

Down the Hall

What are you looking forward to next year?



"Having a parking ticket."
--Brandi Hasty, Sophomore



"A fresh start."
--Irma Bustle, Teacher



"Not being called a toe-head."
--Karen Mink, Freshman



"Getting to park close, cause I park in the baseball field."
--Kasey Scoggins, Sophomore



"Seeing all my friends."
--Brad Westly, Junior



Those who opposed war showed disrespect to the ones fighting it

BY TRAVIS BURTON

A war to protect AMERICAN interest. A war to liberate an oppressed people. A war to topple an evil regime. A war to promote democracy.

Can anyone really argue that none of these reasons justified America's attack on Saddam Hussein?

If they do feel that none of these reasons are justified I encourage them to check their birth certificate to see if they are French, a people who do not feel it's necessary to take action in self defense or live up to obligations they have to democracy and human kind.

While this war was underway, it was very disturbing to think of those Americans who, while soldiers were fighting and dying for a just cause, decided to inappropriately exercise their right to criticize their country and its leaders.

Granted, it is every American's right to criticize their government, and this right is granted to them by the U.S. Constitution. However, I am saddened by the fact that while men and women were fighting and dying for that constitution, people chose to disrespect them.

"I support the soldiers but not the war" was a popular slogan chanted by many. But I must ask those who rallied this cry, did it ever occur to you that while

you were shouting this on the streets of this great nation, the soldiers were in foreign lands putting their lives on the line for the cause you deemed so unworthy? When exercising your rights, did you stop to think how this would affect the morale of those brave soldiers? They were fighting for their country, the same country you are from, yet you chose to condemn the cause they laid down their life for.

Of course there is the issue of Weapons of Mass Destruction. While any WMDs have yet to be found, it was proven there was reasonable cause to believe that Iraq did possess these weapons. In fact, on January 27, 2003, the chief UN weapons inspector, Hans Blix, told the Security Council that Iraq could not account for stocks of anthrax and a deadly nerve gas it said it had destroyed. Iraq just years ago used weapons like these against its own people.

This raises the question in my mind, why was Saddam allowed to stay power for so long? Why in a civilized world was a man who invaded neighboring countries, sponsored terrorism, and killed his own people, allowed to remain in an office of power? Well, whatever the reason I am just glad that George W. Bush, being the decisive leader our country needed, stepped up to plate and took care of business.

Senior Awards: 2003

Bryanta Russell- Eku Alumni Agriculture Scholarship \$300 and FFA Alumni Scholarship \$500.

Heather Pingleton- FFA Alumni Scholarship \$500 and RCHS Horticulture Scholarship \$250.

Janey Robinson- FFA Alumni \$500, RCHS Horticulture \$250, Cumberland College Bert T. Combs \$6033, and Cumberland College Music Scholarship \$3445.

Stephen Boring- Cumberland College Bert T. Combs Scholarship \$6265.

Chris Graves- Spencerian College Tech Prep Scholarship \$500, Spencerian College Vision American Scholarship \$500, and Spencerian College Academic Achievement Scholarship.

Melissa Jones- Morehead State University Rifle Team Scholarship \$1900 and National Wild Turkey Federation Scholarship for \$500.

Amy Barnett- University of Kentucky Robinson Scholars Scholarship for \$10,000.

Cody Lawwell- University of Kentucky Robinson Scholars Scholarship for \$10,000.

John Hayes- American Indian Program Scholarship for \$3,700.

Chris Settles- Eku Presidential Scholarship for \$1,500.

Aminda Cummins- Georgetown College Trustee Scholarship for \$9,000 and Georgetown College Presidential Mentorship \$4,000, WYMT TV Mountain Basketball Classic Scholarship for \$2,000, Wal-Mart Scholarship for \$1,000, and National Honor Society Scholarship for \$250.

Jenny Kilpatrick- received the Kiwanis Club Scholarship \$1,000.

Brittany Blair- Eku Presidential Scholarship for \$1,500.

Aaron Anderkin- Eku Baseball Scholarship for \$2,500.

Ashley Cottrell- Western Kentucky University A.P. Scholarship \$200.

Austin Miller- Eku/Whitaker Band Scholarship for \$500.

Jeremy Rowe- Eku Presidential Scholarship \$1,500 and Wal-Mart Scholarship for \$1,000.

Rosa McClure- Regents Scholarship for \$3,000 and National Wild Turkey Federation Scholarship for \$500.

Ben Taylor- Lindsey Wilson College Academic Scholarship for \$1000.

Jason Reynolds- Lindsey Wilson College Basketball Scholarship for \$4600 and Lindsey

Wilson College Leadership Scholarship for \$1000.

Josh Bray- Lindsey Wilson College Academic Scholarship for \$1300.

Ashley Mink- Lindsey Wilson College Basketball Scholarship for \$8,875.

Dioni Howard- Lindsey Wilson College Academic Scholarship for \$1,000 and Lindsey Wilson Endowed Scholarship for \$1,000.

Tammy Dees- Lindsey Wilson College Scholarship for \$4,611.

Kayla Cook- Citizens Bank Community Gold Scholarship for \$1,000.

Jessica Carpenter- Community Trust Bank Community Gold Scholarship for \$1,000.

Jonathan Baldwin- Rockcastle County Community Scholarship for \$1,000.

Bridgette Lear- Rockcastle County Community Scholarship for \$1,000.

Ashley Francisco- Rockcastle County Community Scholarship for \$1,000.

Jaclyn Albright- Rockcastle County Community Scholarship for \$1,000.

Sophanie Hardman- Rockcastle County Sportsman Club Scholarship for \$500.

Zach Taylor- Rockcastle County Sportsman Club Scholarship for \$500.

Jessica Evans- Rockcastle County/Wendy's Scholarship for \$500.

Patricia Shackelford- Wayne Stewart Scholarship for \$3,000.

Chad Francisco- Wayne Stewart Scholarship for \$3,000.

Tanya Hasty- Delta Kappa Gamma Scholarship/ Pi Chapter for \$200.

Shaina Lewis- Wayne Stewart Scholarship for \$1,500 and National Honor Society Scholarship for \$250.

Jennifer Thompson- Calvin Rader Memorial Scholarship for \$500.

Michelle Harrison- Dix River Board of Realtors Scholarship for \$500.

Amber Bobo- Cumberland College Academic Scholarship for \$2,900 and VFW Scholarship for \$1,000.

Aminda Jones- VFW Scholarship for \$1,000.

Presidential Mentorship Scholarship for \$4,000.

Tanner Abney- Campbellsville University Academic Scholarship for \$3,500; Football Performance Grant, \$4,500; Alumni Teacher Scholarship, \$1,145; Presidential Mentorship Scholarship, \$1,000; Campbellsville Church Related Scholarship, \$200.

Jessica Thacker- Georgetown College Presidential Mentorship Scholarship, \$4,000; Presidential Scholarship, \$5,000.

Troyis Burton- Georgetown College Presidential Mentorship Scholarship, \$4,000; Christian Leadership Scholarship, \$7,000; Trustee Scholarship, \$4,000.

Jordan Stratton- Eku Alumni Scholarship, \$500.

Science-Ashley Cottrell.

Agriculture-Bryanna Russell.

Yearbook-Austin Miller, Heather Richards.

French-Aminda Cummins.

Anatomy & Physiology-Ashley Cottrell and Rebekah Lyons.

Dressage & Western-Aminda Cummins.

Band-Timothy Robinson.

Library-Jennifer Thompson and Rebecca Simpson.

Woodmen of the World-Travis Burton.

Athletic Boy-Stephen Boring and Marty Reagan.

Athletic Girl-Jessie Hayes.

Math-Aminda Cummins.

English-Ashley Cottrell.

Creative Writing-Justin Cornelius.

John Taylor Award-Aaron Anderkin.

Business-Dioni Howard.

Art-Tanya Hasty, Tashia Chiesnut.

The Rocket staff apologizes for any awards, scholarships that may have been omitted.