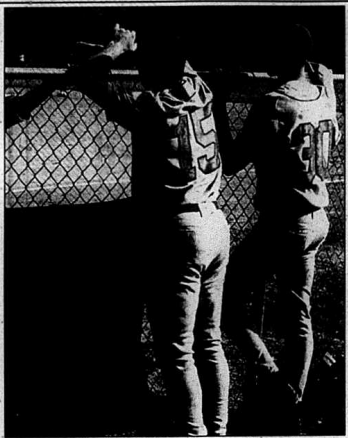
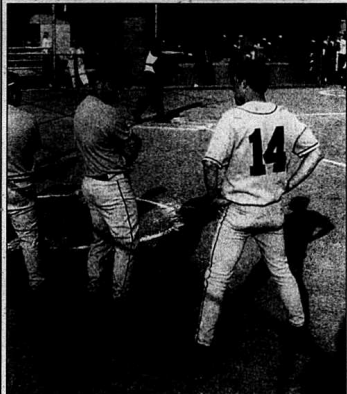




Rocket shortstop Aaron Cash, left, talks with teammate Colby Brown during Tuesday's win over Oneida. Cash hit two out of the park on Tuesday to help his team to their ninth win of the season.



The Rockcastle Rocket baseball team is 9-3 on the season, under second year head coach J.D. Bussell, left. Tuesday night the Rockets shut out Oneida 8-0 in a district round game. At right is Aaron Anderkin, who was the winning pitcher. Anderkin gave up only two hits and struck out five, but he walked four batters in six innings. Anderkin's ERA is 1.27 this season. Micah Reams picked up the save. The Rockets play Madison Southern at home on Friday night, which will also be Little League night. The Lady Rockets softball team lost to Madison Southern Monday night, 6-5 and to Garrard County on Tuesday night 6-4. They will play at Berea on Thursday night. A complete update on both teams will appear in next week's Signal.

"The Soldier"

Cont. from A-7

wears the other. He keeps his can-
teens full and his feet dry.
He may forget to floss or brush
his teeth, but never to clean his rifle.
He can cook his own meals, mend
his own clothes, and fix his own
hairs.

If you're thirsty, he'll share his
water with you; if you are hungry, his
food. He'll even split his ammunition
with you in the midst of battle when
you run low. He has learned to use
his hands like weapons and weapons
like they were his hands. He can save
your life - or take it, because that is
his job.

He will often do twice the work
of a civilian, draw half the pay and
still find ironic humor in it all. He
has seen more suffering and death
than he should have in his short life-
time.

He has stood amidst dead bodies,
some of which he helped to create,
and felt both terrified and thankful
that he wasn't one of them.

He has wept in public and in pri-
vate, for friends who have fallen
in combat and is unashamed.

He feels every note of the National
Anthem vibrate through his body
while at rigid attention, while tem-
pering the burning desire to "square-
away" those around him who haven't
bothered to stand, remove their hat,
or even stop talking. In an odd twist,
day in and day out, far from home,
he defends their right to be disre-
spectful.

Just as did his Father, Grandfather,
and Great-grandfather, he is paying
the price for our freedom. Beardless
or not, he is not a boy.

He is the American Fighting Man
that has kept this country free for over
200 years. He has asked nothing in
return, except our friendship, respect,
and understanding.

Remember him, always, for he has
earned our respect and admiration
with his blood.

"A prayer for our Military "Lord,
hold our troops in your loving hands.
Protect them as they protect us.
Bless them and their families for the
selfless acts they perform for us in
our time of need. Amen."

If you have time, and believe in
the power of prayer, please stop
for a moment and say one for our

ground troops, sailors, and airmen in
all parts of the world, including those
already participating in the war with
Iraq.

Of all the gifts you could give a
US Soldier, Sailor, Marine or Air-
man, prayer is the very best one.

Bussell, among 66, honored at Academic Honors Breakfast

Eastern Kentucky University De-
partment of Athletics honored 66 of
its student-athletes at the Student-
Athlete Academic Honors Breakfast
held recently in the Keen Johnson
Building Ballroom on campus.

Presidential Scholar certificates
were given to EKU student-athletes
who had achieved a 3.1 grade point
average or better for the calendar year
2002. EKU President Joanne K.
Glasser was on hand to honor the stu-
dent-athletes and help present the
awards.

Includes among those receiving
Presidential Scholar certificates in-
cluded: Derrick Bussell of Brodhead
in baseball.

Bussell also received the Scholar
Athlete Award for baseball, given to
the student-athlete who compiled the
top GPA in each sport.

Mt. Vernon Message

For the week of 4/17/03

Upcoming Events

Preschool registration is sched-
uled for Friday, April 25 from 9 a.m.
to 1 p.m. Preschool and kindergar-
ten registration is scheduled for Sat-
urday, April 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Please bring your child in to reg-
ister for next school year. You will
need to bring the following informa-
tion with you to the registration: of-
ficial birth certificate, immunization
certificate, physical form, completed
by your child's physician, eye exam
form completed by an eye doctor,
social security card and clear direc-
tions to your home. If you cannot
make it to this registration date, there
will also be one in May. There will
be more details later about these
dates.

Special Events

Conservation office representa-
tives came to MVES Thursday, April
3 to pass out seedlings to the students.
Over 700 students received a tree to
plant. Thank you conservation office.
Readers for the week before
spring break were:

Eli Haddix, Brittany Boring,
Heather Bullock and Will McClure,
students and Mrs. Jennifer White, P3
teacher was our mystery reader.

Thanks to all who have partici-
pated in this project.

Our quote for this week is "Let
your conscience be your guide."

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"War With Iraq"

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this is probably the greatest fear.

So, as anyone can see, a soldier
has many fears to face - nuclear, bio-

logical, urban combat and plans be-
ing shot down. We need to support
them and pray for them and also, we
need to support our President.

So, to conclude this speech, I
would like to say, God Bless
America.

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