



photo courtesy of Shana Noe

Junior band members Shana Noe, Skyler Bishop, and Ricky Barrett pose with Goofy during a visit to Walt Disney World.

Band, Flag Corps place in Orlando Music Festival

BY AMY CLARK

The RCHS Band and Flag Corps participated in the Orlando All-star Music Festival in Orlando, Florida on May 9-13.

After competing against 20 different schools, the band received second place in AA Concert Band Division, with a rating of Excellence. The flag corps took first place in Indoor Guard Competition, with a rating of Superior.

The different categories that competed overall were Junior High Bands, Choir, Color Guard, and High School Concert Bands.

"To qualify, we had to go through an audition where we sent in a video tape of a concert. After it was reviewed by judges in February, they called us and said we were accepted to compete," said Band Director Greg Daugherty.

Some of the sights the band and flag corps got to see while in Florida were MGM Studios, Disney's Animal Kingdom, the Epcot Center, and Disney's Magic Kingdom.

With all of these main attractions, it was difficult to pick just one fa-

vorite, though not impossible for senior Field Commander Tom Mills.

"I really enjoyed Disney World and the competition was a lot of fun. Epcot was my favorite part, though," he said.

Some of the students competed in both the band and flag corps. Junior Jamie Frederick was one of them.

"I found the competition very inspiring and exciting. The experience was awesome," she said.

While some students relax, others working hard at GSP, PEPP

BY TASHA VANZANT

Summer is usually considered to be the most looked forward to season of the year. Students are eager for the summer months so that they can vacation with their family and spend time with their friends.

Some students from RCHS have made other plans for at least a portion of their summer. While you were deciding which beach to go to, and what hotel to stay in, they were filling out forms and going through a selection service to get into summer workshops. Seven students from RCHS have become involved in these academic programs.

Two of these programs are the Governor's Scholars Program (GSP) and the Professional Educational Preparation Program (PEPP).

The Governor's Scholars Program focuses on both academics and personal growth.

"You do a lot of hands-on activities at GSP so you focus on both education, and communication skills," former GSP participant Chelsen Stratton said.

"We also did a lot of community service. In my group, I sorted through clothes that had been donated and led some activities for children."

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GSP Dates:

June 17-July 21 (NKU)

June 23-July 28 (Centre)

June 24-July 28 (Eku)

GSP Participants:

John Bray

Courtney Alexander

Joseph Lambert

PEPP Dates:

June 13-20 (UK)

June 16-27 (UofL)

June 16-29 (PCSOM)

PEPP Participants:

Mindy Bullock

Tara Cox

Missy Wilburn

Jeremy Dawson



Chelsen Stratton walks like an Egyptian at a GSP toga party.

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