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"Heavy is the head that wears the crown." -Confucius

Rams, Patriots prepare for Super Sunday

Seth Bowen

Assistant Editor

With the close of January comes the close of the NFL season. Only twelve teams were lucky enough to make it to the playoffs. Of these twelve teams, only two remain.

The two top seeds in each conference earned a first-round bye: St. Louis and Chicago of the NFC and Pittsburgh and New England of the AFC. A lackluster offense combined with a faltering defense led to the demise of the Buccaneers who fell to the Eagles. The following week, the Eagles went into Soldier Field to face the highly touted defense of 'Da Bears.' McNabb's athleticism proved to be too much to overcome in a win for Philadelphia. Chicago quarterback Jim Miller was knocked out of the game by Philly linebacker Hugh Douglas. Douglas was later fined for the hit, which caused Miller's shoulder to be separated.

In the other NFC bracket, a second-half offensive surge led by Brett Favre helped the Packers prevail over the 49ers. The offensive machine that is the St. Louis Rams surprised many with their defense. With the Rams coring several times on defense and intercepting six of his passes, Favre never found his zone his comfort zone. As predicted, when Favre fails, the Packers fail.

In the NFC championship game, the Eagles had to hope for a strong

performance from franchise quarterback Donovan McNabb and solid defensive play. Despite getting neither, the Eagles were within striking distance late in the game. Following a failed two-point conversion, the Eagles trailed by just five. The Eagles drive was stopped short as Rams safety Aeneas Williams intercepted a pass clinching the 29-24 win.

In the AFC, the Baltimore Ravens seemed to have regained their

to maintain possession. Kicker Adam Vinatieri made a game-tying field goal as well as the game-winner in overtime.

New England's luck continued in the Steel City as Pittsburgh failed to establish any sort of running game. Reduced to a one dimension offense, the Steelers struggled. The Patriots got their ticket to the Super Bowl as they went on to win 24-17 behind a punt return for a touchdown by wide receiver Troy Brown.

For the Rams, this is their second Super Bowl in the past three years. St. Louis must get strong play from their defense, which was revamped over the off-season.



Super Bowl champion form, soundly beating the Miami Dolphins. The Ravens looked more like robins as the Steelers had their way with the defending champs in the victory.

The Oakland Raiders avenged a week 16 loss to the Jets in a convincing win. Under a New England blizzard, the Raiders held a lead throughout the game. Raider cornerback Charles Woodson came on a blitz, knocking the ball loose from Patriot quarterback Tom Brady. The Raiders recovered and looked as though they were well on their way to New Orleans, site of Super Bowl XXXVI. But the play was reviewed, and later overturned, allowing Patriots

Among the major additions were former Arizona Cardinal defensive back Aeneas Williams and defensive coordinator Lovey Smith.

This will make the third time in the New England Patriots franchise history, most recently in 1996. Ironically, every Super Bowl they have competed in took place in New Orleans and each ended up with the Patriots on the losing end of the game. For New England, the greatest controversy will be who starts at quarterback. Drew Bledsoe had not played since the second game of the season until the win over Pittsburgh, in which replacement Tom Brady sustained a sprained ankle. Patriots' coach Bill Belichick has yet to name the starter for Sunday.



Financial aid pays off

Joshua Woleben
Technology Coordinator

It's January, and that college calling is drawing most seniors to a higher education. Some receive scholarships, others get financial aid due to need. However, the federal government offers student aid as well through work-study, loans, and grants. A loan is a payment used specifically for college in order to help pay the tuition or other related costs that must be paid

back later, at a lower interest rate than standard loans. A grant is a free gift of money that doesn't have to be repaid. Work-study is where the student works an on-campus job, and part or all of the paycheck supplements the finances of the college cost. To gain access to these, however, a student must fill out a lengthy application called the FAFSA, or the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. This requires tax forms to be completed so the expected family con-

tribution can be calculated. Also, if the student is male, whenever the age of 18 is reached, the student must apply for Selective Service, or he will forfeit all federal student aid, and usually any scholarships as well. The FAFSA can be found in the guidance office, at most college admissions offices, and sometimes at a public library. It can also be filled out online at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>.



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Oh say can you see...
Tressa Wilham, (11), and Jon Hayden, (12), sing the Star Spangled Banner before the basketball homecoming game. Hayden and Wilham performed along with other members of the LOHS choir.
Photo by Justin Latta.

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O'Neill welcomed to staff

Lauren Wolf
Staff Writer

The LOHS special education department is welcoming their new teacher, Mrs. Jennifer O'Neill, to their classroom. Although she is new to LOHS, O'Neill is no stranger to Kentucky. Born in Louisville, O'Neill was raised in Ballard CO. before attending both PCC and Murray State where she received her Bachelor's Degree in special education and elementary education. After working as an assistant at Ballard Memorial High School for two years, O'Neill was asked to come to LOHS for her

first teaching job. Coming from a family of teachers, O'Neill was always primed for a career in education. Her parents are also her mentors with their strong beliefs in education rubbing off on her.



With an addition to her family when she was 3 1/2, O'Neill was inspired to pursue a path in special education. "My parents adopted a baby boy with special needs named Stewart Owsky. He was the reason that I chose special education as my career,"

said O'Neill.

Although every job is difficult at times, O'Neill looks forward to the time that she has with each of her students.

"They [the students] are my favorite part of my job. When I'm having a bad day, their smiles, hugs, and hard work can turn any day around. They make my job worth it."

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Student teachers learn the ropes at LOHS

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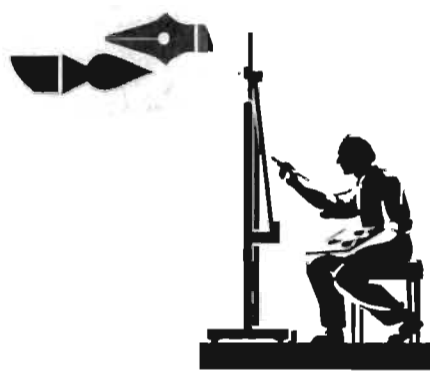




Lone Oak paints our hearts

Jennifer Gholson
Circulation Manager

A banner painted by the Lone Oak Gifted and Talented Visual Arts Students has been selected to represent the McCracken County School Board at the State School Board Meeting in February. The GT Art students, Robert Spees (12), Metra Mitchell (12), Spencer Samuels (12), Kelly Hyde (12), and Adam Hendrickson (9) with Glenda Bittner, the instructor, painted this 4' X 6' banner on December 13th. The banner was of the Statue of Liberty with light radiating from her torch. The McCracken County Board of Education, the Chamber of Commerce, and others selected Lone Oak's banner out of two other school's banners, Reidland

and Heath. The banner had to be creative and inventive. It also had to follow the theme: "Kentucky's Best Investment = Public Education". Metra Mitchell (12) says, "We believe that dedication to our project and teamwork between artists was the key to our successful banner." The G.T. Art students would also like to thank Mrs. Harper for her help.



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Never too short to achieve great heights

Abin Matin
Coroner

Oh, Jennie, Jennie, Jennie... clearly, society's obsessions with height has blown over too much. Most people say that taller is good because it is assumed that taller postures reflect good health and nutrition. It's just a cultural thing that we've been brainwashed about over and over and over. I mean come on, what advantages do you "Jolly Green Giants" actually have?

As I look over my shoulder, my gracious fellow writer Jennifer Gholson is questioning everyone around her about the advantages of being tall. For starters, throughout history, shorter people have been more notable than tall ones. How about the powerful

ruler Napoleon Bonaparte. At a miniscule height of 5'3" he conquered most of Europe. What about our favorite actors - Mini Me and Danny DeVito. They make us laugh every time, no matter what the situation. Even our athletes, like M u g s y Bouguess and Spud Webb, amaze us with awesome abilities at such a small height.

As I still see Jennie befuddled over her hope-

less cause, I turn my attention to recognition of short people in literature. In most books, tall people are usually referred to as "giants." Jennie-the-Giant...it's got a nice touch (not)! In Jonathan Swift's *Gulliver's Travels*, the diminutive Lilliputians are able to capture the "monstrous" Gulliver with several little tricks. Even in the timeless children's favorite

feats the "brute" despite the fact that he was much much shorter. Oh, don't you love those synonyms that are associated with tall people!

Short people are even beneficial to the well being of the Earth. Theoretically speaking, shorter people require considerably less to live. Short people need less farm land, produce less rubbish, generate less air pollution, kill off fewer other life forms and require much less water. While we focus our attention on population control, let's not ignore the environmental benefits of keeping the size of people smaller than their maximum genetic potential.

So, to all the supermodels, superjocks, and Jennifer Gholsons'...short people rule! Stuart Little for President!



Photo by Mrs. Campbell
The Height War: Abin Matin and Jennie Gholson debate their stature.

Jack and the Bean Stalk, Jack de-

The cream rises to the top

Jennifer Gholson
Circulation Manager

Supermodels, basketball players, and volleyball players all have one thing in common. They are all tall. These are the people we look up to (no pun intended) and aspire to be like. Though, without their height these professionals would not be able to take their careers to its fullest poten-

tial. Even though the model may be pretty and the basketball player may be fast, neither can become professionals without the genes that give them their height.

When I look past the difficulty of finding jeans long enough and shirts that fit my arms, I see there are many advantages of being tall. One is that people think you are older than you actually are. When people think you are older

then they are, they treat you with more respect than someone younger than themselves. Being able to see clearly at a concert is also a benefit of being tall; though, everyone behind a tall person begins to groan when he takes his seat directly in front of them. The ability to reach items stored in high places is another advantage of being tall. There is no need for stepladders or climbing. However, I usually have to retrieve a few items because the shorter ones ask me to get theirs, too. The strongest advantage of being tall is that height is sometimes related to beauty. Boys want the tall, slender figure and girls want the tall, dark, and handsome male. Though I may not agree with characterizing beauty with height, many do; therefore, it

is good to be in the tall category.

OK, Abin, there are some disadvantages such as the constant asking if I play basketball. Though, I have become used to these questions. Maybe I will even start inquiring of shorter people if they are jockeys!

So if this goes over your head, Abin, it's ok because your genes determine your height. This process is random and there is strictly no choice in the matter. What matters is what you make of it. So if you're tall girl, don't listen to those saying the boy has to be taller than the girl. Be proud of your height, even if you are as tall as Abin. However, if you are comfortable with yourself and have a positive outlook, then you will stand out no matter what your height is.

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I have a dream (to make money) Drama: the forgotten art

Seth Bowen
Assistant Editor

Rivaling Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, Kennedy's assault on poverty, and Patrick Henry's "Give me liberty or give me death", Martin Luther King's "I have a dream" speech is among the most famous in American history. Virtually everyone has heard at least part of the great speech. It brings hope and inspiration to many. And to some, it brings profits.

Following his death, the widow and children of King formed a company with copyrights to the images and sounds of King claiming that, "If anyone should profit from his legacy, it should be us." Highly regarded newspapers such as *The Washington Post* and *The*

New York Times have been sued by Coretta Scott King and her



children for infringement on these copyrights. On the contrary, Alcatel, a communications corporation, was permitted to use footage of King's speech for a television advertisement because "they asked."

Pardon any assumed insincerity, but it sounds more along the lines of "If anyone should profit from his legacy, it better not be anyone else." King was a civil rights hero, not just to black people, but to everyone. As such, his speech and images should be free for everyone to use- not just those whom his descendants deem fit.

Rachel Megibow
Staff Writer

Drama is a tradition as old as civilization. Even in the third world countries drama is still prevalent. However, in our modern computer-based society there is little live theater left. The view of drama as being unimportant and archaic is reflected in the lack of a drama program in our school.

Arts and Humanities is not everyone's favorite class, but we have



to take it to boost test scores. These low-test scores could be remedied by adding a drama club or class. Such a class would offer something to students, who can't

draw, don't sing, or play instruments. Right now, their only choice is to take the class. This program could give hurting arts and humanities scores a much needed helping hand.

Being forced to memorize lines can have its benefits. In a study by the National Endowment for the Arts has shown that students who participate in drama programs tend to score higher on verbal scores on both the ACT and SAT. This study also found that they develop better people skills and tend to be less likely to commit acts of violence. This could be a good thing in a post-Columbine era.

So a drama program could help students both socially and academically. Why we don't have one here, I don't know. However, we are long overdue for one.

Minding your manners

Lauren Wolf
Staff Writer

Young people today are lacking in one of the most important parts of life, manners. We no longer show respect for our elders, or anyone else, for that matter. Many

times, I hear students talking back to their teachers and parents as if they were speaking to a peer that they hated. I am the first to admit that I am guilty of using poor manners, but that doesn't mean that I can't be aggravated by the terrible manners that teens exhibit.

Teens belch and flatulate in public like it's completely normal, but it's not. It is very disgusting to be out at a restaurant and hear a massive release of gas (from either end) with no apologies. I, for one, lose my appetite right then and there. It doesn't take much to simply say "would you excuse me for a moment." All you have

to do is simply go to the restroom and take care of your business, and nobody passes out from the deadly fumes that you have expelled.

The most lacking area of manners is in everyday conversations. People no longer say "please" and "thank you" or "excuse me" anymore. It's like they have become lost words in the teen vocabulary. Teens often use crude and uncalled for vocabulary in public places with no respect for the individuals around them.

If we teens are ever going to gain the respect from our elders, then we are going to have to earn it. We need to start using those

manners that our moms tried to teach us when we were little. They didn't tell us not to burp at the table just because they wanted to kill time. They wanted us to grow up to be respected people with proper manners.

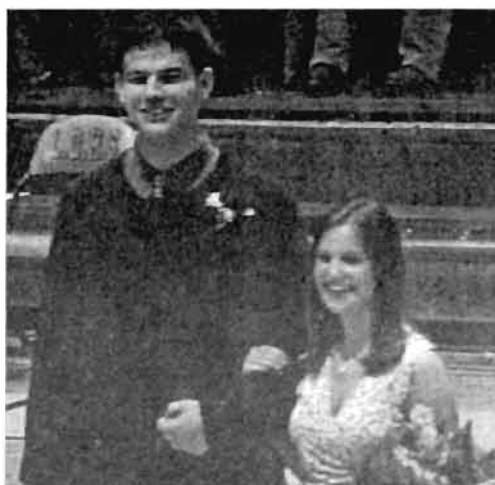
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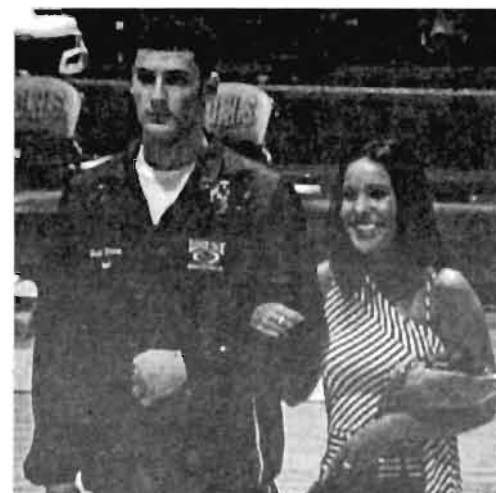
2002 Basketball Homecoming Senior Attendants



Dane Wilham (12) and Kinsey Bell (12)



Homecoming King and Queen: Jonathan Blackman (12) and Lindsay Byrd (12)



West Harris (12) and Jessie Grimm (12)



Matt Dodds (12) and Emily Canup (12)



Matt Goode (12) and Rachel Ivitts (12)



Chris Greenwell (11) and Chance "Sixer" Futrell (11) proudly show off the Junior Homecoming Door.



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Sophomore Attendants:
Aaron Osborn (10) and Laura Bredniak (10)



Freshman Attendants:
Carly Marquess (9) and Clint Cobb (9)

Violence shows

Violence is in the lives of children

Stacey Jarvis

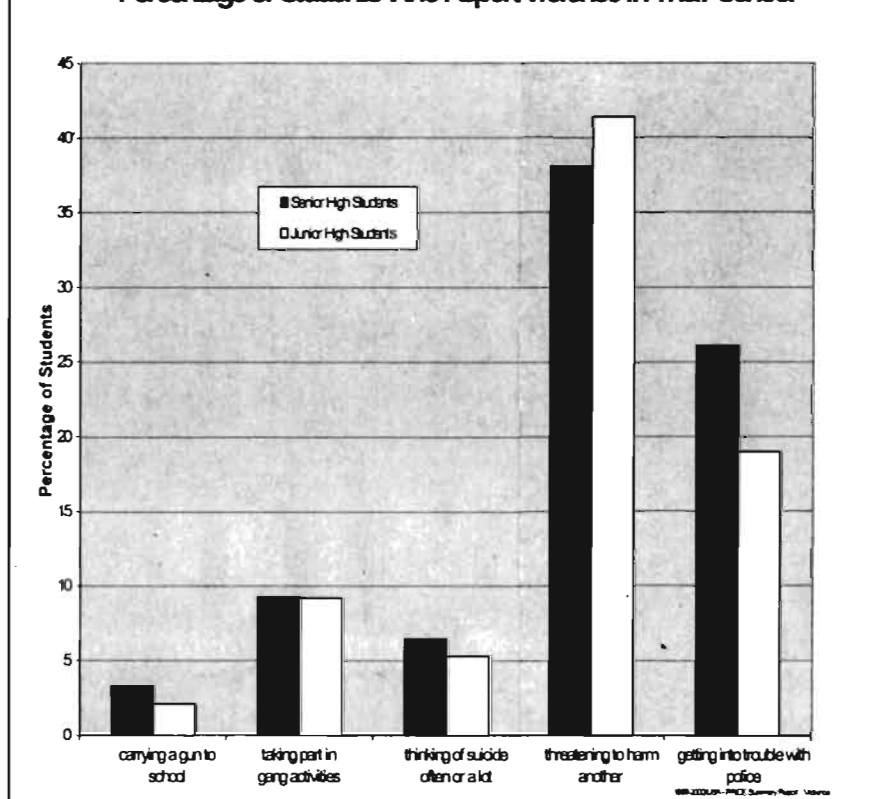
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Approximately between 3.3 to 10 million children throughout the United States and the world are living in homes where they are exposed or may even experience abuse. Such abuse is known as domestic violence. The U.S. Advisory Board on Child Abuse suggests that domestic violence may be the single major precursor to child abuse and neglect fatalities in the country.

A recent study found that school-aged children who witness violence exhibit a range of problem behaviors including depression, anxiety, and violence towards their peers. Domestic violence is very serious and is a growing problem. If you or someone you know is experiencing this problem, you must get help! There are many organizations supporting those who are exposed to domestic abuse. The Academy of Facial Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery and the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence even provides FREE reconstructive surgery for those who are victims of abuse. Some other organizations that are willing to give support are:

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-Contact Congress
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Percentage of Students Who Report Violence In Their School



Violence does not stop at the doors of school

Seth Bowen

Assistant Editor

In the wake of several high-profile school shootings in recent years, many parents, teachers, and students alike are fearful it could happen at their school. But are school-related, violent deaths truly on the rise? The School-Associated Violent Deaths Study Group conducted a survey running from July 1, 1994 through June 30, 1999. An instance qualified as a case for the survey if the fatal injury occurred on the campus of a private or public elementary or secondary school, while the victim was on the way to or from such a school, or while the victim was attending or traveling to or from an official school-sponsored event.

The purpose of this survey was to ascertain the risk of a school-associated violent death nationally, common features of these tragedies, and potential risk factors that would be found in students capable of such acts.

In the span of this survey, there were 253 deaths as a result of 220 school violence acts. All but 18 of these events resulted in a single death. Students accounted for roughly 68 percent of these deaths. In other words, less than one out of every 100,000 will be involved in a school-related act of violence. Also determined by the study, rates for single-victim homicides have declined while multiple-victim homicide rates have increased.

Overall, school-associated violent deaths remain rare events despite the impression their mass media coverage might create. These events, however, have happened often enough for patterns and potential risk factors to be determined. With this information, schools might be able to better prepare for such a tragedy.

America's youth are involved in violence

Justin Latta

Assistant Editor

Youth violence involving weapons across the nation has become a rising problem. According to the University of Colorado, between 6 and 7 youth are slain each day in the United States. They also state that youth are three times more likely than adults to be victims of violence. It would be incorrect to say that most of the youth violence of the last decade occurred in public or private schools, because it did not. In fact during the 1990s most adolescent violent incidents were committed in inner cities and outside of school.

Youth violence in schools escalated as the new millennium approached though. A recent report released by the Department of Education stated that over 6,000 students were expelled from public schools between 1996 and 1997 for carrying a handgun with them to school. A report issued by the Center for Disease Control stated that two in every 25 students had carried a gun to school within the last 30 days.

Taking the proper measures against the problem can prevent violence in schools and communities. Fencing around schools and security cameras around all exits and parking lots is a major security. The area that is to be protected needs to have a clear path for law enforcement to patrol it throughout the day. Also, make sure that only authorized parking is allowed in the designated parking lot. By taking a few precautions against violence, death and injury can be avoided.



its many sides

Ethnic Violence is a constant problem

Joshua Woleben

Technology Coordinator

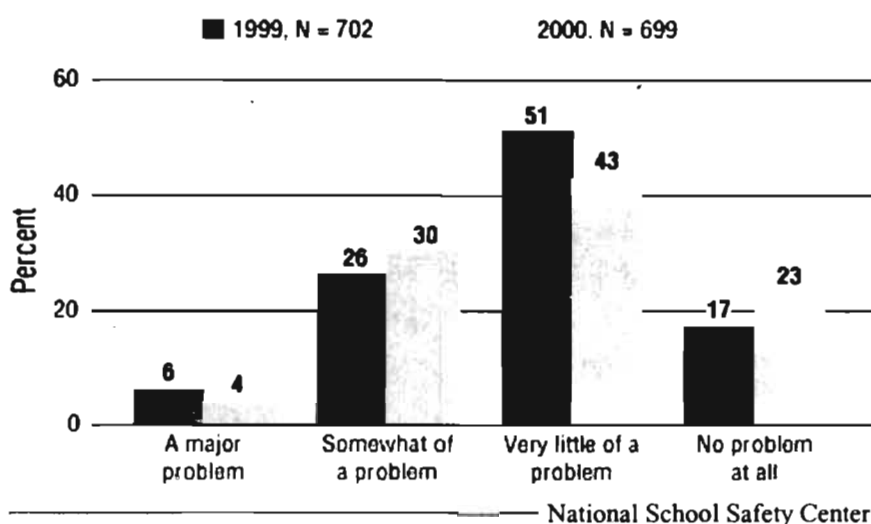
Ethnic violence is one type that seems to know no boundaries. From the Cincinnati riots in April 2001 to the terrorist attacks of September 11th, ethnic violence is one that breaks all borders, for it occurs both domestically and globally.

What solution exists for such racial and ethnic prejudice? Is it even possible to make one group stop hating another? It is a tangled web of power struggles, racial bias, and religious clashes that has been ongoing since the beginning of recorded time. One might have expected it to decrease in the United States over the past few decades since the civil rights movement in the 1960s, but it seems every time one turns around there is another story on the news about a hate crime or some other form of racial violence.

There is no easy solution to ethnic violence since it is so deeply rooted from tradition, and when religion is put into the equation, it becomes even harder to solve because the people are now fighting for what they believe in, and not just because they think they're better than another group. One possibility for peace between ethnic groups might be a multi-cultural world government that erases border problems and tolerates all religions everywhere in the world—another solution might be to break up all ethnic groups into their own territories and let them rule themselves as they please. Both of these, however, are fairly radical solutions that have little practical value. A more possible solution might be a multi-ethnic confederation of nations, rather like the UN, but with more power. Whatever the solution, there's still much work to be done.

Violence in the Neighborhood

Do you think violence is a problem in the neighborhoods where you live, work, and shop? Would you say it is...?



Violence is in the world of sports

Hunter Campbell

Editor-in-Chief

Violence and sports. Some might say that they are inseparable. They have been joined ever since Mayan and Aztec tribes played a game resulting in the beheading of the losing team's captain. When competitive juices flow, so do tempers, and with tempers come fisticuffs and large sticks. But truly how prevalent are violent outbursts in athletic events? More prevalent than one would think.

There are, of course, the sports that are obviously bathed in violence. Hockey, for example, even has rules that govern fighting. Football also has its fair share of scuffles. However, it's the sports that are said not to be "physical" that surprise people when they hear about violent occurrences. You know, sports like ice skating. Anybody remember Tonya Harding? Yes, when violence hits the rink and it's the girls in the short skirts beating each other up, athletes' rage has become a little too widespread.

Violence is not limited to players, however. Year after year, reports of

fan riots are commonplace. Even this NFL season, with the Cleveland Browns fans using beer bottles as projectiles, violence among fans has reared its ugly head. However, European and South American soccer fans take the cake when it comes to rioting. In most French cities, rioting had become so bad that restraining walls had to be put in place to separate fans and keep them from fighting. Youth sports are not immune to violence either. Recently, a father got so mad at a referee during a junior ice hockey game that the two men fought and one was killed.

Violence in sports is something that is widespread, but is not going away. No matter how many times David Stern fines Shaquille O'Neal or how many seasons Marty McSorley has to sit out, players and fans will continue to go at each other's throats, literally. Guatemalan soccer fans, embittered by a loss by the home team, stormed the field and hacked five of the visiting players to death with machetes. And people say we've come a long way since the Aztecs. I wonder if they got the captain.

Violence is starting at an early age

Brittany Fellows

Sports Editor

Juvenile aggression is a real problem in the U.S. Most of juvenile aggression is developed at home and school. Juvenile aggression is more common in males than females and is usually towards their peers. However, teachers are also victims of juvenile aggression. In 1991, a national survey found that 28% of public high school teachers are verbally abused, 15% teachers are threatened with injury, and 3% are physically attacked.

Where does this aggression come from? Some say that child abuse, dysfunctional families, antisocial parents, aggressive relationships between siblings, or even bad child care practices are reasons for aggression at school. It has been found that a proportional of boy fighters started in kindergarten and when fighting continues through elementary school, these aggressors are likely to continue to fight during the later years. Early identification of an aggressive child is one of the most important components in identifying chronic juvenile delinquency. Individuals who start early with minor offenses are more likely to commit more serious offenses when they grow older.

It is important to identify juvenile aggressors because it affects the school environment. Physical aggression has long term consequences for settings beyond the school and can predict acts offending the community later.

All information was collected at www.colorado.edu/cspv/infohouse/factsheets.html



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LOHS speaks out

Joshua Woleben

Technology Coordinator

Recently, a survey of approximately 400 LOHS students was conducted in their English classes over the biggest problems and greatest achievements for 2002. Here are the results:



Biggest Problems (Total Votes: 376)

Violence: 4.5%

Drugs: 31.9%

Security: 9.3%

Cliques: 33.2%

Academic Performance: 21.0%

Greatest Achievements (Total Votes: 369)

Academic Performance: 20.0%

Security: 19.5%

Extracurricular Opportunities: 32.0%

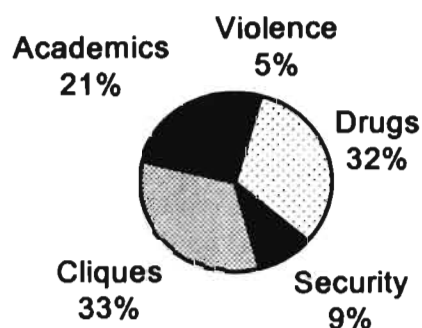
Curriculum: 7.9%

Friendliness: 20.6%

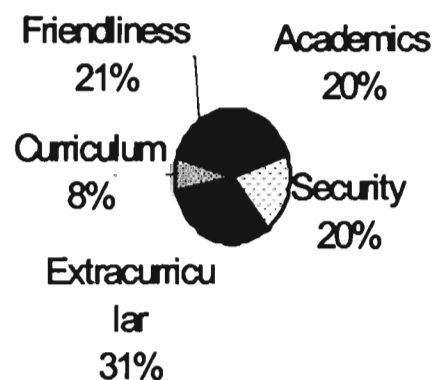


According to the results, cliques and drugs rank at the top of the list of issues that LOHS faces in the students' view, while extracurricular opportunity appears to be the best accomplishment. The curriculum could actually be a problem noting the unusually low amount of votes it received.

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2001: A Year in Review

Year in Review

Jennifer Gholson

Circulation Manager

In **January** George W. Bush was finally declared the president of the US and was inaugurated.

Also in January, thirty thousand people died by an earthquake in India while 700 people died by another earthquake in El Salvador.

On **February** 18th the North Carolina-bred Dale Earnhardt died in a crash at the Daytona 500.

March was a bad month for school shootings. In Santee, California a 15-year-old killed two classmates. The next day a student had an unsuccessful at-

tempt in Pennsylvania.

The outbreak of the foot-and-mouth disease destroyed tens of thousands of animals in Britain and Western Europe.

In **April** the crew of a U.S. spy plane was released from the Chinese island of Hainan and the plane was eventually returned.

In Cincinnati Timothy Thomas, a 19-year-old unarmed black man was shot down by a white police officer. This resulted in rioting and violent behavior for four days.

In **May** the Oklahoma City bombing victims' families discov-

ered the FBI misplaced more than 3,000 pages of documents relation to McVeigh case. The execution was postponed.

On **June** 11th Timothy McVeigh was executed in a death chamber while some cheered and others protested.

The shark attacks in **July** took the arm of Jesse Arobogast and hurt many others. This kept swimmers far from the beaches in Texas and Florida.

The U.S. Open in Tennis in **August** was historic for its participants. The first pair of sisters, the Williams sisters, since 1983 made it to the first ever all African-American

final.

September was a month that will be written in history books. The 9-11 tragedy took the lives of over 3,000 in the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and those in the passenger jets that came to a crash.

The attacks on America continued through **October** with the Anthrax scares that came through the mail.

The World Series in **November** gave U.S. citizens some excitement. The three-time defending champion New York Yankees had a Game Seven loss to the Arizona Diamondbacks.

The end of the year came to a close with a good note in **December** with Wall Street having risen after the crash in September.



New Year's Empty Promises

Abin Matin

Coroner

It's that time again...it's time to make those promises that you never bother to keep...yep, New Year's Resolutions. What exactly is the point of this empty promises to oneself? I mean how many people actually keep their promises. The cliché promises of "I'll be nicer to people" or "I want to lose weight" have lost their flavor and meaning. Here are some of the New Year's Resolutions students and teachers in Lone Oak High School have made for the year 2002.

"I want to read the Bible a lot and exercise at least once a month,

since last year I was not even able to exercise once a week."

Mrs. Powless

"Beat up Ahhhhh-bean!"

Whitney Morreau

"Learn to drive safely and finally get my driver's license."

Abin Matin

"Not to make any more resolutions because they are pointless."

Seth Bowen



"I need to call my kids more often and see how they are doing."

Mrs. Campbell



"I want to relax more often, take constant breaks, and eat those cheesy, crunchy, puffy things -- Cheetos." Mr. Morehead



"I do not want to be in any more car wrecks." Jennifer Gholson

(Jennie has been involved in two car wrecks over the past month)

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Remembering the great doctor

Stacey Jarvis
Business Manager

"Alright, another day out of school!" Have you heard these words lately? If so, it was probably around January 21. Do you even know why we were out of school? No, it wasn't just another random day off; January 21 is a day of celebration and remembrance of a great hero and man, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. lived a very successful life as a civil rights activist serving as the leading force behind the withdrawal of segregation laws in the 1960's. In 1957 alone, King traveled 780,000 miles and made 208 speeches supporting his beliefs. Despite his



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

1929-1968

numerous arrests, King put his pride and life on the line to fight for everyone being trapped in the confinements of segregation.

On August 28, 1963, approxi-

mately 250,000 civil rights supporters attending the March on Washington heard King's most famous speech "I Have a Dream." He won the hearts of many sup-

porters and also posed a threat to others. Sadly, five years after he spoke his famous words in Washington D.C., King was assassinated April 4, 1968 in Memphis, Tennessee, by James Earl Ray.

January 21, 1986 became the first national celebration as an official holiday commemorating the great man we will always know as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Although his life ended tragically, his soul lives on, and our nation has finally prospered as he had "dreamed." The words inscribed on his tombstone will forever reflect his passing during such a difficult time of our nation's history. King's tombstone reads, "Free at last, free at last, thank God Almighty, I'm free at last."

The winner is...

Brittany Fellows
Sports Editor

January 13, 2001 was the 28th Annual People's Choice Awards. Some of you posted your votes on the internet and others across the nation were randomly called by solicitors to cast their votes. Here are the results:

Favorite Male Performer in a New TV Series: **Damon Wayans** (*My Wife and Kids*)

Favorite Male Musical Performer: **Garth Brooks**

Favorite TV Dramatic Series: *ER*

Favorite Female TV Performer: **Jennifer Aniston** (*Friends*)

Favorite Male TV Performer: **TIE Kelsey Grammer** (*Frasier*) and **Ray Romano** (*Everybody Loves Raymond*)

Favorite Musical Group or Band: **N*Sync**

Favorite Reality Based TV Series: *Survivor: The Australian Outback*

Favorite Motion Picture Star in a Comedy: **Eddie Murphy** (*Shrek*)

Favorite Female Performer in a New TV Series: **Reba McEntire**

Favorite New TV Comedy Series: *My Wife and Kids*

Favorite TV Comedy Series: *Friends*

Favorite Motion Picture Actress: **Julia Roberts**

Favorite Daytime Dramatic TV Series: *Days of Our Lives*


Favorite New TV Dramatic Series: *Alias*

Favorite Motion Picture: *Shrek*

Favorite Female Musical Performer: **Faith Hill**

Favorite Motion Picture Actor AND Favorite Motion Picture Star in a Drama: **Tom Hanks**

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LOHS Basketball Prepares For District Tourney

Hunter Campbell
Editor-in-Chief

The boys' basketball season has been a story of close calls and narrow defeats. The guys have played valiantly all year, and have come close to winning many games, but have come up short more times than not. They led Tilghman after the first quarter, and pulled within two points of Marshall County with two minutes to go in the game, but in both cases the opposition pulled away to leave the Flash empty handed. Their record for the season is 4-12, but if Lady Luck would have kissed the boys, it could be at least 8-8 if not better.

Leading scorers for the team are seniors **Jay Williams** and

Jonathon Blackman, averaging 13 and 11 points per game, respectively. Blackman's season high is 25 against Marshall County, while Williams dropped 32 on Murray in the season opener. The team has big games coming up against Heath and Ballard County, both of which beat the Flash earlier this season. Senior night is February 19 against Hickman County, the last home game of the year for the boys.

The team has started to come together and will look to finish the season strong to have momentum going into the District Tournament, which starts on February 25 and is right here at LOHS. Support the boys as they finish their season and try to salvage a .500 record.

Rachel Megibow
Staff writer

With a record of 12-6, there doesn't seem to be any stopping the girls basketball team. I interviewed coach Adams about this great group of young ladies.

What would you say is the best thing about coaching?

The young ladies of this team have worked extremely hard. They show up everyday with a great attitude and are ready to work hard.

I get to see a different side of these young ladies when they're out of a classroom environment.

What are their strong points?

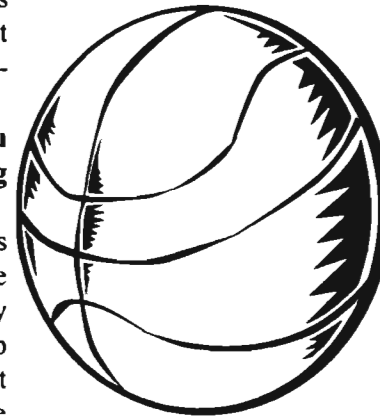
They work extremely hard, have a great attitude and get along great with each other. They try to do everything that is asked of them

What are their weak points?

We are young and inexperienced on the varsity level, so we have to gain experience and learn from our mistakes.

What is the most difficult thing about coaching?

The most difficult thing about coaching is balancing your teaching, coaching, and family time.





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Wildcats roll behind Prince and Bogans

Hunter Campbell
Editor-in-Chief

Wildcat doubters, be silenced. The 'Cats have rebounded from two upset losses in the SEC to Mississippi State and Georgia with three straight conference victories. The 8th ranked Wildcats have dealt with most of their opponents fairly easily, with huge wins over Marshall and Kentucky State, and have compiled an impressive 14-4 record. The only real upset of the year came at the hands of Western Kentucky in the season opener. Although the Hilltoppers were expected to be much improved this year, a win over UK was not projected, and the 'Cats were knocked back, but not out. They reeled of an impressive winning streak until

they met top-ranked Duke. The Blue Devils, or rather, Jason Williams, made a run to erase an eleven point halftime deficit and beat the 'Cats 95-92 in overtime.

Senior and reigning SEC player of the year Tayshaun Prince is leading Kentucky in scoring, averaging 17 points per game, and Junior Keith Bogans is second with just under 14 per game, although he has recently played better, starting with a 23 point performance against Notre Dame and a 20 point breakout in a two point win over 5th Ranked Florida.

Sophomore Marquis Estill and Junior Jules Camara lead the team that is third in the conference in shot blocking, both averaging about one and a half a game. Freshman sharpshooter Rashaad Carruth has had to step into the position of key reserve since senior guard J.P. Blevins broke his wrist in the Wildcats' win over Indiana, and he has proven a help to the 'Cats with his long range and quick trigger. The Big Blue's preseason advantage of a bench full of big men is now not so apparent. An off-season injury

to junior Jason Parker, a member of the SEC All-Freshmen team last season and the departure of the underachieving Marvin Stone to Louisville have left only Estill and Camara as the team's centers.

The Wildcats still should be a threat and have so far been the only team, except for a fluke Florida State loss, to show the firepower to run with the Dukies. Experts say the 'Cats have the talent to win the National Championship, but must learn to put together a full game before they can make a run in the tournament. The team should be fun to watch for the rest of the season as they try to march to their second consecutive SEC title and make a run at the Final Four in Atlanta.



High percentage shot:
Wildcat Keith Bogans
throws down the
uncontested dunk.



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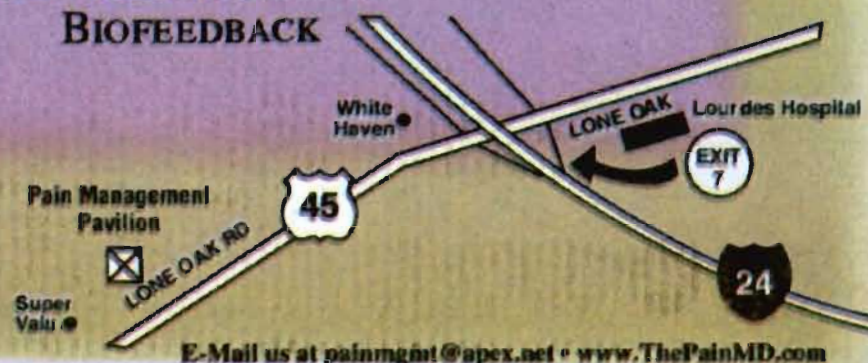


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