

New teachers bring experience to classroom

BY LINDSEY PARSONS

As you wander around the school, you may notice a few new faces wearing "Rockcastle Staff" t-shirts this year. Those faces are the new additions to this year's teaching staff: Mrs. Belinda Corder and Mr. David Vorbeck.

Mrs. Corder replaced Mrs. Cindy Ham in the science department, and Mr. Vorbeck teaches US History and Global Issues. Both agree that the response from teachers and students has been great, and they are very pleased to be at Rockcastle County High School.

"Teachers here have been very supportive and quick to welcome," Mrs. Corder said.

Mr. Vorbeck agreed, "Everybody's been great. So far the response I've gotten from students has been good."

Mrs. Corder is a 1989 graduate of Wayne County High School and has a degree in medical technology from Western Kentucky University. For four years, she worked in the clinical lab at Saint Joseph Hospital in Lexington. She lives in Richmond with her husband, Terry and her 15 month old daughter, Meghan.

Mr. Vorbeck graduated from what is now South Laurel High School in 1990 with the intent of going to law-school. He attended both Eastern Kentucky University and the University of Kentucky, graduating with a degree in social studies and English in 1996. Last year, he taught at Bluegrass Baptist, a private school in Lexington. He lives in London with his wife, Monica, and stepson, Dylan.

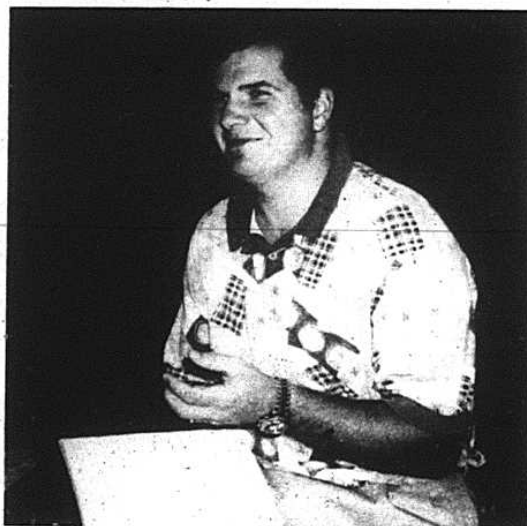


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Mr. David Vorbeck, one of two new content area teachers, conducts a Key Club meeting on Club Day.

FFA earns top

awards at state fair

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The school year has just begun and FFA is already off to a big start.

Jeremy Davidson, Brad Buswell, Eric Adams, and Chris Childress, all juniors, tied for first in tobacco grading at a competition held at the Kentucky State Fair.

Class of 2000 graduates John Dychouse, Jonathan Bishop, and John Renner took first place in the state in small engines.

Sophomore Rebecca Lyons won second place in state for seed ID tag placement; seniors Warren Whitaker, Zach Gentry, Crystal Mills, and junior Chris McQuire received fourth in nursery (horticulture).

According to FFA sponsor Roy Reynolds, the club plans to attend many more events throughout the year.

Because the club placed third in land judging last year, seniors Warren Whitaker and Zach Gentry and juniors Chris McGuire and Brad Buswell traveled to Memphis Sept. 25 and 26 for a national competition. Results were not available at press time.

Here are some more interesting facts about our new teachers:

Pet Peeves

Mrs. Corder: disrespectfulness
Mr. Vorbeck: "Speaking while I'm speaking."

Hobbies

Mrs. Corder: scrapbooking

Mr. Vorbeck: golf
Favorite Movie

Mrs. Corder: *Forrest Gump*

Mr. Vorbeck: *Star Wars*

When I was little, I wanted to be

Mrs. Corder: a doctor.

Mr. Vorbeck: a race car driver.

A good teaching quality is

Mrs. Corder: a good sense of humor.

Mr. Vorbeck: relating your material to your students.

Mr. Vorbeck: US History teacher at South Laurel

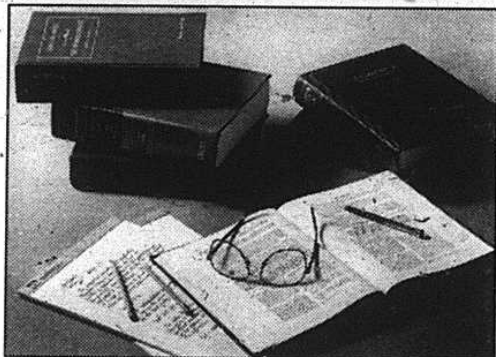
If you were on the \$1 million

question on *Who Wants to be a Millionaire* with no life lines and had a bit of knowledge on the subject, what would you do?

Mrs. Corder: take the money already earned

Mr. Vorbeck: go for it

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"Education is a social process,
Education is growth.
Education is not a preparation for life,
It is life itself."

~John Dewey

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