

Six RCHS athletes commit to college athletics

BY ALEISON ANDERKIN

There are many ways the senior class can be described, but one is **ATHLETIC**. Since their freshmen year they have accomplished more than any other class before them. They've brought home numerous state runner-up titles and regional, as well as district, championships.

There is no question about their outstanding athletic ability and this is further proven by the number of seniors who have signed with various colleges to continue playing their sport.

Aaron Anderkin will be playing baseball at Eastern Kentucky University; Stephen Boreing will be playing football at Cumberland College, while Tanner Abney will be playing at Campbellsville. Ashley Mink and Jason Reynolds will both play basketball at Lindsey Wilson College, and Melissa Jones will be on the rifle team at Morehead University. They all received different types of scholarships ranging from academic to even some athletic, but they all say that's not what made their decision for them. They

all say just the opportunity of getting to do a sport that they love is what they wanted to do.

Abney, who is receiving both athletic and academic scholarships, says he was really sold on Campbellsville for many reasons. He liked the campus atmosphere, the scholarships, and the people.

Mink and Reynolds, who will be attending Lindsey Wilson, also liked their campus atmosphere, a small private college, however Reynolds did place a great deal of emphasis on the school's "great cafeteria", and Mink said she liked the girls basketball coaches a lot.

"The coaching staff" is how Anderkin summed up the reason he chose Eastern Kentucky University to play baseball. He "especially liked the pitching coaches" with whom he would be working closely, even though he did not receive as many scholarships as he would have liked to have. Boreing, who received the Burt T. Combs scholarship from Cumberland, commented that he liked his

school's nice christian campus atmosphere, also.

"Cumberland (College) is a nice, small school, with Christian principles, and the scholarships I received were pretty good, too," he said.

Jones, who is receiving around \$1900 in athletic scholarships from Morehead, said she was just happy to be able to do this in college because it is so much fun.

"I love it so much, I just wish I had gotten into it earlier in high school."

As for what they might want to major in only a couple have ideas for now. Abney wants to major in either elementary education or pre-physical therapy.

"My mom is a pre-school teacher and I like dealing with little kids, but I also like lifting weights," said Abney.

Anderkin believes he will major in political science but he does not want to decide yet because he says communications is a possibility. Boreing and Reynolds are both undecided, but Jones feels she

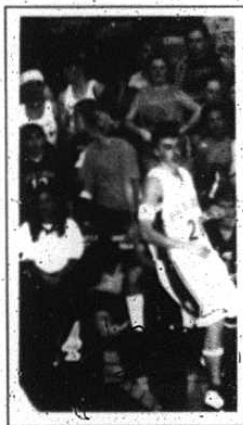


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Senior Jason Reynolds will continue his basketball career at Lindsey Wilson.

might want to go into nursing and Mink says business administration because that is what she has grown up with.

There is one thing they all do agree, and that is that playing these sports is what they wanted to do in college.

Students continue academic studies through summer programs

BY AUDREY BURKE

For most students summer is free from many academic obligations; others however, choose to use their summer for such pursuits.

These students are participating in such programs as Governor's Scholars, Roger's Scholars, HOBY, and the Naval Academy Summer Seminar in Annapolis, Maryland.

Students from Rockcastle have, for several years now, participated in the Governor's Scholar Program. It is an opportunity for students to spend 5 weeks on a college campus. During their stay they study a major of their choosing, and a minor that is chosen for them, as well as participate in many extracurricular activities. The students chosen to participate this year are juniors Sarah Mullins and Bonnie Briggs.

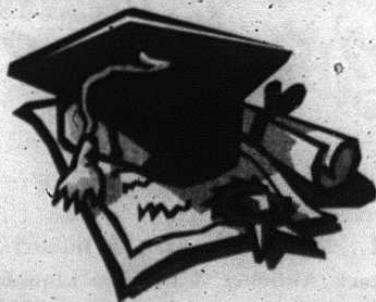
Mullins plans on majoring in astronomy; Briggs will study mathematics.

Also this summer, sophomore Genna Cummins will be taking part in three programs: Hugh O'Brian

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You are educated. Your certification is in your degree. You may think of it as the ticket to the good life. Let me ask you to think of an alternative. Think of it as your ticket to change the world.

--Tom Brokaw



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