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## FFA raises the roof on greenhouse

Megan Williams  
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Three, two, one, Launch Day. On January 27, launch day arrived for the Agriculture Department. After weeks of anxiously waiting and watching the weather conditions outside, it was finally time to float the top on the greenhouse—a project that has been in the making for a year.

While the temperature of 65 degrees was perfect for stretching the plastic top above the greenhouse, the wind was not. Eighteen students along with Mr. Wood and his son battled 25-mph winds to float the top onto the greenhouse. It took three tries to float the 144-ft x 35-ft plastic roof on.

"It's taken so long to build

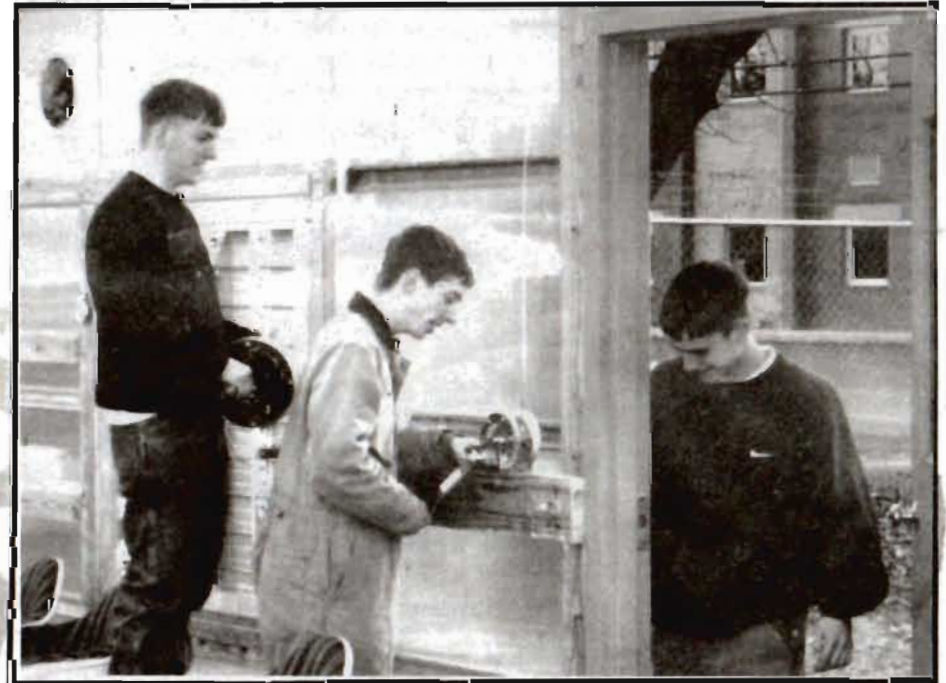
the greenhouse because it is such a big project. It takes thousands of pieces to put the Super Structure 35 Greenhouse together," said Mr. Wood.

Now that the top and the sides are on the greenhouse, the Ag Department is working on installing a heating and cooling system. Next year they hope to install an irrigation system and automatic fertilizer.

The greenhouse will have a small classroom like setting where demonstrations on potting, basket arrangements, planting and fertilizing will be held. Students will learn many things about germination such as how a seed grows and what heat does to a seed from the greenhouse.

"The benefit of the green-

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Jason Carnine (11), Joey Ellington (10) and Josh Loman (11) put the finishing touches on the greenhouse.

## LOHS Academic Team tears it up at Districts

Lucy Jackson  
Co-Editor-in-Chief

On February 13<sup>th</sup>, LOHS' academic team proved their invincibility again as they won every competition except for Composition. Lone Oak finished with 46.5 points while Heath trailed in a distant second with only 20 points. Tighman was third with 17 points and Reidland was fourth with 15.5 points.

The Future Problem Solving Team, Jesse Breneman (10), Erin

Malmquist (11), Shay Barnes (11) and Rebecca Huyck (11), placed first. The Quick Recall Team also placed first. This team includes Josh McGuire (12), Janie Toy (12), Jay Swacker (10), Amy Chapman (10), Josh Woleben (9), Jason Ramage (12), Bryan Garner (12), Primit Patel (12) and Lyndi Curtis (11), statistician.

Les Miller (12), Garrett Wheatley (10), Jason Bergstrom (10), Michelle Williams (12), and Ben Thompson (12) also competed in

districts.

In Mathematics, Jeff Heath (12) placed first and Lori Larrison (12) placed fourth. Jeff Heath also placed first in Science. In Social Studies, Amy Chapman placed first and Primit Patel placed third.

In Language Arts, Josh McGuire placed first and Bryan Garner placed fourth. Amy Chapman placed first and Josh McGuire placed fourth in General Knowledge.

"It was an incredible performance

by the students. Winning all the events except one is a great achievement. We have very high hopes for the regional competition as well as state," said Mr. Toy, LOHS' Governor's Cup Advisor.

All of the students who placed at districts will be advancing to the regional competition on Saturday February 27, 1999 at Fulton County High School.

# McCracken County considers year-round school

Kelly Reeves  
Editorial Editor

The McCracken County School System has recently been looking at the option of year-round school. The premise of this alternate schedule is that educational instruction and vacation are organized into smaller segments and spaced throughout the year for more continuous learning and more frequent breaks. The most popular plan has been the 45-15 plan. This plan would alter the school year like this: school for 9 weeks, 2 week intersession (break), 9 weeks of school, 3 week intersession (extra week for Christmas), 9 weeks of

school, 2 week intersession, 9 weeks of school and finally a 5-6 week summer break.

The major advantages to this alternate schedule would be continuous learning, less time for students to forget, reduction in number of failures, lower student frustration, provides four opportunities for a fresh start, lower student and teacher burnout and continued support service (counseling) year-round. Educationally, no disadvantages have been found to exist.

This calendar would allow for a more natural learning process by following the way people learn: continuously. At-risk students would be given the opportunity dur-

ing intersessions for remedial work at school. Also, the athletic teams and extra-curricular activities would thrive because the more frequent vacations would allow students to spend more time on the activity if they chose to do so.

Paducah public schools have recently decided on the alternate schedule. In an article recently reported by The Paducah Sun, Paducah public school Board Member Joyce Carver said, "We are in this for our students, and we want them to achieve and be competitive...I would just encourage us to keep the students at the center of what we're doing here...I promise it will work."

The National Education Commis-

sion on Time and Learning says that there are several premises plaguing our learning enterprise that are known to be false. One is "the assumption that students arrive at school ready to learn in the same way, on the same schedule, all in rhythm with each other." Another "is the pretense that because yesterday's calendar was good enough for (our parents) that it should be good enough for (us)—despite major changes in the larger society." These assumptions "are a recipe for a kind of slow-motion social suicide."



Nick Stevens (11) eagerly sells homecoming tickets—something that could be altered if the year-round school schedule is accepted.

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## Literary magazine in the making

Jody Suhrheinrich  
Staff Writer

Looking for the perfect place to display your literary genius? Do you think you've written something worthy of publication? Well, here's your chance. The Literary Club is putting together a compilation of LOHS' students' work into a Literary Magazine.

Any interested students should submit their original work to Ms. Morefield's room (#213), where a

box is set up for entries. All genres of writing will be accepted, including poetry, short stories and any other type of creative writing.

There is no limit to the number of pieces that may be submitted by a person, however they must be turned in by March 3. Students can expect to see the magazine published by the

end of the semester.

If you have any questions concerning the magazine see Ms. Morefield or Ms. Underhill.



### The Oak "K"

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## LOHS artists are on display

**Staff Writer**

Continuing a yearly tradition, the young artists of LOHS have once again proven their talent at the Purchase/Pennyrile Regional Art Competition, sponsored by the Kentucky Art Education Association. Students have work displayed in a wide variety of categories, and also received several awards. LOHS had the second largest number of works selected for the show.

In the watercolor category, Cheryl Rothwell (12) placed first. Amanda Hall (11) received a second place award in the pastel cate-

gory. A graphic design piece by Laura Ramsey (9) placed second.

Several students were selected for the textile category. Silvina Gimenez (12) placed second, and Marina



Sunil Manchikanti's (12) 1st place computer graphic entry, "Intergalactic Gumball Machine."

Lantsova (11) third. Tonja Muller (12), Kimberly Woodley and Robert Spees (9) also had work chosen for display in this category.

These aren't the only awards LOHS stu-

dents received. A sculpture by Omar Sosa (12) was selected for display and also a mixed media piece by Shane Hook (12). Sunil Manchikanti (12) received a jurors' award for a photograph, and also 1st place in the photography category. He also had two works displayed in the computer graphics category.

The work was selected by a group of three jurors, a professor, an art student and a local artist.

The work will be on display in the Eagle Gallery of the MSU Fine Arts building until February 28.

## Oaker cheerleaders lend a hand

**David Jolley**  
Staff writer

Ashley Canup and Kelly Adams are working with The Easter Seal Company to teach handicapped adults and children, men and women, about cheerleading.

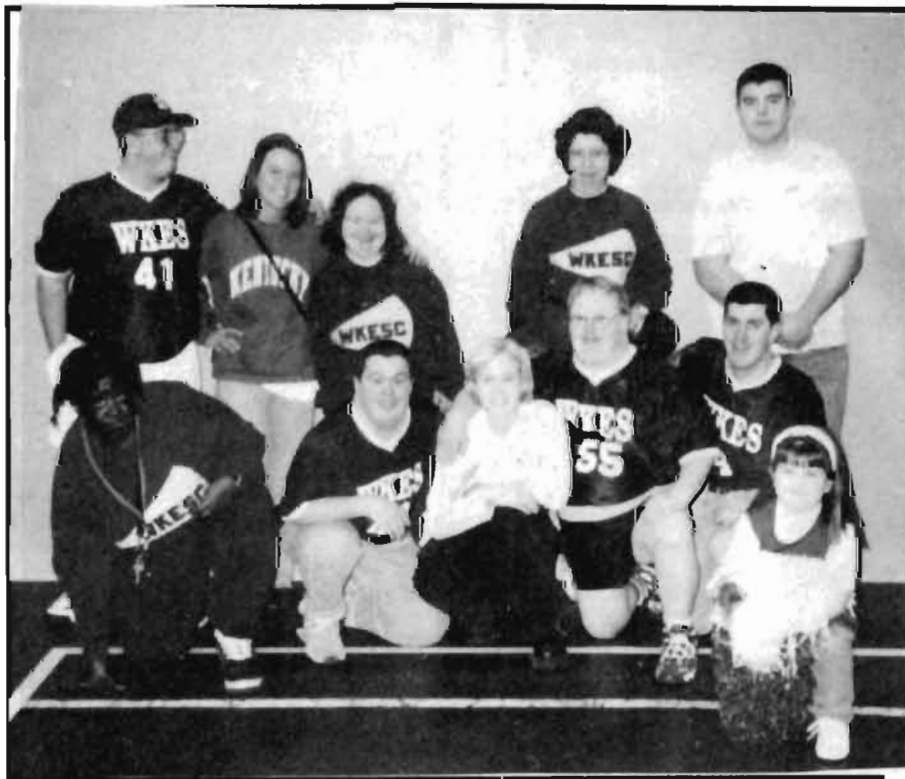
"It feels great," Canup said. "I enjoy working with them and seeing how much they love cheerleading"

Every Tuesday and Thursday Adams and Canup go to The Easter Seals Center to go over routines.

"We teach them cheers for ballgames and we are teaching them a dance for a cheerleading competition" Canup said.

The disabled people, it seems, enjoy working with Adams and Canup. While overcoming the obstacles of disability they are working out the basics and fundamentals to cheerleading.

"They are all anxious to learn more every time we visit" Canup added.



Cheerleaders at the Easter Seal Center stop practice to pose for a picture.



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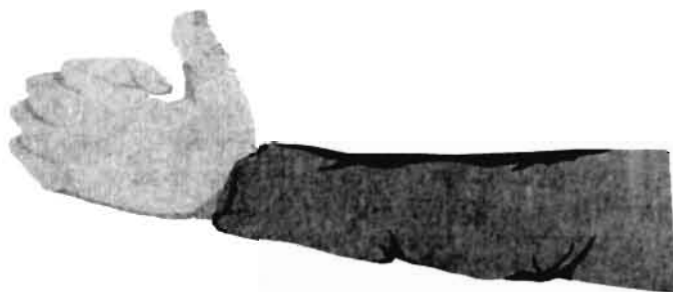
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# Mrs. Richards' class works to improve working skills

*Alicia Reeves*  
Staff Writer

Attention teachers: is there a small task you don't have time to do? Do the little things just keep piling up? Well there is a solution! Mrs. Richards' third hour class, called the World of Works class, is volunteering to do odd jobs for teachers and other staff members.

If you have things to do, such as papers that need to be sta-



pled, and don't have time to do them, these kids will come to your rescue.

The purpose of this program is to establish good working habits and to help students get an idea of working in the real world. Mrs. Richards seems satisfied about the project.

"It's working out very well and if any teachers a job done, call us!" says Richards.

## Greenhouse...

principles they learn from the greenhouse after graduating. They will all need to know landscaping techniques such as planting, watering and fertilizing when starting their own home," said Mr. Wood.

The FFA students are paying for the greenhouse themselves from previous popcorn and flower sales. Mr. Wood hopes that other classes besides Agriculture classes will be able to enjoy and learn from the greenhouse.



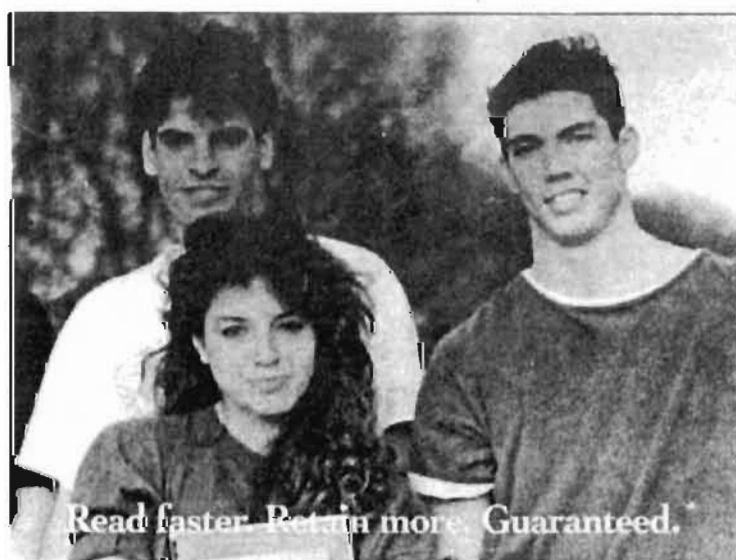
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## A last hoorah for the class of '99!

*Tracee Werner*  
News/Features Editor

**What:** Project Graduation

**Where:** LOHS Gym

**When:** May 28, 1999 (tentatively)

**Who:** LOHS senior class members

**What time:** Registration 11pm - midnight Once you've entered, you're there for the night. (If you insist on leaving your parents will be notified).

**Activities:** midnight - 4am

**Auction:** 4am - 6:15am

**Leave:** 6:30 - 8am

Activities will range from scavenger hunts and board games to bungee run and sumo wrestling to karaoke. Mr. Toy and his committee members also have a few surprises planned.

Project Graduation is organized by the parents and funded by the community. It will be one of the last times that many members of the class will be together, excluding the actual graduation ceremony.

Mr. Toy encourages all the class members to come and participate in all the fun activities.

## Eddie Murphy a klan member? I think not!



**Jacob Mitchell**  
Sports Editor

As you flip around your remote on Tuesday nights, you just may run across a certain TV show called "The PJs" on Fox.

This is a fairly new TV show-it is centered around a black community in an urban setting. The creator of the series, comedy star Eddie Murphy, also plays the voice of the lead character, Thurgood Stubbs. Stubbs is the "super" (superintendent) of a building. (A super is a person who takes care of various problems people have in a certain residence.) This TV show, in my opinion, is a side-splitter and a good addition to the already hilarious lineup of Fox comedies.

Now, in case you're wondering the point of my editorial. (The beginning sounds suspiciously like a feature . . .) Here goes: This TV show is under constant undue criticism, and I think the critics need to

back off.

The criticism is coming from, believe it or not, angry blacks. Black movie director Spike Lee, for one, says that this show demotes the African American race and shows black people in negative situations. They say that the show needs to be canceled because of its negativity toward black people.

That's where I come in. What is the purpose of these critic's blabbering? First of all, the series is created by black people, and I highly doubt they intend on insulting their own race. Second, I think these critics are just looking for opportunities to "promote" the idea that blacks are still a leg down in terms of acceptance. These critics feel that the show reflects negative points of view of a black community.

The show is intended to be funny. Not racist. It just so happens that a black community is portrayed on the series. So what? It has nothing to do with blacks being insulted or degraded. So Spike Lee, carry on with your life and leave "The PJ's" alone.



## Break on through to the other side...



**Tracee Werner**  
News/Features Editor

It is virtually impossible to get anywhere quickly after school. Traffic on the parking lot is crazy now that we have absolutely no lanes whatsoever!! People are going in 500 different directions, AT THE SAME TIME!! Not to mention the fact that once you finally escape the zoo on the lot, the roads are basically blocked.

If you try to leave using Delaware Rd. you're barricaded in by parents waiting to pick up their children who can't drive and are obviously too cool for the cheese wagon. They don't seem to realize that the

road is NOT a parking zone. Waiting a few minutes to come pick up their kids after the buses have left is seemingly a physical impossibility. If they'd only realize that waiting a few minutes would allow them to pull into the bus driveway, it would make the traffic a little less hectic.

Now, before you think you've gotten off easy, oh ones who don't drive, think again. You could help resolve this problem too.



It's not entirely your parents' faults. Instead of dilly-dallying along and thinking, "Hey Mom can wait just a few more minutes; I have to tell (insert significant other's name here) good-bye," you could get your fannies out to your parents' cars and call him/her later.

You may now be thinking, "Why don't you take Oregon on onto College

Ave. on the other side of the school?" Well, sorry folks, that too is blocked from passage. You can't cross College Ave. until after ALL the buses have left. So, you're not as smart as you thought you were.

Another solution might be to go to Charleston and turn out onto Lone Oak Rd. from there. Have you ever tried to turn left onto Lone Oak Rd. in the middle of the afternoon? If so, you know my pain. If not, try it.

The simplest solution to all our problems is to close school, then the transportation dilemma would be solved - nobody comes to school and nobody leaves school. But, since that isn't happening, maybe the school board could invest in providing a designated pick-up location for parents and students.

# You KNOW smoking is bad for you!



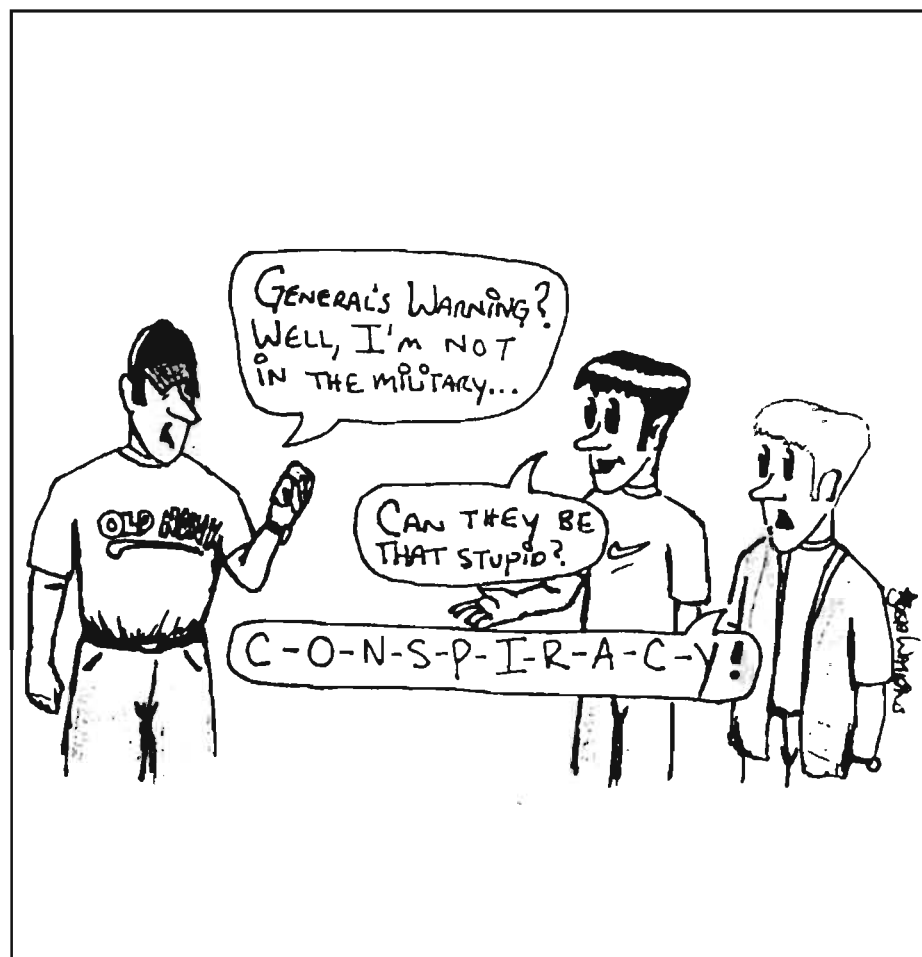
**Sunil Manchikanti**  
Circulation  
Manager

A Florida appeals court recently overturned a \$1 million award to the family of a smoker who died of lung cancer. This tobacco company was sued because the cigarettes caused cancer. I'm no supporter of tobacco companies, but I am a supporter of common sense. The man in this case began smoking at the age of 17, and continued for 50 years. After 50 years of smoking, the man quit. He developed lung cancer 1 year later and died soon after.

People should blame themselves instead of the tobacco companies for their bad health. Tobacco companies haven't always been honest about the risks of smoking, but

smokers shouldn't use that as an excuse when they develop lung cancer. For years, it has been almost without a doubt that the smoking of cigarettes is linked to cancer. There is no excuse for a person not knowing the risks of tobacco use. Remember the stop smoking campaign that we made posters for in elementary school? That was at least twelve years ago, for that many years it has been public knowledge that smoking is unhealthy. Long term tobacco addictions are hard to break, but people can always ask for help from family members or join a stop-smoking program. Not to dishonor this man's memory, but he has had years to quit smoking. His chances of developing cancer would have been much less.

I don't smoke myself, but I've met plenty of people who do. In my experience, a majority of these people know that smoking is bad for them. It is their choice to smoke and their risk to take, regardless of what tobacco companies choose to admit.



## What LOHS has to say about year-round school



**Josh Reed (11)** "I'd much rather get the school year over with in nine months rather than go all year."

**Ashley Canter (9)** "I don't think we should have it because it interferes with my vacation."



**Jonathan Light (12)** "I think it is fine as long as we get out one week in fall, one week in spring, four weeks for Christmas and have the same amount of summer."

**Megan Furlong (10)** "It sounds okay to me, but if we did I'd really miss having three months of summer off."



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## Have a heart, be an organ donor



*Jody Suhrheinrich*  
Staff Writer

All right I know you don't want to think about it, but say something tragic were to happen to you and you died an untimely death (and believe me it's much more tangible than you may realize). Amidst the mournful circumstance what would you want done with your organs? Would you spread the joy of life by donating them, or would you prefer to keep your physical being intact? Today, a willing donor can give everything from hearts and lungs to skin and eye tissue.

While I respect everyone's personal choice concerning this touchy issue, I would like to encourage you to sign the back of your license in addition to making your wishes known amongst your family in support of organ donation. First of all, after you die your body and everything in it will eventually decay, hence the phrase, "from ashes to ashes and dust to dust." Now knowing this, why would you ever want to take your organs with you to the


**"Regardless of your religious belief, the truth is that your liver won't do you much good after you're gone."**

grave? Regardless of your religious belief, the truth is that your liver won't do you much good after you're gone.

If you're still unsure as to making the final decision consider this, according to the Illinois Transplant Society, 200,000 people in the United States are waiting for transplants. Of those 200,000 potential recipients, 70,000 are waiting for vital organs such as a liver, heart, lung, kidney or pancreas.

When you die it's final nothing can be done to change that, but you can spread life to others who don't have to die yet. Suppose your mom or dad fell ill and the only way to save them was by receiving a new heart? Wouldn't you hope that someone would be kind enough to leave his or her organs to someone you love? It's not just smokers and alcoholics who are in need; in fact many have never touched a cigarette or a drink in their life. Eighty percent of individuals who would have died without a new organ are now living normal lives.

I urge you all to talk it over with your family and make the generous move towards donation, if not for yourself for others who still have a whole lot of living to do.



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# The Secret Lives of the Guidance Counselors

Kelly Reeves  
Editorial Editor

Who works with the colleges to get us scholarships? Who helps us decide our major and what college to go to? Who helps us with our teacher and friend problems? Who changes our schedules...every year? Guidance counselors, the secret rulers of LOHS! Although you may have to wait a couple of days, once you finally get to see Mrs. Reeves or Mr. Roe, it's well worth the wait.

These two miracle workers can change our schedules when all the classes are full and give us hope when there's no hope left. And that's just the beginning! True they're busy a lot of the time, but that just goes to show how



much work is actually being done by these two. So without further adieu, here's the secret life of Mr. Roe and Mrs. Reeves...

First, academics are an important part of the Guidance Counselors' day. They counsel 8<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students on courses/class selection, graduation requirements, colleges, financial aide, scholarships, coordinating testing and write dozens...and dozens...and dozens of college recommendations.

Of course testing just isn't a one-day



Mr. Roe is discussing a rule in the agenda with Jose Alonso (12).

project for Mr. Roe or Mrs. Reeves. It takes days and days of planning to make it all run smoothly together, and there's not just one big testing day a year. KIRIS tests, achievement tests, ASVAB career tests (juniors), ASSET (entrance for PCC, seniors), and PSAT



(sophomores and juniors) all need to be scheduled and planned carefully and are a major part of the Guidance Counselors' job.

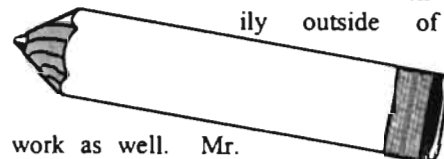
Second, and most importantly, emotional counseling takes up a MAJOR part of the day. Family, personal, drug/alcohol and grief counseling are vital to the job and to the counseled students. Many peer to peer arguments have been broken up and been talked out between the students and the counselors, thus avoiding many fistfights.



Third, computer work takes up many hours of a short day for these two. Much of the computer work consists of programming yearly class schedules, coordinating grades, generating report cards/transcripts and programming transcripts of transfer students.

Many miscellaneous and special services are conducted behind the closed doors of the great Guidance Counselors. These include chairing ARC Special Education meetings, screening new special education referrals and making recommendations for night school and tutoring. Coordinating advisor programs, relating to the parents for students, generating progress reports to parents and being contacts for welfare and social service agencies sure does keep them running.

On a more personal note, Mr. Roe and Mrs. Reeves each have a family outside of



work as well. Mr. Roe has a son, Nathan (11), daughter Natalie (9), and a lovely wife. Mr. Roe started out wanting to become a guidance counselor because he wanted "to try to help young people."

Even in high school several teachers that encouraged and helped him influenced him. After high school, he got his degrees at Western Kentucky University. "The interaction with our students and seeing them be successful" is his favorite part about being a guidance counselor whereas his least favorite is



Mrs. Reeves with her husband enjoying a little time away from work.

"paperwork."

Mrs. Reeves' husband Terry and her daughter Kelly have supported her during her Guidance Counseling career. "I care about people, and the classroom had become too restrictive to be able to do any personal counseling or any fol-



low up procedures," she said about her choice to become a counselor. Her mom was her greatest influence because she really cared about her students. Mrs. Reeves graduated from UT Martin and then eventually got her 30+ in psychology at Murray. When asked what she likes most about her job she said it's "feeling like (she) made a difference...sometimes" and least is "feeling like all (her) efforts have gone to nothing."

So there you have it folks, that was the true story about what goes on behind the Guidance Counselor doors.

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## Hogan shines in February's student spotlight

**Lucy Jackson**  
Co-Editor-in-Chief

In the spotlight for the month of February is one of LOHS's most determined students. Brittany Hogan has worked through her entire high school career overcoming obstacle after obstacle and is now completing her senior year with flying colors. Taking it a little easier this year, as she puts it, Hogan is Co-oping in the library the second half of her day.

Not only has Hogan worked extremely hard in school, she has also donated her time to the community. Through a support group for high school students and young adults

with disabilities, she has worked for the Telethon of Stars, raised money for other organizations and been involved in the American Disability Action Conference.

In her effort to try and spread the energy and motivation that she has found in herself, Hogan has given two speeches to Mrs. Stubblefield's class, which she also considers her biggest



Senior, Brittany Hogan

achievements thus far.

"The speech was about myself, my struggles, and the struggles my parents face," said Hogan.

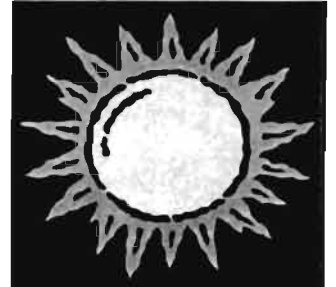
Two teachers who Hogan owes some of her inspiration to are Mr. Wolverton and Ms. Underhill. Still, her parents are whom she credits as being the source of her motivation. "I was always taught that if I couldn't do it, it couldn't be done."

In her free time Hogan enjoys

hanging out at the mall and movies as well as reading.

When asked about her future plans, Hogan answered, "Well, of course, I'm planning to go to college and I'm hoping that it'll be at Southern Illinois University." (She smiles as she says this and looks down at her SIU sweatshirt.) She hopes to one day teach history.

Hogan hopes that this article will give her peers a better understanding of who she is. "Maybe by reading this, people won't be so standoffish and fearful of approaching me."



## Amundson February's Rotarian

**Jay Swacker**  
Coroner

February, the shortest month of the year, deserves the shortest Rotarian, none other than Sarah Amundson. The petite wonder was selected as this month's Junior Rotarian (in case you didn't understand the headline), and for obvious reason.

Amundson, a senior here at Lone Oak, is involved in many different extracurricular besides maintaining a high G.P.A. She is the President of the BETA Club, the secretary of the Key Club, and participated in

the FBLA State Conference. She has won numerous awards, including the All-American Scholar Award, Who's Who Among American High School Students, the Presidential Fitness Award, and outstanding Color Guard member.

In her spare time she likes to "hang out with friends and work on Beta projects." When she is all alone she likes to listen to Tori Amos and read. She wants to tell younger generations passing through LOHS, "To do the things you want to do, not what you are expected to do." She plans to attend to WKU.



Senior, Sarah Amundson



Homecoming Queen candidates and court (left to right): J. Hibbs (12), K. Bell (9), M. Williams (12), P. Horner (12), C. Dupree (11), S. Adams (12), Leah Koster (10), L. Heine (12), K. Adams (12), M. Vinson (12), K. Chopra (12), L.A. Brewer (12)

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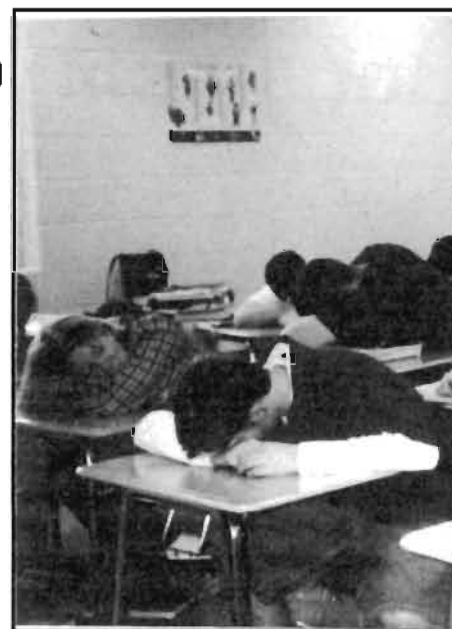
**Megan Williams**  
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Do you fall asleep during class, oversleep every morning or rely on coffee to get you through your day? If so, read on to learn five facts about sleep deprivation taken from the March issue of Teen People.

1. **The most common causes of sleep deprivation in teens are anxiety, poor diet and lack of exercise.** A regular exercise program and sleep schedule will keep

- you going strong.
2. **A teen needs nine or more hours of sleep each night to feel their best.** Balance your schedule to make sure you can get enough sleep each night.
  3. **Pulling an all-nighter before a big test is not the best way to study.** A lack of sleep impairs your memory because you don't get enough REM (rapid eye movement) sleep. This is a stage of increased brain activity that helps you hold on to the information you're processing.
  4. **Sleeping in on weekends is not**

- the best way to catch up on lost sleep.** It makes it harder to get up on Monday morning.
5. **The best way to ward off daytime grogginess is to get enough sleep at night.** Drinking a caffeinated drink may perk you up for the moment, but after a while you will begin to feel tired again.
- Sleep deprivation can affect all areas of your life from your ability to play sports to your social life. So, to feel your best and stay active, be sure you get nine or more hours of shut-eye each night.



*This picture proves that lack of sleep makes it hard to stay awake in class.*

## It's almost time for college applications



**Sunil Manchikanti**  
Circulation Manager

At this point of my senior year, all of my own college applications have been mailed. I've decided to share the knowledge I've gained over the past months. Here are some of the most important things I did while applying to college, and some that I

should have.

1. Know your deadlines, it will help you manage your time while filling out applications.
2. Request that your standardized test scores be sent to all the institutions you are applying to.
3. If you haven't done so yet, make a list of all the activities you

have participated in during high school. Know how many hours per week you spent on each activity.

4. Be nice to your guidance counselors, you need them to fill out recommendation forms.
5. Think of the teachers who you would like to write your recommendation letters, try to give

them plenty of time when you ask.

6. If you can visit your top choices, do so. Learn as much as possible about the programs you are interested.

\*Remember these tips when you're filling out college applications next year; they will save you a little stress.

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# For the love of music

**Jody Suhrheinrich**  
Staff Writer

Everyone knows that a teenager's life basically revolves around one thing: music. If it doesn't, well it should. How much of an influence is music in your life? Take my crafty little quiz and find out.

1.) **A song that meant a lot to you has caused you to: (one point for all that apply)**

- cry
- laugh
- hit or break something in a blind fury
- recall a particularly memorable moment

2.) You listen to music:

- (a) everyone else listens to and is popular
- (b) you truly love and expresses everything inside of you that you could never put into words
- (c) you like the sound of and basically makes 'ya feel good

3.) The times you listen to music the most are:

(a) fairly often-whenver you get the chance

(b) only when you're out driving around with people or partying with friends

(c) when you sleep, breathe, eat, move, or function in any way

4.) Your paycheck usually goes straight to:

(a) building your precious CD library into a CD empire

(b) a CD every now and then when you can afford it

(c) clothes or food-sometimes a hot new release that everyone else is talking about

5.) When you're bored in class you usually:

(a) sleep

(b) softly sing that annoying Backstreet Boys song that's been in your head ever since you heard it on the radio this morning.

(c) Write and rewrite lyrics



6.) You have: (one point for all that apply)

- a theme song that sums up your outlook on life
- a favorite lyric to a song
- been to a concert
- played an instrument at point in time or another
- danced (in a class or just for fun)

( ) a CD

7.) Without music you would:

- (a) be kinda upset but continue to live
- (b) be okay
- (c) cease to exist or express yourself in any way

**Point Value:**

1. one point for all that apply 2.)

a-1 pt, b-3 pts, c-2 pts, 3.) a-2 pts, b-1 pt, c-3pts 4.) a-3 pts, b-2 pts, c-1 pt 5.) a-1pt, b-2 pts, c-3 pts 6.) one point for all that apply 7.) a-2pts, b-1 pt, c-3 pts

**25-17 points-** Music is pretty much the focus of your life (besides food, sleep and you know, air)

Your ideal job would involve music in some form. When others mistreat music that you love you feel as though they're abusing your very soul. Music makes you laugh, cry, and dance sometimes all at the same time.

**16-9 points-** You think that music's great and you appreciate it greatly but sometimes other aspects of life actually come first and you wouldn't exactly use the term obsessive when describing your relationship to music.

**8-0 points-** Music to you is basically a means of social acceptance-you listen to the cool music around the appropriate cool people. Music stirs no particular feeling in you.

## Riddle me this...

1) Take one out and scratch my head. I am black, but once was red. What am I?

2) There is an ancient invention still used in some parts of the world today that allows people to see through walls.

8) Light as a feather there is nothing in it The strongest man can't hold it for more than a minute

6) You use a knife to slice my head and weep beside me when I'm dead. What am I?

3) What occurs once in a minute, twice in a moment, but never in an hour?

4) Give it food and it will live. Give it water and it will die. What is it?

7) The more you take the more you leave behind. What are we?

8) What goes up and down a stair case without moving?

Answers will be in next month's issue.



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PJ's Supa' is one Supa' Dupa' Supa'

David Jolley  
Staff Writer

TV is all must see. I'm saying this because I'm becoming very pleased with the new shows coming out and how incredibly hilarious they are. Aside from Stewart taking over the "Daily", and another stinking season of "3<sup>rd</sup> Rock", I think television has done a number for things that make us laugh.

Drew Carey cannot get enough airtime. "The Drew Carey-Who's line is it anyway" combo is a Wednesday night killer. I know the soul of "Who's Line..." is taken from the dying carcass of the Comedy Central version, but Drew is the best thing that happened to it, ever. What more can you ask for? For a

half-hour you have dirty Drew and Mimi battling, and then Drew playing God of Funny.

What would a new comedy spree be

daughter and a thug son. Eddie Murphy has also helped with cartoons when he brought "The PJ's" to life. This Claymation is a wonderful show that mocks life in the ghetto. Living in the projects, Thergood is an annoyed Superintendent ("supa'") who puts up with everything from Ju-C (the fat kid who eats everything) to a very "needful" wife. Since Mr. Hanky has gotten old and Kenny can't die any differently we can sit back and enjoy new, senseless, comedy.

Tom Green's observational humor is king. MTV hasn't put anything this good out since Beavis and Butthead and this show is not to be missed.

I'm not sure what "Futurama" is going to be like, but if the creator of "The Simpsons" is half the man I think he is, I'm sure "Futurama" will be a winner. TV is the greatest invention since the VCR.

**"Now look what you've done! I've gone and soiled myself!"**



without a cartoon? The Family Guy will prevail. This show is great. It's got a genius dog, an assassin kid, and a father who makes Homer look like Bill Gates. The family tops things off with a nagging wife, a no self-esteem

Movie Puzz



This test doesn't measure your intelligence. It will only give you a gauge of your mental flexibility. Each equation below contains the initials of a movie with numbers in the title. In the parenthesis at the end is the name of either an actor in the movie or the writer. Find the missing words. For example, 1=LBS (B.W.) would be 1=Last Boy Scout (Bruce Willis).

- 101=D (G.C.)
- 7=DS (M.F.)
- 6D=7N (H.F.)
- 12=M (B.W.)
- 3000=MST (C.T.R)
- 2001=SO (A.C.C.)
- 3=M+AB (T.S.)
- 54=S (M.M.)
- 7=Y in T (B.P.)
- 1=FOTCN (J.N.)



Please Answer on a separate sheet of paper and turn into Mrs. Campbell's class. You will be rewarded nothing.



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Believe it or not, Seniors Nathan East (left) and Sandy McDaniel (right) are actually studying.



Bobby Galloway, Kevin Goreline, Chad Stanley, Garret Proper and Brad Brasher take a break from the school day to play a little hacky sack.



Michael Edwards, Jonathan Stevenson, Bryan Clark, Drea Buks, Mike Vick, Adonis Jackson and Vince Peagler sit at the coolest lunch table in the cafeteria.



Look closely— not everyone in this picture is a student. Ms. Martin joins a group of her students for lunch.



Robin Kinsey holds a vial full of fruit flies while Lydie Curtis uses a magnifying glass to count them. This is a lab that Mr. Wallace's Biology II and AP Biology classes are doing.



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Sophomore Courtney McClure fights for the ball against Heath



Photos by Dave Jolley

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Senior Mitch Flood corrals the ball in a district game against Heath earlier this year.



Purple Flash basketball teams prepare for year-end tournaments

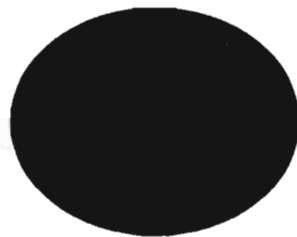
Girls

Boys

The girls basketball team is on a roll and is heating up come tournament time.

The boys have lost some close games but are sure to put up a good fight in the tournaments

Record: 16-6  
District Tournament at Reidland  
Leading Scorer: Heidi Seltzer  
Leading assists: Tonya Stamper  
Leading Rebounder: Heidi Seltzer



Record: 9-14  
District opponent: Reidland (tournament at R.H.S)  
Leading Scorers: Jon Shelby (13.6), Ryan Dunn (11.6)  
Leading Rebounders: Jon Shelby (9.6), Ryan Dunn (4.5)

LOHS girls win 1st place in division with Cheer's Elite

Kelly Reeves  
Editorial Editor

Nine girls from LOHS were a part of the Cheers Elite Senior All-Stars Cheerleading Squad that competed at Louisville Gardens Arena in Louisville February 6 and 7. They placed 1<sup>st</sup> in their division of 7 and 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 30 other squads in the all-star division. The nine girls were Jessie Grimm (9), Rachel Ivitts (9), Sarah Warren (10), Kelly Adams (12), Ashley Canup (12), Emily Canup (9), Stephanie Lynch (10), Stacie Thrasher (12) and Sarah Puckett (11).

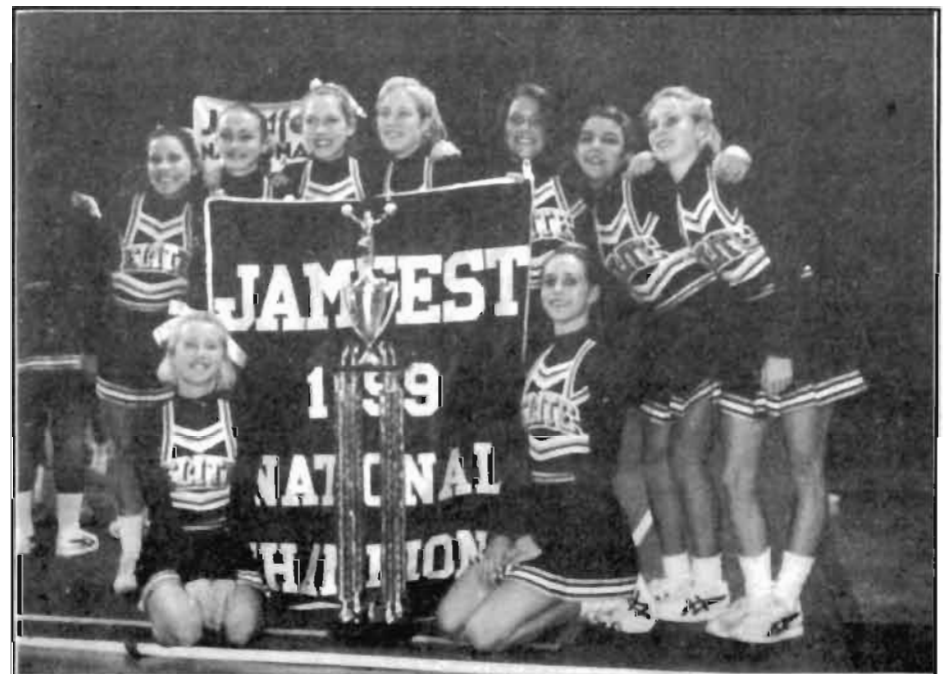
Cheers Elite is based in Mayfield with Lakewood Gymnastics. You have to try out in order to be on the all-star squad that is made up of 20 girls from 7 different schools. The cheerleaders had been practicing twice to three times a week since

the end of September to get ready for this competition.

"We combine all aspects of cheerleading, stunt, tumble, jump, cheering and dance, all in a 2 1/2 minute routine," says Thrasher.

The girls learned a lot and had a lot of fun. They gained "more confidence, teamwork, and commitment. We're together all the time, we have to get along."

Cheer's Elite All-Stars performed at half time at Murray State University's last home game. They will be competing in Dallas February 26-28 because they got a bid at camp to earn a spot to compete in there.



These cheerleaders participated in the Cheers Elite competition: from left, top row: Jessie Grimm (9), Rachel Ivitts (9), Sarah Warren (10), Kelly Adams (12), Ashley Canup (12), Emily Canup (9), Stephanie Lynch (10). Bottom from left, Sarah Puckett (11), and Stacie Thrasher (12).

# Stone Cold travels the road to WrestleMania

**Jacob Mitchell**  
Sports Editor

For all of you tired of my monthly wrestling "column"- I got two words for ya- uhhhh, nevermind; just read it anyway.

The World Wrestling Federation is continuing its raving success with a new slogan- "WWF-Get it?" They aired a commercial that was wildly popular during the Super Bowl and it received rave reviews from consumers. The commercial shows federation superstars such as the rattlesnake "Stone Cold" Steve Austin and The Rock, along with "The big Red machine" Kane and lovely women's competitor Sable. It's really all a big joke. For instance, Stone Cold walks into WWF headquarters, confidently saying that the WWF is a non-violent organization--then proceeds to hit an innocent businessman

walking by with a steel chair. The commercial is hilarious and was a huge success that helped promote the best federation in the world.

In WWF news, Vince McMahon and Stone Cold are continuing their heated rivalry, fighting in a steel cage at the February pay-per-view, "St. Valentine's Day Massacre." McMahon lost, and Stone Cold didn't have to forfeit his rights as the number one contender for the WWF title shot at March's pay-per-view spectacular, WrestleMania. Stone Cold gets a shot at the WWF champion, the

Rock, who beat Mankind in a match on Raw to stamp his name on the main event next month.

The wild card in this feud is newly arrived superstar Paul Wight, formerly the Giant in WCW. Vince McMahon an-

nounced that Wight would be the guest referee in the match, and that means trouble for the Rattlesnake.

The Undertaker is reviving his reign of terror with the newly formed "Ministry of Darkness" and he has gone back to his evil roots. He has re-hired the rotund Paul

Bearer as his manager and now has the Brood under his wing. I personally get chills when I see the Undertaker- I mean c'mon the man is scary.

The Wolfpack is continuing its stranglehold on the WCW, butting in matches and wreaking havoc whenever they see fit. For example, president Ric Flair tried to have a tournament to determine new tag team champions, but The Outsiders Scott Hall and Kevin Nash "don't see it happenin'." However, WCW took a stand and prevented the two from interfering.

Be sure to check out March's classic WrestleMania- this only happens once a year and is the biggest night, in my opinion, of the year. Oh yeah, check out WCW Uncensored also if you need a good laugh or two.



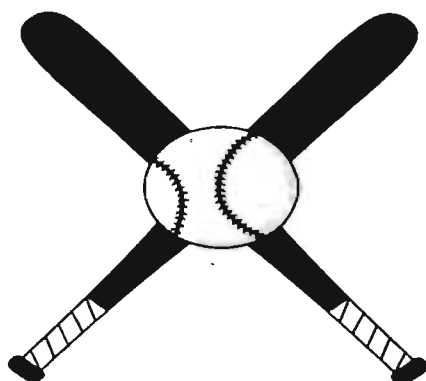
**Blake Owen**  
Staff Writer

## Baseball brief


Spring fever is catching. LOHS is starting up what should be one of the best baseball seasons ever. Tryouts were held on February 15 so that they could add any new talent to their already star studded team.

Returning this year as seniors are B.J. Ivitts, Eric Fowler, Dustin Barrett, Micah Holland, Micheal Plewke, Tim Burrows, Jaime Lindsey, Sandy McDaniel, Justin Denton, Jon Mizzell, Jason Thompson, Kyle Cooper, and Jeremy Neihoff. Big rivals for this year should be Marshall and Graves Counties.

Head coach Jim Mizell says, "This is the hardest schedule we've had since I've been coach. We are scheduled to play Louisville PRP and Christian County, who were in the final four of the state tournament last year. Our biggest game is going to be against Tate High School, who is ranked second in the nation."




  
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