

## "Drug testing"

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thing possible should be done to encourage our athletes to be drug free. I only wish every extracurricular activity could be tested. Athletes and members of all our clubs represent this school."

Although a lot of people throughout the school and county do have negative feelings about the drug testing, many like the idea.

"If you don't have anything to hide, then you have nothing to worry about," is junior track member Mindy Bullock's philosophy.

Softball player Josie Bengé, junior, agrees. "It's [drug testing] fine with me. They could test me all year long, I don't care. I don't do drugs."

The fact that drug tests will be given has made some wonder if the sports at Rockcastle County

High School will suffer. Junior Derrick Bussell, who plays baseball and football, doesn't think it will.

"It will keep people away from drugs because sports mean a lot to people," he said.

"I have a great feeling that our athletes will test negative. There may be a few that will quit and not want to go through with the testing," Coach Larkey said.

The policy of drug testing was put into effect for various reasons: The district has reason to believe that some athletes are using drugs, athletes serve as role models for other students, and by using drugs the athletes pose a threat to their health and the health of other students.

"I think it's sad that tests have to be given to high school athletes, but personally, it won't affect me," sophomore basketball player Andrew Hammond said.

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## Popular teacher leaves to open own business

by Jennifer Thompson

A popular teacher is leaving us.

U.S. history teacher Mr. Chuck Cash has taught at RCHS four years, but will not be here for a fifth.

Mr. Cash recently purchased his own tree nursery in Danville and is leaving his teaching position to run the business.

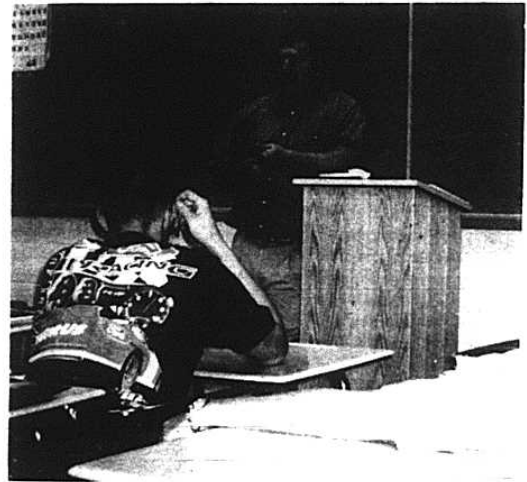
The decision to leave RCHS was not an easy one.

"What finally swayed my decision was that I have always wanted to own my own business," he explained.

The students are what he says he will miss the most. Even when he comes in the classroom in a bad mood, the students joke around with him and cheer him up.

Lindsey Hall, a senior and former student of Mr. Cash's, commented, "I'm sad that Mr. Cash is leaving. He always made me laugh."

"Another senior, Shannon Stevens, said, "The underclassmen should have a chance to have



After four years, U.S. history teacher Mr. Chuck Cash is leaving RCHS to run his own business.

him in class. It's fun but you learn."

He will not only be missed by students, but by staff members, as well.

Fellow faculty member and physics teacher Ms. Stephanie Hammack believes his absence will affect the staff because he is

a "very strong teacher."

Mr. Jeff Hayes will miss the "opportunity to talk, joke, and have a good time with him over breakfast."

He will be missed here at the high school.

The hiring process for a new teacher will begin in June.

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On May 15, 2000 the RCHS Y-Club held its first annual Luau. About 30 club members attended. Some of the festivities included "flamingo" golf, hula hoop contests, beach volleyball, and a hawaiian food war. Shown above (from left to right) is Mr. Travis Brenda, Y-Club sponsor, Senior Mary French, and Brian Trachte, Regional YMCA Director for the Southeast Kentucky region participating in the limbo contest. The 2000-2001 Y-Club officers were also announced at the Luau. The officers are: Josh Hale, President; Travis Burton, Vice-President; Cathie Midkiff, Secretary; Aaron Anderkin, Treasurer; Emily Wright, Chaplain; and Melinda Coffey, Publicity Chairperson. School and Community Chairs will be chosen next fall.