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"I didn't know what it was, so I just deleted it."
—Anonymous

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We sat in the library, to read all that day, in order to celebrate RAA

Lan Nguyen
Editor-in-Chief

"The sun did not shine. It was too wet to play. So we sat in the house all that cold, cold, wet day." Ah...the opening lines to Dr. Seuss's beloved book "The Cat in the Hat." For some, these lines conjure up memories of pleasant hours spent sitting in a comfortable chair reading a favorite book. However, there are many people who aren't able to share in those memories because the love of reading was never instilled in them.

In 1998, the National Education Association took steps to help resolve this growing problem. Read-Across-America was launched on March 2, the birthday of beloved children's author Dr. Seuss; the program's goal was to motivate children to read and aid them in mastering basic skills necessary for success.

So this year in celebration of Read-Across-America the Beta Club and Future Educators of America held a book drive and collected money throughout the previous week. More than 1,000 books and a total of \$200 were collected.

"The students really responded well by donating over 1,000 books to very worthy causes," said Mr. Toy.

The books were donated to several local charities, including Paducah Cooperative Ministry, Lourdes Hospital, and Helping Hands. There was a competition held amongst the first hour classes to see who

could collect the most books or money. The winning classes were Mrs. Masden's Pre-Calculus class and Mrs. Powless' English III class.

"I love to see our students supporting reading; it makes me very proud to be part of the school and Read-Across-America," said Mrs. Powless.

Mrs. Masden's class gathered 249 books and Mrs. Powless's class raised \$34 for the effort.

Mrs. Masden praised her first hour class as she said, "I was very proud of my first hour students and Rachel Anderson's leadership with the project. Lots of old books found new homes."

Also to celebrate books in general, along with Dr. Seuss, members of the Beta Club spent all day in the library reading "The Cat in the Hat," and the entire day the previous Friday reading at Hendron Lone Oak Elementary. All those who signed up read for 10-minute intervals and the next reader would then pick up where the previous reader left

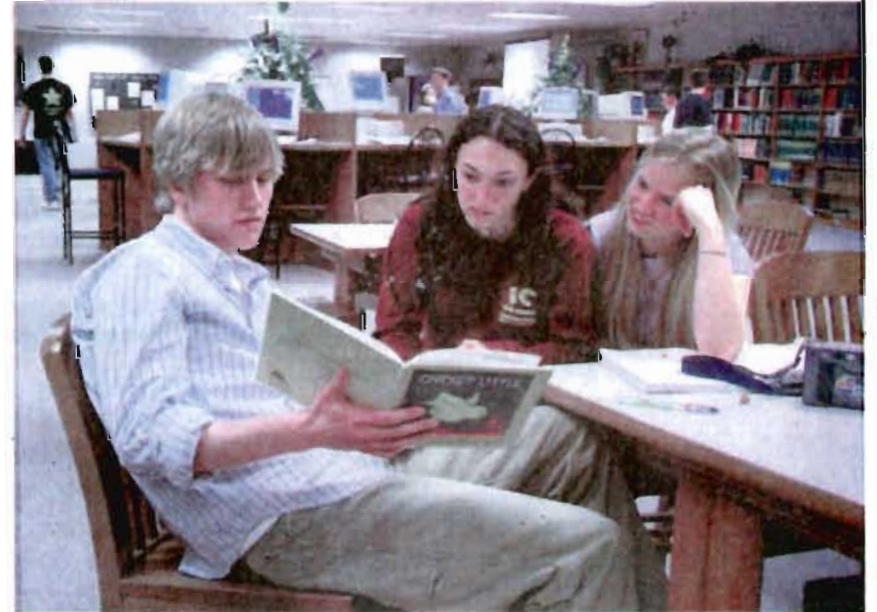


Photo by: L. Nguyen
Bruce Carter (11), Elizabeth Block (11), and Chlodys Johnstone (12) intently read "Chicken Little."

off and then continue the cycle.

"Reading 'The Cat in the Hat' brings back fond memories of my parents reading to me and eating green eggs and ham as child," said Beta Club member Bruce Carter (11).

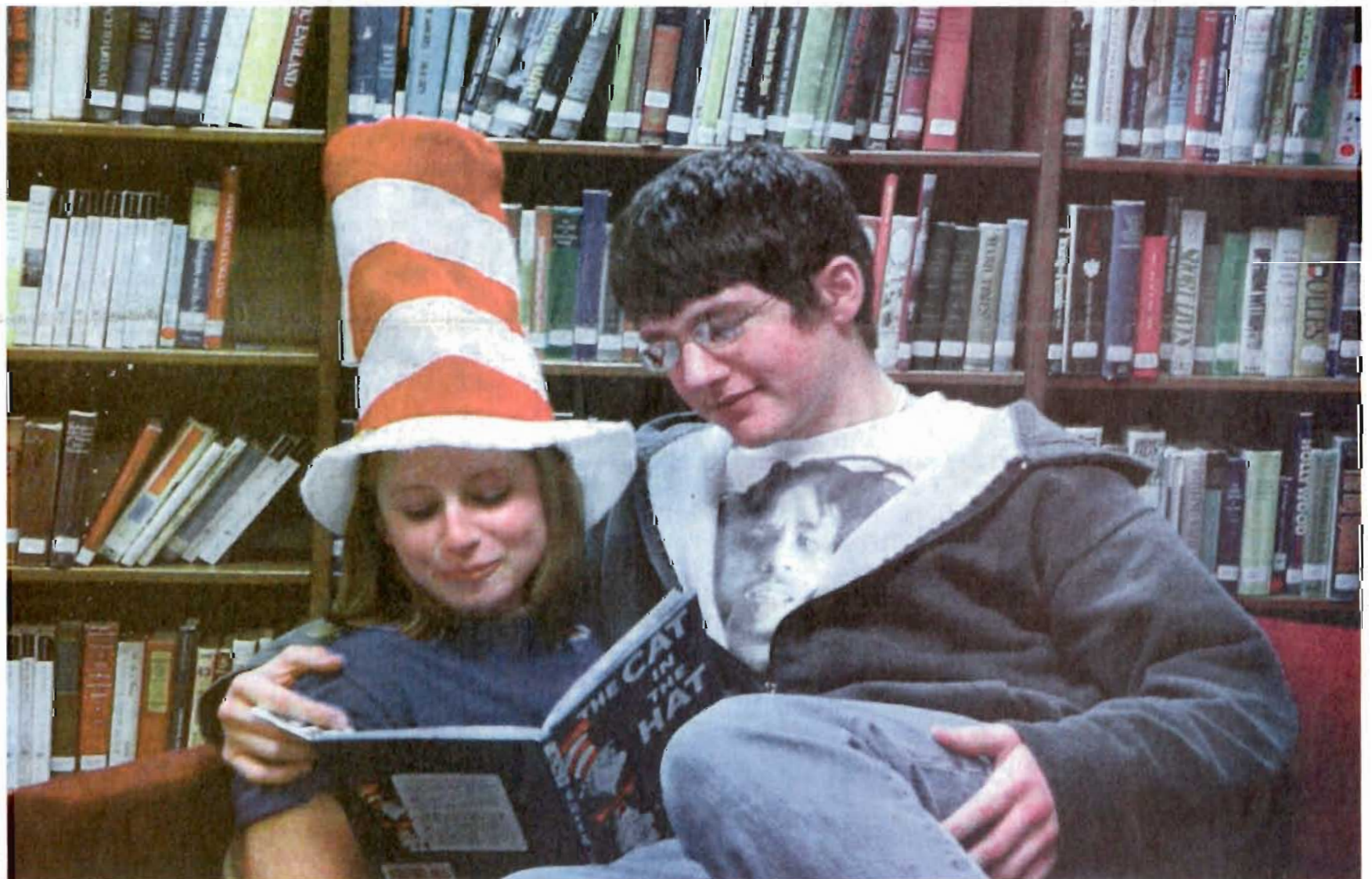


Photo by L. Nguyen
Lori Beth Lile (11), Chris Heine (11) and Bob Marley curled up on the sofa for another rendition of "The Cat in the Hat."

Winter Guard working hard

Emily Suhrheinrich
Business Manager

"And nothing else matters..."

Such are the lines of Lone Oak Winter Guard's 2004 show: aptly named "Nothing Else Matters" featuring music by Metallica. After several theme changes, the guard has decided on what they call "straight-up color guard," meaning they are merely displaying their talent in pure color guard demonstrations.

The girls have been doing extremely well this season, placing higher at competitions than Lone Oak guards have in several seasons past. After a less-than-favorable start at David Libscomb, the girls of the winter guard are starting to come out on top. They placed fifth both days at Smyrna's competition and fourth and fifth at Northwest. At their most recent competition, a "power regional" held again at Smyrna, Lone Oak placed twentieth out of thirty.

All though the guard is a lot smaller and has lost several of its key members, the girls have pulled through such adversity to embrace what is becoming known as the new face of winter guard at Lone Oak: hard core color guard.

"Everything is different, things are run differently, but much better than in the past...I'm ready for our next competition because we can only get better!" said Kate Roberts (11), one of the season's commanding officers.

"Everyone...knows their place and respects everyone else," said Keila Morris (11), the other commanding officer.

Stephan Ferguson and Lone Oak High School's own Mr. Watwood head up the guard. Ferguson choreographs, teaches and cleans the guard's work. Watwood is in charge of organizing trips and supervising.

"Stephan has been a major asset to our staff," said Mr. Watwood, "and thanks to him we have been able to reclaim our title as one of the best guards in the state."

The guards' members are as follows: Katie Lawrence (9), Dainelle Musgrave (10), Ashlee Dukes (9), Heather Carrico (9), Jessica Gordon (9), Courtney Martin (9), Ashley Barnhill (10), Nancy Ashley (11), Tiffany Peck (8), April Tucker (10), Susan Spencer (10), and of course, Keila Morris (11) and Kate Roberts (11). Their remaining competitions are at John Hardin, March 12-13 and SCGC Circuit Championships, April 2-4.

The Oak "K" 'Turns Back Time'

Emily Suhrheinrich
Business Manager

As you flip through the pages of this month's issue of The Oak "K," you might notice something a bit odd: with the exception of the front page, none of these stories are written by this year's staff. This is because due to recent technology problems we have decided to do a "Flash Back" to the issues of The Oak "K" from previous decades.

Upon discovering that our entire network folder was accidentally deleted, because someone "didn't know what it was," we staffers realized we had about a week to figure out how we were going to rewrite, re-edit and re-lay out our stories and pages that normally take nearly a month to complete.

So we decided that a "Flash Back" (honestly, no pun intended) would show some of the news and views of the 50's, 60's, 70's, 80's and 90's.

After spending literally minutes searching through our morgue of old issues of The Oak "K," we found stories that date some of our current teachers' beginnings with LOHS; stories that show political and world issues of the time; and some stories that are just funny, considering the change in style of living and society's social opinions.

We hope you enjoy this new and different issue of The Oak "K" and sincerely hope that no further such technological travesties shall occur.

These are the days to remember

From April 1999



Jody Suhrheinrich
Staff Writer

So it's the end of April, and spring fever is running rampant through the student body. The flowers are blooming, couples are everywhere and one thought seems to prevail; getting out of school. Seniors are facing their last year of mandatory education, juniors are shaking at the thought of finally "ruling the school" and sophomores and freshman are just relieved to be moving up. Thoughts of chlorine and sun block dance in our heads as we struggle to stay focused in Biology class. So with all this longing for what is to come, who has time to think of the present? I, too, find myself daydreaming about college life and my career. With all this

wishing for the future I have to constantly remind myself not to totally wish my whole life away.

It starts in high school, you can't wait to graduate, next it's college where you yearn to start your career and perhaps a family, after this is accomplished you wait expectantly for the day when you can retire and the kids move out. Finally the regret sets in, "Why didn't I do this here," or "Gosh I miss those days." It seems after you've endured a lifetime of waiting to be where the grass is greener, you then long to return to the past and the days when you were young.

Basically what I'm trying to convey through all this past/present/future mumbo-jumbo is to make the most of the time you have now. Act childish sometimes, play on the playground, laugh and get dirty. As they old fogies say, these are the best years of our lives, don't waste them trying to grow up and move on too soon.

LOHS in desperate need of TP

by Jason Phelps
Opinion Editor

I'm not asking for anything big like a stall in the men's bathroom or anything, just some toilet paper. You know what its like to need to blow your nose or god forbid anything else and you're stuck in the bathroom in a less than glamorous position, in desperate need of paper of any kind. The school board of McCracken county recently spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on new computers in the

business department. I'm not trying to be overly critical or anything—I just want a roll or two of toilet paper. I'm sorry to be so demanding.

For obvious reasons, I would never use the bathroom at LOHS for any but the most extreme of emergencies. Last week in third period class, I sensed a drip drop about to come from my nose. [sorry but the point must be made]. After noticing that it was blood, I was excused from my class. I walked

to the men's room sniffing like a death row inmate in a rose garden. I finally arrived to our school's, less than luxurious excretory facilities, and the only paper in the entire bathroom is the wadded up spit balls floating in unknown liquids at the bottom of the trash can which I must say was emitting slightly less than a country potpourri breeze.

I opened one of the paper wads and used it

to clean myself up. I love LOHS. Don't get me wrong—we have a great school [less than Grand Hilton building] and absolutely the best faculty of any school in the world. For the past, oh, 2000 years or so. All I politely and humbly request is a roll of toilet paper. Please. Thank You.



Seniors announce the left-handed, striped tie wearer of their choice

by: JASON PHELPS
Beat/Opinion Editor

From October 1992

Recently, a poll was taken of all LOHS seniors concerning the quickly upcoming presidential election. The results showed that 14% of polled seniors said they were registered to vote. Of those, 50% plan to vote for Gov. Bill Clinton. Bush picked up 41%, and 9% will vote for independent candidate Ross Perot. Clinton received 48% of the non-voting support, while Bush captured 39%. Perot did slightly better among non-voters picking up 13% of the support. In combined support, Clinton received 49%, Bush picked up 41%, and Perot ended up with 10%.

The poll asked seniors if they were satisfied with their choice for President, 52% said they were satisfied, leaving 48% dissatisfied. Gov. Clinton's support was examined and it was found that 58% of his supporters were satisfied with him. But only 46% of President Bush's supporters were satisfied, and 44% of Perot's supporters were satisfied with their choice. Surprisingly, only 7% of polled seniors said they knew a lot about where their candidate stands on the issues important to them. Sixty-six percent said they knew some, and 27% said they knew little.

Lone Oak High School's new faculty tells all

From September 1997

Ashley Small

Co-Editor-in-Chief

As the new school year begins many of you may be walking into your classes to find new faces at the front of them. So just in case you've been wondering about your new teachers, here are a few interesting facts about them. Enjoy!!!



Mr. Roe - Guidance counselor
Hometown: Dayton, Ohio
College: W.K.U./Georgetown

Favorite type of music: All types of music, oldies from the 60's, 70's, and 80's.

In high school I was... pretty involved, followed the "college prep" curriculum, played in the band, participated in a service club and was also on the wrestling team. Worked part-time and in the summer full-time.

Hobbies or interesting facts: wood working, water sports, traveling, and spending time with family

What was the most unexpected thing that happened to you during your first week at LOHS?

I lost a crown off of a tooth. "Ouch!" Seriously, seeing the cafeteria in a state of remodeling on Friday night and then seeing it transformed to a usable facility on Monday morning.

If I had not become a teacher/ counselor I would have been...

a dentist, but I married a dental assistant and she talked me out of it!



Ms. Helmich - Foreign Language
Hometown: Evansville, In.
College: Murray State University
Married/Children: Married - no children.

Favorite book: *The Firm*

In high school I... played volleyball, ran track, and was on the dance team.

Hobbies or interesting facts: I enjoy running and going boating at the lake.

If I had not become a teacher I would have been... a Safety Engineer. But I liked working with people and I wanted my summers off so I chose teaching!



Mr. Smithmier - Science
Hometown: Bardwell, Ky
College: University of Tennessee at Martin, University of Mississippi, University of Southern Ms., William Carey College.

Married/Children: married - two children.

Favorite type of Music: Country

Favorite type of book: Mystery books by John Grisham and James Lee Burke.

In high school I... played basketball, baseball, and football. I worked and made very good grades.

Hobbies or interesting facts: I play golf, hunt and I am also a "computer nut!"

If I had not become a teacher I would have been... a doctor.



Mr. Poore - Spanish and ISD
Hometown: Fishers, Indiana
College: Murray State University
Favorite type of

music: alternative

Favorite book: *Where the Red Fern Grows*

In high school I was... more interested in athletics than I was in my education.

Hobbies or interesting facts: I play hockey and I have a strong dislike for UK basketball!

The most unexpected thing that happened to you during your first week of teaching at LOHS was? No one mistook me for a student!

If I had not become a teacher I would have been... a professional tennis player.



Ms. Sweatt - English and Year-book
Hometown: Paducah - LOHS graduate 1992
College: Murray

state University

In high school I was... outgoing and involved. I cheered for LOHS. I wasn't the strongest academically, but I've always loved school and learning.

Hobbies or interesting facts: cheered for MSU for five years, like to snowski, roller blade, horseback ride and hike.

Pets: two cats - Precious and Lucy, one dog - Tazewell

Favorite type of music: easy listening and Irish Folk

If I had not become a teacher I would have been... a Broadcast journalist. I got my minor in Journalism and I love the fast-paced atmosphere of news.

Whitley is teacher of the Month (and clinically insane)



From March 1999

Jay Swacker
Coroner

March's Teacher of the Month is Mr. Whitley. In order to get to know this legend of Lone Oak better, I sat down to have a chat with him. Paraphrasing or abridging the interview simply wouldn't do him justice. So I present to you the entire, unabridged conversation:

OK: How do you feel about being named Teacher of the Month?

TW: Being Teacher of the Month gives me feelings of inexpressible joy that the English language can't adequately express

OK: What do you do that makes you so "special?"

TW: Special?

OK: Yes, special is in quotation marks.

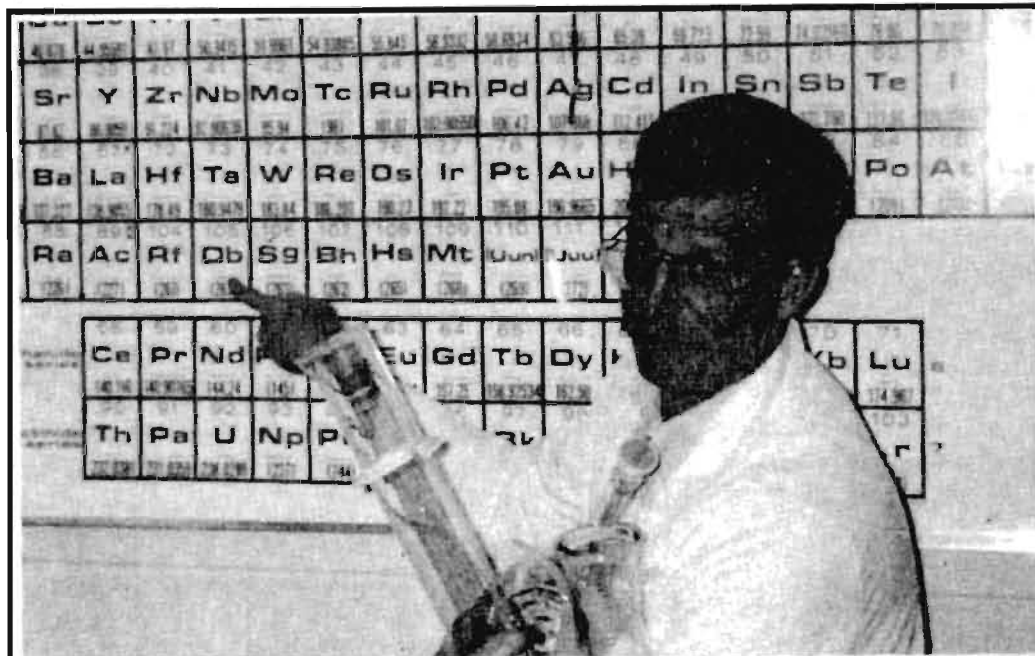
TW: I take vitamins.

OK: What classes do you teach?

TW: All the ones I have.

OK: Okay (laughing), what got you started teaching?

TW: What got me teaching...



Mr. Whitley adds new meaning to the term "Mad Scientist."

ah...ah...back in the 70's, during the Cold War, I was a double-naught spy for British Intelligence (a dorkier James Bond in other words) in East Germany. After successfully completing my mission, I went into the Witness Protection Agency and they put me in a career where I could keep a low profile. And now that the Cold War is over, I can finally divulge...uh...

my checkered past.

OK: The Cold War is over, why are you still teaching?

TW: Did you just think that up?

OK: Yeah.

TW: There's a good answer to that question. (long pause) You're not writing that down are you?

OK: Oh yes.

TW: I'm still teaching chemistry because I love the smell of hexane in the morning.

OK: What's with the labcoat? Do you wear it to bed?

TW: I'm not wearing it now.

OK: Yeah, I know, when I wrote the question, I assumed that you would be wearing it. Of course, when I get here, you aren't wearing it, so the question is ruined.

TW: I don't wear the labcoat to interviews and to the bathroom. I wear it for all other informal occasions.

OK: What do you consider formal dress?

TW: Labcoat with tie and cuff links and black shoes.

OK: So informal dress is more earth tones?

TW: Yes, earth muffin tones.

The interview clearly shows Mr. Whitley's quick wit and insanity. Two good reasons why he was named Teacher of the Month, and one good reason why he was placed in a sanitarium (the incriminating photo was another reason).

From November 1983

KEN'S RECORD REVIEW

By Ken McKinney

"An Innocent Man" by Billy Joel is certainly one of the most laughable albums that has come out. I don't know what Billy Joel was thinking of, but it wasn't about making a good album.

The music lends well to dancing, but lacks in talent. It seems that Billy Joel is trying to hit up on the recent musical fad of "Rock-a-Billy," of which he is doing a very poor job. The lyrics are so mundane that it makes me wonder what kept him from falling asleep while he was writing them. If it weren't for the droning beat, I honestly think I would faint from boredom. His limited voice adds to the disagreeableness of "An Innocent Man".

This album is about as exciting as raking leaves. So unless you're in the mood to be bored out of your skull, I wouldn't suggest buying "An Innocent Man" by Billy Joe. YAWN!!!

"No Parking on the Dance Floor" by Midnight Star is soul music that can't be beat. The album consists of an engaging program of heavy dance rhythms and rap 'n' chant lyrics. The only way this album survives and excels in the endless line of soul groups is in the fact that it is intelligent and extremely fun at the same time. Midnight Star produces a form of mind and body dance music that is unprecedented. "No Parking on the Dance Floor" has enough exceptional material to lift it out of the rut. If you like soul music, this is high-power electrofunk that should not be avoided.

If it makes you look like Miss Piggy; Don't wear it

By Cathy Williams
After seeing all of the fall fashions, I have come to the conclusion that fashion designers have a great sense of humor.
Think about that for a minute; the only people who really look good in designer clothes are about six foot tall and weigh about 12 pounds. These disgusting people never have nits or hair that "just won't do anything," they have straight white teeth and long legs.
And that is what those greedy little designers want us to see. They want us to think that if we buy their bizarre clothes, we'll look just like models.
Well, I have bad news for all of you who have ever had to roll up a cuff six or eight times... you'll never look like a model. Since this is the case for most of us, we should approach designer clothing with the question "Does this really make me look good?"
There is nothing weird about wanting or wearing "DESIGNER CLOTHES". Unfortunately, if you wear "DESIGNER CLOTHES" just to be wearing "DESIGNER CLOTHES," then not only will you look weird, but everyone will think you are a "mega-nerd."
The moral of this story is: Don't buy clothes just to have them, buy them to make you a nice person to look at.



All fashions compliments of Snyder's

Senior Michelle Whaley; Juniors Kim Rose and Keith Harstad; Sophomores Melanie Casner and Brandon Cummings; and Freshman Tony Cove and Stephanie Stacy are modeling the fall fashions of 1983.

From October 1983

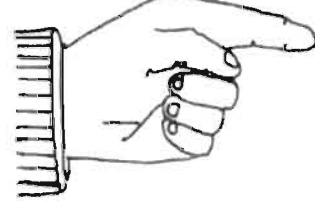
Here's the LATEST

By Rhonda Lawrence
For the fashion-conscious teen, this fall's styles have everything from the over-the-top preppy to the ever so daring "Vogue."
Many people think the preppy look is fading fast, but the fashions for both guys and girls are headed in "Muffy" and "Skippy's" direction. The new preppy look is argyle sweaters, vests, sweatshirts, and socks. They are accented with corduroy pants and Bermuda shorts, knit and silk ties, saddle oxfords in red and white, pink and grey, and traditional black and white.
Totally opposite from the preppy look is the "Vogue" look. These styles include dresses with big buttons down the side and oversized boxy blazer, worn with men's ties and narrow-legged baggy pants. Ankle boots complete the look. For the guys shirts with zipper pockets, shoulder tabs, and side buttons in plaid and solids are making the scene. Also, emphasis is being placed on pleated jeans and corduroys. These look best when worn with thin neckties and pointed toe shoes.
The dressy, party look for the holidays will be silk and crepe de chine dresses and blouses, with pleats and tucks down the front. Wool tweed herringbone blazers for both girls and guys worn with wool pants and skirts are a necessity to special occasions.
The colorings for fall will be muted in teal blues and greens, burgandy, deep purple and grey.

HERE'S LOOKIN' AT YOU KID

From November 1983

Do you know this person? He is a member of the faculty. His hobbies are hunting and fishing.



Last month's kid: Cindy Jenkins

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Consolidation not wanted, but acceptable

By Misty Cash

Good-bye, fellow classmates! Although most Lone Oak students do not yet realize it, their futures at Lone Oak High School are very uncertain.

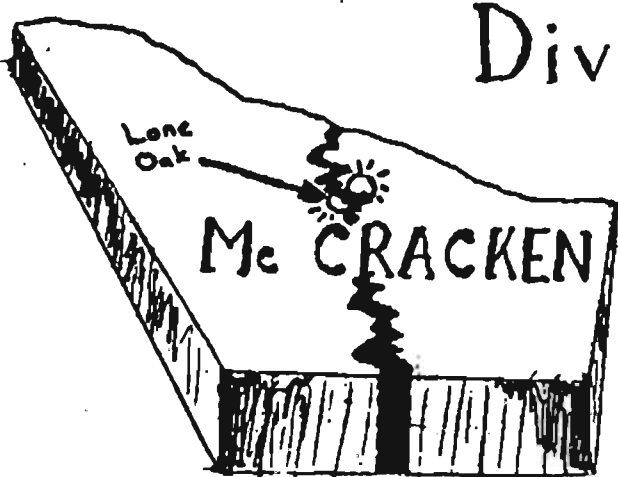
McCracken County School Board is struggling to make decisions to finalize plans for extensive

students in the Concord area attended Lone Oak schools 7-12 grades. In 1971 boundary lines were moved and these students were forced to attend Heath 7-12 grades. Some of these students, while living only 2 or 3 miles from Lone Oak schools, were forcibly bussed to Heath High School. This "sacrificial lamb" has

section of the Heath High School district. This option will still require the transfer of L.O.H.S. students to the newly relocated Heath High School for the same reasons as those stated in option 1.

OPTION 3: Consolidate into two McCracken county high schools. Kentucky

United
We
Stand



Divided

We
Fall

From January 1989

construction in McCracken County. Of three possible options, any of the three will result in the transferral of Lone Oak High School students to another school.

OPTION 1: Rebuild a new Heath High School at its present location. This option will result in necessary changes in school boundary lines to provide sufficient enrollment to fully utilize this new school.

In 1971, school boundary lines were changed to replenish declining enrollment at Heath. Prior to 1971,

not been sufficient to offset Heath's continuing decrease in enrollment. According to figures furnished to "Citizens for Schools of Excellence" committee, Heath High School's enrollment has decreased by 134 students in the last 10 years, while Reidland High School has decreased 18 in the same time period, and Lone Oak High School has lost only 4 students.

OPTION 2: Rebuild Heath High School closer to the Concord area, the most densely populated

State Board regulations will not allow a new high school to be built that will house more than 1500 students, so one McCracken County consolidated high school is not an option.

The question is not if Lone Oak High School students will be forcibly transferred, but when and where. I do not prefer any of the three options; I want Lone Oak to remain as it has always been. However, since a choice is inevitable, I think consolidation into two county high schools would be the fairest choice.

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Cable Television Arrives In Area

From January 1979

By: Donna Groves

Recently a new source of entertainment called Cable Television arrived in the Lone Oak Area. It is an improvement over the normal programming of television, providing this area with channels 2-13 and a Home Box Office station which shows movies, sports events, and specials.

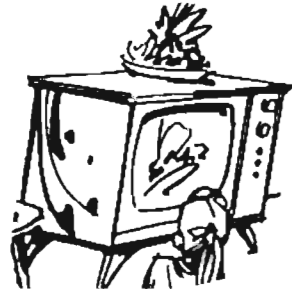
The different channels provide a better variety of programs. Channel 2 is a local station used as a community billboard and also plays F.M. music. Channel 3, broadcasting from Harrisburg, Illinois, is connected with the ABC network and southern Illinois local programs. Atlanta, Georgia provides the area with independent 24-hour programming on Channel 4. Channels 5 and 6 broadcast Paducah local programs and those of the NBC network.

Independent programming is provided on Nashville's Channel 7. Channel 8 from Carbondale, Illinois, shows Southern Illinois local and public broadcasts. Channel 9, a local station provides educational access and colorful F.M. music. Murray gives us Public broadcasting and programming of interest to the Paducah area on Channel 10. Channel 11 is a local station with government access, local weather information and F.M. music. Channel 12 of Cape

Girardeau, Missouri, is connected with the CBS network and Southern Missouri and Illinois local area. Channel 13 provides 24-hour news, financial reports, and sports.

By tuning the television channel selector to Channel 4 and switching the converter box to "premium", a customer may receive the Home Box Office. "Oh, God!", "Heroes", "The World's Greatest Lover", "Coming Home", "Silver Streak", "Big Wednesday", and the Electric Light Orchestra in concert are upcoming events on the Home Box Office.

A customer may receive channels 2-13 alone at a cost of \$5.95 per month. For each additional outlet, such as a second television set, \$1.50 is added to each bill, and for another \$8.95 the Home Box Office converter will be installed. Each customer is entitled to a free installation if he waits until cable TV is installed on his street, or he may call Comcast Cable of Paducah at 442-6382 for an immediate hook-up.



Ragtime Is Back

From November 1974

By Jerry Wallace

The wave of nostalgia currently sweeping the country has resulted in a rebirth of a musical art that was immensely popular at the turn of the century—Ragtime.

The dictionary defines "Ragtime" as "A style of jazz characterized by elaborately syncopated rhythm in the melody." Knowing no more about music than I do, I can't quite comprehend just what that means. I do know one thing, however. I have grown to like ragtime and appreciate the contributions that it has made to the musical world.

Ragtime, essentially piano solos played in a classical-jazz style without vocal accompaniment, was born in the cafes, saloons, and sporting houses of the turn-of-the-century South and Midwest.

The most famous exponent of Ragtime, Scott Joplin, got the ball rolling with his "Maple Leaf Rag," published in 1899. The name of Joplin was and is synonymous with Ragtime, but there were two other important composer-players of the music: James Scott and Joseph Lamb.

But first—Joplin. Scott Joplin, a black, was born into a musically-inclined family in Texarkana, Texas in 1868. In his early teens, Joplin set out to find his fortune in music. After living in St. Louis and Chicago, he settled down in Sedalia, Missouri. Here, he studied music at George Smith College, an educational institution for blacks. Here, also, was where "Maple Leaf Rag" was written.

Joplin moved to New York in 1907. He worked hard there on a ragtime opera entitled "Treemonisha." The opera was not well-received, however, and thus dealt a mortal blow to Joplin's spirit. His writing slowly came to a standstill and he died in 1917. Joplin's death saw the temporary "death" of ragtime.

Ragtime was rediscovered in the late sixties, thanks mainly to some devoted aficionados (to name a few—Max Morath, Rudi Blesh, and Joshua Rifkin). Because many of its composers were black, the Black Culture movement was also responsible for bringing Ragtime back. Now, within the past year, there has been a ragtime movie score and subsequent record album—"The Sting." The album may be too slick and commercial for the ragtime purist, but it is serving its purpose in popularizing Ragtime.

Other than the "Sting" album, there has been a flood of ragtime material to hit the market. For beginners, I recommend "The Best of Scott Joplin and other Rag Classics" by Max Morath. It is a double-album from Vanguard that includes twelve compositions of Joplin (including "The Entertainer"), four by Lamb, and three by Scott. There are others' compositions on the album, also, including a couple by Morath himself.

Pardon Draft Evaders?

From February 1977

By LUANNE SMITH and JANICE WHITLOCK

The year is 1969. The Vietnam War is going full strength. You're 18, a male, and you've just received your draft notice. Fear and anxiety are two of the many emotions you feel. You've been brought up in a society that teaches killing is a sin against God and mankind. Now you are told to kill those who go against your country's policies. Is it wrong or is it right? You feel it's wrong but it is no use arguing with the government, so you run. Then you're considered wrong—wrong because thousands of other guys your age have had the same fears and the same background as you, yet they go overseas, risk their lives, and often lose them to protect their government and the nation's people. Is that enough reason to condemn you?

The year is 1977. The war is over but you are still not allowed to live in your native land because

you elected to evade the draft. Jimmy Carter is inaugurated as President of the United States. President Carter's first act in office is to pardon all draft evaders. He has allowed you once again to live in your home land and excuse your running. You still have to live with yourself and those who won't forgive you; those who have lost loved ones or seen their life destroyed or hindered by a crippling bomb or bullet. The dead and crippled could be alive and well today had they known they would be pardoned. You are still healthy though, so why should you be wrong for saving yourself? Human survival is the strongest instinct born in a person. Fear is an inborn trait yet many people associate fear with cowardliness. Were you wrong? Was President Carter wrong for pardoning those people who elected to evade the draft and not consider the lives destroyed needlessly by the war? Think about it!

Mrs. Reed Is New Secretary

By JANICE WHITLOCK

Have you noticed the new smiling face in the office this year? This new person is Mrs. Delores Reed, secretary in the main office. As her warm, pleasant manner indicates, she is eager to help whenever she can. Some of her duties as secretary are typing, running off teacher's worksheets, and answering the phone.

Mrs. Reed lives about three miles south of Lone Oak with her husband Joe, and her five children, Sharon, Renee, Peggy, David, and Darrell. In her free time, she likes to swim, read, and sew.

When asked if she liked Lone Oak, Mrs. Reed replied, "I sure do! Everybody is friendly and they are very nice to me." We are looking forward to working with her this year.



MRS. REED, new secretary

From September 1976

America Held Hostage

From December 1979

By: Robert Tracy

"Down with the United States! Death to Carter!" Enraged Iranian students can be heard shouting such remarks as these in Tehran. This is all part of an anti-Shah, anti-American protest in Iran right now. Angry Iranians led by the Ayatollah Khomeini presently are holding 50 American hostages that were taken captive when Iranian students stormed the U.S. embassy in Tehran four weeks ago.

The Shah a highly respected friend and ally of the U.S.A. has worked with seven different U.S. presidents over economic and political issues, namely oil. Can

the United States lead the Shah to his execution? Can the United States back this long loyal friend and watch 50 innocent people be put on trial and executed? One can get various answers to these two questions.

Many say, "Use military force. Send troops to Iran. Wipe them out." To do this would be to insure the deaths of the hostages.

Alternate and peaceable actions and ideas have developed, as to the violent means of settling the situation. President Carter has asked Americans to cut down on gasoline use in order to keep the nation from economic despair and a fuel crisis, since the U.S. is no

now is the deportation process of longer importing Iranian oil.

One action being taken right many Iranian students in the U.S. The students were gathered in large cities to have their passport and visas examined.

President Carter has also warned of military force if the hostages are not returned alive and well. Already there are 2 American Navy flotillas in Iranian waters.

Most Lone Oak students who are upperclassmen have reason to be concerned. We are indirectly involved The Iranian crisis could develop into war. Who knows?

The U.S.S.R. may back Iran. If so, this could trigger World War III. We would be next in line to serve our country. Look beside you. Your buddy there may not be here two years from now. He may be pushing daisies in Iran... Does this scare you? This is real, this is really happening.

United States embassies in Libya and Pakistan have undergone similar treatment. The Libyans in Tripoli raided and burned the embassy there, but no one was harmed. Such actions are said to be attacks on American Imperialism. It seems that America is disliked in many parts of the world and considered gluttonous and

aggressive

Have we really become the "Ugly Americans?" Many questions are left unanswered. What will happen next, will the Shah, or 50 Americans die? Only time and our own conscious and actions will decide. Is this a beginning or an end for world tranquility and peace?

The case will momentarily remain unsolved, and a nightmare for fifty lonely, scared, innocent people in Iran.

After this story was written the former Shah of Iran was transported out of the U.S. to Panama.

"To Go Steady Or Not To" - That Is The Question

From April 1968

By Dianne Lewis and Phyllis Alexander

When asking the question "Is going steady good or bad," you'll get all kinds of answers. One loves it while another swears he will never do it again, one sees all advantages while others see only the problems involved. Which answer is right—NONE of these. No answer can be the feeling of everyone involved in this merry-go-round of love and war.

Here is a questionnaire given to approximately 25 people of our high school on the topic of "going steady." Read the answers of your friends and teachers and then decide for yourself which is correct.

1. What is "going steady?"

- (1) It is an agreement between a boy and girl meaning that these two people won't go out with anyone else.
- (2) If you are really mature I think it means that a couple cares enough about each other to deprive themselves of dating others.
- (3) This should be the part of a lasting courtship before the engagement is announced.

2. On the whole, in your opinion, is "going steady" good or bad?

- (1) Good as long as it has been seriously thought about and the couple knows exactly the responsibilities that go along with it.
- (2) On the whole, going steady is bad especially during high school because by limiting yourself to one person you often miss the opportunity of dating others and also provide for too intimate of a relationship.
- (3) It depends on the couple. If they have enough self control to cope with the problems created by spending so much time together, it is "safe" for them to go steady.

3. Does "going steady" create problems for the persons with their fellow students? Why?

- (1) Yes, because of jealousy. Most people are not mature enough to know when some people are being friendly and helpful or when they are trying to make an intimate impression on them.
- (2) No, except for the people who exclude themselves from everyone and thus stops development.
- (3) It could, but I think if your friends know how you feel about each other they will understand and treat you like they would want to be treated.

4. Does "going steady" create a problem of the couple becoming too serious?

- (1) Yes! The problem being that they tend to take each other for granted.
- (2) Becoming too serious in the sense of not being able to do without each other is the problem created.
- (3) No, if two people truly love each other they will respect one another and you can also get serious while dating other people.

Parents Tend To Cause Trouble

5. Does it create any problems between the teenagers and the parents?

- (1) It would unless you and your parents have a good understanding of what going steady means and are able to sit down and talk.
- (2) Parents, desiring the best in most cases for their children, worry about the moral standards that could easily arise from a close relationship.
- (3) Parents feel that their children would lose some of the fun of being young, and probably youth's most precious gift, lack of much responsibility.

6. Does "going steady" affect the moral standards of the couple?

- (1) Some people think going steady has all the privileges of being married.
- (2) No, I think it actually raises them to the point where they really respect each other.
- (3) A person's moral standards are only affected by what he or she think is right and going steady does not have anything to do with it.

7. Does "going steady" affect the school work of the students?

- (1) Definitely. They tend to only be involved in personal problems.
- (2) Yes, it could, but this would also depend on the strictness of the parents. If they let you go out every night, it's bound to affect your school work.
- (3) Yes, but so would ball games, band practice, parties and other school events which don't seem to be looked down on.

8. Should students who aren't even old enough to date "go steady?"

- (1) Going steady to them doesn't mean what it does to older couples. Let them have the r world just like teenagers and grown-ups.
- (2) This, probably, is harmless and might help them to get along with people of the opposite sex as they grow older.
- (3) (Most people just answered NO without any reason.)

9. Should people "go steady" just because "everybody else does," or just so they will have a ring to show, and they can say they are "going steady."

- (1) I believe that doing anything because everybody else does is a poor reason.
- (2) It should depend entirely on the couple because what is good for one could be bad for others.

(3) No! Going steady should mean a lot to a couple which you can't put into words.

10. Should the ring or some symbol of "going steady" be important in the relationship?

- (1) These only add the icing to the cake.
- (2) No, you don't go steady with a piece of jewelry, but the person.
- (3) I believe a ball and chain would be more appropriate for going steady than anything I know.

11. Should a couple continue to "go steady" when they separate to go to different schools, especially college?

- (1) No! If a love affair is real it will last.
- (2) No, because if they remain to go steady they increase their chances of "breaking up" for good and they also decrease their chances of making new friends.
- (3) Yes, if possible. If two people are going steady they just can't say good-bye but then again they should have thought about that when they started dating.

Well, there it is! Do you agree with any of the views or do you still have your own ideas about this major problem which arises in every teenager's life at one time or another?

We have tried to present three sides to each question, one for, one against, and one neutral. All questions were relatively equal except for number 10 which had the only lop-sided answers, 24 no's and 1 yes. The no's took possession of numbers 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, while the yes's took question 3, 4, 6, 7.

We hope we have given you a little insight into this business of "going steady" and we would like to add one more thing. This subject is a serious one. This survey is revealing; however, unless these facts confront us and make us think, this article has been a waste of time.

Lipstick Habits Tell A Mouthful

"The easiest way for a man to learn a woman's character is to watch her lipstick habits," according to beauty expert Dante Modovani.

The girl who makes her lower lip first is generally immature, non-thinking, and a conformist, he says.

The woman who starts at top center acts flirtatious but is so selfish that she turns into a prude.

The woman who begins at the left-hand top corner of her mouth is sure of herself and believes that she can dominate men.

If she paints her lips larger than they are, she has an inferiority feeling. If she tries to make her lips look smaller she's modest.

If she is too generous (gobs it on) she will probably be too generous with her man's money too.

The girl who smacks her lips together after painting one side or the other will be an economical wife if she can find a man who can put up with the habit.

If the stick is worn down on only one side, it indicates a simple, trustworthy nature. If it's been made flat straight across, its owner is frank, generous and optimistic.

If the stick is kept very pointed, the woman, undoubtedly, demands perfection and is difficult to get along with.

If the lipstick still has its original shape even after considerable use, the girl is sweet, orderly, indulgent, and easy to live with.

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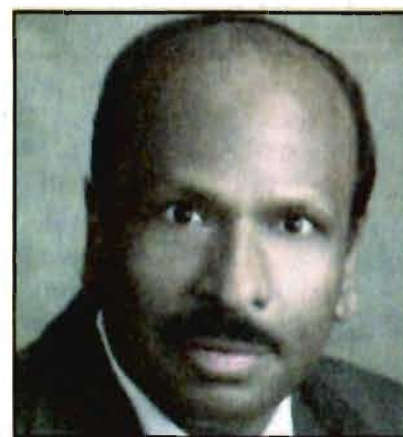
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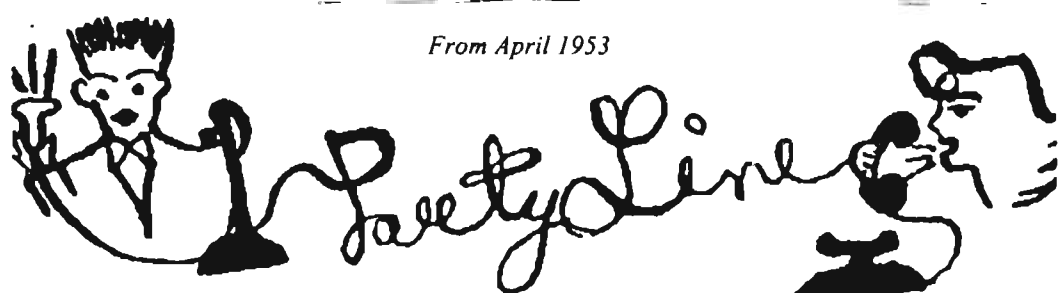
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From April 1953

Sarah Ward and Alton Yates are in favor of the new tax law because they don't have room enough to even talk now when we have assembly, if the new tax law is past we will get a new auditorium and Sarah and Alton will have plenty of room.

Amanda Hodges says she is for the new tax law because she and Bill Keeling, the boy she is engaged to, want to have a better school for their children to go to.

The reason Patsy Pippin never wants to go in when a boy takes her home is that she wants to make extra sure he is for better schools.

Paul Leigh is for better schools because he doesn't want other students doing like he did and quit school so they can have room enough to breath.

Carol Kinsey and Sue Peyton are for the new tax law because if we had a bigger building they could find a corner some place with less people in it.

If we had a bigger building Bobby Buchanan and Barbara Sullivan wouldn't have so many fusses because they wouldn't be so crowded and people wouldn't get on their nerves som uch and make them want to fuss.

Party Line

We hear that Jerry Frank is in love. Who is she, Jerry???

Nelda Bell has a sudden attraction for the sophomore class. Could Robert D. be the answer?? Attention all girls!!! David Glisson and Sammy Freeman are now "the rovin' kind."

Jesse Smith is going steady with a cute girl from Heath. Yes, sir, Jesse likes "Peaches," and I don't mean the kind that grow on trees!

Nancy Hunt, who is this boy in Owensboro that you are always talking about? All right, Nancy, 'fess up!

Elizabeth McCarty, why your great interest in world history class? It wouldn't be because W. N. is in that class too, would it??

We hear Rudy Sanderson has a new love. Is it M. L. C., Rudy? Randal Robinson, are you a "woman hater" or do your lessons take all your time???

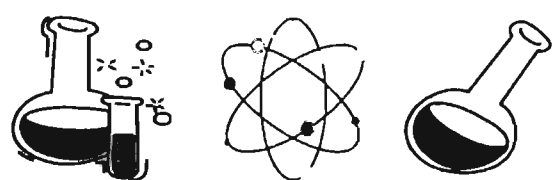
CLEAN-UP DAY

From March 1954

The day before Career Day, we had Clean-Up Day in which the afternoon classes were devoted to cleaning up the school.

Everyone brought old rags and soap; the student body cleaned the school from one end to the other. Clean Up Day was very successful. Now that we have gotten our school clean, let's all try our best to keep it clean.

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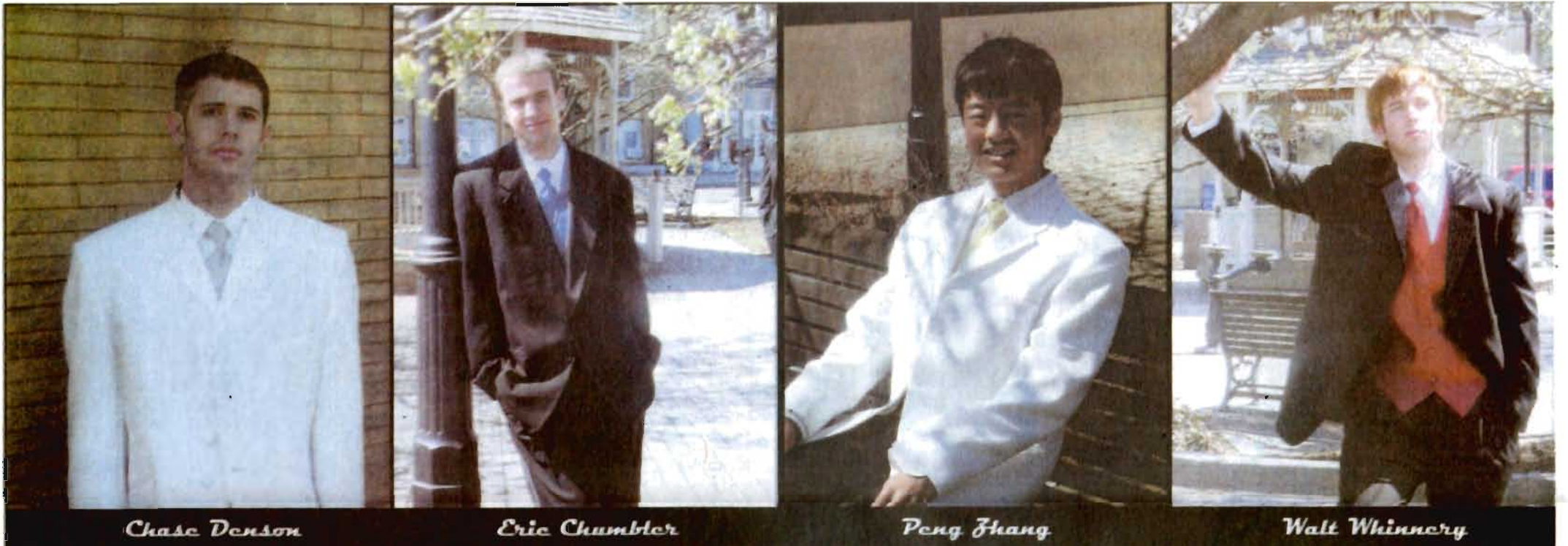


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