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GSP is unforgettable for three LOHS students

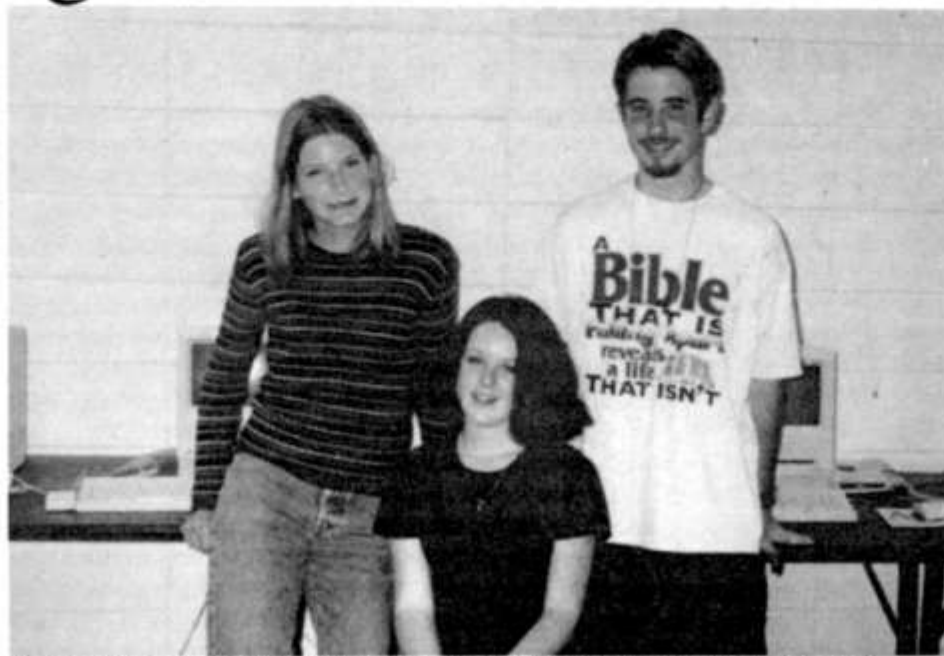
Lucy Jackson
Feature Editor

This past summer, as several other summers before, selected students who had just completed their junior year were able to spend five weeks finding all kinds of new people experiences through a program known as GSP.

Emily Rigdon, Jackie Allshouse and Tim Followell were chosen based on their PSAT scores, applications and recommendations from LOHS.

The Governor Scholar's Program allows students who are well-rounded and gifted academically to learn about a subject or area in which they are interested but yet are usually not offered in their school.

These classes barely, if at all, resemble the usual learning environment and that makes them even more interesting. Students also join seminar and community service



Emily Rigdon, Jackie Allshouse and Tim Followell participated in the GSP program

groups where they discuss topics and work together. Rigdon and Allshouse both studied drama, and Followell- literature. Rigdon and Followell were both at Centre and Allshouse was at NKU.

"Getting to go to this program is a great honor for anyone," said Mrs. Reeves.

Although GSP is a definite learning experience, the friendships found there are often the most important aspect of the program. With the freedom of having no parents, lots of spare time and a bunch of accessible, interesting teenagers, relationships are usually what stays with GSPers the longest.

"GSP rocked my world; what the paperwork doesn't tell you is that learning about yourself and making friends is what the whole thing is about," said Rigdon. Obviously, it's something one could never forget.

Sophomores rewarded for CTBS scores



Sophomores having fun during field day

On September 11, the sophomore class headed to the football field for a day of fun and relaxation.

The students were rewarded with a field day for their high scores on the CTBS test taken last spring. The class had the highest scores in the region and placed 6th in the state.

The activities for the day included volleyball, frisbee golf, softball and hackey sack.

"Field day was a nice reward for our hard work and it encourages us to do (well)," said Jessica Peck.

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Academic team begins season with two victories

Emily Riggs
Sports Editor

This year's academic teams are sure to excel in tournaments throughout the year. Mr. Toy, the varsity coach, has a very positive outlook for the varsity team. Toy feels that the team has a good attitude, is hard working and very committed.

"Everyone should be recognized for their hard work and the fact that Academic competition gets very little recognition. I think anyone who cycles to work should be given a tax credit," Mr. Toy says.

Ms. Underhill, the junior varsity coach, is extremely confident about the junior varsity team as well.

"We have some really strong players and I'm looking forward to a great season," said Underhill.

On September 5, the academic teams won their first match against Heath and Crittenden. Competition will last through the month of November. The meets include Regular Season WKAA, MSU President's Invitational, West Kentucky Academic Bowl and Governor's Cup.

The academic teams consist of:

Varsity: Jackie Allshouse (12), Bryan Garner (11), Josh McGuire (11), William Mills (11), Autumn Pate (12), Jason Ramage (11), Trey Swacker (12), Janie Toy (11), Blake Weeks (11)

Junior Varsity: Amy Chapman (9), Amanda Baucum (10), Tamara Bloodworth (10), Rachel Wattier (10), Jason Bergstrom (9), Josh Bergstrom (9), Brett Sanders (9), Lindsey Ward (9), Garrett Wheatley (9), Jay Swacker (9)



Varsity academic team members (L to R) Josh McGuire, Brian Garner, Trey Swacker and William Mills practice questions

Mock government put into action at Girls State

Staff Writer

While some students were job hunting or soaking up the sun this summer, Suzannah Stoll and Lea Ann Atherton headed to Cumberland College in Williamsburg, Ky, to help run a mock government for a week. The 51st Kentucky Girls State, which was held June 8-13, was filled with learning experiences and opportunities from the beginning gavel to the ending gavel.

The purpose of Girls State is to bring junior girls from all over Kentucky a knowledge of fundamental principles and functions of local and state government. The delegates participated in state and county elections while carrying out the duties as a citizen or as an official.

The Girls State program is financed by interested organizations, like the local American Legion Auxiliary, and by individuals. Atherton and Stoll were chosen based upon their interest in government, leadership abilities,

character, and community participation and service.

After they were assigned to a city and a political party, the ball started to roll. City and state officials were elected through rigorous campaigning and voting. Atherton served as campaign manager for a fellow candidate. "Apparently all of the signs, posters, and buttons we made got noticed because she got elected," Atherton said.

Each girl wrote, introduced, and argued (supported) her bill in front of the General Assembly. The debating became heated and amendments were soon written to better the original bill.

To break the monotony of the governmental terms and procedures, the girls participated in Karoke night, a flag etiquette class and the talent show. While Atherton opted to enjoy the talent show from her seat, Stoll sang an animated version of "I'm a Little Teapot." Concerning her performance, Stoll said she "will stick to non-singing parts in the future!"

LOHS contruction: it keeps going and going

*Ashley Small
Co-Editor-in-Chief*

As the students of LOHS file back into familiar halls...or maybe not so familiar hall s... it is obvious that the renovation of LOHS continued through the summer. Mr. Adams shed some light on the subject when interviewed earlier this month about the construction, "Three of the four stages have been completed so far, stage two (B and C building) is really all that is left."

Stage two of the construction will eventually house the remaining English, science and math classes. The first floor of the final building will consist of math and science classrooms and the top floor will have the rest of the English classes. Considering that several of the science classrooms are presently having to share

rooms and two English classes are having to use the library to meet, the completion of this final phase will bring some much needed space and comfort to many students and teachers.

According to Adams, over the summer the construction workers also completed the library and the offices. But as school began students spent the first two weeks munching on sack lunches until the newly renovated cafeteria was completed.

As far as set backs go, Adams says, "There just hasn't been enough time to get all the work done. It isn't one individual's fault, it has just been more work than it appeared to be." He expects the actual construction to be completed by Thanksgiving, but there will probably be small details being taken care of into March of this school year.



Construction workers hard at work in the art room.

Photo by S. Ryan



Lea Ann Atherton and Suzannah Stoll having fun at Girls State (Photo by S. Stoll)

Although LOHS had no delegates to attend Kentucky Boys State this year, there is such a thing! The qualifications and the activities to participate are similar to Girls State. Keep listening to learn more about this opportunity come April

or May of next year. All girls and boys completing their junior year are eligible to attend and the guidance counselors encourage you to investigate this opportunity. Who knows, you might be the next participant!

"Big Dave's" big adventure

*J.R. Young
Co-Editor-in-Chief*

Governor School for the Arts (GSA) is a yearly program which takes place for three weeks in the summer. Students can participate in any of six different programs: instrumental music, vocal music, visual art, dance, drama or creative writing. This year Lone Oak had one student to participate in the program, David "Big Dave" Carmichael in instrumental music.

Carmichael went to Bellamire College in Louisville for the three week program. There he attended a daily schedule of classes made up of music theory, music history, brass choir, jazz band, low brass quartet and low brass trio. Carmichael played euphonium, trumbone and tuba while there.

Not all the time was filled with work. While there, Carmichael attended a performance of Show Boat at the Kentucky Center for the Arts. He also visited the University of Louisville's music department and was able to perform with several guest artists. During his two hours of free time each day, Carmichael, being a fan of Paul Newman in The Hustler, became a pool shark.



Carmichael - a proud attendant of GSA

"We stayed up too late, ate pizza when the food was bad, and broke curfew every once in a while," Carmichael added about his wild times. "It was one of the best experiences of my life."

GSA ended with the students performing a concert for their parents and friends. All students who completed the program are guaranteed a \$1000 scholarship from either Murray State University or University of Louisville.



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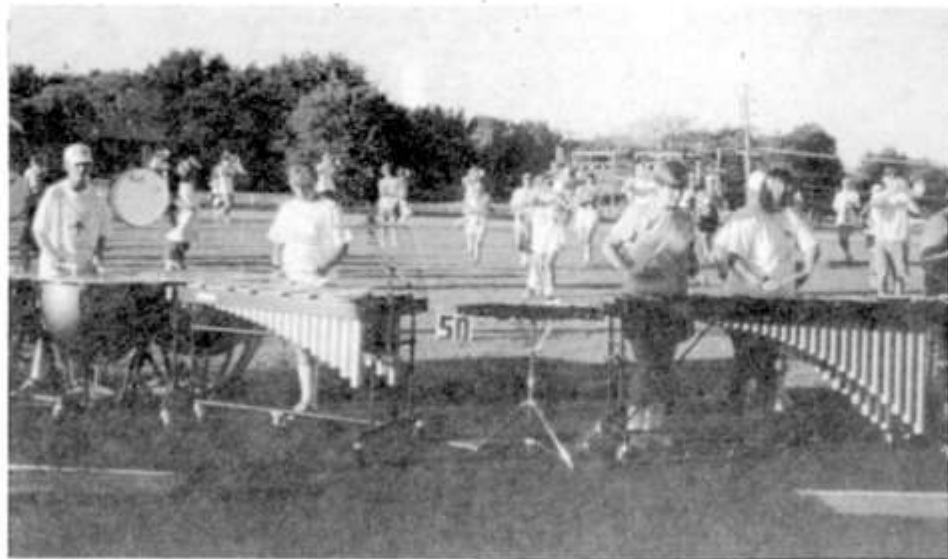
New World Symphony spices up the 1997-98 KY Colonel band show

Estee Cheah
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Perhaps this could be the year that the Lone Oak Kentucky Colonel Marching Band has been searching for. Many things have changed for the band, and it seems everything is for the best. The '97-'98 show is the *New World Symphony*, an exciting and entertaining masterpiece that will keep the audience sitting on the edge of their seats. *New World* consists of 4 tunes, in which the band exhibits everything from a beautiful concert band sound to a strikingly aggressive marching band tonality.

The band has added a new staff member, marching band director, Scott Ford. Ford has worked as the percussion instructor for LOHS in the past, and now has come back as the full time instructor for the Colonels. He has also taken over as the middle school director due to the retirement of Ron Cowherd.

"He has been our mentor and we owe him so much for everything he has done for us," said junior band member, Jonathan Light.



The band marching through a rigorous practice at band camp Photo by Callie Wexler

"We couldn't have done it without him, he brought something out of us that we never knew we had."

Besides Ford, there are still many staff members who work with the Colonels each and every day to make them better than ever.

Mr. Light, LOHS's band director who provides constant guidance and wisdom; Stephanie Ford, colorguard instructor; Chad Alward, percussion instructor; and numerous band boosters.

The Colonels are marching in the class of

2AA instead of 3AAA in which they competed in the previous year. With 46 winds, 14 percussion and 28 guard members, the Colonels are one of the largest 2AA bands in the state. There are two field commanders, Elizabeth Rigdon and Nola Goehman, who are doing an excellent job in leading the band. Band captain, David "Big Dave" Carmichael also plays a big part in the band's success. Behind the scenes are many section leaders and upperclassmen, that have worked hard to make the band what it is today.

It looks as if the Colonels are gearing up for what seems like their most intense season ever. The band will be competing in numerous contests in neighboring counties such as Heath, Reidland, Bowling Green, Hopkinsville, etc. They will also be performing at every home football game and in several parades this year. Catch the Colonels in action and support the Lone Oak Kentucky Colonel Marching Band.

LOHS sends first representative to National Leadership

Emily Williams
Editorial Editor

Senior Sarah Warmack recently attended a National Leadership program in Washington D.C. The program, called the National Student Leadership Foundation (or NSFL), is held twice a year during the summer at Stanford University and the American University in Washington D.C. These assemblages have been in progress for over twenty years and are geared toward students who show outstanding leadership qualities and academic excellence. This year was the first time a LOHS student has participated.

Warmack was the pioneer of the program for LOHS and, coincidentally, the only Kentucky partaker in a group of 165 that consisted of individuals from all over the world. What Warmack experienced was a two week curriculum of mock senate sessions, practice in legislating bills and laws, and field trips to national buildings such as The White House and the Smithsonian.



Sarah Warmack represents LOHS at leadership conference

Upon meeting the nation's Ambassadors she commented that it was "really cool" and that the "best thing was all of the interesting people I got to meet." In fact, the only thing Warmack cites as unfavorable was "the food; the hot dogs were fluorescent pink!"

Students interested in this program can inquire about qualifications in the guidance office and fill out an application.

Consolidation plans cancelled

Sara Ryan
Circulation Manager

Consolidation has been the topic of McCracken County residents for the past several months. The original recommendation, proposed by the District Planning Committee, suggested that all three of the McCracken County high schools be brought together into one school. This proposal, however, was met with much opposition.

As a second course of action the school board bought an option to purchase the land for a proposed McCracken County East High School, bringing together Reidland and Lone Oak High Schools. The plot of land just off the Husbands Road exit on I-24 had, however, several concerns surrounding it. The appraisal of the land was only one third of the asking price, and there were worries that the drainage system on the land

did not work properly, causing potential flooding problems.

Now the school board has virtually halted all consolidation plans. With the three high schools finishing their remodeling, the school board has decided to renovate the middle and elementary schools. These buildings have needed minor renovations for several years.

"The consolidation idea was so large that if it had been completed it would have taken every bit of the McCracken County bond potential," said Superintendent Tilford Underwood.

The schools that will be renovated are Lone Oak and Reidland Middle Schools. Both schools will add a new library and LOMS will also add a new gymnasium. Heath and Farley Elementary will add four new classrooms and Concord Elementary will complete renovation already in progress.



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Who's Coaching Our Sports Teams? W.W.J.D., The coaches, we thought? Use It or Lose It

Kelly Reeves
Staff Writer



It seems these days coaches aren't the only ones trying to coach their sports team. Parents are trying just as hard, but for different reasons. While the coaches are trying to be fair to the players, as well as trying to maintain a good record, the parents have only one concern, their own child. This causes many problems for the coaches.

The fact is, coaches are getting paid to coach their teams to victory, so why don't the parents back off and let them do their job? Parents should care about their kids and their well being, but they shouldn't get mad at the coaches for reasons like, "My child isn't playing enough."

Too many times parents go to coaches yelling at them for silly reasons such as, "My child is better than Johnny, so why

is he playing and not my little Bob?" The coaches get extremely tired of this kind of treatment. I would too if I had parents breathing down my neck, constantly telling me how to coach my team. Many coaches have resigned for this exact reason and frankly, I don't blame them.

Many times this anger toward the coaches is caused by the parents trying to relive their childhood. Some parents think that if their child isn't playing, then they (the parents) will be seen as a failure. What they lose sight of is that their child will be measured by his own ability rather than that of his parents.

This is a problem not only for the coaches, but also for the other team players. After a while they don't know whether to listen to their coach or to their teammates' parents. This can cause major friction or possibly cause the team to split up altogether. The players are more productive taking orders from one

coach on the sidelines rather than from ten in the stands.

Lastly, the parents are hurting not only the coaches when they do this, but also their kids. They're not teaching them to think for themselves and, more importantly, they're damaging their child's reputation among teachers and other parents.

In my opinion, the parents should let the kids handle their own problems first. The coach will have much more respect for the player if he hears the problem from them. More than likely the coach will do the best he/she can to fix it. Then, if the problem doesn't get resolved or it's too much for the child to handle, the parents have reason to get involved.

The whole matter can be very simple. Players, support your coach. Parents, support your children and their coach. Coaches, support your players and give them your best. Everybody wins!

Tracee Werner
Staff Writer



As I'm walking down the halls of LOHS or sitting in one of my classes, I can't help noticing the people wearing W.W.J.D. bracelets. (W.W.J.D. stands for "What Would Jesus Do?") When I see some of these people and observe how they act or hear their conversations, I sometimes wonder why they even bother to wear one. They certainly don't seem to think, "What Would Jesus Do?" before they speak or do the things they do.

I hear stories of their weekends; stories of how they went out and got drunk, or what they were high on, and to top it off, every other word out of some peoples' mouths seems to be a curse word. Now, I don't know about you, but I don't think that's what Jesus would do. I've even heard of an incident where a person was asked what it stood for, and he/she replied, "We Want Jack Daniels." If these people are so ashamed of their faith and their moral standards, why wear one of these bracelets? Oh, I know why. It's the cool thing to be wearing. Jesus has become a fashion trend, and I'm *sure* that was one of his goals.

Not everyone wearing the W.W.J.D. bracelets is like that. That's just how I see the majority of the people leaning. They may think it's cool, but they don't seem to realize how it cheapens the feeling for the people who are trying to do what's right. If you're one of these people trying to live in a Christ-like manner, more power to you. Keep showing people that you're not ashamed to be a Teenage Christian in the 90's. And just think, someday you will be richly rewarded.

To the rest of you, if you are a Christian, don't be afraid to admit it. If your friends are going to dump you because you're not cool anymore, they weren't really your friends in the first place. If you're not a Christian or don't have any interest in doing what's right, give up the bracelet. Give it to someone who really deserves to wear it.

America: Blessed or Cursed?

Ashley Small
Co-Editor-in-chief



What are America's priorities? This may not be a question very many of us have pondered in the past. This summer, however, I got a huge slap in the face when I had the opportunity to go with five members of my church to Zimbabwe. We went into this country with the hopes of helping in some of their schools, churches, and cities, but in the process we learned a very valuable lesson.

Many may be wondering what we could have gained from two and a half weeks in a country where 40% of the population is H.I.V. positive and the average yearly income per household is \$650.00. What I found out was that when people live in such devastating circumstances they learn very quickly what is important and what isn't. After spending time in those conditions, it would make anyone question his priorities, and the more time I spent there the more I began to think of our American lifestyles.

In America we have so much and there is certainly nothing wrong with having things, that is, unless those things begin to rule us. But we are a country obsessed with getting to the top and having the

met were families in Zimbabwe, who by our standards are living in poverty.

And what about spending time with our families? However weird we may think they are, they are part of who we are and we seem to have forgotten that! In fact, according to a recent survey the average American father spends one and a half minutes conversing with his children each day. Does anyone else see a priority problem here? In Zimbabwe families are of the utmost importance. They have realized with such a staggering number of their loved ones dying from diseases that the time they get to spend with them is precious.

When my grandfather passed away, one of my greatest regrets was that we didn't get to spend more time together. The things that seem so big and important to us now in high school will in 20 years be forgotten. What will matter is that we spent time with the people we loved and put our time and energy into things that will last.



An African man and woman standing in front of their home.

most when we arrive. We have been sucked into believing that money and material things will make us happy, but some of the happiest people I have ever

W.W.J.D.

Is space the completely forgotten frontier?

J.R. Young
Co-Editor-in-Chief



This summer the greatest drama in twenty-eight years unfolded above our heads. No, I'm not talking about the series premiere of *Roar* playing on the wall of televisions at Sears, I'm talking about space. Space is indeed the final frontier, and one that this summer was once again ignored. The world celebrated the greatest recent year in space exploration by running to their local Big Lots and stocking up on Tamagotchi toys. "I don't care if you're hungry, that's what body fat's for." And unlike the summer of Apollo 11, this summer will probably never be remembered by the general public.

Now, I don't know about you, but it seems to me that the only time NASA gets press coverage anymore is when Congress wants

to slash their budget. Come on, these guys are coasting into space on fumes these days, and the Russians are using some sort of Hana Barbara foot-powered propulsion. Everyone says they want to meet Mr. Spock, but I'm sure if we ever did it would find a spot on the nightly news somewhere between, "Heather Locklear quits *Melrose Place*," and, "Good night folks."

This all really hit me a year ago with the possible discovery of fossils from Mars. What should have been one of the biggest news stories of the year instead found itself in a little box in the corner of the cover of *Time*; it didn't even garner a full cover! Then this summer, in a masterful piece of public relations, NASA landed the Pathfinder probe on Mars on July 4. For days newspapers and televisions were filled with pictures of the cartoon named rocks of the Mars landscape. NASA and Jet Propulsion Laboratories (JPL) web sites received mil-

lions of hits a day from visitors all over the world. Indeed, for one brief moment the whole world was looking to the stars. Now, nearly three months later, the Pathfinder probe is still scurrying around on the surface of Mars, but no one cares. Mention the name Pathfinder to someone now and they'd probably think you're trying to sell them a truck.

All of this led up to (not necessarily chronologically, but you get the point) the most dramatic event in the space program since the Challenger disaster. The Mir space station, housing one US astronaut and two Russian cosmonauts, suffered a near fatal accident when a ship carrying supplies crashed into it. For a while at least, NASA thought that all three men on board the space station would have to abandon ship. Then, after they assured themselves the occupants were in no imminent danger, came the idea of sending the men into the vacuum of space

to fix it themselves. And that my friends, was only the beginning...

Do me a favor and read those last two paragraphs over again. Done? Now think about it for a few moments. Think of all the history that flew by overhead while you were busy flopping down your \$5.75 to see *Speed 2*. We should all be ashamed. One, because as a society we've drifted so far from what is important that we can't even see in front of our eyes, and two, that anyone saw *Speed 2*. Just think of all the people who gave us glimpses into their lives this summer. Remember the pure joy that the engineers at JPL showed when Pathfinder worked. Remember three men who nearly gave their lives for science. Sandra Bullock will be back with another piece of garbage movie next summer, but for these guys it was their one and only moment in the sun. I'll remember this summer of exploration. After all, I'm just a Trekie.

R-E-S-P-E-C-T

Sara Ryan
Circulation Manager



As I walk through the halls of LOHS I see everything that a typical school should have; groups of people huddled together trying to catch up on the latest gossip between classes, students who forgot to do their homework the night before squatted in a corner carelessly writing haphazard answers, even couples cuddled together in doorways saying good-bye to one another as if they weren't going to see each other again for centuries instead of sixty minutes. There is, however, one thing missing in our corridors that I think should be a permanent fixture in all high schools, and that is respect.

In the three years I have attended LOHS I have been appalled at the lack of manners in our student body. Teachers and administrators are at times called profane names, sometimes behind their back and some-

times to their face. For some unknown reason many students feel that they are immune to all rules. When a teacher says that a homework assignment turned in late will not receive full credit, the student hears "except for me" tagged on to the end of the statement. When there are signs all over the school saying no form of tobacco is allowed in McCracken County buildings, for some reason students envision the words "this does not apply to (insert name here)" at the end.

Unfortunately, not only are the teachers treated with little respect, neither is the school's property. Our entire school now has new furniture, new bathrooms, and newly painted walls; it's a brand new school. Yet I still walk into class and find freshly stuck gum under my seat.

Fortunately, there is a solution. Take the extra steps to throw away chewing gum along with other items to be discarded. Being respectful shouldn't be that hard to do. LOHS can be a great school if we just take some pride in our building and respect each other.

Letter from the Editors

Dear Readers,

We are taking this space to explain to you the changes we have made in the paper and clear up some confusion about the paper.

First, the basics. *The Oak K* is the only official student publication of LOHS. It is published nine times a year (once a month) by Mrs. Campbell's journalism class.

Second, let's clear up something about the *Focus On* section before there's any confusion. The *Focus On* section is a new feature which will highlight a different underrecognized activity each month. We felt it necessary to explain this so as not to cause any confusion why the sports pro-

grams of LOHS won't be chosen.

Third, since we realize no one ever reads all that text in the staff box, here's one of the main points. *The Oak K* does accept letters to the editor. However, for publication they must contain the author's name.

Fourth, the features of Band, Choir and Art Member of the Month rotate. So there is only one of each chosen for every three months. Many students have inquired about this, and we hope this clears up the confusion.

We hope this has cleared up some of your questions, and if you have any more, feel free to write us with them.

Uncle Sam wants you, like it or not

Emily Williams
Editorial Editor



Military recruiters are the newest evil I have encountered as a senior. I'm sure it is safe to assume that other seniors have had to deal with them as well. Furthermore, anybody who has ever taken the ASVAB more than likely has suffered the same annoying consequences. To all of those who haven't taken it yet, this goes out as a warning.

The ASVAB is given by the military at no monetary cost and is intended to give students an idea as to which career choices for which they would be best suited. An irritating side-effect is that if you show even the slightest iota of intellect, prepare to receive a multitude of eager phone calls from local military recruiters *all summer long*.

I tried my best to avoid these situations, but evading or even discouraging an over-zealous recruiter is practically impossible. It's not even the phone call that is so bad, it's the probing personal questions and constant invasion of your oh-so-precious time and personal space. A simple "Can I ask you a few questions?" turns into over an hour of divulging information about yourself, and then comes the clincher—they want to meet you. They don't care where: at your house,

at their house, after work at your McJob, at their office, any place is good for them as long as it means more opportunities to pressure you into joining the military. You can't hide, either. Their trained military senses are designed specifically to sniff you out and hunt you down. Once they find you it becomes a bloodfest for the little leeches in which they cram brochures down your throat and do all but sew your fingers to your forehead in proper military salute. Yikes!

Of course, I *can* sympathize with them

(if I try really hard). I mean, they are just doing their job. But one would think they could tell the difference between an interested listener and someone like me who is looking for every possible excuse to end the phone conversation (um, I think the house is on fire...).

Guidance counselor Mr. Roe says that the test is excellent "for giving direction to students...and it also may uncover areas of aptitude they (the students) were not aware of." I agree that the test is good for those students in desperate need of post-high school direction. How-

ever, I'd bet that most students already know in which areas they are most proficient. So unless you are considering entering the military, it would probably be in your best interest to opt out of taking this particular test, or else suffer the consequences.



Poll: In regards to the tragic death of Princess Diana, whom do you hold most responsible?



Allan Ramsey

I think it was the bodyguard's fault for allowing the driver to drive while he was drunk.

I think the paparazzi was too aggressive and the most at fault.

Amanda Mitchell



Sarah Settles

The drunken driver was most at fault.

I think it is both because the driver shouldn't have been drunk and the paparazzi should have helped instead of taking pictures.

Daniel Hall



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Lone Oak High School's new faculty tells all!!!

Ashley Small
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As the new school year begins many of you may be walking into your classes to find new faces at the front of them. So just in case you've been wondering about your new teachers, here are a few interesting facts about them. Enjoy!!!



Mr. Roe - Guidance counselor
Hometown: Dayton, Ohio
College: W.K.U./Georgetown

Favorite type of music: All types of music, oldies from the 60's, 70's, and 80's.

In high school I was... pretty involved, followed the "college prep" curriculum, played in the band, participated in a service club and was also on the wrestling team. Worked part-time and in the summer full-time.

Hobbies or interesting facts: wood working, water sports, traveling, and spending time with family

What was the most unexpected thing that happened to you during your first week at LOHS?

I lost a crown off of a tooth. "Ouch!" Seriously, seeing the cafeteria in a state of remodeling on Friday night and then seeing it transformed to a usable facility on Monday morning.

If I had not become a teacher/ counselor I would have been...

a dentist, but I married a dental assistant and she talked me out of it!



Mr. Crawford - Special Education
Hometown: born in Mayfield
College: Murray State University

Favorite type of music: Country

Married/ Children: son; Tony Derose - 7

In high school I was... very friendly, I enjoyed hanging out with everyone when I was not working or playing ball.

Hobbies or interesting facts: very interested in NASCAR I also enjoy collecting ball cards.

If I had not become a teacher I would have... been a Sports Broadcaster. Coach Cobb had a lot to do with my becoming a teacher. He had so much fun.



Ms. Hawkins - Home Ec.
Hometown: Benton, Ky
College: Murray State University

Marriage/Children: husband - Ronnie, children - Wendy is 23 and Kevin is 19.

Pets: one cat - Mutt

Favorite type of music: Kenny G

In high school I was... a good student but enjoyed giving teachers a hard time.

Hobbies or interesting facts: surfing the net, working in the yard, and being with people.

What was the most unexpected thing that happened to you during your first week teaching at LOHS? I got sick!

If I had not become a teacher I would have been... Actually, I have always wanted to be a teacher and work with young people.



Ms. Helmich - Foreign Language
Hometown: Evansville, In.
College: Murray State University

Married/Children: Married - no children.

Favorite book: The Firm

In high school I... played volleyball, ran track, and was on the dance team.

to teach. I was also a floral designer.



Ms. Morefield - Foreign Language
Hometown: Gilbertsville, Ky. (Marshall Co.)
College: Murray State University

Married/Children: not married - My boyfriend, Jason and I have dated for four and a half years.

Favorite type of music: My favorites are Fiona Apple, Jewel, Prince and Tori Amos.

In high school I was... always in class early and always paid attention in class. I was respectful and always followed rules. I never went out on school nights. I studied every second that I wasn't in class. Now if you believe this...

Hobbies or interesting facts: I teach gymnastics a few nights a week at Southern Gymnastics in Paducah Also, I exercise 3-

But there is not enough money in it so, I decided to become a teacher.



Mr. Roof - Health
Hometown: Paducah, Ky
College: Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Oklahoma

Married/Children: wife - Sally, three children - Leann-11, Angela-9, Derek-7.

Favorite type of music: Country

Favorite type of book: Fiction

Hobbies or interesting facts: I have five family members who have played Professional Baseball.

In high school I was... athletic.

If I not become a teacher I would have been... a professional baseball player.



Mr. Smithmier - Science
Hometown: Bardwell, Ky
College: University of Tennessee at Martin, University of Mississippi, University of Southern Ms., William Carey College.

Married/Children: married - two children.

Favorite type of Music: Country

Favorite type of book: Mystery books by John Grisham and James Lee Burke.

In high school I... played basketball, baseball, and football. I worked and made very good grades.

Hobbies or interesting facts: I play golf, hunt and I am also a "computer nut!"

If I had not become a teacher I would have been... a doctor.



LOHS new teachers pose for a group shot.

Hobbies or interesting facts: I enjoy running and going boating at the lake.

If I had not become a teacher I would have been... a Safety Engineer. But I liked working with people and I wanted my summers off so I chose teaching!



Mrs. Hornbeak - English and Social Studies
College: Murray State University

Married/ Children: happily married - two sons and one daughter-in-law and one daughter-in-law to be.

Pets: A Pekingese named Pekie

Favorite type of music: 60's and 70's rock

Favorite book: Gone With the Wind

In high school I... talked too much! I was in the Drill Corp at Tilghman High School.

Hobbies or interesting facts: visiting historical places. Last year we stayed in a room where Gen. Grant had stayed during the Civil War.

If I had not become a teacher I would have been... Honestly, I have always wanted

4 nights a week.

If I had not become a teacher I would have been... something in the field of Public Relations. Teaching has good hours and you have holidays off - guaranteed. Also, I always have enjoyed working with young people.



Mr. Poore - Spanish and ISD
Hometown: Fishers, Indiana
College: Murray State University

Favorite type of music: alternative

Favorite book: Where the Red Fern Grows

In high school I was... more interested in athletics than I was in my education.

Hobbies or interesting facts: I play hockey and I have a strong dislike for UK basketball!

The most unexpected thing that happened to you during your first week of teaching at LOHS was? No one mistook me for a student!

If I had not become a teacher I would have been... a professional tennis player.



Ms. Sweatt - English and Yearbook
Hometown: Paducah - LOHS graduate 1992
College: Murray State University

In high school I was... outgoing and involved. I cheered for LOHS. I wasn't the strongest academically, but I've always loved school and learning.

Hobbies or interesting facts: cheered for MSU for five years, like to snowski, roller blade, horseback ride and hike.

Pets: two cats - Precious and Lucy, one dog - Tazewell

Favorite type of music: easy listening and Irish Folk

If I had not become a teacher I would have been... a Broadcast journalist. I got my minor in Journalism and I love the fast-paced atmosphere of news.

Welcome to LOHS!

FOCUS ON....

Cheerleaders

Football and basketball draw plenty of attention to the field of play, but all too often those standing just outside the lines are missed for their hard work...



Photo by E. Riggs

Ashley Small
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Rain or shine, whether the bleachers are packed or not, LOHS cheerleaders are there to cheer on our teams. And more often than not, they are not given the credit they deserve.

LOHS cheerleaders practice hard to be prepared for the numerous games they cheer weekly. They attend regular practices every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:45 to 5:30. During these practices they work on stunts, gymnastics, dances, jumps and sideline chants. Their practices may also consist of running and other stamina building exercises. Each of the cheerleaders are also required to take gymnastic classes once a week.

During the football season the cheerleaders cheer about one game a week, but when basketball begins they will have a rigorous schedule of cheering at up to four games a week plus continuing with their regular practices. When asked about all the energy and time put into cheering, varsity

cheerleader Lindsey Fesmire said, "It's a lot of hard work, but we have a great time and that's what makes it worthwhile!"

LOHS has three separate squads: varsity, junior varsity and the competition squad. The varsity squads consists of sophomores through seniors, the J.V. squad is made up of only freshmen, but the competition squad can be students from any of the four grades. The competition squad will perform at regional and state competitions. They have separate practices, usually on Sunday and Monday. As time draws nearer for regionals, the cheerleaders begin practicing three to four times a week for about two to three hours at a time.

LOHS cheerleaders work hard, whether at practices, games or competition, to keep Lone Oak's school spirit up, and all of us know what a job that must be. LOHS cheerleaders have proven that they are dedicated members of their team and a great asset to all the games at which they are cheering!

Varsity Cheerleading Squad



Photo by E. Riggs

Competition Cheerleading Squad



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Junior Varsity Cheerleading Squad



Photo by E. Riggs

Varsity Squad: [back] Timera Cunningham, Christa McLain, Leslie Sither, Jessica Fortney, Kelly Adams [middle] Stacie Thrasher, Brooks Ware, Lindsey Fesmire, Shannon Powell, Heather Cook, Jennifer Connor [front] Natalie Trussell, Sara Puckett, Kelly Millay, Melanie Vinson, Ashley Canup
Competition Squad: [back] Sarah Warren, Christa McLain, Leslie Sither, Jessica Fortney, Kelly Adams [middle] Stacie Thrasher, Brooks Ware, Lindsey Fesmire, Shannon Powell, Heather Cook, Stephanie Lynch [front] Natalie Trussell, Sara Puckett, Kelly Millay, Melanie Vinson, Ashley Canup
Junior Varsity Squad: [back] Leah Koster, Sarah Warren, Rachel LeNeave, Elizabeth Walter [front] Rachel Haynes, Christina Fields, Stephanie Lynch, Lindsey Wyatt

What is your most memorable moment as a cheerleader?



Shannon Powell (12)

"When I fell in the mud at state right before we went on."



Melanie Vinson (11)
Jessica Fortney (11)

"When Heather [Cook] asked if we could do the rip-off (instead of a ripple and peel-off)."

Reading is so much fun, I did it all summer long

Emily Williams
Editorial Editor

As students reluctantly drag themselves back into the monotonous routine of education via LOHS, one can't help but overhear the raucous clamor of pubescent voices grossly exaggerating the wild and crazy shenanigans of their too-hip-to-be-true summer experiences. And while you won't hear any such hearsay from me, I did do something this summer I'm particularly proud of and adult enough to own up to: I read books.

To be perfectly honest, I didn't actually plan on spending the entirety of my carefree summer days alone in my room with nose

geekish-ly shoved in a novel. No, Mrs. Campbell's summer reading list was on hand to give me that extra added encouragement. However, once I got started it was impossible to stop and I simply couldn't get enough. I became a book junkie—intoxicating was the smell of a new book, alluring became the smooth texture of its velvety paper...., pretty pathetic, huh? I satisfied my lust for literature with generous helpings of Orwell (1984 is slow at first but I promise it is worth it in the end), Fitzgerald (skip *The Great Gatsby* and head straight for *This Side of Paradise*) and various others.

Probably the most exciting discovery I made was the incredible poet e.e. cummings. One day I was browsing through

Waldenbooks at the height of boredom when I was fortunate enough to just-so-happen upon a collection of selected poems. It didn't take me but two seconds of skimming till I decided I had found the man I was destined to marry (hey, I could get into necrophelia). Two of my all-time cummings' favorites are "don't get me wrong oblivion" and "The Ballad of an Intellectual."

Another fabulous writer is the author of *One Hundred Years of Solitude*, Gabriel Garcia Marquez, who also wrote *Love in the Time of Cholera*. Truthfully, I've never read the latter of the two but *One Hundred Years of Solitude* was so extraordinary that I can't imagine anything by him being less than worthy. *One Hundred Years of Solitude*

chronicles the kooky tale of one family by way of incredulous tall-tales enlivened by Marquez's unique mix of intellect and wit. The book is definitely a must. Others to consider are books by Hemingway, Anthony Burgess, Jack Kerouac, and poetry by Oscar Wilde (it would be a shame to have died without ever having read "The Ballad of Reading Gaol").

If you've already read these amazing classics (or even if you've read this far through my article) then I applaud you for your good sense. If you haven't, then march yourself into the nearest bookstore immediately! It is criminal to sit around watching re-runs of the MTV Video Awards instead of embracing the genius of our literary predecessors.

Franklin chosen Teacher of the Month

Sara Ryan
Circulation Manager

Mr. Franklin has been chosen as September's Teacher of the Month. Better known as AFco (Alan Franklin Company) by most students, he's widely loved for the wackiness displayed in his classes.

"I think it is a great honor to be chosen as teacher of the month, especially since I was chosen by students," said Franklin.

Mr. Franklin teaches AP Calculus, Pre-Calculus and Pre-Algebra this year, but throughout his six years of teaching at LOHS, he has taught most any math class offered. Before he came to Lone Oak, he taught math at Graves County High School. He has also been a high school and jr. high principal.

In addition to his classes, this year is Mr. Franklin's first year as the extended school services director. He took the position when Mr. Wells retired last year.



Afco is hard at work.

"I really like working with the extended school services program. This gives me the opportunity to work with people other than in my regular class time," Mr. Franklin said.

When Mr. Franklin is not at school he enjoys reading Stephen King and John Grisham novels, and playing golf. He also remodels kitchens during the summer months. His favorite movie of all time is *Scent of a Woman*. He enjoys listening to LeAnn Rimes and his favorite meal is crispy steak, mashed potatoes and home made rolls, which should greatly please the cafeteria staff.

What does Mr. Franklin enjoy most about teaching?

"Working with young people and seeing their eyes light up when they understand the concept being taught," said Franklin.

Web sites worth surfing

J.R. Young
Features Editor

Fast Web

www.fastweb.com

Seniors should take note of this site. Fill out an online questionnaire stating your clubs and activities, and *Fast Web* will return you a list of scholarships to apply for from its database of thousands.

NEWS.com

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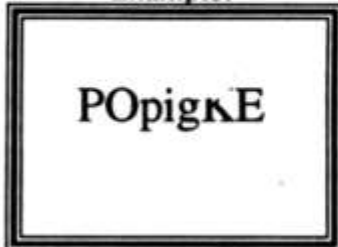
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Flex your brain with these plexers

Tracee Werner
Staff Writer

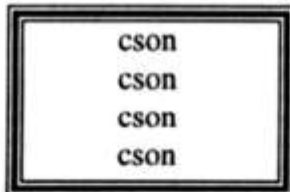
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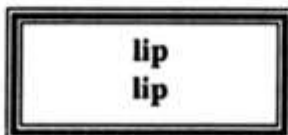
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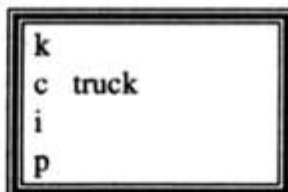
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Answer: 1.) 4 seasons; 2.) make-up; 3.) mulps; 4.) pick-up truck; 5.) Big Bird

Chatellier chosen as first Band Member of the Month for '97

Lucy Jackson
Feature Editor

To have already stood out as an outstanding student this early in the year is surely a great achievement. That is just what Senior Ashley Chatellier has accomplished by being chosen Band Member of the Month for September. Even though she is not a playing member of the Lone Oak Band, she is a four year member of the color guard and has worked her way to the the position of Color Guard Commander. She is also active in Polaris, an independent winter guard, which she has been involved with for the past two years.

"She is in charge of the daily activities of the color guard and ranks second only to our Color Guard Instructor. She is a hard worker in every aspect of the Guard and sees to it that the guard is prepared for whatever needs to be done in its relationship with the Marching Band. Ashley is one of my most dependable leaders and is very deserving of this honor," said Mr. Light, the instructor of the LOHS band.

Band Member of the month is not the only recognition she has recieved through color guard. Her sophomore year she recieved outstanding guard member. Then her Junior year she was made captain and, as metioned before,

commanding officer for this year. Chatellier feels she has been influenced mostly by her guard instructor, Stephanie Ford. "She is who I learned from. I can look up to her as a teacher, captain and marching member," said Chatellier. She feels that being in Color Guard has helped her gain confidence, discipline, respect and a great group of friends.

You'll see her out on the field this football season doing what she does best and she has confidence that this year's show is going to be the best yet with a combination of a great group of girls and an excellent band to back them up.



Ashley Chatellier; senior

The shows the networks don't want you to see

J.R. Young
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Saved by the Baker- Sort of a 90s *Odd Couple*. An aging and balding high school history teacher shares an apartment with Ted Kennedy. Comedy ensues as the teacher attempts to keep Ted out of the drunk tank.

Morgue- After the success of the drama-filled *ER*, NBC launches this new show. Dramatic tension is created as week after week the show's stars can't save their patients.

Steinflilled- NBC combines the premises

from two of their most popular shows ever (*Cheers* and *Seinfeld*) for this sitcom. Show centers around four bar flies who sit around and do nothing.

The Cornholio Chronicles- MTV tries to strike gold twice with this spinoff of *Beavis and Butthead*. The name says it all.

Dr. Kevorkian: Death Medicine Man- CBS fits this show into the time slot behind *Dr. Quinn*. Kevorkian, not really knowing medicine, finds himself resorting to giving up and just putting his patients out of their misery.

LOHS students volunteer at Lourdes

Megan Williams
News Editor

While the summer brought days of lounging in the sun and hanging out with friends for most of us, it also provided some teens the opportunity to make a contribution by doing volunteer work.

Lourdes Hospital was the setting for a few LOHS students to spend 4-5 hours one day a week completing odd jobs. Their responsibilities included making beds, filing, directing patients from one room to another and typing prescription labels. The teens were allowed to work in different areas of the hospital such as Same Day Surgery and Pain Management.

The volunteer program gives students a chance to see the day to day working environment in a hospital setting. The volunteers attended safety training and learned about sanitation precautions to help protect themselves as well as the patients. This opportunity also helps the

teens learn about medical occupations. Most decided to volunteer because they were interested in the medical field.

"I want to go into the medical field so I thought it would be a good hands on experience to aid in my medical education," said volunteer Kelly Smith (10).

Another volunteer, Sara Puckett (10) said, "I was interested in pediatrics, so I thought this program would show me how the department worked."

The volunteering not only taught the teens useful skills such as office, computer and negotiating abilities, but also helped relieve some of the duties of the nurses and secretaries.

"I felt like I helped not only the patients but the people I worked with as well," said Smith.

If you're interested in the medical field or simply want to help, consider volunteering at the hospital next summer. Contact Kathy Rutherman at Lourdes.

5 finger discount: students and shoplifting

Jacob Mitchell
Sports Writer

Have you ever had the chance to get something for free, but you knew it was wrong and against the law? It's called shoplifting, and if you are similar to almost half of the LOHS students polled on the subject, your answer to the above question would be yes.

In the poll, the students were basically asked "Have you ever shoplifted in any form?" A total of 68 students were polled and the results were almost identical. 32 people said that they had shoplifted, and 36 said that they haven't ever taken anything unlawfully. Of those, only a few reported getting caught, and the rest said that they got off without being arrested.

Shoplifting, or stealing, is the least expensive way to get something you want, but it's also the most dangerous. In spite of the risk and immorality of stealing, 47% of the students participating in the poll said that they had disobeyed the law by stealing goods ranging from CDs to candy to clothes.

Although today's technology has allowed viewing cameras in numerous unexpected places, many of the students plainly said, "Shoplifting is easy." Morals and fear of prosecution aside, these teens suggest that if there's something you want, just take it. "Stealing is simple, and if you want something, what's easier than just taking it?" an anonymous student said.

On the other hand, "Shoplifting is pointless, stupid, and wrong," Mr. Neel said. "People who do it should be punished to the fullest extent of the law." Apparently, some people agree with him, because 53% reported that they don't ever recall having shoplifted in any form.

Always remember that shoplifting is against the law, and fines, maybe even prison, may result. Even if you haven't got caught stealing before, that doesn't mean you won't get caught the next time. Play it safe and buy what you want because "Shoplifters will be prosecuted."

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Three students "bounding over the main" to LOHS

Suzannah Stoll
Coroner

Have you ever encountered one of the confused but valiant foreign exchange students roaming around the hallways in a bewildered blur? For the 1997-98 school year, LOHS proudly introduces Julia Ebert, Yuriko "Yuri" Nishigata, and Filip de Jonge.

The timorous Ebert did not know what to expect of Americans, but she was sure of one thing; she knew Americans thrived on "fast food." Leaving three siblings in Straubing, Germany, Ebert has grown fond of her new family here in Paducah. In the short time she has been here, she has enjoyed learning about American culture by going to see the Gateway Arch in St. Louis, MO, attending a few LOHS football games, and previewing recent blockbuster movies. She is also looking forward to the future endeavors her host family has in store.

Coming into a diverse community, she hopes to utilize her knowledge of the five languages she speaks: German, French, English, Portuguese, and Italian. Asked what she would like to take back with her to her native coun-

try, she replied, "I hope to have a better understanding of the English language and Americans."

The next foreign exchange contestant hails from Shizuoka, Japan. Nishigata has a limited vocabulary but this has not hindered her interactions with students and teachers. She has a way about her that says she is up to the challenge.

She may forgo sushi while in Paducah, but Nishigata is looking forward to the loaded hamburgers and hot dogs Americans so dearly love. When asked what she will not miss about Japan, Nishigata is quick to say, "Japan [is] so small and crowded," whereas the U.S. has "big room." She is becoming fond of Americans because "people [are] very friendly in [this] country"

The third exchange student calls Groningen, Netherlands his home. de Jonge also knew the U.S. had the reputation of being friendly. Apparently the students and faculty have lived up to this expectation because he said we have been "extra nice and friendly."

Upon arriving in Paducah, de Jonge said



LOHS's exchange students. (L to R) Filip de Jonge, Julia Ebert and Yuriko "Yuri" Nishigata

he was not surprised about anything in the U.S. because he had made this pilgrimage before. During his stay in Paducah he "wants to hang out with friends, go to some cafes, and to the discos." This outgoing individual likes to play basketball, baseball, tennis, and soccer in his spare time. In the ten months that de Jonge will be in the states, he will keep busy with these activities.

These students have traveled a great distance to pursue the American education and American culture. Mrs. Reeves put it best when she said, "Come on LOHS students, let's join forces to make these individuals feel welcome and a part of our school."

LOHS elects class officers

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After last summer's less than stellar performance at the box-office of *Batman and Robin*, Bruce Wayne must find new sources of income.

<p>"BLURBS"</p> <p><i>'Suppose you had an idiot and suppose you had a member of congress, but then I repeat myself.'</i> -- Mark Twain</p>	<p><i>'It's not that I'm afraid to die, I just don't want to be there when it happens.'</i> ... Woody Allen</p> <p><i>'It is only one step from the sublime to the ridiculous.'</i> -- Napoleon</p>	<p><i>'What fun it would be if one didn't have to think about happiness!'</i> -- Aldous Huxley from <i>Brave New World</i></p> <p><i>'People love a hypocrite, you know--they recognize one of their own...'</i> -- Stephen King from <i>The Green Miles</i></p> <p><i>'We've got to learn to respect what we don't understand.'</i> -- Indigo Girls</p>
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LOHS varsity soccer teams off to a good start

Tracee Werner
Staff Writer

LOHS Soccer has started with a boom! So far this season the girls have won four games and only lost one. The boys have won two, lost one, and tied one. (See score box below.)

The head coaches for both teams are Steve Angelly and Tony McGroarty. They are assisted by Denny Boles, Rick Fort, Fred Miller, and Chris Lacey. Coach Angelly is the one usually seen pacing the sidelines and discussing methods of play with players, while Coach McGroarty is wrapping ankles and "forcing" water down the throats of

players as they exit the field. Angelly thinks both teams have a good chance of winning district.

"It all depends on their attitudes," was Angelly's comment.

The captains for the girls' team are Jenny Boles and Brandy Gifford. Brent Dupree and Les Miller are the boys' team captains. The captains are the people who talk to the referees before each game when deciding who starts on which side and who gets to kick-off. Sometimes they are also required to talk to the ref when they feel an unfair call has been made.

Although there aren't too many games left, try to come and support your school.



Photo by T. Werner

Lone Oak Soccer players Michael Fortney (19), Todd Belcher (8), and Nathan Trussell (3) wait for an upcoming corner kick by the Greyhounds.



Photo by S. Stell

Girls player Whitney Nall (12) watches as Tracee Werner (18) prepares for a header

Baseball like it oughta be

Jacob Mitchell
Sports Writer



Ever since the invention of baseball in the late 1800's, the sport has been a classic game— America's Pastime. Now, over 125 years later, baseball is becoming America's project.

Expansion, interleague play (which is American League teams playing National League teams), and a newly proposed complete realignment has taken over a game that was once ruled by heroes. Most purists say the game has lost its integrity and is turning its back on history, and I would have to agree. Today, baseball is no longer a game, but a business that is caught up in salaries that are becoming astronomical. Players just keep feeding off of the pay-raises, asking for more and more and eventually refusing to play or otherwise be traded if not satisfied. Not only have the players become unmanageable, but the owners are greedy and arrogant. No wonder the attendance levels have declined significantly since the devastating strike of '94 that shortened a season with enormous promise.

As you may or may not know, two new expansion teams are entering Major League Baseball in the '98 season. They are the Tampa Bay Devil Rays and the Arizona Diamondbacks. In the current alignment, there are five teams in the East and Central divisions in both the National and American Leagues. In each league, there are only four teams in the West divisions. That makes it easy for Arizona, who is going to the N.L., to take its place in the West division because of its location. However, Tampa Bay is in the East, so it's got a problem due to the fact that the league wants to be "geographically correct." The A.L. East already has its

capacity of five teams, and even if you put it there anyway, the league would be unbalanced.

So here comes the proposition. Switch all these teams around into two divisions a league, A.L. teams to the N.L., and vice versa. The front office of Major League Baseball is intent on completely renewing baseball, and I don't think it's such a good idea.

First of all, stop expansion. Isn't 28 teams enough? If we put an end to expansion, none of these problems would surface. Pro baseball teams expand all throughout America, and a couple in Canada, so what's the need for new teams who will just struggle to survive in years to come? It just isn't worth all the hassle of giving baseball a facelift.

Second, stop interleague games. Interleague play has sparked the interest of fans across the nation. Even though attendance has soared above averages since the introduction of interleague, it just doesn't make any sense. Think about it— teams are playing games with absolutely no purpose. These games don't take place in their division, or even their own league, so how are the teams supposed to help themselves win a division or pennant? This leads to one simple answer: stop interleague play and increase the number of games within a division. That way, teams fight their own battle for the pennant and have games with meaning. If players would stop being greedy and owners cleaned up their act, baseball could be salvaged and attendance would rise even without interleague.

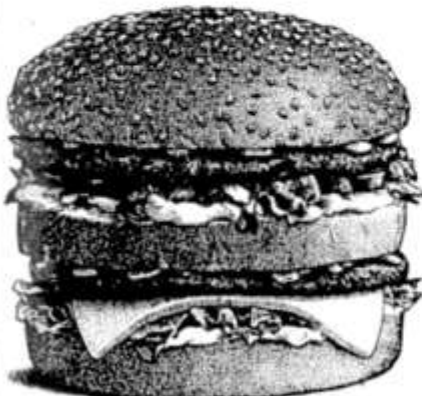
Stop all of these problems and go back to just playing the good old game, and baseball will be fine. However, if baseball continues to change, our great sport will be ruined. Leave alone what little is left of America's Pastime.

Girls' Score Box

Opponent	Score
Graves County	Won, 6-0
Reidland	Won, 2-1
Lyon County	Won, 10-0
Dawson Springs	Won, 7-0
St. Mary	Won, 8-0
Graves County	Won, 7-0
Tilghman	Won, 4-1
Murray	Lost, 2-1
Heath	Lost, 2-1

Boys' Score Box

Opponent	Score
Union County	Won, 10-0
Christian County	Won, 2-1
Marshall County	Lost, 7-2
Saint Mary	Tie, 0-0
Reidland	Won, 1-0
Graves County	Won, 8-0
Heath	Won, 4-2
Tilghman	Lost, 4-1



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Flash football wraps up county championship

Jacob Mitchell
Sports writer

After only two games into the season, the Purple Flash completed a sweep of the other McCracken County teams, defeating Reidland and Heath for its second consecutive County Championship.

Led by the senior backfield of Brandon Bahr, Kyle Slankard, and Vince Carter, the Flash buried their opponents by a combined score of 75-14. Against Reidland at home, Slankard had a pair of touchdowns, one on a nine yard run in the first and the other on a 63-yard pass from junior quarterback Tim Burrows in the second. Also in the second, junior Nathan East stopped two crucial Reidland drives with interceptions, denying the Greyhounds any hope to score. At halftime, it was Lone Oak 21, Reidland 0. Later, in the third quarter Bahr made it a 27 point advantage with a 19 yard catch for a touchdown. That

was all of the scoring until late in the fourth when senior Joe Dumbacher intercepted a Reidland pass and returned it to the end zone to put the nail in Reidland's coffin. That would be the end result, Flash 34, Greyhounds 0.



Lone Oak lines up on defense as Calloway snaps the ball.

Photo by Tracee Werner

intercepted a Reidland pass and returned it to the end zone to put the nail in Heath, Bahr and junior receiver Sandy

McDaniel each had two touchdowns. McDaniel's scores were both from the air, one a ten-yarder and the other an eight-yard TD. Bahr had a pass and a run as Carter and Slankard both marched to the end zone in a romping of the Pirates, 41-14. Bahr finished the night with 101 rushing yards on 14 carries, and also 56 yards on catches. Carter and Slankard combined for 168 yards on the ground, and McDaniel ended up with 38 yards from the aerial attack.

The Flash are led this year by a new head coach, Courtney Neel, who is very optimistic about the rest of the season. "This is a good team, but we have a tough schedule to contend with," Neel said. "I believe we will be successful. We will play hard on the field and be gentlemen off the field."

"This is an exceptional group of young men. They are good people, respectful, and good students," Neel said. "I can't imagine a more enjoyable group to be around"

1997 LOHS Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Where	Date	Opponent	Where	Date	Opponent	Where
8/29	Reidland	Home	9/26	Hopkins Central*	Home	10/24	Hopkinsville*	Home
9/5	Heath	Away	10/3	Tilghman*	Away	10/31	Murray	Home
9/12	Madisonville*	Away	10/10	Union*	Away	*= District game		
9/19	Calloway*	Home	10/17	Fulton City	Away	All games at 7:30		

Girls tennis places second at state

Megan Williams
News Editor

The LOHS girls tennis team's five year reign as state tennis champs came to an end this summer at the state tournament in Lexington. Lone Oak finished an outstanding second place just two points below the champion, Notre Dame.

The first round of play proved victorious as both singles players and doubles teams won their first matches.

Then, in the round of second 16 both doubles teams met defeat. Amy Newman (12) and Jennifer Hayden (11) lost to Lexington Henry Clay while Audrey Cunningham (graduate) and Emily Lichtenberg (9) were defeated by the number three seeded team. Singles players, Sarah Suitor (9) and Jamie O'Hara (12) went on to play in the semifinals where they were both defeated. Lone Oak earned twelve points finishing second out of twenty teams.

"I felt all the girls played

exceptionally well," said Coach Heflin.

The boys were also successful finishing third place behind St. Xavier. Both doubles teams and singles players were undefeated after the first round and advanced on to the round of 16. While singles player, Ryan Lichtenberg (12) was defeated in the round of 16, Ben Thompson (11) went on to the quarterfinals where he lost to the number one seed. Doubles team Ben Brazzell (11) and Joey Sloan (graduate) advanced to the quarterfinals before they were defeated by Louisville Ballard. Lone Oak's second doubles team, Matt Upshaw (12) and Primit Patel (12), advanced to the round of 16 where they lost to Owensboro Catholic.

"The boys played their best tennis of the year at state," Heflin said.

The teams have high expectations for the upcoming year. They are hoping to win regionals and possibly state.

"I think this year's girls team has an excellent chance to win regionals and have an excellent chance to win at state. The boys can win the region again and hopefully finish in the top three at state," said Heflin.

Both teams are now playing in the round robin tournament to improve their playing ability and to prepare for the season ahead.



(back row) Coach Poore, Matt Upshaw, Primit Patel, Joey Sloan, Carl Walter, Ben Thompson, Matt Hopper, Ryan Lichtenberg, Ben Brazzell, Coach Heflin (front row) Amy Newman, Jamie O'Hara, Jennifer Hayden, Audrey Cunningham, Emily Lichtenberg, Sarah Suitor, Casey Skaggs, Terri Edwards

Scoring

Lone Oak 34, Reidland 0

Nathan East 11 yard pass from Tim Burrows - Cartney Mitchell kick
Kyle Slankard 9 yard run - Mitchell kick

Slankard 63 yard pass from Burrows-Mitchell kick

Brandon Bahr 19 yard pass from Burrows- kick failed

Joe Dumbacher 31 yard run - Mitchell kick

Lone Oak 41, Heath 14

Slankard 20 yard run - Mitchell kick
Vince Carter 31 yard run

Bahr 20 yard run - kick failed

Sandy McDaniel 10 yard pass from Burrows - Mitchell kick

Bahr 33 yard pass from Burrows-Mitchell kick

McDaniel 8 yard pass from Burrows-Mitchell kick

Lone Oak 7, Madisonville 34

Carter 8 yard run, Mitchell kick

Lone Oak 0, Calloway 7

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