

"Life's most exhilarating discovery is that of your personal identity." -- Emily Rigdon

Six seniors graduate with high honors



Valedictorian Jackie Allshouse

A National Merit finalist, three year Beta and Key Club secretary and a 1997 Governor's Scholar are all titles Jackie Allshouse has achieved during her high school career. After maintaining her 4.0 GPA for the past four years, Allshouse can now add valedictorian to her list of achievements.

Allshouse has been the clarinet section leader in both the symphonic and marching bands for the past three years. She also has been a part of the school plays for the past four years.

Her future plans are to attend UK, major in chem-

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Valedictorian Tim Followell

"Make obvious what you believe in, in the way you live," says Valedictorian Tim Followell. He has certainly backed up his quote in the way he's lived throughout his high school career. Tim has been busy in band, GSP, Beta Club, boy scouts, church youth group and praise and worship band. These are just a few reasons why he is an honorable 1997-98 Valedictorian.

You may see Tim on the campus of Georgetown, Murray or Western Universities next year. He is presently undecided on his choice of colleges.

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Valedictorian Emily Rigdon

There are two words that sum up Emily Rigdon's high school career: active involvement. She lends her helping hand to many school and community activities such as the Jackson House, Paducah Cooperative Ministry, Misaligned Minds Bike Race and the PCM Homeless Shelter. Rigdon is also the president of the Beta Club, a member of FCA, symphonic and marching band. She is also active in both the school and community theater.

With all these credits to her name, she also has time to spend with her family and her friends. In her

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Valedictorian Julie Sims

Julie Sims is no stranger to hard work and perseverance. After all, she's maintained a 4.0 GPA throughout her high school career. She has been active in the Student Council, Beta Club, Key Club and has been a cast member of the school play.

Julie attributes her success to Mr. Whitley.

"He uses colored chalk and he incorporates his great sense of humor into his teaching while showing concern for his students' success," says Sims.

Sims encourages her peers to be prepared to

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Valedictorian Trey Swacker

Trey Swacker is one of five Valedictorians for the 1997-98 school year, and has certainly earned it! Trey has been involved in many things including the Academic Team and the marching band during his high school career.

Trey plans to attend Bellarmine College next year and is sure to be just as successful there as he was at LOHS. For those of you staying at Lone Oak, Trey advises you to "take psychology."

Seinfeld ranks as Trey's favorite TV show. And

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Salutatorian Kyle Slankard

This year's salutatorian excels not only in academics, but also in athletics. He was an asset to LOHS's football team for four years, a member of the track team and FBLA. He enjoys volunteering at Western Baptist Hospital.

The music of Jimmy Hendrix, Grateful Dead and Lynard Skynard keeps Slankard on his toes while the comedy of *Seinfeld* and *The Simpsons* provide him with lighter moments.

He cites Mr. Toy as his most influential teacher.

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Seniors join the Million Dollar Club

Estee Cheah
Business Editor

This year's seniors have been offered a phenomenal \$1,061,370 in scholarships to local and out-of-state colleges. Congratulations on your accomplishments and on your rewards for a job well done!

Kim Adams, Lone Oak Lions Club; **Jackie Allshouse**, UK Singletary, Allied Signal's National Merit, Walter F. Blackburn, MSU Provost and Honor, U of L National Merit; **Lea Ann Atherton**, ACT, Top 5%, and Union U. Alumni Leadership Scholarships, PCC, Johnson and Wales U., Georgetown College, Ballard Rural Telephone, and KY Farm Bureau; **Brandon Bahr**, LO Quarterback Club "Outstanding Football Player;" **Kevin Brandt**, College Heights Foundation /WKU; **Stacey**

Briney, PCC; **Kelly Buie**, PCC, Top 5%/ Union U.; **Jon Cargill**, Campbellsville Football, KY Higher Education Assistance Assoc., MSU Leadership; **David Carmichael**, Music, Music Leadership, Honor, Henry McKenzie Memorial, John W. Carr - all MSU, WKU Music and GSA; **Patrick Carter**, LOHS Football Appreciation, SEMO Leadership; **Vince Carter**, St. Xavier-Chicago Football, Georgetown Football, MSU Engineering; **Tara Collier**, Harper Industries/ PCC; **Erin Dean**, Beiderwell/Kentucky Tech, Martin Marietta, Paducah BPW, Paducah River City BPW, Leah Purvis Business, and Kentucky Grocers Association - all West KY Tech; **Ashley Emery**, Freed Hardman Athletic; **Lindsey Fesmire**, Wal-Mart, MCEA, Democratic Women's Club, UK Chancellor, MSU's Leadership, John W. Carr, and Regents;

Tim Followell, Transylvania President's, U of L Governor's Scholar and Eagle Scout, Asbury College Presidential, Centre Trustee's, Georgetown College Trustee's and Pastor's Christian Leadership, MSU Honor and Regents, Samford Academic, UK General Vending and Merit; **Brandy Gifford**, MSU Leadership, Morehead State Regents and Athletic; **Justin Gosa**, Kansas Wesleyan Golf and Academic; **Ashley Grimm**, Union Univ. ACT; **Matt Hultman**, PCC Dick Fairhurst Memorial; **Shannon Jarvis**, Union U. ACT and Class Rank; **Rebecca King**, GPA/ PCC; **Barbie Liles**, Air Force ROTC-SIU/Carbondale; **Whitney Nall**, Lambuth Soccer, Western Rivers Corp./ PCC; **Jamie O'Hara**, Northern KY Tennis; **Andrea Parker**, MSU Leadership; **Autumn Pate**, Russ McConnell

Memorial, Founder's, Music, and Honors Seminar- all UT Martin, Belmont U. Merit, Middle TN State Band, MSU Band; **Shannon Powell**, Professional Int. Secretaries; **Emily Rigdon**, UK Singletary, National Beta Club, Elk's, Wash U Dean's and Guston Kurt Mermer, Purdue Valedictorian, MSU's Honor, Engineering, Walter Blackburn and Provost, U of L Trustee's; **Angela Rubenacker**, LO Lion's Club/PCC; **Sara Ryan**, Georgetown College Christian Leadership, MSU Honor; **Julie Sims**, U of Ill./Champaign-Urbana Leadership, Ole Miss John Waddell, UK Academic; **Phil Sisto**, U of L Music, MSU Leadership and Music; **Kyle Slankard**, UK Freshman Academic, Quarterback Club, PCC Academic; **Julie Stewart**, Union U's Alumni Leadership, ACT, and Class Rank; **Suzannah Stoll**, U of Miami Henry King Stanford; **Trey Swacker**, Bellarmine Scholars, UK's Regents and Presidential, U of Ill Merit; **Jennifer Williamson**, Berea College; **Justin Young**, Regents, Leadership, and John W. Carr to MSU, PCC Academic.

Allshouse....

istry and then become a corporate lawyer. Mr. Whitley has been her most influential teacher because "he comes up with the best nicknames."

Some of her favorite things are the color clear with sparkles, the cartoon character Badtz-Maru and the music of W.A. Mozart.

Allshouse's advice to underclassmen, "Keep truckin! It's worth it!"

by Megan Williams

Followell....

Although it may sound like Followell is all work and no play, he mentions that his favorite TV show is *The Simpsons* and his favorite book is the Bible. He also tells underclassmen that "four years is not very long; take advantage of it."

As Followell ends his high school years, he likes to remember Mr. Whitley as his most influential teacher because "in AP Chemistry, he cared more about us learning than teaching."

by Kelly Reeves

Rigdon....

sparetime, one might find Rigdon listening to a Tori Amos song or cycling to relax.

Rigdon's future plans include attending UK and majoring in Chemical Engineering and minor in Spanish.

Her advice to her peers, "If you are not putting all of yourself into whatever you do, you are just wasting your time."

by Suzannah Stoll

Swacker....

While we're on favorites, his most influential teacher has been Mr. Baker. He's "a good teacher, yet slightly insane," says Swacker.

"Trey's intellect, personable demeanor and sincere desire to do his best are only a few of his attributes which make him a truly outstanding and deserving young man," says his AP English teacher, Mrs. Campbell of his honor as Valedictorian.

by Kelly Reeves

Sims....

responsibility for your actions.

Slowing down is not on her agenda; she is preparing for the days ahead when she will be attending the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

by Suzannah Stoll

Slankard....

"His class was difficult, but it was always fun. He was more like a friend than a teacher," says Slankard.

All of his knowledge he has obtained throughout the years will certainly help him at PCC next year, and then at UK where he plans to study physical therapy.

by Suzannah Stoll

*Congratulations to Julie Sims,
May Jr. Rotarian*

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CONGRATULATIONS



Ashley Allbritten- my parking spot on the front row to Trent Thompson so he can now skip school easier! Nathan Churchwell and Ryan Clark, take what you wish. You three are the only ones I have any love for, so feel privileged.

Jackie Allhouse- to Liz Rigdon, band memories (especially All-State!), to David, Josh, and Sunil, there's hope you find someone else to victimize! To Frances, grand times in the play.

Lea Ann Atherton- to Megan Williams, to my spot on the tennis team. To Janie Toy, you already had AP US History, what more do you want? To Pramit Patel - Pah tay!! To everybody, I leave FCA memories. To all of the staff, my teachers, and my friends, I leave my appreciation. Thanks for everything. I love you guys!!

B



GOOD LUCK GRADUATES

Stacey Briney- to Jacob Nance; "Nappy Time." To Suzanne Dyson, memories of Louisville. Remember keep your window shut!! To Michael Moss, everything else.

Ashley Buchanan- my messy locker to Rebecca Herrington, my ability to party and not get caught to Nathan Churchwell. My fun times to Amanda Hughes.

Jessica Buckelew- to Frances O. my cat "Polyester" in Anatomy, Julie B. the power to annoy, Suzanne D. the ability to "suddenly not be present in class."

Kelly Buie- smiles and hugs on bad days, laughter, fun, God's blessings, all my A's, and my love to Gordonna, Leigh Ann Summers, Lori Millner, Amy Maguire and Andrea Hamm.

Scott Bryant- "your cat" and all my anecdotes to Lori Millner and everything else to Lil' Timmy.

C



Jon Cargill- my special bench that I sit on between every hour to anyone that will take care of it.

David "Big Dave" Carmichael- all items which I used in band to the Low Brass section, Little John and Crazy Larry; backhand to Little John; the band to Bryan Garner.

Ashley Chappell- happy smiles to Sarah Amundson; cherry tomatoes to Josh Watkins; to Natasha and Katie schwa; butterflies to David Ham; and "Tuvaba" to Miss Morefield.

Shelly Cooper- my unlined parking spot in the teachers' parking lot to Sondra Manley and all of my wonderful, frightful and embarrassing memories to anybody who needs them.

Tina Cunningham- my locker, #27, to Valerie. I leave all the fun parties, happiness, bad grades and dusty books to my sister, Teresa.

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D-G

Erin Dean- my parking place to my sister and my seat in senior English to Amy Hollowell, which I enjoyed so much.

Russell Eason- all of my experiences, wisdom, and knowledge to my sister Rebecca (who needs it!). To William Mills I leave my old books and a used pencil.

Tim Followell- the following: Josh, French skills; Jay, not driving here until senior year; friends in lunch, corny jokes; Dave, trumpet skills; everybody, come to prayer meeting.

Simon Gamboa- I leave my term "word" to my boys in the Junior class, B.J. Ivitts, John Mizell, and John Shelby. My backpack I leave to Klare Guhy.

Willie Gholson- all my memories of LOHS to Ronza Childress. I hope the next two years are as wonderful as the last.

Brandy Gifford- to Bethany, Tonya, Kelly, and Sara the fun times. Bull dozer! To Candice, all the soccer skills in the world. (You're awesome) To Emily Lyles, everything else.

Justin Gosa- all of my game to Clooney Walter, all the fun times I had to my little brother. To Jason Lilly, I must pass on my Ph.D.

H-M

CONGRATULATIONS GRADS



Sara Harned - my ability to travel through time to Derek, Lori, Paul S., Tim, Bryan, P.J., Heidi, Kim F., Emily L., Lucy, Kelly R., Leigh Ann C., and Dallas.

Scooter Jones - all my books to Primo, parking spot to Weasel, locker to Steve, and anything else to Stamp.

Barbie Lyles - the Death Mobile to Penny, fashion sense to Sarah Steele, grace to Frances Owen, organization skills to Julie Berens, and Sean Connery to Jennifer Hibbs.

Erin McGavie - to: Sunil, "Cher": Josh, purple; David, butterflies; Lisa, goddess status; Christine, Orchis; Natasha and Katie, guard memories; Will, fun in Germany; everybody else, good luck.

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Shannon Miller - all of the fun times and memories to Donnie Block, Becky Eason, Adrian Hubbard, Brian Shelby, Dallas Gibson and Alisa McGee.

N-R

Whitney Nall - my soccer memories to the girls on the team, the talks in choir to Ashley and Shae and all my highschool memories to "Scooter," Leslie, and Kelly.

Autumn Pate- my will space to Justin Young.

Chris Peeler- my sly ability to work and charm teachers to Joey Vaughn, Brian Franklin, Tim Hayes and Aaron Peeler.

Shannon Powell- all of my crazy Spring Break memories to Ashley and Heather, and all the fun times we had at cheerleading competitions to Brooks, Natalie, Jennifer and Christa.

Robert Purcell- my parking spot to Jerry Smith. My locker on the far end of the front hall to Kasey Canter, and my beat up locker to Ricky Kloss.

Allan Ramsey- my marshmallow peeps to Val Hawks and all my crazy art skills to Omar Sosa.

Emily Rigdon- my sister Elizabeth: high ideals; Sarah A.: much love and heighth; Haley: Tori Amos; Jon and Marty: the flamingo; Betas, thespians, buds; luv and debilitating senioritis.

Melody Roberts- Manda Langston- all pandas and Leo; Gordana Unici- leopard prints and my chair in Chamber Choir; Josh Leath- my locker and the ability to remember the combination!

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Our Faithful Leaders: Justin Young, Angela Rubenacker, Danny Woods, Ashley Emery, and Shannon Powell



The Lone Oak High School Class of 1998

What is the scariest part of graduating from high school?

Ryan Morreau -- "To me life begins with walking across the stage, being scared is not one of my primary feelings. Rather, let's get the heck out of here!"

Amy Newman -- "The scariest thing about leaving high school will be being on my own without my parents by my side."

Scott Bryant -- "Going to college! I know I'll get there and think, whoa, what do I do now?"

Lea Ann Atherton -- "I'm going to have to face the 'real world' with out the company of my best friends."

Sarah Warmack -- "Being away from home without the comfort of familiar faces. I don't know how I'm going to pull this off..."

Kelly Buie -- "I am not exactly sure where I'm going to go to college yet and it seems that everyone else does..."

Honor Students

Jackie Allshouse
Tim Followell
Emily Rigdon
Julie Sims
Trey Swacker
Kyle Slankard
Lindsey Fesmire
Kelly Buie
Brent Dupree

Lea Ann Atherton
Melody Roberts
Amanda Mitchell
Katie Oldham
Suzannah Stoll
Rebecca King
Kevin Brant
Angela Smith
Justin Young

Jeannie Richards
Jon Cargill
Matt Hultman
Whitney Nall
Autumn Pate
Julie Stewart
Jamie O'Hara
Melanie Schweikarth
Tim Barnes

Tereza Kejzlar
Shannon Jarvis
Erin Wilson
Jessica Buckelew
Sara Ryan
Partrick Cater

Oh, how the years have gone by!!!

Simon
Garbu



Kelly
Buie



Andrea
Parker,
looking
as
happy
as ever!



Whitney
Nall, Sara
Ryan,
Tereza
Kejzlar,
and Shan-
non Jarvis
way back in
6th grade!



Lindsey Fesmire
and Ryan
Litchenburg
modeling their
swimsuits!



Photo by: A.Small
Like mother like daughter: Senior, Misty Stevenson, and her mother Lou Jean Stevenson are all smiles!

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MORE SENIOR WILLS



Melanie Schweikarth- Polyester, our digustingly odiferous lab kitty and a few cans of Glade to Suzanne Dyson

Shelley Skaggs- the ability to PAH-TAY to Pramit Patel. I give Pramit much KUDOS for wearing WHACK green shirts! RIBBIT!

Kyle Slankard- my B-ball skills to Jon Shelby, "The Bee" to Les Miller and my senioritis to Zach Roberts. I leave all my memories to Heather Cook.

Joe Smotherman- all my stuff to other kids and what not. Have fun underclassmen ans always remember SMO.

Charlie Stevenson- To the underclassmen I'm gonna buy you a cup of coffee. Whoever's worthy, I leave my boxing ring, the gym floor. To all I leave these words of wisdom: don't eat the yellow snow.

Suzannah Stoll- anything and everything to whoever claims it first. There will be no fighting over each item because the last thing I need is a lawsuit on my hands!

Joe Suitor- Sarah Suitor, my cool sis, everything. Including my locker, books, my wonderful reputation and my seat in Mr. Rushing's office.

W-Y



Meghan Walker-The sickness in Jimmy's truck and my swim suit to Carl, my love counseling to Ben Thompson, Spanish grade to Nathan East.

Sarah Warmack- Reagan and Lisa- E-mail, memories, and my FBC parking spot. Jeffy-our locker, Sandy and Dave-my shortcut. Ben-abs. Derek- White t-shirts, and Dallas- school buses and Ninja-ducks. Later Kids.

Ben Wheeler- Locker #33 to Beau Franklin. My parking spot, which is located somewhere in the middle to Evan F.

Jennifer Williamson- The following things to the following people: To all of my friends I leave my memories and good ole days at Lone Oak. May all your memories be more memorable than mine.

Justin Young- To Little John, Mr. Poore's "easy" class. To Sarah A., computer lessons. To Beth, plato de "tacos." To Janie, lumberjack's axe. To Josh and Sunil, The Buffalo.

So long, farewell

Sara Ryan
Circulation Manager



When I look back on the four years I have spent in this school I realize how much everything has changed. The school has changed, the teachers have changed, my friends have changed, and I have changed. I walked into this school in August of 1994 a scared little freshman. On May 22, 1998 I will walk out of this school confidant and ready to face the world!

First and foremost, I would like to thank my teachers. Thanks, Coach McGroarty, for your positive words and cheerful spirit. I'll give you a call when I graduate from Physical Therapy school. To Mr. Baker, thanks for putting up with our wonderful AP US History class last year! Last but far from least, Mrs. Campbell, thanks for teaching me how to write. Without you I don't know where I'd be at! (Ha Ha!)

Now my friends. Of course I must mention the "flock." Where would I be without you all! Probably sitting at home every weekend watching stupid movies and eating chinese food. Wait! That's what I did anyway! Thanks all the same! I love you guys!

To all of my chamber choir buddies, I hope that you continue the tradition of making wonderful music. Make baby Durham feel welcome and try not to drive Mrs. Durham insane. Frannie, I have but one request, please sing the mice song, at least once, in my honor!

To all of the Newspaper staff, thanks for putting up with a newbie! I'd better get *The Oak "K"* at UK next year! Ashley, thanks for always listening to my problems. Justin, thanks for being so mean to me! You've made me realize how truly insignificant I am and I will never forget you.

Finally, my personal farewells. Sarah, you've been there for me since fifth grade. Thanks for always standing by me. Whitney, you are my besty friendy in the whoooly worldy! It seems like only yesturday we were sitting in pre-school making paper chains! Oh, how the years go by. Lea Ann, well how many senior moments did we have this year? Too many to count, and stangely enough they were always in Anatomy while we were supposed to be doing worksheets! Scott, you are sooo funny! Matt, I'm going to miss you next year, but I think I'll miss your Jeep more! We bonded that night that Lea Ann and I stole it! To everyone else, sorry I didn't mention you personally, but our paper can only be so long!

In concusion, I'll finally say what took me this entire article to say. Good-bye!

Time marches on

Emily Williams
Editorial Editor



At long awaited last my reign of terror at this school has come to an end. It hardly seems that four years ago I entered into the confines of highschool a shy, awkward Freshmen struggling to find myself and those who would accept whoever I was or would become (much thanks to those who finally did). Now, though, I find that the journey is over and I must leave this stage of my life and emerge like a proverbial butterfly from cocoon into the so-called "real world".

All around me envious underclassmen complain about another year in this purple and gold prison. I am constantly reminded how lucky I am and how great it is that I will never have to wake up too early on a Monday morning and drag

myself through seven straight hours of unrelenting educational stimulation. And I won't lie, it is a great feeling and I'm generally pretty happy about the whole thing. Sure, there will be some things I'll miss, and there will definitely be some amazing people I will miss, but I wouldn't trade places with an incoming Freshman for a million dollars.

I'm going to try to keep this thing short so I'll spare you guys a lengthy tearful goodbye. Therefore, in closing, I would just like to say that nothing in my life could or will compare to the unique experience that is highschool, socially and academically this place has been both wonderful and horrible and despite the stress and strain it was—I can't believe I'm saying this—worth it. So until I'm reincarnated and have to go through the whole messy ordeal again goodbye forever and to those who bothered to read this far I wish you a fabulous life full of love and slack. But not too much slack. =)



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Young signs off with final farewell

J.R. Young

Co-Editor-in-Chief



I started out on *The Oak K* staff as the young rookie along side Ashley. Now three years later, Ashley and I are editors, something that would have seemed entirely improbable our first days on the staff. As Ashley put it, "We were too scared to talk back then," and for those who can appreciate that comment, well, I'm not sure anyone still here can. I owe a lot to Mrs. C., I am the writer I am today because of her. I remember my articles my sophomore year being drenched in red ink marking the errors. My articles are still drenched in red ink,

but now in scribbblings of tiny red flags.

I'll take care of my good-byes now. Tim (Stipe), you're one of those people I can honestly say I wish I was more like, kind and always pointed towards the moral right. Kev (K-\$), if you weren't such a jerk all the time, you might be a nice guy. Though, I can honestly say I have been fortunate enough to see that nice side a time or two. Big Dave (Dave Grande), well, I always figured you'd be here writing this article with me, but you were lucky enough to see me make a fool of myself time and time again. I am sure that some day one of us will find the Spanish Sara and marry her. Sara (Homing Pigeon), what will all of us do Saturday nights now that we don't have your house to crash at? Barbie (Masta), you've been like a sister to me—a consistently bratty one, but a sister all the same. Matt (George), you've probably been my closest friend, and at least provided me some-

one to laugh at, even if I will forever remain bitter at you for the way you threatened me about the furry, little, woodland creature. Emily, I guess college for us means the end of you calling me and talking for hours on end about nothing, and thankfully also the end of you bugging me about Beta Club points. Erin (Dawg), I'll always remember you for what you taught me about Oreos (for which you still are the smartest person I know). Now, if Barbie could just figure out why there is a piece that says "dn." Sarah A., thanks for caring to listen and for lying about my Beta Club points (included just to irritate Emily and Jackie). Ashley (Rose), I thought a long time about what to say to you, but, "Well, I don't know..." And even though I had to carry your half of the load this year (haha), there's no one else I would have rather done it with. I will think of you come every Halloween (and you

ARE invited to my wedding). So long to The Lonely Guys (a.k.a. the geeks from band), The Flock, The Aides of the Round Table and the whole *Oak K* staff.

To the teachers who cahnged my life—thank you. Mr. Baker, I have never learned so much in a class, and because of that I can even forgive you for liking Ted Kennedy. Ms. Underhill, we started the play together, and for now at least, we've ended it together. Thanks for being both a teacher and a friend. To all the business teachers—Mrs. Harper, Mrs. Wyatt, Mrs. Boyarski and Mrs. Titsworth—thank you for making me run for an FBLA office the first time, and thank you for all the memories of FBLA regionals and state (some good, and some frightening).

I had some words of wisdom, but who cares what I think? After all, I'm just a guy.

Graduation ROCKS (and rocks, and rocks)

Ashley Small

Co-Editor-in-Chief



I would have liked to have started this farewell off by reminiscing about the first day of high school with everyone. Unfortunately, I was so nervous that day that I refused to come to school! And so I entered LOHS a day late and just as nervous, thus learning the first of many lessons this place would teach me: Don't run from your fears, you'll have to face them eventually.

I guess coming into high school everyone is so insecure, but by the time you get ready to graduate, some of the most crucial decisions of your life have

been made. It's somewhere in-between the moment that you walk into school on that first day and the moment you walk across the stage with your diploma in hand that, if you are lucky, you quit worrying about what others think and just start being yourself.

The person I am now would probably not be here if it weren't for the people who had entered my life over the course of the last four years. I know this is suppose to be my farewell editorial, but I better see all these people again. Even though I've known some of them for years and others for only months, you all have had great impacts on my life and I am thankful to have gotten to know you.

Andrea — You are my very best friend in the whole world and over the past seven years you have taught me more about doing what is right, being who I am and about what it means to be a real

friend, than anyone else...thank-you! Scott— Well, despite what everyone else believes, thanks for just being my friend (ha ha). You have made me laugh when no one else could and I love you for it! Lucy and Emily W. — I am going to miss all the fifth hour counseling sessions. Lu, I love you like you are my own sister. Take Kelly under your wings next year and continue the tradition of Anu and me. And Em, I know we have some different views on well...most things, but I've learned a lot from you. I hope you can say the same for me. I am going to miss you both like crazy! 2nd Hour (Jodi, Mindy, Jada, Sandra and Kim) — When I first came into that class I was sure I was going to be miserable. Little did I know that I'd make some of the greatest friends in there. I love you guys! Oh and Mrs. Titsworth, thanks for always letting me talk! Justin

—Well, it's the end of a great era, isn't it? I know whatever you choose to do with your life, you'll be a success. I expect a dedication to me in one of your bestsellers. Oh yeah, I AM NICER! To all *The Oak K* faithfuls — Sara, Riggs, Megan, Kelly, Suzannah, Tracee', Jacob and Estee all I can say is thanks for putting up with me and Justin. I know it wasn't always easy! Mrs. Campbell—I owe you so much! I've learned much much more than just Shakespeare and newspaper from you over the past three years. Thank-you for helping me believe in my writing and myself.

And so with that, I guess this is good-bye LOHS. I know that the past four years haven't all be fun and easy, but they have been full of memories that I will treasure for the rest of my life.

See you later alligator

Suzannah Stoll

Coroner



As my senior year comes to a close, many thought provoking questions have been answered as time has lapsed. When will I graduate? Sooner than I thought. When will the construction be completed? One will never know exactly. Have I really grown and matured? Ask my peers. Why am I writing this article? It is my senior farewell to LOHS and it also takes up space.

The first couple of years were stepping stones in my education and I have gradually built upon them. I saw many interesting and sad changes throughout the years: Mr. Toy had short hair at one time, Mr. Whitley loved to get his classes to sing along with Perry Como; now he sings alone, the senior class has grown closer because of tragic accidents (the death of Jennifer Dowell and the Heath shootings) and the Kentucky Colonel Band worked its way to be the "Best in the West."

Although there have been a few changes, many things still remain the same: the fun, creative activities I do with my friends, my dislike of Shakespeare (to the dismay of Mrs.

Campbell), the great crispy steak days, the memories that I have of Mrs Rafferty's Junior English class and the challenge of trying to figure out dumb blonde jokes.

I would also like to use this space to thank anyone and everyone who has had an impact on me, my work and my achievements. There are too many to list but I hold a deep respect for each and every one of you.

So in closing, I have one piece of advice to all of *The Oak K* readers: eat plenty of watermelons (sugar babies are best), get plenty of sleep and do a headstand every time you need motivation to do your school work; it works wonders!



One last picture! The Oak "K" seniors: Justin Young, Emily Williams, Suzannah Stoll, Ashley Small, and Sara Ryan.

Our junior class officers, way back when...



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- President - Jennifer Hibbs (not pictured)*
- Vice President - Ashley Canup*
- Secretary - Jessica Fortney*
- Treasurer - Melanie Vinson*
- Reporter - Kelly Adams*

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POLL: "What is your most memorable moment at Lone Oak High School?"



Sarah Stoll - "When Mr. Baker told our class that his uncle kept his 'amputated' leg."



Stacey Taylor - "The last dance at prom in the Gazebo with a hottie who use to be a curly, blond-haired baby (and he has the most attractive grin)."



Say hello to *The Oak K's* junior staff members, Estee Cheah and Tracee Werner.




Kristin Calhoun - "When Donna Unici dressed up with her tiara and wand during flex and recited a poem she had written for Valentine's Day last year."



Blake Weeks - "When Mr. Baker got mad and threw a bunch of boxes in the floor."

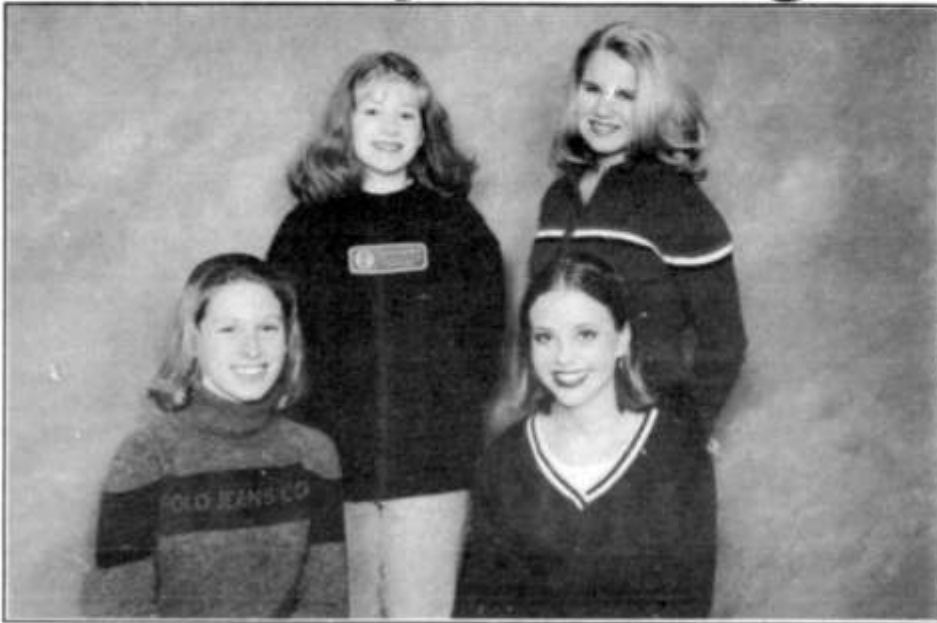


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Half way through... keep on truckin'



Sophomore Class Officers:

- President - Emily Riggs
- Secretary - Meghan Heine
- Treasurer - Jennifer Connor
- Reporter - Valerie Hubbard



Fifth hour Health happily groups in the corner for a picture



Brad Kaufman, Michael Fortney and Tyler Wilham - Vogue.




These sophomore girls are all smiles.



After a game of basketball, the boys take a break.

Bill Gore
Gore's FOODTOWN



We Do It Right



Sophomore journalists, Megan Williams, Lucy Jackson and Emily Riggs.

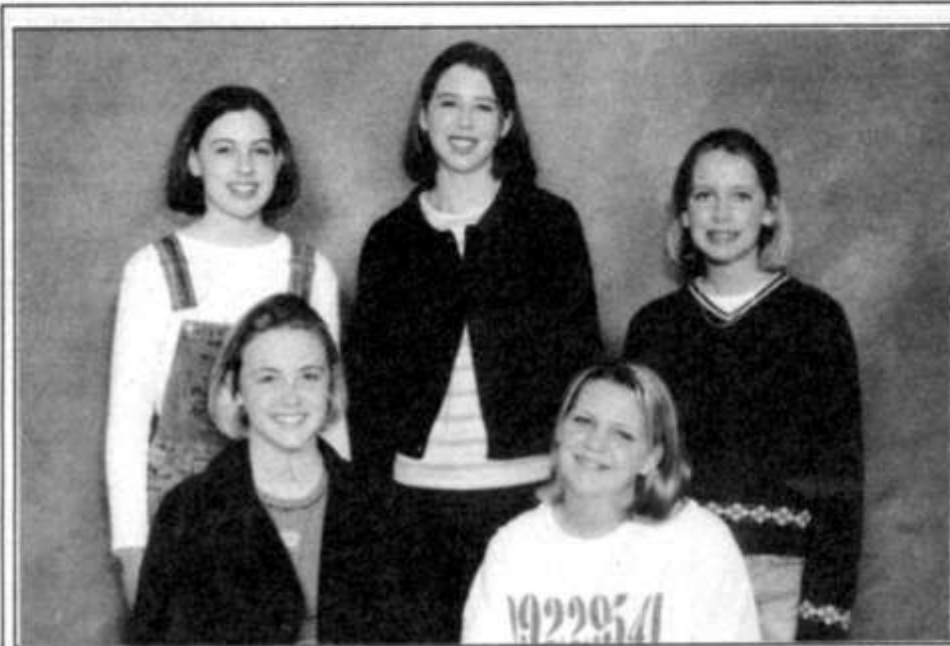
What is your most memorable moment from this year?

Jody Suhrheinrich - When I first met Nathan Roe.

Meghan Heine - We were sitting in the courtyard and a bird exploded in the big grey machine thing. Feathers went everywhere!

Collin Roof - When Eric Dew hit Ms. Underhill in the head with a bouncy ball.

The Class of 2001: A High School Odyssey



1997-98 Freshman Class
officers

President-Kelly Reeves
Vice President-Emily Lyles
Secretary-Leah Koster
Treasurer-Mindy Bishop
Reporter-Natalie Hall



The freshmen members of *The Oak K* staff, Kelly Reeves and Jacob Mitchell.

What do you like best about high school as compared to middle school?

- Ben Moss-** Definitely the athletics and the freedom. Also, I hardly ever have any homework.
Chris Pease- The lunches are better and the dry erase boards are nicer than chalkboards.
Meghan Furlong- The freedom to do what we want and the fact we aren't treated like kids.
Lynn Huffine- The fact that there's not nearly as much homework.
P.J. Jones- My favorite teacher and big time compadre, Mr. Wood.
Sarah Warren- I like all the guys here.
Philip Sollitto- I enjoy tanning in Ms. Underhill's room the most.
Emily Lichtenberg- Mr. Baker (ha,ha!).
Sarah Suitor- I really don't like high school that much.



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Junior Nathan East runs for the finish line in hopes for a victory.

T R A C K



Tennis buffs Carl Walter and Collin Roof warm-up for a doubles match. The girls are front runners to win regionals and the boys also have a good chance to advance to state, May 27.

TENNIS

SOFTBALL

Sophomore Shay Barnes hits the ball during a district game against Heath. Lone Oak prepares for the District tournament May 18-22 and Regionals May 25-29.



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