

Seniors honored for excellent careers at LOHS



Valedictorian Stephanie Getz

Ms. Stephanie Nichol Getz, daughter of Pat Gourieux and Bob Getz, is one of LOHS's three valedictorians.

Getz has been active since childhood when she chewed the tongue and an eye off of her stuffed frog. She also enjoyed playing with her "Dukes of Hazard" car. Since then, Getz has been active at LOHS with the girls soccer team, track, Beta Club, Art Club, Art Honor Society, FCA, and academic team. She has received an honorable mention to the All-Region Soccer Team, the Juror's Art Award at Regionals in 1994, was a Governor's Scholar in 1995 and a Hoby Youth Leadership Ambassador in 1994.

Getz credits all of her teachers for her success at LOHS, but most especially art teacher Mrs. Hayden. Getz says that she has spent a lot of time talking with Mrs. Hayden "sometimes about art, but mostly about other things."

Getz will attend the University of Kentucky in the fall on the Presidential Scholarship and the Valedictorian Scholarship. She plans on majoring in mathematics in secondary education because of her interest in explaining math problems. After college, Getz says she hopes to get a teaching job, possibly in the Paducah area.

For those underclassmen who plan on attending college, Getz said, "Take the ACT/SAT early so if you mess up, you have time to improve. Also, I think the most important thing I think is not to put scholarship essays off to the last minute. Also, be honest, be yourself, and be creative."

Lastly, Getz said to the members of the class 1996, "I want to wish everyone good luck in whatever you decide to pursue, and everyone going to U.K. next year, I'll see you there. I hope you are excited as I am."



Valedictorian Allison Heath

"When I was really young, I didn't like toys unless someone was there to play with me. All I liked to do was watch t.v. - my favorite show was Mr. Roger's," said valedictorian Allison Brooks Heath. Well, Heath has had a beautiful four years in the LOHS neighborhood, being involved in numerous organizations including Art Club, Beta Club, FCA, Key Club, Physical Science Club, Choir, Yearbook Staff, golf team, P.S.I. Teen Leader Program, Student Council, Freshman vice-president, Sophomore vice president, and Senior class treasurer, and Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Heath resides with her parents Wells and Malissa Heath, and her brother freshman Jeff Heath. She has lived in Lone Oak all her life and calls Paducah, "a nice town- not too isolated, not too big."

Heath says she will remember all of her good friends after high school because of the fun and support they provide. As far as faculty is concerned, Heath lists Mr. Murphy and Mr. Whitley as two instructors who have made her years at LOHS more interesting.

Heath will attend Georgetown College in the fall on the Georgetown College Trustees' Scholarship, Georgetown Christian Leadership Scholarship, and the Wal-Mart Scholarship. She plans on majoring in pharmacy or possibly accounting, and hopes to be starting a job or in U.K.'s School of Pharmacy in five years.

Heath advised students to look at many prospective colleges, and to narrow down the choices to three or four by the start of one's senior year. She added, "Enjoy it- high school is a very short four years."

Heath lists her favorite movie as *Forrest Gump*, her favorite book as the Bible and her favorite *Oak K* staff member as Anu.



Valedictorian Craig Jackson

Mr. Steven Craig Jackson, Jr. is the male contribution to LOHS's valedictory speeches on graduation night. Jackson resides with his parents Steve and Brenda, his younger sister Lucy and his dog Sandy.

Jackson let his intelligence shine at a young age, choosing educational shows to watch such as *Chips and Spidey and Friends*. He also enjoyed playing his Atari game system.

More recently, other than being a permanent fixture featured in *The Oak K*, Jackson has been vice president of the Beta Club, historian and secretary of the Art Club and vice president of the Physical Science Club. Jackson also attended the Governor's Scholars Program, won 3rd place in the photography caption at the 1996 Regional Art Show, 1st place Spanish Written I at Foreign Language Festival, and 2nd place Spanish Written II the next year.

Jackson lists teachers who have been very important to his as Mr. Toy (who wrote him up in Drama Class for throwing a penny across the room), Mr. Buckner, Mr. Werner, Mr. Baker, Mrs. Hayden, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Masden and Mr. McGroarty.

In the fall, Jackson will be attending Washington University in St. Louis, having full tuition plus \$1000 being paid. He hopes to major in either Anthropology or Psychology, saying that he is "just interested in people and how they work." Jackson advises students to bother the college of their choice and to show them that you care.

Jackson lists his favorite movie and book as *Dune*, favorite food as cheese, favorite politician as John Fusco, and favorite *Oak K* staff member as Ashley Small.



Salutatorian Kelly Williams

Ms. Kelly Elizabeth Williams is LOHS's 1996 salutatorian. Williams resides with her parents Rick and Jane Williams and her younger sister Caroline.

Williams has attended Lone Oak schools since kindergarten and she sums up her her fellow Lone Oak students in a single word - diverse. Williams cites her friend and fellow senior Jessie Ballowe as a person she will remember from high school well for, "the zillions of times Jesse has tripped or pushed me in front of our other friends." As far as staff goes, Williams says that her upper level math teachers - Mrs. Masden and Mr. Franklin - were very helpful because of the encouragement they provided her.

Throughout her years at LOHS Williams has been received several honors, including Who's Who Among American High School Students, United States Achievement Academy Award for Mathematics, All American Scholar, Academic Excellence Award, and Outstanding Student. She has also been involved with the Beta Club, FCA, Band, Medical Explorers, and the "In-School" Tutoring program.

Williams received a Biology Scholarship and an Academic Alumni Scholarship to the University of Evansville in Evansville, Indiana. Currently, she plans on majoring in physical therapy. She became interested in that field a few years ago when she received therapy for a knee injury.

For underclassmen planning on attending college, Williams felt that it was of the utmost importance to spend a night at every college that one is interested in because it really helps show what the atmosphere at that school is like.

Finally, the Andy Griffith loving senior said of her years at LOHS, "It's been fun, but I'm ready to move on."

Congratulations Class of '96!

Stories by Cliff Jenks

Post-graduation party sure to be great fun for seniors

by Anu Manchikanti
News Writer/Photographer

Got the Grad Nite blues? Not likely after 13 years of school, but following graduation, there's always Project Graduation to look forward to. Originally started to prevent drinking and inappropriate behavior after graduation, the program has expanded to one last chemical-free blowout for all seniors.

Project Graduation will start at 11:00 P.M. and run until about 5:30 A.M. Once the guests have arrived, they will be bombarded with fun activities such as a volleyball tournament, derby race, board games, casino

games, a karaoke machine and more. To satisfy those appetites, a variety of food, including pizza, sandwiches, fruit, fresh veggies and ice cream, will be served.

Senior parents can be thanked for taking on this worthy activity. They completely plan the night, under the leadership of Chairman Chuck Robertson and his wife. Mr. Rushing feels this is such a great program for one main reason. "This is probably the last time they [the seniors] will be together as a class at an all-night party funded by the community and the businesses."

Former gang members show LOHS students that it is "never too late."


By Ashley Small
Opinion Writer

On May 3 a number of LOHS students filed into the gym for a very unique assembly. This assembly was definitely different than any other because it wasn't really an assembly but a concert, performed by former gang member Geronimo, Lonnie Big Dog and Samantha. The group's concert consisted of many popular songs which they altered to give them a Christian message. These three singers/rappers are originally from Fort Worth, Texas, where they sing in their inner-city church. Many members of this church were originally in gangs, so at

first the church tried to reach out to just at come from middle income families were dealing with similar issues. This provoked the group of singers to start reaching out to students from every walk of life and now they travel all over the country singing, rapping and talking to teens about the love of God for free.

They performed not only for LOHS students but also for PTHS students. While they were in Paducah they also held a concert in the parking lot of K-Mart. Now the singers are heading to Hawaii to continue sharing their message and helping out other students.

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SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS OF '96



by David Carmichael
Business/Advertising Manager



Once again, Lone Oak has been fortunate enough to have a large number of graduates to receive scholarships to some local, as well as out-of-state colleges. The following are their names and scholarships earned: **Julie Burnett**, PJC Academic Scholarship; **Matthew Cooper**, PJC Academic Scholarship, Ballard Rule Telephone Corporation Scholarship; **Mary Beth Fagan**, PJC Academic Scholarships; **Megan Jackson**, PJC Academic Scholarship; **Chris McIntosh**, Kirk Fairhurst Memorial Scholarship; **Jeremy Modglin**, Brockenborough Scholarship; **Christopher Richards**,

Herman Jewell Robertson Memorial Scholarship; **Paige Rouff**, PJC Academic Scholarship, U of L Scholarship; **Nicholas Stuber**, PCC Employee Dependent Scholarship; **John West**, Lone Oak Lions Club Scholarship; **Nancy Wilson**, Dick Fairhurst Memorial Scholarship; **Heather Woodley**, Westvaco Foundation; **Sarah Steel**, athletic and academic scholarships; **Stephen Spence**, Academic Scholarship to MSU; **Megan Jackson**, Academic Scholarship to PCC; **Jeff Shaffer**, McCracken County Soul Conservation Scholarship; **Kristie Garrett**, Athletic and Academic Scholarships to

Bethal College; **Jennifer Williams**, Eta Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society, Western Kentucky University, UK Scholarships; **Stephanie Getz**, UK Scholarship; **Patrick Kaufman**, MSU Scholarships; **Chrystal Galloway**, Presidential Scholarship to U of L, National Merit Scholarship, Governor's School of Arts Scholarship; **Julie Burnett**, PCC Scholarship, Professional Secretary Scholarship; **Ashley Acord**, UK Commonwealth; **KAPOS** Cheerleading Scholarship, PCC Scholarship; **Bethany Williams**, scholarships to UK and U of L. **Stephanie Getz** and **Allison Heath** were also

given honors from the Department of Education for their distinguished and proficient in all areas. Congratulations to all of these. Mr. Griffith, as of the deadline for this article, estimated that over \$100,00 has been won this year in scholarships. Again, congratulations to all of these receivers, and good luck in your college endeavours.



Jones exits in style

by J.R. Young
Circulation Manager

Mrs. Jones over the years has become an ever present and dependable part of Lone Oak High School's faculty. Her guidance has helped not only many students through tough and confusing times, but teachers alike. For the past 29 years Mrs. Jones has dedicated her life to education, a good chunk of that at Lone Oak. However, now an era comes to an end as Mrs. Jones has announced her retirement at the end of this school year.

Her educational career began by obtaining her Bachelors Degree in health and P.E. and later earning her Masters in guidance and counseling, both of these at Murray State. In 1967-68 she taught gym at LeRue County, then the following year she moved to LOHS.

Now, twenty-eight years later, she has come to the point in her career where she has done all she wanted to. "I love my job, but

I want to travel and try another career," Mrs. Jones commented. This other career is real estate, and she also said she would like to spend more time on yard work.

As her years of work at Lone Oak come to an end, all teachers agree that she will be sorely missed. Comments about her by other teachers ranged from "Efficient" to "Dependable" to "Wow!" Her fellow school counselor, Mr. Griffith, spends most of his time working with Mrs. Jones and when asked how she has helped replied, "I don't believe there is anyone easier to work with."

So, after all these years of dedicated service, does she have any regrets? "No," said Mrs. Jones, "I have always worked hard and I believe you can do almost anything if you're willing to work at it." Her career has been long and rewarding, and the loss of her presence will leave a vacant space in the soul of Lone Oak.



Mrs. Jones, retiring after 28 years at LOHS

Richards named May's Junior Rotarian

by David Carmichael
Business/Advertising Manager

The opportunity to learn new things, participate in a team sport, and socializing with friends are among the best parts of school for this month's Junior Rotarian, Chris Richards. Richards was a very talented attribute to this year's LOHS football team. He made the West Kentucky All Star Football Team, as well as the West Kentucky All Conference Team.

Through hard work and dedication, Chris has earned many scholastic awards, including the Academic Performance Award at the Fall Sports Banquet. He says that his parents, Don and Karol Richards, have helped him to be so successful in school. "My parents have always encouraged me to work hard and my teachers have pushed me to do my best."

Richards plans to major in the field of engineering. He foresees himself attending PCC, and then moving on to the University



Junior Rotarian Chris Richards

of Kentucky. In asked what advice he would recommend to underclassmen, Richards stated "...to work hard in their classes, but also to take time to enjoy them." Congratulations, Chris!

Carmichael named band member of the month

by Blake Vandermeulen
Sports/Staff Writer

Determination. This one word best sums up the Band Member of the Month for May, David Carmichael. "Big Dave" plays the baritone in the concert and marching bands and he works on expanding his skills by playing the tuba in the symphonic band.

Band director Mr. Light had this to say about the sophomore, "(Dave) is a fine person, hardworker and fine musician. Dave will do whatever it takes to make himself a better musician and make the band program better." When asked why Carmichael thought he received this honor he said his continuous pursuit of perfection drives him to be the best, and this pursuit has resulted in the honor.

"The ability to be able to express my feelings about music with other people who feel the same way," Carmichael says is his favorite part about band and music.

Mr. Light says he wishes everyone in band was as dedicated as David. David says his goal for the rest of his career is to conquer the mighty Cliff Jenks in chair placement



Sophomore David Carmichael

tryouts.

Carmichael plans on attending either Murray St. or Kentucky after his final two years at LOHS. In college he plans on studying education with an emphasis on music.

Lone Oak Students Participate in PSI

By Ashley Small
Opinion Writer

With STD's running rampant and the teenage pregnancy rate skyrocketing, several students here at LOHS have become aware of the need to educate the LOMS students of the great risks involved in becoming sexually active. The students are part of a program known as PSI or Postponing Sexual Involvement. These students are: Shannon

Settles, Emily Johnson, Daniel Bailey, Teri Dawes, Lee Titsworth, Allison Heath, Kristy Smith, Chad Morreau, Erin Hubbard, Clint Hudson, Julie Enck and Paige Rouff. These twelve students have spent every Thursday for the past five weeks with the students at the middle school. They split up into groups of three PSI leaders for each classroom and explain how to say 'no' and the risks involved if you say 'yes' to sex.

While these PSI leaders are in the

classroom, they become the teachers. They really educate these students of the importance involved in the decisions they will have to make sometime in the future about becoming sexually active. They have the students act out skits, answer questions and watch videos during the class period.

Of course while this is a serious topic, when you're dealing with middle schoolers, there is a pretty constant giggle going on in the classroom. All in all though, the students

really enjoy the class and are attentive.

The PSI leaders all seem to feel strongly about this program. When asked what he thought of the program Lee Titsworth said, "In PSI we really do something worthwhile. We teach people not only the physical but also the mental results of premarital sex. After all if you have sex there's not a 100% chance you'll get AIDS, but if you do get AIDS there is a 100% chance you'll die."

Senior Wills

I, _____, being of sound mind and body do hereby bequeath the following....

A-D

Ashley Acord- My great cheerleading memories to Shannon Powell + Lindsey Fesmire, to Dawn Simmons I leave my great times as a senior, + Casey Powell, babe, I'm taking you with me.

Tabitha Adams- My parking space, my locker, my life-long friendship and love to my red-headed little sister, Stacy. I'll even give her Ol' Betsy (my Cavalier). Take good care of her.

Abby Brazzell- All of my high school years to my brother, Ben, and his best friend, Carl Walter, because I want them to have as much fun as I have had and to make smart choices for themselves in the future.

Tiffany Renee Bridge- My FFA speeches, my paperback books for English, and the hope that you have more happy memories than I had to my little sister, Becky. Good Luck and I love Ya'.

Sara Cannon- To Autumn, my parking space, to Lorre, all the hacks he can bear, to Jenn, my chucks. To Shelly and Lisa, the mall, and I will buy Missy and Erin a corndog.

Beth Collins- My Soccer memories to KT, Whit, Stewart, and Jenny, and Murph to Red Boy and Jon.

I, Teri Dawes, being of sordid mind and body, will my ability to mold my face into unusual contortions to Manda (think library). I leave my memories (good and bad) to Carrie, Jennifer, Linnie, and fellow PSI leaders, I miss you.

Brandon Driver- My seat in choir to Aaron Watkins and my parking spots to Brent Garott. All other items can go to all seniors on the five year program.

G-J

Chrystal Galloway- To Ann MerryDeath and Emily, the art of perfect revenge + my killer parking space. Zack Miller, Steak'N'Shake heck. Anu, Andy, and the '97 Oak K staff- warm, fuzzy memories. And to those who *attempted* to disturb my peace of mind, the curse of being an unemployed, unenlightened you for the rest of your life.

Tony Gamboa-my dumb parking spot to my brother Simon Gamboa, and anything else of value; locker, books, etc.

Ben Gross-my chemistry II book to Mike Richards and my great personality to Missy Perry.

Audra Hall-my seat as Senior First Soprano in Chamber Choir to Heather DeBord, my love and friendship to all departing seniors. And my eternal love and gratitude to Ronnie Riley. I'll see you all on CMT.

Brian Harland-my ability to tick people off to Anthony Hughes, my lunch table to C. J. and Kyle, and my parking spot to Joe Martin.

I, Molly Harper being of not-too-sound mind and way-too-sound body leave the following stuff to-Autumn Pate, full ownership of "Viva la Spam." -Anu, a copy of "101 Ways to Run Up Stairs Wailing." -Julie Thrasher, the "Aunt Ethel" dress. -Cliff and Blake, a tank full of coral fish. And to my beautiful sister, Manda, my sense of humor. The legacy continues...

Kathy Heflin-to Erin my locker, and my good grades that I make. To Mrs. Harper my goofiness and sense of humor. Good luck next year.

Shae Houser-to Andy Berens and Scott Bryant more track fun, to Matt Upshaw a new little friend, to Susan Burnette a permanent spot in AP gym, and to Danielle Vincent our "clean" outfield discussions.

I, Mary Howard, of questionable sanity and decorative body do hereby bequeath to Shelley my ability to use big words to confuse simple minded people. Missy: my ability to break into dance irrationally. Autumn: all the milk, tattoos, and piercing you could want.

Russ Hurley-I will everything to Choda.

Craig Jackson-I will everything to my sister, Lucy Jackson, who is Da Bomb!

K-N

Christy Kaufman-the ability to park in teachers' parking places to Linley "G." I'll leave everything to you Linley (it isn't much). Good luck!

Heather Lacey-my parking space and locker to anybody, my memories to Tonya and Sarah and to Coach Grimes, thanks for everything.

Abey Martin-to Joe, I leave my parking spot way in the back and hope that he has better luck parking the Volvo. To Kyle I leave the locker on the wrong side of the building. To Anthony I leave the book I wrote my research paper on Breakfast of Champions, which I'm sure he'll find amazing.

Brandon Martin-my ability to make good grades without studying to Andy Berens, and a stick of deodorant to Mike Richards.

Deanna Masden-cheers to Lindsey, Shannog, and Dawn and the fun of being VP to Brandy, and a great senior year to Casey. Why don't you come with us?

Angie McCune-my house to Chris and Jacob so they have some place to go, to Susan I leave what I have been blessed with, to Kelly my license, to Whitney my telephone.

Kathy McDaniel-a great soccer season and all the great times to Katie Hunter.

Jessica Miller-to Lynn Jalkh-dates that arrive on time; to Carrie Robinson-the gorgeous boyfriend I never had; to Suzanna Stoll-a hot pink t-shirt with oime green stretch pants and to everyone else-chemistry for two years!

Brian Mize-my ability to recite movies to Stacy T., my sense of humor to Missy P., and my chemistry notes to Cris K.

Traci Niccum-all our good and bad times, and memories of high school to Tonya Traylor.

R-W

Amanda Rose Ransom-to Autumn Stanley I will the strength to withstand the ignorance and prejudice of the mundane majority of LOHS students.

Cheri Rideout-Shellie Cooper-my "way back-yonder" parking space; Alan Rideout-my bottomless, handleless locker; Josh Reeves-my ability to make an excuse for any tardy or absence; Everyone else-my blessing to party and have a great Senior year!

Rebecca Roberts-Julie Sims my sense of direction; Amanda Campbell, Whitney Knall, and Kile Sanderson my suave Spanish skills; Linley Gay a health department kit; and everybody else, have fun.

Paige Ruoff-to Anu Manchikanti: my extraordinary work ethic, to Ben Ruoff: The hope that his high school experience will be as good as mine has been, to my PSI pals: a great time not having too good of a time, to Lee: a clean page to write on.

Carrie Rushing-my soccer number and good times to Katie Hunter, my captain to Jenny Boles and all my good times to Shannon and Lindsey.

Jason Schaefer-my books to Clint Hudson and my parking spot to Angela Thompson

Shanon Settels-my parking spot, antifreeze leaks and all to Erin Hubbard, to Audrey Cunningham, I leave my ability to laugh at just about anything, and to Sarah Settles, I leave all my memories.

Tara Shelby-to Anu Manchikanti all of our fun times at Beta Convention, to Julie Thrasher my position as reporter, and to Manda Harper my seat in the cafeteria. Look out for those falling tiles!

Amy Smallwood-my good grades and my ability to skip flex without getting caught to Melissa. Rachel, I'll send you a postcard, and you can have everything else.

Steven Spence-everything (including the Bullet) to Chode, Ellis, and Deaton.

Zane Stanfill-good/bad times as a senior to Star and Ellis. My hair to Trussell, the \$2.00 incident to Vince, Spider killer to Jamie Lyles, quarters to Liz Bray, and everything else to Chode.

Jeremy Turner-to JABA THE HUT-a box of Twinkies, to Nathan Miller-the guts to skip school, to Tiffany-all my love, I love you darlin'.

Andy Walker-my classes and my attitude to my sister Meranda, my locker, the fun times, and my heart to Nicole.

Brittain West-a place in school to Anthony Hughes. To Robert Byer I leave some coordination, and to Kyle East I leave half a brain, God knows he needs it.

I, Shawna R. Williams, being of dysfunctional but humorous mind and body do hereby will to A.M. and Emily my ability to laugh at what the masses deem insults.

CLASS '96 OF



Senior Honor Students: 1st row, L to R: Wendy Wexler, Tiffany Bridge, Lisa Jalkh, Kathy McDaniel, Doreen Shultz. 2nd: Tara Shelby, Allison Heath, Jeremy Modglin, Kelly Williams, Mary Beth Fagan, Shae Houser, and Matt Cooper. 3rd: Steven Spence, Chad Joiner, Ben Gross, Craig Jackson, and Dallin Birch.

No Sentimentality Here

by Shawna R Williams
Assistant Editor

Alright, let's make this short and not-quite-saccharine-sweet. There's no way I can confess to getting all teary-eyed and sentimental when I think back on my high school experience. Well, let me think. . . I spent the entire time broke, exhausted, misunderstood, mocked, and for the most part, alone. Nope, no sentimentality here.

But, I have to admit it was a truly *learning* experience. No, I don't mean learning as in the Pythagorean Theorem or the ability to dissect and analyze the syntax of the vernacular jargon of *Silas Marner*. I mean learning in the emotional, spiritual sense. High school taught me to fight, to depend and lean mainly on myself, and to not care what the general populous thought of me. To fellow loners and freaks who are still struggling with this, here's a little trick I learned. When a group of people decide to be your tormentors for the day, think to yourself, "Do these people's opinions really matter to me?" I learned that someone I don't love or respect can't insult me. Besides that, most high-schoolers childish verbal attacks are not really all that witty.

Yes, there were a few brief moments of happiness and transcendental illumination within the walls of academe: the meeting of another enlightened spirit, the respect of an overly demanding instructor, the joy of finding an actual book of real literary merit in the school library hiding behind all the books on sewing and detective stories. I'm not going to get into any personal anecdotes, narrating the details of my life for the past few years. You don't want to hear it and I don't want you to

know. I would just like to say that this post-secondary school that we all must endure is one of the most difficult, frightening, elemental times of our lives. Never again will we be in the spotlight as much as we are now. Never again will what we wear and what we say determine our rank so quickly again. Never again will we have so many enemies and so many comrades. Never again will we be in the smelly, slippery, dangerous, and exquisite limbo of let-loose adolescence, on our own but with the comfort of the family so close. And I am happy to say I overcame its shallowness and penetrated its spidery murks.

Fellow reader, are you confused yet? I thought so. Well, don't expect enlightenment from me. One last thing: I don't believe in guilt, regret, vengeance, revenge, or any form of get-back-at-ya's. I never was one to hold a grudge against those who have tried to do me wrong at one point or another. I was always able to swallow my animosity, look my enemy in the face and say, "It doesn't really matter. It's not important enough to me to fight over." Outside of these drab walls I led a great life embarking on many intellectual adventures, spiritual dances and cosmic chess games with the Steppenwolf. But in high school, I've just fought to keep my head above water. All in all, let bygones be bygones, I would like to extend my hand in compromise and good faith to all those whom I never "got along" with before, merely under the pretense that we were all in the same boat together and what a ride it was. Can't say I'll miss you, though.



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Senior Outstanding Students: 1st row, L to R: Jill Griffith, Allison Heath, Shae Houser, Shannon Settles, Jessie Ballowe, Kelly Williams, Stephanie Getz, and Tiffany Bridge. 2nd: Tara Shelby, Mary Beth Fagan, Teri Dawes, Kathy McDaniel, Beth Collins, Abby Brazzell, Mandy Flournoy, Julie Burnett, Deana Masden, Doreen Shultz. 3rd: Ben Gross, Chad Joiner, Trine Green, Monica Doyle, Amiee Willet, Carrie Cummings, Dallin Birch, and Sarah Steele. 4th: Ben Upshaw, David Beck, Matt Cooper, Noah Jacques, Paige Ruoff, Craig Jackson, and Anthony Jones. 5th row: Chad Kirk, Jacob Harper, Chrystal Galloway, and Amanda Ransom.

The Future Awaits....

By Tara Shelby
Opinion Editor

Although it is hard to believe, graduation is just around the corner, but I don't want my senior editorial to turn into some sappy, tear-jerking, melodramatic cryfest. I simply want to take this time to thank everyone who has supported me for the past four years.

Molly, Chrystal, and Shawna have certainly made class interesting. The sounds of you three fighting out the "Great Sports Debate" with the "Jordan Worshipers" will be forever etched in my memory. (To those who missed it, they were debating the importance, or lack thereof, that athletics plays on society. I'm sure you can guess who was on whose side.)

And I will never forget Anu and Ashley. Don't let the guys run over you next year. Follow in our lead and show them who's

boss.

As for all of my non-journalism friends, you will all be missed. High school wouldn't have been the same without "our" table in the cafeteria, where Craig Jackson's descriptions of what the school food *really* is, and Manda and Molly's sarcasm was enough to brighten anyone's day. Wendy, I have only a few words to leave you with, and they are: When making chocolate chip cookies remember to bake not broil.

And to all my teachers (I'm referring mainly to those who gave me A's) thanks for all.



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.....And she soars away laughing into the moonbeams.

By Chrystal Galloway

Editor-in-Chief (sniff, sniff, for the last time)

When I was a freshman, I scared everybody. I wore a lot of safety pins and ugly shoes. I was mean; preps were my sworn enemy. (Now it's the rednecks.) Sophomore year, it was my first year on the newspaper, Sandra was a fellow first-timer. I really got into my poetry, politics and becoming a goddess in my own right. I met Shawna at a pep rally when she started yelling offensive things to the cheerleaders. I thought, "What a cool chick." That summer I went to Governor's School for the Arts, found my soul and fell in love with my current boyfriend. When I got my truck, which I'm sure you've all seen in a few compromising positions, I partied all junior year. I started running around with Ann Meredith, and had some wild times. Sandra was graduating that May, and we were moving her into her new apartment. I don't think I went to English, Spanish or history at all that last month. My senior year has been nothing at all like I thought it would be. I have changed so much in the past four years. I know I've made more than a few enemies, but I think I've also earned the respect of people I care about.

There are many people who I need to show my gratitude. From the beginning: Mr. Werner, my frosh English teacher, thank you so much for letting me scream, yell and write my way to a calmer soul. I hope someday you find a class as cool as ours was. Mr. Toy (JT), we had our fights on A team and in English (you know I never read Dreiser, don't you?) but over the years, and that awesome speech

class, I have always appreciated your straight forward opinion and support. The orange couch will always be nap central. Mrs. Masden, congrats to you for being the only teacher who gave me the courage and help to conquer higher math. (I'm still not going to take Calculus in college, Probability and Statistics, here I come.) Mrs. Jones, thank you so much for putting up with the tragedy that brought Sandra and me to your office on a daily basis. Thanks for listening to and understanding our drama. Mr. Rushing, I really appreciate the messes you've helped me out of and for trying to keep me in line. Finally, Mrs. Campbell, I really don't know what to say. When I started writing for the paper, all I wanted was anarchy. And though to this day the censorship still bothers me (you people *don't know* what you've been sheltered from) I understand now that to reach people you have to persuade them, not scream and yell at them. And though we have our political differences, I value your opinion and approval more than anyone elses. If you say it's good, then I know that it must be. Think of all the suppressed writing that will be unleashed on U of L next year. Kind of scary, huh?

High school was a pretty wild ride for me, and the person who lived through all my madness and still finds it in her heart to love me deserves the most thanks. Mom, I never really get a chance to explain just how much you mean to me, and it feels kind of weird to be printing it in the school paper for everyone to know. But I think you deserve at least one public proclamation of

my love and gratitude. I know I was a hellion for a while, and I can't blame you for not knowing how to deal with me. We have had our fights, but I know now that all you ever wanted was for me to be safe and happy. Thank you for understanding, not pushing me too hard, and for letting my soul wander. I love you, and someday I'll pay you back for all the love and happiness you have provided over the years. How does a date with Sean Connery sound?

I have met a few wonderful souls floating about this warped and wacky building that have made HS a little more bearable. Shawna, my Gemini Soul Mate, with your incredible passion and poetry, reading and dreaming, you have been the most enlightening person I have ever met. Thanks for knocking my feet loose from the conventional soil every now and then. Always remember me, our birthdays, and never stop talking to squirrels. Ann Meredith and all our fuzzy memories, thank you for being the only one always willing to jump in Miss Kitty and ride with me where ever the road took us. You are so mean, I love it. Keep it crazy, don't let me down. Emily, dearheart, I see a lot of things in you, don't let the mentality in this place drag you into the pit of despair. If you start to feel like running away, run to me. Don't rely on romance, you can be a princess without a prince. Molly, you *are* the "Queen of Sarcasm." I don't have to wish you luck, I know you'll make it.

Well, I'm sorry everyone had to sit through my heart-wrenching good-byes and thank you's, but now here comes a little hard

earned wisdom. Don't judge people by stereotypes. I used to hate everyone, but over the years I've learned that there are good people everywhere. I have friends that are good ol' boys, preps, punkettes, and intellectuals. Your life becomes much more interesting with a myriad of minds to color it. Don't be afraid to express your opinion and be willing to listen to other people's *intelligent* point of view. I was called a satan worshiper by people whose only argument was "You're wrong, stupid hippie." We all know there are immature people who say anything to make you angry, and it wasn't that hard to push me over the edge. Shawna was always really good about that, when certain people would call her names, she would just smile and blow kisses at them. High school is a really weird place, a time when our lives go through the most changes, and we are all insecure, and no one really knows where they will be in a few years. In a few months, I'll be living in a huge, scary city with no friends, no family, no beloved boyfriend, and have eight-page papers due every week. Are these the wonder years? Yet also in a few months, I'll graduate, be eighteen and legally free to do my own will, go to an incredible school in a city I love, meet new people who don't judge me because I don't think like they do, and finally be on my own. I feel like a butterfly emerging. It's like the trauma of adolescence has given me the character and strength to start my real life. I know I'll make mistakes, everyone does. But I can't wait to start, to embark on a new journey, one that never really began, and will never really end.

Edicts from the Queen of Sarcasm

by Molly Harper
Assistant Editor

Okay, this is the article I've been waiting four years to write. I could be my usual negative, caustic self and write that I hate LOHS and that I'm glad to leave; but I won't. (I'm really not all that glad.) That would be immature (not to mention redundant) and it would ruin the warm, fuzzy feeling I want to leave you readers with. (HA!) However, I'm not going to write some tear-jerking farewell essay about the first time I walked through the halls of LOHS, because that's not me. (And my first walk through the halls of LOHS was kind of traumatic; a tile fell on me.) This is the last thing that the people of Lone Oak will ever read from the weathered and oft beaten-down keys of LabMac #8.

For me, high school has been anything but the torturous hormonal hell that it was supposed to be. Not that I haven't had my share of disappointments, but as a wise person once said "The bad times fade away and the good etch themselves on your memory." (Mrs. Doubtfire?) I will never forget the beautiful senses of humor of Teri Dawes and Jeremy Modglin, the complete and utterly enjoyable weirdness of Shane Martin and Autmun Pate,

or the effervescent sweetness of Lisa Jalkh. I'd also like to thank Chrystal and Shawna for molding me into the "Goddess of Sarcasm" that I am. (After this year, we three have become "Steel Magnolias" in our own right.) I'm just mentioning some names. If I didn't mention you, it doesn't mean I won't miss you, it means that I have a limited amount of space and I've got a lot to say (as usual.) I changed a lot thanks to these people and many more. (I'm not quite sure HOW I've changed and whether it's a good change, but it's a change nonetheless.) I've learned that everyone eventually has to choose their own identity; and that people's personalities are as malleable as they want them to be. (I've also learned that I can't use words like "malleable" and not be accused of a being an elitist, pseudo-intellectual snob.) Never sit in a desk by the window. You are likely to be an accidental target of a thrown book. I've learned that you can always choose your own battles. There is always a way to talk, joke (or run) out of physical confrontation. However, a good verbal *tete-a-tete* is always a good way to get the blood flowing. If you really believe what you're saying

NEVER BACK DOWN!

As for the falling tiles, burning bathrooms, overpopulated classrooms, and underpopulated pep rallies, they'll probably be forgotten until our tenth reunion when we can all sit back and laugh about them while playing a rousing game of "Guess Who's Robbed A Mini-Mart."

As for the future of *The Oak K*, I am confident that the staff of next year will continue the tradition of good-natured cynicism that Shawna, Chrystal, and I have tried to establish. I am concerned that the use of Dennis Miller-esque run-on sentences and well-placed catty remarks enclosed in parentheses will die out with my graduation. (I'm also concerned that the art of slapping the suffix *-esque* on the back of randomly chosen words will die out, too.)

To the girls of next year's staff, with your sweet dispositions and gentle giving natures- the boys will walk all over you. Ashley, there's a fiery streak in you, find it, use it. Anu, you're the coolest genius I know, try using your brains for mischief instead of Calculus. Justin and David, you guys have tortured me for the past year. I will have my revenge. One day, you'll run into a bigger,

less tolerant girl that I've paid to beat on you. Just kidding (?) Cliff and Blake- a coral really is a fish.

As for my own future, if my career as a journalist doesn't work out I will probably end up supporting myself by writing cheesy romance novels under a pen name like Elizabeth Greystone or Annalee Lovecraft, or something. Or I will forgo all of my feminist idealism and become a "homemaker" to my husband and three children. (NOT!)

Mom and Dad, thanks for always supporting me and putting up with all of my blarney. Mr. Light, thank you for being a teacher I can really talk to, and thanks for the really cool looking arm muscles. Mrs. Campbell, despite all of my quirky, near-ludicrous ideas you never actually said "No." (You gave me "The Eyebrow Arch", you shot me "The Warning Glance", and said a lot of things near "No", but never said the word. I usually got the message.) Mrs. Masden, congratulations, you are the only Math teacher in the state of Kentucky to help me achieve a passing grade BEFORE bonus points.) Mr. Werner, thanks to your con-

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SENIORS AT LAST - The class of 1997 at the end of the road



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What will you remember most about your junior year?

Robert Beyer - "Backing into Jeremy Smith's parked truck."

Cari Harned - "Me, falling into Hogue's pond."

Anu Manchikanti - "Beta convention, my wreck, Prom, and the new friends I made."

Stephanie Hamlett - "All the fun times I had with my friends."

Tim McDaniel - "Moving up in the world and growing older. We all had to prove something to ourselves and others."

Autumn Stanley - "Road trips with my friends."

What do you look forward to most as a senior?

Dana Sowash - "I don't want to be a senior - it's sad."

Nikki Key - "Finally being at the top of the ladder, but unfortunately, we'll soon be at the bottom again!"

Robert Beyer - "I look forward to graduation."

Marty Rudd - "Finally getting out of here!"

Andy Harris - "More ham sandwiches at the Academic Honors Banquet."

Blake Vandermeulen - "Another year of Mike."

Cliff Jenks - "Passing my GED."



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Congratulation Graduates!!

What you said...

How would you describe this year in one word?

David Carmichael- "Tut"

Meranda Walker- "Eccentric"

Trey Swacker- "Hoo-wah"

What was the most influential thing in your life this year?

Kevin Brandt- "Scary Clowns."

Katie Dracy- "Taking Chemistry I."

Shannon Powell- "Jennifer's wreck which made me see how close and strong a group of friends can become."

What was the most embarrassing thing that happened to you this year?

Trey Swacker- "Ramming my car into the side of my house."

Emily Rigdon- "Having security called on my room mistakingly at BETA convention."

Meghan Walker- "My plaid golfer's pants for RUSH."

Derek Seltzer- "I got a Jolly Rancher stuck in my mouth and I couldn't open my jaw. Two of my friends had to pull my mouth apart."

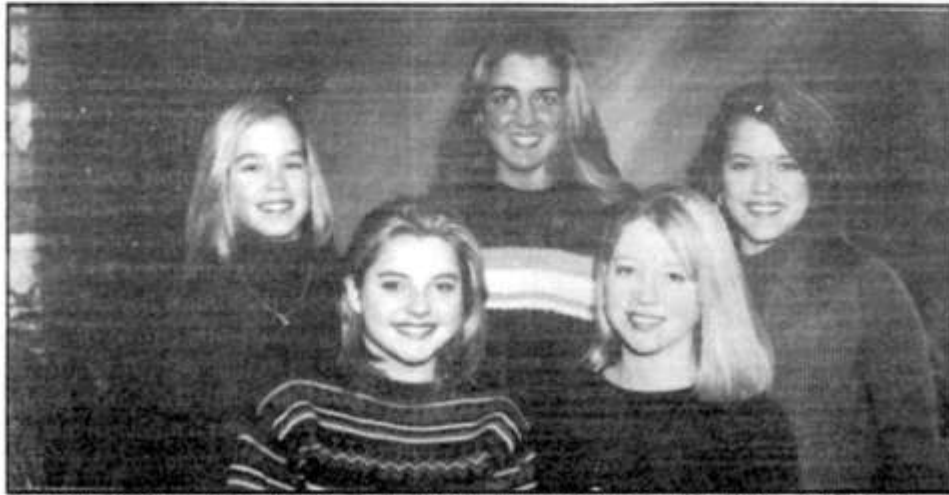
What do you think will be better about being a Junior than being a Sophomore?

Jon Hughes- "More respect and stuff."

Tim Followell- "You get more respect."

Katie Dracy- "Knowing that after my Junior year I will only have one more year of high school left to go."

Greenies get first year under their belt!



Freshman Officers: Kelly Adams, Carrie Parnell, Ashley Canup, Jennifer Hibbs, and Heather Cook

What you had to say...

If you could sum up your first year in high school in one word, what would it be?

"over!" —Sandra Manley

"Uh!!!" —Beau Franklin

"exhilarating" —Donna Unici

"It was smooth, G!" —Jonathan Abernathy (Okay, that was four words.)

What has been the most memorable event of this year?

"The bomb threat at the end of the year." —Tonya Stamper

"Football Homecoming" —Donna Unici

If you had to give advice to the upcoming Freshman, what would it be?

"Take easy classes." —Tonya Stamper

"Take Biology not ICP." —Cory Turly

"Make lots of friends!!!" —Sandra Manley

"Live it, love it, and do the dew. Also its good to be large." —Beau Franklin

Was your Freshman year what you expected it to be and why?

"Yes, it stunk!" —Justin Denton

"Yes, because you had to work harder than we did last year." —Sandra Manley

"No, I expected to get picked on more." —Jonathan Abernathy



Sophomore respect awaits!!!



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Softball team wraps up successful season

by Blake Vandermeulen
Sports/Staff Writer

It has seemed more like April than May this month with the heavy rainfall pounding the western Kentucky area. This may be good for lawns and crops, but if you are an area softball team this can really hurt heading into the postseason. Mother Nature has wreaked havoc on the Lady Flash as they have fallen from the ranks of the unbeaten. Coach David Pope had this to say about his team's recent struggles, "Our team is in a

little bit of a slump. I feel this is due to the fact of not having practice days to just go out to take ground balls and fly balls." Pope added that after a good practice on May 3, the team looked really good in a 10-0 win over Tilghman.

Pope called the 1996 season, "A fairly successful year." He cited improvements in both the team batting average and E.R.A. as examples of his team's better performance this year.

Heading into the postseason Pope said everyone will have to contribute and the team will have to "play to win" in order for the team to make a successful run in the district and regional race. Pope called our Second District, which also includes Reidland, Tilghman and Heath, the toughest in the state. However, Pope added that if the rain stays away and his team practices hard, Lone Oak should have a good chance to win both the District and Region.

Post-Season Sports Results

District Tournaments

Baseball
Heath 18, Lone Oak 0
Softball
Lone Oak 4, Tilghman 2
Reidland 10, Lone Oak 3

Girls and boys track teams optimistic going into regionals

by Blake Vandermeulen
Sports/Staff Writer

The LOHS track team is headed to the regional tournament with a lot of success behind them. Head Coach Tony McGroarty called this a very good season and said, "Both the girls and boys teams have exceeded expectations."

McGroarty said he expects all of the

athletes entered in the Regional meet to perform to their potential and thus possibly win. On the girls team, he included Sarah Steele, Shae Houser, Kathy McDaniel, Sara Cannon and Courtney Pace in the group that he anticipates will have a good chance at a successful Regional Meet. On the boys side he cited Ben Gross, Brandon Martin,



Shae Houser competes in the long jump at a track meet in Murray. Also pictured from left to right: Kathy McDaniel, Jennifer Schaffer, Ryan Beyer, Coach Todd Thomas, and Coach Tony McGroarty.



Junior runner Andy Berens heads for the finish line in the 3200 meter run.

Chad Joiner, Omar Ramage and Andy Berens as top performers going into the postseason. McGroarty said he would be pleased with this team's performance if "they give their greatest effort of their young lives."

In addition to extending thanks to all of

this year's athletes, McGroarty would like to especially thank coaches Thomas and Raines who have volunteered much of their time to help the team. "I am very proud to have been affiliated with both of these fine people," he said.

Flash baseball hopes to rekindle early season flame

by Andy Harris
Sports Editor

After getting off to a hot start this season and earning a top 20 ranking in the state, the Lone Oak baseball team has cooled off recently heading into the district tournament. The Flash ended the regular season with a record of 12-11 overall and 3-3 in district play, after splitting a doubleheader against Reidland and Heath on May 9 and beating Ballard the next day.

The oddly formatted doubleheader began with a 13-6 loss at Reidland. Immediately following that game, Lone Oak returned home to finish a suspended game from earlier in the year against Heath. With the score tied 9-9 after nine innings, the game was called because of darkness. When it was continued, the Flash took charge with three

unearned runs in the eleventh, and won 12-10.

The next day against Ballard, Lone Oak was behind 5-3 in the fourth inning until Craig Peeler drove in three runs with a two-out double. The Flash held on to win 8-6, with Chris Martin earning his fourth victory of the season.

As for success in the postseason, Mizell believes the pitching staff has to step it up a notch. He cited the fact that the team has given up too many walks. He also thinks that the offense and defense must come around in order to advance deep into the district and regional tournaments.

"At times we have performed well," said Mizell. "But some games we play as if we are just glad to be there."

Tennis teams look for yet another great postseason

by Andy Harris
Sports Editor

What's new? The Lone Oak boys and girls tennis teams are the favorites going into the regional tournament. After dominating first region tennis for the past decade, it's no wonder that head coach Larry Heflin's goal for the postseason are regional titles for both the boys and girls teams.

"Both of our teams have improved steadily over the season," said Heflin. "We have become more patient and have learned to stay composed under pressure."

The girls team will begin their pursuit of a fifth consecutive state title at the regional tournament, which they have

won 11 times. Sarah Suitor and Rebecca Holland will play singles, while the doubles teams of Abby Brazzell-Jamie O'Hara and Jennifer Hayden-Amy Newman will lead the way for the girls team. If they can survive the regionals, Lone Oak will likely be one of the top five teams at the state tournament.

The boys team enters regionals as a co-favorite, along with Tilghman. Ben Thompson and Joey Sloan headline the singles players, while Jeremy Williams-Ryan Payne and Ryan Lichtenberg-Ben Brazzell will play doubles. Lone Oak will be trying to regain the regional title, following a second-place finish last season to Murray.

Senior Wills Continued....

Josh Bardin-my Auto Mechanics knowledge and skill to Jonathan Dickerson, who probably knows more than me already but just in case.

Monica Doyle-Missy a good "tan" and wilder times, Mall Rats the mall, Autumn a Denny's Booth, Brandy Elvis, and Mr. Werner a better club.

Constance Edwards-Linley-pictures of J.L., Ashley W.-the TRIBE, Ruby-fun times with Todd, Ashley E.-my ability to be a loser.

Jacob Harper-to Keith Deaton, a drum solo, to Vince Carter, two dollars, to Scott Ellis, the Curve, and a Silver Bullet to Chode.

Anthony Jones-my faith in Jesus to anyone who is willing to receive it, and I also leave my "Keep it Real" skills to everyone. Peace.

Jeremy Modglin-to Kyle and Nathan East my parking spot. To Julie Stewart (Stew!) a #3 from McDonalds. To T-E-R-E-Z-A Kejzlar a "lemon." To Nikki Key a "back ache" reliever. To Stephanie Hamlett a telephone. To Gina Yates, a pillow. To Leigh Ann Mullen, a brick from LOHS. To Anu, I leave an airbag.

Christopher Morrison-to my brothers Scott and Clint, and the rest of Lone Oak's students, my hopes and prayers that they can do the best they can through school, to prepare them for the competitive world awaiting them.

Rachel Steele-Ashley and Andrea, my parking space since you know it so well; to Julie E. my role book in choir. To Shelly S., my paper and pencils and all the escapades with "J.S." And to my sister, Sarah, everything from my notebooks to my memories. Have fun-3 more years.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADS



(Continued from page 7)

-stant flattery and Erma Bombeck references, I've decided to go into journalism. (So the world will be able to blame you.) Mr. Rushing, you are by far the most caring and sincere administrator I've ever had the pleasure of receiving a tardy slip from, thank

you. To the teachers that I truly admire and haven't mentioned, thank you. Fellow seniors, we're going to see each other again, don't worry. People who are as wierd as we are usually end up finding each other again later in life (in a mental ward).



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