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

All-State Choir members sing in Louisville for fun

by: Jason Phelps
Beat Editor

The Lone Oak High School Choral Department has sixteen students accepted for Kentucky all-state chorus. Lone Oak had the most students chosen in the first and second districts. It was also 100 percent of the students who auditioned from Lone Oak. The choir left on February 3 for three days of intense rehearsal, culminating in a concert before a capacity crowd at the Kentucky Center for the Performing Arts, in Louisville on the fifth. Renowned choral di-

rectors from across the country directed three different groups from LOHS, one all male, one all female, and one mixed.

"It was a good experience for all involved."

Mr. Murphy said, "I think the overall performance of our choir was good. I have received much positive feedback. It was a good experience for all involved. The students who did not attend are looking

forward to next year."

One of the participants Amy Burnette had this to say about all-state, "I think it's a great experience. This was my second year to go and I really enjoyed it." Those students selected are: Amy Burnette, Janey Collins, Justin Durham, Adrienne Gleeson, Ashley Gholson, Julie Grogan, Shannon Hurt, Maggie Largent, Jennifer Oster, Clay Davis, John Sims, Sarah Wallis, Audra Priddy, Jennifer Grimes, Chris Hayden, Kelley Speer.



All-State choir participants Audra Priddy, Kelley Spear, Julie Grogan, Adrienne Gleeson, Ashley Gholson, Sarah Wallis, Jennifer Grimes, Janey Collins, Maggie Largent, Chris Hayden, Clay Davis, Shannon Hurt, Justin Durham, and John Sims. Not pictured are Amy Burnette and Jennifer Oster.

FHA sells record number of Candygrams to LOHS for Valentine's Day



FHA members Melissa Stevenson, Wendy Wexler, Chrystal King Rachel Steele, and Amy Vincent prepare the candygrams for the students.

by Ashley Dillworth
Chief Photographer

For the last nine years, Future Homemakers of America has had a busy month of February selling candygrams. Once again members are hard at work taking orders from fellow students who want to send valentines to friends and sweethearts.

When FHA first started the candygram business they only had about 1,000 orders. Now the popularity has grown. Last year FHA sold 5,000 candygrams and is expecting to sell about 5,500 this year.

"Well, I think that we're doing a lot better this year because we've sold more in the first couple of days," said

"We sold more in the first couple of days."

Megan Fields, member of FHA.

Selling candygrams is a rather "nerve-wracking responsibility but the members

enjoy doing it," said Mrs. Potts, sponsor of FHA. Members have to take orders, keep orders secret, fill out the candygrams and pass them out. They work in the "E" building in their "living room" after school hours busily filling out the grams.

One of the problems FHA has is that students come to them saying that they did not receive a candygram from someone who supposedly sent them one. Nevertheless, the members always get their work done in time for Valentine's Day.

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Terrorism?! At Lone Oak High School?! Well, maybe so. . .

Staff Editorial

"Hurry up! I have to lock the door."

"I hope a terrorist isn't at the door. Ha-ha. Code Pink!!!"

What is this world coming to? Threats of guns and other violence in Kentucky, as in

Paducah?! Yeah, right. Well, maybe then again, this is serious.

LOHS murmurs of the new lock-the-door-cover-the-window-don't-trust-anyone policy. This is a very sad commentary on humanity to say that we are all

in danger at LOHS.

The policy was implemented due to recent activities occurring during the day. The other reason is due to the outdated doors in each of the entrances to LOHS. The doors are not capable of being locked from the

outside. There are several entrances to the inside of the building, accessible to any person from the outside world.

Are we all sitting ducks to be victims to a person with a loaded gun? Can we be victims of a shooting frenzy by

someone who is mad at the world?

It really can happen. Things like this really do happen in Normal, USA. Innocent people do get hurt, or even worse, killed in various unfortunate situations.

This situation is not

to be taken lightly as it concerns the well-being of all of us here at LOHS. Just remember to use your head and to remain calm. If we all stick together we can make it through any crisis. But for now, let's concentrate on the brighter things in life-like spring!!

Mary's Not So Contrary . . . Can President Bill Clinton take the heat?

by **Mary Ellen Weber**
Advertising Manager

My mother always said, "If you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all." Well, politics seems to be a major exception to this rule. The nicest, sweetest person can turn into a vicious, blood-thirsty monster in an argument over politics.

For the past 12 years Re-

publicans have been defending the President while Democrats were whining about every little thing the President did. Well now it is the Republicans' turn to have some fun! Watch out, Democrats, it is a lot easier to criticize than to defend.

For the next four years we get to watch that geeky little guy on "Crossfire" try to de-

fend President Clinton's decisions. That should be hilarious. While Rush Limbaugh, as obnoxious as he is, will have a field day making fun of Clinton.

The President brought it upon himself, too. He made way too many promises to too many special interests groups during his campaign. Now he

is President, and people expect him to keep those promises. Conservatives, sick of hearing about, "Read my lips - No new taxes," can now remind Clinton of the middle class tax break, the deficit cut in half, and the miraculous economic plan that was to be revealed the day after inaugu-

ration. No doubt this list will soon be much longer.

Have you heard the media lately? Now they are Clinton-bashing almost as much as they Bush-bashed before the election. It is as if they are repenting for being so biased before. It is a little late, but better late than never. It is a

scream to watch!

The next four years are going to be rough for President Clinton and the Democratic Congress. They are in full power now and have no one to blame but themselves when they mess up. They have proved that they can dish

Ashley's Outburst: Stop writing on the walls!

Ashley's Outburst: Quit writing on the walls!

by **Ashley Dillworth**
Chief Photographer

Rushing down the hall and screeching to a halt in front of the restrooms, you quickly push open the door, praying that one of the stalls is empty. Thank goodness- one is! A quick breath of relief is exhaled as you enter the stall, but instead of concentrating on undressing the lower half of your body, your eyes quickly begin to scan over the walls and door. Look at all the information one can acquire just by walking into the restroom!

Now, those people with high morals would like to deny reading all the little petty inscriptions graciously covering the walls but everyone does it. Whether looking to see who

Cindy loves this week or trying to find a good time or just being plain nosy is not the point. Everyone reads those things. What I don't understand is why we all have such a terrible fascination with them. One puzzling thought for me is, why would a girl write the number of a good time in the womens' stalls? First of all, no one else (more than likely) is going to call the number and if you'd had a good time with some guy (I hope they're guys' numbers) why want to share the experience with 20 other girls?

Another thing, who cares about some nameless person writing who they love? We don't know you anyway. If you're going write that you love someone on the walls, at least have the decency to put all first and last names for

those of us who are extremely nosy. But my biggest problem is that there seem to be several obscenities and bad comments about people. I personally feel that all problems should be handled face-to-face. Also, I really don't give a rip how everyone feels about other people. These writings are very degrading and the bathrooms look very ugly. It's so unattractive.

Now, I'm off to go see if my name has appeared on some walls since this editorial has been read. Of course, I'll send one of my male friends into the guys' restrooms to check in there. I'm not sure if guys even take time to write on the walls but I'll find out. And guys if you don't then I applaud you- you've finally done something right. Now, if you'll just stay out of the ceilings...

Gays in the military pose threat to society

by **Beth Carmichael**
Assistant Editor

The United States Military is the most powerful, organized protection group in the world. Highly skilled technicians, medics, and fighters, on ground, in the air, and on the seas, fight together to preserve their country. They are a united group.

As a whole, they possess high qualities and good communication skills. What will happen when this unified cause is faced with extra stress and tension within the military? This will happen if gay

people are allowed in the military. A group can not conquer an enemy if they are not unified.

Homosexual and bisexual people are a threat to themselves and everyone in contact with them. AIDS is only one of the many diseases that could be contracted from a gay or bisexual person. There are many other diseases and viruses that can be transmitted.

Anyone who is willing to lead such a dangerous lifestyle should understand that they are posing a threat to others

around them. Advantages and freedoms they would normally have are not possible when they are infringing upon another person's right to life.

Sodom and Gomorrah were cities destroyed because of their wicked homosexual actions. If the wickedness of homosexuals and bisexuals are allowed in a unified group defending the United States, we can only hope they will be able to conquer the enemies outside of their own force without worrying about the dangers within.

The Oak K says smile!!!



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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.

FFA receives highest state award for 29th time

by: Staff Writer

The Lone Oak FFA-Agriculture Department has won 12 Regional FFA championships in the past year. Lone Oak also won three state championships and two national titles in the past year. Lone Oak won a record 31 superior ratings out of 33 contest entered for the year.

Some of the high honors of 1st place superior regional championships were as follows. Tobacco Essay, Jamie Gross; Treasurer Book contest, Roger Reeves; Home/Farmstead contest, Ryan Wood; Agricultural Processing, Bobby Adams; Beef Proficiency Contest, Ryan Wood;

Secretary Book, Jamie Gross; High Individual Welding, David Blair; Welding Team, David Blair, Gary Blair, and Mike Gholson; Oxy-Acetylene Welding contest, Martin Wils; Horticulture Speaing, Gary Shaffer; FFA Quiz, Kevin Jacobs, and Talent contest, Josh Moore, Mike Smith, and Greg Koch. All the above were 1st place regional championship winners.

Lone Oak won the state team Welding contest, the state individual Welding contest, and the state Home/Farmstead Proficiency Contest.

Lone Oak also won the Welding Contest held at Mid-South Fair, Memphis, Tenn. Lone Oak

also won the Individual Welding Contest held at Memphis defeating Arkansas for the National title. Lone Oak placed forth in the National Farm/Homestead Proficiency in the Nationals in the Central Region.

For the 29th time in the last 31 years Lone Oak has been named as one of the top Gold Emblem Chapters in Kentucky. This is the highest recognition a chapter can receive in the state. Three members, Roger Reeves, Mike King, and Bobby Adams received the Kentucky State FFA Degree. This is the highest award a student can receive from the Kentucky Association of FFA.



The FFA 1992-93 Chapter Officers are: Rena Beyer, Vice-Pres., Gary Shaffer, Pres., Jamie Gross, Sec., Heather Hildreth, Treas., Chris Lovelace, Parliamentarian. (Back row) Advisor, Harold Wood, Bobby Swain, Reporter, Daryl Thompson, Co-Pres. and Kevin Jacobs, Calendar Sales Committee.

Students, teachers endure KIRIS tests

by Jason Phelps
Beat Editor

Beginning Monday Feb. 8 to Friday Feb. 12 LOHS students struggled through the KIRIS, Kentucky Instructional Information System, testing over math, reading, writing, science, and social studies -- but why?

A new testing program established in the 1991-92 school year moved away from

the old bubble-in tests to a variety of tests emphasizing problem-solving and thinking skills, as well as the ability to apply those skills. Last year's testing at LOHS established a baseline score. From that score the state Department of Education projected goals for LOHS and all of Kentucky's 1,400 schools; they were announced Jan. 27. LOHS will

be evaluated based on the tests. LOHS students took Feb. 8-12 to determine the progress made from one testing period to another. Rewards and sanctions will be based on students' progress.

Mr. Griffith, counselor, said, "We won't see any dramatic increases in test scores until we get the carry over from kids that have been using KIRIS since elementary."

Three LOHS models compete in convention

by Beth Carmichael
Assistant Editor

One hundred girls were invited to the Walt World Hotel on Jan. 8-10 to compete in modeling contests. Three of these girls were from LOHS. Jennifer Cook, Desiree Vickrey and Melanie Williams traveled to Memphis, Tenn., and settled in for the contests that took place on Saturday.

The models were introduced in a parade to start off the competitions that morning. Then began the competitions. TV Commercial competition began and Cook took first place. Photography slides were shown of each model in the following competition. Second place in the swimsuit category also went to Cook. The runway competition also proved successful for Cook,

who took second place. She also received three call back interviews. One of the three was the "Next" company. The other two were casting directors from New York and Atlanta. Cook and Vickrey were asked to model for ads in five national magazines after receiving coverage in *The Paducah Sun*. The two will also be traveling to Atlanta the end of February for a photo shoot with "Serendipity."

Five LOHS place at district GC

by Gina Doughty
Circulation Manager

On Feb. 13, sixteen LOHS students competed at Reidland High School in the Governor's Cup District Competition with hopes of going to the Regional Competition and then on to State.

The following students qualified for the Governor's Cup Regional Academic competition: **Laura Denison**, first place in English; **Susan Bongiolatti**, third place in English; **Garland Crawford**, second place in Social Studies; **Shane Beaubien**, third in Social Studies and **Ashley Gholson**, fourth place in Science.

The above students will compete at Murray High School on Feb. 27 in the Governor's Cup Regional Competition. At the Regional Competition Heath and Tilgman will be the representatives for the district's Academic Team.

"Competing is one of the most nervous feelings I've ever felt in my life because you're competing with the cream of the crop," said Garland Crawford.

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Smells like a gerbil: What is this love thing you speak of? Take this love quiz by Beth and see how you rate

by Beth Carmichael
Assistant Editor

Spring comes around, and bam, it hits. Guys go wild. Is it in the milk, or could it be? Yes, it is, LOVE. Well, at least that's what they think it is. Sweet sayings, roses, candy, and all kinds of nice pleasantries infiltrate our minds, girls. Then whammo. We're whipped, they're whipped, and there's no hope. What is this love thing? Get real. Love does not just happen with high school students who become totally infiltrated with their "boyfriend" or "girlfriend." That is not love. Let's just identify what love is. Love, defined by Webster, is warm attachment, enthusiasm and devotion. But there are some other ways to look at it.

Take this love test and apply it to your relationship

or to how you would handle the situation. See if you're capable of love or if you're just an item. Be honest.

1) The person you are dating is going to go out with his/her friends this weekend. You:

a) get mad and tell them what a jerk they are.

b) say okay and go out with the girls/guys.

c) sit at home and sulk.

2) You and your date go to the movies. You:

a) insist on seeing a crier movie so you can lean on his/her shoulder.

b) get crazed when he/she even suggests seeing a certain movie.

c) agree on something fun for both of you.

3) He/she suggests seeing other people on a friend basis. You:

a) say okay, weep for hours, then call them constantly (chase them

down.)
b) say okay and mean it, if its love you have then you'll always be tops on their list.

c) break up with them, hey, its serious, or nothing.

4) Your idea of a fun date is:

a) dinner and a movie
b) exploring the town with them or with some friends too.

c) sitting at each others' houses and watching movies.

5) Your relationship can best be described as:

a) a hassle
b) fun for you
c) a mutual giving

Okay, it's time to score yourself.

#1 a) 2

b) 1

c) 3

#2 a) 2

b) 3

c) 1

#3 a) 3

b) 1

c) 2

#4 a) 2

b) 1

c) 3

#5 a) 3

b) 2

c) 1

If you scored 15 to 12 get a life! You will never get anyone if you keep them all locked up in a world of just you. Get out and do things with other people. Don't stay jealous all of the time, it's a sign of insecurity. If you scored 11 to 8 you are an extremely controlling part of a relationship. Make things fun for both of you. Doing things for each other is what a relationship is about. Do things with friends too.

If you scored 7 to 5 you at least have you're head on straight. Way to go! Good luck in finding true love. If you stay in the same frame of mind you should do just fine.

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Sarah Sez: This is my theory of love

by Sarah Williamson
Editor-in-Chief

OK. What is love exactly? Is it a feeling, a standard or temporary insanity? It's hard to say just what it is. Since it is February, the month of the celebration of St. Valentine's Day, I will attempt to explain my theory of love.

Again, I go back to one of my favorite scapegoats of mankind's behavior-society. There is such a pressure to "have someone" or "get someone." Is it an insecurity or just an tradition? I, too, am guilty of the search for that someone or whatever I have been guilty of exactly doing. However, to me, society puts a subconscious standard on adolescents and relationships.

It seems as though something is wrong with someone if he or she does not have a boyfriend or girlfriend. Why can't people accept others for their own attributes, not for whom they date?

So many labels are put on people for dating the wrong kind of people, too many people and not enough people. Can't people concentrate on

their own self-esteem instead of someone else's?

Many times I wonder if people have to have someone special in their life to fulfill a void in their life. To love someone, one has to be 100% person. A romantic relationship gives an extra oomph to one's life.

All I'm saying is, don't feel like scum because you don't have a date every weekend.

Enjoy yourself and your friends. Just be yourself and the rest will fall in place. There is plenty of time for whatever may happen.

It's great, though, if you have a healthy and happy relationship. You are one of the few who actually are content in a relationship.

Here's happy dating or whatever-you're-doing to you. Smile and be happy.

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"The most romantic thing that anyone has ever done for me was when my boyfriend had three different friends act like messengers. One brought me roses, one brought me candy and the other brought me a teddy bear." —*Stephanie Emery*



"One Valentine's Day my boyfriend gave me several dozen red roses with one white rose in the middle. The card attached read 'You're one in a million!'" —*Jennifer Brandon*



"Last year my boyfriend gave me a huge Valentines card with my name written very small. It was the sweetest thing. He also gave me a gold bracelet and put it on my wrist for me." —*Melanie Williams*



"On Valentines Day, I thought I wasn't going to get anything that year because the day was almost over. Finally, my boyfriend gave me a duck that read 'Happy Easter!'" —*Amy Schmidt*

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How do athletes cope with pressures of sports, classroom?

by Mary Kate Garrett
News Editor

Amazing. Absolutely amazing. How do they do it? How do they handle the pressure? Lone Oak Basketball. Pride, spirit, determination, hustle. Wednesday 2:30-5:30, Thursday 2:30-5:30, Friday-game, lift weights Saturday 9:00, game-at Livingston, game-at Owensboro, Tuesday lift weights, early practice, late practice. Grade point average, college, scholarships, chemistry test, C-, B+, 84, 70, AP calculus test, research paper, geometry quiz, final exams.

This is what it's like. All that *and then some*. Welcome to LOHS-it's basketball sea-

son. Keeping everything straight-practices, games, quizzes, tests- is a major load. So is the pressure that comes from athletes being so busy.

When asked the best way to handle scheduling conflicts, sophomore Tony Englert said, "Budget your time." Englert, a sophomore who plays both junior varsity and varsity basketball. He also plays soccer, baseball and is involved with his church. When asked if he felt a lot of pressure to keep his grades up and to play well on the court, he said, "Exactly-it's very hard." Englert said he does his homework "whenever" he can, after practices usually.

Sophomore Heather Krebs said, "I get frustrated, but I love basketball so much that I can handle it." She said she doesn't have too much homework, but what she usually does what she can during the JV game before her varsity game, or "whenever there's time." Krebs is also active in the band and she said that band director Mr. Light and varsity coach Mr. Hopper coordinated her practice schedules.

"It all equals out," Krebs said. "I don't miss too much of one or the other."

A four year veteran of girls basketball, senior Tracy Jones has "graduation...and then what" on her mind. She said,

"It's hard to study and play and practice. I usually do my homework the hour before it's due. No kidding." Jones plays softball and works at Wendy's. She said her boss is very cooperative about scheduling her work hours around practices and games.

"Most of the pressure I feel in order to keep good grades or to play well is the pressure I put on myself," said Ryan Bivin, JV and varsity sophomore basketball player. He said he does his homework whenever he "feels the best" before or after practices or games. Bivin also plays baseball and said though the stress is rough, "It's a lot better than

sitting at home doing nothing."

Kristy Hopper, JV girls athlete, said since players have to have good grades to participate in sports, that that puts extra pressure on them. She said that after all the hard work though, she "gets a high" from the exhilaration of it all.

Balancing band, church, softball and her family is all part of it for JV player Kelly Crawford.

"Pressure comes from my parents to try to maintain good grades," said Crawford. Homework gets done whenever there is time. She isn't tired of basketball...yet. "Coach has made it so I enjoy playing."

Senior Jack Meece, a four year LOHS basketball player, said, "There's a lot more pressure on us than everybody thinks. I mean, we represent the school and community. Everyone wants us to do a good job. It's hard." Meece, who also runs track, said he doesn't get a lot of his homework done at all. It's just a lack of time.

The best part, what makes it all worthwhile, is, "When we run out there, and all the fans are screaming and going crazy. That makes us feel good. The fans are a big part of it," said Meece.

Toy's Advanced English classes take on time project

by Ashley Dillworth
Chief Photographer

Ever wonder what it was like to wear poodle skirts or worry about getting drafted for the Vietnam War? Mr. Toy's second and third hour advanced English classes are beginning a project to find out. These classes are taking the 50's and 60's eras and are doing extensive research in such subjects as science and technology, music, politics, fashion, sports, transportation,

literature and art.

This project requires the two individual classes to divide into groups of three or four and research each subject separately. The classes are excited about the project because they will be allowed to dress up on certain days and one class will even make a trip to Sonic. "I have been willing to do this because of the students' attitudes. They have been eager and enthusiastic to do it," said Mr. Toy.

Mr. Toy feels that English students have only studied specific things like *Great Expectations* and hopes to give students a chance to study a whole era and all that goes with it. "I just think it's the kind of project enrichment students need to do if they plan on going to college."

This project will last at least until spring break. "It's going to be a learning process for all of us," said Mr. Toy.

by Jenny Sultor
Features Editor

Get seated in your mental time machines and go back to the 1950's era. Elvis Presley was the rock and roll king and Peggie Lee was the hottest woman singer. Women wore mid-calf skirts and had wavy perms or shaggy poodle cuts. Men wore black leather jackets and had "crew cuts," "flat-tops," or "duct-tail" haircuts.

Our parents were just little kids. Harry Truman and

Dwight Eisenhower were Presidents. The Korean War was being fought. Marilyn Monroe was the hottest actress of the decade. 3-D films were in style. Alaska and Hawaii joined the United States in 1959.

Hydrogen bombs were invented in 1952. The U.S. Navy unveiled its first atomic-powered submarine.

The biggest economic growth occurred during the 50's, excluding brief recessions

at the end of the Korean War and in 1957-58. In 1950, the Gross National Product (total of all the nation's goods and services) was \$318,000,000,000 and jumped to \$503,000,000,000 in 1960. The jobholders of the nation rose from 53 million to 70 million. Basic industries, including steel and oil, were holding steady in prospering for America's economy and new industries were being developed, such as computers and electronics.

Drama department prepares video to portray LOHS life

by Shannon Hart
Circulation Manager

You're sitting in geometry class when someone with a video camera walks

in. All the camera hogs immediately begin goofing off and waving. Who is this person, and why is he taping your class?

The drama department

is creating a public relations video about LOHS for Public Access Channel 2, where it will be aired. It was the brainstorm of the McCracken County Public Relations person, Jackie Jones.

For three weeks now, the students have been filming their classmates,

teachers and lunch periods, with very interesting results. Mr. Toy, the head of the drama department, says the students "have enjoyed the project, but time restrictions have limited what they were able to do."

The preliminary results have been good, and Mr. Toy expects a good final product.

Junior Rotarian



Garland Crawford, senior
by Gina Doughty
Circulation Manager

Garland Crawford, son of Mike Crawford and Vickie Ward, has been chosen as Junior Rotarian for the month of February.

Crawford, senior, is the president of the Student Council, which he has been involved in for three years. He has served as class president for two of those years. Throughout his high school career, he has been an Outstanding and Honor Student

all four years and is now a member of the Senior Male Dance Team.

Crawford is in the Army Reserve's 807th surgical hospital unit and has been working at The Parlor for three years. He has been on the Varsity football team for four years, in which he has received the Richard Byrd Award and is now the president of the physical science club, which he has been a member of for four years.

Crawford has also served on the newspaper staff for two years as co-sports Editor and is now the vice-president of Beta Club.

Crawford's hobbies include camping, hiking and shooting guns.

He plans to attend Murray to study pre-med in the fall.

"It's good being able to meet so many interesting people to talk to at the luncheon."



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Griffith leads Flash to impressive win over Marshall County

by Joel Kaunisto
Co-Sports Editor

Behind John Griffith's nearly record breaking 41 points, the Flash defeated Marshall County 85-79 in front of a rabid home crowd. The 41 points came within one point of tying the school record set by Benny Brown and Slick Herndon.

Marshall looked to be in foul trouble early as Lone Oak was already in the Bonus in the first quarter. The Marshals led 16-15 after one quarter.

In the second quarter, the

score was tied at 34 but then Marshall County scored the last five points of the half to take a 39-34 advantage going into the locker room.

The visitors scored the first seven points of the second half, but the Flash fought back to lead 60-57 by the end of the third quarter.

It was a still a tight game in the fourth quarter, with the lead shifting back and forth until sophomore Ryan Bivin hit a three-pointer to put the Flash ahead for good with about four minutes to go.

Marshall stayed within striking distance until Griffith and Bivin each hit a pair of free throws to give Lone Oak an 82-77 lead.

Griffith's 41 points led all scorers while Chris Golightly added 13 points and 14 rebounds.

Said Head Coach Roy McKamey of the win that upped their record to 16-6, "It was a great win for the program, not just this team...It was just great to see the student body do a great job, even when we got down by 12."



John Griffith makes a lay-up in the game against Marshall County

Athlete of the Month



February Athletes of the Month John Griffith and Tracy Jones

by Garland Crawford
Co-Sports Editor

Anyone who is familiar with Lone Oak basketball can't help but also be familiar with the name John Griffith. A senior on the basketball team, Griffith has been chosen as February's Player of the Month.

A key player, both offensively and defensively, Griffith scores an average of 21.5 points per game, which

places him second in the region in scoring. He also ranks among the top in the region in field goal percentage (54.6%), three point field goal percentage (41.7%), and freethrow percentage (78.9%). Griffith leads the team in steels per game.

When he's not on the court, Griffith likes to play baseball or just kick back and relax.

Griffith is presently unsure where he plans to attend col-

lege. However, he does add that where ever he goes he wants to keep playing basketball.

John is the son of Dennis and Rita Griffith.

by Joel Kaunisto
Co-Sports Editor

Tracy Jones's work ethic is evident not only on the basketball court but also in the classroom.

Head coach Larry Hopper describes the senior Athlete of the month for February, "Tracy Jones is like K. C. Jones the railroad man. No matter how difficult or hard things become, she's a true senior, she keeps on working."

Jones, a third year varsity center/forward, is averaging nearly seven rebounds a game to lead the Lady Flash.

She feels that "We have a better attitude and we're real close."

Basketball isn't the only thing she excels at. She also plays on the softball team and is a member of the Beta Club, Key Club, Biology Club and the Student Council.

She is the daughter of James T. and Janice Jones and hopes to attend Murray State University to major in nursing.

Flashes topple Tilghman Tornadoes

by Garland Crawford
Co-Sports Editor

Even though Paducah Tilghman had several ex-Lone Oakers playing on their side, they just didn't have what it takes to walk away with a win against the boy's basketball team.

Tilghman took an early lead and were up by four at the end of the first quarter. All those in attendance quickly noticed a fast breaking Tilghman of-

fence was out of the question as the boys in blue spent most of the second quarter on a single possession trying to set up a shot. However, this was of no help as Lone Oak managed hold the Tornadoes to two points in the second quarter. The Flash went in at halftime with a 30 to 23 lead.

In the third quarter Tilghman came back and outscored Lone Oak 19 to 12 and entered the fourth quarter with a tie at 42

points apiece. Lone Oak stepped up to meet the challenge by scoring 21 points during the fourth quarter and won the game with a final score of 63 to 58.

Senior John Griffith sank 24 points against the Tornadoes and pulled down 10 rebounds. Junior Chris Golightly put in 12 points and led the team 15 rebounds.

This game gave Lone Oak its 15th win of the season.

Swimmers compete at Regionals

by Staff Writer

The Lone Oak Swim Team knows how the Outer Mongolia Olympics Team felt - just two members and not a medal to its credit. The team, consisting of Jessica Buchar, and Mary Ellen Weber and sponsored by Mrs. Sandy Hayden, tied with Marshall County for 20th at the Regional Swim Meet in Bowling Green, Ky., on February fifth and sixth.

However, the girls swam well and deserve credit for competing against 23 other teams,

some with over 30 members. Buchar swam the 50 yard freestyle and the 100 yard butterfly. Weber swam the 50 yard freestyle and the 100 yard breaststroke.

Weber qualified for finals in breaststroke and got 11th out of almost 60 girls, earning Lone Oak's two points.

There were over 400 swimmers at the meet -

almost twice as many as there were at Regionals last year. The competition was overwhelming. To qualify for state competition a swimmer had to place in the top three, which was a very difficult feat.

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Joel Jabbers: Super Sunday in serious need of revamping

by Joel Kaunisto
Co-Sports Editor

So here we are, ready for the big game to begin. The house has been stocked with junk food, the friends have been invited and all breakable objects have been removed from the room where "The Game" will be viewed.

Yes, it is Super Sunday, the day on which every football player, ex-football player, announcer, journalist, waterboy or any poor slob whom they grab off the street gets on national television and tells the world who they think will win and what the final score will be.

There's no way around it. Every channel seems to have about three hours of pre-game interviews and predictions.

By about 3 PM I feel as if I've seen an entire football game with the number of highlight films I've seen, but it's still two and a half hours til game time.

I finally wade through all the pre-game hype and commercials and get set to watch

the game. Anything I could possibly need is within reach so as not to miss a single play.

Buffalo starts the game as if they might win in their third straight trip to "The Big Game." Everyone who picked Buffalo to win (including myself and many of the so-called "experts") is ecstatic that their team seems headed for a win or at least a close game. Wrong.

By the end of the second quarter those who picked Buffalo were saying to themselves, "I can't believe I picked them to win." Yet by the time this thought reaches the mouth, it sounds more like, "The game's not over yet," thereby intensifying the trouble they'll receive from those who picked Dallas.

At halftime, Michael Jackson acts as if he's Marilyn Monroe by standing over a vent, and I, because of lack of interest in music, notice how much he's starting to look like her, too.

I made it through seeing every major play two or three

times and Michael Jackson's mini-convulsions on stage to hopefully see the Bills come back in the third quarter. Wrong again.

It only gets worse as Dallas heads for one of the biggest wins in Super Bowl history.

By midway through the third period, I'm only watching to see those Bud Bowl V commercials.

The final score? 52-17. As if there's someone in the United States who hasn't heard it.

Is it just me or does this seem to happen every year? I can only remember two Super Bowls being close going into the fourth quarter.

The NFC won its ninth straight Super Bowl and at this rate, the streak may reach 20.

So what's my point? It is this: if this one game is going to be so overhyped, do something to make sure it's close. I think if Dallas defenders had to tackle with only their left arms and they had to count to ten before they could rush the quarterback, that might have evened it out some.

Lady Flash beats district rival Heath-on their turf

by Garland Crawford
Co-Sports Editor

Coming out to a slow start, it looked to be a down year for the Lady Flash. Recently, however, they have hit a winning streak that has earned the attention of the school. Among these wins is cross-county rivals, the Lady Pirates.

Having trouble warming-up, the Lady Flash seemed to hit a rock in the first quarter. On 16 possessions, they managed to score only twice, both times from the free throw line. Finishing the first quarter 0 for 9 from the field, it looked to be a long night for the Lady Flash.

Second quarter action had juniors Melanie Sims and Robin Midyett leading the team in a 15 point scoring streak. Sims and Midyett, both 33% field goal shooters,



Tracy Jones puts one up against the Lady Pirates.

had five and four points, respectively. This had the Lady Flash going in at the half down by only three.

Senior Tracy Jones lead the third quarter with six of the team's ten points and set up for an exciting fourth quarter.

Lone Oak gave a repeat of the second quarter, but this time more was at stake. The Lady Flash sank 15 points, seven of these by Sims. In the

waning minutes, a three pointer by Sims and two free throws by junior Carolyn Steele clutched the victory for Lone Oak.

"The girls are learning to play within themselves. They don't get as shook-up as at the beginning of the year," commented head coach Larry Harper. "Now, it's all a matter of execution."

Here's to a great season, LO Flash!!



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