

Down the Hall

Do you feel RCHS needs to offer drug prevention/counseling? Why or why not?



"No, because drugs aren't as bad as they used to be."--Katina Cromer, senior

"No, because drugs aren't that big of a problem at our school."--Tammy Blackburn, junior



"Yes, because drugs ruin lives."--Jessica Saylor, sophomore



"No. Never see it."--William Shoemaker, freshman



FYI

March 8--Scheduling for freshmen, sophomores, and juniors

March 15--Deadline for Free Application for Federal Student Aid Form

March 17--Nine weeks ends

March 20--Cap and gown fittings

April 3-7--Spring Break

April 17-28--CATS Testing Window

May 13--Prom

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Rockcastle County High School Calendar 2000-2001

Enrollment for students.....	August 15
Labor Day (NO SCHOOL!).....	September 4
CKEA (NO SCHOOL!).....	October 6
NO SCHOOL!.....	November 6
Election Day (Go vote!).....	November 7
Thanksgiving Break.....	November 23-24
Winter Break.....	December 21-January 1
Martin L. King Day.....	January 15
President's Day.....	February 19
Spring Break.....	April 9-13
Closing Day.....	May 16

The most popular game

by Tara Cox

We have all had them at least one time in our life. Some have them one right after the other, and others are more choosy and have large spans of time between each romance. Whenever, how often, or how long our relationships are doesn't really matter that much. What matters is that in each relationship that you have, you learn something.

As with most natural things, there are several stages to a long-lasting couple. The first of these occurs before they, who I will refer to as Jack and Jill, begin their official "coupledom." This is when Jack tries to impress Jill with his good manners and never belches, flatulates, or takes part in other disgusting bodily functions that have the possibility of making Jill turn, scream, and run in horror.

Both Jack and Jill are on their best behavior, therefore hiding who they truly are. Jill is trying to decide what kind of girl that Jack wants and likes, and how to become that girl. She is always feeding him compliments and building up his otherwise already huge ego.

The second stage comes when they have been going out for a

couple of months. They are more comfortable and Jack is more considerate and understanding of Jill's feelings.

Jill forgets about trying to be the girl of Jack's dreams, and focuses more on being herself. She still compliments him, but he no longer has a big head. By this time, Jack's already showing signs of being whipped.

In the next level, if they're still together, Jack and Jill are best friends. Jack can finally be himself in every entirety, and Jill will love every single one of his quirks, or at least most. They often finish each other's sentences and even say the exact same thing at the exact same moment. In this stage, forget about Jack showing signs of being whipped, the boy is and he's proud of it.

This stage might last for a couple of days, or it could be months or even years. The fact is, unless Jack and Jill are one of the few high school couples who get married and spend the rest of their lives together happily, there is the inevitable decline.

Slowly the relationship isn't a heartfelt romance anymore, but rather becomes a routine. Regardless of how many times they've

tried new things and made the things they did before a little different, nothing works. Jack and Jill work hard at fixing things, but despite all efforts, the relationship collapses.

True, that's not the only way that relationships end. Jack cheats on Jill, or Jill's friends try to break them up because, "Jill could do so much better." They forget how happy Jack and Jill are together.

Whatever the cause, you can always lie to annoying relatives just to get them off your back. Hence the phrase, "Oh yeah, Jill was murdered in an awful drive-by shooting in the middle of Mt. Vernon. It happened forever ago!" Of course, they would have to know absolutely nothing about Mt. Vernon or else they would know that it wasn't true.

To paraphrase what a good friend recently told me, "People everywhere try to be happy and completely secure with themselves. I don't need someone to make me happy. I have God. I wish everyone understood and could say that about themselves."

Whether single or deeply in love, always keep this in mind and strive to be happy with yourself, not your significant other.