

Board votes YES! for new LOHS

by MK Garrott
Editorial Editor

Upon hearing the final vote of "yes" from Board of Education chairman Chuck Mullen, an audience of approximately 300 parents, teachers and students burst into a frenzy of applause as the vote indicated that Gresham and Associates Architects would indeed build a new LOHS.

After months of deliberation and thought, the final meeting was on the evening of Jan. 27. The LOHS cafeteria was packed, seeming almost as if all the people who came were there to face off against the Board, who sat in front of the crowd. A sign up sheet was passed around to those who wanted to speak their views. About a dozen parents, former graduates and teachers voiced their opinion on the need of a new school.

"I come as chairman of the English Department, and I feel from my students and my faculty that there is an element of uncertainty about the safety of the building," said Mr. Toy, who also noted that the English Department is housed in the oldest section



Board listens as people of McCracken County discuss building a new LOHS.

Photo by A. D.

of the school, built in 1927.

Jim Lyles, a teacher at the middle school, spoke of the "ridiculous" option of renovation. "If you choose to put 5 or 6 million dollars in an old building, then that's what you're going to end up with—an old building with 5 or 6 million dollars in it." Much applause followed this statement.

The first item that had to be taken care of was employing and architect to do whatever job was decided upon. The Board voted unanimously to hire Gresham and Associates Architects for the project. Paul Gresham and his father

Bob then showed the audience via television screen/computer what the options were, the costs and time frames. After it was determined that it would be cheaper and not take as long as it would to renovate, Mullen gave a much anticipated motion.

"I move that we proceed with the option of a new building, limiting the budget to \$7.5 million," said Mullen. The cost includes a new academic building and physical education facilities, only, not a new gymnasium. Lone Oak basketball players would still play at the current

site.

The motion was seconded by Connie Smith. Collins asked principal Mr. Adams what he thought.

"From the beginning, in our hearts all we've wanted is a new school. But we will live with what the Board dictates."

Randy Wright, Board member then asked his colleagues to consider to reality of spending that much money on one project. He said that Lone Oak wasn't the only area growing, remembering Heath and Reidland.

"The experts will back me up on that," replied Wright when the crowd became displeased with the remarks against Lone Oak.

Smith then said she would like for the members of the Board to remember that they had appointed a task force to

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KERA states goals for Kentucky schools

by Sandra Marshall
Staff Writer

The main purpose of Kentucky's education reform effort, better known as KERA is to enforce a new set of standards governing what students should know and be able to do as a result of their school experience. Every aspect of the reform movement is designed to help students attain these goals and to measure teachers' progress in helping them do so.

The expectations for students are set forth as the four learning goals of KERA. These goals led to the development of 75 learner outcomes that characterize student achievement of the goals. Under KERA, all Kentucky students are expected to achieve the goals and outcomes.

1. Students are able to use basic communication and mathematics skills for purposes and situations they will encounter throughout their lives.

This goal includes using research tools to locate sources

of information, reading, observing, listening, quantifying, manipulating computational algorithms, visualizing, measuring, reasoning algebraically and geometrically, using the concepts of classification and systems, writing, speaking, and communicating ideas through music, the visual arts and electronic technology.

2. Students shall develop their abilities to apply core concepts and principles from mathematics, the sciences, the arts, the humanities, social studies, practical living studies and vocational studies to what they will encounter throughout their lives.

For science, this goal encompasses the use of scientific skills, patterns, systems and their interactions, models and scales, the concept of constancy and evolutionary change.

In math, it involves number concepts, mathematical procedures, space and dimensionality, measurement, change, mathematical structure and data.

Under social studies, it teaches democratic principles, forms of government, social groupings and institutions, diverse ethnic and cultural groups, economic decisions, geographic interaction between people, historical events, trends, conditions and issues, as well as human relationships.

The lessons presented in the arts and humanities would require students to create products and make presentations, analyze products and performances, appreciate creativity and values of the arts, show an understanding of the influence of time, place, personality, and society on the arts and humanities, recognize differences and commonalities in the human experience, show an awareness of the diversity of forms, structures, and concepts across languages and communicate in a second language.

Practical living classes would cover family life skills, consumer skills, physical wellness, mental and emotional wellness, healthy living,

psychomotor skills and physical activity.

Vocational studies would help students in selecting a career path, in using transition skills, and in completing a post-secondary opportunities search.

3. Students shall develop their abilities to think and solve problems in school situations and in a variety of situations they will encounter in life.

This includes teaching the concepts of critical thinking, creative thinking, organizing information in order to understand a concept, decision-making and problem-solving.

4. Students shall develop their abilities to connect and integrate experiences and new knowledge from all subject matter fields with what they have previously learned and build on past learning experiences to acquire new information through various media sources.

This goal plans to teach students to address situations from multiple perspectives, to use what they already know to acquire new knowledge, develop new skills and interpret new experiences, and to expand their understanding of existing knowledge by making connections with new and unfamiliar knowledge, skills, and experiences.

I Care Hotline helps students with problems

by Joel Kaunisto
Sports Co-Editor

With increasing pressures being put on teenagers these days, the McCracken County school district has taken a step to try to help today's troubled youth.

In September of this year the district joined the I Care Hotline. The hotline was already in use in Paducah Independent Schools and in Sikeston, Missouri. The central office learned of the program from the aforementioned schools and from a phone call from the company concerning a McCracken County student.

According to Director of Public Relations for McCracken County Schools Jackie Jones, "I Care (Hotline), 1-800-829-0989, is a 24-hour, 365 day-a-year, toll free, youth oriented crisis prevention and cultivation program that can assist McCracken County's high school students. Students might feel like they have a problem with drugs, alcohol, dating, suicide, relationships, school problems, running away or a host of other concerns. The hotline is there for them at any time."

Jones also said the district joined the hotline because

"We wanted to use our Title V grant (alcohol and other drugs) in the most advantageous manner. Since self-esteem and suicide prevention are two areas included under Title V, this program seemed to be an excellent means for addressing those two teenage problems."

The goals of the program are to listen, assist and refer troubled students to the proper authorities.

On October 27, eight students from each of the county high schools attended an informational session in the LOHS library in
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Teachers, students reverse roles at workshop in library

by Jason Phelps
Opinion Editor

In a role reversal unheard of in LOHS history, students taught teachers in this year's Technology in the Media Center workshop. On January 5, Mrs. Metzger held the technology teaching session in the LOHS library with her student library aides as instructors. Topics included the laser disc system, the InfoTrack magazine index, the FotoMan Plus digital camera, the Follett Library Circulation Manager and the SIRS CD-Rom interactive encyclopedia.

The workshop student helpers were, Jason

Hornbeak, Denise Sheehan, Misty Fort and Susie Streckas. Sheehan had this to say about her experience as a teacher, "I taught them hands on. They were very receptive and enjoyed it."

Metzger, Professional Development Coordinator of LOHS, "The workshop exceeded my highest expectations due to the hard work and intelligence of my student aides."

The teachers that attended left complementary evaluations of the workshop. Teachers expressed that they now have a better understanding of the library's technology.



Jason Hornbeak, Senior, teaches LOHS Staff members Mr. Wells, Mr. Griffith, and Mr. Norris, how to use some of the new technical equipment in the LOHS library.

Seniors learn and work with mentor program

by Jenny Sutor
Editor-in-Chief

Thirty-five LOHS seniors will be working while learning through the 1994 Mentorship Program. Seniors in McCracken County chose two jobs they wanted to learn more about and a committee chose which seniors worked with the mentors. The program allows the students to go to their mentorship job once a month for two hours for three

months.

LOHS seniors who will be participating in the mentorship program include: architect, **Patrick Craig**; attorney, **Jeremy Smith**; automechanics, **Eric Young**; aviation, **Dan Abell**; Republic, **Stephanie Hayden**; hairstyling, **Megan Fields**; Peoples Bank, **Stacie Hosick**; Graphic Communications, **Ansley Hunter**; car sales, **Karl Rouse**; construction

manufacturing, **Patrick Hook**; Dr. Abell dentistry, **Blake Thompson**; Dr. Myers denistry, **Brian Clark**; Lone Oak Elementary, **Jennifer Mudd**, **Stacie Spence**, **Artie Bucy**; Lecorp, **Ashley Gholson**; environmental resoration, **Ronnie Gandhok**; florist shop, **Leena Neely**; government, **Ryan Hughes**; health care, **Tisha Jones**; hotel management, **Mary Weber**; law enforcement,

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Around Town

by MK Garrott
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A new bill has been proposed at the general session of the Kentucky State Legislature. The bill would make it a law for all passengers in an automobile to wear their seatbelts.

This is a topic I feel very strongly about. I personally buckle up every time I get into my car or anyone else's. I don't feel comfortable without it on. Representative Bob Leeper of Paducah opposes this bill saying that it is a "personal responsibility to wear a seatbelt," not one that should be governed by the legislature. The sponsor of the bill, Representative Richard Lewis of Benton said he was encouraged to support it because of the crash in Trigg Co. recently that killed 7 teenagers. None of the occupants were wearing seatbelts.

Another accident that I know of involved an LOHS student the night before school started Aug. 31. On

Clinton Road, after it had been raining, the car skidded and eventually overturned, crushing the back end and virtually destroying the whole car. The driver was wearing a seatbelt and walked away and was at school the next day with only a sore neck. Another victim wasn't so lucky. A week and a half after school began, another student was headed home late at night, when the driver lost control and overturned, seriously damaging the vehicle, and this time, the driver, too. After spending 3 months in ICU at Lourdes, the student is now undergoing rehabilitation for the near fatal head injuries that were suffered. This driver was not wearing a seatbelt.

Why would anyone not buckle up after these two accidents? It is crazy not to. It has been proven that seatbelts save lives. I hope that this bill passes, and it is very likely that it will, so maybe after people get charged \$25 for not wearing it and get the daylights scared out of them, they will come to their senses and follow the law.

Soaps cure cabin fever

by Jennifer Grimes
Staff Writer

Lone Oak High School soap opera fans had an entire week to indulge in their favorite pastime when McCracken was blessed with ten inches of snow. Those without electricity on Monday were disappointed, but it wasn't hard to catch up on Tuesday.

When NBC wasn't interrupting with Special Reports about the new secretary of defense and the earthquake in

California, Marlana was debating whether or not to tell Roman about her affair with her ex-husband and his best friend, John.

Some people are discouraged with soaps. They think they're superficial and unrealistic. Soaps are supposed to be a fun outlet to forget about your troubles and escape into someone else's life for a while. And Days' fans don't give up, maybe Hope didn't really die in a pot of boiling acid.



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Senior cheerleaders Ansley Hunter and Renee Denton as UCA All-Stars

Ashley's Outburst: My Own Personal Opinion!!

by Ashley Dillworth
Chief Photographer

How many of you know what the term "editorial" means? It means opinion. One person's opinion. It is difficult sometimes for journalists to write editorials because of all the criticism and flak they get from people who aren't journalists and basically don't know what "editorial" does mean.

I'm writing an editorial (definition in first paragraph) about *The Oak K* staff and several comments I've heard made. First of all, let me say

that the staff works very hard every month to bring the students in this school a good newspaper. It is the staff's responsibility to cover stories of all kinds and report it to the student body. The staff also has the responsibility of writing editorials. Yes, they are our opinions and maybe no one else cares but maybe someone does. Maybe someone feels the same as the person writing an editorial. It is hard to write an editorial every month and believe it or not, we don't always have something to

complain about, but considering the fact that writing an editorial is our duty we must write one whether we feel the need or not.

I've heard someone make a comment about editorials written in *The Oak K*. That's fine. Everyone has the right to their own opinion. But this person making the opinion about the editorial put down the entire staff by saying we were bad people. Everyone does not have the right to criticize the entire staff based on one person's editorial.

Let me stress the fact that when one person writes an editorial, it is that person's opinion and not the entire staff's opinion. So if you have a problem with the editorial, don't complain about the whole staff. Do something about it and write a letter to the editor. In fact, don't complain about the staff at all until you know how hard we work every month to give you a good paper-which people don't appreciate enough to read!

Julie says, "Hey, quit complaining!"

by Julie Shelton
Advertising Manager/Feature Queen

I've heard several disheartening comments about LOHS lately. No, not about the condition of the building, but about the attitudes of the students.

One student thinks high school in general is a total waste of time because, "half of the subjects we study, we'll probably never use." Other students believe that

"rednecks" have taken over and it's all down hill from here.

I, on the other hand, believe that if the downfall of LOHS is at hand, it is because of these attitudes and not their complaints at all. High school, whether it be in Paducah, Kentucky or New York City, is what you make it. Yes, there are subjects that I don't feel necessary for my future; therefore, I don't take them. Other classes may not be necessary, but I still find them interesting and enjoy them. That's not a waste of time.

If you are unhappy with high school or your life—

change it. Do something about it. Get involved, and realize that we are at a transition stage in our lives, and we are just going to have to ride it out and make the most of it. Join a club or get involved in something you enjoy. Go out and socialize, make friends, and most importantly—laugh. High school won't last forever.

I admit there are certain groups that I don't get along with or approve of, but they don't need my approval. They have just as much right to be here and voice their opinions as I do. We have to share this world with a lot of different people. To the dis-

may of many, we can't go to our own little utopias where we like everyone. My solution: Ignore them. Do your own thing and don't let others get in your way. That goes for all of us. We are lucky at Lone Oak to have many diversities of people. Hang out with those you like and quit fighting about those you don't like.

Before you know it, we're going to be out of here. I'm kind of sad about leaving. I'm enjoying my high school years and my "entertainment" classes. Just understand that we don't only have to share our high school, we also have to share our world.

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this project in July. They gave their recommendation in December—to build a new LOHS.

"The task force thought and researched long and hard on this. Let's remember what their primary decision was."

Mullen then asked if there

was any more discussion. Hearing none, he asked the Secretary to call roll for the votes. The first two were from Smith and Glenda Collins. They voted yes and then two "no's" came from Wright and Wilson. Mullen's vote was the final and de-

termining choice.

"Mr. Mullen?"

"Yes."

The crowd then exploded into applause as it was decided—the classes of 1996 and beyond would be in a new building.

Frozen Water Vapor

by Jason Phelps
Opinion Editor

Do you remember the expletive you squealed when you sprang out of bed, hurdled a chair, and poked through the mini-blinds Monday morning? Still suffering grogginess from a twelve hour coma I discovered a foot of snow overlaid the already two inches of ice that blanketed the ground. "Providence! We'll be out of school for a week."

The dreamy stupor that was my flu-stricken mind stretched for five full days. Five full days of gaping out my bedroom window watching the Pale Horseman gallop back and forth waiting for my eyelids to drop before he struck. Being sick when you finally have a break from school is blue.

My deadened head and my aching soul exclaimed joy, sick isn't it, at Mr. Adams' voice on the recording when he said in his muddled tone, "at the time of this recording, Lone Oak High School will be open tomorrow."

Is there anyone out there like me who wanted to come back to school? Is there anyone like me who feared that another day of being trapped at home by the prison walls of ice covered roads would drive them insane? And now we have to endure scooting through these halls until mid-June. That's blue.

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Brian Anderson
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Susan Knott, Senior

Junior Rotarian: Susan Knott

by Ashley Dillworth
Chief Photographer

"Follow your dreams—nothing's impossible," was January's Jr. Rotarian, Susan Knott's advice to the senior class of 1994. Knott has accomplished just that, followed her dreams, and has been honored with yet another award as Jr. Rotarian.

Knott has participated in many different activities during her high school years

such as varsity basketball and softball, Key Club, FCA Secretary, BETA and Chamber Choir. Her honorary and academic activities include Mentorship, Youth Salute and All-American Scholar.

In her spare time, Knott likes to play basketball, softball and the piano. She is active in her church, Lone Oak First Baptist, playing the piano for the first grade choir,

singing in the High School Choir and Youth Activities.

Knott's plans for the future include attending PCC, UK Pharmacy School or Auburn Veterinary School. She wants to major in Pharmacy and minor in veterinary medicine.

Knott's parents, Bob and Peggy Knott, have had a big influence on her life. "They've always wanted me to do my best."

LOHS All-Star Cheerleaders visit London

by MK Garrott
Editorial Editor

What were you doing over your Christmas vacation? Sleeping? Eating at your grandmother's? While most of us were lounging around Paducah, two LOHS seniors were in London, England doing what they love—cheerleading.

Chosen last summer at cheerleading camp, Renee Denton, Shannon Hayes and Ansley Hunter tried out to be chosen as All-Stars. After

being picked, the three realized that this opportunity would really pay off—they would be offered a trip to London as a reward. However, only Denton and Hunter attended the excursion. They were informed that their trip would cost them \$2,000 a piece. Making up a flyer that was posted around town, and "going around asking (begging) for donations" helped finance this opportunity.

"Everyone was very generous. London was a Christmas gift to Renee and I from our family. We also recieved film from Santa," said Hunter.

While in England, daily activities included touring the city, shopping, going to Oxford, Stratford and Windsor, sightseeing and practicing. The plane ride was an adventure, too. Traveling for 10 to 12 on a "long and bumpy" flight took some getting used to. Denton

and Hunter stayed at the Tower Thistle Hotel at St. Katharine's Way from Dec. 26 to Jan. 2.

The fun they had was the best part, along with learning new ways to "get more crowd involvement" at sporting events. Denton said, "I want to go back if I can get the money. I would have payed \$10,000 to go if I had known I would have that much fun."

Hunter agreed, "We will go back!"

Student Spotlight: Heather Bowman

Jennifer Grimes
Staff Writer

"Most Talented" is a superlative title that Heather Bowman has certainly earned at Lone Oak. Heather, daughter of Verna and Dale Bowman, moved from Oklahoma at the end of her freshman year and in less than three years has made a name for herself at Lone Oak.

When Heather is not babysitting her little sister, Brittany, she's earning "excellent" and "superior"

scores at the Solo and Ensemble contest for band in Murray. Not only can she play an instrument, she can direct as well. This year Heather was given the position of field commander for the band, a title she worked hard for and is very proud to have.

In 1991 Heather was selected to participate in the Kentucky All-State Chorus. She has been a member of Lone Oak's choir for two years.



Heather Bowman, Senior

Heather's immediate plan for the future is to attend college and major in accounting. She hopes to do well in college and become a successful CPA.

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Hey! Stuff you wrote!

On Evil's Wings

by **Graham Hannan**

On evil's wings is where
we now lie
Children with guns killing
for the thrill of the ride
No kindness of soul just a
heart to black
Damned for eternity with
no turning back

No escaping time it's death
in their veins
Their time will come in hell
with no rain
Blood for blood is the
ancient way
But that is not me for here
I'll say
"Wait for the time when we
will arise,
We will live forever and
they will die.

We must go on and we
must not mourn
For it is theirs not our souls
that are torn.
Those who have passed are
still quite the same
Except they are happier,
they live not with the evil
that still remains.
They will all live on until
we all fly
And meet far away high
above the sky.

For those who have lost
there is nothing I can say
Your pain is forever, it
won't go away
But be assured my friends
that they will always be
here

So live life to it's fullest
and forget all your fears
Love is forever and this
they do know
But when our time has
come we all must go

Worry not about evil's
children who live under the
gun.
For they are lost but you
are the one
You have more power than
you will ever know
Stronger than guns faster
than bullets think of where
you can go

Mark my words because on
this day
Evil has come and will
fight to stay
But we are stronger and we
can overcome
Together we must stand or
evil has won
Stand tall with one another
and stretch out your hands
Struggle for love, peace for
every woman and man.

Long is the path that every
man must travel
They must sail the seas of
fire, walk barefoot on
gravel
Voyages of life are
burdening yet sometimes
calm
But they must walk in
darkness a neverending
storm.
We all walk together like
dust on the stone
But they must walk in

solitude, yes, all alone.

Day by day is how we must
live and always come what
may
You and I my friends
together we must stay
Together we will fly and
hear the angels sing
For we did not choose the
darkened path, on Evil's
wings.

Definition:

"Hey! Someone
should go get
Bob."---

Appropriate to say
when the person
who would be
most excited or
affected by an
event is absent.

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TIME



by **Ashley Gholson**

Since the beginning,
time has been our
enemy,
Allowing us to draw
closer together, but
now pulling us apart,
The future is
unpredictable, we are
unable to see

What is in store for our
friendship, the minutes
are tearing at my heart,
For Father Time is not
so gentle and kind,
He will now force us
again to start

Where we one did, to
form a new trust when
the special friends are
left behind,

It will be in vain when
we shed the tears
Of sorrow at our
parting, but it will not
ease our mind

When we are joined
together again, for we
will be separated by
the years,
It is time's compassion
alone on which our fate
will depend,
As we are forced to face
the dreaded fears

Of our solitude, with no
armor to defend
Us from the finality of
the end.

LOHS exhibits creativity

"Run With the Wind"
by Graham Hannan

Teardrops falling from your eyes
Raging, fighting lost in cause
Blind sighted fate that men applaud
Stretch out your hand and you will find,
You thought you were living, but you were blind
Run with the wind, let your soul fly free
Listen to the voice, and you will see

Constant warning that dies in fire
Your flame burns within, it is desire
Stranger things than death without reason
Men locked away for theft and for treason
Let go of yourself and fly far away
So that dreams of tomorrow will live another day
Death and dishonor all flood your minds
Run like the wind and forget all time
Live for today and soar in the breeze
Or die like the leaves that fall from the trees
Caught in a world with no love only hate
Will surely stop you from entering my gate
Take the time and open wide
With me there's no limit not even the sky
Run with the wind and you shall be free

"If 7-Eleven is open 24 hours a day, then
why do they have locks on their doors?"

--Kent Guthrie, senior

"Ow! Ow! Ouch! Don! You're
hurting me. Stop it!"

--Letia Miller, senior (during
lunch while Don Presley has her in a
"choker-hold." He frees her just before
Mr. Rushing pays our table a visit).

Nocturnal Behavior
by Patrick Hook

I sit inside a darkened room
Fearing the light of day
Watching the sun arise and fall
All by myself I stay

Watching shadows on the wall
dance

Afraid to face the day
Must find a way to find my place
Too scared, I can't, must stay

To my dismay, the sun will rise
Look forward to the day
When moon and stars leave me no
more
When all day, night it stays.

A conversation during 4th hour AP
Language:

Student A: "Y'know, Duct tape is really
a handy thing."

Student B: "I know. It's great. You
could even tape a kid's mouth with it."

Teacher: "My sister-in-law hemmed a
pair of trousers with it one time. It's
amazing!"

Student C: " You could fix your car with
duct tape!"

Student D, a mere onlooker, has kept up
with the number of times the words
"Duct tape" was uttered--amazingly-23..

Shannon Speaks: Be Like Mike Part Two

by Shannon Hart
Sports Co-Editor

I just couldn't resist. I know this column will probably produce more irate Letters to the Editor, but I can't tear myself away from the subject of Michael Jordan.

Although he is a great basketball player, he possesses qualities that don't make him worthy of the title "World's Greatest Athlete Ever." These qualities include selfishness, arrogance and plenty of cockiness.

The following are quotes taken from the book *The Jordan Rules* by Sam Smith. These quotes are from the man himself. They cannot be disputed.

Jordan assessing his team

during the 1990 playoffs: "I looked over and saw Horace and Scottie screwing around, joking and messing up. They've got the talent, but they don't take it seriously. And the rookies were together, as usual. They've got no idea what it's all about. The white guys [John Paxson, Ed Nealy], they work hard but they don't have the talent. And the rest of them? Who knows what to expect? They're not good for much of anything."

Jordan on Bulls management (prior to the 1991 title): "They're not interested in winning. They just want to sell tickets, which they can do because of me."

Jordan on what he would

do if he were coach of the Bulls: "I know what I would do if I were coaching. I'd determine our strengths and weaknesses and utilize them. And it's pretty clear what our strength is."

Jordan on himself as a younger player: "I thought of myself first, the team second. I always wanted my team to be successful. But I wanted to be the main cause."

Jordan on former teammate Dennis Hopson: "You can see it in his eyes. He's scared. He's got no heart."

Jordan on being on the floor with the Chicago reserves: "I hate being out there with those garbagemen. They don't get you the ball."

After Jordan repeatedly

criticized teammate Stacey King's game, King had this to say to the so-called "Greatest Ever": "All you're interested in is scoring and taking every shot. Maybe if you passed the ball to somebody else for a change, instead of worrying about the scoring title, somebody else on this team could do something."

Not only this, but Jordan calls his teammates his "supporting cast." He looks at them as if they are inferior.

These quotes only solidify my opinion that Jordan is a self-centered jerk. And if baseball knows what's good for it, it won't even consider letting him in.

Athletes of the Month: Eric Fox and Caroline Steele



by Shannon Hart
Sports Co-Editor

When Lone Oak basketball is discussed, Chris Golightly is usually the name mentioned as the best player for the Flash. But many players are stepping up to help the 6-6 senior, and one of them is junior Eric Fox, who is averaging 12 points and 4 rebounds.

"Eric has made remarkable progress since his sophomore year," said Coach Roy McKamey, adding, "As a sophomore Eric was almost exclusively a JV player."

"I think I improved a lot since

last year," said Fox. "I've put in a lot of practice and went to some good basketball camps over the summer."

Fox believes his best quality as a player is his "ability to outrun people in the open court."

"Eric is a persistent and tireless worker," McKamey said, calling the 5-11 guard a "big-time competitor. He is our best three-point shooter day in and day out. He's an unselfish player with good defensive skills."

Besides basketball, Fox also plays baseball.

Fox is already planning for Lone Oak to go far this year, saying, "We are going to need a lot of support when we are playing in the regional tournament in Murray."

Said Fox of being chosen Athlete of the Month, "It's an honor, but there are many other players that are just as deserving."

by Joel Kaunisto
Sports Co-Editor

Averaging 13 points, 5 assists, 4 rebounds and 3 steals per game, senior Caroline Steele is the Athlete of the Month for January.

But the numbers don't tell the entire story. According to head coach Steve Cobb, "Caroline has been playing varsity basketball a long time. She is a three-year starter and brings a lot of experience to the floor. Being our point guard, she is responsible for getting us into our proper offensive sets when I call a play from the sideline. Plus I'm trying to get her to shoot the ball more. The fact she's averaging four rebounds a game is remarkable because she is forbidden from going to the glass except for a few, rare exceptions. She also draws the toughest defensive assignment, which means she must be in tremendous shape to remain effective for four quarters. I am asking her to do an awful lot of different things in order to help this team be successful, and she handles it all pretty well."

Steele said that so far this year



the team has done "Excellent! We've been working really hard in practice and if we keep working hard it will pay off at the end of the season."

But Steele also said that the team can improve on teamwork and basic dribbling and shooting skills.

Cobb said Steele's best qualities are "her competitiveness. Caroline has an outstanding determination about her. She is highly competitive in anything she does."

Besides basketball, Steele plays soccer and tennis, which she also excels at. She is currently ranked number two in the state in singles competition.

Pirates sunk by powerful Purple Flash

by Shannon Hart
Sports Co-Editor

Both of the varsity Flash basketball teams accomplished a major feat on January 8—they beat the Pirates from Heath.

The Lone Oak guys won by ten, 65-55. It was the first time they'd beaten Heath at Heath since the 1987-88 season.

They were led by senior Chris Golightly with 17 points and 15 rebounds. Junior Ryan Bivin also scored 17 points. Junior Eric Fox had 13 points.

"We needed a good team defensive effort [to beat Heath]," said Coach Roy McKamey. "Also we concentrated on rebounding."

Bivin agreed. "We played a good man-to-man defense and all five players on the

floor crashed the boards."

"It [the win] feels great because we beat them at their place and now we're 3-0 in the district," said junior Tony Englert, who scored four points.

"It feels great to beat them, finally," said senior Brian Kinsey.

"Needless to say, it was a nice road win," McKamey said. "We are currently number one in the district so it's in our hands to win or lose."

"I'm pleased to be 11-1. This team had one full-time starter returning from last year so we've had lots of people to step up from last year."

The Lady Flash beat the Lady Pirates by 28 points, 66-38, in a very physical and intense game.

Senior Melanie Sims stepped up with a huge game, racking up impressive numbers of 28 points, 7 steals, 4 assists and 4 rebounds. But Sims says despite her great performance, "the Mayfield game last year will always be my biggest."

Senior Caroline Steele had 12 points, 6 assists and 6 steals. Senior Robyn Midyett also had a big game, scoring 10 points and pulling down 14 boards.

"I was most pleased with the fact that our team was able to remain focused despite an obvious and deliberately unsportsmanlike performance by Heath," said Coach Steve Cobb, calling the game "by far the most physical game we've been involved in this season."

Another key to the win was "the fact we converted 24 of our 36 free throws."

"Any game we win is very important to our level of confidence, but crowd support gives us more confidence than anything," said senior Kishsha Peck, who had only three points in the game, but put up totals of five rebounds, four steals and four deflections.

Senior Susan Knott said, "I like how although it was so physical and intense we were able to keep a good sportsmanship attitude."

Senior Jennifer Bristoe agreed, saying, "I think we play better in intense games."

Said junior Eileen Johnston, "It [the intensity] gets everybody up and makes you want to win that much more!"

What A Game

Submitted by Antonio Townsley

Some fool driving, getting his stuff smacked,
By our big man in the box
As if he were the Shaq.

At the top of the key, Eric Fox,
Launching an orange shooting star,
Swish goes in the 3-point rocks.

Terrick running up the floor like a speeding car,
On an outstanding fast break
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LOHS teams compete in holiday tournaments

by Shannon Hart
Sports Co-Editor

During Christmas vacation, while many students were sleeping late and goofing off, the Lone Oak guys and girls basketball teams were playing in two different holiday basketball tournaments, the guys at Eldorado, Illinois, the girls at Union County.

The guys placed third out of 16 teams, beating Century and West Frankfort in the first and second rounds before losing to Massac County. Lone Oak then beat McLeansboro in the consolation bracket.

Lone Oak beat Century 86-56, with senior Chris Golightly leading the way, scoring 19 points and pulling down 12 rebounds. Junior Jeremy Felker had 12 points, which is a career high. Jun-

ior Eric Fox had 11 points and 5 assists, and sophomore Brandon Moore chipped in with 10 points.

In the second round, Lone Oak beat West Frankfort by twenty, 69-49. Moore had 20 points, shooting 4-6 from three-point range, to lead the Flash. Fox had 13 points and senior SheRon Minter had nine. Golightly spent much of the game in foul trouble, but managed to score seven points.

"Chris Golightly, Eric Fox and SheRon Minter were our most consistent players," said head coach Roy McKamey.

Lone Oak's next game was against the number one seed, Massac County. "We did not play well against Massac County," said McKamey after the 64-55 loss. "Brandon Moore and Tony Englert both

had three fouls in the first period." Moore and Englert are the team's two point guards.

Massac County, which has two players at 6'5", led by as much as 20 points in the fourth quarter, but then Golightly scored eight points, six on three-pointers, to help cut down the lead.

Golightly ended up with 17 points and 5 rebounds. Fox had 11 points, along with 4 steals, and Minter scored 8 points and had 8 rebounds.

Lone Oak then beat McLeansboro 52-45 to win the third place trophy. They were led by Golightly with 18 points and 9 rebounds. Minter and Moore also contributed with 13 and 8 points, respectively.

Even with his team's record at 10-1, Coach McKamey still

sees room for improvement. The areas that still need work are "half-court offense and blocking out," Coach McKamey said. "This team must play with great intensity to be a good team."

"It's a great atmosphere up in Eldorado," said McKamey, commenting on the "great crowds and lots of enthusiasm."

The girls' team left Union County with two losses. They were beaten first by South Hopkins, 64-57. Seniors Caroline Steele, Robyn Midyett and Melanie Sims were the leading scorers with 16, 12 and 10 points. The Lady Flash then fell to Todd County Central by a score of 55-45. Sims scored 16, Steele had 15 and Robyn Midyett contributed 11 points.

Jordan wearing pinstripes?

by Mary Ellen Weber
Business/Advertising
Manager

Imagine for a moment, opening day of the baseball season with Michael Jordan taking his new position in the outfield for the Chicago White Sox. Sure, it's an unlikely dream, but we're talking about baseball. Anything can happen in baseball. We're also talking about Michael Jordan, an awesome athlete.

Before I go any further, let me set the record straight. Although I've always respected his amazing talent, I've never much cared for Jordan. He's always seemed self-centered and egotistical, but then so are many other athletes. I re-

ally shouldn't judge him because I don't know much about him.

One thing I do know is that he always gets a lot of attention, too much if you ask me. Take, for instance, his retirement. Sure, it was a shock, but I really don't understand what all the hoopla was about. He was a great basketball player, and he retired while still in his prime. It's a nice, interesting story, but I only need to hear it once.

Now he wants to play baseball - more power to him. I mean, hey, he could be a great centerfielder, and I bet he could steal a lot of bases. It remains to be seen, however, if he can hit a 90-mile-per-hour fast ball. You

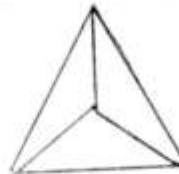
don't just step up and do that. It takes years of practice. And then if, by some slight miracle, he makes the team, what if (hee, hee) they trade him? I don't think he'd take too kindly to that.

Anyway, I do hope he makes it, at least to the minor leagues. It would be a terrific story, and after all, think of the boost in ticket sales.

Even if he doesn't make it, I think this says a lot for baseball. Jordan, a star basketball player, quits and then decides he wants to fulfill his boyhood dream of playing Major League Baseball. By the way, do they have uniform pants long enough for him?

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Girls defeat Bombers on Homecoming

by Shannon Hart
Sports Co-Editor

The girls basketball team held off a late rally by Ballard on Homecoming night and beat the Bombers by two, 64-62.

"You always want to win on Homecoming," said head Coach Steve Cobb. "But, as a coach, you hate to play that night. You're always concerned about your team's focus."

Senior Melanie Sims led the LadyFlash with 20 points on 8-15 shooting. She also had 7 rebounds, 5 assists and 3 steals, much to the delight of Coach Cobb, saying he was more proud of those stats than Sims' scoring. "She's beginning to really concentrate on the other aspects of her game," said Cobb.

Senior Caroline Steele had 12 points and 7 assists. Junior Eileen Johnston had 10 points, and senior Robyn Midyett added 9.

"After the game I felt like

we'd lost," said Cobb. "I wasn't pleased with any aspect of our performance initially. Then, after reviewing the film and stats, I changed my opinion somewhat."

He pointed out the team shot 43% from the field and were able to keep their poise and win, even after the momentum had shifted to Ballard.

"I think the biggest thing we learned from this game is the importance of maintaining your poise when things aren't going well," said Cobb. "We easily could have folded under the pressure of their comeback, but didn't."

With four players on the Homecoming Court, the



Senior Caroline Steele launches a shot against the Ballard defense. Photo by A.D.

locker room was a mass of confusion after the game. "We're still replacing fuses from the heavy duty blow-dryer action," said Cobb. "The lights went off and on several times as they were trying to get ready."

Cobb added, "I'd just like to congratulate Lee Ann Larrison for being named Homecoming Queen. It's a big honor for her and she's very deserving."

The guys suffered only their

second loss of the year by a score of 65-57. They were led in scoring by Chris Golightly's 23 points. Junior Ryan Bivin had another big game, scoring 20 points, 12 of those on three-pointers. Junior Eric Fox chipped in with 8.

The Bombers led by as much as 14 before a late Lone Oak run got the Flash as close as two, but Ballard hit some key free throws down the stretch to clinch the win.

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Homecoming Queen, Lee Ann Larrison, laughs excitedly after being crowned at the Homecoming Basketball game on Jan. 14.



Senior Melanie Sims shoots the ball during the Lady Flashes varsity Homecoming game.



A participant in the Slam Dunk Contest leaps up to the goal during the Homecoming pep rally.

In Memory of Shane Pearson

We will always love and remember #4.

Dear Editor,

Why Shane? Why? So many questions, so few answers.

He was one of my best friends. I saw him that day, joking around, having fun, playing soccer. He was so . . . alive. He was going back to work. As he walked out I said, "See ya later." I never will again.

He was a great guy, you'd never see him in a bad mood. Always smiling, laughing, having a good time.

He was like my brother, always there for me. We looked out for each other. If I needed help with something, I'd call him. If he needed something I was there for him. He even went with us on vacation. Day in, day out, he was there.

He'd listen when you had a problem. He was there for his mom while Phillip (his stepfather) was in the hospital. He always have advice or at least an encouraging word. That sure would help right now.

He was very caring. He's the only teenager I've ever seen who would hug his mom and tell her he loved her in public.

He loved Tonya so much. I've never seen a guy as sweet as Shane when it came to her. The past seven months were the happiest I'd ever seen him. He told me one day how they had it all planned out—right down to the kids' names. They were perfect for each other.

The memories have kept me from losing it the past few days. So many little things that we did together, like when we went to Michigan over the summer one year and painted our toenails with a black paint marker, only to realize it didn't come off, so we had to wear our shoes on the beach and around the house for a whole week. Or the time I broke the light in his room and we tried to superglue it back together and didn't do a very good job. We've broken so many things at my house that whenever he came over my mom wouldn't let us even watch TV in the living room with all the breakable stuff.

The only regret I have is that I never told him how much he meant to me. God knows I'll never make that mistake again. I couldn't have asked for a better friend. I just hope he's watching and knows how much everyone cared. #4.

Joel Kaunisto



1-27-94

Dear Mrs. Campbell,

My English teacher told me that I should give a copy of this to the school newspaper. Shane will be missed and his memory will always live in our hearts. I didn't know Shane all that well, but from what I did know of him, he was sweet



Shane Pearson with friends Josh Miller and Joel Kaunisto at Pep Rally.

and a very kind person. He wouldn't hurt anybody. When I wrote this ballad I was mad and upset with the whole world. So please print this in the newspaper, because I'm sure many more are just as mad and upset as I am over Shane's death. I'm not going to give my name because I am no different than anyone else in this school. All I did was write down what I was feeling, and I was sure that everyone else felt the same way I do. I have just found a different way to express myself. If you must request my name just let everyone know that I am a concerned and enraged student of Lone Oak High School.

Thank you



*Life is too short to hurt another.
Why are we killing friends?
Stop and think what you are doing!
Once they are gone, the end.
We are all in the same big boat.
So why do you take life?
We know not when our time is up.
So why do we take life?
Life is not mine or yours to take.
You treat our friends like prey.
Why do you kill for no reason?
What price do we all pay!?*



Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Upon reading the two dissection letters to the *Oak K* editor regarding Gina Doughty's dissection article, I began to wonder whether they and I had read the same article. When I read the article, "Dissection: Helpful or Just Plain Gross" (*Oak K* Vol. 3 Issue 3), I thought Ms. Doughty had presented both sides of the dissection question in a tongue-in-cheek style. A little humor often served to lighten sensitive issues.

However, the writers evidently took the article much more seriously and have raised some issues that I now feel should be addressed.

First, it is worth noting that students at LOHS do have alternatives to dissection. However, students have told me that it is not worth the ridicule and comments made by classmates to make a stand against dissection.

Second, Ms. Denison, according to her letter, is an "outspoken animal rights activist." As a member of thirteen animal rights groups, a state coordinator for People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, and a coordinator of state and regional animal rights activities, I can say that I have never met an animal rights activist who supported secondary school dissection. Animal rights and dissection, even to the untrained eye, are incompatible.

Third, Ms. Denison disagrees with Ms. Doughty on the source of the "specimen's" (such a nice sanitary scientific name for a

once-living, often human-trusting-and-loving, sentient being). Ms. Denison is correct that these animals are not bred for dissection purposes and she is correct that they are purchased from Carolina Biological Supply Company (CBSC). However, this once again sanitary and scientific-sounding name has a far more sinister side to it. CBSC grosses (no pun intended) \$25-30 million in annual sales turning animals into "specimens." Things turned bleak for CBSC in September 1991. An undercover investigation by PETA led to the filing of charges by the United States Department of Agriculture against CBSC. Included were multiple counts of "willful" violations of the Animal Welfare Act, including "embalming cats while they were still alive" and "improperly" euthanizing animals. If you are still interested in learning about the company that supplies the "specimens" to LOHS, see me about the investigation. The information may change your mind about dissection.

"The often-used excuse that 'hands-on' experience is necessary for those wanting to become biologists or medical personnel simply is untrue. The experience of dissection is totally unnecessary for the biologically minded pre-college student." Nedim Buyukmihci, VMD., Winters, CA.

Mr. McGroarty also seemed to take issue with Ms. Doughty in his letter, going

one step further to suggest that people who oppose dissection in high school are leading the world down a path to medical disaster. More scare tactics from the medical/scientific community which is too comfortable doing things the way they have been done since the Dark Ages. At one time, blood letting and leeches were considered state of the art. Oh how medical historians may look back on the twentieth century! It may surprise Mr. McGroarty and others to learn how medical schools can train their students without the use of any animals. U.S. medical schools which use no animals to train medical students include New York University, Ohio State University, Michigan State University, University of Michigan, University of Maryland, and Howard University. Furthermore, at nearly all medical schools that still use animals, participation is optional, with students allowed to choose an alternative. This is supported by the American Medical Student Association which adopted a resolution in 1986 supporting the student's right to choose an alternative activity and to be free from any penalty or faculty humiliation.

One final scenerio... the year is 2144. Dr. Hugh Main is in his laboratory working on computer models to study the latest medical research findings. He and his colleagues find it hard to believe that it took medical researchers well into the 21st

century to learn that most diseases were caused by lifestyle and environmental factors, and thus avoidable or treatable. They also find it very humorous that "scientists" wasted years of research on animals, the results of which did very little good.

Jim Toy

Though I agree with Mr. Toy completely, I do not wish for Laura Denison or Mr. McGroarty to take offense to this letter. Whether to dissect or not is a personal decision for everyone. I hope that past three issues of the Oak K have shed some light on the subject for our readers. Mr. Toy has a 15-minute video that I find to be very awakening if anyone wishes to view it. Quite frankly, the way CBSC treats their animals disgusted me. So, people who have weak stomachs are advised against watching it. Gina Doughty, Feature Editor

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which they learned how to inform other students of the program. Those students are now in the process of coming up with promotional ideas and putting them into effect.

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