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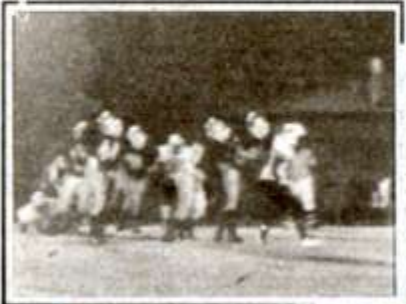
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Academic team off to best start ever

Lucy Jackson
Feature Editor

The LOHS Academic Team has started off this year with a record setting start of 16-0. The dedicated members practice Monday through Friday at seven in the morning. The hard work has paid off considering both teams have played four matches, consisting of two games each, and both have an 8-0 record.

"The academic team rocks," commented junior varsity team coach Ms. Underhill.

The Flash has faced eight different schools and won every game. This is the best record that LOHS has ever compiled.

They competed against St. Mary and Carlisle County on October 20 (results unavailable as of press time). Graves and Reidland will be the next to face the Flash on October 28th. The final games

of the season will be November 3 against Heath and Marshall County.

"There is a good chance the team will be undefeated going into the final home

match," Mr. Toy, varsity academic team coach, commented.

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FOCUS ON: academic team



Mr. Toy preaches the gospel of buzzers to academic team members

Art students dominate competition

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

Picasso. Monet. Humphrey? Well, that third name might not be as well-known yet, but Matt Humphrey and several other LOHS students are well on their way to the Guggenheim.

At the recent District Federation of Women's Clubs Art Competition, LOHS's art students walked away with seven first place awards out of the 11 of 13 categories they entered. Besides the first place finishes, students also picked up two second place awards, and one third.

"The students won the highest number of awards ever by Lone Oak in this competition," Mrs. Hayden, art teacher, commented. "The [Lone Oak Women's Club] members were highly complimentary of the students' work."

The competition is held annually each fall, with the first place winners advancing to the state competition in the spring. LOHS represents the Lone Oak Women's Club each year, which presented all first place winners with \$25 cash prizes.



(left to right)

PICTURED

STUDENT	CATEGORY	PLACE
Rebecca Eason	braiding	1st
Adrian Hubbard	batik and tye-dye	1st
Emily Williams	photography	1st
Emily Rigdon	crochet and knitting	1st
Amanda Hall	drawing	3rd
Allan Ramsey	basketweaving	1st
	printmaking	2nd
Matt Humphrey	watercolor	1st
	painting	2nd

NOT PICTURED

Jessica Buckelew	latch hook	1st
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LOHS Colonels march their way to the top

Estee Cheah
Business/Ad Manager

Practice has sure paid off for the Kentucky Colonel Marching Band. Every weekend since the end of August, the band has either been performing in football games or competing in contests in neighboring counties.

The Colonels held their annual Lone Oak Invitational band contest at the Flash Field on September 6. Many bands showed up for the contest. Although they did not compete, the Colonels performed in an exhibition which left the audience on their feet.

Starfest '97, located in Marshall Co., was the Colonel's first contest. The Colonels scored a proficient rating of 79.70 which put them over the top in the AA competition with Heath and Reidland trailing behind,

respectively. Lone Oak also received the awards for Best Colorguard and Best Percussion and was recognized as Reserve Grand

"This year has been like no other and with a little luck, we'll be heading to Lexington for State." -- Mr. Light

Champion.

On Sept. 20th, the Colonels competed at Heath's March for the Gold contest. The band boasted the score of distinguished with an 86.5. Lone Oak swept through the AA class winning first place and also best field commander, colorguard and percussion.

The following week, the band departed to Bowling Green, KY for the

Southern Kentucky Marching Band Festival. There, the Colonels faced tough competition. The judges rated them with a score of 82.2. The colorguard was named Best Colorguard of the second class of AA. The band, themselves, placed first in their class. However, the surprise came later when the Colonels were rewarded Grand Champion of the small division.

In the Reidland Field of Dreams contest, the band scored an 88 which put them nine tenths of a point short of winning the AA class competition and also the Grand Champion award under the Muhlenberg South Marching Suns.

The Colonels competed in Hopkinsville the next week. In the Prelims competition, the band received first place in their class and Best Colorguard. In the finals competition, they placed 10th.



LOHS Field Commanders Nola Gochman and Elizabeth Rigdon climb the ladder of success. Photo by E. Cheah

Lone Oak qualified to compete in the State Quarterfinals held in Madisonville, KY on Oct 18. They were selected as one of the top 8 AA bands, and will advance to State Semifinals in Lexington the following week.

Tutoring program helps students keep grades high



Emily Dean and Abby Ferrara help each other with their homework. Photo by E. Williams

All-State hopefuls audition

Sara Ryan
Circulation Manager

Auditions for All-State Choir were held October 9 at PTHS- and with only 15% of the choir allowed to go, Mrs. Durham, director, had her work cut out for her.

Those making the final cut were: Seniors, **Jon Cargill, Andrea Parker and Sara Ryan**; Juniors, **Ashley Canup, Michael Crouch, Jonathan Light, Frances Owen, Josh Reeves, Elizabeth Rigdon, Carrie Sisto and Callie Wexler**; and Sophomore **Shay Barnes**.

All-State auditions haven't been the choir's only focus. Recently 36 choir members headed to MSU to participate in the First District Chorus. For the first time ever there were two choirs scheduled to perform, an SATB choir and an SSA choir. The choirs, directed by guest conductors Dr. Brad Almquist of Murray and Frank Heller of Louisville, rehearsed all day for the evening performance.

Upcoming events for the choir include a performance at the Paducah Women's Club and the Quad-State Choral Festival. The choirs will also prepare for their Christmas concert.

Emily Williams
Editorial Editor

With the abolishment of Second Chance Saturday School, students no longer have the opportunity to bring up their dwindling G.P.A.'s after-the-fact. Therefore, doing well on every test and homework assignment becomes a necessity. To aid students in their studies, an after-school tutoring service was introduced under the supervision of Mr. Franklin.

The tutoring sessions are offered

on Tuesdays and Thursdays in Mrs. Korte's room after school from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tutoring is available in the four core subjects of math, English, science, and history. Senior tutors are employed at \$8.00 per hour to share their skills with peers.

"I find the tutoring experience beneficial for the tutor and the tutee," said Emily Rigdon.

Students who would like to participate in this program should inquire in the guidance offices.

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Community shocked by toddler's death

Minding your own business is not always the right thing to do

Emily Williams

Editorial Editor



Recently, in our very own Lone Oak, a tragedy surfaced. The front page headline of *The Paducah Sun* for Wednesday, October 1 read "Parents face murder charges after malnourished boy dies." This latest incident is a perfect example of an alarming and growing trend in our society.

In the Fox Harbor Apartments, not far from the high school, a 2-year-old boy was the victim of severe malnutrition and neglect. As a result, he is now dead.

The parents, Billy and Susan Mitchell, claimed they did not have enough money to feed their three

children and that in the seven days prior to the boy's death he had only water to live on. Ironically, they seemed to have plenty of money to finance a two-bedroom apartment, a car, two televisions (with cable), a VCR, two stereos and a computer.

One public official stated to *The Paducah Sun* that, "It was like what you would see in a third world country...It is the most pitiful, sickening sight to see a child dead like this." Unfortunately, these are not the only incidents of this kind of "baby neglect."

Recently, there have been numerous neglect accounts of this caliber. Most readers may not be aware, but there is also another starvation/murder case under way in Danville, Kentucky. Jennifer Bauer was arrested May 21 and is now standing trial for murder after her 4-month-old son starved to death.

There have also been a myriad of

teenage girls who have been having secretive pregnancies ending in the death of their infants. Melissa Drexler delivered her baby in a bathroom stall while at her senior Prom. Amy Grossberg gave birth to

'It was like what you would see in a third world country...It was the most sickening sight to see a child dead like this'

a baby in a motel room and later left it for dead in a nearby dumpster. The list goes on and on.

The crux of this problem lies in the inattentiveness of the parents and neighbors. The communities in the cases of the Mitchells and Jennifer Brauer should have been aware of the problem. Teachers of Billie

Mitchell should have taken notice of her diminutive size. The neighbors of the Mitchell family didn't even know that there was more than one child in the family! There is not one single person among us who would not have given food to the Mitchell family had they but known of the circumstances.

Where were the parents while their children blossomed into noticeably larger pregnant women? Perhaps people, including parents, have become so accustomed to minding their own business that they fail to realize what *is* their business!

No longer would these tragedies occur if the isolating boundaries surrounding us were broken down once and for all. Everyone should make it a priority to be involved in the lives of others, whether it be your own flesh and blood, or the family down the street.

The day America told the truth

Ashley Small

Co-Editor-in-Chief



Morals, according to Webster's Dictionary, are defined as, "arising from conscience or the sense of right and wrong."

Most people, if asked, would consider themselves moral individuals. But you might be surprised at what James Patterson and Peter Kim discovered in their book *The Day America Told the Truth*. After surveying a wide spectrum of Americans, these two authors found that only 13% find the Ten Commandments to be binding and relevant.

For a refresher the Ten Commandments say: **do not steal, kill, lie, commit adultery, make any other Gods before Him, have any idols, take the Lord's name in vain, desire what is not yours, and do honor your parents and remember**

the Sabbath Day. These commandments have been the basis of a moral life for centuries. They have shaped western civilization.

It would seem that regardless of one's personal religious beliefs, one would follow them in some form. Is it not a bit unsettling that many people find them invalid?

When Patterson and Kim asked people what they would do for ten million dollars; 7% said they'd murder a stranger, 23% would become a prostitute and 25% would be willing to abandon their families. Is it any wonder that half of all American marriages will end in divorce?

And when 91% say they regularly lie at home, work or school and over half the workforce admits they regularly call in sick when they feel just fine, it would seem that when America decided to tell the truth, they left some asking a huge question, "Where are our morals?"

It's time we start asking ourselves the difference between right and wrong. And here's a novel idea --it's time to do the right thing!



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Eating: in the cafeteria or out?

Kelly Reeves

Staff Writer



Has anyone ever noticed how long it takes to find a lunch table in the cafeteria? I have, and it seems like I spend all of that time just to find that most tables are being saved by tons of backpacks anyway! It takes at least half the lunch period trying to find a seat and dodging all of the other three hundred and ninety nine people trying to get their lunch and find their seats. The solution that would aid in solving all of these problems and more is allowing students to eat in places besides the cafeteria.

By allowing students to eat in the

gym, outside, the hall beside the cafeteria, plus the cafeteria, many students (including me!) would be less irritable and more relaxed when it is time for class. We would have no problem finding a place to sit because there would be so many choices.

Lastly, do teachers and administrators actually believe that the majority of LOHS was raised in a barn? The answer is yes, they think so, and no, we weren't. There is no proven fact that says all high school students make messes and throw things. What happened to giving us the benefit of the doubt?

Overall, lunch would be a better experience for everyone because students would have plenty of time and space to relax while eating and teachers can spend their time eating instead of patrolling the halls for illegal food.

Jacob Mitchell

Sports Writer



A much debated question lately has concerned lunch: is there such little space in the cafeteria that it's necessary to reinstate eating elsewhere? In previous years, students were able to eat where they chose, whether it be the halls, the gym, or obviously, the cafeteria. This year, on the other hand, we are confined to only the somewhat skimpy boundaries of the cafeteria. Everyone complains about the lack of space, but should we be allowed, once again, to eat where we want?

Why shouldn't we eat outside the cafeteria? The mess. If we could take our lunch anywhere our new

school would get trashed. We all know how high schoolers are, we will make messes no matter how hard we try. Seats and aisles would become sticky, wet, and garbage riddled. If we were to have a basketball game that night, the bleachers would be unsuitable to sit in.

What's wrong with eating in the cafeteria? Despite the occasional lack of seats, there are no problems concerning it. Cafeterias were made to be eaten in, not halls and gyms.

Do we really want to mess up a new school? Whoever decided to stop eating outside the cafeteria really had their head on straight. It's only thirty minutes, and what's more important — eating at all, or eating with friends in a spacious area? I think we all know the answer to that question.

Rooving reporter: What do you think about only being allowed to eat in the cafeteria?

"You need to be comfortable when you're eating and the small, crowded cafeteria is far from comfortable."

Jerry Smith (9)

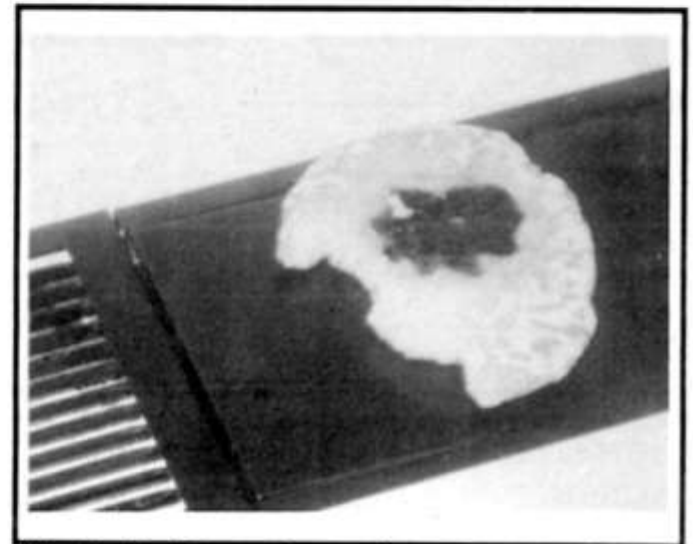


"The crowdedness of the cafeteria causes tension among students and usually more space equals less tension."

Brad Kaufman (10)

"I think that we shouldn't be restricted to only the cafeteria because it's way too small for 400 people!"

Emily Lyles (9)



This danish, left on a heater, is a prime example of why students are not allowed to eat outside of the cafeteria.

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"LOHS's Academic team rocks"

Megan Williams
News Editor

While many students are knowledgeable of LOHS's sports teams, they know little about one of the most victorious teams here at LOHS. The academic team is a group that does not always receive the recognition and support they deserve. So, what is the academic team anyway?

The academic team is a hard working group of students who spend extra time expanding their knowledge and bringing victory to LOHS. Both the JV and Varsity teams spend one or two days a week drilling each other with questions in a practice match situation for twenty minutes before school. The questions range from history, English and math to general knowledge categories.

"It takes commitment, broad knowledge of different subjects and

"It takes commitment, broad knowledge of different subjects and quick thinking to be on the academic team."

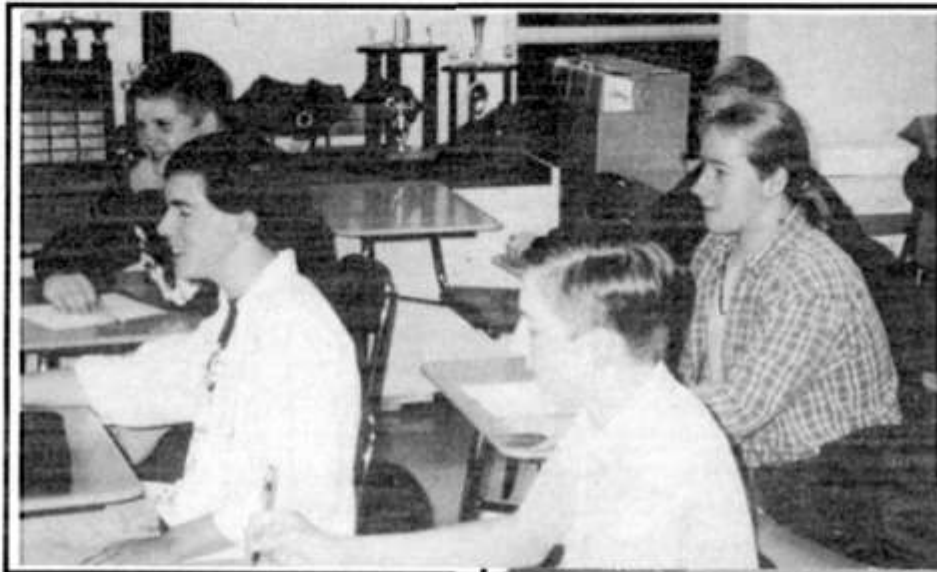
- Tamara Bloodworth (10)

quick thinking to be on the academic team," said Tamara Bloodworth (10), a member of the JV team.

During meets, the academic team challenges another school in a race to see who can recall the answer to the question asked first. Questions are read aloud and the team members must buzz in and answer based on their own knowledge. A bonus question is asked at the end of the match, and the team is allowed to confer with each other to find an answer. The answer is then relayed through the team captain. Most of the time, two matches are played in one day.

"It (the academic team) has taught me things I didn't already know. It's fun to participate in the matches," said Bloodworth.

Students who are interested in having fun while learning new facts should consider trying out for the academic team.



Who said being drilled was supposed to be serious? Counterclockwise from L-R: Bryan Garner, Josh McGuire, Jason Ramage, Will Mills, and Trey Swacker.

The solemn, but studious varsity team. Clockwise L-R: Bryan Garner, Trey Swacker, Will Mills, Jason Ramage, Josh McGuire, Jackie Allshouse, Callie Wexler, and Janie Toy.



Ms. Underhill, Coach (front row left) poses with the JV team: Tamara Bloodworth, Rachel Wattier, and Amanda Baucum. Back row: Lindsey Ward, Garrett Sheatley, Jason Bergstrom, Jay Swacker, Joshua Bergstrom, Brett Sanders, and Amy Chapman.



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pictured on front page: Christen Green (11)

H a l l o

Trick OR Treat

Halloween is a holiday that most people do not take too seriously, but enjoy celebrating. Carving jack-o-lanterns, dressing to resemble ghosts, witches or grmlins and trick-or-treating are among the favorite rituals. While we associate Halloween with these activities, it was not always celebrated in such a manner.

The first observances of Halloween, the evening before All Saints' Day, orginated among the ancient

Druids. The Druids believed that Saman, the lord of the dead, called the evil spirits to appear on this day. They lit great fires to ward off these spirits.

The ancient Celts were also among the first peoples to observe Halloween. They believed Halloween was the last evening of the year and was a good time to examine the future. The Celts also believed that the spirits of the dead revisited their

earthly homes on that evening.

The Romans added features of their harvest festival to the Halloween observances. Their customs of bobbing for apples and carving jack-o-lanterns is still prevalent here in the U.S. as well as Great Britian.

So this Halloween, as you dress in your scary costume, remember the first Halloween and the evil spir-its that frightened the Druids.



Pictured
Lisa Heine (11)
dressed as Straw-
berry Shortcake



What was your best \ favorite Halloween costume?

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| Drag Queen - Jesse Wilkes (10) | (11) |
| Pipi Longstocking - Bethany Wright (10) | Skunk - Meghan Heine (10) |
| Rainbcw Bright - Allison Light (10) | Strawberry Shortcake - Lisa Heine (11) |
| rebellious babydoll - Kristin Calhoun (11) | Bill Clinton - Amanda Baucam (10) |
| Phantom of the Opera - Jon Presley (10) | Fruit of the Loom (grapes) - Mrs. Helmich (teacher) |
| pizza delivery boy - Bob Hite (10) | Winnie the Pooh - Sara Angelly (10) |
| Hershey Kiss - Lindsay McElrath | M-n-M's - Julie Brody (11) |
| | genie - Rachel Griffith (11) |



Leigh Ann Summers (11) hoboing around

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Wicked Witch	Flapping Bat	Rest in Peace	Black Cat
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Meghan Heine (10) flutters around while Bethany Wright (10) is in serious concentration

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Princess Casie Skaggs (9) puckers up while sister Shelley (12) strikes a pose



Witch's Promenade

Kelly Reeves
Staff Writer

Halloween is the chosen night,
When witches come out to play.
They stir their brew and cast their spells,
'Til night turns into day.

Opposum's tails and raccoon's feet,
Are all mixed in the brew.
But you'd better watch out wherever you go,
Or their next victim might be you!

The witches gather 'round their graves,
On fateful Hallow's Eve.
Then they fly upon their broomsticks,
In and out of trees, they weave.

Their wrinkly faces and hands so green,
Are reason enough to hide and run away.
So if they ask to have you for dinner,
I'd advise you wouldn't stay!

The warts on their noses and pointed hats,
Could give little kiddies a scare.
But what about their dark, black gowns,
And the spider webs in their hair?

Although some don't believe in witches,
On Halloween nights I'd say they're true.
So to all you disbelievers, beware,
For their next victim might be you!



Partners-in-crime, Sam Huff (12) and Caleb Huff (9), pose as jailbirds



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Graveyard	Full Moon
Tombstone	Vampire
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Harper's personality wins her Teacher of the Month

Emily Riggs
Sports Editor

With her high-spirits and bubbly personality, it's no wonder Mrs. Harper was selected as October's teacher of the month. She is a carefree, motivated, loving person who cares about her students.

"I've never had a student I didn't like. I love teaching and watching my students learn and their personalities develop. Each and everyone is special," Harper stated.

Her students obviously feel she's made an impression on them.

"I would describe Mrs. Harper as very lively and really funny. I love her - she is outgoing and relates to the students," senior, Tara Stuart said.

Harper is an FBLA advisor, and is involved with just about everything from Hospice to The Vocational Education Program. Harper teaches keyboarding, office procedures and works with the cooperative education program.

Although Harper seems to have a pretty busy schedule with school activities, she finds time to work in

her garden, go antique shopping, cook at home-especially bake, do things with her family, be involved with the students, and work in her church - she hasn't missed Sunday School in 33 years.

On a more personal level, Harper has been married to husband, Donnie for 27 years. She has two sons, Aaron, a senior at MSU, and Jacob, a sophomore at PCC.

"I am blessed with a wonderful family," Harper said, "I'm proud to be at LOHS, I've lived in this area all my life, this is my home!"



Mrs Harper sporting her famous smile

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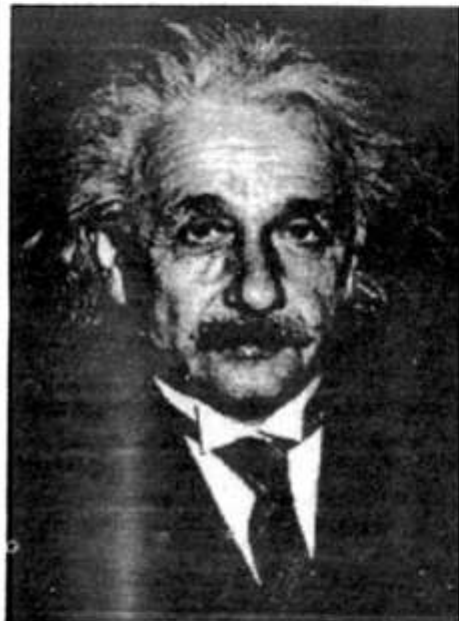
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Ramsey conquers competitive art world

Lucy Jackson
Feature Editor

Allan Ramsey (12) has been chosen as Art Member of the Month for October. This is an honor he has won, not once, but twice, since his debut as an artist at our very own LOHS.

Very involved in art activities at LOHS, Ramsey is in AP Art, an Art aide and holds office as the Czar of the Art Club. He spent a week this summer at an MSU art workshop honing his artistic talents.

Ramsey feels he has gained inspiration to produce his pieces from Craig Jackson, a former LOHS student and from sporks, those handy fork and spoon-in-one contraptions.

Ramsey is full of other fun facts.

"I like to write funny stuff, sleep and play with sharp objects." At this he



shows me a scar on his thumb from an X-acto knife accident.

Ramsey plays the plastic harmonica, kazoo and the "gut-bucket," and listens to groups like Beck when he's in the mood for a record.

When asked what other material goods bring him happiness, Ramsey answered, "I like cookies; good ones."

Of course, Ramsey is planning a career in art when he graduates.

"I want to be an artist and starve and stuff."

H O M E C O M I N G C O U R T 1 9 9 7



Homecoming Court:: (left to right) Amy Newman, Whitney Nall, Andrea Parker, Misty Skinner, Julie Sims, Amanda Mitchell, Jennifer Dunn, Sara Gourley, Shannon Powell, and Julie Stewart, Attendants: LaShanda Edwards (9), Francis Owen (10), Rebecca Huyck (11)

Upshaw and Rigdon selected as Junior Rotarians

Matt Upshaw
September Rotarian

Sara Ryan
Circulation Manager

Matt Upshaw is a stranger to no one at LOHS. Known by students and teachers everywhere as the smart guy who fixes computers, it is no surprise he was chosen as Junior Rotarian for the month of September.

Upshaw has played on the varsity tennis team for four years. He has been a member of the Beta Club for three years, a member of the Student Council and editor of the yearbook for the past two years. He is a Goals 2000 tutor and has maintained a 4.0 GPA throughout his high school career.

Upshaw's highest honor was being chosen a National Merit Semifinalist. This was awarded to him because of his extremely high PSAT scores.

"Being chosen as a semifinalist and already being offered full scholarships has made me realize that the years of



Senior, Matt Upshaw

hard work have definitely paid off," says Upshaw.

In his free time Upshaw enjoys being outdoors. He loves to water ski and enjoys tinkering with a 1957 Chevy he has been fixing up since he was six.

Next year Upshaw plans to attend "a big engineering school." After getting a degree in engineering Matt may go to law school. He would like to practice a specialized law using his engineering degree.

Emily Rigdon
October Rotarian

Sara Ryan
Circulation Manager

When Emily Rigdon was chosen as Junior Rotarian for the month of October it was not an undeserving award. She's been highly involved in all aspects of LOHS since her freshman year.

She was selected as a 1997 Governor's Scholar Participant and a Purchase Area Youth Salute Participant. Rigdon is the President of the Beta Club, Vice President of the Key Club, a member of the Biology Club, FCA and Foreign Language Club. Rigdon was also the 1996-97 Student Council Vice President and is a member of the LOHS band.

Rigdon is a Senior Girl Scout and has been a Girl Scout for 13 years. She is a National Merit Commended Student and has maintained a 4.0 GPA throughout high school. She was most recently chosen a member of the GT Performing



Senior, Emily Rigdon

Arts in drama. Rigdon also enjoys cycling and collecting Tori Amos CD's.

Rigdon is unsure of what college she will attend next year, but she plans to major in Chemical Engineering and minor in Spanish.

When Rigdon was asked how she felt being chosen as a Junior Rotarian she said, "This is quite swell, but is there any money involved in this?"

Spending the day in Alternative School

Ashley Small
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Vandalism, fighting and possession of illegal substances are just a few of the many reasons why someone might find himself taking a little trip to Alternative School. While most may not ever venture there, Mr. Gerald Vaughn, LOHS' new Alternative School teacher, does everyday!

Vaughn, a previous teacher and coach at Hickman County, is enjoying his new teaching position. As the Alternative School teacher he is responsible for getting all the student's work from their regular school teachers. He also has to maintain discipline in the one classroom trailer.

When asked what the main differences between regular classes and the alternative setting is Vaughn said, "It's one room and one chair the whole day. Whether it's to sharpen your pencil or turn in papers, students must get permission to do everything."

Students who are sent to A-school are

there for normally 20 days. If students misbehave or are absent they can have up to 24 days to complete their time. In order to complete a day successfully each student must finish 80% of the expected



New teacher, Mr. Vaughn, poses for a picture at the Alternative School.

requirements. This means all their work is finished, they have been well behaved and they finished the extra work assigned to them by Mr. Vaughn or his assistant. If they do not accomplish that in a day, they can be given another day of A-school.

As far as student's behavior in his

classroom, Mr. Vaughn seems to have very few problems. The classroom time and activities are very structured, leaving little time for discipline problems. Students arrive at 7:45 and work silently until their lunch from 11:00 - 11:30.

Then they return to their class work until 2:25. Students are allowed only 3 trips to the restroom a day and are not allowed to speak to other students at all.

While most students see Alternative School as a punishment, some find spending time in such a structured and focused environment helps them and their grades improve. Unfortunately, students at A-school miss out on the important classroom

instruction and Mr. Vaughn doesn't give any either, so being in Alternative School can leave students fending for themselves when it comes to directions.

For those of you who don't plan on visiting Mr. Vaughn at Alternative School any time soon don't worry he's also the new girl's basketball coach, so

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Yea rah Lone Oak soccer

Tracee Werner
Staff Writer

On October 7, 1997 the LOHS Girls' Varsity Soccer team beat the three year standing school record of ten wins in a season with eleven victories. And with a major triumph over Heath on October 10, they defeated the new record just set the previous week. GO GIRLS!! Although September ended on a bad note for the boys with three losses, they have picked up the pace in October with three straight wins. GO BOYS!!

Both teams are working hard, practicing from 4:00 - 6:00 in the afternoon, and it shows. As of October 9, the girls' team has obtained a 12 - 3 record. And the boys' team has an 8 - 6 win/loss record with one tie. (See score box below). The boys' Calloway and



Varsity Boys: (back row) Cartney Mitchell, Les Miller, Brent Dupree, Russ Peck, Ulrick Kulek, Alan Ramsey (front row) Josh Luscombe, Todd Belcher, Donnie Block, Kyle Hoppmann, Brett Martin, Adam Miller

Reidland games were close til the end, but they were defeated in over time.

Lone Oak boys were defeated 3-1 by Tilghman in the first round of district play on October 15. Although

the Flash started strong, the Tornadoes came back in the second half with the final winning goal.

On October 16 the girls took the title for district champ. Way to go Lone Oak!

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Varsity Girls: (back row) Brandy Gifford, Whitney Nall, Jenny Boles, Julie Stewart, Suzanne Dyson, Katie Taylor, Serah Kersey, Jessica Miller, Melissa Fort, Lindsay Culp, Julie Berens, Meghan Heine, (front row) Tracee Werner, Amanda Dycus, Meghan Furlong, Candice Dupree, LeighAnn Collins, Emily Lyles, Katie Oldham



Soccer Highlights

Jenny Boles leads in goal scoring



Les Miller leads in goal scoring, assists, and stealing

Brandy Gifford leads in assists



Julie Berens leads in tackles

Sara Angelly leads in steals



Brent Dupree leads in tackles

Soccer Score Box

Boys:

St. Mary	(won - 8,0)
Lyon Co.	(won - 5,3)
Caldwell	(won - 7,0)
Calloway	(lost - 4,3)
Hopkinsville	(lost - 4,3)
Reidland	(lost - 2,1)
Heath	(lost - 2,0)

Girls:

Calloway	(won - 4,0)
Hopkinsville	(won - 10,1)
St. Mary	(won - 8,0)
Caldwell	(won - 5,2)
Heath	(won - 1,0)
Reidland	(lost - 3,0)

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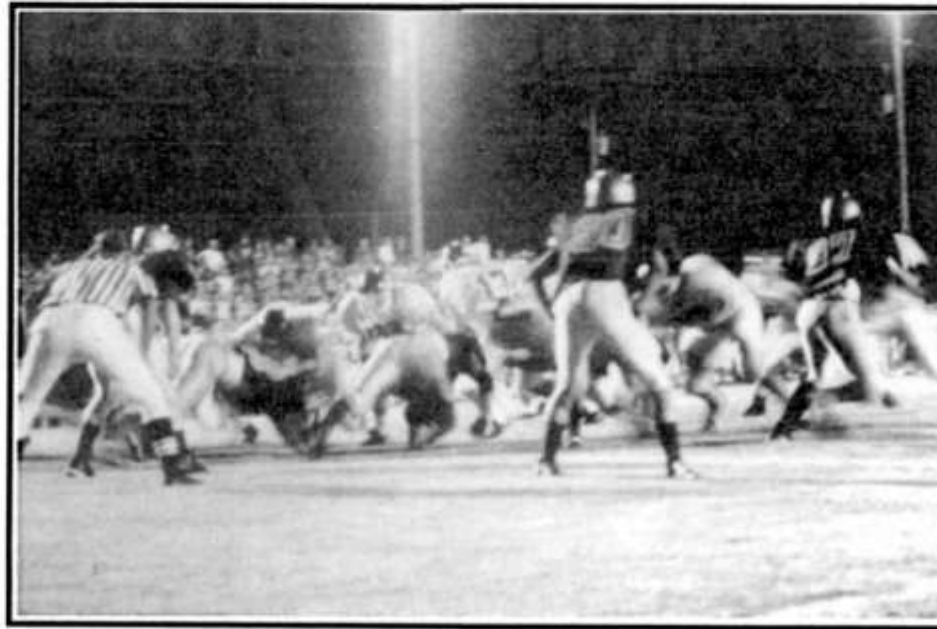
Purple Flash struggle in district battles

Jacob Mitchell
Sports Writer

After winning its first two games over county rivals Heath and Reidland, Lone Oak football has lost its sixth straight game. Since the 41-14 win at Heath, Lone Oak has been shutout three times

"I'm pleased with their effort. They are tough kids who play hard against the best teams in the state every week."

Lone Oak head coach
Courtney Neel



Lone Oak sets up its defense and prepares to stop the Lakers

in six games and their current record is 2-6.

At Madisonville, The Purple Flash managed only one touchdown by senior Vice Carter in a 34-7 defeat. For the next five games, the outcomes were similar, all Lone Oak losses. In the next game at home against Calloway on September 19, the Flash lost in the final

seconds after a desperation drive failed in Laker territory, ending in a 7-0 loss.

The next week, homecoming night, the Flash were toppled by Hopkins Central, 34-0 in the third straight losing effort. Then, on October 3, it was a second straight homecoming as Lone Oak visited Paducah Tilghman, and the Tornado had something to dance about in a 59-0 drubbing.

On the road vs. Union County (which

was also a homecoming game) in another district battle, the Flash managed to score a touchdown by senior Brandon Bahr, but one wasn't enough as the Braves celebrated a 35-7 victory.

October 17 set the date for the Flash's battle with Fulton City. It was yet an-

Lone Oak Football Highlights

- Lone Oak 34, Reidland 0
- Lone Oak 41, Heath 14
- Madisonville 34, Lone Oak 7
- Calloway 7, Lone Oak 0
- Hopkins Cen. 34, Lone Oak 0
- Tilghman 59, Lone Oak 0
- Union 34, Lone Oak 7
- Fulton City 28, Lone Oak 21

Overall record: 2-6
Remaining games:
Hopkinsville, Murray

other away game and Lone Oak jumped early with a score by Bahr on their first drive. However, the Flash relinquished the lead in the second half and the Bulldogs came away with the victory, 28-21. Bahr finished the night with all three Lone Oak touchdowns.

Seltzer makes state tournament



Heidi Seltzer, freshman

Heidi Seltzer, freshman at LOHS, recently qualified for the Golf state tournament held from October 6-8. The event took place at The Arlington County Club in Richmond, Kentucky.

Seltzer played the practice round on Monday the 6th, and played a full 18 holes on Tuesday and Wednesday.

According to golf coach David Pope, "this course had "more hills than Rolling Hills Country Club."

Though Seltzer didn't turn in a winning round, she describes her experience as "good competition and a worthwhile learning experience."



The 1997 Lone Oak Purple Flash Varsity Football team

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