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"You cannot discover new oceans unless you have the courage to lose sight of the shore."-Anonymous

Beta Members spruce up Voor Park

Jessica Miller
Advertising Manager

"I feel like Martha Stewart," Sarah Warren (12) said, while stabbing the ground with a crowbar, preparing a hole for the bulbs she was planting. Sarah was one of 16 Beta Clubbers who threw on their old clothes (except for Garrett Wheatley, who looked quite stylish), and dedicated a Saturday morning to digging, planting, and grooming Voor Park on Martin Luther Drive.

Voor Park itself represents a tremendous effort on the part of three incredible people, James Anderson, the descendent of the original owner, Janice Butler, Park Coordinator and resident of the neighborhood who has been working to get the park developed for years; and Karen Davis, also a resident of neighborhood. The lot in which the park is now located was originally going to be fenced in with access denied to the public. Now thanks to the massive efforts of these three people, the park is a beautiful highlight of the community, and children and parents



Whistle while you work!: This group of Beta Clubbers take a break from volunteering their time at Voor Park by planting greenery.

Photo By K. Reeves

alike can walk there to admire the scenery and play basketball on the mini-court. Eventually, fencing, benches, water fountains, and lighting will accompany the basketball court and flower-lined side walk.

"The effort for the rejuvenation of this park has been exceptional. The response from the community from the surrounding neighborhood, to across town in Lone Oak, everyone has helped to develop the inner city," James Anderson

said. He was particularly complimentary of the efforts of Rick Gonzalez of the Paducah Parks Department, who steered the Beta Club to this particular project. One other notable contribution came on behalf of Carol Sanders of James Sanders Nursery. Some of the 24 bushes, various varieties of bulbs, mulch, and the equipment used to plant these items were donated, and the rest were sold at a special discount by the nursery. These contributions in

both supplies and time display the amazing community effort that has turned a run-down lot into a beautiful park for the children of the community to enjoy.

Between Anderson's constant joking, and Butler's frequent hugs and "Hallelujah's," the morning hardly seemed like work. "You kids are a godsend," Butler gushed as she scanned over the finished product. "You have no idea how much this means after so long of fighting for this park's existence." To show their appreciation, the coordinators of the park are generously dedicating a lone, scarlet oak and a memorial in honor of the Lone Oak Beta Club.

The Beta Club has taken the park on as a continual project and will return to spruce up the plants and flowers they planted there this month. A "Friends of Voor Park" fund will be established at school, and donations will be accepted to cover expenses related to the maintenance of the park. Everyone is encouraged to make contributions to show their support, and yes, Beta points will be given to the members of the club.

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LOHS has a prayer group?

Jason Bergstrom
Editorials Editor

† Standing behind the First Amendment's claim of free religious expression, a group of LOHS students gather in the gym beginning at 7:25 every morning. These students come together to pray.

Encircling half-court, the participants announce any requests or praises they wish to lift up in prayer.

This simple way of beginning the school day has grown from its modest beginnings. At the first of

the year, there were only enough people to make a small circle of students in the Flash Room. Now, the gym is needed to have enough space.

"People [have] found a welcoming fellowship with other believers," comments senior Adam Elias.

"God wants it to grow," says Josh Bergstrom (12), "to appeal to everyone by using a variety of different people as His tools."

It is not a club. There are no Prayer Group Officers of Leaders. There are no sects who separate into each corner of the gym floor.



The best part of wakin' up: LOHS students gather together in a circle to pray for their fellow classmates before school. Photo by: Jason Bergstrom

It is a nondenominational setting open to anyone.

"[It is] a great way to start off the

day, to fellowship before the daily grind," adds Bergstrom.

Clubs catch the holiday spirit

Jessica Miller
Advertising Manager

FBLA- *Collecting donations for telethon (November 11th, 12th) during Channel One.

*Fundraiser-selling static cling Lone Oak decals

*Operation Christmas Child- they will be making and collecting wrapped shoe boxes for children all over the world

FCCLA- *Gingerbread Creation Contest for Child Watch Thanksgiving week.

*Will fill 60 stockings for Salvation Army in November to be delivered during Christmas.

*Party for LOES (Mrs. Steele's 1st grade class)

*Story hour for LOES

Beta- *Adopted Voor's park

*Gift boxes for Seaman's Institute

Biology- *Trip to St. Louis Science Center November 10th

FCA- *Purchased a Thanksgiving dinner for a needy family

*Monday night Bible studies at students' houses.

Key - *Wrapped up Newborns in Need project

*Collected money for UNICEF

Six LOHS students prove worthy to compete

Nicole Small
News Editor

Lone Oak High School once again achieves victory. There were 550 entrees in the Teen Challenge Art Competition show November (date), with only fifty pieces chosen for the actual exhibit. Six out of the fifty pieces selected were that of LOHS students: Brad Rankin, Angelina Pecarova, Robert Spees, Laura Ramsey, and Holly

Litchenburg which had two pieces selected to be in show.

The artwork will be judged in the Teen Challenge Art Competition at the Yeiser Art Center. The individual winners of the show will be announced on December 4th. The "Best in Show" will be awarded \$250 and the school will receive \$500. The artwork will be on exhibit through the month of December. Makes sure to wish these students good luck!

Beta members headed to convention

Staff Writer

Leann Mason (11) is campaigning for Vice-President of the State Beta Convention. Her theme for the campaign is "Don't monkey around and vote for Leann Mason." T-shirts for the campaign have been made. Many other members from our school will be helping her campaign by presenting a skit, setting up a booth and talking to other delegates at the convention.

The students who will be going will also be involved in many activities over the course of that Friday and Saturday. There will be academic competitions. **Liz Conyer (11)** will be competing in Math. **Kelly Reeves (12)** will be competing in English. **Natalie Roe (11)** will be competing in Science. **Jay Stallons (11)** will be competing in French. **Bryan Wheatley (11)** will be competing in Spanish. **Amy Chapman (12), Adam Elias**

(12), Jay Swacker (12), and Garrett Wheatley (12) will be competing together in the Quiz Bowl. Chapman will also be competing in Social Studies. Swacker will compete in Creative Writing. Wheatley will be in Spelling.

The convention will be held from November 30th to December 2nd. It will be held at the Galt House Hotel in Louisville. Mr. Roe, Ms. Underhill, and Mr. Watwood will be chaperoning the trip.

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Choir involved in various activities

Kelly Reeves
Executive Editor

Do-re-mi... Choir season is now in full swing with a lot of songs to sing and funds to raise. The choirs are busy rehearsing for their annual Christmas concert on December 7, as well as preparing for a trip to Washington D.C. in April. All-State auditions have come and gone with five lucky songbirds representing LOHS.

The five who will participate in All-State are **Kelly Seeley** (12),

Andy Williford (12), **Josh Ramirez** (11), **Annemarie Cason** (11), and **Brandon Roberts** (10). The students went through an audition process on October 30 at Tilghman Auditorium to become a part of the All-State Choir.

In other choir news, this year's Christmas concert at Lone Oak First Baptist Church will begin at 7:00 p.m. The seasonal Christmas songs will help get everyone in the Christmas spirit, so the choir encourages everyone to come! Some of the songs include traditional

favorites such as *O Holy Night*, *I Saw Three Ships Come Sailing In*, *Sussex Carol*, and *The Carol of the Bells* as well as other modern favorites.

Also on the busy choir agenda is the highly anticipated trip to Washington D.C. This is a competition in which LOHS has been invited back to because of their success at the Chicago competition last year. While in Washington D.C. the students will have chances to sight see and perform in the competition. To cut down some of the cost on the trip, the choir has been selling candy, washing cars, and is planning a school wide Christmas dance. So put the Christmas dance on your calendar for Saturday, December 16 from 9:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m.!

Kentucky Colonel band rakes in awards

Justin Latta
Coroner

At semifinals the band had one of its first tastes of defeat of the season. The Colonels placed Fifth overall, whereas if they would have placed fourth they could have proceeded to finals. But the band did have an outstanding season, and won many awards and recognition in the state of Kentucky.

The band entered the quarterfinals in Ohio County. They won Fourth Place, allowing them to enter the semifinals.

Following that the band hosted

the Lone Oak High School Invitational. In Marshall County the band dominated their class by receiving the titles of Best Color Guard, Best Percussion, First Place Class AA, and Grand Champions Division 1. At the Heath High School Competition, Lone Oak succeeded once again at ruling the scene by winning Best Color Guard, Best Percussion, First Place Class AA and Gold Distinguished. The first competition of the band was at Reidland High School, where they received a distinguished rating.

A-Team "pities the fool"

Blake Owen
Features Editor

Out of all the sports teams here at LOHS there probably isn't one with a greater combined IQ than the Academic Team. This year, keeping with the tradition of winning, the A-Team finished their regular season with an undefeated record. However, they have a long road ahead of them before they can hang up their buzzers and call it a season.

First along their trip was the Hart County Invitational Tournament. Lone Oak placed 3rd overall in this meet. The team defeated DuPont Manual High School, last year's state champion.

The Academic Team will travel to the District Western Kentucky Academic Bowl on November 21. The LOHS team has won this event an unprecedented three consecutive times. Results of this tournament will be published in the next issue of the Oak "K".

Team member Garrett Wheatley says of his team, "I'm really excited about Hart County. Hopefully, we will come out victorious."

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What's wrong with "Greedy Help The Needy" ?

Hunter Campbell
Sports Editor

Many of you may have heard of, or be involved with Mr. Franklin's (a.k.a. AFCO, or Allen Franklin Company) food drive, The Greedy Help the Needy. Although people have spoken out against the drive in the past because of the bonus points involved, I am here to speak out in favor of the drive and the points.

Some think that the food drive is just a way for AFCO's students to buy points by simply bringing in cans. However, the bonus points are not the actual focus of Mr. Franklin's can drive. The cans go to feed terminally ill people whose families cannot afford

to pay for the food. The points don't even come in the substantial amounts that people may think. For the first ten cans, the cans equal one point. From ten to five hundred, it takes twenty cans to equal one



point. Before AFCO decided to use bonus points for the cans, he got a grand total of one hundred for the whole drive. Last year alone he was able to give 3817 cans to the terminally ill. The bonus

points, along with the pizza party given to the class with the highest total of non-perishables, act as incentive for students to help a worthy cause. AFCO himself had this to say about The Greedy Help the Needy, "I love to see the looks on the little ladies faces when they come to pick the cans up and there's more and more every time they come.."

Knowing all that I do about this can drive, I am puzzled as to why anyone would be opposed to it. The help given to this worthy cause far outweighs any help given to anyone's grade in AFCO land.

Disrespectful youths get on my nerves! (just an opinion)

Jake Mitchell
Managing Editor

As we trudge into a new millennium (as of which I'm sure you're sick of hearing about), one should expect a multitude from the youth of America. Sure, Grandpa may look down on "Generation X" and call us a bunch of worthless heathens, but by and by, I look at our generation as a prosperous group who will be fruitful leaders of tomorrow. And with that aspect in mind, I value the maturity of our fellow peers. I expect, year after

year, for each ensuing class to be more and more adept when it comes to maturity and respectability. And although I could be personally satisfied with a steady median of maturity, it seems that the level of this trait is on a drastic decline.

Before you go hooting and hollering about my being a self-righteous bigot, understand one thing: I call 'em like I see 'em. I don't make false claims, or say things that I know aren't true. And if I can go out on a limb here: the underclassmen (and albeit, some seniors) of LOHS are some of the most imma-

ture groups of mass I have ever met. And not only that, they have no respect. Every year, each new class of freshman gets more and more chips on their shoulders. And they also seem to drop maturity levels by the truckload.

Instance one: I'm driving home from school one day, and a group of freshmen in the back of a bus that I am trailing give me dirty looks. With my friends, we both stare back in a mocking manner, only to receive the "state bird" back. Did we somehow induce this? First of all, we're bigger and older than our counterparts. If we had somehow provoked such a reaction, I would be in contempt to argue the results. However, we hadn't done a single thing to produce this reaction.

There have been several other occasions where I have been in extreme disgust with our youngsters of the school. Worthless attempts at being recognized, lewd behavior, and mouthing at upperclassmen are all pet peeves. You aren't impressing any-


one by being loud, or making dumb jokes at extremely high volumes. We don't think you're funny or cool when you try to get attention on yourself. And most importantly: be afraid. I was. My freshman year, I was the most humble kid in the school. I wouldn't dare mouth back at a Senior or even think about trying to get on their bad side. I stayed clear, and through my four years, have earned respect.

In case you have had a hard time sorting through all of my "harsh" propaganda, let me spell it out for you: GROW UP. And start respecting people above you. One day, you'll be in our position and feel the same way. In high school, it's not how many times you can look like a clown, or how many times you can disrespect an upperclassmen that makes you cool. It's being humble and paying your dues. And don't try to tell me that I'm wrong: When you're in my shoes in a couple of years and have the same problem on your hands, you'll wish you hadn't been such a brat.

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Long live competitive sports!



Jessica Miller
Advertising Manager

I would like to propose a toast. I understand that a proper glass in which to do so may not be convenient, but, nonetheless, I would like for everyone to take a moment to join me in recognizing something that has been a very large part of my life, as well as thousands of others. Whether it be through the lessons in winning and losing graciously; whether it be through giving that shy, new girl the chance to make friends; whether it be the thrill of holding a trophy that represents every drop of blood, sweat, or tear that was shed for its acquisition; or if it is simply the competitive spirit of working

hard simply to become better: no matter what it is that defines athletics to you, it deserves acknowledgment.

Sports have added a dimension to my life that cannot be replaced by anything else. While making an A on Mr. Whitley's Chemistry final is a difficult and worthy goal, I have yet to see the proud possessor of such a score jump up and down while screaming and crying and laughing and thanking everyone in sight for sharing that glorious sensation with them (no offense, Mr. Whitley). I have, however, seen and experienced that exact loss of sanity after a District Championship, or a victory against an archrival.

I can't explain the how. It can be logically argued that it is the adrenaline that kicks in somewhere between the 2nd and 3rd mile that broadens your stride and numbs your muscles. I can't explain the perverse sense of pride I feel over the scar tattooed on

my face from the elbow of that Marshall girl. The bruises and scrapes represent the fierce battle for respect, pride, and glory. As long as the bruise remains, the memory of the struggle likewise lives.

The split personality that is characteristic of all sports is what makes their effect so potent. Athletics can be the most elevating, uplifting experience imaginable, and yet through the anguish of a hard loss or a debilitating injury it is the most potent depressant. It brings out the altruistic tendencies in the most selfish of people, and yet it can also display the ugliest, and most detestable qualities in a person. Its focus is on the human body and the coordination of the muscles, yet, at least 75% of competition is unquestionably the mentality of the athlete.

One of the most important overall components of sports is the discipline it teaches. Athletes learn early on that

games are not just won during regulation time, but during the preseason conditioning routine. The drop of salty sweat that you wipe out of your eyes as you conclude the 2nd mile of that early morning "fun-run" adds sweetness to its resulting victory a month later. The hours and hours of practice are concentrated into that breathtaking 30-second play that results in the winning goal. The epiphany that you only get what you put into a project is learned early in life through athletics, and this lesson is invaluable.

So let us all raise our imaginary glasses of respect and join in the celebration of athletics. Here is to the pain, and the glory; the tears of defeat, and those of sweet, sweet victory; for the growth it provides our physical, emotional, and mental selves; for everything that it embodies; Long live competitive sports.

Must each McCracken County graduation be on the same night?



Kelly Reeves
Executive Editor

Ahhh...graduation! For us seniors it's a time of closure. A time of sadness as we leave our friends to begin new challenges. A time of joy as we are finally released from the stresses of high school. A time to share a once in a lifetime event with all of our senior friends. Unless, of course, that senior friend happens to attend Heath or Reidland. In that case, while we are walking through our own graduation line, a friend whom we had desired to see

graduate is walking through a different line at the exact same time.

This inevitably poses a problem for many in the tightly knit county of McCracken. How is Granny supposed to be two places at once while her grandson Johnny Bob graduates from Heath at the exact moment when Susie Q. graduates from Reidland? Impossible. Best friends Irene and Thelma began to walk on the same day, spent every Thanksgiving together, even got their first kisses at the same party. So why should they be denied the right to share this once in a lifetime event together if the only thing separating them is their high school?

Although all county schools dismiss on the same day, the ceremonies could be staggered by

times or even by days. The logistics of organizing the three ceremonies would be time consuming, but with a whole school board panel to plan it, there could be something worked out.

I talked to school board chairman Randy Wright about the issue. Although he realizes that it's a big problem for families, he

still says, "I have been on the board ten years and I've only had two complaints...You can't let one or two dictate the whole county." Well I guess I'm complaint number three! If you or your family have the same concern, please let Chairman Wright know and surely we can together equal more than two complaints!

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Thanksgiving Page

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Word Scramble

Kelly Reeves
Executive Editor

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(In)Decision 2000

Hunter Campbell
Sports Editor

And the winner is...we still don't know. Ah, yes, we are the United States, the land of the free, the home of the brave, but at least for now we don't know who our next leader will be as of January 20, 2001.

Al Gore won the crucial Electoral College state of Florida, and then had it taken away, and the same happened to George W. Bush in the wee hours of the morning after the election took place. However, through recount after recount and the counting of the overseas ballots, it seems as if George W. Bush has wrapped up

the twenty-five Electoral votes that Florida has to give. The Democratic party continues to appeal and ask for manual recounts in many heavily democratic counties.

On November 26, the Secretary of State of Florida certified George W. Bush the winner of the election there. This was after the Florida Supreme Court

ruled in favor of the Gore team and allowed the manual recounts to continue until 5:00 p.m. on the 26th.

Although Bush has been declared the winner, Al Gore will challenge the results of the election once again, and we will have to wait a little while longer before we have an official President-elect



Why You Said It



9 - Josh Roper-

Al Gore

"He would do more for Kentucky"



11 -Jon Hayden

George W. Bush

"After the debates it seemed Gore would make a better preacher than a president."



10 - Emily Warmack

George W. Bush

"I don't know, I don't like Gore"



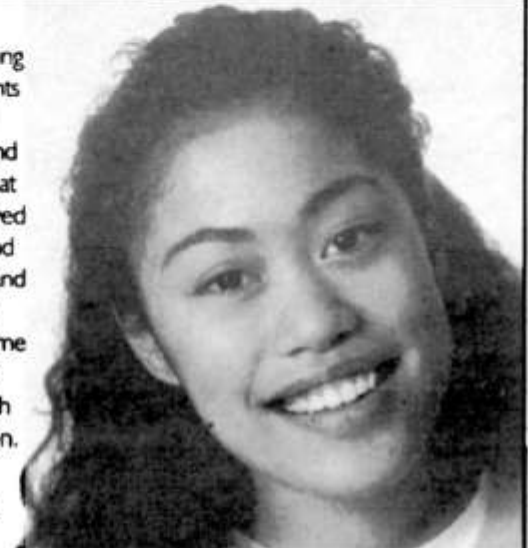
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Collins "honored" to be Rotarian

Jay Swacker
Design Editor

Leigh Ann Collins is outstanding in many areas, including academics and sports. She has played softball and soccer for the school teams since she became a Freshman. She has been active in many clubs and she's done well in all of her classes. All of her hard work and achievements have paid off because she is November's Junior Rotarian.

Collins is a key member of the yearbook staff. She is involved in the Biology Club, Beta Club, and Journalism Club. Her favorite hobbies are reading and swimming. She is an avid supporter of Republican George W. Bush in his quest for the Office of the Presidency. "It is an honor," Collins

said, "to be chosen as Junior Rotarian."

Collins has a clear focus on life. Her philosophy is, "[take everyday on day at a time. Tomorrow the small things won't matter." She has an equally clear vision of her future, which will include going to a four-year university and playing softball.



Defying the laws of gravity: Collins shows her excitement of being named Junior Rotarian.

New student teacher in the library

Justin Latta
Coroner

Here at LOHS many of the teachers here get student teachers. Have you ever walked into the library though and seen a student teacher? Well we have one, and her name is Lynda Casey. Earlier this month I had a chance



Helping Hand: Mrs. Casey shows Amanda Bowden (12) how it's done.

to talk to Mrs. Casey and ask her a few questions about her internship in the library with Mrs. Metzger.

Q. Where are you from?

A. Right now I'm living in Livingston County, but I grew up in Southern Illinois.

Q. Do you like your job? Why?

A. I love it very much. I love the technology, the books, and the kids.

Q. Are there any major technology problems that you can't handle?

A. Oh all the time, there's always something I can't handle. The key is knowing who to call for the problem.

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Football players honored at banquet, All-Star Game

Staff Report

The year 2000 was a great year for Lone Oak Football, winning its fourth McCracken County Championship in five years, as well as winning its first ever Class 3A district game. On Thursday, November 16, the players were rewarded for their efforts.

After a hearty dinner, players were rewarded with post-season team awards, which were decided strictly by the players. Every member of the team voted on the awards, which were given to several athletes.

For the second year in a row, **Erik East (12)** received the team's Most Valuable Player award. Also in a repeat, linebacker **P.J. Jones (12)** received the Team Captain award, as well as tackle **Jake**

Mitchell (12) taking both the Offensive and Defensive Line awards for the second straight year. Halfback **Eric Garner (12)** won Best Offensive Back, and safety **Eliot Goode (12)** took the Best Defensive Back Award. Defensive end **Jeremy Powers (11)** won the Junior Cup, awarded to the team's most outstanding Junior. Offensive lineman **Tommy Gorline (11)** took the Roger East award.

In related news, three seniors were selected to the West Kentucky All-Star Game. **East, Jones,** and **Mitchell** were all selected to play in the all-senior game, which was held at Murray State University on Saturday, November 25. The three played on the West Side team, which brutalized the East Side team 42-0.



Eric Garner, Best Offensive Back



Erik East, 2000 Team MVP

Falling

Jason Bergstrom
Editorials Editor

Falling and falling and falling and falling,
Trying to stop is only stalling.
Flying is what you feel you're doing,
The ground is what you are pursuing.
You say to yourself, "This is not my calling,"
Falling and falling and falling and falling

Falling and falling and falling and falling,
You bump your head, proceed to bawling.
Scrapes and bruises infest your body,
Your clothes become rumped and shoddy.
Your hair's disheveled and strewn about,
Your bashed-up brain is filled with doubts,
That you'll never make it to the ground,
Your heart begins to pound and pound.
To say that falling enhances the mind,
Was said by someone obviously blind.

In front of you the world zooms by,
Still can't see ground, you're terribly high.
That debonair look you had before,
Is now gone, existent no more.
The sun suddenly shines so bright,
It burns your pupils directly on sight.
Then the day switches into night,
You've lost your only source of light.
You twist and turn in distorted ways,
You flip and flip in Darkness' haze.

The weather changes from wet to dry,
Forlorn clouds fill the sky.
Thunder booms, lightning flashes,
Look at your hands, they've turned to ashes.
Hallucinations fill your sight,
They come from all sides, left and right.
Screams and shrills infest your ears,
Suddenly your eyes are filled with tears,
Because you can't see through the void
Of evil Darkness has employed.

Everything changes from season to season,
You begin to lose all sense of reason.
Trees are radiant, then are dead,
Flightful birds mock you instead.
Leaves turn color from green to brown,
They fall like you, down, down, down, down.
You're the only thing between ground and sky,
The world reflects on dilated eyes.

You're caught off guard when you hit a floor,
Next to you, you find a door.
You reach for the door, slowly with fright,
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Technology excels at LOHS

Justin Latta
Coroner

Lone Oak High School has almost always conformed to today's usage of technology with classes such as Technology Education and CAD. This year Lone Oak High has a new class for technology students, Computer Networking. Teaching the class is Mr. Ceglinski, who also sponsors the Technology Club. I had a chance to speak with Mr. C and ask him a little about his class.

When asked what the students learn about, Mr. C stated, "It

teaches students the basics of what a computer network is." The class not only teaches students how to network the computers but what makes the powerful machines run. On a weekly basis, the members of the class take a computer apart and examine it.

The students aren't the only ones that work though. Mr. C has to study for the class just as much as the students, and sometimes the students and teacher learn at the same time. Ceglinski said of the class, "I didn't even know what a network was before this program started. I have had to learn a lot."



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Purple Flash athletes sign letters of intent

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Seniors **Heidi Seltzer**, **Sarah Suitor**, and **Casie Skaggs** are all superior high school athletes, dominant in their respective sports.

Now they know where they're going to take their talents at the next level.

On November 8, tennis superstar and defending state champion **Suitor** inked her name onto Auburn University's tennis roster for next year.

The week following, fellow Suitor teammate **Skaggs** finalized her college plans by signing her letter of intent with the University of Missouri-St. Louis on November 14.

Basketball standout **Seltzer** closed her recruitment by signing with the University of Evansville on November 13.



Casie Skaggs (12), Tennis
University of Missouri-St. Louis

"I received both an academic and athletic scholarship."

"I'm excited about going to St. Louis because I'm anticipating meeting new people and experiencing new things."



Heidi Seltzer (12), Basketball
University of Evansville

"I'm glad to get this out of the way so I can focus on the upcoming season and on winning the regional tournament."

"I'm very excited about going to Evansville"



Sarah Suitor (12), Tennis
Auburn University

"I really like the team, the coach, and the campus, and plus I can get a really good education."

"I'm relieved that I made my decision; the pressure is off. Now I can enjoy my senior year and concentrate on defending my state title."

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Who got game? We got game

Jake Mitchell
Managing Editor

"It's not the size of the dog in the fight, it's the size of the fight in the dog."

Football legend Archie Griffin may not have intended this statement for the 2000 Purple Flash basketball team, but the adage rings true this year for the Oakers. With no one taller than six feet, the Flash may appear as David in a land of Goliaths. However, what the team lacks in size it will make up for in hustle and speed.

"We are inexperienced and have very little size," proclaimed head coach Lawrence Smithmier, "but we will make up for these with our quickness. We will run and shoot,

and do a lot of pressing."

Returning to the team is three year starter **Bryan Powell (12)**, who will prove to be the keystone of the Flash's success. He will run the offense and is a ferocious defender who will cause problems for opposing teams.

Fellow seniors include **Michael Edwards, Chad "Freddy" Denson, and Chris Gregory.**

Other key starters include **Jonathan Blackmon (11)** and **West Harris (11).**

In the Flash's second district, the headhunter remains Paducah Tilghman, but Smithmier feels "very good" about their chances in district play, which consists of the aforementioned Tilghman, Reidland and Heath.

While it may be easy to count out the Flash already, don't judge a book by its cover: Smithmier says, "This team has the best work ethic since I have been here. We have had a very good spring, summer and fall and are ready for the big games."

Be sure to catch the Flash as they play their first home game this Saturday, December 2, and get ready for another exciting year of Purple Flash basketball!

Amanda Reniker
Circulation Manager

With five returning seniors and six freshmen composing the varsity line-up, the Lone Oak Lady Flash is looking forward to its best season yet, filled with wins, a district and regional title, and the chance to go to state.

Picked as the favorite team in the region this year by *The Paducah Sun*, the Lady Flash is confident about this season, but are prepared to work hard to succeed.

Starting on December 1, the Lady Flash will hit the floor in Fulton City with a diverse 15-player team. The varsity line-up includes **Heidi Seltzer (12), Guion Johnstone (12), Courtney McClure (12), Jessica Pace (12), Natalie Hall (12), Kim Fesmire (12), Lindsay Byrd (11), Lesli White (11), Ashlee Buchanan (11), Katie Shelbourne (10), Ashley Montgomery (9), Jessie Fox (9), Laura Bredniak (9), Rebecca Davis (10), and Katie Buchanan (9).**

After finishing last season with a 24-6 record, the varsity team is "ready to take on tough competitors such as Marshall, Graves, and Mayfield," says Coach Vaughn. "No team is going to be a push-over," he said, "we will have to work to win."



Season tips off: Guion Johnstone (12) takes the tip-off in the recent scrimmage against Crittenden County.



Huhhh, Basketball: Teacher/Ref Jim Mizell discusses the scrimmage with Natalie Hall (12).

Flash 2000-2001 Schedule

November

27 Christian Fell A

December

1 Murray A

2 Hopkins Cent. H

5 St. Mary H

8 Reidland A

12 Tilghman A

14-16 Tilghman Tour. A

19 Christian Fell. H

28-30 LOHS Tour. H

January

2 Carlisle Co. H

5 Heath H

9 Ballard H

12 Reidland H

16 Marshall Co. A

19 Calloway Co. A

23 Tilghman H

26 Graves Co. A

30 Livingston A

February

2 Fulton City H

9 Heath A

13 Ballard A

16 Livingston H

20 Hickman Co. A

22 Graves Co. H

Lady Flash 2000-2001 Schedule

December

1 Fulton City A

4 Murray A

5 St. Mary H

8 Reidland A

11 Hickman Co. H

12 Tilghman A

21 Bradford, TN MSU

28-30 Ohio Co. Tour. A

January

5 Heath H

9 Ballard H

12 Reidland H

16 Marshall Co. A

18 Calloway Co. A

23 Tilghman H

29 Fulton Co. H

February

2 Fulton City H

5 Mayfield A

8 Calloway Co. H

9 Heath A

12 Murray H

15 Marshall Co. H

19 Livingston Cent. A

22 Graves County H

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