

Down the Hall

What is the biggest change within the school that you have noticed from last year to this year?



"The biggest change I've noticed this year is the lunchroom besides the decorations. The food is great, and that's good because I love food."

--Tara Abney, senior

"The biggest change I've noticed is the school keeps cutting off our freedom of individuality by getting more pushy about what our shirts or clothing say or display."

--Eric Denney, senior



"I have noticed a decrease in disciplinary problems and an increase in student accountability."

--Ms. Wanda Gonzalez, teacher



"The cafeteria because it has a TV and the teachers seem a lot stricter and rules seem to be enforced more."

--Nicole Nicely, sophomore



"The school is huge! It takes longer to find your way around."

--D. Wayne Hensley, freshman



How to beat the homecoming blues

BY MISSY WILBURN

In the past four years, I've attended four different homecomings, all unique in their own way. East Carter High School decides to have a football game on Friday night and crown their queen during a dance the next night.

Scott High School says, "Who cares about a dance when you have football?" All that matters in Northern Kentucky is that glorious touchdown that will win the game.

Madison Central lives for the moment when their queen will be announced. The crowd holds their breath at halftime as the royalty of the student body is recognized.

Now that I've arrived at

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Rockcastle County High School I ask myself, "Where are the parades? What, no floats? Is there even a dance? No decorations or competition between the classes?"

When I ask members of the student body about homecoming, I al-

ways get the exact same response, "It's no big deal." For me, homecoming is a time to bring out the school spirit in all of us.

I encourage next year's student body to bring more color into homecoming. Why not get members of the community together for a parade? Who says you can't have a homecoming king? Why don't you hold competitions for fun?

It's one thing to say you have school spirit, but it's another thing to show it. I challenge the student body to jump up, celebrate, be ecstatic, and make sure that North Laurel knows what they're in for.

I don't want no beast of burden

BY HEATHER KIRBY

How important can 120 pages of burden with a blue cover be? Apparently very important if you ask someone attending Rockcastle County High School. Students are expected to carry this beast of burden, a.k.a. the student handbook, as they make their daily journey through the halls of our school.

While the "blue beauty" doesn't weigh very much, added to the weight of all the other books a student is expected to carry, it may prove to be the straw that breaks the camel's back.

I was told that the handbooks will provide an accurate record of students in the hallway. For instance, if a fire alarm happens to be set deliberately, the administration can refer to the handbooks to see who was in the halls at that time. So what are the cameras for if not to survey the students in the halls?

It is believed that the infamous

blue books will aid in better governing of the school. I guess the good student behavior is due only to the fact that each student carries a constant reminder of the rules with them throughout the day.

Blue-books or no blue-books, students obey rules because they think it is right, not because it is forced upon them. Thoreau said it best, "The only obligation which I have a right to assume is to do at any time what I think right."

The student handbook has been deemed a necessity for all students enrolled in the high school. They are in fact compared to text books, yet students must pay for the books out of their own pocket.

It was my understanding that taxes paid for such necessity in school, such as they do for text books. In fact, it is required by law to provide free education. If these burdens are deemed such an important part of our curriculum, then

shouldn't they be provided for the students?

Each day I fall in line with the rest of the school. We all carry our beloved student handbooks in our book bags or binders. Most never even get them out to look at them, and use them sparingly.

For the most part they serve no purpose, yet we continue to carry them. Maybe in the long run the means will justify the end. But are these blue books really worth the three dollars out of each student's pocket that may have been spent on food, gas, or on helping parents pay the bills.

As Thoreau said, "Government is best that governs not at all..." "There will never be a really enlightened State until the State comes to recognize the individual as a higher and independent power, from which all its own power and authority are derived..."

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October 6 ~ CKEA (No School)
October 12 ~ Club Day
October 17 ~ PSAT

October 18 ~ End of First Nine Weeks
October 30 ~ Fall Open House
November 1 ~ Fall Assessment Scrimmage

November 3 ~ ACT Dead line for December 9
November 6 & 7 ~ Election Day (7th) No school
November 15 ~ ASVAB