

Valedictorian Lambert looks to the future

BY JESSICA DENNY



Joseph Lambert

Lambert plans to study economics while at Princeton University in New Jersey.

After ten years of "the real world" he plans to be working on Wall Street.

Senior and class valedictorian Joseph Lambert is a Princeton bound. Looking back at the past as he dreams of his future Lambert narrows all his honors down to one. His highest honor during his high school career was being crowned Greenest Freshman. According to Lambert, it was a joke--all his friends voted for him.

In the past four years Lambert has also learned many valuable lessons.

"Study hard, and party even harder," he advises upcoming freshman. He feels students need to live life to the fullest.

He also advises next year's seniors to "research colleges, and find the best fit for you." He believes it

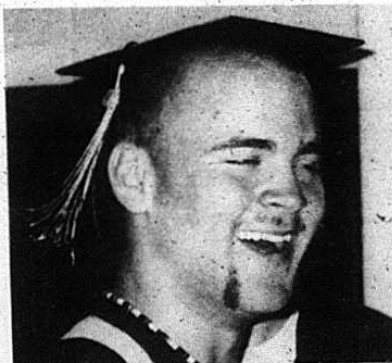
is important for graduates to be happy.

After glancing back at his four years at RCHS he says, "It was all a blur." But through all the blur he looks back with one regret.

"I wish I would have been more involved in extra curricular activities." Golf, he said, has been his only extra curricular activity this year.

Many people see Lambert as a "one of a kind" type of guy.

"Joseph is one of the few that combines superior academic ability with a common sense approach," said guidance counselor Dale Whitaker. "He knows something about everything."



Intended to include only senior Adam Collins modeling his graduation cap, this photo clearly shows how Adam Collins and Adam Childress have truly become one and the same.

Work or play? A senior's summer

BY AMBER THACKER

Anticipating the summer is something that every student does. The fact that the alarm clock won't be ringing is unbelievably awesome. The days of sleeping to 12:00 and busting the pool wide open are nothing but the best!

A senior, however, may have more worries than the typical care-free high school student on their summer break.

What about a summer job, saving money for college, and preparing for the next year in the real world? A senior's summer may not be as relaxing as you may think.

Most seniors are working during their summer break to get life started in the real world. Making and saving money is the main idea of their "free time".

It is no longer time for fun and games, but a time to get serious about things.

"I'm working at the Horse Park to have money for college and to buy things," says senior Andy Hensley. "I also may get an apartment over the summer so I won't have to drive so far to work every day."

While many seniors are busy little bees at work, others are more focused on having fun.

The last summer before all the actual "growing up stuff" starts should be carefree, shouldn't it? A time of complete relaxation can be scarce throughout high school. Summer time tends to give some anxious seniors a sigh of relief.

According to Kristy Chislum, vacation screams a good time and relaxation.

"I'm going to Disneyland for a week to have fun in the sun," she said, looking forward to getting out of the state of Kentucky and ready for a change in surroundings.

Talented individuals who can balance a job and fun at the same time are many at RCHS. In between times when they're rolling in the dough, they are having the time of their lives.

"I have to work, but I'd rather just have fun," says senior Kaliesha Robinson who works at the Rockcastle Co. Hospital.

A select few seniors are participating in summer programs in order to get better prepared for their future careers.

Senior Holli Best is participating in PEPP, a summer program at the University of Kentucky for students planning on being a doctor or dentist. It helps students get pre-

pared for medical school, their careers, and also awards the participants with scholarship money.

"I want to be a doctor one day and this program will be beneficial and fun," Best says.

She is also excited about working one on one with patients and obtaining hands-on experience.

Some brave seniors at RCHS are joining or have already joined the armed forces.

Senior Nathan Brummett plans to join the navy after high school.

"I want to serve my country and get away from home," Brummett says.

Some seniors, like Anthony Northern, have already joined the armed forces.

"I joined the airforce because serving your country is one of the greatest honors you can have," Northern says.

He is also getting married to senior Jessica Hoover this summer. The date is currently set for June 15.

Many seniors anxiously await their summer simply for a break, but a break may be the last thing on the summer's agenda. Get prepared seniors, because after graduation the road to life begins.

Salutatorian remembers time at RCHS

BY ANDREA LESTER

Before senior Josh Hale sets out for Georgetown College he'll have the honor of being the class of 2002's salutatorian.

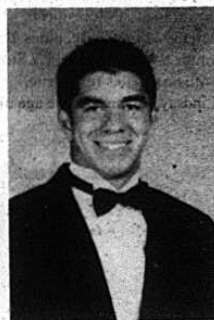
"I chose Georgetown because they're very demanding with high academics and I want to be challenged," said Hale. "I can and will challenge myself at Georgetown."

After completing college he hopes to move into a career where he can serve others while also serving God and a family.

Looking back on his four years at RCHS, he finds his highest honor came as a senior when he was named a Coca-Cola Scholar.

"As a Coca-Cola Scholar I was picked one out of over 91,000 of the top students in the nation."

Calling upon his four years of experience, Hale advises the upcoming freshmen to "put your head



Josh Hale

in the clouds, keep your feet on the ground, and work hard, but don't burn yourself out."

Upcoming seniors should keep this advice close to heart: "If you have a dream shoot for it, and don't let slackers bring you down."

Congratulations to RCHS's graduating class of 2002!

Survey reveals seniors' plans for future

BY BRIAN REYNOLDS

When you look at a senior this time of the year, there is one question that lingers. What are they going to do after high school?

To find the answer to that question, approximately 108 seniors were given a survey to find out if they plan on attending a four year college, two year college, or if they were going to the armed forces.

Most seniors plan on attending a four year school. In fact, close to 50% said they plan on going to a four year school.

According to guidance counselor Dale Whitaker, counselor here at RCHS; this is surprising. Past surveys have indicated only 37% of RCHS seniors plan on continuing their education.

Approximately 22 seniors plan on attending ECU.

"I figure that my educational opportunities will be just as great as they are at somewhere such as Stanford University," said RCHS senior John Bray.

The University of Kentucky was also a popular choice for RCHS seniors. Ten seniors said in the sur-

vey they plan on attending UK.

"It has always been where I wanted to go. It is one of the best places in the state," said Rachelle Riddle.

Chris Childress also plans on attending UK.

"I like UK because it has one of the best agriculture departments in the nation, which helps, considering I'm majoring in agriculture," he said.

The survey results indicated thirty seniors plan on attending a two year school. The most popular two year school by far was Somerset Community College.

"It has a great scholastic program and meets the needs of most every student here at the high school. Not to mention it's only about 20 minutes away," said senior Chris McGuire, who plans on attending SCC this fall.

College is not for everyone, and at least five RCHS seniors are either considering the military or have already enlisted.

"It's a chance to see the world and retire in 20 years with full benefits," said Chris Kirby.