

## LOHS sponsors a successful Red Cross blood drive



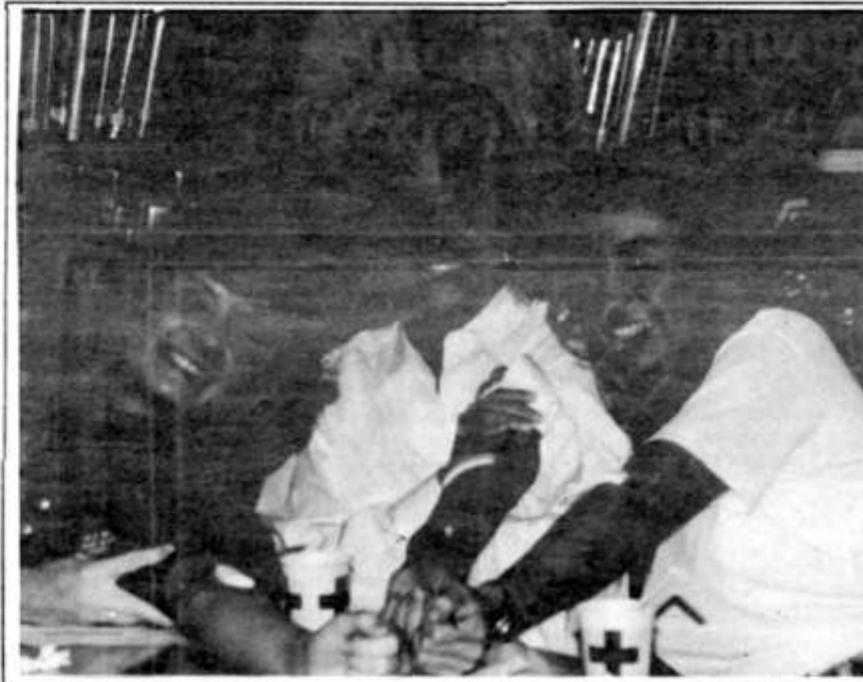
by Jenny Suitor  
 Editor-in-Chief

On February 3, students and teachers together donated 70 productive units of blood for the American Red Cross. Co-Ed-Y and Beta Club co-sponsored the blood drive. The blood will be used for many life-saving efforts and surgeries.

"It [the blood drive] came at a time when we really needed it," said Daniel Hopwood, a representative of the Red Cross.

!! . . . I hope they will become regular donors because we greatly need them. !!

There has been a critical blood shortage of all types and this drive really helped



the Red Cross. Hopwood also said that he felt the blood drive was "great and excellent."

A total of 85 people were signed up to give blood, but 11 were deferred because of age or other problems, and 4 people did not give enough blood.

Melissa Stevenson, a senior who gave blood, gave because "I wanted to help someone else by donating my blood."

Most of the students who gave blood were seniors. Hopwood encourages them to keep on giving after graduation. "As they leave high school, I hope they will become regular donors because we greatly need them," Hopwood said.

The Red Cross hopes students and teachers will keep on donating blood, not just once a year at the drive. They center is open from ten to six on Mondays, nine to five on Fridays, and on the third Saturday of each month. The Red Cross, Co-Ed-Y, and the Beta Club would like to thank everyone who donated their blood and who helped at the drive. It was a great success and the 70 units will help many people who need it.

### Pictures:

*Right:* Sarah Wallis, Amber Nanney, and Amber Walker show off their bandaged arms where they gave blood.

*Top:* Cassidy Emery sleeps as she donates blood in the 1995 Red Cross Blood Drive.

Thanks to all who gave to the Red Cross Drive.

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## Former Congressman visits LOHS

by Molly Harper  
Opinion Editor

Former Congressman Tom Barlow visited Lone Oak on February 2nd. He came to speak to Mr. Baker's A.P. U.S. History class during Block Scheduling. Though the focus of his speech was on careers in politics, Barlow spoke about the term limits (he favors longer stints in congress), the individual's power, and the national debt.

"I believe that politics is truly public service.....The building side of politics is why you want people to be in there [government] for a long time..." he said.

He also said that the individual still has power in Washington. "Individuals

can make a difference, we've got to build and prepare. We need to go into politics because we want to build, create, and help....The real root of politics is how you help people."

When students asked questions about the national debt, he told them that the next ten to fifteen years are going to be about getting out of "this mess."

Later, he was asked what he thinks of Newt Gingrich."He's an interesting person to watch and his approaches have been needed."

"Democratic politics takes out tension and aggression. It helps to have a knock-down, drag-out, no-holds-barred competition," commented Barlow.



Barlow gives his speech to AP history

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## KERA/KIRIS Update

by Jason Phelps  
News Editor

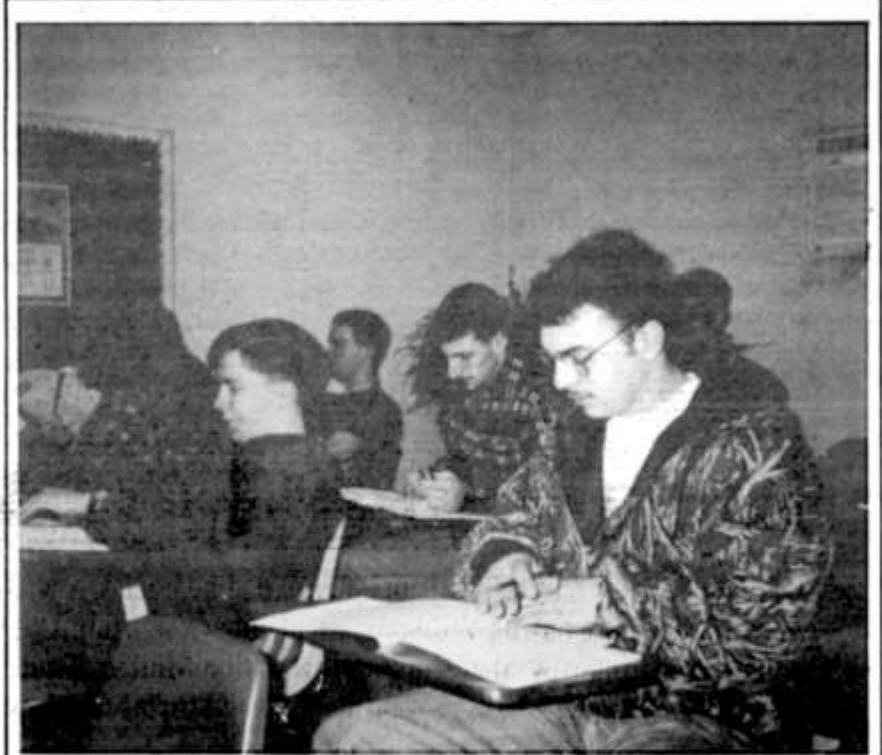
This year's juniors and seniors held the fate of LOHS in their hands as they participated in the KIRIS testing earlier this month. The school stands to be rewarded or sanctioned according to the improvement or decline of scores. In an effort to use every opportunity to improve scores, classrooms all over LOHS practiced the open-response type questioning the week preceding testing. Incentives including bonus points, relaxed classroom rules, extended time between classes, afternoon break time and other rewards were offered to LOHS students who demonstrated a positive work ethic on the test. In the past students have written off the KIRIS as one of the more complicated parts of KERA, but this year students had more to worry about while taking the test.

In the future, colleges and future employers could have immediate access to our individual scores on the KIRIS test. Those scores which will be rated as one of four categories, novice, apprentice, proficient and distinguished in each of the tested subject areas, could join our ACT and GPA when Kentucky colleges request our transcripts for scholarship and entrance requirements. Our math and English portfolios may some time in the future be tied to class grades and into graduation requirements.



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Seniors Brent Adams, Bobby Carnine, Daniel Barkely, Jason Brookshire, Ryan Bivin work diligently on the KIRIS test.

# Tommy: the legend comes alive

**Shawna Renee Williams**

**Distribution Manager/Beat Co-Editor**

Yet again, drama and English teacher, Mr. Jim Toy has taken his students to see the rock opera *Tommy*, originally written and produced by the '60's rock band, the Who. January 26, over forty students and the wild haired teacher boarded a greyhound bus from school and took off, destination: the Performing Arts Center in Nashville, Tennessee with a slight luncheon detour at the Clarksville mall. At the Center, old hippies mingled with the neo-generation who mingled with the aristocrats who mingled with the blue collar worker. There was an eclectic and festive mood as everyone waited for the show to begin.

BOOM! and the show begins with a sudden black out in the theatre and machine guns spraying and spitting on

the stage from WWII soldiers. And so the story unfolds of a man at war who meets and marries a female mechanic and together they have a son named Tommy. But the Walker's happy little family is soon abolished when Captain Walker is captured and put into a POW camp. Four years later, back home in London, Mrs. Walker is celebrating her birthday with her son and her new lover. This also happens to be the day that Captain Walker has been freed and is returning home. When he enters the house and spots the lover, he gets into a deathly fight with him. When the man is dead the Walker's fall into each other's arms and then realize that their son saw everything while looking through the full length, living room mirror. As they are shaking him by the shoulders they tell him that "he didn't see it, didn't hear it." From that day on Tommy is deaf, dumb,

and blind. Countless doctors and professionals with their electrical machines don't do any good. Nothing helps Tommy, nothing brings any reactions out of him, not even his molesting Uncle Ernie or cruel Cousin Kevin. Except for... when Cousin Kevin drags him along to the local video arcade Tommy begins to miraculously and amazingly play the pinball game.

Tommy becomes the Pinball Wizard but still is incapable of enjoying it. The only thing he is capable of seeing or feeling is his older or younger reflection of himself in the mirror. In a moment of rage, when all the time and doctors have been pointless, Mrs. Walker takes a chair and shatters the mirror that Tommy refuses to stay away from. Instantaneously he is cured and immediately leaves home to be idolized by the public, advertised by his Uncle,

and worshipped by obsessed fans, only to find out that it's all a gruesome, cold blooded "celebrity machine" and finally returns home.

The rock opera, that was written over 20 years ago by Pete Townshend, is still going strong as proved by the reaction of the student's enthusiasm for the show. Mr. Toy exclaimed, "I think the feedback was that people went in with high expectations and then their expectations were exceeded. People were really impressed with the stage and technical effects, the special effects, and the versatility of the actors with their singing and dancing. I just really enjoyed the show. We had good seats and it was a good trip all around." And so another legend goes down in history and a few students of Lone Oak High School can hold their heads up high and say they were there to witness it.

## Choir Update

by Sarah Wallis

Advertising Manager

When most of us were snowed in Wednesday, nine choir students from Lone Oak, along with Mr. Murphy, left for Kentucky All-State Chorus. Beth Collins, Gabe Watkins, Matt Cooper, Chad Joiner, Maggie Largent, Susan Bongiolatti, Laura Averitt, Jessica Miller and Jennifer Vorbeck, all spent an enjoyable four days missing school, in Louisville, Kentucky.

"The music was great, I just wish I wasn't the only female I knew in S.A.T.B.," Collins said. The students worked hard from Wednesday through Friday afternoon and the concerts were held Friday night. "All of the concerts turned out beautifully," Murphy bragged. Murphy thought the concerts went so well that he has ordered some of the music for Lone Oak Choir to sing.

## LOHS takes district by storm

by David Carmichael

Opinion Writer

On February 11, Lone Oak's Governor's Cup participants made many peoples' eyes open wide. The district competition was held at Heath High School this year. The participants went in the competition with lots of encouragement from both students and teachers, but none more than Mr. Toy, director of this activity. They came back with pride, as well as many first and second place awards. The areas of this event were: English composition, math, science, social studies, language arts, general knowledge, as well as a quick

recall team.

Lone Oak's quick recall team placed second. Members of the team were: Aaron Nelson, Laura Jarboe, Shannan Sams, Brett Ryan, Patrick Kaufman, and Susie Streckas. Lone Oak finished first place in the entire district. Below are the attendants of Governor's Cup, and their placing. The top four out of each category proceed on to the regional competition. Mr. Toy said, "I have high hopes for this year's team. They're really a great bunch of people, both academically, and socially." Way to go team, and good luck at regionals!!!



LOHS Governor's Cup participants pictured above: back row-Brett Ryan, middle row-Shawna Williams, Stephanie Getz, Aaron Nelson, Laura Jarboe, front row-Shannan Sams, Brandon Mullen, Craig Jackson. Not pictured: Patrick Kaufman, Susie Streckas and Eric Free

Participant	Category(s)/Placing
Aaron Nelson	General Knowledge, 1st place; Quick recall*
Laura Jarboe	Language Arts, 2nd place; General Knowledge, 2nd place; Quick Recall*
Shannan Sams	Social Studies, 1st place; English Composition; Quick Recall*
Brett Ryan	Social Studies, 2nd place; Quick Recall*
Patrick Kaufman	Science, 3rd place; Quick Recall*
Stephanie Getz	Science, 4th place
Shawna Williams	English Composition, 1st place
Craig Jackson	English Composition, 3rd place
Susie Streckas	Quick Recall*
Eric Free	General Knowledge
Brandon Mullen	Social Studies; Language Arts
*The Quick Recall team received second place	

## Vampires, anemics and other anomalies of the world unite

by Sandra Marshall

Business Manager/Beat Co-Editor

Giving blood is an incredibly noble act on the part of anyone. Let's all face it: it hurts, it makes us sick, it's just generally very icky. I have a great amount of admiration and respect for anyone who can bring himself to donate blood out of the sheer goodness of his heart...and to suffer in silence for the rest of the six week period that it takes for all that blood to "grow back." I, however, am medically, physically unable to give blood. Unable. Have all of you blood mobile recruiter types gotten that? I cannot donate blood. I don't have that much of it.

On the day of the infamous blood drive, by noon over six people had asked me, "So, are you, like, giving blood?" And when I mumble, "Uh, no," people from miles around who are in no way involved in the conversation leap down my proverbial throat demanding to know just who I think I am, just who I think is going to give me the blood I'll need someday when I'm in a car wreck if I don't return the favor.

## SARA: Seniors Attitude Reform Act needs implementation at LOHS

by Sarah Wallis

Advertising Manager

We need a change at Lone Oak High School! I'm not speaking of repairing the collapsing walls or floors, this is something much more easily attained, if we work together. I guess it's safe to say, almost everyone has heard of the Senior T-shirt debacle or at least of the voting epidemics. Think about the person who has to wear his Senior shirt knowing there is a derogatory comment under his name. Is it fair to blow it off and pretend it's not there? If incidents like these go unpunished and people don't have

Well, I hate to inform everyone of this, but I'm probably one of those people who urgently needs blood. My own physician has refused to do blood work on me because she didn't think I even had a syringe of the stuff to spare. Some people have low blood pressure and it takes two days to drain a pint out of them. Others have high blood pressure and bad clotting problems and it takes them two days to stop bleeding. Anyone with blood sugar problems or any number of other disorders simply should not give blood. It's just more trouble than it's worth.

And to everyone who gave me a hard time and tried to shove me under as I struggled not to drown in my own guilt, I went to classes that day and I did homework while you were all sitting around munching cheese and crackers and sipping orange juice. There are starving children in Africa! Just who do you think you are? (If you think I'm being harsh, you should've seen Lone Oak's masses, crazed from lack of blood, chasing me down with burning stakes.)

to face the consequence of their actions, the whole class takes the wrap. I guarantee that if someone happened to write a rude comment about the person who actually did the writing, he wouldn't stand for it, and someone would have to confess. We shouldn't have to deal with these problems, because they shouldn't occur, but somebody has to or they will keep happening.

We have a few more activities that require voting and participation from the senior class. Let's leave behind a good name for ourselves.

## Around Town: school uniforms should be considered for LOHS

by MK Garrott

Editorial Editor

Imagine: girls—white button-down shirts, navy cardigans, khaki skirts, sheer hose and navy flats; guys—white button-down shirts, navy ties, navy dress jackets, khaki pants and dark dress shoes. They are school uniforms and they should be an option for LOHS.

The gains are these: students wouldn't have to worry about what to wear to school each day; some students wouldn't feel as pressured as they do to wear designer

clothes; uniforms would eliminate those controversial fashion styles not prohibited by the Code of Conduct and the styles that are restricted which students and faculty ignore; uniforms would project a unified, tailored image to the community; and the reason for being in school would again be to learn, not to compete fashionably.

Drawbacks would include: students would feel they had lost much of their individuality, often expressed through clothing; students may end up paying more for uniforms that they would have allowed

## Leadership sparks participation and school spirit

by Jenny Suitor

Editor-in-Chief

Leadership is the ability to influence people, provide role models for other people to look up to, and set an example. It is a skill not all people are born with, but it develops over time. Everyone has an important role in leadership, especially in high school. The seniors are the class who should know they are the leaders, and everyone else is looking up to them.

At pep rallies or sports functions, in classes, at dances, clubs, and all school related activities, others are watching the seniors so they can follow their lead. However, the senior class doesn't seem to realize their important role as leaders of this school. If they don't participate or if they make fun of underclassmen, no one else will want to become involved.

It is a cycle that keeps rotating. If seniors don't recognize their leadership and act as proper role models, other classes won't either as they become seniors. It is time we realize that we, as seniors, need to accept the role and responsibility of leaders. If we want more school spirit, we have to show it. If we want more participation at the games in the student section, we have to be the ones to initiate it.

So, seniors, become leaders and provide a positive attitude toward Lone Oak. This school is what the students make it, not the teachers or coaches. In everything we do, we represent Lone Oak High School. Be proud of Lone Oak and represent it by showing leadership to intrigue more students to participate and support everything Lone Oak does, from academics to sports.

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for school clothes; there would be a sense of monotony and repetition in the school; students would feel uncomfortable in such formal attire as ties and dress shoes; and students would feel their rights of free speech/expression had been violated.

Recently, this idea has become "en vogue" in public schools, in part because of the surge of teenage crime that has caused thousands of injuries and deaths. Much of this is due to "gang apparel" that provokes fights between students. Although LOHS has yet to experience the

kind of problems that many big city schools have, there is no reason for us to wait until it happens here. With the recent drug bust among juveniles and the increase in gang activity in Paducah, uniforms could promote a sense of discipline that might prevent such behavior. Maybe then we at LOHS would have less of a chance of something bad happening. "A mule dressed in a tuxedo is still a mule," Anonymous.-30-

## Are four schools better than one?

by Joel Kaunisto  
Sports Co-Editor

With the Paducah City Schools losing money because of declining enrollment and the McCracken County Schools growing every year, it would appear to make sense to consolidate the school systems.

In an effort to save boost their financial situation the Paducah City School Board asked to include all residents in-

side the city limits as taxpayers for the city schools as well as making students who live in this area attend classes in the Paducah City Schools.

These residents are a large part of the county's tax revenue which would cause the county schools to suffer if included in the city.

The city school's request was denied by the state, leaving the city school district to find a new revenue source or

continue to lose money.

For this reason and several others, I believe the Paducah City Schools should merge with the McCracken County Schools.

Not only would consolidation make sense economically but also academically. More students would allow for a larger selection of classes and a greater variety of extra curricular activities which in turn would be very helpful for

those students who are going to college by providing more advanced classes. That would allow those students to be competitive with those from larger schools in applying for college and scholarships.

For the benefit of the students in both schools and the community, the county and city schools should be consolidated.

## Morals headed downhill, students fed up

by David Carmichael  
Opinion Writer

Walking around the halls of Lone Oak High School, I hear a whole lot of things. Some of the things I hear are meaningless. Some are demented. Some are insults yelled across "D" building. One of the most disturbing things I hear, however, is the gossip of things that are completely immoral.

Morals are those things that are in a person's conscience; the thoughts that determine what is right and what is wrong. The American Heritage Dictio-

nary defines morals as, "...of or concerned with the judgement principles of right and wrong in relation to human action and character." Some of the incidents that take place here are very far from being moral things to do. People spread rumors about others, talk behind their backs, frame them for things (like cheating on a test), etc. It is very rude and discourteous act like this, but the problem continue to take place in our school.

People sometimes like to make fun of others because it makes them feel better

about themselves. When we were all in elementary school (please attempt to flashback), we all had our monthly "self-esteem" classes. One of the key things that was brought out of those classes was to be kind and courteous to everyone. The class never taught to be completely rude towards others. Has it been too long? Have we already forgotten these lessons?

I know that it is very easy to be mean to people. Sometimes, in fact, someone may offend another without even meaning to, but I ask just one thing of

those people that do these things: please try to be a litter kinder with the things said to people. All I ask is that you say "Hi" to someone that you normally wouldn't. It's as easy to be nice to people as it is to be mean to them. Please just consider this possible solution as an option- this journalist would definitely appreciate the attempt.



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## Be Someone's Salvation: Donate, Donate, Donate!

by Sandra Marshall  
Business Manager/Beat Co-Editor

Have you ever known someone who didn't have a place to live? Or maybe someone who didn't eat for a couple of days because they couldn't afford a can of Spam? Basically people who sleep in their cars in the dead of winter and sponge-bathe in gas station restrooms. Many of you are probably scoffing at the very thought of (gasp!) that economically disadvantaged class existing right here in mighty suburbia, but it's there. Lurking just beneath society's nose in empty parking lots and abandoned construction sites, there are people just like you and me—our age—who by some twist of Fate are no longer able to live with their parents, guardians, or whatever.

The purpose of this little reality check is not to depress anyone, or to gain pity for today's deprived youth culture. It is, rather, to point out that one doesn't have to be a pathetic homeless shopping cart pushing bum to need assistance from those of us who are more fortunate. Let's face it: we all have those cans of cream corn in our pantries with the yellowed labels packaged by companies that no longer exist and that trunk of sweaters from Aunt Martha that we only touch on Christmas when we add one more to the heap. Why not clean out some of the clutter? If you haven't worn an article of clothing in more than one year, GET RID OF IT! Many of us have veritable mountains of clothes strewn about that are in good condition, probably even still in style. Why not give them up for a charitable cause?

The Salvation Army makes things easy, with little drop-off boxes all over town. The Salvation Army Thrift Shop is

located on Broadway, right next to the Chip Wynn car lot. Not only do they have lots of really cheap clothes and jewelry and shoes (I once got a pair of go-go boots there for \$1.00), but the office also offers services such as free food for those who need it and clothing vouchers for anyone who can't even afford Salvation Army prices.

There are many school organizations that are involved in community service activities (Key Club and BETA Club to name just a couple), but even if you're not one of the school spirit types, do something nice for humanity. It might not look as good on your scholarship applications, but you'll feel much better about yourself.



Caricatures of me (Sandra) and loyal bargain-hunting friend Chrystal browsing through thrift store items—with the extremely cool go-go boots I got for a dollar

## Junior Rotarian

by Sandra Marshall  
Business Manager/Beat Co-Editor

Tony Englert has been chosen to be the second Junior Rotarian of 1995—that is, for the month of February.

Tony is one of those "scholar/athlete" types, active in sports all year—basketball, soccer and baseball. Yet he has also been both an outstanding student and an honor student for three years.

After high school, Tony plans to attend the University of Kentucky's school of engineering, offered at PCC; he later hopes to become a chemical engineer.

At the close of his interview, when asked for any brilliant quotes or words of wisdom, he had this to say: "I'm very surprised. It is a great honor to be selected by the teachers; I appreciate this very much."



Senior Tony Englert chosen Junior Rotarian

## Valentine's Day Celebrated with Colored Tongues

by Sarah Wallis  
Advertising Manager

In celebration of Valentine's Day, candy grams were handed out Tuesday, February 14. That means smiling faces of those who got one from the "one they love" or maybe groans of disgust if you got one from that person whom you've been avoiding all year. Of course, this is the only legal candy eating day of the year, so hopefully you at least got one from your best friend to chomp on all day. If you didn't have time to stop by the home ec. department, or didn't have the money to send twenty or even one of your closest friends a "Valentine Hi!" with a note and a sucker, don't worry, a verbal "Happy Valentine's Day" would probably suffice.



Chrissy Jackson distributes Candygrams to Christy Buchanan on Valentine's Day

## BETA Club Sponsors Career Week

by Jenny Suitor  
Editor-in-Chief

The Beta Club will be sponsoring a career week March 6-10. Various people from the community will be coming to speak on their occupations. They will tell about the education their occupation requires, what they do, and answer questions students may have about their career. These people will be speaking during flex time and all students are encouraged to attend. The speakers will be in downstairs D-hall and the rooms will be announced later. Here is a list of the people coming to discuss their careers:

Monday — Steve Jackson, Attorney

Tuesday — Dick McNeil, Firefighter  
Ann Bongiolatti, CPA

Wednesday — Dwight Swann, Realtor  
Rick Robertson, Financial Consultant

Thursday — Nancy Ruoff, Cosmetology teacher

Auto Mechanics/Small Engine teacher (name to be announced)

Friday — Gerry Montgomery, Mayor

There are also some more careers that may be represented, but not known at this time. They include an engineer from Martin Marietta, a teacher, a policeman, and journalists from The Paducah Sun and WPSD.

The Beta Club has worked hard to invite these people to speak at LOHS. They encourage you to attend to learn about careers in which you may have an interest. \*

## Artist of the Month: Aaron Nelson

by Molly Harper  
Opinion Editor

February's Artist of the Month is Aaron Nelson. Described as "a highly intelligent student who applies creatively to his art," Nelson has been a serious art student during his past four years at LOHS.

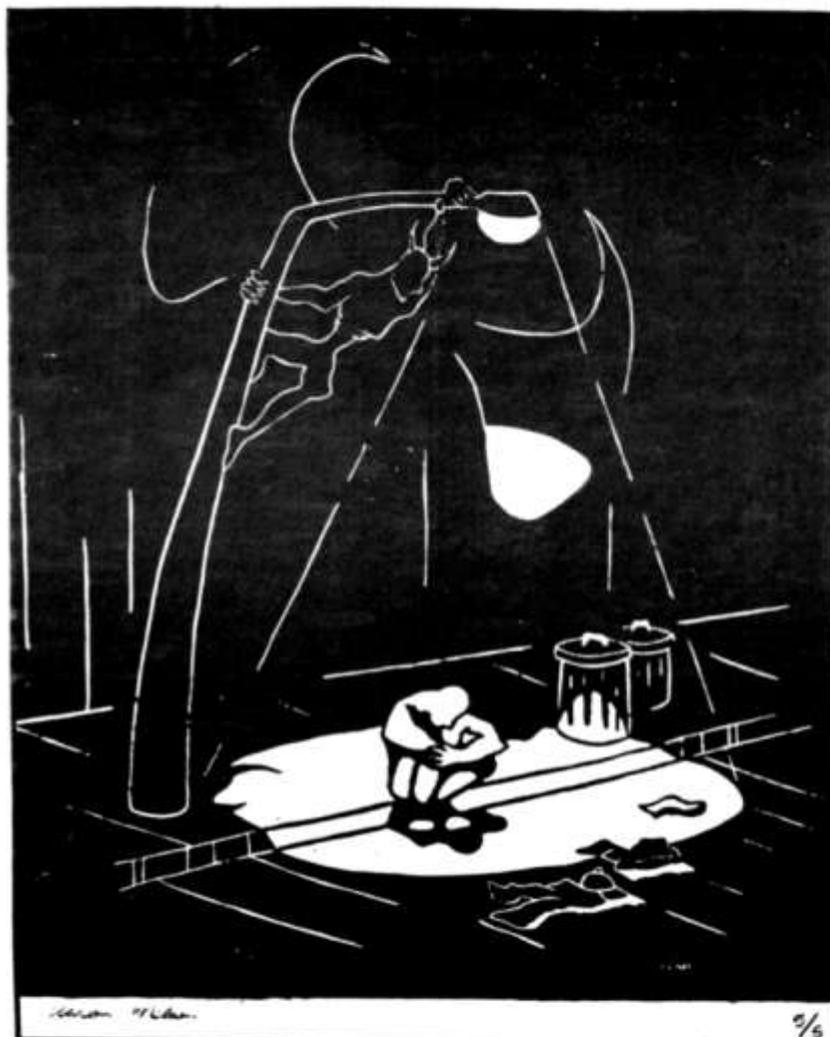
He is a member of the Board of Directors at the Yeiser Art Center. He has won several art awards, including First Place and a \$500 scholarship from KAEA. Various pieces of his work have been recognized at the regional and state level.

Nelson's favorite medium is graphite. A piece that he particularly is

proud of is "Warm Bananas," a graphite drawing from a photograph of Tony Hollowell. It won first place at a state competition.

He says that the dark and precise qualities of the works of M.C. Escher and H.R. Giger, as well as Craig Jackson's daily inspirations in third hour have influenced his artistic style. In his spare time, Aaron enjoys kidnapping and ransoming family pets. After high school, he would like to get a fine arts degree from Transylvania University.

At Right: *Untitled* by Aaron Nelson



### Random Acts of Kindness Week

Random Acts of Kindness Week was February 13-17. Throughout this week, everyone was supposed to be nice to everyone- for no reason whatsoever. I went around LOHS, asking people what the nicest thing they had ever done for someone. Below are the results.

**Trey Swacker-** "I waited on my mom hand and foot when her back went out."

**Amy Lewis-** "I loaned some guy I didn't even know money for lunch."

**Matt Hultman-** "I haven't done anything nice compared to the voters who got the Democrats out of Congress."

**Dave Robinson-** "Man, I can't think of anything nice that I've done. But oh, yeah, Phil Sisto gave me a quarter once."

## Matchmaker results surprise everyone

By Chrystal Galloway  
Features Editor

The Key Club and WLOH have combined efforts to bring LOHS a new, delightful, and profitable method of fundraising. In late January, students were given a Scholastic Matchmakers Compatibility Survey and Scantron sheet that recorded their answers. The survey contained such questions as: What do you like to do on weekends? These questions were followed by several possible "teenage" answers. Partying, hangin' with friends, studying, spending time with family, and protesting the continued destruction of the planet by pollutants are obvious teenage weekend activities. Some students had trouble choosing a response that fit their personality, but the variety was not too lacking.

The results came back on Feb. 10, and students were backed up into C hall waiting to find their "Perfect Someone." Matches were made by pairing up people who had the most similar answers, so basically, one was hooked up with his or her carbon copy. Many students were shocked and surprised with the news. That was all that was talked about for a week.

Matchmakers will hopefully become a tradition at LOHS, just like the candygrams!

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## Before you decide to *chuck it all* to follow the Grateful Dead...

By Chrystal Galloway  
and Shawna Williams

There are two types of college bound students: the first lead their lives in happy oblivion, believing that when they become seniors, colleges will be knocking down their doors, and then there are those who have already faced reality and have decided to chuck it all and follow

the Grateful Dead for the rest of their lives. The latter have realized that the stress of college preparation, i.e., whether or not to go to college, choosing which college, tuition fees, financial aid and scholarships, applications, essays, SAT and ACT, and the process of making one's self academically attractive to their colleges of choice, are wishing that they had started sooner. First of all, students

in group A shouldn't be taking these decisions so lightly. Students of group B should take a deep breath and relax; we are here to help you.

Some things should be considered before delving into the insanity of college prep. Number one, are you college material? Have your parents made the decision to go to college for you, or is this something you really want? There

are other options for you, such as: military, vocational school, or possibly a career that does not require a college education. This is your future, make of it what you will.

So, if you are planning to trudge ahead through Academia, here are these articles to examine college preparation in three phases: the underclassman, who should be beginning now; the juniors, who should be dealing with college right now in its entirety; and seniors for whom we have come to offer a little solace.

## Beware, underclassmen! Start college preparations now

In researching for this group of articles, I had the opportunity to interview many college-bound seniors. The one phrase that was repeated in every conversation was, "I wish I had started sooner." Here are some tips that might help underclassmen get on the right track towards college preparation.

-One can establish a good foundation of basic skills by taking the most challenging courses available. Take English, science, and math courses every year. Consider taking at least two years of a foreign language. Take strong elective courses, and don't forget the arts and humanities. Take all Advanced Placement Classes you can handle. These will look wonderful on college transcripts. Also, if you plan on taking AP U.S. History, be sure to take it as a junior. Many upperclassmen were not advised this and will not be able to take it, because AP English is the same hour. All of these courses will help you become a well-rounded student and challenge you to reach your fullest potential.

-Read as much as you can, and not just for class assignments. Ask your English teacher for a reading list for college-bound students. Start by reading things that interest you, and broaden your se-

lection when you can. Reading can also help you build your vocabulary, which will benefit you when it's SAT/ACT time.

-Become a strong writer. The expectations of a college essay are much greater than what you are used to writing. Like

*"If I had realized when I was a freshman that the things I was doing then would affect my chances of getting into college now, I wouldn't have messed up so much. I could've gotten an 'A' in physics if I had really wanted to."*

Sandra Marshall, senior

reading, writing will improve with practice. In addition to writing in your English class, consider contributing to our school paper. The staff would be happy to print a student-produced article or essay.

-Become involved with the extracurricular activities of our school. Participate in groups that interest you, such as sports, Academic Team, social organizations, volunteer groups such as Key Club, or student government. Don't just

be "kind of" involved with a handful of organizations; excel to be a leader in one or two groups that you really have a passion for. This is a great opportunity to build your leadership skills, which is a good trait to have.

-As a freshman, begin a running resume, either on computer or simply a file, of all awards, clubs, classes, offices held, or volunteer work. This will make filling out these applications when you're a senior so much easier.

-Save all of your essays that you write for English. They could be helpful when the time comes to write college essays.

-If any competitions come your way, jump at the chance. Consider participating in Governor's Cup, Foreign Language Festivals, MSU Chemistry Scholarship Tournament, etc. Even if you don't place, it can be used as filler for your application.

-There are numerous summer programs available that will prepare you for college life. Ask your guidance counselor about programs that would interest you. Also, programs such as Governor's School for the Arts and the Governor's Scholars Program are free for those who qualify.

Remember, the most important thing



you as an underclassman can do to prepare for college is to be the best and most involved student you can be. Good luck, and may the force be with you.

## Juniors, start your engines, you're on a fast track for the future

At the beginning of your junior year, many feel that it is too late to build a good foundation and improve their chances of getting into a good college or university. This is completely untrue. Now is the time when you have the most opportunities and you should take advantage of them. Remember, do not wait until the last minute. Procrastination is one of the largest problems when it comes to students preparing for college. Don't let decisions, deadlines, tests and essays pile up to be dealt with your senior year. It's next to impossible to do everything in one year.

### SAT/ACT

First step: take your ACT and SAT now. Colleges advise taking these tests

your junior year to ensure that the test results get to the colleges on time, more colleges will send you information, and that you have time to take the tests again.

Test packets are free in the guidance counselor's office where they are available all year round. These booklets are full of strategy techniques, preparation info, helpful hints and guides. If you think it's necessary, take the prep classes such as a KAPLAN course to boost your score. There are many computer programs, workbooks, and flash-card type methods of preparing you for the SAT/ACT. Ask the guidance counselor what or if any programs could benefit you. Most definitely, make sure you set aside a considerable amount of time to fill out

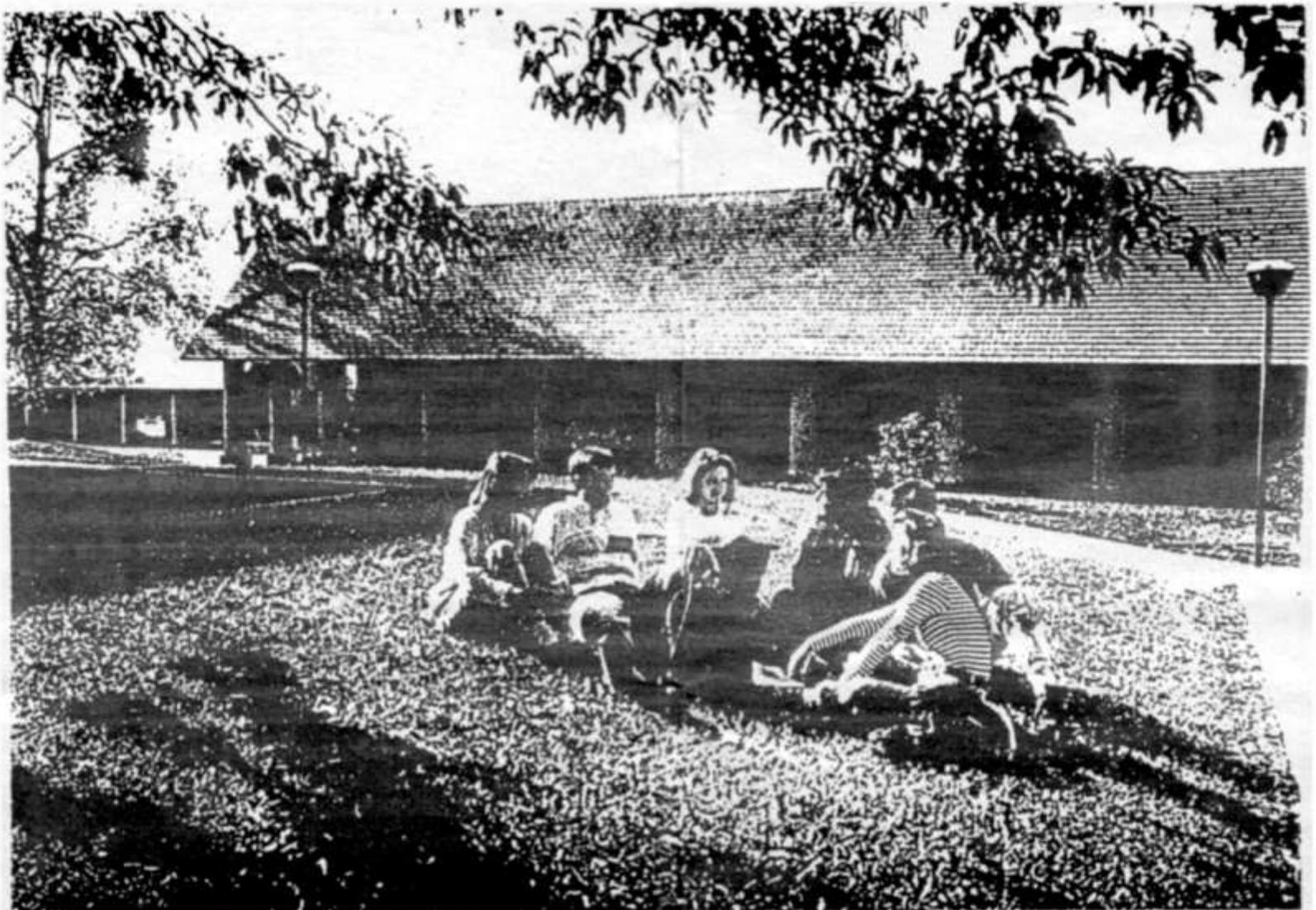
the paperwork that you have to mail in. These are long, tedious applications that deserve and require a lot of thought and attention.

### Narrowing down schools

Now, start thinking about the kind of college you would like to attend. There are many factors to consider. What type of college would you be more comfortable in; urban or rural, private or public, single sex or coed, in-state or out-of-state? Geography happens to be an important decision. You must ask yourself how far away from home do you want to be, and how adventurous you are. Do you enjoy being around people with different backgrounds and cultures? If you leave home, do you want to be near a

relative? How often do you need to see your family? Research, and find colleges that have excellent programs in the field you are most interested in pursuing. If you are a business major you would be wasting energy and time considering a liberal arts education such as what Antioch offers. However, if you're an English major, a liberal arts program may be just what you need. Also, don't forget about cost. Make sure you're taking all of the necessary courses, mainly English, math, science, social sciences, and foreign languages. Do not take easy classes for an "easy A". Officials would

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# This is the end; my only friend, the end."

The beginning of your senior year, you are sitting in your room surrounded by immense mountains of glossy college brochures that were sent to you after you took your PSAT. After choosing what kind of college you would like to attend, you should try to narrow your options down to about five. As some students have unfortunately learned, do not set your heart on one and only one college. No matter how eligible you are, you still may not get accepted. Call the

five schools and ask them to mail you applications if you don't already have one and inquire about campus visits and interviews. When filling out applications make sure you can give at least a week's worth of time to answer the questions and essays.

### THE ESSAY

If you're applying for a private university, try to spend two weeks on the application. You can't change your grades, you can't change your school or community activities, but you can make your essay anything you want it to be. Although the importance of essays may vary from college to college, all colleges have a basic expectation: they expect to receive a well-organized, clearly presented and concise, carefully proofread piece of writing. Make sure to do lots of revisions to strengthen your paper and be sure you sound educated and responsible.

### THE CAMPUS VISIT

A campus visit is very important to help you decide and confirm your decision that this is the college that you really want to spend the next several years of your adult life at. While on campus, be sure to ask a lot of detailed, precise questions. Ask about the class sizes, class flexibility, student/teacher ratio, majors, internships, credits, and the faculty. What

is the student life like and what are their organizations? Find out more information on the student housing, food, safety, graduate percentage, requirements for classes, scholarships, and on-campus jobs. Oh, by the way, Lone Oak only allows one excused college day absence.

### THE COLLEGE INTERVIEW

Many say it is a reason to commit suicide, a reason to take a sword and incite Hari Kari. But before you are found guilty of heinous crimes of death and destruction remember, the Great Gods of Hope And Despair are on your side. Admissions counselors are people too and realize you're nervous, so as long as you don't trip over your own paisley tongue and mention beer busts you should do pretty much okay. Take some time to prepare for the interview. Don't be late (first really bad mistake), ask thoughtful, well directed questions that prove you are not totally ignorant, and when the questions are directed at you, take your time and give coherent, detailed, meaningful answers. Though it is impossible to totally predict what the interviewers are going to ask, there are a few essential questions that are usually im-

posed.

### Academic

-What classes do you enjoy and excel at the most?

-Are your grades an accurate reflection of your abilities?

-What aspect of your school would you have changed, and why?

-Do you prefer a competitive or a relaxed academic atmosphere?

### Extracurricular

-What activities did you participate in and which did you enjoy the most?

-Are you happy with your contributions to your school and community?

### Attitudes and Values

-What aspect of your life is most important to you?

-How have you been influenced by your parents? Teachers? Friends?

-How do you respond to people who look, think, and act differently than you?

-How do you respond to competition and challenge?

-What has been your proudest moment?

\*These are not yes/no, true/false, or multiple choice questions. Try to be impressive, honest, and detailed with your answers.



The generic college brochure picture of students sitting on the grass: "Is this what it's all about?"

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much rather see students making B's and C's in chemistry and physics than straight A's in wardrobe organization. There are many summer courses offered to help get into the feel of college life. Remember, these can get very expensive.

### Paying for college

Price does happen to be one of the largest factors and hair pullers when determining a college. Do not depend on and blindly believe that an avalanche of colleges will be begging you to take their money. Scholarships happen to be one of the rarest forms of college financing. Unless your parents are stinking rich and use ten dollar bills as tissue paper, Uncle Sam is there to help. There is almost an unlimited supply of grants and financial aid to help you along the way, such as the SEOG and Pell grant, supplemental loan programs, the Federal Perkins and Stafford stu-

dents loans, Federal Student Aid, and alternative financing. Find out the total of your parents yearly income and assets. Most importantly, talk to your guidance counselor. These meetings can be very beneficial.

Make a list of all deadlines, including SAT/ACT, all application deadlines, all financial aid deadlines, etc. Give yourself plenty of room and time to produce a number one application, one that portrays you in the best way possible. If you have spare time this summer, volunteer at Spouse Abuse, coach a Little League Team, take a class in creative writing at PCC, get a job. Activities such as these will not only help you grow as a person and help your community, but will look *wonderful* on college applications, which most of us know has become the reason for living. In reality, be involved, be strong academically, and always challenge yourself.

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*Meeting College Costs,* College Board Publications, PO Box 886, New York, NY 10101, Free

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# "Shaquille" Danielle Roberts stuffs St. Mary

by Andy Harris  
Sports Writer

Lone Oak used a second quarter explosion to put away the homestanding St. Mary Vikings by the score of 55-43. With the Lady Flash trailing 12-11 at the end of the first quarter, Lone Oak went on a 21-6 tear to bulge out to a 32-18 lead which they would never relinquish.

"At times, we played as well as we can play," said head coach Steve Cobb. "Our offensive and defensive execution for the most part was excellent."

"With us, it is simply a matter of consistency," he said. "We have stretches where we play outstanding. Then there are times where we forget what we are trying to accomplish. We

must stay focused on our objective like we did against St. Mary if we are going to be successful."

Kelly Sanders had yet another stellar performance with 19 points and 8 rebounds. Danielle Roberts had what Cobb called a "monster game", scoring 12 points, grabbing 12 boards, and blocking 8 shots. "She is capable of those kinds of nights more often," said Cobb.

The victory improved the Lady Flash's record to 5-15. Lone Oak will play Heath in the first round of the district tournament on Monday, February 27. "Heath is a veteran team that has had to struggle to beat us twice," said Cobb. "They are keenly aware of the fact that we



Sarah Steele shoots as Danielle Roberts and Kelly Sanders look on.



Danielle Roberts stuffs a St. Mary player.

are very young and improving each game. We have nothing to lose and we want our players playing loose and relaxed. I very much like our chances in the tournament and my players feel the same way."

**Lone Oak 55, St. Mary 43**  
Eileen Johnston 1-5, 4-8 6; Kelly Sanders 8-23, 3-4 19; Sarah Steele 2-8, 0-0 4; Kristie Garrett 1-1, 0-0 2;

Sarah Beth Phelps 0-1, 2-4 2; Danielle Roberts 5-8, 2-4 12; Constance Edwards 1-2, 0-0 2; Rae Ann Ragland 1-4, 1-2 3; Kelly Crawford 0-0, 0-0 0; Kristy Hopper 0-1, 0-0 0; Angie Smith 1-2, 0-0 2; Gina Halstead 0-0, 0-0 0; Susan Burnett 0-0, 0-0 0; Ashley Emery 0-3, 3-8 3; Brandy Gifford 0-0, 0-0 0

**Field Goals 20-58; 3-pointers 0-1; Free Throws 15-30; Rebounds 42 (Roberts 12); Assists 5 (Johnston; Sanders 2)**

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## Lone Oak defeats Heath to finish 5-1 in district

by Shannon Hart  
Sports Co-Editor

The Lone Oak Purple Flash assured itself of at least a tie for first in the district race with a 68-52 victory over Heath on February 10.

After trailing by three at the end of the first quarter, Lone Oak outscored the Pirates 24-5 in the second to go up 34-18 at the half.

The Flash hit 9 of their first 12 shots during the second quarter, and shot 28 of 54 for the game.

"Our execution offensively was very good, especially in the second and fourth quarters," said head coach Steve Dreher. "We were able to run our offense and be patient. Our recovery on the press was also good. We didn't always steal the ball, but we did always go after it."

The win improved Lone Oak's record to 15-6 overall, 5-1 in the district.

"I think it was very important to win this game," said Dreher. "It puts us opposite Tilghman in the district tournament." Tilghman is the only district team to have beaten Lone Oak this year.

"We tried several things on Heath," Dreher said. "It was kind of an experimental game for us. We gained a little insight as to what we'll do in the tournament if we draw Heath."

Eric Fox led Lone Oak with 28 points. Jake Sanders added 9, and Ryan Bivin and Donnie Stone chipped in with 8 apiece.

"Jake really had a nice game," Dreher said. "He gave us a boost off the bench. Eric played much better. He's been in kind of a slump the past couple of games, but he got back on track. Tony Englert played well again, also."

During the course of the game, Dreher said there was one play he considered crucial. "At Heath's end, Chad Kirk dived on the floor for a loose ball, backhanded it out to Eric, and he took off. It was a great hustle play, and it inspired us a little. It was nice to see Chad do something like that."

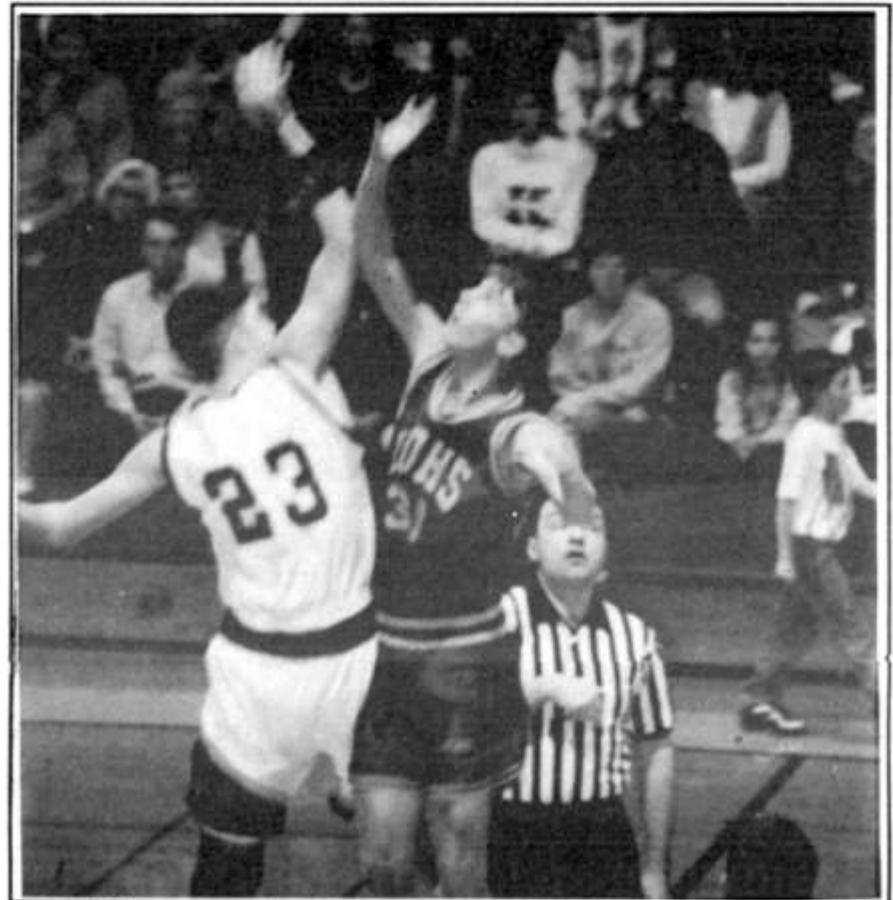
Dreher said that if Lone Oak plans to go far in both the district and regional tournaments, there are still improvements to be made.

"We still aren't quite as good in the rebounding area as we'll have to be to go very far in the tournaments," Dreher said. "We need to get more of a defensive attitude. One we get a lead we tend to get lax on defense and shoot too quickly on offense. We need to develop a killer instinct."

"In games, when we put people away, we need to keep people away, and let the coach relax a little."



Eric Fox pulls up for a shot with Ryan Bivin waiting for the rebound. picture by J.S.



Jeremy Felker goes against a Heath player to win the tip. picture by J.S.

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The Lady Flash play defense against Heath. picture by J.S.

## Lady Flash fall to Lady Pirates

by Joel Kaunisto  
Sports Co-Editor

Hoping to even up their district record at 3-3, the Lady Flash played at Heath.

The Lady Flash got behind early, trailing by 6 at the end of the first quarter.

Things didn't look much better for Lone Oak in the second quarter with the Lady Pirates stretching the lead to 10 by halftime.

The Lady Flash fought back in the third period but were still behind by five entering the final frame.

Lone Oak faltered in the fourth quarter for a final score of 56-43, leaving the Lady Flash a 2-4 record in the district.

Lone Oak was led in scoring by Ashley Emery's 11 points. Kelly Sanders tossed in 9 and Eillen Johnston 7.

## Athletes of the Month--Eric Fox and Kelly Sanders

by Andy Harris  
Sports Writer

Struggling all year to overcome an ankle injury, Eric Fox has seemingly had no problem in his comeback attempt. He is the First Region's third leading scorer, averaging 22.4 points per game, yet he still is not living up to his own standards. He obviously sets some pretty lofty goals for himself.

"I sprained (my ankle) really bad in November and I believe that I am just now getting back to where I was," said Fox. "It has held me back considerably and still limits some of my movement."

Coach Steve Dreher has also been impressed by his perseverance. "Many players would have missed a lot of games with this injury," he said. "He has fought through pain to rehabilitate, and has exhibited leadership and desire to win."

As many First Region teams will agree, this injury has not been enough to stop Fox. He went on a scoring spree in the early part of the season, before struggling in games against Tilghman and Marshall County. But he has rebounded well in recent games, scoring 28 points versus Heath and 26 against Mayfield.

Fox says he has been contacted by several schools concerning playing ball in college, but he adds, "I would like to stay closer to home at a school like Austin Peay or UT-Martin."

As for the remainder of this season, Fox believes the First Region title is up for grabs. And if he remains healthy, the Purple Flash cannot be ruled out of the proceedings. And even though Dreher believes he is still not at 100 percent, he said, "Eric's best games are still ahead."



Athletes of the Month: senior Eric Fox and sophomore Kelly Sanders. Photo by J. S.

by Joel Kaunisto  
Sports Co-Editor

Leading the Lady Flash in scoring as only a sophomore, Kelly Sanders is the Athlete of the Month for February.

Sanders averages 11 points, three rebounds and two assists per game. She leads the team with 17 blocked shots and an 81% free throw percentage. Sanders normally plays small forward for the Lady Flash but has also seen playing time at guard and center.

Said head coach Steve Cobb of Sanders, "Kelly is our leading scorer this season, which is remarkable considering she was playing freshman basketball this time last year. Over the past seven games she's averaging just under 17 points a night while shooting 50% from the field. It seems like every night she's setting a new career-high. Her improvement has been very consistent."

Sanders had a career-high nine rebounds against Marshall County.

According to Cobb, Sanders improvement is a result of much hard work. "Kelly's work ethic is an example for every player in our program to follow. She gives nothing less than 100% EVERY time she steps on the floor. People don't realize the hours Kelly has put into this game since June. She is as dedicated to becoming a better player as anyone I've ever coached."

Sanders says, "I believe that we have improved as the season has gone along and I feel that we are going to be a big factor in districts and regionals."

Cobb added, "People need to come out and see Kelly and her teammates play. She is a very special player who has dedicated herself totally to becoming as good as she possibly can. And if she continues with the same dedication and determination, she'll walk away from here in a couple of years with a college scholarship and the title as one of the best to ever play here at Lone Oak."

## Flash Briefs Guys

Mayfield 68, Lone Oak 62

The Flash dropped their seventh game of the season, falling to Mayfield on February 13.

Lone Oak trailed by six at halftime but outscored the Cardinals 21-15 in the third quarter to tie the score at 43. But Mayfield hit 11 of 14 free throws to put Lone Oak away.

Lone Oak hit 50 percent of their field goals but only 1 of 9 three-pointers.

Eric Fox led all scorers with 24 points. Jeremy Felker had 14 points, and Donnie Stone contributed 11. Tony Englert dished out seven assists while committing only one turnover.

Lone Oak—Bivin 6, Englert, Felker 14, Fox 24, Kirk 7, Sanders, Stone 11. Field Goals 23/46. 3-pointers 1/9 (Fox). Free throws 15/21. Rebounds 20. Fouls 23. Record 15-7.

## Girls

Mayfield 55, Lone Oak 37

Mayfield outscored the Lady Flash 19-11 in the third quarter to hand Lone Oak their fifteenth loss of the season.

Lone Oak trailed by only four at halftime, 22-18, but Mayfield gradually pulled away in the second half to win. The Cardinals hit over 50 percent of their shots, while Lone Oak made only 12 of 44 attempts for 27 percent.

Eileen Johnston and Kelly Sanders led Lone Oak with 10 points each, and Danielle Roberts chipped in with 8. Lone Oak—Emery 3, Burnett, Edwards 4, Garrett, Johnston 10, Phelps, Ragland, Roberts 8, Sanders 10, Steele 1, Smith 1. Field Goals 12/44. 3-pointers 1 (Johnston). Free throws 12/21. Rebounds 25. Fouls 21. Record 4-15.



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## Basketball game or three-ring circus?

by Andy Harris  
Sports Writer

Students at Lone Oak High School have taken a good deal of heat for their lack of fan support in recent years, but I'm here to dispel that rumor. Flash fans turned out in full force for the recent Lone Oak-Tilghman game, the most heated rivalry in all the First Region. The gym was packed. Many fans were forced to sit on the steps, or stand behind the bleachers. Lone Oak faithful were on their feet nearly all of an action-packed first half, and the entire depressing second half. The pep band was playing, the crowd was cheering; it was a perfect example

of what school spirit should be.

Now come back to reality. What may have appeared to be a great crowd and an excellent atmosphere for high school basketball was actually a display of rudeness and utterly bad manners. Even though the Lone Oak fans were filled with enthusiasm for the home team, the way that some of them chose to exercise it was inexcusable. A prime example of this was the paperwad fight that occurred before the game had even begun. Sure it was fun, but some students went way out of line by hitting Mr. Rushing with a paperwad, twice.

A few Tilghman fans could also

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use a lesson in basketball etiquette. Following a convincing 72-55 victory, Tornado fans stormed the court. While on the floor, they decided to tear down signs that had been designed for a WLOH poster contest.

Lone Oak and Tilghman have always been rivals, although the rivalry has been intensified this year by the transfer of Brandon Moore and a Donnie Stone jump

shot which propelled Lone Oak to an early season victory at Tilghman. No one expects us to welcome the Tornadoes into our gym with open arms, but we could at least attempt to be a little more gracious. However, there is also a flipside to this issue. You cannot be a good host without a considerate guest. Our posters may have been insulting, but we never ripped down the degrading signs made about the Flash during the first Lone Oak-Tilghman get together. Let's forget about the past and focus on the future, because, as I see it, this was not the last time these two foes will meet this year.

## Shannon Speaks: Wildcat Soup

by Shannon Hart  
Sports Co-Editor

Some thoughts on recent UK basketball happenings:

**\*The recruiting of Ron Mercer.** The luring of the 6-7 Oak Hill Academy star took a controversial turn on January 20. Wildcats Tony Delk, Rodrick Rhodes, Walter McCarty, Jared Pricetti, Anthony Epps, Cameron Mills and Mark Pope went to one of Mercer's basketball games and were invited by the coach to come in the locker room and say "hi."

Florida Assistant Athletic Director Jamie McCloskey contacted the SEC and NCAA and informed them of what the university considered to be an illegal act. This, of course, bothered Coach Rick Pitino, to say the least.

"We've been through a lot here," he said. "We know the rules."

It's because UK's been through "a lot" (an NCAA investigation and three years probation sentenced in 1989) that UK's compliance officer, Sandy Bell, called the NCAA to make sure it was okay for the players, who provided their own transportation and

money for tickets, to attend the game and talk to Mercer. Not only that, she, Pitino and the players read the rules before the players went to the game.

Pitino was annoyed that the Florida compliance officials were

**"We've been through a lot here. We know the rules."**

--Rick Pitino

checking up on his basketball program instead of their own.

The funny thing about the whole situation is that Tennessee also protested the players' attendance at the game. It's funny because a) Tennessee is also recruiting Mercer heavily, so of course they would be quick to knock someone else out of the race; and b) several Tennessee players did the exact same thing.

Because of UK's troubles with the NCAA six years ago, everything they do in terms of recruiting is closely watched not only by the NCAA's eagle eye, but also by the rival schools.

The outcome of this fiasco?

Absolutely nothing. NCAA officials had given their approval on the trip so no violations were committed. Note to Florida and Tennessee: **Mind Your Own Business!!**

**\*The bitter UK-Arkansas rivalry.** Although the Razorbacks have been a member of the Southeastern Conference for only four short years, they have far surpassed Louisville and Indiana as Kentucky's biggest rival. I, for one, would rather beat Arkansas than any other team, mainly because it would wipe that constant smirk off the Hogs' faces (including head Hog Nolan Richardson).

In the game between the two teams on January 29, anyone could

see the intensity between the SEC's top squads.

After the Razorbacks won, the fans stormed the court as if it were the NCAA championship, not an SEC regular-season game. And if the situation were reversed, the Big Blue faithful would probably have done the same.

This rivalry will only get more intense as time goes on, because both teams always have successful seasons, incredibly talented players and fired-up coaches.

The difference between Kentucky and Arkansas? Class. UK has plenty of it, but Arkansas apparently doesn't even know what class means.

**Go Big Flash!**  
**Good luck in the**  
**District Tournament**

## Perry and Hosfield Named "Band Members of the Month"

by David Carmichael  
Opinion Writer

He's been recommended for All-State Band in both '92 and '94. He is band president for the '94-'95 year. He has been section leader for the past three years. He is Mr. James Perry, a senior baritone player for the Lone Oak Band, and he was named "Band Member of the Month" for the month of January.

Perry has had many honors in his seven years of being in band. He made All-District Band in '90-'93, and '95. He has been selected for Quad-State every year for the past four years. He has had several solo and ensembles ranking superior (highest ranking), and was Outstanding Bandsman for both his Sophomore and Junior years. Perry says his role model was his brother Jeff- one of his two brothers who have both been in the band program. He says he joined band because of his brothers, and his watching of so many band contests. Perry considers this position of "Band Member of the Month" as an "...honor, mostly because I've always enjoyed being a part of the band program."

Mr. Light, director of the Colonel's, had many compliments about both Perry's playing and mental skills. "James was picked because he is a well minded student in both in band and other areas of school. He has tremendous leadership potential, as well as being a fine musician. He cares a lot about the band and... does everything in his power to make the band program better." Congratulations, James!

For February, Mr. Light has named Greg Hosfield, a sophomore, "Band Member of the Month." Hosfield is one of the nine percussion players for the band. He played the "quads" during marching band. Hosfield was picked for this article for many reasons. "...the biggest reason I chose Greg was because of his dedication to the band program," said Light. "He is easy to work with and he cares a lot about what he does in band."

Greg moved from Hardin Central High School to Lone Oak this year, quickly becoming first chair percussion player. Light is very proud of Hosfield, and what he has done for this band. Congratulations, Greg!



Perry (left) and Hosfield (right), "Band Members of the Month."

## Book Reviews

by Shawna Renee Williams  
Distribution Manager/ Beat Co-Editor

So? Did you try them? Did you like them? I told you you would. Now, shhhh. Don't say a word, take my hand and I will show you even more beautiful wonders.

1. Thus Spoke Zarathustra, Friedrich Nietzsche  
-God is dead and it's time for the Overman.
2. Existentialism and Human Emotion, Jean-Paul Sartre  
-God is dead and now you know what to do with the dead body and your own recovering soul. Philosophy for the realist, the cynic, the aesthet, the solipsist, and the elitist.
3. Mother Night, Kurt Vonnegut, Jr.  
-And yet another phantasmagorical creation about the morbid insanity, neurosis, and macabre apathy of World War II. Howard W. Campbell, Jr. loses his wife, his country, his patriotism, and his soul in this heart-wrenching novel by the master of insanity and the disturbed.
4. Catch-22, Joseph Heller  
-In the mood for more war. The hypocrisies of war drives the last remaining sane and rational man to black mail, bordellos, and debauchery. Dark, wry irony and a necessity to give a moment of silence for each death.
5. The Jungle, Upton Sinclair  
-Jurgis and his family abandon their dying Eastern European country for the idealistic pipe dreams of American and wealth for all. Instead they find slave driving demons called man who "use everything but the squeal." This graphic novel will make you think twice about trusting your government's every idealistic promise and about ever eating processed meat again.
6. Henry and June, Anais Nin  
-The diary of notorious Parisian writer, Anais Nin, about the love trilogy between her, Henry Miller, author of Tropic of Cancer and the Rosy Crucifixion series, and his wife June, in the artistic years of 1931-32.
7. Brave New World, Aldous Huxley  
-It's a Utopian world of test tube babies and Soma euphoria where procreation and true love is considered evil and repulsive.
8. The Genius and the Goddess, Aldous Huxley  
-Since we are already talking about Huxley, see his romantic side with this love story between the mathematician's wife and his student.
9. 1984, George Orwell  
-And speaking of Utopian stories, try this renowned one where the parallelism between the fiction world and ours is hauntingly similar. Big Brother is brainwashing the minds of the citizens, abolishing any human emotion ever to sneak across the heart and soul.
10. Breakfast at Tiffany's, Truman Capote  
-Secretly a country girl, this drawling brunette goes blonde, adorns movie star glasses, and becomes the favorite society girl of New York city. Wild like her Cat, everyone loves her but no one will ever own her. Classy, sassy, and sad.

## Bolts and Strikes

**BOLTS** "it's all good, dog" - Andy Chopra  
being measured for Caps and Gown  
Spring Break is next month  
for some, "the Matchmaker" results  
the L.O.F.S. Valentine's dance  
the cause for giving blood  
incentives for testing

**STRIKES** "it stinks" - Kelly Ames  
this is Ashley's last issue  
"sideliners" in the sack lunch line  
threats of suspension for touching a tast area poster (who wants one?)  
testing (any test that takes over one period is too long)  
the process of giving blood  
the drink machine announcement (we get the point)

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## Letters to the Editor

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### Devoted Students deserve thanks

Dear Editor:

I have observed many successes at Lone Oak High School. Usually these occurred when students were honored through academic achievement and/or when contributing their time and energy to a school or community project.

One area in particular has helped us all to become better educated. The library has arrived in 1995, as the idiom suggests, "with flying colors." This is due in great part to the excellent aides who work there and their mentor, Mrs. Brenda Metzger.

Mrs. Metzger has taken this area and moved it into the twenty-first century with a multi-media concept. She and her workers have afforded us a modern environment to explore and bring to fruition our educational objectives.

I wish to thank Mrs. Metzger and the library aides: Joe Johnson, Cameron Ikeard, Lori Jett, Martee Carter, David Martin, Jamie Mourer, Tara Shelby, Melissa Stevenson, Susie Streckas, Marie Fort, Melissa Blair, Brandon Shuemaker and Jill Claiborne for their hard work, concern and dedication to Lone Oak and its future.

signed,

*Tony McGroarty*

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### Boyz II Men concert well worth \$27

by MK Garrott  
Editorial Editor

Boyz II Men's most recent CD, *II*, has had two number one hits, "I'll Make Love to You" and "On Bended Knee," yet still there were tickets available 10 minutes prior to their concert at SIU Arena in Carbondale. Seats went for \$27 and fans from Paducah drove for an hour to see the performance. Showtime was set to begin at 7:30 and people were milling out into the parking lot at 10:30 when the show was over.

Opening with an unknown R & B group called Subway, featuring three 14-year-olds and one 15-year-old was probably not Boyz II Men's greatest idea. They sounded like kids, which they were, and the crowd was ready to move on to bigger and better singers when Subway stopped after 15 minutes of singing. Next up came a real rise in maturity when 16-year-old Brandy, a hot new singing sensation, appeared in front a backdrop consisting of a huge likeness of herself. Even though she has a top five hit, "I Wanna Be Down," the best part of Brandy's show was her two male dancers, who entertained the crowd more than her hoarse voice could muster. She only lasted about 20 minutes before running off the stage.

The featured act was due up next, but the audience would have to wait 30 minutes for the stage and set to be ready. When the lights were turned off, the crowd anticipated (and received) what they had been waiting for. Opening with an older song from their first CD, *Cooleyhighharmony*, the group got the crowd going with their smooth voices, perfectly choreographed dance routines and amazing light show. Boyz II Men were definitely what the crowd needed after the two previous encounters with the pre-teen wannabes. The sexy quartet looked hot in their dress shirts and ties during the opening acts, before changing into trench coats and changing their backdrop for the emotional, acapella version of the record-breaking hit, "It's So Hard To Say Goodbye To Yesterday."

The rest of the show only got better from there, when, at the end of the performance a U-shaped walkway lowered from the ceiling letting the guys walk out over the crowd. Hundreds of crazy girls' arms reached upwards for the outstretched hands of Boyz II Men. The only thing that could top that did: the show ended with their sweet, crooning voices singing out the saddest song ever, "End of the Road." They took the casual look to wind it down, with jeans, flannel shirts and t-shirts, but looked as good as ever to the females.

Editor,

I want to express my appreciation to the students who went to Nashville on January 26 to see *Tommy*. This group exhibited all the qualities that a teacher hopes for when taking a group on a trip like this. They were punctual, courteous and mature at all times. I am very proud of them and Lone Oak High School should be too.

signed,

*Jim Toy*

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Dear Editor:

My first year at LOHS has been an enjoyable and rewarding experience. It was made easier because of Mrs. Metzger and her aids and their willingness to assist me at any time.

LOHS is blessed with a pleasant and compassionate multi-media director who is eager to assist. It is understandable that she and the aids may be overwhelmed with duties at times and too busy to help immediately; however, if that student will be patient, assistance will be given.

Thank you, Mrs. Metzger, for all that you do for the teachers and students at LOHS!

signed,

*Mrs. Anita Williams*

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### A Note to the Students:

LOHS student body and faculty,

I am addressing you today in regards to the murder of your fellow classmate and my cousin, Shane Pearson. I have been writing many letters to US Representatives, Senators and even to the White House and The Department of Justice about some of the unjustified laws that were used in his case. I am asking you to write letters as well, to note these laws [and get them changed]. Belinda, the rest of the family and I would greatly appreciate your support in regards to addressing these laws. If you are interested and would like more information please contact Belinda Walker or me.

Thank you,

*Carilla Wallis*

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(The laws referred to above are thus: In Kentucky, the jury cannot be told how much time an offender will serve in relation to his sentence. If, for example, a person is given a life term or a fixed term of more than 12 years, he or she will be eligible for parole in 12 years. The jury doesn't know that, and may sentence the defendant to life expecting that the criminal will not get out. Also, when a person is being sentenced, or tried for that matter, nothing can be said of that person's juvenile record, even if they have been arrested 20 times while under the age of 18.)

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Although there were really no bad seats in the house, there were no screens, either, to show close-ups for those seated far away. Also, the group seemed to draw energy from the crowd, who was worn out from having to yell continuously. The sound, though high in quality, was tremendously loud. Ears were still ringing the next day. These few not-so-perfect things were minor, though, compared to the greatness of the rest of the concert. It was an evening of much emotion—ranging from excitement to exhaustion.

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**Correction: Kelly Seward stands in  
court, and Stephanie is vertical!**



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Bottom, Tauzzia Merriweather, Amber Nanny, Kelly Seward, Stephanie Pittman.

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