

Driver's ed makes a u-turn in schedule

BY MISSY WILBURN

Driver's education drove into a new parking place this year. Last spring, the Site Based Decision Making Council voted to switch the course to an after school class.

"Due to the overwhelming community support of driver's education, it has been moved to an after school course, rather than suffer termination," Principal Ruth Allen said.

Reasons for the change include teaching availability. Mr. Pat Greene, the instructor, will now be able to teach more technology courses.

"I have the opportunity to explore my career interest in Mr. Greene's class. I support the driver's ed change," said senior Brittany Owens.

However, other students will miss out on the course because it is no longer available during school.

Senior Jennifer Carmack said, "I have cheerleading after school, so I can't take the course and I really want to."

Mr. Greene will be teaching driver's education Monday and Friday afternoons from 3-5. Students will be given credit for the course. If you've missed out this semester, then buckle up and grab your keys for the spring semester.

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Exchange students show it is a small world

BY MELISSA PAQUETTE

If you think that the transition from middle school to high school is a hard adjustment, imagine moving to a different area or town. You have to leave all your friends, your house and the places you have grown close too.

Three students at RCHS had to go through that change, but not just a new town but an entirely new country. Yep, you heard right.

We have two students from Germany and one from Bulgaria to join us this school year.

Nikolai Dervish, a normal sixteen year old, sneaker wearing freshman joined us from Bulgaria. Nick left behind his mom, dad, and eleven year old brother, along with his friends. You may drive down the road and see Nick mowing the grass with a giant smile on his face.



Nikolai Dervish



Claudia Vejraska



Martina Maurer

"I like mowing the grass," Nick said when asked about his favorite thing about the United States.

Traditional pizza is his favorite food, history, and the color green are just a few more things on his favorites list.

When Nikolai was asked about his career when he finishes high school, he said he'd like to become a web page designer.

Moving on up the grade level. Claudia Vejraska, a junior from Germany, likes to jam to Metallica. She is into martial arts of all kinds and climbing anything.

If you need any help with your chemistry or geometry ask Claudia 'cause she's a wiz. She loves classic colors like black and blue and her favorite thing about being a foreign exchange student

is being away from home.

Martina Maurer, a sixteen year old senior from Germany, loves to watch *Forrest Gump* while munchin' on pizza. She would like to go to college to become a pediatrician.

Martina enjoys hip hop and reggae music, and her favorite color is white.

All three exchange students are planning to play basketball, and Martina says she'd like to be on the softball team.

When interviewing all three students I noticed all three have a lot in common with each other and with the students here at RCHS. They all three love Italian food, sports, and being away from the 'rents.

SBDM holds special session

BY NIKKI WOOD

A new security guard and a girls volleyball team were on the agenda at a special SBDM meeting on September 19.

RCHS does not currently have a security guard.

"It just didn't work out to have one [a guard] at the beginning of the year," said Principal Ruth Allen.

Because of the concern about safe schools, the council agreed to post for applications and interviews regarding the position.

"We expect to have someone patrolling the grounds by the end of October," Mrs. Allen further stated.

Also a topic of discussion at the special session was the creation of the girls volleyball team

The team was brought before Site Base due to the Gender Eq-

uity Council, or Title IX.

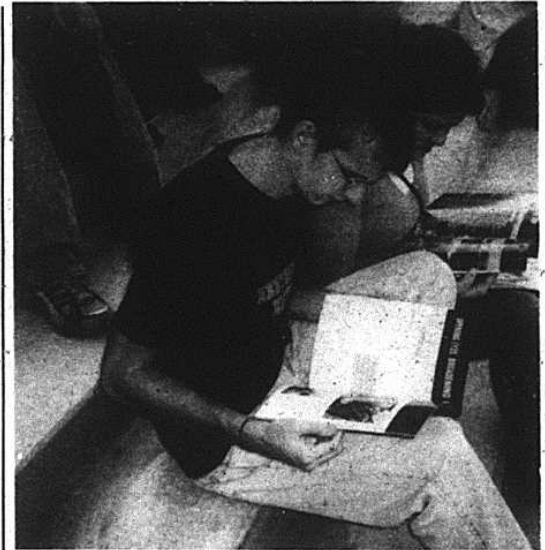
Title IX was instituted to insure equality between the percentages of boys and girls involved in athletics.

The object of the girls volleyball team is to give female students a new opportunity to play sports.

"For this first year the team will be solely intramural, just to find out how many girls are willing to participate, and to train those who are.

"By next year they should be playing other schools," said council member Connie Riddle.

According to Title IX committee member Angie Hendrickson, Ken Hopkins is expected to coach the new Lady Rocket volleyball squad.



Senior John Hankins overlooks a brochure at EKU's college fair that was held Wednesday, September 20.

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