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"Always be a first-rate version of yourself, instead of a second-rate version of somebody else." -Judy Garland

Welding team dominates the welding scene

Justin Latta
Coroner

At LOHS, we revere our sports. For every home football game, there is great anticipation. For basketball, all the students seem to show up to support the team. Baseball has even become popular among the population of Lone Oak High School. We forget sometimes that Lone Oak High School excels at other sports as well. They are the few, the proud... they are the welding team.

The welding team for the 2000-2001 school year consists of senior **Matt Lawrence** and juniors **Ted Cole**, **Josh Payne**, and **Justin Kraper**. Upon winning the Purchase Region welding contest, the team moved onto the State Welding Championship.



Blazing in all of their glory: (From left to right) Justin Kraper (11), Ted Cole (11), Matt Lawrence (12), and Josh Payne (11) pose proudly with their trophy.

The LOHS welding team dominated the other teams and won the

championship for the 10th time in a row, a state record, and for 12

times out of the past 16 years. Payne also won the individual welding contest.

Following their victories at the State Welding Championship, the team will move on to represent Kentucky at the Mid-South competition in Memphis, Tennessee. "This is the highest honor one can receive in welding," stated welding team coach and agricultural teacher Harold Wood, "Lone Oak has never lost this in Memphis."

So when you are out there cheering on the football, baseball, and basketball players of LOHS remember the other athletes that go to our school. Even though we might not travel to Memphis to see the welding team perform, we can still give them a word of encouragement at school.

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Band and color guard enjoy a successful season

Jason Bergstrom
Editorials Editor

Throughout the fall season of Lone Oak's year 2000 semester, one thing has remained constant: the supremacy of the Kentucky Colonels' marching band and color guard.

Beginning in June, both the marching band and color guard have over and over again practiced and refined their show. With the guidance of Scott and Stephanie Ford, and teachers Mr. Light and Mr. Watwood, their show, "In the Age of Sand and Gold", showcasing polovetsian dances to the music of Alexander Borodin, has

been scrutinized to perfection, and it shows.

Lone Oak has practically reigned as king in each competition so far. They have earned *distinguished* ratings and Grand Champion titles in contests at Reidland, Heath, and Marshall County. At their home competition they could not have legally placed, but they still performed with a score that was actually higher than the Grand Champions of La Vern County. In addition to general ratings, Lone Oak has repeatedly received awards of "Best Guard in Class AA" and "Best Percussion in Class AA."



Despite coming in second as Reserve Grand Champions at Ohio County on September 30, they fired back at the KMEA State Quarterfinals on October 14 by placing 4th in Western Kentucky and 8th in the state.

The band and color guard's next competition is the State Semifinals then Finals. When asked about Lone Oak's chances, senior Tim Hobbs commented by claiming "the order of the bands . . . looks to be in our favor [but] we'll have to do better than [the quarterfinals]. I feel we can do it with a lot of hard work in our final hours of practice."



Photo by J. Bergstrom

Practice makes...: LOHS band and color guard members workin' hard after school.

A-Team unleashes seven plagues upon opponents

Blake Owen
Features Editor

They stand at the Four Corners of the Earth, each with a buzzer and a mission. To the opposing team, they are known by their biblical names Pestilence, Death, Famine, and War. To LOHS, they are the Academic Team. Their actual names being Amy Chapman, Jay Swacker, Josh Woleben, and Brett Sanders (plus Garrett Wheatley and Abin Matin).

Wreaking havoc of biblical proportions wherever they travel, this year's Academic Team has truly

been a force of the gods. With Mr. Toy as their Zeus, these Titans have proven themselves in the dark realm that is Western Kentucky Academic Association regular season. However, before returning to the top of Mount Olympus for their off-season rest, this year's A-Team must first go through the trials and tribulations of Regional competition and then, hopefully, State competition.

The LOHS team has had an outstanding season this year with 12 wins and no losses. Coach Jim Toy said of his team, "This is one of the best teams that I have ever

worked with. I don't ever remember having an undefeated regular season." Senior team member Jay Swacker comments on the team play this season with these words, "Boy does my thumb hurt!"

The varsity team wasn't the only Academic Team to do well this

year. For the fourth season in a row, the JV team went undefeated throughout the regular season. Ms. Underhill, the JV coach had this to say about her team, "I was very impressed with the way they played. It was a total team effort. That's why we were 12-0!"

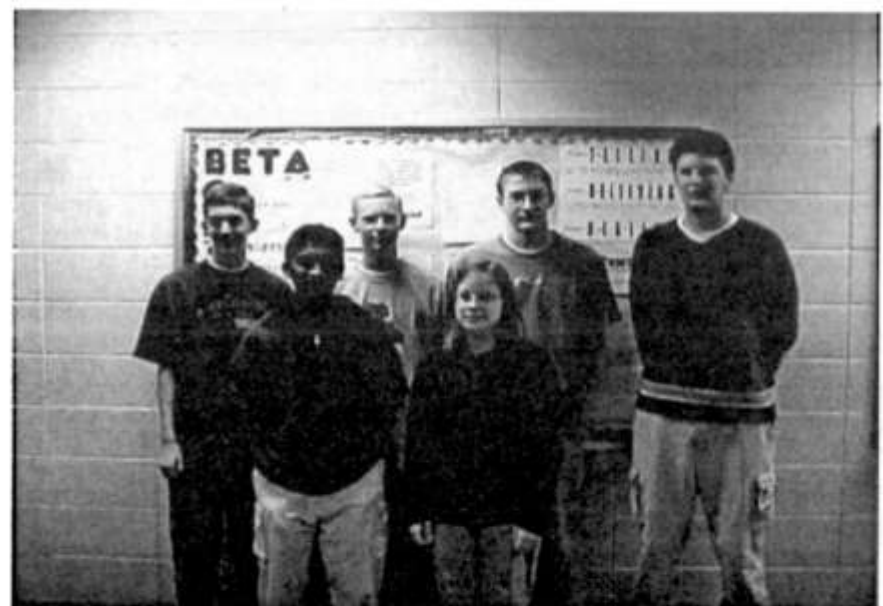


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Buzzer Beaters: The collection of wizards collaborate for a snapshot.

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What seniors need to know

Amanda Reniker
Circulation Manager

"You were asked this question at first at about 3 or 4---'What do you want to be when you grow up?' Guess what? Now is the time that you

have to really take that question seriously," said Mrs. Light. Time is closing in on seniors to shape up or ship out...literally. One of our wonderful guidance counselors, Mrs. Light, is doing her best to help seniors with the task of determining one's own future. This is some information that she en-

courages every senior to notice.

- ◆ Representatives from colleges or branches of the military who visit during our lunch hour are here to answer your questions. They are experts whose job it is to help you.
- ◆ Individual assessment tests are available from Mrs. Light to determine your work personality, possible college of technical college majors.
- ◆ If you couldn't attend either of the senior workshops in September, see Mrs. Light for the materials that participants received.
- ◆ Athletes need to get assistance from their coaches in filling out the NCAA Clearinghouse form.
- ◆ Read all of the posters on the wall outside of the cafeteria.
- ◆ Deadlines will be posted outside the cafeteria for Kentucky schools only.
- ◆ Get your high school resume in order. Information about this can be found in the guidance office.
- ◆ Give teachers' recommendations early enough to meet deadlines.
- ◆ Applications and scholarship applications need to be submitted to Mrs. Light **one week before deadline.**
- ◆ Apply to several colleges, and apply as soon as possible.
- ◆ If you didn't like the academic work in high school, try the technical college route.
- ◆ If you have email and need a question answered, you can write Mrs. Light at clight@mccracken.k12.ky.us. If it is urgent, then type that in the subject line. This might be easier than signing up in the office.

Hopefully not forgotten class officers

Jay Swacker
Design Editor

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Amazing things are happening in the E-building

Kelly Reeves
Executive Editor

Although the E building is generally out of the way for most LOHS students, the most amazing things have been happening in the top floor Special Education classes this year. Mrs. Elliott's class keeps extremely busy learning socialization, memory, motor, academic, and employment skills, but has a great time doing it!

Last year, **Judy Fields, Heather**

Robinson, Josh Johnson, Raymond Fields, Joey Whited, Billy Garrett, Misty Stevenson, and Tasha Arnold submitted blocks of quilts to make their own quilt. Their quilt has traveled with the Heath quilt all over America for a whole year and just recently stopped at the Paducah Quilt Museum while the U.S. Secretary of Education, Richard E. Riley, spoke. This year, the class has been a big help to the community! They have been grocery shopping

for several teachers with their peer tutors twice already, as well as helping out at the Church of Christ clothing building.

Once a month these helpers go and clean out limousines but will be repaid in the spring, as they ride to the prom in style in a large limo with neon lights. Every Tuesday, the class visits the Good Sa-

maritan Nursing home and helps with changing bed linen and entertains the people living there.

Nicole Small, a peer tutor says that these activities "help them to develop social skills, as well as skills they will need in the 'real world.' They're able to interact with people other than just the teachers and the students."



Proud students stand by their creation: Josh Johnson and Heather Robinson stand next to the quilt they helped make.

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Let the art begin!

Staff Writer

Hats off to the team of Art III and Art IV students! The new Art teacher, Mrs. Harper has taken the opportunity to change our colorless and blah school walls into works of art, literally. The artwork is taking place on the cafeteria walls and on a few other chosen walls around Lone Oak High School. Students are working from first through second lunch. Those students who are able to are also staying after school and working on the art on their own time. "We are actually getting something accomplished this year."

Voiced Emilee Clark, an Art IV student.

Lone Oak High School recently purchased many new art products for the projects, and if it's up to the art classes they will all be well used. "We don't want to finish with the cafeteria and then call it quits. We plan on turning the whole school into one huge work of art." Said Nicole Small. The art students have even been offered the chance to show their talents on local business' walls and windows. Keep your eyes open for these young artists in actions!

Our living link to the past



Jessica Miller
Advertising Manager

Someone once said, "Its no wonder grandparents get along so well with their grandchildren, they have a common enemy..." While I share that sentiment, I believe there is much more behind this relationship than that. Have you ever wondered what life was like fifty years ago? Not just who was president or which nations were warring, but what the real stuff was like? How did kids waste their time? Did schools have metal detectors? What were dances like? The answers to these questions tell about an era far different from our own. Can you imagine a time when parties had live entertainment, real bands had

at least 20 members, and guys actually danced?

Believe it or not, there was a time when all these scarcities were common, and your grandparents were right there. It's no wonder they are so weird. They have lived through more changes than any time in history.

The stereotypical grandparent pays a quarter for a week of manual labor, pinches your cheeks while admiring your growth spurts, and rambles on about walking to school through the Great Flood. While your grandparents may display some of these qualities, generally this perception is wrong. No grandparent fits a mold. They've had a lifetime for their idiosyncrasies to evolve them into interesting people. Rather than pinching my cheeks, my grandmother challenges me to nostril-flaring con-

tests. Instead of giving slave wages, my grandparents reward me for sneezing. I've heard a few tales about

"their day," but they worry so much about boring me that I practically have to beat this information out of them.

Our grandparents are our link to the past. True, it is possible to read about history, but

that doesn't compare to hearing of German prisoner of war camps while holding a spoon that was used in one. Even in the best history book, can you find an image of your grandmother dancing the Two Step and see the vibrancy of youth in her eyes?

I visit my grandparents (more commonly referred to as Meem and Pop), every day. We drink coffee, make faces at each other, and enjoy each other's company. But hideous faces are not the only things we share. Over our tea and cookies we engage in seri-

ous discussions, where our difference in perspective never ceases to amaze me (they are as conservative as I am liberal). With each conversation, however, we get to know each other more intimately, and usually discover something we didn't know before. I especially enjoy hearing all the dirty secrets about my parents.

While family ties are important, there are other senior citizens that deserve our time and attention as well. Time has worn on the bonds they have with their friends, and company is always appreciated. Nursing homes are full of people who can't see outsiders on a regular basis. They are starving for a right we teenagers fight so strongly to protect: the right to socialize. Remember that man at McDonald's who used to make duck noises at you every time you'd pass? Do you remember the smile in his eyes when you would giggle at his quacking? Grandparents Day was September 12, so you may be too late to honor the date, but you can honor the spirit. Return the favor so many of that generation has given you by sharing your free time with them.

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Stickers and posters lead to...responsibility?



Amanda Reniker
Circulation Manager

Near the beginning of each year, students collaborate to create neon campaign posters and the catchiest slogans to adorn them. People whom you've never heard of are suddenly compelled to slap glittery stickers on your shoulder that say, "Vote [insert name of strange person here] for VP." As the sticker patrol traipses through the hallway, you are inevitably forced to wonder, "Who are these people, and why

are they touching me?" After all, class officers are only useful for a photograph in the yearbook, right?

That is true for an extended period of time. Until your senior year, these candidates are nothing more than figureheads that take up space in the school yearbook "representing their class." But senior year, things change. Those silly little nominations that didn't amount to anything more than a popularity contest for three years become great determinants of how good or bad your class reunions will be. At this point, I'm sure that you could care less about your class reunions. Now, you couldn't

be more anxious to get out of here. Surely, you aren't concerned with returning to this place when you are old and decrepit. But maybe when the day comes for you to pack up your walker and point your Lincoln Town Car in the direction of the school again, you'll care. Maybe you'll be enthralled by the prospect of seeing that star athlete with a beer belly and a large toupee. Maybe that beautiful cheerleader that all the girls (and boys) admired now looks like a football player in a mini-skirt.

No matter how you put it, the prospect of revenge, reconciliation, and reminiscing is one that

interests all of you in some respect. No matter what you want out of your reunion experience, you don't want a bad atmosphere for it. If you are a senior, the fellow students whom you elected the first week of September are in charge of every aspect of your class reunion, now and always. They have a responsibility to you for the rest of your life. Hopefully, you chose wisely. If you are an underclassman, next year try to figure out who those strange people are with the stickers. They might turn out to be responsible people whom you would want in charge of your class reunions.

The silence of the fans



Jake Mitchell
Managing Editor

I really don't know why I care so much anymore. Maybe it's because I'm a senior. Maybe it's a lot of things. But, to this day, I do not understand why we have to be the way we are. It really confuses me and sickens me at the same time. I know I cannot remedy it; that would be nearly impossible to even try.

What I'm talking about is school

spirit. We at Lone Oak, with a few exceptions, have virtually none. I really wish I just didn't care, but I love this school too much. I love the teachers, the students, the athletics, the atmosphere. That's why I enjoy supporting Lone Oak in any way I can.

Whether it is pep rallies, games or competitions, I always try and make an effort to support the purple and gold.

The problem at LOHS is that

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most people perceive school spirit as being "nerdy" and that it is "un-cool" to support your school. At pep rallies, the "cool" people prefer to lean back, "chill," and stay away from

the people getting into the events. When did school spirit become outdated? When did backing your schoolmates seem pointless?

I've really got so much to say, but I just can't get it all out. It's not hard to root on your classmates, go to the games, and get excited about things. Fan support really means a lot to any athlete. If the school isn't excited about the games, how can the players be?

Without you all, Lone Oak wouldn't be here. And without Lone Oak, we wouldn't be who we are. So think a little bit from now on. And question yourself the next time you think you will be "un-cool" if you get up and cheer.



America, the cell phone crazy...



Kelly Reeves
Executive Editor

The heavenly scent of natural botanicals drifted up into my nostrils while standing in the shampoo aisle at Big K-Mart. In the middle of my "Urge for Herbal," however, a familiar beeping noise interrupted me. Was it "Playground," "Polite," or "Jolly Good Fellow"? I don't remember. All I can remember was the noise of frantic arms flying through purses looking for the cause of all this noise. And what did the lady next to me find? America's favorite new accessory, a cell phone, was the cause of all this frenzied rummaging.

Since the majority of my friends, myself included, own one of these

ringing monsters, I will try to tread lightly. Aside from my exasperating encounter with the shampoo aisle cell phone, there have been others. At the movies a couple of weeks ago, a phone rang on screen and as Wynona Rider's character reached to get it, something from beside me caught my eye. There were actually people in the seats next to me searching through their purses for their cell phones. Duh! Aren't they watching the movie, or are they more obsessed with getting a call from someone to even concentrate on their \$6.00 purchase?

It seems that too many people, including teens, own cell phones these days. Some kids are so strapped into cell phone payments that they don't even have money left for going out on

weekends. Phones are good for safety purposes, but teens these days are acting like cell phones are a right, not a privilege. So I pose a few very complex questions. If one did not have money to pay for the damage on his wrecked car, why would they need a phone to talk on in a car they cannot drive? Second, if a person doesn't have gas money to purchase gas to run their car, why would they need a CAR phone? Finally, if a person doesn't have money to go out, who would be calling them on their MOBILE phone?

Not only do the phones cost too much, but they are also becoming serious driving hazards. Teens and adults talk on cell phones while driving, thus not paying attention to the road and causing major wrecks. People should at least have the courtesy

for other drivers to not endanger their lives for a forty-second phone call.

But if you see me on the road talking on my cell phone or out in public yapping my trap on the small communication device, believe it, I have sadly gone cell phone crazy with the rest of America. Don't worry, though, I have cut my self back to five minutes a day. Maybe that's what everyone should try to do. Be mysterious, be spontaneous...no one *has* to know where you are every second of every day. And don't overextend your finances! Not everyone has to have a cell phone to be cool. So if you can't afford one, don't worry. Just because America has gone cell phone crazy doesn't mean that you have to jump on the bandwagon with them. So unless you run your own business and need to conduct meetings on your way to make appearances at trade shows via cell phone, try cutting back a bit. It's amazing what you can hear without a cell phone stuck on your ear.



The right way to be cool hasn't changed



Jason Bergstrom

Editorial Editor

Here is a topic that has been discussed repeatedly, and this being the case, you probably know what I'm going to say. I am addressing the problem of society today "being cool" or "being popular." However hackneyed, it needs to be brought up, so let's let history repeat itself and analyze how our culture is promoting the wrong idea.

Everyone everywhere at one point in his/her life has played with the idea of being the most

popular kid in school, being cool, having it all; basically to be with the "in crowd." Who wouldn't enjoy being loved and adored by all? There is absolutely nothing wrong with that . . . except by the way one tries to attain this reality. For some fitting in is a daily concern, their number one priority.

The usual type of coolness is seen in what clothes you wear and who your friends are. It can then be extended to what car you drive, how much money you have, if you work, how involved you are in school, etc. Possession is being idolized and used for the wrong reason. I'm not saying we all need to survive with a bare bedroom with only a bed, one pair of

clothes, go to school for seven hours only, go home, eat three times a day and keep a positive outlook on life. Everyone should have some possessions to be normal. But when do we do too much?

When you get to the point where your budget exists solely for your car or clothes or items that keep you fitting in, then it is too much. Excessive amounts of mullah are shelled out to provide for the feeling of fitting in. \$300 shopping sprees (on shoes), \$800 on the car (for speakers), \$1000 for a DVD player and TV (for the car!). Obviously these are exaggerations, but there are people who would be willing to pay this much if it were necessary. Money of that amount could easily pay for other more useful,

possibly longer lasting things such as suitable clothes, food, applications for test and colleges, and the ultimate, gas to power the car.

Don't get me wrong, being cool or popular is not bad in itself, as long as you are not striving for it like it was a trophy. Be who you are and be cool in your own respect. Don't buy a cell phone because eight of your friends carry one around where ever they go, buy one for emergencies. Don't be a part of something that claims to be expressing individuality when there are forty others doing the same thing. (And here's the predictable punch line.) Be who you are. Now that's cool.

Is Eminem getting a bad rap?



Hunter Campbell

Sports Editor

All of us have probably heard at least a few of white rap star Eminem's songs. Over the summer, his hit, "The Real Slim Shady," topped hip-hop charts and his debut single, "My Name Is," became huge instantly and helped his first CD, The Slim Shady LP, to go multi-platinum. His second album, The Marshall Mathers LP, is also big right now, featuring songs like the aforementioned "...Real Slim Shady" and "The Way I Am." However, as with most musicians, Eminem has his critics. But, are these critics taking shots at him for the wrong reasons? I

think this Detroit rap mega-star may be getting the short end of the stick when it comes to criticism.

Perhaps the first item that hits people is the unmistakable fact that Eminem is, well, white. This automatically, in the press's eyes, takes away from the rapper's incredible ability to rhyme with the best of the best. Since he is really not supposed to be in the hip-hop business anyway, he gets harsh reviews on his music by "old-school" rap connoisseurs who think the business should be solely run, performed, and dominated by African-Americans. A lot of Em's critics come from this group of rap-purists.

However, by far the largest group of Eminem's critics are not criticizing his skin color, they are criticizing the content of his records. Many of his songs include slurs toward anyone from 'N Sync to homosexuals. He has almost every minority-support group on the planet after him for something he has said, done,

or implied in one of his songs or public appearances. Even his mother has a lawsuit against him for defamation of character because of his comments about his poor childhood. But why? Does he not have the right to say whatever he wants about whatever he wants? According to the First

"I think this Detroit rap mega-star may be getting the short end of the stick when it comes to criticism."
-Hunter Campbell

Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America, he has that exact right to freedom of expression.

I do not agree with everything he says, but I also do not agree with the way he is criticized in the media. He has the same right to freedom of speech as you and I. And if he feels compelled to insult you, me, or Christina Aguilera, then, as much as we disagree with him, he can do it.

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Scary Halloween Word Search

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Pumpkin
Ghost

Halloween
Scary

Candy
Mask

Flashlight
Boo

How to recognize a good prank

Jay Swacker
Design Editor

This isn't an article telling you how to get out on Halloween night and seek revenge on all of your enemies. This article is for the morning after Halloween, when you wake up and look out your window on front yard. You look out and see your trees have been TP-ed and your house has been egged and your dog has been violated. You think, "Wow, there was a lot of effort put into this." You aren't sure whether to scream in horror or to applaud at such a work of art. However, most pranks never reach the stature of

artwork. How do you tell the masterpieces apart from the masses? There are a few—major distinguishing factors:

- 1. Originality-** This is probably what makes a prank extra special. Did the perps put any thought into their "decorative lawn art?" Did they spell out something? Did they make an intricate symbol? If any of these questions are yes, then they are well on the road to becoming vandalizing Van Goghs.
- 2. Fire-** I don't think Prometheus envisioned a future filled with flaming poo-bags when he first gave fire to us humans, but it's just another fringe benefit he did-

n't think about. Fire has some sort of mystique about it. That feeling of, "This flaming pumpkin could have burned my house down" is a sobering thought for any homeowner. Pyrotechnics are always a great to get a message across to someone. Anyone daring enough to create an inferno in your yard deserves credit for going the extra mile.

- 3. Toilet Paper-** Anything that comes from the bathroom is funny, but toilet paper holds an endearing quality. Why is it so embarrassing to get TP-ed? Because toilet paper belongs in the bathroom on a nice

little roll, not wrapped around all of your trees and tossed over your house. Plus, it's hard to clean up.

The important thing in a masterful prank is not to overdo it. You don't want to set your arch-enemy's house ablaze and end up in court with 1st degree arson charges. Just get them good one night, but don't cause a lot of permanent damage. The important thing is to get the last laugh, and you'll have a hard time doing that if you end up in a cell with a man twice your size and he's nick named you "honeypot."



What is your Halloween costume personality?

Kelly Reeves
Executive Editor

Even though most of us are way too old to trick-or-treat this year, you never know what the urge to eat candy can do to you. So just in case you decide to, you know, "take your little brother to trick or treat" or something you need to have a costume ready to go. So take this quiz and find out which costume would be best for you!

1. When going out on most weekends, you're usually seen wearing...

- (a) A woven shirt to match a pair of bell-bottoms with pink flowers embroidered on the right leg and your straight, long hair flowing loose.
(b) Tight black pants and a black shirt that matches your dark purple streaks and dark red lipstick perfectly.
(c) Express jeans with a cute pink scoop-necked shirt you just found on sale at the Gap and your hair tied back with the pink bracelets from the Limited that double as ponytail holders.
2. On Friday nights during football games, you can be found...
- (a) At the nearest outdoor event, whether it is at a Dave Matthews concert or a big barn party.
(b) Downtown at the Coffee Connection hearing your friends weekly poetry reading and peacefully sipping on your Café Mocha.



(c) At the football game, duh! Where else can you buy popcorn for fifty cents, snuggle up to your sweetie, and hang out with ALL of your buds.

3. If you were going to St. Louis for a day, your idea of a good time would be...

- (a) Visiting all of the cute animals at the zoo, spending an hour in the children's petting zoo.
(b) Visiting the art museum and paying extra money to view the

special exhibits.

(c) Catching an afternoon Cardinals game and checking out the concession stand in between innings.

4. Your two favorite classes in college will most likely be...

- (a) Geology (study of the earth) and 1960's American history.
(b) Drama and Literature.
(c) Gym and Twentieth Cen-

tury fashion.

5. The perfect names for your future children are...

- (a) Mama Cass or Jim Toy, Jr.
(b) Courtney Love or Marilyn Manson.
(c) Christina Aguilera or Sammy Sosa.

6. The one show you hurry home each week to watch religiously is...

- (a) That 70's show
(b) VH1's Behind the Music
(c) TRL

When you get into the car, your radio is always set to...

- (a) 100.7 Classic Rock
(b) That orchestra station, 92. something...
(c) Electric 96.9

Mostly A's: Your best costume would definitely be a hippie from back in the day with flowers in your hair and a groovy peace sign on your face or a far out headband around your long hair. Braids in your hair or any thing with holes in it would complete the costume. Some other ideas are a giant daisy, your favorite author or musician, Janis Joplin or John Lennon. You could even dress up as your favorite character from Car Wash.

Mostly B's: If you can decide on

one favorite poet, you can be him/her on Halloween! Whether it's T. S. Elliot or Emily Dickenson, a local costume shop will surely have a costume to suit your needs. Some other ideas are your favorite heavy metal rock star, Rose McGowan and Marilyn Manson, or Romeo and Juliet.

Mostly C's: The ideal costume for you would be a member of 98 degrees or Britney Spears. Come on, they're stylish, hip, and fun! You can get the outfit that is too stylish to wear to school and too bare to wear to church and pretend that you're the hottest pop star in Paducah! Some other ideas are a cheerleader or football player, your favorite sports star, or the President of the United States.

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Leigh Ann Collins and Chad Denson wait anxiously while Natalie Hall and Josh Coleman are all smiles

2000 Football Homecoming



Todd Belcher and Leah Koster share a giggle while Kim Fesmire and Bryan Powell think about the upcoming night

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Illusion

Nicole Small and escort, Josh May, pose for the paparazzi after Nicole is crowned the 2000 Football Homecoming Queen



The Homecoming Court watches the football game in excitement



Lone Oak's football players give their all to tackle the Tornadoes



These seniors show their wild side in the Forest of Illusions

The Hobbs crusade in Australia

Jason Bergstrom
Editorials Editor

One of the highlights of the year 2000 so far has been the Olympics held in Sydney, Australia. Privileged with the opportunity to witness this historic event were two fellow Lone Oak High students, Bethany and Tim Hobbs. As part of a mission trip consisting of 15 area students and adults to spread God's Word, they shared a pin that represents the Christian faith. Now, the interview: **Q: Let's start with the basics: Tell us when and why you went to Australia.** *Bethany:* Mission work. *Tim:* We went to spread the name of Jesus Christ to the world. *Bethany:*

Oh, and it was from September 21 to September 30. Those were the days we left and came back. **Q: What did you do in preparation for the trip?** *Tim:* We had meetings and training sessions to learn what to say to the people, and to explain our pin. **Q: Did you face any difficulties at any point when you tried to achieve your purpose?** *Tim:* Not really for me. *Bethany:* There was basically one, whether they would run towards or away what we were saying. Some would listen, and some would literally run. For real, one guy actually ran. **Q: About with how many people do you think the entire team shared Christ?** *Bethany:* I think the entire AC-

TION team shared with 4000 people. *Tim:* For [First Baptist Church Paducah] it was about 1500, something like that. *Bethany:* We each witnessed to a lot, too. I think I witnessed to at least 100 people. A lot of them had never heard of the Gospel so it was cool. **Q: Bethany, you are the youngest person who went. Do you feel this affected anything like your confidence or performance over there?** *Bethany:* Kind of... I wasn't scared, and I wasn't sure how I'd be treated, I know I didn't want to be treated like a little kid. It didn't really affect me as a person. It's what God wanted me to do. **Q: Tim, what did it feel like to share your faith to people**

from other countries? **What did you expect to happen?** *Tim:* It was an awesome high to realize what God wants you to do, being faithful to Him. I expected more to be negative, but most were kind and listened. **Q: Not to take away from your purpose at Sydney, but were you able to see any actual Olympic events?** *Bethany:* Heck yeah! I saw men's basketball, USA vs. France. Of course, we won big time. *Tim:* Yep. I saw men's soccer, USA vs. Spain and, uh, we lost. **Q: Well, thank you so much. Any parting words for the reader?** *Bethany:* If you have an opportunity to do something like this, do it. Even if it's not around the world there's people here. *Tim:* Yeah, same thing.

Moss, Reeves named Junior Rotarians, public stunned

Jay Swacker
Design Editor

He hangs out with his friends. He's in the Chess Club (**a.k.a.- HE'S A CLOSET NERD!**). He plays football. He's met Steve Finley. Yes, he's Ben Moss, the All-American boy. He's also September's Junior Rotarian.

And deservedly so, Moss has had many accomplishments throughout high school. He, along with the help of the rest of the football team, has won three county championships. He has won the 4-H state speech competition two years in a row (probably because he competes against little 3rd grade girls). He is also a Future Paducah Leader, wow. He was named Mr. LOMS in the 8th grade, which no one cares about anymore. Plus, he knows the entire Queen classic, "Bohemian Rhapsody."

However, Moss isn't without his faults. He dyed his hair blonde this summer for no reason (he's a big Eminem fan). He also tried to attack me whenever I interviewed him.

Despite his occasional lapse in judgement and his somewhat violent nature, Moss is an outstanding student. He felt, "uhh, good..." to be named Junior Rotarian. He offered this advice for underclassmen wishing to have a star that shines as bright as his, "just be good in school, I guess."



Kelly Reeves and Ben Moss (Photo by Jay Paul Swacker)

Justin Latta
Coroner

For the month of October, Kelly Reeves has been selected as Junior Rotarian. All four years of her high school career Kelly has achieved the status of an Honor Student. Her freshman year, Kelly was the Secretary of The Choice is Mine Club. She also became a staff writer in The Oak "K". Also, including juggling all of her classes, Kelly was on the Varsity Softball Team, which she has remained on for four years.

Kelly continued to keep her schedule busy. She became a member of the Beta Club and kept her position in The Choice is Mine Club as Secretary. Kelly was also a Student Council Representative and a Future Paducah Leader. On this mountain of a schedule, Kelly still found time to write for the Oak "K".

Kelly's junior school year was also a tough one. Kelly joined the Biology Club and stayed in the

Beta Club. After a rise in power on the newspaper staff, Kelly became the Editorial Editor. She was also honored with the position of Junior Marshall for the 1999-2000 Lone Oak High School graduation ceremony.

In her senior year, Kelly is used to the busy schedule. She is now the Beta Club president, while being a member of FBLA. She is a member of Chamber Choir and the Phi Alpha Delta Sorority. She is now the Executive Editor of the Oak "K".

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LOHS welcomes another new face

Justin Latta
Coroner

Have you ever felt completely alone? Most students here at LOHS know what I am talking about. It's like the first day at a new school and the thing that you are worried the most about is finding some friendly people to sit with at lunch. Got that thought in your mind? Okay, now imagine yourself 10 years from now going through that process again.

Student teachers go through this when they are assigned to a school to observe in. Mrs. Leslee Davis is one of the new student teachers in LOHS that is observing Mrs. Campbell. After engaging in conversation, I decided to give Mrs. Davis an interview.

Q. "Where are you from?"

A. "I'm from Ballard County."

Q. "Do you have any influences that contributed to your interest to teach?"

A. "My 8th grade teacher had a great effect on me wanting to be a teacher."

Q. "How do you like LOHS?"

A. "I love it, of all the schools I have seen it's the best I've been in."

Q. "Why did you want to become a teacher?"

A. "I've always wanted to be involved with high school kids. It's rewarding when you see them do something with their lives. I like to help people, and I like to help teenagers."

Q. "What do you think of the students at LOHS?"

A. "Really I have just seen the students in my classes. All my students are well mannered. I've had no problems that all the other schools talk about. Although some teachers will say that I've worked with the cream of the crop [laughter]!"



Photo by J. Latta

Who's that lady: Leslee Davis is Mrs. Campbell's new student teacher

Q. "Can you give any advice to any students who might want to pursue a career in education?"

A. "Study hard from the beginning. Know the reasons why you want to get into the field. Don't focus on the bad days. Work hard in college. Keep the student in perspective at all times. The person needs to remember that he/she is there to help the student... any-

thing beyond that doesn't really matter.

Q. "What is your favorite thing about LOHS?"

A. "My gosh. I don't know. I guess my supervising teacher and the students I work with. All the other teachers are very nice."

"Riding With the King" Reigns Supreme

Jessica Miller
Advertising Manager

Start with rainy afternoon. Throw in a heaping dose of blues and some mellow rhythms. Next, add a pinch of easy rock. Add a few guitar solos and fold in two musical legends. No, this is not the recipe for Grandma's tuna surprise, these are the ingredients that make up *Riding with the King*, the new C.D. by B.B. King and Eric Clapton. Well, rain may not come with the package, but it sure helps the mood.

In the first listen of *Riding with the King*, the bluesy, throaty influence of the King seems to command the attention. Of the two, B. B. is the more an old school legend and has a more distinct sound. However, that is not to say that Eric takes a backseat in this "Ride with the King". While Eric Clapton is most famous for his role in rock bands such as Cream, Yardbirds, and Derek and the Dominoes, he has proven through his solo career that he knows how to sing the blues.



His *Unplugged* album is a mood all in its own, and this is the Eric that collaborated with the King for this C.D. Clapton's influence is especially prevalent in the songs "I Wanna Be", "Worried Life Blues", and "Hold on I'm Coming". As a whole, however, the C.D. is an artful blend of both musician's unique styles.

This C.D. might be a little different than pop music that is raging on the radio waves. However, if you want to try the blues on for size, this is a good place to start.

New Visitor

Blake Owen
Features Editor

Since our last issue of The Oak "K" we have had a new visitor here at LOHS. Mareike Kentgens is from Cologne, Germany. Mareike like many of you spends her free time with friends, at the movies, and reads. She finds it interesting that all the houses in America look the same. She says that everything is very new to her, school church, etc. Mareika misses her friends, her family, and her city.

Girls Tennis team continues state dominance

Jake Mitchell
Managing Editor

I almost would like to make an apology, but on second thought, it's not a good way to open up an article. To say that we here at The Oak "K" make a mistake would be an understatement. In our efforts to cover LOHS Spring Sports in a wrap-up review, we mistakenly omitted one of our finest sports, Tennis. Sports Editor Hunter Campbell and I tried to include a review of all sports that finished during the summer, but had a huge oversight. So in efforts to compensate, I sat down with Sarah Suitor, your 2000 KHSAA Girls Tennis Singles State Champion.

From June 1-3, while most Lone Oakers were finishing up semester reviews, aching for summer and breaking out the tan lotion, seven girls were on a mission. Armed with a tradition for winning state titles and an aura of dominance, the Lady Flash tennis team was prepared for battle.

The team was coming off quite an impressive performance at the

Regional tournament, where the team established sheer dominance. In the finals of both doubles and singles, nary a team was represented besides Lone Oak. In the singles final, it was number one seed **Sarah Suitor (12)** against fellow teammate **Liz Conyer (10)**. On the doubles side, it was the all-

Lone Oak matchup of **Terin Roof (10)** and **Amanda Beckman (10)** squaring off against **Emily Lichtenberg (12)** and **Casie Skaggs (12)**. In the end, it was **Suitor** victorious on the singles side, along with **Roof/Beckman** on the doubles end. Thanks to their strong showing, they earned trips to the state tournament.

Coming into the state tourna-



Hardware Woman: Senior Sarah Suitor basks in the glory of winning a state championship.

ment, Lone Oak was one of the favorites. Having established a dynasty in the 1990s, the first team of the new millennium looked to cap on the success of their predecessors. In the 90s alone, LOHS girls team captured an unbelievable six state titles, including five in a row from '92-'96. After a two-year hiatus, the girls were defending champions in 2000 following

up another state title in 1999.

Among the standouts on the team is **Suitor**. With yet another regional title under her belt, the only thing left to do was accomplish something that no other Oaker before her had done: Win an individual state title. The main obstacle in her way was defending champion **Ashley Robards** of Henderson County. Come to pass,

it was the two behemoths in the finals, and to no one's surprise, it was quite a match. After losing the first set 1-6, Suitor won two straight sets to lay her claim as the best girls tennis player in the state of Kentucky.

"It was a tough match, really tough," said Suitor of the championship. "Ashley played really well. I was trying to not only win the individual title, but help the team too. I had to stay focused."

Coming into the championship match, the team standings saw Henderson edging the Lady Flash 13-12. In the tournament, a team gets one point for each match won. After Suitor's victory, the team standings were tied. In the playoff, Lone Oak won three out of the four to maintain the team championship.

Congratulations to all members of the team on a spectacular year. Lone Oak tennis is a mainstay every year in the state tournament, and a lot of that is thanks to the coach, **Larry Heflin**. Hard work and dedication pay off, and LOHS tennis is evidence of that.

Bobby Knight leaves legacy behind at Indiana

Hunter Campbell
Sports Editor

After years of controversial coaching and hundreds of technical fouls throughout his storied career, Indiana University Men's Basketball Coach Bobby Knight was fired on September 9, and two days later his replacement was found in Mike Hill, a long-time Knight assistant. The University's president, **Myles Brand**, cited things such as the choking of former player **Neil Reed** and the

recent verbal and physical berating of one of his current players as the basis for the firing.

Over Coach Knight's 29-year career at Indiana, he has coached some of the greatest college players in history, such as **Isaiah Thomas** and **Calbert Cheaney**. He won three NCAA championships and went to five Final Four's. He also has the distinction of being the coach of the last undefeated team to win the National Title, a team that many people consider the greatest in his-

tory.

Some of the "highlights" of Knight's career include the infamous chair-throwing ordeal in the 80's, in which he hurled a courtside chair across the floor and nearly hit an innocent elderly fan. One of the most memorable of Coach Knight's outbursts came when he (as usual) didn't agree with the call of a referee in one of his games. He got a little worked up, and proceeded to slam his hand down on the phone at the scorers' table. Some say he in-

jured his hand in the process. I think the only thing hurting was his pride as he was booed of the court after being ejected from the game.

College basketball just won't be the same without Bob Knight's hilarious antics, but he left us with many good memories. He was one of the most successful coaches in college history, and his coaching will be sorely missed.

Flash Soccer Updates

Boys

Guys' soccer kicks to a great year

Staff Writer

The boys' soccer team has finished its 2000 season. They finished third in the district, with a four win and four loss record in district play.

They scored victories over Reidland, two over St. Mary, and a forfeit win over Tilghman. They lost twice to Heath and once each to Tilghman and Reidland. Their overall record was 5-9.



Photo by H. Campbell

Playing both ways: Captain **Todd Belcher (12)** and **Kurt Fryberger (12)** track back to play defense in the Flash's first district tournament game versus Heath.

Senior night was a smashing success as the guys dominated St. Mary 4-0. **Justin Jett (11)** had a hat trick in the game, scoring what proved to be the game winner early in the first half. He added

two more in the second half before **Kurt Fryberger (12)** scored the fourth and final goal. The Flash played Heath in the first round of the district tournament. The Flash fought hard, their season ended with that

game, a 6-0 loss. **Todd Belcher (12)**, **Eric Burnett (12)**, **Kurt Fryberger (12)**, and **Chris Jett (11)** were named to the 2000 All-District Soccer team.

Congratulations to the boys for a great season and thanks to all those who supported them throughout the year.

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Girls

Soccer girls shake the season

Staff Writer

"Play hard, expect to win, and have fun", is the motto for the Girl's soccer team this year. With a District Runner-Up trophy under

their belt and a firm place in the Regional Tournament this week, they have certainly accomplished these three goals. Their success is a

testament to their iron will and determination. Losing nine starters, and a total of 16 players from last year this team has really pulled together to create a solid opposition for their district foes. Particularly amazing was the return from injury of **Emily Lyles (12)**, **Megan Chaffin (10)**, and **Tiffany Curry (10)**. Although Tiffany was reinjured soon after resuming play, she remains a crucial part of the team.

Their rough and tough spirit

has pushed them through a few remarkable wins. If you've caught any games, you have also seen their exuberant personality in their muscle-man victory grunts after each goal,

and their "shake" dances after victories. It was this spirit that pushed them through the District finals, which they have been a part of for a record of four

consecutive years. Four members were named to the All District team: **Laura Ramsey (11)**, **Andria Downs (11)**, **Sarah Warren (12)**, and **Jessica Miller (12)**.

Anytime you are in need of a soccer boost in the post-season, be sure to check out the team website at web2.murraystate.edu/webs/fmiller/lohs/index.htm.

This site gives player statistics for both JV and Varsity teams, as well as pictures from recent games and practices.



Team Moment: The girls celebrate a win at a Madisonville tournament this fall.

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Flash Football heads to a successful finish

Jake Mitchell
Managing Editor

Despite falling short of having its first winning season in over a decade, the Purple Flash football team's successes have outweighed the negatives.

After starting the season with three straight wins, it appeared that the Flash may come out with a better-than-.500 record for the first time in years. After defeating both Reidland and Heath in the first two weeks of the season, the Oakers wrapped up their third McCracken County championship in four years. Keeping the winning streak alive, the team won their first district game in 5 years, defeating Muhlenberg North 27-20.

With high expectations and hopes for the streak to continue, the team hit a four-game losing skid, all against district opponents. The Flash fell to Calloway Co. 40-

3, Hopkins Central 42-15, Tilghman 47-15, and Union Co. 44-40, ending the district season with a record of 1-4. With the Flash's last loss against Union Co., it ended any hopes of a Class 3A playoff berth.

The team ended their dismal succession of losses when they topped non-district foe Fulton City 20-16, but then fell yet again the following week against Ballard Memorial 41-32.

"We had all the ingredients of a championship caliber team, but our execution wasn't there," said

defensive Captain **P.J. Jones (12)**. "We have practiced and played extremely hard. Although our record doesn't exactly show it, we have had a great season."

As of press time, the team has compiled a record of 4-5.

"I am proud of our effort. Nobody works harder than we do on the practice field. It's just the little things that hurt us," said head coach Courtney Neel.

Among statistical leaders on the team are halfback **Eric Garner (12)** and quarterback **Erik East (12)**. Garner has scored 11 touch-

downs this season, seven of which came on the ground and four in the air. He has amassed over 500 yards rushing and nearly 300 receiving. He is also the Flash's leading kick returner.

East has thrown for eight touchdowns, rushed for six, scored one on an interception, and caught a pass for another, accounting him for 16 scores.

Be sure to check out tonight's game as the Flash wrap up their season at Murray High. They look to even their record at 5-5.



Photo by J. Swacker

Tornado Rasslin': Senior Greg Raney attempts to corral a Paducah Tilghman player as teammates (from left) Erik East, Wes Stearns, P.J. Jones, and Lynn Huffine pursue the action on Homecoming night.



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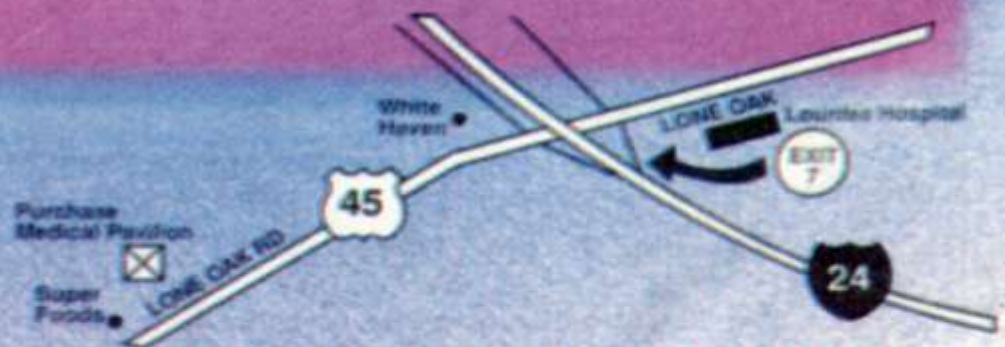


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