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Fifty-two years of continual Lone Oak pride and tradition.

FFA welding champs place first in Nationals

by Shannon Hart
Circulation Manager

LOHS's Agriculture Department's FFA won the National Welding Contest held at the Mid-South Fair in Memphis, Tenn., for the second year in a row. Lone Oak defeated Arkansas in the finals. Missouri placed third and Tennessee placed fourth.

Lone Oak won the right to represent the state of Kentucky by winning the regional contest and the

state welding contest championship in August. Championship team

"Winning is certainly not a new to the LOHS FFA," said Mr. Wood.

members from Lone Oak were: Gary Blair, David Blair and Mike Gholson. Gary Blair won the indi-

vidual welding contest. David Blair and Gholson tied for second place honors in individual welding.

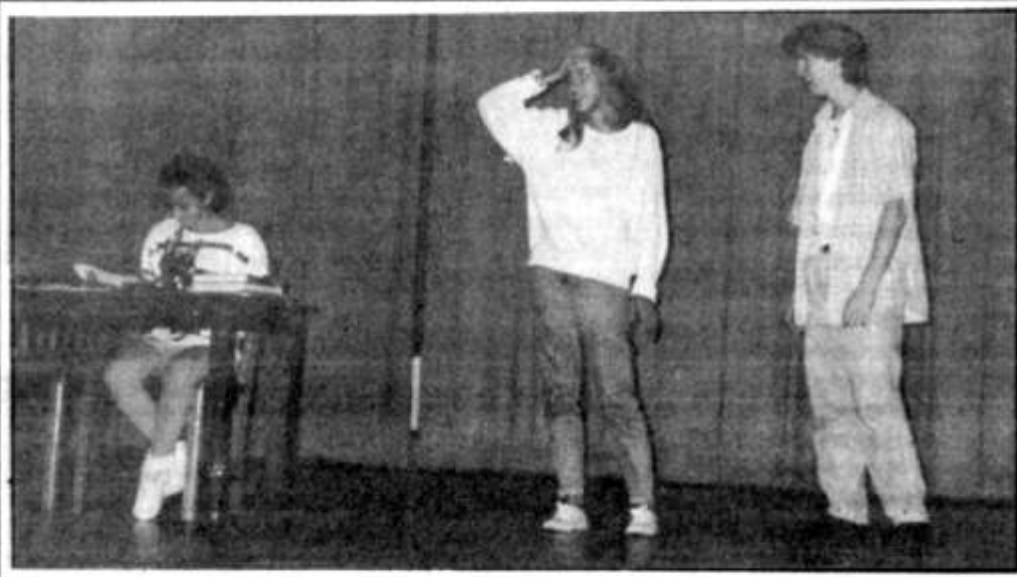
"Winning is certainly not new to the LOHS FFA. They also swept first place honors at the state and national levels in 1985, 1988, 1991, as well as this year," said Harold Wood, LOHS teacher who serves as instructor for the team.

Officials representing Lincoln Welding Company served as judges.



Judges from Lincoln Welding Company and Gayle Aubrey, FFA Secretary, pose with LOHS National Welding champs David Blair, Gary Blair and Mike Gholson

Drama department prepares for *Love, Death, and the Prom* scheduled for Nov.



Audra Hall and Mark Wallace chuckle while Letia Miller gets exasperated during play practice.

by: JULIE SHELTON
Advertising Manager

Quiet backstage! Places everyone! Curtains! Lights! Action!!

It's that time of the year again. The actors have been rehearsing the school play for almost a month now. The opening night is not far away and pre-performance jitters are causing hearts to race and hands to sweat. For the actors there is no feeling quite like it.

The name of the play is *Love, Death, and the Prom* by Jon Jory. It's a brilliant combination of nine playlets. It mixes just the right amount of satirical humor, for example the obsession many of today's youth has with television, and seriousness such as that which accompanies the loss of a loved one to suicide. It truly has something for everyone.

With nine playlets the format will be somewhat different from what you're used to. Each playlet has different characters and a different message. There will be

no need for elaborate sets. It will be completely up to the actors to get the points across, which will make their jobs all the more nerve-racking and difficult. Each

"This year's show focuses on developing the acting skills," said Mr. Toy.

playlet has been assigned a number and rehearsals are held accordingly. This has made practicing a lot easier and more convenient for everyone.

Actress Beth Collins said, "When we first began practicing, we were all barely acquaintances. Now we are all so close it's like a family."

The actors are: Kathy Bement, Candyce Boyer, Eric Burton, Beth Collins, Janey Collins, Nick Curtis, Ashley Dillworth, Misty Fort, Mary Kate Garrott, Audra Hall, Mike Kilpatrick, Tracey Linzy, Emily Mack, Tywatha Massengill, Heather Meunier, Letia Miller, Aaron Nelson, Julie Shelton, Heather Williams and Mark Wallace.

The performances will be Nov. 6-7 at 8 p.m. at LOHS gym. The prices are \$4 for adults and \$2 for students.

Mr. Toy, the director, along with assistance from Martha Emmons, has put lots of hard work and so much of his free time into making these nights successful.

Toy said, "This year's show focuses on developing the acting skills. Doing several mini plays has allowed me to use many of the talents at Lone Oak."

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Happy Halloween!

Chicago schools replace extra-curriculars with academics

Staff Editorial

Recently, Chicago Public School principals voted unanimously to cut all spring and winter sports due to the severe budget crunch in the school system. Athletic programs are simply too expensive for the school to provide, and the money will be channeled into the academic pro-

grams. Other extracurricular activities such as band, Chess Club and Honors Club were also cut. Many parents in the district, the third largest in the United States, are extremely upset, stating that if their children don't have school activities to keep them busy, they'll more likely turn to drugs and crime. Hogwash!!

When has it ever been the school's responsibility to see that kids stay out of trouble? Is school to be viewed as a great juvenile detention center where kids are held all day just to keep them off the streets and thus out of trouble? When are the parents going to be responsible for seeing that their children are involved in healthy,

positive activities?

My suggestion to these parents is to begin their own neighborhood league - basketball, football, soccer, etc. - and let the parents coach. Also, parents can see that their young people have music lessons and can form their own symphony groups. Low income neighborhoods could apply for grant

money to use their community buildings for such worthy causes. Parents can see that their children read and do their homework for several hours each day. They can see that their teens are involved in volunteer programs to help the elderly and the disadvantaged.

Parents shoving their responsibilities off on the school

is a cop-out. The sooner families are responsible for their own, the better off our schools will be able to function as places of learning. I applaud the decision by the Chicago Public schools and I don't think the same decision is very far away from our own districts in Kentucky. It is a move in the right direction.

Jason's Warning: Claire still smokes as her health becomes worse and worse

by: JASON PHELPS
Beat/Opinion Editor

Claire has been smoking for years. Recently, she began violently coughing up blood. She went to the doctor hoping for a clean bill of

health. Weeks later, after the examination and numerous tests, the doctor knew her fate. He had planned to go up to her and tell her the truth straight out. But when the time came, the strength to tell a woman she had killed herself was not

in him, and he briskly walked back to his office seeking an escape from his duty to her. Claire slowly wheeled herself after him, knowing she was not well. She had had a leg amputated several years ago because smoking had broken

down her leg's circulation, and she didn't quit her destructive habit. A year later, the other leg was amputated. And she kept on smoking.

In the doctor's office the roar of silence filled her ears as the doctor prepared himself to tell her of her condition. With a tear in his eye, he told her that she would not be spending this Christmas with her family, for she would be lying in a coffin, dead with cancer caused exclusively by her own sword, or more accurately, her own cigarette. She collapsed on herself, loudly screaming and crying, knowing she had committed suicide. And she lit up to calm her fears.

Warnings are clearly stated on every pack of cigarettes.

The death and disease statistics are well publicized. So why would any one start or continue the slow suicide of smoking cigarettes. Clearly it must satisfy some powerful emotional need stronger than the fear of illness and/or death. A sane person would believe that even a smoker blind to the facts about the deadly habit would think himself better than to plague himself with bad breath, stinking clothes and hair, yellow-stained teeth and a kiss comparable to sucking an ash tray.

A smoker may read about the medical problems associated with smoking, while at the same time lying on the couch with a pack of cigarettes in his pocket. He may shake a cigarette out of his pack, and

tap it gently on the side of the package anticipating the nicotine hit as he brings the death stick to his mouth. He may then squint his eyes, light the tip and suck in the seductive poison. He then exhales his tensions and worries. He would likely make the statement that smoking gives him pleasure and helps him relax. That claim seems irrelevant to the sane person who likely compares smoking to continually jabbing your wrists with a dull razor, spewing life-sustaining blood on everyone in proximity.

I went back to visit Claire, and as I sat there watching her gasp for air with a cigarette in one hand and her bright red hairless head in the other, I wondered why anyone would ever smoke that first cancer stick.



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The newspaper attempts to inform and entertain its audience in a broad, fair and accurate manner on all subjects that affect readers. The publication seeks also to provide a forum for the opinion of students, the staff of the paper and the faculty to encourage an exchange of ideas and opinions on issues of prominence to the readers.

Final authority for the content of the paper rests in the hands of journalism students and their advisor.

Letters

The staff encourages letters as they constitute a constructive avenue for student opinion, but the writer must sign the letter to be considered for publication. Due to space limitations, not all letters can be published, and the staff reserves the right to edit all letters for placement in the paper as long as the meaning is not altered.

Editorials

Each issue of The Oak K will contain at least one staff editorial. It is the consensus of the staff, therefore it will be unsigned.

Corrections

Only major mistakes will be corrected, not misspellings.

Editor's Comments

Sarah Sez:

Don't forget to do simple environmentally conscious actions.

With the 1992 Presidential election quickly approaching, it is the talk at the dinner table, history classes and coffee machine at work. The economy, taxation and health-care plans are great concerns for Americans. While emphasis for these are important, the candidates do not seem too worried about environmental issues.

This is where each individual can make a contribution. Don't forget recycling. Local Kroger stores accept plastic and aluminum. The Paducah Sun takes newspapers on Wednesdays and Thursdays of each week. The Easter Seal accepts paper.

I realize the global envi-

ronmental issues that Presidential candidates have to concern themselves with are more monumental than taking recyclable products to Kroger, but in the end, each individual's consideration can help and can make a difference.

By doing simple things such as turning off the water when you brush your teeth, only getting plastic bags at the grocery store, and putting leaves into a compost pile can save energy.

Yes, studies have proven plastic bags are easier to recycle than paper bags.

The city of Paducah is doing itself an injustice by bagging leaves this fall. Using the leaves for compost is more practical, cheaper and more environmentally sound than putting thousands of bags in

the already full land-fill.

Through application of selflessness and common sense, the world can become a better place.

Take Time

Take time to work-
it is the pride of success.

Take time to think-
it is the source of power

Take time to play-
it is the secret of youth.

Take time to read-
it is the foundation of wisdom.

Take time to be friendly-
it is the road to happiness.

Take time to dream-
it is hitching your wagon to a star.

Take time to love and be loved-
it is a God-given privilege.

-Unknown

LOHS 4-H'ers receive several awards at Rotary luncheon

by: **BETH CARMICHAEL**
ASSISTANT EDITOR

The 29th annual Achievement Recognition Program was held by the Rotary Club of Paducah on October 7th.

The event was held at the Irvin Cobb Hotel in downtown Paducah. Each year 4-H members who have achieved honors or attended special learning conferences are recognized by pins, certificates and plaques from the state of Kentucky.

4-H'ers from across the Purchase Area attended. Those representing LOHS were Beth Carmichael, Ellen Carmichael, Kim Caron and Heather Williams.

B. Carmichael was master of ceremonies for the event. She received honors for attending Issues '91 conference,

being a Fontana Natural Resource Conference State Representative for '92, and received the "I Dare You Award." Carmichael will also represent Kentucky at the Fontana Conference in '93. E. Carmichael attended to receive honors for her state fair clothing exhibit, participating in the state fashion revue, and attending Kentucky Senior Conference for '92.

Caron and Williams both received an "I Dare You" Award. Williams also delivered the appreciation response and received honors for attending Issues '91. Williams will be one of the two selected returnee delegates for '92. She also received an award for her Leadership record book.

The Homemakers from across the County provided

food for all of the 4-H'ers and Rotarians. Also awarded at the event was the plaque for the highest amount raised by one school from the county in the 4-H Skate-a-Thon. This year Hendron Lone Oak received the award. The school has earned this honor for 15 of the 18 years that the Skate-a-Thon has taken place. Entertainment was provided by Lorrie Keeling from LOMS, who performed a medley of Stephen Foster songs and by Francie McCuiston, from HMS, who shared her speech "Happy Birthday Kentucky." Both performed at state levels.

The event is always a success and the Rotary Club is appreciated for their devotion to honoring and assisting the youth organizations from across the area.

The article and picture covering President Bush's appearance will be in the Nov. issue of The Oak K due to printing deadlines

Band marches into field of competition



Woodwind section leaders, Kristy Wilkerson, Misty Wynn, Kelly Crawford, Faith Peeler, Shannon Sharp and Brian Clark take Best Overall in a Murray State University band competition.



The Kentucky Colonel Band and Color Guard perform during halftime at a home football game

by: **BETH CARMICHAEL**
Assistant Editor

Mr. Buddy Light and the 1992-93 Field Commanders Tammy Meyers, senior, and Jill Schmidt, junior, have led the Kentucky Colonel Band into many competitions. Their annual invitational was held on Sept. 12, with seven bands attending the competition. Lone Oak performed an exhibition which was not scored.

Then on Sept. 19 the Colonels traveled to Marshall County for Starfest 1992. They received a Superior rating, third in Percussion and second in Color Guard.

Next on Oct. 3, the band embarked on Chartered Buses to Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn. Twenty-two bands were present at Vanderbilt and drew a large crowd. Here they took home a participating award, an honor for four years of competition,

and a Superior rating.

On Oct. 10 the Colonels marched to Murray, Ky. for the Festival of Champions. Here the band made the finals competition where only ten of 20 bands were chosen to compete.

In both competitions, Lone Oak received Superior ratings. They also were eighth in the competition. The Overall Awards were made for best categories throughout the day of competition. Lone Oak Woodwinds received the Best Overall.

October 24 was the day the band marched on to Pirate territory at the March for Gold in Heath, Ky.

On Nov. 7 the Colonels will make their final marching appearance at the KMEA State Marching Contest in Bowling Green, Ky. Only those bands receiving two Superiors from Kentucky Contests are allowed to attend.

Clubs ready for busy season for the 2nd 9 weeks

by: **JASON PHELPS**
Beat/Opinion Editor
BETA CLUB

The first meeting of the Beta Club was held on Sept. 16 with those juniors and seniors in attendance who have a GPA of 3.2 or higher. The following officers were elected: Julie

Grogan, president; Garland Crawford, vice-president; Kelly Speer, secretary; Johnna Waggoner, treasurer.

The major items that were discussed at the meeting were the Beta Convention to be held at the Galt House in Louisville, Ky. on Dec. 11-12, and

the Beta Club dance on Nov. 20. Sophomores with a GPA of 3.2 or higher were invited to attend the next meeting on Paducah '92 exhibit. Nineteen area high schools were invited to attend.

The Foreign Language Club is for students who are

currently or previously enrolled in French or Spanish classes. Last year the club went to a Mexican restaurant, the Market House, and participated in several projects. This year the club meets on every other Wednesday after school to discuss future plans.

Seniors commended for Merit scholarship performance

by: **MARY ELLEN WEBER**
Advertising Manager

LOHS seniors David Amundson, Julie Grogan and David Lynch have been named Commended Students in the 1993 National Merit Scholarship Program.

About 35,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being honored for their outstanding performance on the 1991 PSAT's/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, which was the entry into the 1993 Merit Program.

Although they will not continue in the 1993 competition for Merit Scholarships, these students have shown exceptional academic promise by placing among the top five percent of more than 1,000,000 students who entered the program.

An NMSC official stated, "The high performance of these students deserves public recognition. We hope the honor these students have earned will encourage them to take advantage of their opportunities for higher education."



Seniors announce the left-handed, striped tie wearer of their choice

by: JASON PHELPS
Beat/Opinion Editor

Recently, a poll was taken of all LOHS seniors concerning the quickly upcoming presidential election. The results showed that 14% of polled seniors said they were registered to vote. Of those, 50% plan to vote for Gov. Bill Clinton. Bush picked up 41%, and 9% will vote for independent candidate Ross Perot. Clinton received 48% of the non-voting support, while Bush captured 39%. Perot did slightly better among non-voters picking up 13% of the support. In combined support, Clinton received 49%, Bush picked up 41%, and Perot ended up with 10%.

The poll asked seniors if they were satisfied with their choice for President, 52% said they were satisfied, leaving 48% dissatisfied. Gov. Clinton's support was examined and it was found that 58% of his supporters were satisfied with him. But only 46% of President Bush's supporters were satisfied, and 44% of Perot's supporters were satisfied with their choice. Surprisingly, only 7% of polled seniors said they knew a lot about where their candidate stands on the issues important to them. Sixty-six percent said they knew some, and 27% said they knew little.

POLITICAL COMMENTS

by: BETH CARMICHAEL
Assistant Editor

Ross Perot is the business leader of the '90's, and is now hoping to lead our country through the '90's. His overall appearance reminds me of a sweet grandfather who will share his wisdom with all of those who are interested. Could that possibly be the reason many are drawn to him?

Instead of the criticism he receives from the media, I believe we should listen to his message. "I'm all ears," has become one frequently used quote.

Yet it explains the reason, purpose and goal for his possible presidency. The reason being for Americans, the purpose for Americans, and the goal, to listen to Americans.

How wonderful.

Could this actually work? It is taking a chance but it is also something not usually done by presidents. He is perhaps one of the most headstrong people I've ever heard of. Instead of waiting for the government to

assist him in getting his employees out of a hostage situation, Perot went in himself and took care of the matter. What a guy!

I don't know if I will vote for him in the end, but it is a possibility.

Why believe something that smells like a gerbil? That's what the media is giving Perot. They try to make him look unexperienced, yet I feel he is just as qualified as he needs to be.

Perot is a hard-working, attentive, motivated and caring American, why should he not be president? He is the American dream.

by: SARAH WILLIAMSON
Editor-in-Chief

Wow! This has been some election year. Never before

in history has anything like this occurred. With so many unanswered questions, voters are confused, apprehensive and undecided.

Of course many voters have decided, and there are those who will always support their party, even if

Mickey Mouse is put on the ballot. This is a time of suspicion and concern of the future.

All three candidates have very strong qualities. Bush has experience, Clinton is seemingly in tune with the people and Perot is obviously a brilliant business man and can handle financial matters.

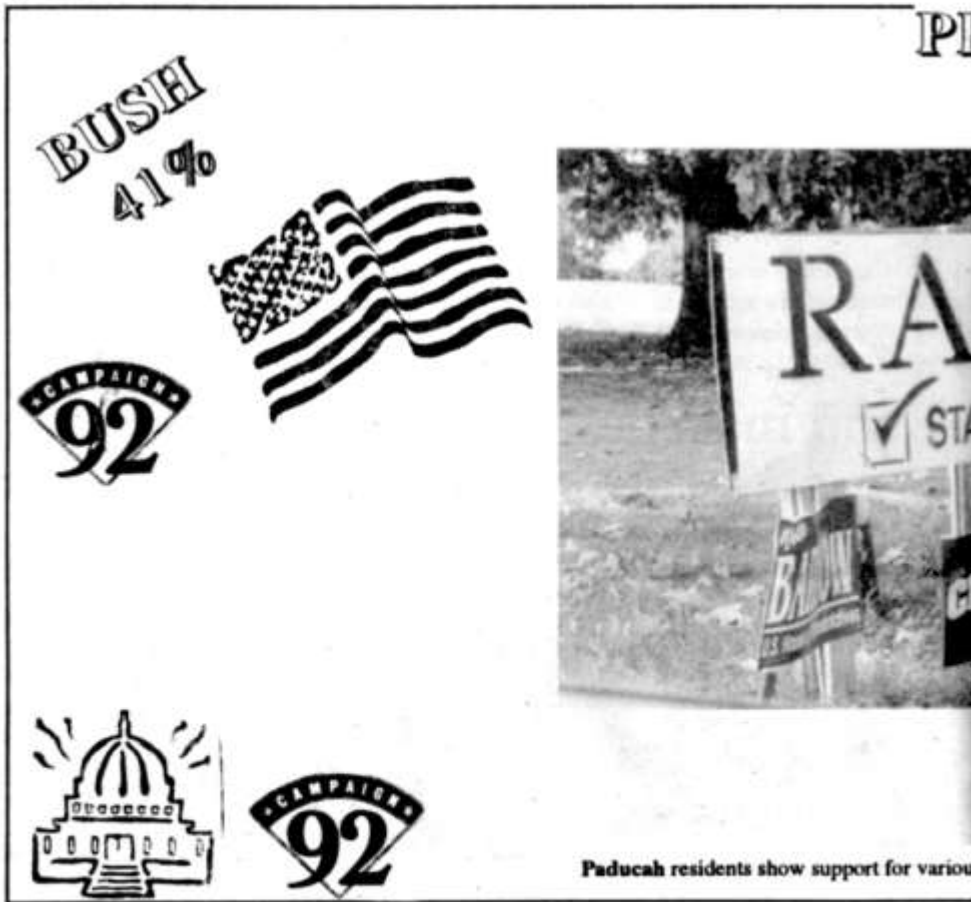
If Clinton were elected, it is possible he can work well with the Democratic Congress.

I've got an idea-let's put all three in office. Bush can advise, Clinton can work with Congress and Perot can manage the economy. This country needs concerted efforts to aid solving the country's problems. All three are competent people. Each has his good qualities and can contribute

his strong points.

Even though I'm not 18, I'm still very concerned about the next four years. They are very crucial in my life, as I plan to go to college and graduate school. Will tuition sky-rocket? (As if it isn't outrageous already). Will I be able to find a job? These are very serious concerns of many young adults and their parents.

Whatever the outcome of Nov. 3, I hope it is for the best of the majority of the Americans.



Paducah residents show support for various candidates.

Women who stand by their men

by BETH CARMICHAEL
ASSISTANT EDITOR

They aren't running with the rest of the pack in the elections. But they are standing right beside them. These are the wives of the presidential candidates and vice-presidents. Hillary Clinton is the wife of Governor Bill Clinton. She was born in Park Ridge, Illinois. She at-

tended Wellesley College and Yale Law School, where she met her husband. Her special issue that she likes to focus on is children's rights. She has worked hard on behalf of the Children's Defense Fund. This forty-five year old still enjoys going to the movies to relax during a stressful time.

Barbara Bush is the wife of President George Bush. She attended Smith College for one year and met her husband at a Christmas dance. She enjoys spending time with her dog Millie. She has fought for increasing literacy across the nation.

Tipper Gore was born in Arlington, Virginia and attended Boston University and

George Peabody College. She met Al Gore her husband at a school party. She enjoys listening to The Grateful Dead and rollerblading. She focuses on the betterment of children's rights.

Marilyn Quale was born in Indianapolis and attended Purdue University and Indiana University School of Law. There she met our vice-president Dan Quayle. She is active in disaster preparedness and in breast-cancer awareness efforts. Her favorite way to relax is rollerblading.

Due to unavailability of information concerning Mrs. Perot and Mrs. Stockdale, we have no characteristics to share except they definitely support and stand by their men.

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Paducah residents show support for various candidates in state and national elections.

Candidates express their positions on the issues facing America today

by **BETH CARMICHAEL**
Assistant Editor

The following is a summary of comments by the three presidential candidates during debates and interviews in recent news. Hopefully it will provide the answers on where each candidate stands on issues that are important to Americans.

On the Economy:

Bush: "Raising taxes is not

the answer." He wants to de-regulate business as much as possible and cut government spending. He says with Congress mainly democratic, his hands are tied.

Clinton: Resolves the problem with government sponsored job programs to rebuild the infrastructure of the United States. Investments in job training and technology are a goal to lower unemployment and the deficit.

Will raise taxes on the rich (making \$200,000 or more) and a surcharge on millionaires.

Perot: Will put a \$.50 tax increase on gasoline. (The increase will come to \$200 a year more for the average American.) Says, "I have lived the American Dream."

On Abortion:

Bush: Supports constitutional amendment banning

abortion in any case. Will only appoint anti-abortion Supreme Court judges. However, does support abortion in cases of rape, incest or to save the life of the mother. Believes notification of parents for a minor is necessary.

Clinton: Pro-Choice yet believes in limited funding by the government. Says notification of parents is necessary.

Perot: Pro-Choice.

On Gun Control:

Bush: When asked, talked about having a stronger death penalty for those who kill police. Member of the National Rifle Association.

Clinton: Supports the Brady

bill and says we should automate records, plus have a waiting period. Should restrict semiautomatic assault weapons. Wants more police on the crime force.

Perot: "All kinds of good plans come along but are never implemented. The Brady bill is good but it won't fix it. We need to focus on the rights of the innocent."

On Term Limits:

Bush: Congress should have term limits of twelve years. In favor of term limits for all offices.

Clinton: Against term limits. Says we need to have campaign reforms to benefit the

citizens.
Perot: Says we need to reform the government and term limits. "I will only serve one term if elected."

On Healthcare:

Bush: Says we should have vouchers for poor to get insurance and pooling of businesses should be done. "Medicare should be portable with the person."

Clinton: We will have a National Commission of Healthcare, active within the first one hundred days if he receives the presidency.

Perot: Said, "You own this country, but have no voice in the way it's organized now."

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Candidates in state and national elections.

Words spoken to Americans from the six candidates

by **BETH CARMICHAEL**
ASSISTANT EDITOR

These are a collection of quotes used by the candidates to call attention.

Bush: "READ MY LIPS, NO NEW TAXES."

"Who has perseverance, integrity and maturity, I hope

me."
Clinton: "I want to make America as good as it can be."

"I don't want you to read my lips and I sure don't want

you to read his."

"We've had twelve years of trickle-down economics."

Perot: "I've lived the American dream."

"I'm all ears."

"Don't sit here slow dancin' for four years and do

nothing."

Quayle: "INHALE, AL!"

Stockdale: "Now America is seeing why things don't get done around here."

"Who am I, why am I here?"

Gore, well, he just sits there and looks pretty.



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Chiang student teaches in LOHS English department



Student teacher, Louise Chiang, spells a vocabulary word for Mr. Toy's advanced English class.

by: JENNY SUITOR
Feature Editor

LOHS has a student teacher in the English department. Her name is Louise Chiang.

Chiang is attending Murray State University. She is getting her major in English and her minor in French.

Chiang grew up in New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and North Carolina and moved to Kentucky when her father was offered a job in Mayfield. She attended Tilghman High

School. Chiang chose Murray State because she started out as an accounting major and Murray has a strong co-op program for that.

Chiang decided to go into teaching because she enjoys working with teenagers and wants to go into a field where she will actually be using her major. She chose to student teach at LOHS because she lives close to the school and didn't want to drive too far everyday.

Chiang thinks LOHS is a great school and that "the people have made me feel so

"the people have made me feel so welcome..."

welcome, and I'm just really happy to be here."

Chiang's parents live here in Paducah and she has two

older brothers who live in Philadelphia and State College Penn.

Some of her hobbies include reading, playing tennis, traveling, and listening music.

New cafeteria manager greets LOHS students

by: BETH CARMICHAEL
Assistant Editor

Have you noticed a new face as you pick up your milk each day? This new face is Mrs. Jo Corbett. She is the new cafeteria foodservice manager for LOHS. She heard about the job opening over the summer and applied. Later she was told she had received her desired position.

the students during holidays and special occasions. She said, "This would allow me to spend time with my daughter and in doing needlepoint."

Corbett attended LOHS and Draughn's Business College before she started her own business. Corbett has owned and operated Karmel Popcorn at Kentucky Oaks Mall for the past ten years. Now her management skills are becoming active again at LOHS.

Corbett has new ideas for the school food service program. She would like to have a Class Day. This would involve each class creating a favorite menu. Then the class would sit in a designated area together and enjoy their class meal. She said, "Although I have the ideas, they aren't certain until they are approved."

She would like to get stu-



Mrs. Corbett, the new cafeteria manager, counts money after the lunch periods.

dents to eat in the cafeteria, many do, but still some choose not to. An *a la carte* idea may be the answer and could be available to the students soon.

Corbett said her favorite meal is spaghetti, yet crispy steak ranks number one in sales.

The problem of ketchup usage has been a problem at LOHS for many years. Corbett said, "Yes, you can have more than 4 ketchups, but eat what you take and don't take more than you're going to eat."

Editor's Note:
Many thanks to the Oak K'ers who learned Pagemaker for this issue. We'll make it through it somehow. Please be patient. Keep up the hard work. Thanks again!

Love,
Sarah

Junior Rotarian

by MARY KATE GARROTT
News Editor

Senior Johnna Waggoner has been chosen the Junior Rotarian for October. After graduation, she plans to attend college and major in business or secondary education.

When asked about fu-

ture plans, Waggoner said in ten years she wants to be "teaching high school math."

Waggoner is a varsity cheerleader, Beta Club treasurer, member of FBLA, Phi Alpha Delta president and Pep Club president. She attends Arcadia United Methodist Church. In her spare time, Waggoner likes to do gymnastics, play softball and go out with friends.

"I am really excited about being chosen Junior Rotarian and think it will be a great experience," said Waggoner.



Johnna Waggoner, senior



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**Get well soon,
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The Oak K staff**

Staff writer interviews idol: UK basketball head coach Rick Pitino

by: SHANNON HART
Circulation Manager

It all began when the newspaper staff was discussing feature ideas for the October issue. I was in my own world, because that afternoon I was going to meet Rick Pitino, my idol, at Readmore Books in the mall. Of course, my friends already knew all about it since I hadn't shut up about it for two weeks.

Anyway, I didn't have any ideas. "Hey," someone said to me (I think it was Beth). "Why don't you get an interview with Rick Pitino?"

I pounced on the idea. An interview with Rick Pitino? It was too wonderful to even think about.

But I didn't get my hopes up too high. I know as well as anyone that the UK basketball coach is an extremely busy person.

As I waited in line, sitting in the floor of the store, I wrote out a questionnaire because I was almost absolutely positive there would be no time for an interview. I wrote a brief letter, then struggled over the questions.

Three copies later, I was finished. And I still had half an

hour to kill.

An hour later, Coach Pitino himself was signing my copy of *Full-Court Pressure*. (In case you're wondering, he wrote, "To Shannon, Best Wishes, Rick Pitino.") I got to talk to him for maybe two minutes, and didn't have time to bring up the interview.

So I waited. There was an hour and forty minutes of book-signing to go. I snapped plenty of pictures, walked the mall, scrutinized my autograph, etc., until it was almost five.

I went back to Readmore, where the employees were fawning over Coach Pitino and having their pictures made with him. A few last-minute fans kept handing their books to him.

Well, there goes any extra time for an interview, I thought, disappointed.

I finally got to ask him about it. I told him I knew he had to leave, but if he would take the questionnaire with him I'd be very grateful.

He looked at the papers and said, "Well, I'm fixing to go on the road, but if you'll send it to my office, I'd be happy to fill it out."

I could hardly believe THE

Rick Pitino was taking the time to pacify a dinky high school journalist. It had been an unbelievable afternoon.

I already knew the address from past experiences, so I typed out the letter and questionnaire and mailed it.

Less than two weeks later, I received the questionnaire, with every question answered.

If you'll remember, it was only three years ago that the 'Cats had just suffered their first losing season in sixty-two years, going 13-19 in Eddie Sutton's last year. The next season, with even less talent and fewer scholarship players, UK had a win-loss record of 14-14. The next year, 22-6. And last year's season, with a 29-7 record, concluded with a last-second loss to eventual national champion Duke.

I asked Coach Pitino how he managed to turn the program around so quickly. He replied that they "were fortunate enough to have a group of solid, hard-working, young men who completely dedicated themselves."

As Kentucky was struggling with that 13-19 campaign, they were in deep trouble with the NCAA, who alleged

that UK had violated many rules. When Coach Pitino arrived at Kentucky, he immediately said he would run a squeaky-clean program free of wrong-doing.

When asked how to do that, he said that although you cannot legislate integrity, they are committed to compliance with the rules of both the SEC and NCAA.

Last year was a special, meaningful season to fans around the state. With four loyal, beloved seniors graduating and having their jerseys retired, and an amazing run through the NCAA tournament, including playing in the regional finals, it was emotional from start to finish. I asked Coach Pitino what he had planned for an encore.

He said, "Each year's team is different and independent of all others. Our goal is always to give our level best each and every day."

In the past year, health problems have plagued the team. Travis Ford hurt his knee at the beginning of last season, as did Jeff Brassow, who tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee. And recently, Dale Brown got a



minor injury. But Coach Pitino said he is pleased with each player's progress. He also said he "should have a more realistic picture once practice starts in November."

Kentucky basketball fans are among the most knowledgeable and devoted fans in all of sports, and it doesn't go unappreciated. In Coach Pitino's opinion, their support and loyalty are unparalleled. He said he has the opportunity to represent the best fans in the country.

Coach Pitino is strict on education with his players. When he thinks they aren't performing the absolute best they can in the classroom, they

are punished. He strongly encourages all high school students to attend college after graduation.

The future of Kentucky basketball looks bright, mainly because of the man who resurrected it. Coach Pitino is looking forward to a productive month of practice in November. With five new players, including one who is ineligible this year, and practice starting at a later date, he hopes "the young players will grow and develop into solid players."

No doubt Rick Pitino will find a way to delight the Wildcat fans this season. After all, he does it every year.

A morbid, lunatic adolescent roams the streets in wicked season

by Gina Doughty
Circulation Manager

Back in the fall of 1982, on a dark and dreary Halloween night, young Chad was talking to his mother.

"But mom, I don't wanna wear the same sheet as last year!"

"Well, you're gonna have to! Either that or you can wear some of my lipstick and go as Aunt Ethel."

At that point, Chad reluctantly gave in, "Alright, give me the sheet."

It had been a rather cold autumn and tonight was no exception. Chad quickly ran out the door and chucked his overly used white sheet into the bushes.

His disposition turned sour and he had no one to share his almost grief-filled boredom. He was supposed to meet his friend at the dumpster behind Chuck's Car Wash, but had decided not to because his

friend was dressed as Barney Rubble. Chad felt this to be childish and stupid and uncomparable to his plain, white sheet in the bushes. The darkness of the cold night was enhanced by his loneliness. As he began walking, he slowly dragged his feet along the pavement and interrupted the scattered gravel from their position. He thought of his friend and the thought of meeting him re-entered his mind just for a second.

His attention has turned elsewhere when he heard a group of older kids laughing. He listened closely as they discussed the terror and havoc which they had just created. To Chad, this seemed exciting. His mind snapped and he felt his earlier chill melt away with every malicious thought.

Chad now had a purpose this Halloween. He would no longer walk around saying "BOO!" in that silly old sheet which still lingered of his mother's smoldered perfume.

Although the smell was a warm, familiar scent, it now became distant and inaccessible.

His goal was destruction and this he would accomplish. Through the shadows of the neighboring streets, Chad raced forward with a burst of adrenaline that could not be tamed.

He brusquely ducked into a corner and waited for an onpasser. After a moment, a group of children with bags filled with delectable candies strolled by. With one giant leap, he startled the children and sent them running—without their candy.

Young Chad decided to wait a while before he would strike his next victim. He had four giant bags of candy in his possession, without a doubt, he was going to enjoy them all.

He was careful to unfold each wrapper delicately and he pondered the television program which he had watched earlier about the difficult survival of

Toy resigns duties from Project Graduation

by: SARAH WILLIAMSON
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As of Oct. 16, 1992, Mr. Jim Toy resigned from his duties associated with Project Graduation. Toy sponsored Project Graduation for five years.

The reason for the resignation is due to recent willful damage by students to the Project Graduation picnic tables located in the courtyard.

snakes. The particular part of the program that stuck with him the most was when the black King Cobra gulped an entire mouse whole so that the intensity of the mouse's pain was evident in its pitiful eyes.

As he continued with his thoughts, he thoroughly sucked off the chocolate covering of his candy. Chad gobbled piece after piece until he was full but not fulfilled. He felt empty and alone, but even so, he trudged out in search of more adventure.

He saved as much candy as

The tables were purchased with Project Graduation funds.

Toy cited apathy in recent years on the part of seniors regarding responsibilities associated with Project Graduation and low participation rate over the past five years by parents.

"I'm tired of people taking for granted that people will do things for them. ... if students don't care about Project

Graduation and what goes into it ...," Toy said.

"Seniors don't participate by doing minimal things like designing T-shirts, etc."

"Parents should get more involved, even though a lot of the times they don't know what's going on (because the students do not notify the parents of pertinent information)," said Toy.

he could in his pockets, but had to leave the rest behind.

Again he saw the older kids, they seemed so blithe and free. He viewed them closely as they thrust one mighty blow to each mailbox in the area. What they bent, he pulverized.

A loud siren with flashing red lights froze him like ice and his eyes widened as Officer Womack slowed to a sudden halt.

Without even a word being spoken, Chad was assisted into the police car and driven home.

Nibbling on a small morsel

of candy, he walked in the door and heard his mother bellow out a scream that caused him to violently choke on his hard butterscotch drop. His eyes turned red and his face turned blue and as insanity took over his mind, he began to devour the very rat that had earlier caused his mother to scream.

Watch out! Halloween seems to have that effect on people.

BOO!

Football team hopes, receives for play-off berth

by: GARLAND CRAWFORD
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For the casual observer, Lone Oak Purple Flash football has had a season plagued with tough breaks and hard luck. But taking a closer look, one begins to realize that the games are not so much won by the opponent as they are lost by Lone Oak.

After winning their first two games, it looked as if Lone Oak was on their way to a repeat of last year's incredible season. But at their home opener against Heath, the Flash went on a five game losing streak. It seemed as though every time Lone Oak made a mistake, the opponent was there to capitalize and exploit it. "We played some hard teams during that five week period, but it gave us a chance to improve," head coach Tony Roth commented.

Senior Tommy Massa, a four year starter for the Purple Flash, was to anchor the backfield at the position of fullback. Massa, however, was forced to give up his position due to illness and Junior Brent Scowden has stepped forward to fill that vacancy. Two new faces, Greg Dobbins, a transfer from Paducah Tilghman, and Charlton Clark, a transfer from Texas, showed to lend their assistance to the team at tailback. Senior Jeremy Anderson, who saw some playing time last year, took command of the offense at quarterback.

On the defensive side of the ball, Lone Oak returned only four starting players from last year. Due to this lack of experienced personnel, many players were repositioned in the defensive scheme to allow them to take control. Senior Chad Kinsey leads the defense at the position of linebacker. Attempting to secure the line of scrimmage for Lone Oak are seniors Clif Harper, Josh Moore and Gar Crawford. Secondary coverage is supplied by an array of defensive backs, including seniors Mike Smith, Dobbins, Clark and Anderson. Also helping in the secondary is junior Sharon Minter and sophomore Scott Slankard.

"We've had our share of difficulties this year," Roth said, "but it has made us a better team. We came together when we needed to and secured a spot for the second consecutive year in the state play-offs."



Jack Meece gets into the Halloween spirit at a home football game. Or is it a new side?



Patrick Hook keeps the ball away from LO's opponent.

Soccer team loses close one at home

by: JOEL KAUNISTO
Co-Sports Editor

The soccer team lost a hard fought district game against Reidland 2-1 on October 6.

Lone Oak scored first when Anthony Fusco passed the ball to David Ellegood who put the

ball in the goal. Reidland tied the game on a very questionable no-call by the referee. Reidland added another goal to take a 2-1 lead at halftime.

Neither team scored in the second half even though Lone Oak had 8 of its 12 shots in the

last half.

Lone Oak head coach Greg Vickrey said, "I feel like we won the game other than the score. We controlled the ball better and played better than they did."

Football Scores

SCORE: 33-12
(Webster)

OPPONENT: Ft. Campbell
SCORE: 40-8 (Ft. Campbell)

OPPONENT: Webster

OPPONENT: Mayfield
SCORE: 40-12
(Mayfield)

OPPONENT: Reidland
SCORE: 35-7 (Lone Oak)

Boys Soccer Scores

Lone Oak 4
Caldwell 0
Scoring: Tony Englert (Anthony Fusco), Brent Crutcher (Anthony Fusco), Tony Englert (Chris Lacey), Shane Pearson (unassisted).

Lone Oak 1
Reidland 2
Scoring: David Ellegood (Anthony Fusco).

Lone Oak 2
Calloway Co. 5
Scoring: Tony Englert (David Ellegood), Chris Lacey (unassisted).

Girls Soccer Scores

Lone Oak 1
Reidland 10
Scoring: Maria Fort

Boys' and Girls' Round Robin Results

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|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 1) Robby Robertson | 33) Ben Upshaw | 1) Caroline Steele |
| 2) Kyle Wallace | 34) B.J. Ivitts | 2) Nicki Edwards |
| 3) Jeremy Smith | 35) Matt Upshaw | 3) Rebecca Holland |
| 4) Greg Koch | 36) Trey Swacker | 4) Dana Swann |
| 5) Jeremy Case | 37) Joe Salidino | 5) Julie Grogan |
| 6) Jeremy Williams | 38) Michael O'Quinn | 6) Jamie O'Hara |
| 7) Casey Mungle | 39) Troy English | 7) Abby Brazzell |
| 8) Andy Stubblefield | | 8) Sara Suitor |
| 9) Rick Stubblefield | | 9) Nicole Powell |
| 10) Brad Gordan | | 10) Beth Joiner |
| 11) Craig Jackson | | 11) Jennifer Hayden |
| 12) Ben Upshaw | | 12) Ann Meyer-Heuser |
| 13) Josh Long | | 13) Aimee Willette |
| 14) Robbie Chopra | | 14) Shannon Powell |
| 15) Michael Flood | | 15) Amy Newman |
| 16) Zack Wilkins | | 16) Shelly Skaggs |
| 17) Andy Chopra | | 17) Terri Edwards |
| 18) Clint Lawrence | | 18) Lee Ann Atherton |
| 19) Louis Tick | | 19) Jodi Oster |
| 20) Russ Hurley | | 20) Casey Skaggs |
| 21) Hunter Housman | | 21) Audrey Cunningham |
| 22) Jay Pendergraft | | 22) Jenny Gilliland |
| 23) Chad Joiner | | 23) Lindsey Fesmire |
| 24) Jason Hogue | | 24) Heather Cook |
| 25) Ben Brazzell | | 25) Emily Lichtenberg |
| 26) Ryan Lichtenberg | | 26) Angela Thompson |
| 27) Ben Thompson | | 27) Cathy Morgan |
| 28) Joe Suitor | | 28) Ann Meridith McNeil |
| 29) Joey Sloan | | 29) Kim Fesmire |
| 30) Carl Walter | | 30) Andrea Lowery |
| 31) Jon O'Hara | | |
| 32) Eric Fowler | | |

Girls' Soccer Scores cont.

Lone Oak 0
Marshall Co. 2

Lone Oak 0
Heath 0

Lone Oak 1
Heath 1
Scoring: Adrienne Gleeson (Caroline Steele)

The girls basketball team has been in training since September 28. They are gearing up for an exciting year. So, drive carefully as you leave school in the afternoon as the runner you pass could be a Lone Oak basketball player. Keep your eyes open "They're here!" They're coming! Who are they? THE ATTACK PACK!!

Coach Hopper
P.S. Keep working girls!