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"Don't be sad that the experience is over, be glad that it happened." -Anonymous

Eight Seniors top Class of 2001

Blake Owen

Features Editor

As the school year draws to a close, seniors prepare to embark upon the world after spending the last four years of their lives in high school. This year the eight members of the senior class who are graduating with honors are as follows: the Valedictorians are Jesse Breneman, Amy Chapman, Guion Johnstone, Kyle Martin, Jess Miller, Jay Paul Swacker, and Garrett Wheatley. The Salutatorian is Brett Sanders.

find Jesse studying psychology at Murray State University. In 10 years Jesse hopes to be touring Japan and the UK in his rock band

school Amy had a few times where she was afraid of losing her GPA. "First, Keyboarding my freshman year, then AP Chemistry last semester," Amy said. In 10 years Amy sees herself in another country. After graduation she plans to study economics at Mount Holyoke College.

Guion Johnstone- Guion, also a Valedictorian, isn't so much proud of school, as much as she is proud of not succumbing to "tanning bed" pressure from all of her burnt sienna orange classmates who were more worried



Photo by K. Campbell

Laid back: The Valedictorians and Salutatorian relax in the library while enjoying their position at the peak of the 2000-2001 senior class.

Jesse Breneman- Jesse, one of the seven Valedictorians, doesn't think he has really accomplished anything significant. "Other people out there were being National Merit Semifinalists, I've just been sitting back, smiling." Jesse claims his hardest class was Art I, even though he was only in there for a day. Jesse was never afraid of losing his GPA, "I'm perfect," he commented. Next year you can

which plays cover songs from the 80's. Jesse's farewell words are "And if the world does turn, And if London burns, I'll be standing on the beach with my guitar."-Radio Head

Amy Chapman- Amy feels her best accomplishment was taking a first place trophy from State Governor's Cup three years in a row. Her hardest class in her opinion was AP Chemistry. During high

rised with receiving radiation than a diploma. Guion's hardest classes were Mr. Morehead's Spanish I class and Mr. Sensing's Wild World of Physics. When asked about any times that she was worried about losing her GPA she commented "Oh no, not me. You guys all know that I never get stressed out."

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Valedictorians, salutatorian

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After graduation Guion plans to attend Transylvania University and major in English. In 10 years, everyone will be able to find Guion in New York City, living in a studio apartment and working in one of those skyscrapers. Guion's parting words are "Hey, must be the hoodie!"

Kyle Martin- Kyle, one of our valedictorians, will always remember when the lunch lady gave him an extra dollar in change. Kyle's hardest class throughout high school was sixth hour AP Chemistry. However, Kyle wasn't ever worried about his GPA, "It's not something that should bother someone." Kyle plans on attending the University of Kentucky and majoring in Mechanical Engineering. In 10 years Kyle sees himself "Hopefully riding a roller coaster that I built at Disney World."

Jess Miller- Jess is glad that she was able to keep balance among the different parts of her life throughout high school. Her hard-

est class, she claims, was AP English, but she says that she expected it. A real eye opener for her was Mr. Baker's World Civilization class her freshman year, "That was the first class I had to cram for, but I loved the lectures." During her sophomore year, Jess had a little scare over losing her GPA, "I was convicted of neglecting my Baby-Think-It-Over and failed the project." After graduation, Jess plans to attend the University of Kentucky and study English, Spanish, and Anthropology. In 10 years she hopes to be traveling as a journalist for *National Geographic*. As she departs LOHS she leaves those remaining with these words "Laziness may appear attractive, but work gives satisfaction."-Anne Frank, "Take care of your memories you cannot relive them."-Bob Dylan, and "Don't burn the day away."-Dave Matthews.

Jay Paul Swacker- Jay never had any scares when it came to his GPA. However his hardest class was, definitely, Coach Clark's Psychology Class. His greatest accomplishment in high school was, in his own words, "being on the Honor Roll." Jay will be attending college at UK and plans to major in English. In 10 years Jay sees himself in Lexington teaching the scrappy youth of America. Jay's quote for LOHS: "Enjoy

what you have, be inspired by what's around you."

Garrett Wheatley- Garrett's best accomplishment through high school was winning 9th place in the nation in Computer Applications at the 1999 FBLA National Conference. During high school his hardest class was AP Chemistry. Garrett said, "It was challenging, especially with Mr. Whitley teaching, but it was fun." Garrett had a few close calls with his GPA over the last few years, but never let it get to him. "I learned an important lesson from Rachel Leneave; it really doesn't matter much what grade you get, as long

as you really try and do your best."

Brett Sanders- Brett is the only Salutatorian this year. Brett thinks that passing the AP Spanish test was his greatest accomplishment in high school mainly, he says, because "I'll never have to take a language class again." Brett's hardest class during high school was AP Chemistry however he won't need that at the University of Kentucky majoring in Broadcast Journalism. In 10 years, Brett sees himself being a sportscaster, just like his hero, Dave Winder. To LOHS Brett leaves these departing words, "You will miss this shot!"

Seniors earn nearly \$1.9 million in scholarships

Justin Latta
Coroner


This year's senior class showed its academic prowess by earning close to 1.9 million dollars for post high school education. Mrs. Light, Lone Oak High School's guidance counselor, stated, "I have enjoyed working with such a talented, gifted senior class." Mrs. Light insists that more scholarships have honored Lone Oak this year because of a great academic

talent

"This impressive total has never been reached by any other class while I've been associated with Lone Oak High School," according to Interim Assistant Principal Mr. Buddy Rushing.


Some of the notable major scholarships received (just to name a few) according to Mrs. Light's office are: Amy Chapman - the National Merit Scholarship. **Justin Townzen, Jacob Mitchell, Lynn Huffine, and Eric Garner** were awarded Athletic scholarships to Kentucky Wesleyan. **Jason and Josh Bergstrom** acquired over 120,000 dollars to attend Berea College. **Guion Johnstone** received an Athletic scholarship to Transylvania. **Jay Paul Swacker and Jessica J. Miller** were offered the Otis A. Singletary scholarship to the University of Kentucky.

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Glory for FCCLA

Talent Show

Justin Latta
Coroner

A great honor has come to sit at the feet of a freshman student. On July 7th through the 13th, **Whitney Overstreet (9)** will attend the National FCCLA Conference and STAR Events Competition in Anaheim, California. This is the first time a student from Lone Oak has attended this competition.

Overstreet will enter the Job Interview category, which consists of completing a job application, a portfolio that must be judged, and an interview.

Mrs. Stubblefield, the FCCLA

— PICTURED —

Gold display: **Whitney Overstreet** proudly wears her FCCLA medal.

sponsor states, "I am really excited for her. It's a wonderful opportunity for Whitney and a great honor to represent Lone Oak High School and Kentucky."

Overstreet is the only student from Region 1 that is going to compete in the Competition. She will represent Lone Oak in opposition against several thousand students from all over the nation.



A special show, displaying the talents of LOHS's finest, will be held on May 24th at 1:00 p.m. in the high school gym.

Admission to this great event will only be \$1, with refreshments being sold for a small price by the P.T.O.

A panel of three outside judges will award a \$100 prize to the first place contestant, \$50 to the second, and \$25 to the third.

Singers, dancers, gymnasts, musicians, contortionists, or anyone with a kooky gift is welcome to enter the competition. If you are interested in competing for the grand prize, or just want to display your talents, see Mr. Clark to enter. Good luck!!

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Powell named Rotarian



Bryan Powell, senior.

Blake Owen
Features Editor

As the school year draws to a close, most seniors are worried with scholarships, graduation, and college, but not May's Junior Rotarian. Bryan Powell was named May's Junior Rotarian and feels very honored to be awarded this title.

While at LOHS Bryan has been a key player on the Basketball team and an active member in the Chess Club and FCLA. He has been an Honor Student for all four years of high school and has received several basketball awards.

When reflecting back on high school, Bryan says that his most memorable moment had to be "the incident with Jon Mizell and Jeremy Puckett (juniors and seniors know what I mean)."

Bryan plans on attending college after graduation, but he has not made a final selection yet. Bryan wants to be a high school teacher and hopes to coach basketball.

Sittin' on top of the world: Mrs. Donna Wear, just recently named LOHS principal, takes some time out from her new duties to smile for a picture. Congratulations, Mrs. Wear!



LOHS students teach abstinence

Staff Writer

The Spring season is in full bloom, and that means thousands and thousands of twitterpated animals. To help delay this type of activity in today's young humans, a group of Lone Oak High School juniors and seniors are teaching seventh graders at Lone Oak Middle School the benefits of a sexually abstinate lifestyle through the Postponing Sexual Involvement program.

Visiting Mr. Neelley's and Mrs. Weitlauf's science classes at LOMS each Friday morning of this month, twenty LOHS students (a.k.a PSI Teen Leaders) spend an hour opening the eyes of under-knowledged teens about the dangers of premarital, promiscuous sex.

In order to prepare these stu-

dents for the barrage of questions from inquiring minds, Adult Leaders Cindy McDearmon and Robert Nelson from the Purchase District Health Department have thoroughly trained the group. "These kids are great," says Nelson, "They make it a lot of fun for the [seventh graders] and keep them interested by not lecturing them straight from the book."

The PSI Team this year includes seniors Jason Bergstrom, Amy Eddings, Adam Elias, Jeff Heine, Rachel LeNeave, Kelly Seely, Heidi Seltzer, Scott Settles, Justin Townzen, Sarah Warren, and Andy Williford; the junior leaders are Jonathon Blackman, Anna Brewer, Andrea Dewey, Jennifer Gholson, Jeana Gifford, Jenni Gregory, Karami Hagan, Whitney Moreau, and Jay Stallons.

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What's that?
David McCarrey and Courtney McClure are completely unaware of the rodent on David's forehead as they boogie down.

Say AAAAAH:
Philip is shocked at the beauty of his date, Ashley Buchanan (not pictured).

2001



It doesn't hurt so much here

Nicole Small
News Editor

For the past four years, I have been anticipating the words "...the graduated class of 2001", but that was then, this is now. It's official, on June 8, 2001; Nicole Small will be bawling her eyes out.

Jessica Greenwell (Jessie G.), all I have to say to you is God bless. I will forever miss our rides to the PAC at 5:30 in the morning and hanging our arms out of the windows pretending we were flying. Natalie (Fat), I can't imagine not being able to get in the Eclipse and ride around listening to our song. Most of all, you've kept me going with your spontaneous smart-afleck remarks. Leigh Ann, fourth grade, Mrs. Spahr, and a two-liter of coke...enough said. Kim, "It's itchy!" And to all of you, Florida was great. I can't imagine having spent my last spring break with any other group of gals. Casie Skabbs, you are evil and I love you for it! I'm not sure if you remember, but for a day you and I had butlers on vacation. Jeffy, always remember, don't talka the talka if you can't walka the cake walka. PCC here we come! Kristin, we don't ever need to go get coffee at one in the morning again! Em, "Sorry Mrs. Johnson..."

To all of my football boys (plus

May), your loud comments and swinging hands (you know what I mean) will be somewhat missed. Garner, you dented the hood of my car for a BSB cd?! Jake, we still dislike each other, right? Mich-eeaaalll! Jason, our first dance, you know what happened. Greg, our last school dance, you were the perfect date. Boys, be good to the next group of girls you meet. They might not tolerate you like we did.

Lone Oak High School's underclassmen, I'm sure you will miss my rude and loud comments. Ryan Cothron, I think that you are finally old enough. Sarah Puckett, stay on the right path. Blake Owen, you were a great husband.

Mrs. Elliot, Mrs. Jackie, Mrs. A., Mrs. Sheila, I'll be back. No need to worry about who will teach the kids new phrases. Coach Clark, I would take you as my grandfather in a second!

Seniors, this is it. There isn't going to be another "Have a great summer. See ya next year." The thought of it being over doesn't truly hit you until it is. I couldn't have asked to say goodbye to a better group of kids. We have helped make each other who we are and who we will be when we venture out into the world. Always remember that. Class of 2001, it was great!

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Israel Abernathy- a clear mind and desire to succeed to my brothers Judah and Jared. To Casey: strength and encouragement. To the LO Drumline, "PUSH IT CLETUS!"

Sara Adair- all of my fun times to Leah McIntosh, those horrible Physics tests to Mr. Sensing's third hour class, and my most beloved treasure, the "FT" to Chlodys Johnstone.

Nicole Armstrong- my wonderful time at Trade School to Katie Schmidt, all my hard classes to Becky Harned (Just kidding), and a wonderful senior year to Kaelin Thistlewood.

Randy Bagwell- All my superior sports skills to little Nick Re-side.

Josh Bergstrom- my locker to you; my parking spot to that person over there; my baseball position to him; my seat at the lunch table to someone.

Mindy Bishop- everything to the cutest, sweetest, funniest and greatest guy, Mikel Dane Wilham. **Natasha Bodeau-** Valerie C.- my locker. Lori E.- Tardies. Amanda H.-skipped days. All my love forever to Chris E. Sally the Camel-Camel Humps! Cara T.- Care bear stare. Erin F.- Easy Mac.

Chris Brandstetter- my disk of computer games that Mrs. Titsworth never found to John Faircloth.

Eric Burnett- my locker and all my belongings to my brother, and all of my good luck to Leann.

Steven Burnette- my locker to Drew Engler, all my good memories to the class of 2001, and all my books to Mrs. Underhill.

Jenny Chambers- Laura Krall, lunch table and AP Calculus Book. Rachel Baucum, a ride home and my locker. Rachel Megibow, breakfast table.

Emilee Clark- my sister, Carry, Mizell, Amy Riley, my I.D. tag. Amanda Dial gets my talks with

Mrs. Harper. Chlodys Johnstone you get Splat! (wink wink)

Brandy Cline- my ID badge to Tommy Hoover and my math tutoring job to Nicole Wallace.

Kelly Cline- our lunch table to Leah and Matt. To Erin Capece I leave my pig noises. To Kate Ryan I give you another three years of French horn playing.

Julie Cogswell- Michael Sither-the drive thru at KFC. Leah McIntosh- the "club"; Chlodys and

Hard Core Jerry More! Enjoy! My locker and stickers to Sally the Camel. Take care!

Michael Edwards- my basketball number to Jay Williams and my basketball locker to Eric Parsley.

Terri Edwards- everything to Katie Shelbourne, Jenna Stamper, Nina Cron, Crystal Davis, and anybody I forgot. I don't have much stuff, because I was never here much, sorry!

Adam Elias- all my fun memories

leave my locker to Tommy Gorline. I leave my socks to Jessie Sills.

Chris Gregory- my basketball jersey #23 to Michael Sither and my locker as well. To Brandon Roberts I leave all my good times on golf trips.

Daniel Green- To Kris Dunkerson I leave my musical and vocal sound. To Brandon "Apin" Heine I leave "old Betty." To David "pastry" Reid I leave the ability to be on time and to choose a better nickname.

Justin Grunigen- all the rights and privileges I have attained this year to Matt Dodds, and all my belongings to the poor freshmen beginning next year.

Robbie Hagan- to Aaron Smith all of my notes, books, and anything else he might (or might not) want.

Jessica Haynes- my parking space to Autumn Hatley.

Jeff Heine- To "Big K" LeNeave I give my GSF t-shirt. To Ryan Cothran I

leave my big sunglasses. To anyone that loves Scooby, I leave my Shaggy-ness. Goodbye kids. And Godspeed.

Ian Hickman- my catch phrases, sounds, and quotes to Ryan Cothran and Pat Brazil. I leave my fashion sense to Gary Don and my taste in women to Brandon Cooper.

Tim Hobbs- my parking space #169 to my sister Bethany; my locker to some undeserving freshman; and the lunch table "the New World" to Jessica Jones, Rachel Scheer, Darlene Simons, Jennifer Collins, and Liz Conyer.

Kristin Hogan- all of my pencil sharpening skills to my girl Leah Mac. I leave all our singing and dancing on softball road trips to Andrea Fagan and Meghan T. I love you guys!

Lynn Huffine- my locker to whoever needs it, my football position to the fattest guy playing, and my FBLA reporter position to whoever is good enough to have it.

Amber Hughes- my locker #73 to Robby Bowerman, who is an incoming freshman.

Dustin Jackson- my happy times in high school to Darren Englert. I leave my locker to whoever wants it.

Nick James- all my parties and good times at the bowling alley and Trace's house to Will Hogancamp and to the two annoying but cool freshmen when they get older.

Senior

Brian- Kava-Kava; Jessie Grimm-Luv and Tan; Brittany Thompson-the Topaz; and Amanda- your garage door.

Christy Courtney- my parking spot to Amanda Courtney.

Teresa Cunningham- mine and Erica Lowery's ability to annoy Mrs. Richards everyday to Josh Coalts. We know she will miss it if you don't. Don't let us down, Josh.

Aaron Deaton- my locker to my brother Johnathon, I leave my intelligence to Whitney Overstreet. I leave my partying abilities to Blake Owen and my hat to Patrick Brazzell.

Elizabeth Dewey- everything to my sister Andrea.

John Doughty- I want to leave my locker that I have shared with Josh Kidd to him because he will probably be back.

Selena Dumbacher- my locker to The Sophomore, my procrastination skills to Katie, and my massages to Tim and Ryan. Nikki and Amanda, take my brother!

Amy Eddings- AFCA and TMAC to my sister—take care of them! To Doobers and Kaiser:

to Natalie, all my stuff (I don't have anything) to Jennie Gholson. Whitney gets the lunch table, and FCA leadership to anyone willing to step up and carry a cross.

Joey Ellington- my parking spot, number 283, to my brother Timmy.

Alex Fiket- my locker to Dane Wilham, my English book and desk to Natalie Roe, and my desk in AFCOLand to Jennifer Gholson.

Bryan Franklin- the fun at lunch to Ted Cole. Everything else including my girls goes to Josh Franklin (my lil bro) and his crew. You know who you are!

Kurt Fryberger- my "bringing the grill to the baseball games responsibility" to Pat Brazzell and eating the largest hamburgers mission to Justin Jett. I leave my milk cartons to Mrs. Harper.

Eric Garner- my locker to that girl who has a locker next to me, my school spirit to Justin Jett, and everything else to Katie Heine.

Todd Graham- William Farmer my wrecked Ford Probe, and Justin Little all of my rap CD's, and Brian Crouch my platinum bling.

Justin Gray- my Saturday schools and detentions to Adam Spraggs. I

Guion Johnstone- Chlodys- "The Exploder;" Brian Latimer- Kava Kava; Ashlee Buchanan- those mmm...well... "fun" times at basketball; Leah McIntosh- B&M and the Big Momma Legacy; Lucas Elliot- outings with the girls

Amanda Jones- my locker and purse collection to Emmy, the flag line to someone brave, and all the rest to my lil sis Erin (and a ride to go get it!)

Courtney Jones- Jacob Ormes-my ability to skip school and never get caught. To Katie, Shannon and Nina I leave my water guns. To everyone I forgot you get whatever's left.

P.J. Jones- Football captain to Grant Shelby, Class President to Stacey Jarvis, cowboy hat to

Justin Jett, infamous can-tab necklace to Pat Brazzell; spirit to Lauren V., Amy T., Aaron O., Brandon C., and Lauren B.

Leah Koster- my locker #16 to Kinsey Bell, all my good memories at high school to Terin Roof, and my parking place to Matt Goode, and my seat at the lunch table to Jennifer Block.

Rachel LeNeave- Andrea Dewey-her well deserved spot in year-book; Whitney Morreau- ham on wheat; Kaleb- unlimited rides on the big cheese; Jono- our many special memories that will last forever.

Erica Lowery- my parking space to Autumn Hatley because she complains about parking so far away from the door.

Stephanie Lynch- Emily Canup- all the trips to Pizza Inn; Kinsey Bell can have everything else.

Courtney McClure- to Leah McIntosh and "snoop" my parking place, to Whitney Morreau my daily complaint to Mrs. Wear, and to Chlodys Johnstone all the times at track, the fun runs, and the "nubs."

Jessica E. Miller- to Lori Speer, my skill of driving. Lauren Emery, my love for cheerleading. Blockhead and Amanda, the thirst for fierce beverages. Emily Canup, long back-tracking trips to gymnastics.

Ben Moss- my goofy attitude to Matt Dodds. I leave my locker to West Harris. I leave my books to Matt Goode, and I leave all my love and happiness to Jenni. Hi, Sweetie!

Andrea Phelps- my good taste with relationships, the kiss I never

for you Bean. Everything else goes to whoever takes it.

Brett Sanders- my place at church to Stacey (good luck!), my massive role at Pizza Inn to Leah (try to keep a cool head!), and I leave Mr. Baker my patience. Bye.

Kim Scheer- To my little sister Rachel, I leave my seat in Mrs. Masden's class. To Jennifer, I leave the lunch table. To everyone else you can have whatever you want.

Kelly Seely- 100 lbs to Jordan Wexler and Robert Spees, my

#225, to Chris Chandler. To Jon Hayden. I leave my lockers (top and bottom). The bottom for now while he's short, the top for when he blossoms into a taller, strapping young lad.

Philip Sollitto- Kathryn Wright my post as FBLA President. My brother, Michael, my wonderful locker. And to Lesli White, my good times here at LOHS.

Jennifer Stamper- leave my locker and my seat in Mr. Baker's room to my cousin Jenna Stamper, my books to Chris Stanley, and all my good times to Eli Chester, and anything else to anyone.

Ben Starks- my corner lunch table to Will Hogancamp, who will be the only one sitting there.

Sarah Sutor- my regional and

state singles championships in tennis to "Lizzard" Conyer. Our state team titles to Terin, Amanda, Laura, and the rest of the girl's team. My parking space goes to Brandon Cooper.

Brian Webb- The best times from high school to Evan Lyles. I leave the LB tradition to Blake Owen, keep it alive. Lastly I leave my seat in AP Calculus to Peter. Maybe you'll keep a B.

Garrett Wheatley- just about everything to my brother, Bryan. Take care of it all, buddy! Also, a pack of Twinkies to Whitney Morreau, and some Dunkin' Sticks for good measure. Enjoy!

Matt Williams- my locker #39 to Seth Lynch along with everything else that's in it. Whatever else I have I leave to Josh Franklin.

Katie Williamson- Kim Medlin and Autumn Hatley the right to leave school whenever, without getting caught! I leave Matt Rankin Chris Stanley and Steven Burnette the privilege to be, "So Fresh and So Clean."

height to Zach Butler, my spot as tight end to Dylan Marquis, my sense of humor to Mr. Baker, and my goofiness to Coach Neel.

Heidi Seltzer- Emily Canup- my outstanding choir student; Katee Buchanan- my aide position; Jono- my roller blades; Chlodys- all my track memories; Richard Walter- my ketchup and ice cream; Annmarie- my vibrato

Scott Settles- my best wishes and wisdom to Amanda Bazzell, my ambition and self-determination to Matt Dodds, and to everybody in the world, NEVER GIVE UP! God Bless Everyone!

Chelce Shaw- the following things to the following exceptional people...to Casey Strong- I leave you all the smiles and hugs from every beautiful girl you can get. Everyone else have fun and be crazy.

Nicole Small- my peer tutoring position to Spencer Samuels- "Big Kimpin'." To Natalie Rothwell I leave all of my making fun of the "cool" people. To Robert Spees I leave the waxed pot- BOBERT!

Jerry Smith- my parking space,

got to give, and the wrong phone number because you must have lost the right one to Kaelin Thistlewood.

Jarrod Pierce- Brian Crouch locker #93, and whoever wants my parking spot can have it.

Bryan Powell- my starting spot on the basketball team to Eric Parsley and my earrings to Mr. Poore.

Greg Raney- my locker to Cheston cause he'll be back next year. My parking spot to Blake cause I know he hates to walk long distances. And finally, my luck with the women to Ryan Cothran.

Kelly Reeves- my bad catcher's thumb to Sarah Puckett, my hard work as Beta President to Abin Matin, my lack of German knowledge to Stacey, Lori, and Natalie, and all my softball fun to the softball girls.

Amanda Reniker- my parking place to The Man in Black. He'll look nice there. Any basketball manager can have what I got. Good luck finding it.

Rex Ryan- my big dead cat to Abin Matin. He's already cut up

WILLS

Head Editor movin' on *Life is a highway*

Kelly Reeves
Executive Editor

"Everything changes but change itself." After enduring four years of drastic changes in friendships, maturity, and intelligence, I have come to totally agree with President Kennedy. High school has not necessarily been "the best time of my life," but rather a time that has molded me into who I am today through change. Though not every single second of the last four years has been *the* best ever, I have had some really great times and prepared myself for college with wonderful memories that will last a lifetime.

Although I can't mention every unique individual who has touched my life, I just want to say goodbye to a few people who I hold very dear to my heart. Heidi, have fun at Evansville but remember that there will always be some shrimp waiting for you at my house! Leigh Ann, Kim, and Sarah, I can honestly say that I've never had more unbelievable conversations with anyone else than I did with you guys at lunch! Jess, Elizabeth, and Casie, I will never celebrate St. Patrick's Day the same way again! All of my softball girls...can I get a De-fense? Mrs. Campbell, Ms. Underhill, Mr. Toy, and Mr. Baker, I admire and respect your teaching abilities and I hope that when I become a teacher that my future students will learn as much from me as I have from you.

After four years on *The Oak "K"* staff, I realize how much I will miss my favorite newspaper staff! Even though we don't get along all the time, Jacob, you've always been a great friend from our 2nd grade fling to our first day as the only innocent freshman on staff. Jay Paul, I will miss your

clever insults, even if half of them are aimed directly at me. Jason, Jess, Nicole, and Amanda, I will always miss your awesome creative writing abilities and the fun we all had on deadlidge days! Blake, though we will probably never go prom, homecoming, on a date, etc., I think that any girl would be lucky to go to any special event with you. Hunter, the last few days of kissing up to me have worked...I'm going to miss you. Latta, don't pay any attention to Blake's and Hunter's snide remarks, because as long as you keep volunteering for the unwanted stories, they'll keep you.

To the underclassmen, congratulations on making it this far! The best advice that I know is to take things one day at a time. Some days, you will feel left out and like a complete outsider. Don't forget that EVERYONE feels that way from time to time and it is, in fact, very interesting to find that the people who seem calm and collected to the naked eye are completely clueless inside. All of our lives we are trying to obtain those brief moments when we are truly happy, whether it be after a goal has been reached or a heart has been won. Good luck! Have fun and never look back!

Big Boy says sayonara

Jake Mitchell
Managing Editor

I have far too many people to say something to, so I'm only gonna fool with a few of you. PJ and Cheston, may the Three Kings live forever. Jones, 3rd grade, enough said. Garner, the Mazda, Def Leppard, and summer football practices. Ian, Chattanooga will forever be a better place to live. Lynn, I have to put up with your odd quirks for the next four years, so I'm not really saying goodbye. Townzen, may our slogans on life be published someday. May, all that needs to be said is "SHE IS READY!". To all the football team, the experiences will never be lost. Flash football is still something special, no matter what anyone says. Thanks for everything Coach Neel,

Jason Bergstrom
Editorials Editor

Sigh . . . double sigh . . . These exhalations escape me not because of being overwhelmingly depressed over these four years that have disappeared behind the blink of an eye, or over parting from my school chums come this summer (the majority of which will actually be forty minutes away from my college of choice), or over the fact that I have successfully conquered thirteen years of public education that includes Mr. Sensing's sinister enriched physics class. No, I can't help but sigh in wonderment as to what doors have been built for me to open because of my learning at Lone Oak High. I ask myself, and collectively to the class of 2001, what are we going to do now as we leave the off-ramp, and drive on the highway of life?

My prophetic powers are minimal, if

existent at all. Each of us has our own distinct path, and personal road signs that life has strategically planted in order for us to find the road-not-yet-traveled. However, if we travel heedlessly, traffic most likely will be congested and slow; we will fatally crash because of our chosen disregard; we will take the wrong turn and end up lost, frantically searching for a way back. It is our choice to follow those signs, though, but keep in mind that they direct us to an unforeseen destination that *will* be good, not evil.

What we are going to do now is up to us individually. I hope that all seniors graduating across the nation will realize that

our future has just started, and we are crossing onto the interstate of life. What we need to do is take a cautious look ahead and follow the path that triumphantly shouts our name for that better life we desire. I wish everyone the best of luck, and drive safely. Farewell.



Photo by J. Latta

you made the four years of football more comfortable. I won't forget all you've done to help me out. Coach Mizell, I've contacted my lawyers and they say I've got a great chance of charging you with physical assault. Gonna miss you, coach.

To the journalism staff, thanks for putting up with my incessant commands and brutal bossiness. I'm really not a tyrant, I promise.

I'm no good at any of this "goodbye" stuff, so I'll spare you my meaningless attempt at a farewell. Later Lone Oak, the Class of '01 is out of here.

Book 'em: Senior editor Jake Mitchell gets hauled away from the LOHS parking lot.

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Jay's Goodbye

Jay Swacker*Design Editor*

Thankfully, my "high school odyssey" is finally coming to a close. As a sort of a nice little swan song, I would like to say bye to a few people:

Mrs. Masden, Mrs. Campbell, Mr. Baker, and Mr. Toy: you all have contributed greatly in my decision to pursue a life of teaching. You probably didn't know it, but I find it very admirable how all of you are able to put so much personality and passion in to what you do (except for you, Mr. Baker).

Guion: Must be the Hoodie! David: Wal-Mart, that's all that needs to be said. Amanda: we'll always share the Casa. Cheese dip on me. Blake, Hunter, and Latta: take care of the paper. Jenny: I'll see you at Kirkland's. Abin: good luck with the Academic team, maybe you'll get to play more next year. Anyone else I forgot, I'm sorry.

I'll see you soon!!!

Jessica Miller*Advertising Manager*

Although the purpose of this article may be to write a senior goodbye, I don't believe that I will. I will not say goodbye to my good friends for obvious reasons. I am simply not ready to say those words, and I certainly don't intend to mean them. Rather than saying goodbye to the people that influenced me, I would like to take this opportunity to thank them.

Mrs. Light, thank you for working harder and longer than any human being should ever have to. Every senior at this school is in debt to you for the time and effort you have invested into their future. I truly can't begin to thank you enough.

Coach McGroarty, you taught me the gratification of hard work, and my personal responsibility for success in all aspects of my life.

Mrs. Masden, I am awed at your

your ability to make calculus understandable, and am grateful for your patience.

Mr. Whitley, you have all the endearing qualities of a classic nerd and I must say, you pull it off well. If it weren't for your wittiness, I am sure that I would not have made it through Chemistry with all my medusa hair intact.

Mr. Baker, I know that I failed you miserably as an aide, which was a lousy thanks for the pages of notes that you have provided me. I have never seen a more expert lecturer, and I will never ever throw one of your famous maps away. You are an amazing teacher, and I will always remember you.

Mr. Toy, you taught me time management, which is probably the most important skill I have learned. I also will miss our fueds over Rolling Stones and Dave Matthews.

Mrs. Campbell, I hope that it will

soon be a graduation requirement to take your class, for you are an incredible teacher. I know you must get sick of hearing this from the same people who complained unendingly throughout the year, but thank you for working us so hard.

Now to my booty-shaking soccer girls: I love you all, and will miss you terribly. I have never seen a group of girls as fun, dedicated, inspiring, and tough as you. I get goosebumps when I think back to the strangers that we were on the first day of practice, and the family that we became. Thank you for working so hard for a goal that everyone said was unattainable, and thank you for proving that it was not. I love you all. In this spirit, I would like to see my #9 jersey, as well as the job of the conditioning pace-setter on Chlodys's back next year. Keep em working hard, girl!

I also would like to leave my role in Key Club and Beta Club to Brittany Fellows, one of the most generous and dedicated people that I have ever met. I would like to leave Blake's cheesy pick-up lines to the girls on staff next year. And rather than leave you anything, Blake, I will do something different and take with me your charming sense of humor, and of fashion: meaning a cheap vinyl jacket to match yours. I will think of you when I wear it.

To all my fellow seniors, I have not forgotten you, and I never will. I wish I could write you each what I love about you, but I couldn't fit it all in, and I couldn't stand to leave anyone out. Although I know I will see you all again, it will be hard not seeing you all on a normal basis. Goodb—I mean, I'll see you soon.

Reniker will miss the gangly

Amanda Reniker*Circulation Manager*

Looking back on things fondly has never been my strong suit. In my senior goodbye, I'd like dwell on the good people that I have met at LOHS. Here's to turning over a new leaf.

First, and foremost, Brian, you know that you are everything to me. My senior year is filled with you and because of that, it will be forever ingrained in my mind and on my heart. You are the answer to prayers that I have prayed, am praying, and that I have yet to pray. You're never getting rid of me, Webb. I love you.

Sara, I will always remember the first day of high school. Though all I can remember is getting out of your mom's car and walking into this massive place beside you. I wasn't alone. And because of you, I haven't felt alone since the second grade. Thank you, Big Bird, for everything. Promise me that one day you'll go to Malibu some day.

Guion, you are the most incredibly well rounded and successful person that I know. I hope you know how that inflames me, but you can always make me smile. I hope that I can always return to favor. I hope that you will come visit Tisha and I.

Elizabeth and Courtney, these four years have been preparation for the next four. I can't say goodbye, because we have only begun our Mel-lives together. I hope there's no Mel-allel parking in Louisville.

Jay Paul, you are a gangly bitter and "goofy" man that I hope is always my friend. Thanks for all of the cheese dip and for taking Guion off of our hands. But whenever I ride in your car, I'll always bring a lint roller.

Blake, remember that you are the only person that can ever truly make a difference in your life. You are what someone needs and as long as you are true to yourself, they will find you. So maybe you should be a little more selective with the girls that you hit on.

Boss, thanks for putting up with me. I'd like to say that I put up with you too, but we all know that that isn't true. Adios.

Mrs. Campbell, I got much more better grammar when I ain't around you. I'd reminisce about our "tanning bed" discussion, but no one in his or her write mind would believe me.

To anyone who I have forgotten, I'm sorry. I want to thank everyone for everything they have ever done for me. Come visit me in Louisville, because I'm never coming back.

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Track team breaks school records

Staff Writer

"Little girls have little curls, but I like track girls the best." This brief, but touching comment from the mouth of Coach McGroarty, Lone Oak's Track and Field coach, hints at the marvelous achievements of this year's Track and Field team.

The girl's team is really making a name for itself, and has been extremely competitive in the meets in which they have competed this year. Recently, Ballard High School hosted the Big Rivers Track Meet, where t-shirts were awarded to the first place finishers. The girl's team collected 13 first-place finishes among 8 competitors. The 3200 meter relay team, consisting of **Guion Johnstone (12)**, **Chlodys Johnstone (9)**, **Courtney**



Photo by L. Miller

Go for the gold: Courtney McClure (12) grasps the baton handed to her by Chlodys Johnstone (9).

McClure (12), and **Jess Miller (12)**, not only finished 1st, but they re-set the school record that they broke the week before. This team looks to be competitive in Regionals and is pining for a place in the State Tournament at the end of May.

The 800 meter relay team, consisting of **Ashley Buchanan (11)**, **Sophia Morelli (12)**, **Emily Goehman (11)**, and **Laura Ramsey (11)**, also won t-shirts in an photo finish against

Heath. Individually, **Guion Johnstone** won the high jump, **Courtney McClure** won the long and triple jumps, **Ashley Buchanan** won the shotput, and **Jess Miller** won the 1600.

Justin Townzen (12) took on the other boys teams for a first place finish in the discus.

The track team will continue to train and work hard throughout this month in preparation for the Regional and State Tournaments

to be held May 24-25, and May 31-June 1 respectively.



Game, Set, and Flash

Blake Owen
Features Editor

The LOHS girls tennis team has a legacy when it comes to regional competition. They have won 13 consecutive regional titles and have also won the state tournament seven times, two of which have been in the last two years.

Prior to the regional tournament, the girls have also taken home some impressive titles. They won the Chadwell Invitational at Harpeth Hall in Nashville, TN, as well as the Jasper Invitational at Jasper, IN. The team placed second in the Rotary Tournament in Chattanooga, TN.

2001 Record

	L.O.	Opponent
Sacred Heart	5	0
Notre Dame	5	0
Brentwood	9	0
Baylor, TN	6	3
Union City	9	0
Knox. Webb	8	1
Tilghman	9	0
Tilghman	9	0
St. Mary	9	0
St. Mary	9	0
Heath	8	1
Mayfield	8	1
Calloway	9	0
Henderson	7	2
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Murray	9	0

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Baseball team rolls into regionals

Hunter Campbell
Sports Editor

Baseball has always been one thing that LOHS students have been able to look forward to. It's been the one staple among sports here. It has just never been bad. Although mediocre at times, it has never, if I could parallel Lone Oak with a major league team, been the Montreal Expos. However, perhaps this year is the first time that they have been more like to the New York Yankees. They have compiled a stunning record of 24-7 thus far, and are rolling toward the regional and state tournaments.

Coach Jim Mizell, although happy with his team's performance, thinks they could have an even better record. He believes that his team let games against Kirby High and arch rival Reidland get away, and he feels they should have won them both. He is also not over-confident about how his team will perform in the post-season. "The region is wide open, and it will come down to



who plays the best ball at the end of May."

One standout for the team this year has been **Tony Zacheretti (11)**. He has been on a tear since the Wooden Bat Classic, but Mizell says it hasn't been a surprise to him. "When he doesn't wait for his pitch, he doesn't do so well, but when he does sit back and wait for his pitch, he does great, and that's what he's been doing lately."

"We'll only go as far as our defense and pitching will carry us." So far they have both been great, so we'll have to wait and see if they can carry them to a district, regional, and possibly a state championship.

State bound: the theme for Flash softball 2001

Amanda Reniker
Circulation Manager

The Lady Flash softball team is, "on the hunt for the regional title," says Coach Vaughn, "things are looking up." With a very strong winning record, the ladies are surpassing all expectations for the spring 2001 season.

At the Madisonville break, there were eight Varsity players with batting averages at or above .300. At the same time senior pitcher Leigh Ann Collins had an ERA of 0.94 and junior Sarah McGregor was not far behind with an ERA of 1.44.

Mostly the girls are looking ahead. "Other teams realize that we are a threat," commented Vaughn. "At this time of year, the girls start playing better than in the beginning of the season. We think that this steady improvement can last through tournament play." As of press time the team's record

is 25-8.

May 24 and 25, the Lady Flash will be competing in the district tournament, which will be held at Reidland High School. The Regional tournament will be held the following week from May 28 to June 1, here at the Lone Oak High School Softball Field, where the team is hoping to receive a lot of fan support.

Above: Vaughn breaks the huddle as the girls get hyped to rattle the bats.

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