

2001-02 calendar chosen

BY BILLY HADDOX

Rockcastle students always look forward to finding out when school starts the next year, how many days they get off for Spring Break, and when school will let out for the summer.

The school calendar committee has spoken and a calendar has been chosen for next year.

The first day of school for students will be August 15, and closing day will be May 18. Spring Break will be April 1-5, and we will have numerous days off throughout the school year.

The board makes sure they have a lot of input from several different sources, inputs such as parents, students, teachers, etc. before they decide to make any final decisions about the calendar," said Mrs. Loretta Powell, Director of Student Services.

Another option, which included a fall break as well as a Spring break, was the second leading vote getter among all of the options that were given to the board.

The representatives at the middle school selected option number 4.

"Most of the teachers liked the idea of the built in snow days," says Mrs. Melissa Singleton a teacher at the middle school.

She also noted that schools who have adopted some type of alternative calendar shows increases in attendance and decreases in discipline referrals.

"The final decision was made to use option three [the calendar chosen] after the calendar committee presented it to the board," said Mrs. Powell.

BY STEVEN WARD

Eleven members of the RCHS Y-Club attended the Kentucky United Nations Assembly, or KUNA, in Louisville, Kentucky, March 18-20.

According to KUNA adviser Mrs. Angie Hendrickson, RCHS students prepared well in advance, making costumes, placards, and displays for Canada, their representative country.

For their efforts, they received an award for Best Native Dress.

Sophomore Aaron Anderkin presented a proposal which called for the establishment of a global fire-fighting network. This was inspired by the destruction of rainforests, however, it was deemed unfavorable in committee.

Many students actively participated in the event, including senior Stephen Hopkins, who served as President of the Security Council.

This is one of two offices where the officer is elected at the previous KUNA. The PSC oversees meetings of the Security Council, which is isolated from the rest of the conference.

This council decides on proposals with content pertaining to weaponry or war.

Sophomore Travis Burton was elected Premiere Summit President; junior Melinda Coffey was a member of the Media Corps.

Junior Brian Reynolds was defeated in his campaign for President of the Security Council.

"I did a great job campaigning. I'm proud of myself for that," said Reynolds. "When you run against a great competitor, you run the risk of losing. I had to take the good



Former Miss America Heather Renee French-Henry was the guest speaker at the National Honor Society convention. Her speech emphasized not giving up on dreams by discussing how she reached her goals in life. A highlight of the event was when members of NHS had the chance to hold the Miss America crown. Pictured above is junior Kim Mullins with French-Henry.

with the bad.

Another organization also recently attended an annual conference.

National Honor Society travelled to Louisville February 15-16, as a part of the Kentucky Association of National Honor Societies.

The RCHS chapter consisted of five representatives: seniors Stephen Hopkins, Josh Lyons, Katie Powell, Joanne Lake, and junior Kim Mullins.

The keynote speaker of the conference was Heather Renee French, former Miss America and wife of Kentucky Lt. Gov. Steve Henry.

"She was really sweet and had a lot of interesting things to say," said senior Katie Powell.

Students also attended various workshops with subjects ranging from public service to academics and ethics.

There was also a college fair held for the junior and senior members.

"I got to look at a lot of different colleges from both in-state and out-of-state. Seeing those will help me choose next year," said Mullins.

NHS members also participated

in different competitions.

One contest was a scrapbook competition.

The other competition was a quiz bowl which is very similar to academic team competition.

Tests were given to those who chose to participate and the winners were presented with awards at the end of the conference.

Though RCHS did not receive an award this year, adviser Mrs. Dawn Stallworth is hopeful.

"We're getting better [on the tests]. Hopefully we'll win something next year."

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