

Students attending GSP, PEPP

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PEPP also focuses on academics, but in a more specific form than at GSP.

"The PEPP program exposes aspiring doctors and dentists to the medical centers, but it also helps students get accustomed to college life," RCHS guidance counselor Mr. Dale Whitaker said of the PEPP program.

"It's that first year after high school that's so different for students, and the PEPP program gives students an orientation to the type of life that they'll be leading in college. It's that orientation that students talk about when they come and talk to me about PEPP."

Participants in GSP also take part in courses and seminars during their five week program.

"You have to declare a major, a minor, and participate in the Governor's Scholar seminars," explained Stratton.

"The seminars are like discussion groups where we talked about teen issues, problems, and the worries that many of the students have about college."

So, while you're going from one place to another this summer, having the time of your life, give a thought to your friends who are living in residency halls, getting acquainted with other students and faculty members.

When you see them after they've participated in these summer workshops, I'm sure they'll have some amusing stories and valuable lessons to share with you from their store of memories of GSP and PEPP.

SBDM alters attendance policy

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gram.

Mrs. Connie Riddle and Ms. Dana Singleton, members of the council, explained that the reason for their decision was because this is the last year staff members will be able to receive bonuses from the award money. Hereafter, it will automatically go back to the school.

The SBDM council has also agreed upon a new attendance policy. Next year, students may have two parental excuses of a tardy or absence before they must have a doctor's excuse. This is a change from the current policy of

three parental excuses for absences before a doctor's excuse is required.

This year's members of the council are Mrs. Allen-Hamilton as chair, Mrs. Connie Riddle, Ms. Dana Singleton, Mr. Adam Coleman, Mr. Paul Abney, and Mrs. Cindy Anderkin.

Elections for next year's council were held earlier this month. Every member will return, except for Mr. Coleman. Math teacher Mr. Travis Brenda will take his place on the council.

"I felt honored to be nominated," Mr. Brenda said. He hopes, "to be able to help make decisions for the best intentions of the students."

Senior trip not impossible for next year's class

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based on grades, absences, and/or discipline is totally up to the committee.

Sgt. Major Taylor explained that there are only a few limits to where the seniors can go. The destination has to be within the United States, for obvious reasons, and some educational value must be attributed to places students plan on visiting. Washington, D.C. and Williamsburg, Virginia have been two suggestions thus far.

A written proposal must include criteria, destination, dates, chaperones and costs. The proposal must be approved by the Student Support Committee, the principal, the SBDM Council, and finally the

school board.

Spring break seems to be the most feasible time frame to travel, but a date during the summer could be arranged, although it would be after graduation.

Funding could easily be one of the more debatable decisions of the entire planning process. Charter buses seem to be the more popular choice of transportation.

According to Sgt. Major Taylor, a flat fee of around \$500 would cover everything from transportation to hotel arrangements. Seniors could pay the full fee on their own or try fundraisers. The downfall of that would be interference with attempts to raise money for other events, such as Project Graduation.



Horoscopes

Gemini (5/21-6/21)--Summer is going to be your lucky season. Work is going to ease up, and you'll feel as if you have more time to do the things you want to do, not the things you have to do. Keep some time open for a new acquaintance.

Cancer (6/22-7/22)--You may be envious of your friends and their "significant" others, but don't lower your standards...EVER! Gossip is also a problem this month, but face up to people who cause you trouble. Otherwise, they will keep doing it.

Leo (7/23-8/22)--Rejection is a harsh word, but you should keep in mind that when one door closes another one opens. Therefore, keep a fresh and open mind about matters concerning love.

Virgo (8/23-9/22)--Now that you have cleared the clutter, things are straightening themselves out. Give things another chance and maybe you'll notice something you didn't see the first time around. Is that friend you've had since 1st grade suddenly looking a little different?

Libra (9/23-10/23)--You need to cheer up, because there is someone admiring you from afar. However nice this may seem, don't blindly jump into anything too quickly....it may not be what it seems.

Scorpio (10/24-11/21)--Get a start on your future by previewing some colleges. Right now, you don't have any "set" plans or goals, so why not see what's out there?

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21)--Someone you hold close is really not what they seem. Take a step back and look at the pros and cons; you know there's better out there, so challenge yourself to find it.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19)--The stress has been piling up, and you're beginning to feel buried beneath it, but don't worry. You'll make it, and summer's right around the corner. The warm weather will soon be heating things up in the love department.

Aquarius (1/20-2/18)--You have been hiding behind something or someone for too long, and the time has come to fess up and get what you deserve. As far as love is concerned, you need to just party on. Nothing serious has found you....yet.

Pisces (2/19-3/20)--After finals, you realized perhaps you had been doing a little too much daydreaming during French class. This daydreaming may cause some problems....soon. Summer school could definitely be a possibility.

Aries (3/21-4/19)--Lies, lies, lies. They always catch up with you sooner or later so confess your unfaithfulness. Speak up and get things out into the open. If you're too scared, then quietly break it off. The less said, the better.

Taurus (4/20-5/20)--Finals have been putting things a little on the rough side lately, but it's almost over. And once July hits, things will smooth out, and it's smooth sailing 'til August.

Ministry, marriage among reasons for teacher exodus

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school.

"I've known for a long time that I was going into church ministry, I just didn't know when," he said. "Now is the right time."

The teachers, wherever they end up after this school year, won't be forgetting RCHS anytime soon. None of them will be leaving empty-handed, or empty hearted. Each one, no matter if they've taught here twenty-nine years or two, plan on taking good memories, good times and lessons the students have taught them.

"[The students have taught me] not to be easily embarrassed, to be a good sport about myself," Mr. Wells said.

Most of the teachers agree that

Prom: A magical evening with friend, old and new

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again because you forget and eat a piece of beef jerky, etc.), and it was ready to don the attire of any respectable prom goer.

To the untrained eye, this would appear to be a fight between man and cloth, but it's more like a dance. First you have to convince the tuxedo that you are worthy. Then you move gracefully (or not so gracefully, depending on your own coordination) with the

the students here have taught them that there are still a lot of good, hardworking, mentally, spiritually and academically mature kids out there.

"Students are much more worldly now," Mr. Bullock stated.

Mr. Wilson and Miss Rose both have special people they'll miss the most, Mr. Wilson's being FCA and Miss Rose's being the cheerleading squad.

"I'm going to try not to [coach cheerleading in Oklahoma] because there won't be a squad out there that can take my squad's place," she stated matter-of-factly.

Laughter will be accompanied by tears as everyone says goodbye to their friends, and as the teachers

part from the job and co-workers that have been so dear to them for the time they've spent here.

"I'm going to miss math itself," Mr. Wells said, taking a different perspective. Any way you go, the teachers will be feeling the loss as much as the students.

"People say students are the same wherever you go, but I just feel there's something a little bit special about Rockcastle County students," Miss Quigley said.

When asked for words of wisdom for the students she'd be leaving behind, Miss Johnson gave this piece of advice: "Set your goals as high as possible because you can achieve anything you set your mind to."

have one picture taken.

After all this, my date and I finally entered the prom...a magical and fun filled evening with friends both old and new. They say there are certain events that will always stand out in your mind and your senior prom is one of them. Now know this is true, not only because of the amazing time I had, but also because of the effort that went into preparing.