

Lost Scholars Grow at GSP

Cliff Jenks
Sports Writer

Last summer at two Kentucky college campuses, Dallin Birch, Stephanie Getz, Craig Jackson, and Paige Ruoff participated in the prestigious Governor's Scholar Program. These students were selected to apply on the basis of their PSAT scores. The scholars were then chosen by written essay, extracurricular activities, and teacher recommendation.

For five weeks the community of scholars live together in an actual college situation. The scholars chose a focus area and were assigned to a problem solving class. With the rest of their time, the seniors spent time forming clubs, playing sports, completing class work, and trying to learn how to survive on their own. Commenting on life, Dallin Birch, who attended Centre College, said, "I got lost a lot."

Paige Ruoff, had this to say about her stay at Northern Kentucky University, "It is not only learning about one's focus area, but also learning good study habits, how to live away from home, and that there really is a diverse population of students in Kentucky."

For those interested in next year's Governor's Scholar Program, the PSAT is given on October 24. Only juniors are eligible for the program. See Ms. Jones of Mr. Griffith for more information.



GSP students L to R: Paige Ruoff, Craig Jackson, Dallin Birch and Stephanie Goetz.

Students Participate in State

Tara Shelby
Opinion Editor



State Participants: Jessie Ballowe and Paige Ruoff. Not pictured: Ben Gross

This year's Boys and Girls State participants were Ben Gross, Paige Ruoff, and Jessie Ballowe. For the week that they attended State they studied about governmental processes, such as creating, passing, and defeating bills, by using hands on experience. They were participants in a mock government and in the mock elections of state officials. This is considered to be good experience for young people who plan on entering politics as a career.

It is also an excellent opportunity to meet other teenagers from all over the state of Kentucky. Both Ruoff and Ballowe agreed that making new friends was the best part of attending Girls State.

The most important part of State is the participation in the mock elections. Ruoff acted as the campaign chairman for her political party. She was then able to meet Brereton Jones, the governor of Kentucky, when her candidate won the election.

While this is an excellent process for those truly interested in government and politics, this year's participants were disappointed. They felt the program centered around an area in which they held no interest. "I went because it will look good on my college resume'," says Gross.

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McCracken County Feels Money Crunch

by Molly Harper
Editorial Editor

Lately, rumors have been flying about the "bankruptcy" of the McCracken County School Board. *The Oak K* would like to dispel these rumors. No, the School Board is not totally penniless. No, we aren't losing any teachers. No, the money was not spent on a blow-out retirement party for Mrs. Potts.

Money WAS spent last year on two new alternative schools, three new school nurses, salaries for new teachers' aides, and improvements on school buildings and grounds. According to Superintendent Underwood, "Our new programs were expanded too fast." There will be no cuts in instruction, no sports teams or clubs will be cut, and this is not, repeat NOT, the reason that the construction has been delayed. "The money for construction comes from a completely different fund."

In other words, our educations won't be compromised. But several teachers have commented that the paper cut is a real pain. (No pun intended.)

So, as dire as the funding problems seem because of gossip, this is only a minor, temporary situation. "There are always rumors and there always will be," said Mr. Underwood. "It will be taken care of."

What do you feel is the biggest effect of the money crunch on the classroom?

"At this time, it is a distinct possibility that if funding does not come from central office, the Academic Team and their parents will have to finance tournaments and transportation. We are virtually broke at this time and will have to resort to private funding."

Mr. Toy, Sophomore English Teacher

"It is unfortunate that the money shortage is having a negative impact on certain advanced classes which in the past have used many handouts."

Mr. Baker, History Teacher

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Construction Delay Made a Guessing Game

by Molly Harper
Editorial Editor

It's a new school year. There are new freshmen cluelessly wandering the halls. There are three new teachers. We have new agendas. Guess what's not new? The school!!!

We left school last year under the impression that construction would start sometime during the summer. We came back expecting some new parking spaces, at least. What did we get? Nothing. Not even a bathroom wall minus the holes.

August 1 was the original date for building to begin. For some reason, the date was pushed back. No one seems to know why. Depending on the source, the delay has been caused by anything from electrical problems to tardy engineering firms. Mr. Tremper of Farris, Hatcher, & Tremper, the engineering firm hired by the state, did not wish to comment. "We do not feel we are responsible for the two or three month delay," he said.

We do, however, know what HASN'T caused the delay.

"I want to make it clear that the delay has NOT been caused by the money problems. The money for construction comes from a completely different fund," stressed Superintendent Underwood.

We do have to remember that this is a TEMPORARY delay and that construction will begin soon. Advertising to construction companies for bids will begin September 18. A bid will be accepted October 18. Construction will begin (hopefully) November 1.



It's Not Exactly Tropic of Cancer, but.....

by Shawna R Williams
News Editor

On June 6, 1995 brave, frontiers woman, Ms. Underhill dared to face a foreign continent, alone, with only a gaggle of Lone Oak students: Nancy Wilson, Josh Hicks, Hunter Housman, Kent Green, Katie Dracy, Kristy Kilkoynne and her mother.

On that turbulent Tuesday, they stepped onto a plane heading for the Motherland: Europe. Organized by CHA (Cultural Heritage Alliance), a student-educational-tour organization, this group of eight adventurers plus the other travelers with CHA spent about ten days in Europe seeing the sights for about \$2000, plus extra money for souvenirs.

The group went to Munich and had a pit stop in Lichtenstein, Germany; Innsbruck, Austria; Lake Geneva, Switzerland; Paris, France; and London, England. A usual day with the Underhill clan was spent getting up, eating breakfast, having an orientation of the city for half of the day, and then the afternoon and evening was free for whatever recreation they decided to partake in such as museum tours, Canterbury feasting, or good ol'

fashioned Parisian disco.

"It was planes, trains, and automobiles all the way," said the gallant teacher concerning just how they transported to each idyllic country. There were planes, taxis, an English Channel ferry, and buses. But the one trip that seemed to be the most impressive was the train ride through the beautiful, majestic Swiss Alps. They went to every Hard Rock Cafe they could in order to do their part in supporting commercialism. They went past the London Dungeon, the gardens of Schloss Nymphenburg, Olympic Park, the Neuschwanstein Castle which inspired Walt Disney and the Disney Castle, the Place De La Concorde, Magdalene Church, Jardin des Tuileries Garden, and the ever popular Champs-Elysees.

The most somber and emotional experience though was, with a bit of culture shock, when they stepped onto the grounds of Dachau, Hitler's first, experimental concentration camp. "It was far more educational than any classroom. It was very sobering to see the ovens, the showers, the bunks where they slept, the moats and the barbwire still standing. You can't get anything like that out of a picture," commented Ms. Underhill on the tour. What was



Ms. Underhill and her crew take a break at a garden in Munich, Germany.

really disturbing for the students and adults alike was seeing the Grave of Thousands Unknown, where all the prisoners were shoveled into one large hole. Many years later several memorabilia were erected in dedication of all those massacred.

Some obvious differences the travelers noticed between Europe and America were the maturity of the children and teenagers there, the excellent public transportation system making it almost obsolete to own a car, the minimal amount of crime, paranoia, and prejudice, and a population much more environmentally aware. Despite a few lingual misunderstandings, mainly

in France since Underhill spoke German, all went well and chipper. With the help of guide books and other English speakers, the group survived the memorable trip to a land, far, far away.

If you are interested in going yourself, Ms. Underhill is planning another trip this year and it is very important to talk to her as soon as possible.

Galloway recognized as National Merit Semifinalist



Chrystal Galloway, senior

by Anu Manchikanti
New Writer/Photographer

Senior Chrystal Galloway has been named a National Merit Semifinalist. Galloway took the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, also known as the PSAT, in October 1994. Only one-half of one percent of Kentucky's graduating class are designated as semifinalists. About 15,000 students qualified this year, and over a million students took the qualifying test.

National Merit Scholarship Corporation is a privately financed, non-profit organization. Its scholarships

are funded by some 600 independent sponsors. The PSAT serves as an initial screen of students. Semifinalists are designated based on these scores. In order to advance to the finalist level, students must have an outstanding academic record, the endorsement of their high school principal, and SAT I scores that confirm their performance on the PSAT. Those academically talented students will be considered for 6,900 Merit Scholarships to be offered next spring. Every finalist is considered for one of 2,000 National Merit Scholarships, each worth \$2000. The other scholarships are sponsored by corporations, company foundations, other business organizations, colleges, and private universities. The students awarded Merit Scholarships will be those judged to have the most potential to succeed in rigorous college studies. This judgement is based on academic ability, skill, and achievement, with no

regard to sex, race, or religion. Just being named a National Merit Scholar will open up many educational opportunities.

When asked about her semifinalist status, Galloway said, "I am very grateful, this is really an honor. Hopefully, I can go to college now." Congratulations on your achievement Chrystal, and good luck in all your endeavors!

Attention all those interested in next year's trip: There will be a meeting held by Ms. Underhill concerning the next journey to Europe; it will be held Wed. Oct. 4 at Paducah Public Library, 6:00 p.m.

Congratulations Lone Oak High School

Kentucky Colonel Marching Band!

Three cheers for achieving the honors of:

-Grand Champion Division II

-1st place class AAA

-Best Performance AAA

-Best Field Commander AAA

-Best Color Guard AAA

-1st Superior this season

at the September 16th Marshall Co. Starfest '95.

The Death of the Pep Rally

Crystal Galloway
Editor-in-Chief

Okay, there is a good chance that I will lose my oh-so-cool reputation by defending this age-old institution, but like I have a reputation or care about its demise. Imagine the pep rallies of the good ol' days. Fifth and sixth hour was cut short so a bunch of grumbling teenagers could file into a hot gym and ridicule the school mascot. Nowadays, since pep rallies are during flex and therefore are voluntary, it seems that its attendance has fallen. Of course they are silly and few even know the meaning of school spirit - but that's not the point. The biggest reason they were so much fun for my friends and me was because everyone was united in the silliness.

Think back, pep rallies are the significant factor in almost every

movie or song about high school. Why? It is the only time the whole school body is forced to interact with one another. Remember the pep rally scene in *Heathers*, where the villainous J.D. attempted to blow the high school society into the sky? How about in *Fast Times at Ridgemont High*, where the apathetic teenagers portray perfectly your average high school kid? And who can forget the infamous Nirvana video "Smells Like Teen Spirit"? This song at one time expressed the feelings of your average high-school outcast. And what better backdrop for the video than an out-of-control pep rally?

I had a great time at the old pep rallies. That's where I met one of my dearest friends, Shawna, when she

screamed something really funny that I'm not allowed to print during a lull in the festivities. Seeing cheerleaders shove handfuls of crackers in their mouths and trying to whistle was pretty funny. The time some over-excited slam dunker ripped the front of the backboard off was also a good memory. Last year, a few students were forced to dance to New Kids On The Block. I have pictures of Mike, Aaron, Shawna, Craig, Paige, Wendy, Susan, Shannon, Sandra, and other assorted wacky-in-their-own-way types and me making appearances at pep rallies. We had the best time making fun of high school in general, screaming out kooky stuff, and basically lounging around in what was supposed to be sixth hour.

This is our high school. I know it

doesn't seem real because every movie and TV portrayal of HS is so much more glamorous. It is from experiences like these that high school memories come from. For the most part, I don't have fond, cutesie memories about this place. I'm in one or two clubs, one team, and the school paper. For the most part, I don't have the opportunity to really see this place for what it is. Pep rallies are my only chance to look at my school. There are things to be proud of, a couple things to cringe at, and a lot of fun and memories to be had by all. So please join my friends and me at the next pep rally in our celebration of the silliness of LOHS.

Bolts

The band won Grand Champion at the Marshall County Marching Invitational and the Heath "March for the Gold" Band Competition.

The football team has a winning record.

This is the first issue of The Oak K edited by the Senior Triumvirate. (Being the ever-so-cool Chrystal, Molly, and Shawna)

Flex time now lasts an hour and a half.

The academic team is 3:1.

Strikes

Pep Rallies should just be called "rallies."

This our last year on The Oak K staff.

After an hour of Flex, we start to feel like caged animals and have to beat each other senseless for entertainment.

We don't even have doors on all of the bathroom stalls, much less a new school.

With the recent paper shortage, the next issue of The Oak K may be written on the back of our hands.

Congratulations to the Lone Oak Kentucky Colonel Band for earning

*Grand Champion - Division II
1st Place - Class AAA
Best Percussion - Class AAA
Best Field Commander - Class AAA
Best Color Guard - Class AAA
and a Superior score of 87.75*

at

The Heath "March For the Gold" Band Competition

Flex Time : Friend or Foe ?

Friend

Anu Machiikanti
News Writer/ Photographer

The bell rings after fourth hour, and it's finally lunch/flex time! I personally find the new placement of flex time a refreshing change from last year's arrangement. I don't know about you, but last year, I really didn't do anything but go to club meetings. I tried to do homework, but I usually didn't have any after second hour. It was hard for me to get started when I knew that in a few minutes I'd have to stop. Well, now we have a total of eighty-five minutes to do absolutely whatever we want, and I think it's great. Maybe it's just my schedule, but I always have most of my homework by lunch, and I can actually get a lot of it done during flex time. It might just be because I've matured, but I can get so much more work done now, as opposed to my sophomore year. I really can't say I accomplished a lot during flex time last year. In fact, in the short time we've been in school, I've probably done more than I did all last year. I know, that's a rather drastic statement, but it is pretty close to the truth. Now that flex time is after fourth hour, I know what I really need to work on and get help for because I've already had most of my classes. Many people are voicing complaints about flex time, and I don't understand why. I'd much rather have fifty minutes to work on my homework or do absolutely nothing than have nine more minutes added on to every single class.

The new schedule also seems to have straightened out some of the overcrowding problems in lunch. People eat, then they can go to the gym. When asked about the new flex time, Mr. Rushing said, "It's about five minutes too long," but he does feel that things work well with lunch and everyone has plenty of time to eat. Since all of the students in study halls eat during the later lunch period, there really hasn't been any new overcrowding problems. With almost four hundred students in the study halls, all the other students are able to eat during the first lunch period. This is the first time I've ever been able to eat lunch with all my friends, which is really cool.

The point of the matter is, flex time is yours. You can utilize it however you may please, even if you are in a study hall. Make the most of it - you'll be happy tonight when you can watch T.V. instead of homework.

Foe

Ashley Small
Opinion Writer

Alright, picture this, it's fourth hour and you are about to waste away to nothing because it is ovenlike in your classrooms. You are tired, hungry, and at this point, you could care less about what the teacher is saying. I am not sure about anyone else, but this is how I feel right before Flex. It is just too late in the day, and my attention span at this point is zero. All I can think about is the fact that I am starving to death in the back of some hot, overcrowded room, and how ready I am for a break. By the time Flex does roll around, I am so ticked off that all I can do is complain the whole hour and a half. It is as though there is no break in the day, it feels like the day is one monotonous class right after the other.

Undoubtedly, there are those that are doing something productive during this time. I mean, I realize that the students in study hall are getting some individual help, but what about those students like myself, who are not involved in a study hall? After half the population of L.O.H.S. is crammed into the cafeteria, and after standing in line for what seems forever to get something to eat, you are not exactly in best of moods, and it is in this attitude that you go into Flex time.

I think Flex should be a break from the day, basically a time to rest and if you are not catching up on homework, then a time for socializing with friends. I am not putting down Flex Time at all, I think some time off from classes during the day is extremely important. I think it should just be earlier. That way you can have something to eat, rest up, and basically get refocused for the remainder of the day.

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The little girl who cried "Civil Rights Violation!"

Molly Harper
Editorial Editor

After a two-and-a-half year court battle, Shannon Faulkner was finally admitted into the Citadel, a state-supported military school in South Carolina. She attended the first day of orientation and was fine on the first day of "Hell Week." Until lunch, that is. (Apparently, the food at the Citadel is really, REALLY bad.) She was rushed to the hospital and treated for dehydration and fatigue for the rest of the week.

Now, she has dropped out and is spending her time at home dodging reporters and very angry feminists. Several females members of the Oak K Staff are included in this group. We can't believe that in the two and a half years Shannon was in court, she never thought about whether she'd be able to handle the heat, physical exertion, and browbeating that Citadel freshmen get.

We also can't believe she only lasted ONE DAY! One stinking day! This was her goal for two years and she couldn't last longer than that!! Did she think that she wouldn't have to work as hard as the guys did or did she just assume that she was in good condition? (In two and a half years she never thought "Hey, I might want to go to the gym once or twice a week since the heat index in the South gets into the triple digits!") She has made every young woman who has ever tried out for a football team, majored in law enforcement at college, or wanted to defend her country in combat look foolish. She has unwittingly "proved" to the chauvanist pigs of the world that women can be weeded out of situations in which the aren't wanted with physical exhaustion and intimidation.

I can't say that I'm against women going to military schools like the Citadel, especially if they are funded by the state. She had a right to be there. However, when a woman puts up a fight like Ms. Faulkner did to get ANYWHERE, whether she wants to or not, she is accepting the RESPONSIBILITY of representing women everywhere. Crying "Civil Rights Violation!" and then deciding that you don't want the responsibility or work that comes with that right makes you and everyone who is associated with you look bad. It's like my mom's ALWAYS telling me, BE CAREFUL. WHAT YOU WISH FOR, BECAUSE YOU MIGHT GET IT.

Cooper Named "Band Member of the Month"

David Carmichael

Business/Advertising Manager

Matt Cooper, a trumpet player in the Lone Oak Kentucky Colonel Band, has been selected as this month's "Band Member of the Month." He said he felt very honored to be selected. "Band requires immense determination, and I am very proud my efforts are noticed," he said. Mr. Light, the Colonel's band director, stated "it is a real pleasure to have a student leader like Matt. The band program

has been lacking this kind of leadership for a long time." Cooper was selected as this year's "Band Captain," and is currently in both the marching and symphonic band programs.

Cooper has been in the band program for four years. Along the way, he has made many accomplishments. For three years, he has participated in the solo & ensemble performances, and has never missed a band performance. "Most importantly

though," he said, "I have made countless new friends."

Cooper said he chose to be in band because of the fact that he has always enjoyed it. He says he has never excelled at any particular at any sport, but has found marching band to be a combination of both musical and physical activity. Cooper also stated that his parents probably encouraged him the most in band, never letting him give up. Congratulations, Matt!



Matt Cooper, senior

Gabe's Excellent Adventure

Cliff Jenks
Sports Writer

While most were spending their summer vacations around the swimming pool or stuck in front of the TV, senior Gabe Watkins spent his summer in central Africa. In June and July, Gabe toured Botswana, Zambia, and Zimbabwe on a church mission trip. Of course there were many differences in cultures. What stuck out in Watkins' mind included the fact that most children, except for the wealthy, only receive a primary education, and that most live in huts, again with the exception of the most affluent. Looking back, Watkins said that after the culture shock wore off, "the 'outer things' such as culture, life, etc., don't even matter. You look past that, to the inside, the heart of the people."

After talking to Gabe and hearing the stories he had about his trip, many wonder why he enjoys going to such exotic places. He said, "I love to go places outside of my comfort zone...I feel like that's what God has planned for me. I love to tell people about something they've never heard about before; something that can be totally life-changing."

When asked about future plans for trips, he said that he was planning to take a two month trip, as long as he has a way to get there.



Gabe Watkins, senior

Masden Takes the Honor this Month

by Shawna R Williams
News Editor



Deanna Masden, senior

Seventeen-year-old senior, Deanna Masden, daughter of Dann and Debbie Masden, is the honorable Junior Rotarian in the month of September. Masden has achieved President of the Phi Alpha Delta sorority, President of FBLA, BETA club member, Who's Who Among American High School Students; Class Secretary of '94-'95, three years as a Varsity Cheerleader, two years on the yearbook staff, and outstanding student for two years running.

This young woman, who has lived in Canton, Missouri; Kokomo, Indiana; Mt. Sterling, Kentucky (her favorite); and Paducah, Kentucky, has won such awards as Cheerleader Student Athlete '93-94 and Honor Student for four years. She loves cheering, waterskiing, and watching her favorite movie, "Forrest Gump." Her motto in life is poetically expressed in her quote, "Don't

be afraid to go out on a limb; that's where all the fruit is."

Masden intends to attend the University of Kentucky to get a major in communications. In ten or twenty years she hopes to see herself in a really nice office as an advertising executive.

When asked why she thought she had been chosen Junior Rotarian, she said it had to have been the results of her GPA (3.9) and the eclectic activities in which she was participating.

Aside from all the grammar and algebraic equations, the one thing she really learned in high school was, "Listen to your heart and try to do your best." She claims that her proudest accomplishment in her life is that she has always tried to make the best of any situation, despite the difficulty and hardships of moving around so much.

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Wendy Reeder paints her way to success

Tara Shelby
Opinion Editor

Congratulations to Wendy Reeder, April's Art Student of the Month. Reeder is seventeen years old and she lives with her mother, Trina Lovan, and her brother, Jesse Sherral.

Reeder is interested in surrealism and abstract painting. "I feel that I can really express feelings that way," says Reeder. Reeder is a junior this year and is no stranger to success. Last year, one of her water colors won third place in a regional competition.

Reeder's other main interest is soc-



September Art Student of the Month Wendy Reeder with her work.

cer. "That entertains me year round," she says. She played on the district regional soccer team last year and achieved honorable mention for state in high school soccer. She was also given awards for having the most goals and the most assists on last year's Lone Oak High School soccer team.

She one day hopes to attain a soccer scholarship so that she can study commercial art at a college level. "I believe whatever you want badly enough, you will get," says this optimistic junior.

Braveheart returns

by J. R. Young
Circulation Manager

In what is sure to be a profitable move, it has been announced that Mel Gibson's Scottish epic *Braveheart* will be released again this fall. For those of you have yet to see this masterpiece, this is the perfect chance for you to see a film that critics have raved as one of the year's best. Siskel and Ebert even gave it two thumbs up (and those guys don't like anything).

Braveheart tells the story of Scottish revolutionist, Sir William Wallace, who helped to rally ordinary Scottish men in order to fight off the English invasion. *Braveheart* is beautifully filmed, and the acting is superb. For those who thought Mel Gibson was nothing but a *Lethal Weapon* reject, he'll pleasantly surprise you in this film. It has some of the largest battle

scenes ever seen on the silver screen. However, forget about the fighting scenes, the deeply rich plot is where this film really shines. Believe or not, this is one film where you might actually learn something important, and not even mind it!

In my final verdict, I would have to give this film an "A+" rating. This movie is especially enjoyable when seen at the movie theatre, with the wide screen enveloping everything that would be cut out of the modified video release. Films of this magnitude only come along once in a blue moon (along with baby Smurfs). We should treasure a film such as this. It has characters we can care about, beautiful photography, and a story that keeps you intrigued. You may even find yourself on your feet cheering. If you haven't gotten the point yet, go see this movie!

Costner's machismo sinks *Waterworld*

by Molly Harper
Editorial Editor

This wouldn't be a review page without a mention of the summer's most (in)famous movie, *Waterworld*. (a.k.a *Kevin's Big Foul-Up*) I didn't want to go into this movie with too many preconceived notions. I tried to ignore the fact that every critic who had seen it said they laughed when Costner's character was trying to be serious and cried when he was trying to be funny.

Well, at least the story was original. The plot follows Costner's character, the Mariner, a half-man half-fish who scavenges *Waterworld's* abandoned boats for merchandise to trade. He meets a woman (Jeanne Tripplehorn) and her adopted daughter (Tina

Majorino). The daughter has a tattoo that is supposedly the map to dry land. Dennis Hopper's character, the Deacon, and his followers (A band of dirty, loathsome, nicotine-stained pirates called Smoker's. Coincidence? I think not.) are also searching for dry land. The rest of the movie is basically a parade of ear-drum bursting explosions and macho stunts on Costner's part to beat the Smoker's to land.

Though it was thoroughly disappointing after all the hype, this movie was entertaining. I give it three out of a possible four flashes. (Just because Tina Majorino was cute.)



I have a novel idea...

by Shawna R. Williams
News Editor

Over the summer, as all the stress of the summer job, screaming college pamphlets, too many hours spent with those ever-darling younger siblings, and the impossibility of balancing romance and friendship began piling in, I allowed myself a small but worthwhile indulgence. I'm sure it is safe to say that as small children we all had our favorite story or book read to us over and over again by some loving, literate guardian. I can clearly recall the boat trip to where the wild things were, being the Indian princess who changed into a wild stallion, turning

the pages, against Grover's constant protest, to see the monster at the end of the book, Golem's riddle contest, etc. etc. So as adulthood rears its ugly head I took a leisurely trip back to Candyland days and reread a lot of my favorite childhood stories.

It began with buying a forty year old copy (or so) of Lewis Carrol's Complete Works. Once again I was eating body-altering cookies, talking with hukah-smoking caterpillars, jumping through looking glasses, and playing bird croquet with a deck of cards. As required reading I hooked up with Huckleberry Finn and his compadres and floated down my ever loving Mis-

issippi River with M.T. and the boys. I even confess to looking over a Dr. Seuss or two. I was always real fond of the Sneetches.

What I found surprising was the fact that not only was this a trip down Memory's more innocent lane, but there were a lot of things in these classics that I had never picked up before. There was humor in Twain's books that as an eight year old child I never picked up on but this time I was rolling and, also, there were issues and controversy confronted amidst the novel, that I had never perceived through the subtlety, that almost had me in tears. As a child I saw fantasy in

Lewis Carroll. As an adult I see political satire, mental insecurities, and allegorical significance. So it was refreshing but it also made me think and analyze a lot of things in my life and mind.

Anyway, before I ramble on any longer I would just like to recommend sharing a little time with past mentors, such as C.S. Lewis or Frank Baum, and go skipping down the yellow brick road. Put down your psychology books, the Philosophies of Aristotle, or Machiavelli's "The Prince" and pick up those ol', dusty fairytales. But remember, be prepared for a little more psychological input than you got when you were in elementary.

The Nineties and Us: We m

by Chrystal Galloway
Editor-in-Chief

The 1995-'96 school year marks the official half-way mark for our decade. We are children of the nineties. The majority of our views, opinions, and lifestyle choices were made under the influence of this decade. Whether we like it or not, we now belong to a generation, and are therefore grouped into a category to which all of us may not belong. However, we should accept our differences and appreciate our diversity. (I know this is humorous coming from me.) This little collection of surveys not only shows students their similarities and differences, but it is also a keepsake to remind everyone what the glorious nineties were like.

Lifestyle: From cow tipping to raving, everyone has their own version of a good time. Different groups have different pasttimes, slang words, and views of high school in general. Where do you fall?



Fashion at Lone Oak HS consists of tie die, flannels, and lots of gothic stuff.

Fashion & Entertainment

Thanks to fashion and entertainment, the nineties will be considered a time of grunge grease and non-conformity conformity. Popular movies: *Forest Gump*, *the Batman Trilogy*, *Jurassic Park* and numerous Jim Carrey movies. We are fascinated with this new computer animation toy. However, the movies of importance for so-called generation Xers include *Pump up the Volume*, *Heathers*, *Pulp Fiction*, *Reality Bites*, and *Natural Born Killers*. Androgyny is the beauty standard (we love you, Kate Moss!), and real kooky rock has returned. Everyone is wearing baby doll length dresses, Birkinstocks, big boots, baggy jeans, flannel, soccer-trend clothing, and of course everyone wears Gap.

What do you think has been the biggest trend of the nineties?

Paige Ruoff (12): "Filth." Angela Raines (12): "Bum look."
Jessie Ballowe (12): "Non-conformist clothing"
Ben Brazzell (9): "Slap bracelets."
Wendy Wexler (12): "Non-conformist clothing which became conformist clothing because everyone was conforming to non-conformity."
Shawna Williams (12): "Copying the sixites."
Chrystal Galloway (12): "The molestation of the punk/hippie scene."



A favorite "spot" this new generation is "hacking", which students play during flex.

What do you think is the coolest slang word or phrase and use it in a sentence:

Craig Jackson (12): The texture of this cheesecake is absolutely *superb*.
Paige Ruoff (12): What is your *damage*, Heather?
Patrick Kaufman (12): That's *stinkin'* cool.
Darek Brandt (12): *How goes it?*
Emily Williams (10): I'm an *octopus*.
Lee Titsworth (11): I am *schmelting*.
Chrystal Galloway (12): My manager went *postal* on me last night.

How would you describe HS society and your place in it?

Chris Hughes (12): High school is just like regular society: everyone conforms to a false objective and something they are not.

What do you wear to school, dances, parties, etc.?

Ann Meredith McNeill (11): "Saran wrap, a rubber band, and Mickey Mouse knee socks."
Brian Mize (12): "A smile."

"I Hate Fashion."

Emily Williams (10)

"Zealous fashion followers have too much time on their hands."

Wendy Wexler (12)

Favorite movies / stars:

Donnie McNeil (12): *Interview with a Vampire* / Jack Nicholson and Anthony Hopkins
Ann Meredith McNeill (11): *Sid and Nancy*
Craig Jackson (12): *Dune*
Patrick Kaufman (12): *Star Wars Trilogy and Regarding Henry* / Sam Neil, Harrison Ford, Sean Connery
Emily Williams (10): Gary Oldman

Movies that Made Us

Patrick Kaufman (12):
The Breakfast Club
Monica Doyle (12):
Dazed and Confused
Chrystal Galloway
Pulp Fiction

Favorite Music:

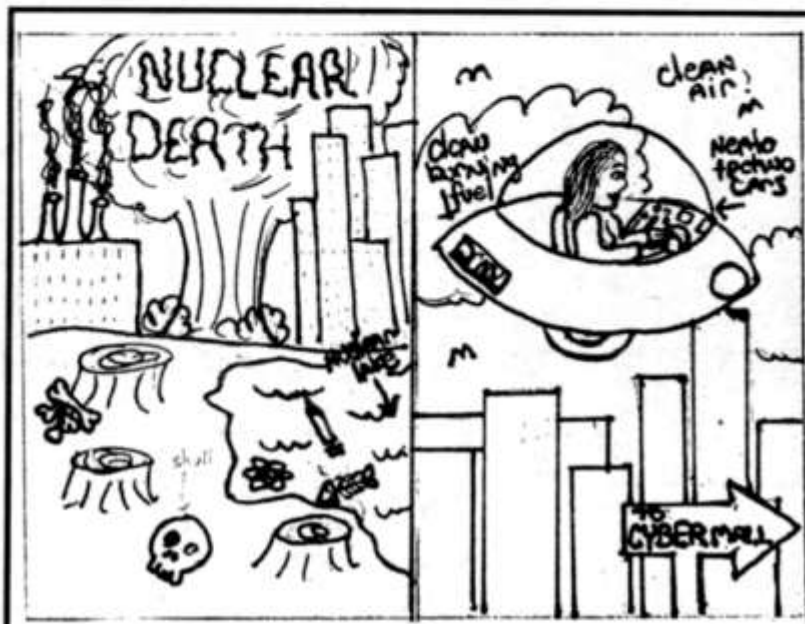
Donnie McNeil (12): Aerosmith
Patrick Kaufman (12): Modern Instrumental, i.e. Schindler's List
Darek Brandt (12): Dave Mathews Band
Emily Williams (10): Babes in Toyland
Autumn Stanley (11): NIN
Favorite TV show:
Donnie McNeil (12): "Friends"
Ann Meredith McNeill (11): "My So-Called Life," now that it is over, I can't go on living.
Craig Jackson (12): "Sherlock Holmes"
Michelle Lewis (11): "My So-Called Life," what else?
Wendy Wexler (12): "The Adventures of Pete and Pete"
Brian Mize (12): "Star Trek"

may not be the Brady's....

future: This is the biggest fear most of us have, what will become of us and the world as we know it. How will things change, and will we achieve our dreams? Maybe we'll all be living on the moon, maybe a psycho will show up at our 15th class reunion and we'll all be dead anyway. (Smile, it's OK!)

What do you think will be the biggest change in our world in 20 years?

- Craig Jackson: "California will fall into the ocean."
- Lee Titsworth: "Coming up with a new idol. We've exhausted all the good ones."
- Jessie Ballowe: "Those who think about it-they will realize it is them."
- Wendy Wexler: "Our generation will not have the same opportunity and financial security of the previous generation."
- Brian Mize: "The deficit will get bigger, the ozone layer will continue to deteriorate, and that's all."



Will 2050 be all flying saucers and talking dogs - or a polluted wasteland?

Most important issue cont.

- Shawna Williams (12): "The absence of real sex education."
- Chrystal Galloway (12): "This society's lack of responsibility and tolerance."
- Ashely Small (10): "The feminist movement is focusing on sensational issues instead of practical necessities."
- Tara Shelby (12): "The threat of nuclear war."
- Cliff Jenks (11): "The way we treat others."

What do you think would be a good name for our generation?

- Lee Titsworth (11): "The Lost Generation, we have no focus."
- Paige Ruoff (12): "Christian Slater in *Pump Up The Volume* referred to us as the Why Bother Generation. I think it fits."
- Shawna Williams (12): "The I-was-hip-before-anyone-else Generation."
- Chrystal Galloway (12): "The Gee-I'm-So-Tortured-Pity-Me Generation."

What is the one thing you hope to achieve before you die?

- Craig Jackson: "To have small fuzzy antlers."
- Ann Meredith McNeill: (I think I've already done this.) "I hope to give insecure people an ego boost by giving them something to make fun of, me."
- Lee Titsworth: "To give away something of true value to someone who needs it and to have small fuzzy antlers."
- Shawna Williams (12): "I want to have one person tell me that my book changed his or her life."
- Cliff Jenks (11): "I want everyone to listen to 'Isn't it a pity?' by George Harrison."
- Molly Harper (12): "To have children just like me, to fulfill my Mom's prophecy."
- Anu Manchikanti (11): "Win a pulitzer."
- Ashely Small (10): "To reach perfection of self."
- Blake Vandermullen (11): "I want to see Illinios win the NCAA tournament."
- Andy Harris (11): "Fly solo around the world."
- Justin Young (10): "Write a best seller."
- Chrystal Galloway (12): "To die knowing that I not only enlightened the minds of a generation but inspired the ones of the next as well - and to master *Killer Instinct*."
- Chad Kirk (12): "Inner Peace."
- Amanda Ransom (12): "Happiness."

POLITICS Generation X-that's what many have named our generation, implying that we are apathetic individuals lacking purpose. However, there are some strong opinions out there that will soon be heard as the college students of today become the policy makers of tomorrow. What will be our agenda? What name really fits our generation?

What do you think is the most important issue of our time?

- Ann Meredith McNeill (11): "AIDS, it's a generic answer, but isn't true."
- Craig Jackson (12): "Breakfast-it's true."
- Chad Morreau (11): "Religion in schools."
- Ben Brazzell (9): "The economy."
- Chad Kirk (12): "Mislead children."

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Issues such as these will have to be addressed by our generation.

Wallace replaces Dreher as head basketball coach

by Andy Harris
Sports Editor

Much has been made over the hiring of Craig Wallace as Lone Oak's boys head basketball coach. The sudden resignation of Steve Dreher at the end of the '95 school year left Lone Oak in a precarious position. With no teaching openings available, Lone Oak looked within the school for a new head coach. That opened the door for Wallace.

"I always wanted to be a head coach ever since I started coaching," said Wallace. "I feel like I know the Lone Oak program pretty

well. I like the community, the kids, the parents, and the teachers."

At the age of 29, Wallace has been an assistant coach and freshman coach for the last six years. "He was here and he knew the program and the kids," said Principal Wallace Adams. "Of the five candidates he was the best and most qualified."

Once again lack of height is an issue for this year's version of the Flash. However, Wallace does not feel limited by having a small lineup. "We'll work on shooting the ball from the perimeter. We're

not big, but I believe we can still score on the inside," he said.

Yet another year of transition is in store for Lone Oak this year, as Wallace is the third different head coach in the past three years. "We'll be running the same plays," he said, "and I don't plan on making any drastic immediate changes, and if we do make changes, they will be gradual."

Despite the fact that Lone Oak has lost four starters from last year's squad, Wallace's ultimate goal is to make a third consecutive trip to the regional tournament. "If the kids work hard, and



New head basketball coach, Craig Wallace

I know they will, we will have an excellent season," he said.

Experience aids Flash in 3-1 start

by Andy Harris
Sports Editor

What's going on with Lone Oak football? Following two dismal 1-9 seasons, coach Randy Grimes and company have turned the Lone Oak football program from a raving mess into a raving success, jumping out of the gate with an impressive 3-1 record.

What's the difference between the last two seasons and this one? Plain and simple—experience. In past years, when the going got tough, the Flash folded. But now, with a more mature group of juniors and seniors, Lone Oak has come through with two close victories against Marion and Crittenden County. "(Experience) breeds confidence which carries over to practice and games," said Grimes.

The key to continuing their winning ways is keeping the turnovers to a minimum. "We must eliminate the big play on defense. We also must continue our consistency on offense," Grimes said.

Lone Oak opened district play with an embarrassing loss to Calloway County, 41-14. However, the Flash remain optimistic about a berth in the playoffs. "We must believe we can win and con-



Jason Moore is stuffed by a Calloway County player. The Flash lost 41-14.

trol the people we play," stated Grimes.

Lone Oak 14, Marion 12

Lone Oak kicked off the season with a "Flash" against the Marion, Illinois Wildcats. Marion was a make-up game for the Lone Oak following a Ballard forfeit. The Flash reduced the Wildcats to mere kittens as they snapped a nine game losing streak, 14-12.

Despite the score, Lone Oak dominated both sides of the ball. The offensive attack was led by Jason Moore's 190 yards rushing with one touchdown and Marshall Van Hook, who rushed for 127 yards and one TD. Lone Oak compiled 337 yards total offense compared to Marion's 109.

Lone Oak 20, Crittenden County 14

The trio of Marshall Van Hook, Jason

Moore, and Donnie Stone combined for 246 yards rushing as Lone Oak defeated Crittenden, 20-14.

The Flash dominated the first half, taking a commanding 20-0 lead. But the Rockets fought back with 14 straight points to cut the lead to six. Lone Oak ended the threat, however, by recovering an onside kick in the final minute.

Brandon Bahr had two interceptions for the Flash, and Jason Riley added a safety.

Lone Oak 19, Reidland 0

Lone Oak started a football season 3-0 for the first time in 22 years by shutting Reidland down, 19-0.

The game was knotted at 0-0 until late in the second quarter when Jason Moore ran for a 17 yard touchdown to give the Flash a 6-0 halftime lead. In the second half, Donnie Stone broke loose for a 58 yard TD run, and Moore ran for another

touchdown, this time from 34 yards out.

The Lone Oak defense was stifling, holding the Greyhounds to just 72 total yards. Jason Moore led the Flash with a team-high 140 yards rushing.

Calloway County 41, Lone Oak 14

Sam Arnett was a one-man gang against Lone Oak. Arnett threw four touchdown passes and ran for another in the process of ruining the Flash's homecoming.

With only four minutes remaining in the second quarter, Arnett decided to take charge. He connected with Jared Lencki for a 60 yard touchdown pass to give the Lakers the lead for good. Shortly thereafter, a Kyle East punt was blocked, setting up another Arnett TD pass to give Calloway a 21-7 halftime lead.

Jason Moore was the only bright spot for Lone Oak, running for 95 yards on 20 carries with a touchdown.



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L.O.H.S. golf drives into '95 season

by Blake Vandermeulen
Sports writer

BOYS

The LOHS boys golf team began the season with impressive 171-185 victory over Murray High at Rolling Hills Country Club. Justin Gosa led the Flash with a 41 while Wes Ragland and Brett Jones chipped in with 43's and Steve Spence fired a 44 on the par 35 course.

The boys then dropped their next two meets despite two more impressive rounds from Gosa and Matt Carter's best performance of the young season. Gosa shot a four over par 39 at Rolling Hills vs. Heath and a two

over 38 against St. Mary and Graves County at South Highlands while Carter had a 36 at South Highlands.

The boys then took second to St. Mary at a four team meet in Ballard. Gosa once again led the Flash - who were defeated by a single stroke - with an exceptional 1 under par 35.

Lone Oak was then defeated by St. Mary at the Golf Club of Paducah. Gosa led the way with a 4 over 40.

The Purple Flash then took second at a tri-meet with Tilghman and Hickman County. Gosa was once more the leader for the purple and gold with a 39 at Rolling Hills.

The boys golf team has had an abun-

dance of individual successes to this point in the season and if they can put it all together by the time of the regional tournament, they could be a force to be reckoned with.

GIRLS

The Purple Flash girl's golf team has shown great improvement in their first three matches of the season. The girls began the season with a tough 139-161 loss to Murray High at Rolling Hills Country Club. The girls were lead by Allison Heath's 35 for the six hole match. Rae Ann Ragland chipped in with a 38 while Hiedi Seltzer and Erin Lyles shot a 42 and 46, respec-

tively.

Lone Oak was then defeated by a strong Heath squad 211-227 in a nine hole match at Rolling Hills. Ragland had the low score for the Flash with a 53 while Seltzer had a 55 and Heath contributed a 56.

The Lady Flash then lost to Graves County 116-134 at South Highland Country Club. Heath and Ragland lead the Oakers with a 26 and 30 respectively and Lyles had a 35.

Overall the Lady Flash were winless in all three meets even though Heath, Ragland, and Lyles all improved by at least 8 strokes.

Boys and girls soccer teams feel confident to start the season

Cliff Jenks
Sports Writer

Although the boys team has started off with a record of 3-5, and head coach Gregg Vickery is leaving in the middle of the year, don't count out the Flash for the remainder of the season. With an overtime win against Reidland, who the Flash has never beaten before, confidence on the team is very high. The season started out well with senior Nick Stuber scoring a hat trick, beating Lyon County 5-2. After losing three straight games, the Flash bounced back with a win over the Greyhounds including goals by junior Chad Morreau, freshman Les Miller, and the winning goal by Stuber.

Regarding the rest of the regular season, team captian John Fusco said, "We can beat any team in the region if we play our kind of game."

On the loss of Coach Vickery, Jon Camp said, "The loss of Gregg in the middle of the season will be tough."

"We're a tiny team in size, but our ball skills, communication, and passing are the best its ever been," said junior Kyle East.

The girls team has started off with a respectable 5-3 record, with two impressive, high scoring victories. The Lady Flash crushed Lyon County in the season opener 10-3, and another big win against Caldwell. The balanced attack of the Lady Flash augments the excellent keeper work of Sara Cannon. Coach Steve Angeli, who is taking the reigns of the boys team, says that the girls team is "really coming along." He also noted that the team was very disappointed in the



Chad Morreau battles a Christian Fellowship player for the ball. Lone Oak lost 5-0

controversial loss to Reidland. The girls also had three tough games in the span of a week he added. In that week they were 1-2 with a win against Paducah Tilghman.

Boys

Lone Oak 5

Lyon Co. 2

Stuber 3, Hein 17 saves

Marshall Co. 6

Lone Oak 2

Miller 2 assists

Lone Oak 3

St. Mary 0

East, Fusco, Stuber

Christian Co. 4

Lone Oak 1

Caldwell Co. 4

Lone Oak 2

Christian Fellowship 5

Lone Oak 0

Hein 12 saves

Lone Oak 3 (OT)

Reidland 2

Miller, Morreau, Stuber

Heath 3

Lone Oak 2

Girls

Lone Oak 10

Lyon Co. 3

Sarah Steele 2, Stephanie Getz, Carrie Rushing, Jenny Boles, Marie Fort 2, Julie Berens, Melissa Fort, Brandy Gifford

Marshall 1

Lone Oak 0

St. Mary 2

Lone Oak 2

Lone Oak 5

Caldwell 0

Gifford, Steele, Kathy McDaniel, Rushing, Boles

Murray 3

Lone Oak 1

Boles, Sara Cannon 17 saves

Reidland 3

Lone Oak 2

Boles, McDaniel, Cannon 15 saves

Lone Oak 1

Tilghman 0

McDaniel, Cannon 13 saves

Lone Oak 2

Heath 1

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Title IX supporters attempt to kill football

by Blake Vandermeulen
Sports Writer

Title IX is legislation that was meant to eliminate discrimination in educational institutions. The U.S. Office of Civil Rights has three ways for colleges and universities to apply Title IX to their athletic programs: (1) Demonstrate that participation opportunities for each sex are proportional to enrollment; (2) show a history of expansion in the women's athletic program; or (3) demonstrate that the interests and abilities of members of the underrepresented sex [women] have been fully accommodated.

Now females, led by the executive director of the Women's

Sports Foundation Donna Lopiano, are lobbying for football teams to give up scholarships so more scholarships can be freed for women's athletics. Lopiano would like football programs to reduce their scholarships from 85 to 50 or 60 so that more females may receive athletic scholarships.

Over the last five years football programs have already given up ten scholarships in addition to numerous coaching and recruiting positions. Now they want to take away another 25% of the scholarships so sports like women's fencing, women's field hockey, and swimming can have more money. How can this possibly be justified? Football is already the supporter of

these less popular sports and one of the few profitable sports on most college campuses. Why should it have to give up additional cash so the smaller squads can have more.

People wanting to take from football need to understand why the scholarships are needed. Football is a developmental sport in which only about 25% to 30% of the players are ready to play. One must also consider a starting lineup in football consists of at least 24 starters where as a sport like baseball has only nine starters, and basketball five. Thus more players are needed, and since injuries are more frequent in football more reserves are needed. As you can see these scholarships are all

certainly needed.

So what basis do people have for wanting to take more from football? What if all sports had to operate off of the money they bring in? I certainly think that people would want the old system back if they had nothing to operate their programs with. Nothing is exactly what they would have because all of their money comes from big revenue makers like football. Don't get me wrong, I have no problem with football sharing its vast fortunes, however I certainly don't want to see football suffer just so the "welfare" sports can be more prosperous.

Athletes have a tough decision between school and money

By Cliff Jenks
Sports Writer

Money, money, money. Now more than ever, money has become more important to survive in the world. Unfortunately, student-athletes are not given the opportunity to support themselves. It is said that they are too busy earning millions of dollars for their colleges and universities to be able to make a living. A large percentage of these student-athletes come from economically challenged families, and although scholarships pay for their education, many have little or no money to spend on anything else. Because they aren't allowed to have jobs during the school year, the

only solution is to pay the student-athletes.

As I tried to think of athletes who stayed in college all four years, only one recent example came to mind: Illinois defensive end / outside linebacker Simeon Rice, who could have been taken in the early first round decided to stay for his senior season. The Heisman candidate now is playing for a mediocre team, making no money, when he could be playing in the NFL for millions. Why did he stay? He wanted his education, and knew that the money would come later. On the other hand, Kevin Garnett, of the Minnesota

Timberwolves, who bypassed college entirely, might have attended school if he was allowed to hold a job. But he knew that he wouldn't have any money for clothes, anything other than school food, and would never be able to go out with his friends. Instead, he's making millions of dollars with only a high school education. What will he do after the NBA? Unless he goes back to school, probably nothing.

Some may think that paying athletes is only going to take scholarship money away from other deserving students. Without sports programs millions would be lost for the entire university. A tiny portion of the school's revenue

would go to student-athletes, both men and women of all sports. This would allow them to have a little fun at school. They would be able to have clean clothes or buy a CD if they wanted it. Other students are allowed to work, so it's only fair that student-athletes be allowed to either work during the school year, or receive some compensation from the school.

The NCAA desperately needs to change this rule, because if nothing is done, more players will take the path of quick, easy money like Kevin Garnett, then staying at school and getting an education like Simeon Rice.

NBA set to go in '95...or is it?

by Andy Harris
Sports Editor

Three cheers for the NBA. While baseball, football, and hockey have each had their share of labor disputes, the National Basketball Association remained the only major sports league to never have a work stoppage. NBA players voted against a proposal that would have decertified the players' union, thus

saving the 1995-96 season.

The players' union was ready to sign a collective bargaining agreement when a group of players, led by Michael Jordan and Patrick Ewing, protested. In their words, the agreement on the table wasn't good enough. They claimed that signing the agreement would be a step backward, nullifying all past progress by former NBA players.

Is it just me, or wouldn't erasing an entire season be a step backward for the league? Is it not enough for Patrick Ewing that he will be making close to 11 million dollars this season?

Fortunately for the league, though, level heads prevailed. The players voted to keep their union, and everyone involved lived happily ever after. . . . Not so fast!

Most players grudgingly accepted the labor agreement, but some are fighting it. Mitch Richmond, for example, is collecting signatures in hopes of forming a new and separate players' union. If he succeeds, it may spell doom for the '95-'96 season. Will the NBA fall victim to the dreaded labor dispute? Stay tuned.

Athletes of the Month

Golf- Allison Heath, Justin Gosa, Rae Ann Ragland

by Blake Vandermeulen
Sports Writer

Justin Gosa has been named the September Athlete of the Month for boys golf. He was able to establish himself as the clear leader for the Flash early on in the season. Gosa has lead Lone Oak with a 38.7 scoring average through the first half of the season. The sophomore was the low scorer for the Purple Flash in each of their first six meets. Gosa's finest outing of the season came at Ballard C.C. where he shot a 35 on the par 36 course. The one under par score helped Lone Oak secure second place and their best team score of the season. Gosa said the strongest part of his game is his driver while his six through eight irons need the most work. Gosa has been one of the area's finest golfers

all season and looks to have a great chance of reaching his personal goal of the state tournament.

Rae Ann Ragland and Allison Heath are sharing the Athlete of the Month honor for girls golf in the month of September. The senior duo have been the leading scorers for the Purple Flash in each of their first three meets. Heath has lead the Lady Flash in scoring with a 39.0 average, while Ragland is a close second at 40.3. Both players started the season slowly but have picked up their games greatly as the state tournament draws near. Ragland commented neither player notices a competition amongst themselves, but instead both think of the good of the team first. Heading into the state tournament, the senior pair looks to be the leaders of the always improving Lady Flash golf team.

Soccer- John Fusco and Carrie Rushing

By Cliff Jenks
Sports Writer

John Fusco is boys soccer athlete of the month for September. The senior, who plays several positions, is the team captain. Coach Gregg Vickery says that Fusco is a great onfield coach, and plays with great intelligence and effort. On his success, Fusco had this to say, "I have to give a lot of credit to all of my teammates...especially this year's team. But over the last five years I have to give much of the credit to Coach Vickery."

Senior Carrie Rushing is September girls soccer Athlete of the Month.

Rushing, who plays the position of sweeper, had this to say about being named Athlete of the Month, "It is a great honor. There are many other girls on the team more deserving than me." Rushing attributes much of her success to her coaches, Steve Angeli and Rick Fort, who said that Rushing had been working extremely hard over the past month.

"This is our best team ever! We have great leadership from our seniors who are playing great. The underclassmen have shown to be an incredible help," said Rushing about the team.

Football- Craig Peeler

by Andy Harris
Sports Editor

There is only one word to describe Craig Peeler — aggressive. His senior leadership and tremendous attitude have been at the heart of Lone Oak's 3-1 start. That is why he has been named football Athlete of the Month for September.

Peeler averages nine tackles a game as starting linebacker and has also specialized in the occasional kickoff return, including a long run against Calloway County.

According to head coach Randy Grimes, there is more to Peeler than just his defensive prowess. His work ethic, unselfishness, and belief in the program sets him apart from other players on the team. "His aggressiveness has become contagious," said Grimes.



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Doreen Schult

Roland Pabel

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By Ashley Small
Opinion Writer

For most of us the thought of whisking off to a foreign country is only a dream or a desire that wells up in us in the midst of a heated argument between you and your parents over curfews, boyfriends, or something. Though the majority of us will never jaunt off to another country, there are a few foreign exchange students who have, and for the next few months they will call Paducah, Kentucky and Lone Oak High School home.

There are five foreign exchange students this year here at L.O.H.S. They have come here from all over the world to get a little taste of the U.S. **Doreen Schult** and **Roland Pabel** from Germany, **Helen Adams** from Australia, **Trine Green** from Denmark and **Sasiphen Klainmanee** from Thailand.

Schult's notes there are obviously many differences between Germany and America. Simple things that Americans take so for granted are a very big deal there, such as McDonalds. They have very few of them in Germany! Most U.S. citizens would be going through fastfood withdrawal after about one week there.

"Schools in Germany are much different than here. The curriculum and the teachers are very strict." **Doreen** also said, "At times the way the American school day is scheduled, is a bit boring. In Germany the schedule changes from day to day, which makes it more interesting." **Schult** has already graduated from her school in Germany, so many of the things she studies here are a review for her. Basically, teenagers don't change much from country to country.

Schult and her friends like going to the movies, eating out, going to youth clubs, and attending dance clubs.

Adams is an eighteen year old from Australia. She is very athletic. At home she is involved in basketball, volleyball, softball, and life guarding. While in the U.S. she keeps herself busy by playing basketball for L.O.H.S. **Adams** and her friends from 'down under' would fit in pretty well. They enjoy doing a lot of the same things, such as going to the beach, camping out, playing sports, and just hanging around their town.

Adams was most surprised by the two thing Americans do most often. It should not be to hard to figure these out: watching television and eating out. She also said, "The main difference in American schools and Australian schools is the amount of homework." Most American students think they are going to die because teachers have bogged them down with sooooo much home work. According to **Adams** though, we get much less homework than she does at home.

Adams ended up here in good old Paducah through an organization called EF Foundation. They matched her up with a family who had similar interests as her and who happened to live here in Lone Oak. She will be here in the U.S. for about ten months.

Pabel is from Cologne, Germany. "Unlike a lot of sixteen year old boys, I am not very interested in sports." He enjoys spending his time working with computers, mathematics and astronomy. **Pabel** also states that teenagers in Germany are not much different than American teens. They enjoy doing similar things, such as, going to the movies, playing mini golf, and just hanging out with friends.

Pabel had no big surprises about the U.S.; he had read a lot of books about it and his older brother had also been a part of an exchange student program to the U.S. The school system in America is much different from the one in Germany. **Pabel** stated, "The classrooms in Germany are packed; they have at least thirty students in each one. Students do not have a lot of control over their own schedule. They can only choose the second language they wish to learn and one additional subject, such as, computer science." **Pabel** also said, "We have no Flex Time, no school buses, and we do not get as many bonus points as they do." **Pabel** chose six states here in the U.S. A family here in Paducah picked him. He will be staying here for five months. The first week of January he will return home to Germany.

Green comes from Denmark and will be in the United States until the middle of June. **Green** actually wanted first to go to New Zealand, but they could only accept a certain number of exchange students. So, to make a long story short, she was chosen by a family here in Paducah.

Interestingly enough, the most surprising thing for **Green** was the fact that we eat donuts, muffins, waffles, or cereal for breakfast. She enjoys hanging out with friends, going to the movies, shopping, and going to parties. She is also very involved in a handball team at home.

In Denmark, the students graduate from school after only nine years. **Green** stated, "They also have a different schedule every day of the week, so students will not get so tired of the same old routine. Although we go into the same classroom with the same people almost every school day.

Klainmanee is a sixteen year old from Thailand. She seems to have been well prepared for the United States and was not surprised by the American culture. Seeing as how she enjoys playing tennis, she came to the right school. **Klainmanee**, like most teenagers, also enjoys going to the mall and the movies.

She was designated to go somewhere in the Midwest area. Her host parents chose her from the application, pictures, and a portfolio which contained her likes and dislikes which she sent.

Klainmanee said, "In Thailand, the students are not permitted to choose their own classes for themselves. The school system chooses all their classes for us." **Klainmanee** will be in America for ten months before she heads back home for Thailand.

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THREE NEW TEACHERS MAKE THEIR LONE OAK DEBUT

A lot of changes have been taking place over the last year. Many of the teachers have moved on to other schools. Many more have joined our

staff here. Debbie Masden is now the J.V. Cheerleader Sponsor in place of Pam Rafferty Carol Stubblefield has started teaching Home Economics.

Todd Thomas, new to Lone Oak, has assumed the D.E. job and and 9th grade football coach. Craig Wallace has also accepted the job as head boys

basketball coach. Gus Wolverton (also new) has accepted classes such as media, ICP, and other special projects.

Gus Wolverton

by David Carmichael
Business/Advertising Manager

A new teacher here at LOHS, Mr. Gus Wolverton has already become a known face in the hallways. Wolverton teaches ICP classes as well as other special projects such as the TV announcements. Teaching an assortment of all classes and grades, Wolverton has set forth many expectations for his career here at Lone Oak. He says he has "been impressed by the friendly atmosphere created jointly by the faculty and students."

When asked why he sought to become a teacher, Wolverton replied, "I've always enjoyed the learning and discovery process, and sharing those experiences with others is especially rewarding." He tries to pattern his teaching methods after a college math professor who "felt that any learning was better than no learning at all."

Wolverton said that, like most students and faculty, he was looking forward to the completion of new facilities. He feels that the most important teaching aspect is viewing learning as a lifelong and on-going process.

On the lighter side, Wolverton enjoys reading, playing golf, watching things grow, and also enjoys eating fresh fruit - straight from the tree. Wolverton has attended Union City High School, University of Tennessee at Knoxville, University of Tennessee at Martin, and Murray State University.

Todd Thomas

by J. R. Young
Circulation Manager

If you are taking any business classes this year, you may already be familiar with Mr. Todd Thomas. Still, there is much you don't know about this first year teacher. Thomas is currently

teaching retailing classes and supervising the senior co-op program. He is also certified to teach PE, which he taught for one semester in Carbondale along with algebra and geometry part-time. His entire teaching resume includes substituting in college, and two and a half years of part-time teaching.

Thomas lived in Lone Oak for seven months previously before returning to take this teaching job. He said his students had been cooperative with him, making his first year at a new school easier. He also credits his fellow teachers and faculty with helping him to fit in. His favorite aspect of teaching is being able to help influence young minds, and being part of the community. His work experience out in the business world after college is what inspired him to become a teacher. This experience of working in the business world brings him knowledge that he can pass on to his students. He credits the fact that he wanted to be able to help others as what made him desire to become a

teacher.

Favorite pastimes of Thomas' are running, biking, softball, surfing, frisbee, gardening, and doing farm work. His mother and step-father currently reside in southern Illinois where his mom works as an insurance broker. His favorite book is The Bible, his favorite movie is Point Break, and his favorite song is "Dreams" by Van Halen.

Thomas says he would like best to be remembered as someone who was there to assist others when they needed help, and as someone who lives life with a passion. This is only his first year, but it appears he's already started out on the right foot.

Carol Stubblefield

by Blake Vandermeulen
Sports Writer
Lone Oak High School has gotten



From left to right: Mr Gus Wolverton, Mrs. Carol Stubblefield, and Mr. Todd Thomas

back one of its own, Mrs. Carol Stubblefield, who replaces Mrs. Potts in the Home Economics department. Mrs. Stubblefield began her career at Lone Oak as an aid in 1987 and has returned this year to fill the position. After spending two years here as an aid she took a job at Heath where she was a teacher until this year. This year she has five classes of which two are relationships classes, one is an adult living class, and the remaining two are foods classes. Mrs. Stubblefield had this to say about her return, "I'm glad to be back. This really doesn't seem like a new school for me since I know most of the people." Mrs. Stubblefield lives here in Lone Oak and has two sons who are both graduates of L.O.H.S. She graduated from Western Kentucky with a degree in Home Economics. When not at school she enjoys gardening.

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Homecoming Court: Standing, from the left: Julie Burnett, Erica Cannon, Teri Dawes, Sarah Steele, Paige Ruoff (Queen), Abby Brazzell, Misty Anderson, and Lauren Perry. Sitting, left to right: Heather Cook, Jennifer Dunn, and Nikki Key. Congratulations!

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The class attendants from left to right: Heather Cook (freshman), Jennifer Dunn (sophomore), and Nikki Key (junior). Congratulations!

Homecoming Queen:

Paige Ruoff

Junior Attendant:

Nikki Key

Sophomore Attendant:

Jennifer Dunn

Freshman Attendant:

Heather Cook



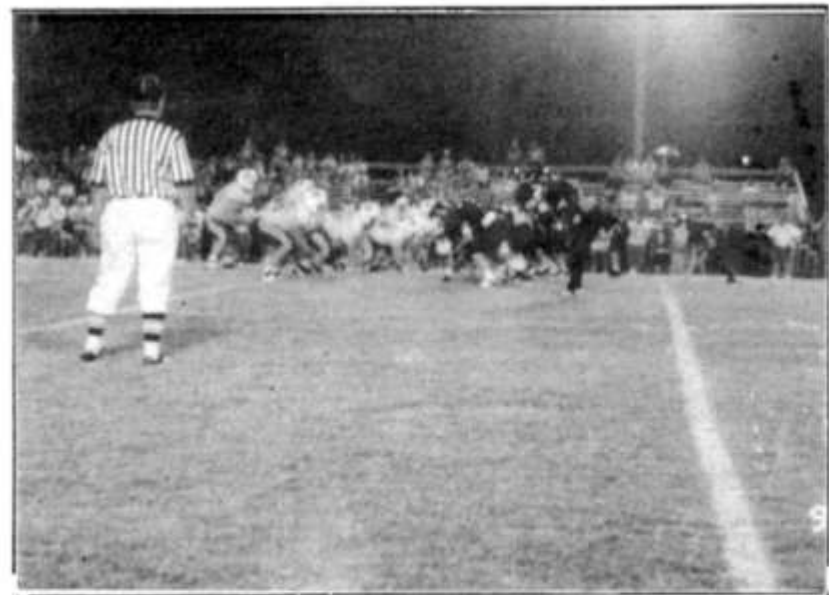
Homecoming Queen Paige Ruoff smiles at the camera, modeling her crown.

*The Queen's
Majestic Court:*

- Julie Burnett*
- Erica Cannon*
- Teri Dawes*
- Sarah Steele*
- Abby Brazzell*
- Misty Anderson*
- Lauren Perry*



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