys, and like the girls, plaid and suede are making a big comeback.

Earthtone colors like brown, olive green, burgundy, mustard yellow and off-white, as well as purple and navy blue, are the "in" colors for this season.

Guns-N-Roses Creates New Sound

By JEFF WEBBER

Wow. Egad.

Give me a few minutes to regain my composure, if you will. You see, I've just finished listening to the two, count 'em, two new albums by Guns N' Roses.

Titled Use Your Illusion I and Use Your Illusion II, these two explosive albums cement Guns N' Roses a place in rock-n-roll history. From the first track to the last, every song is a carefully crafted stretch of the parameters of contemporary rock.

The Illusion albums broaden the band's style to a considerable extent, showing influences ranging from Elton John to the Rolling Stones to old-fashioned folk blues.

With such songs as the anti-war tune "Civil War" (featuring the soon to be classic lyric "What's so civil about war, anyway?") and social commentaries like "Dead Horse," the Guns prove their lyrical growth and progress.

In addition, they blaze a new path for themselves with the inclusions of ballads like the Elton John influenced "November Rain" and the alternative tinged "Don't Cry." Each song is a virtual guaranteed smash.

Also interesting are their remakes of Bob Dylan's "Knockin' on Heaven's Door" and the Paul McCartney classic "Live and Let Die."

What we have here overall are two albums

that, while they remain true to the roots of GNR, ultimately create a sound all at once new and exciting with its combination of blues, alternative and heavy metal sounds. The album is held safely together with a combination of classic rock edge, extraordinary pop appeal and that unmistakable essence that is Guns N' Roses.

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Vital Signs Keeps Readers' Interest

By LAURA DENISON

"Where life begins, terror lurks . . ." foreshadows well the suspense of the latest medical thriller from bestselling novelist Robin Cook. The novel, Vital Signs, is the sequel to Outbreak, which told the harrowing tale of the deliberate spread of a deadly virus. This latest

novel continues the career and private life of Dr. Marissa Blumenthal, a recently married pediatrician. Her life is the envy of her peers; it seems she has everything: a pediatrics practice with a flawless reputation as well as a picture perfect personal life.

But the one thing she lacks is a child. Marissa

is devastated when tests confirm that she is infertile. She soon begins in-vitro fertilization procedures that are not only painful and humiliating but are taking their toll on her marriage and career.

When suspicions cause Marissa to do a bit of investigating she uncovers a shocking conspiracy in

the baby-making business that takes her from Boston to Australia and then to Hong Kong and the People's Republic of China.

I enjoyed the novel and I recommend Vital Signs to anyone who enjoys gripping suspense with a touch of scandal.

HEATH BEGINS CONSTRUCTION

By BETH CARMICHAEL

Noisy construction, drilling and hammering during school can bring on a headache. Students at Heath High School are having to get used to the racket, for a new high school is being built right next to the existing structure.

The building began on Aug. 19 by a contracting firm from Benton. The new building is estimated to cost 2.4 million dollars to build, and the old frame will be torn down after the finished construction in mid-1992.

The first McCracken County High School, established in the early 1900's, was located where Heath High stands today. In 1935 the current building was designated Heath High School.

The need for a new building was acknowledged when creaking floors, drippy ceilings and other characteristics of old age appeared. Also, because of the recent earthquake scare of last December, the public feared the stability of the school during a quake.

The Class of '92 will be the last class to graduate under the eaves of the historic Heath High.



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The LOHS Academic Team members receive their letters for the past year. From left: Jeff Webber, Aaron Clarkson, Jason Jones, Eric Roberts, John Cason, Mike Keeney, Blair Tolar and Coach Jim Toy.

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Gleeson Chews Prizes

By HOLLY HOLLAND

Bubble Yum Bubble Gum held their "Bubble Yum's Gotcha Covered" contest this past summer. It just turns out that the winner of that contest is a sophomore here at LOHS.

Adrianne Gleeson is that lucky person. Gleeson's entry was a 78 word essay on why she should win. Although the rules stated that the essay should be 50 words or less, her essay was selected the winner.

Through the mail, she was informed of her good fortune. Thrilled because, "I've never won anything before," Gleeson won a wardrobe worth \$1000, a home stereo with a compact disc player, an AT&T telephone, 52 compact

discs, \$600 for phone bills and hook-up costs as well as \$520 for "personal transportation."

Contest Winner

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Lone Oak's Drama Class Televises Announcements

By JENNY SUITOR

Announcements have taken a new turn at LOHS this year. Instead of students hearing them over the intercom system, announcements are being televised each morning after Channel One.

Mr. Toy's drama class is in charge of the televised announcements. On a rotating basis, two drama students each week arrive at school at 7 a.m. to prepare the morning announcements.

Mr. Toy and Mr. Adams decided that this approach

to morning announcements might increase student awareness of school activities.

When asked to comment on the news announcements show, drama class member Laketta Caldwell said, "It is a good experience for people who want to major in television production." Scott Coovert also commented, "It is a tremendous experience and we are learning a lot."

Mr. Toy and members of the drama class welcome any suggestions for the news announcements show.

Junior Rotarian

By Jennifer Wehrmeyer

The Junior Rotarian for the month of September is Jason Jones. Jones is a senior involved in Beta Club and Physical Science Club. He attended Boys State, is captain of the Academic team and is an honor student. He is a member of Lone Oak First Baptist Church.

Jones plans to go to P.C.C. and then transfer to Missouri at Rolla after two years, where he plans to be a mechanical engineer. Jones comments, "I'm glad I get to experience socializing with prominent members of the community. I feel special being chosen for such an honor."



Jason Jones, senior

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Mystery, cont.

This particular senior lives on Palisades Circle. She was born on Feb. 18, 1974 and is 17 years old. She has brown hair and blue eyes and stands 5'10" tall.

When she isn't dipping ice cream at Baskin-Robbins, she likes to read, play basketball, softball and go shopping.

What she likes: navy blue, Geo Storms, pizza and calculus.

She says, "Smile- life will get better!"

Mystery Student answers are: Amber Nanney, Laketta Caldwell, Amy Byrd and Chrissy Whitelock.

TEACHERS, CONT.

language, either to teach or be an interpreter. However, she became interested in library science.

Reading, traveling, swimming, shopping and participating in all water sports are some of the activities Ms. Sigmin enjoys.

Ms. Sigmin really likes LOHS. Though this is a larger school than where she taught previously, she states, "The students and faculty are very friendly. The students are much more academic and the parents are much more involved."

Calendar of Events October

- 1-Varsity soccer 7:30 vs Ft. Campbell-A
- JV soccer 5:30 vs Ft. Campbell-A
- 3-9th grade football vs Marshall County-A
- Varsity soccer 6:00 vs Caldwell-H
- JV soccer 5:00 vs Caldwell-H
- 4-Varsity Football vs Webster County-H
- Homecoming Dance 9:30-12:30
- 7-JV football Webster County-A
- Academic Meet 3:00 vs Tilghman/St. Mary at Tilghman
- 8-Varsity soccer 6:30 vs Reidland-H
- JV soccer 5:00 vs Reidland-H
- 10-Varsity soccer 6:30 vs St. Mary-H
- JV soccer 5:30 vs St. Mary-H
- 11-Varsity football vs. Mayfield - A
- 14-JV football vs. Caldwell-H
- 14-15-MHT auditions for Magician's Nephew
- 15-Varsity soccer vs. Marshall - H - 6:30
- JV soccer vs. Marshall - H - 5:00
- 17-Varsity soccer vs. University Heights - H - 6:30
- JV soccer vs. Univ. Heights - H - 5:30
- Freshman football vs. Graves - A
- 18-Varsity football vs. Reidland - H
- 21-JV football vs. Marshall - H
- Academic Team vs. Carlisle/Ballard at Carlisle - 3:00
- 22-Varsity soccer vs. Calloway - H - 6:30
- JV soccer vs. Calloway - H - 5:30
- 24-Freshman football vs. Reidland - A
- 24-27&31-MHT performance - Inherit the Wind
- 25-Varsity football vs. Caldwell - A
- 28-JV football vs. Graves - A
- Academic team vs Carlisle/St. Mary - H - 3:30

"Learn" to Drive!

By HOLLY HOLLAND

A new state law deserves the attention of all high school students. House Bill 43 states that any student 16 or 17 years of age can have their driver's license suspended or be ineligible to receive their permits or license for any of the following:

nine or more unexcused absences, failing to pass at least four subjects in a semester or dropping out of school.

This bill will go into effect at the beginning of the second semester. That doesn't mean first semester isn't affected. Absences and grades from first semester will be used to determine whether or not

students will be able to keep or to receive a driver's license as of Jan. 1, 1992.

Mr. Rushing commented about the new law, "It's going to be a good bill, but it's going to take some time before we see any of the effects. It's going to be a tool to make students wake up."



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Wallis Takes Trip Down Under

By ASHLEY DILLWORTH

Making a 34 hour plane trip was more than worthwhile for senior Matt Wallis. He was fortunate enough to get to go to Australia and play with the Kentucky All Star Basketball Team (KASBT). Another area youth, Brent Kincaid, a senior at Tilghman, was also selected for this trip.

Wallis left July 28 and flew to Australia where he and his fellow team members

visited Melbourne to play their first two games. Then they went on to a different city each day to play a total of 15 games. The Australian teams are their NBA, or CBL. They don't have school teams but clubs. On each team there are two American players, but that is not a requirement. With everyone playing by Australian rules, the KASBT won twelve of the games.

Not all of Wallis's time

was spent playing basketball. He spent time in wildlife parks seeing some of Australia's native animals and spotlighting for koala bears. He also sighted whales in the ocean.

When the KASBT left Australia, they flew to Hawaii to spend their last few days in the sun.

Wallis has been asked to return to Australia next year, but his reply to that invitation was, "I won't go

back because of the weather. It was too cold!"



Matt Wallis, senior

Mystery Students

By BRITTIANY WALTER

A certain freshman born on Feb. 27, 1977, is 4'3" tall has blonde hair and brown eyes and has a secret shoe size. Her favorite color is chrome and her favorite car is a lavender Pinto. She likes to eat Mighty O's and likes to collect orange coat hangers.

What she says, "Build a little bird house in your soul."

This month's sophomore mystery student is 15 years

old and was born on Sept. 4, 1976. She has black hair and brown eyes. She stands at a lengthy 6 ft. and wears a size 11 shoe.

She babysits for extra cash and when she isn't busy playing softball, she like to read and loves to gossip.

She likes a Porsche and the color pink. Her favorite class is drama and her least favorite subject is math.

What she says: "Hey, you know what?"

Madam X is a 17 year-old Junior born on Sept. 19, 1974. She has brown hair, green eyes and long nails. She is 5'4" and wears a size 7 shoe. She makes her money from Bonanza and spends it on shopping sprees in Nashville.

What she likes: fuschia, super beatles (car), pizza, weird science, and Advanced Biology.

What she hates: Algebra. Plans after high school include moving to Murray to attend college there.

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FOOTBALL BEGINS WITH A "W"

By GARLAND CRAWFORD

"We're now coming together to work as the team we were always capable of becoming," states Coach Tony Roth of his 1991-92 Flash football squad.

Roth, head coach for his third season, is seeing all the hard work pay off as Lone Oak pulled off winning the first two games of the season.

Many are crediting the Flash's success to the return of many of last year's players. Altogether, 17 of the 22

starters from last year have returned to pad up again this year.

Roth commented that the experience of his veteran players allows him to put new plans into the overall scheme of things. Roth is quick to add, however, that fans are "not to expect any radical changes from our two year offense."

Lastly, Roth warns, "We can't be satisfied with a 2-1 record. We still have plenty of work to do before our district game."



The 1991-92 Purple Flash Football Team

Lone Oak Kicks Off to Good Start

By JOEL KAUNISTO

This year the LOHS Soccer Team has high hopes. After winning only one game last year, their record is already 2-1. This year there is a new head coach, Greg Vickrey. He was an assistant coach for two seasons before taking over the job this year. He has coached soccer for twelve years and played in high school and college.

This year's team is led by seniors Brian Mudd, Jason Kunsman, Patrick Tucker, Chad Peterson and Charles Humphrey and juniors Brad Robertson, Brent Crutcher, Chris Lacey and Anthony Fusco.

Coach Vickrey said, "Some keys to us winning

are believing in ourselves, teamwork and we have to be really aggressive. We have great skills and we just have to utilize them." He also commented, "We could easily be an above .500 team, but we have to play like it."

Lone Oaks's game plan this year is to keep control of the ball and to keep it on the ground.

All games are on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The home games are: October 3, 8, 10, 17 and 22, so come and support the soccer team.

With Lone Oak off to a solid start, high goals may become a reality.

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Students Learn of Positive Attitude

By SCOTT COOVERT

"Your greatest power is your power to choose," said Carole Harder to all area Youth Salute participants. Twenty-eight Oak students participated in The Winners Seminar held Sept. 4 and 5 at the Executive Inn. This seminar was one of the many events made available to 276 area student leaders.

Participants in the program were selected by the Paducah Area Youth Leadership Council based on academic, extracurricular and community leadership. Being selected opened up opportunities to compete

for scholarships, to have displays shown at Kentucky Oaks Mall, have a radio salute on 97FM and meet area leaders, as well as attend the Winners Seminar.

This year LOHS was fortunate to have two students be selected as finalists. John Cason and Scott Covert were chosen from the 276 applicants as two of the twelve finalists. As finalists, Cason and Covert had to prepare an essay on their leadership skills and participate in an interview.



Seniors participating in the Youth Salute program are (from upper left corner): Todd Wagner, Jill Davis, Blair Tolar, Holly Riggs, Christi Carroll, Leslie Larrison, Millie Lynn, Natalie Meadows, Jennifer McIntosh, Amy Sturm, Chris Hayden, Chad Peterson, Cory Heise, Jason Womack, Jamie McDaniel, John Cason, Matt Wallis, Matt Lockett, Chrissy Whitelock, Macie Jones, Erin Steadham, Heather Furlong, Mark Gillihan, Tabitha Wright, Melissa Korte and Scott Covert.

STUDENTS WORK AND PLAY IN SUMMER

By Sarah Williamson

"Summer, summer, summer time; I'll just sit back and unwind," are a few lyrics of D.J. Jazzy Jeff's and The Fresh Prince's hit song from this past summer. This three month vacation from school allows most people to make time for what they have been wanting or needing to do. Work and play usually fit the typical summer agenda.

Most upper classmen have jobs during the long summer days. The money made from these jobs is usually spent on cars, gas, clothes and CD's. The most popular

occupations include receptionists, cashiers and waiters. Junior Chris Lacey works part-time at BB Whiskers as a short order cook. He said, "I feel that this experience will help me in my future. It is preparing me for real life."

Many people go to regional lakes for the day or a weekend. Most enjoy boating, fishing water-skiing and tubing. Dana Whitson, a teacher at LOHS, said, "I find that I can do my best thinking in the middle of the lake."

Those who prefer water

closer to home either have their own swimming pools or belong to local country clubs. A noticeable amount of sunscreen was used, due to the late skin cancer scare.

Several high school students spent some time attending various conferences. Seniors Jennifer McIntosh and Holly Riggs, both attended the 1991 Rural Electric Youth Tour in Washington, D.C. this past June. They learned about various aspects of government and leadership.

Junior Julie Grogan

participated in the HOBY conference in Louisville in June. This conference was also concerned with leadership in high schools. Grogan said, "HOBY really motivated me. I learned how active other schools' student governments are and I can see room for improvement at Lone Oak."

Another junior attended an educational seminar this summer. The Oak K's editor Sarah Williamson spent a week at Western Kentucky University learning about different areas of high school, as well as college journalistic techniques.

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ted appears. You think it's pretty annoying, so - click - you change the channel. This is as opposed to Channel 1 at school, where you are a captive audience - watching commercials that you don't even like just because they're there, and there is no remote.

My suggestion - keep the news because it's important. But as far as the commercials - well, I can feel my brain dissolving already.

An afterthought: Yes, the author realizes that without the advertisers' support, Whittle Communications would be

unable to present these news telecasts. But that doesn't make me want to hear about Michael Jordan's opinion of Gatorade or the Houdak family vacation anymore than before.

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