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# Interview with Johnny Cash

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drugs, you know. And I never really had it with them because I knew it was artificial confidence.

SETTLER: How do you feel toward the decriminalization of drugs?

CASH: Well, I think it's got to come. I think there's millions and millions of dollars being spent to enforce marijuana laws that would be put to a lot better use. Such as handicapped children or other things.

SETTLER: Who is the disciplinarian in your house?

CASH: Disciplinarian? You know I don't believe there is one in our home. Our youngest daughter (Rosie) the one living with us is 16. The only thing I ask of her is she be in around midnight if she can. And she always is. Even Roseanne will come to me and ask me if she can go to the movies, and she's almost 20. You know, she does it out of love. She knows she doesn't have to. And I'll say, 'you have a nice time.' Then she'll go so far as to tell me what time she thinks she'll be home. That's the kind of relationship we got. I don't tell any of the kids what to do, except John Carter, and he's four. But Rosie, even at 16, goes and comes as she pleases. The household is disciplined without a disciplinarian. It's that kind of a home. There's never a voice raised in our home. Rosie and Roseanne have never heard June and I say one cross word to each other at any time, in eight years. There's not been an unkind word spoken aloud in my house in eight years. There's no need for a disciplinarian.

SETTLER: Is your brother Tommy still singing?

CASH: Yes. I rarely ever see him. He goes his own way. He's got his own show. And he's very successful at it.

SETTLER: Do your children want to be entertainers?

CASH: Well, I think all the girls are going to be. They love it. They write songs, they sing all the time. John Carter, I don't know, I guess he probably will. He's got quite a heritage there. I want him to do what he wants to do.

SETTLER: How did you and June decide to settle in Sumner County?

CASH: Well one day I was in my Jeep

and I had a case of beer. And I was driving around Sumner County because it was a good place to drive around in a Jeep with a case of beer in it. Better than Davidson, where I was living. I was down driving the back roads and looking for a place to park and I saw this house that was about half-finished. I sat on the bank and watched them work on it, you know, and the guy that was building it came over and tried to run me off and I said 'no, I'll just stay here, because that's gonna be my house.' And he said, 'that's what everybody says, you know.' And I said, 'no this is

going to be my house, this is where I want to live.' And I knew it was. I had no idea what he was going to ask for it. He started to tell me about how Hank Williams, Jr. was going to buy it, Roy Orbison had talked about this house. All these celebrities wanted this house, all the big politicians were wanting this house. I said, 'no, it's going to be mine.'



Reese Witherspoon and Joaquin Phoenix star as June Carter and Johnny Cash in the new movie "Walk the Line"  
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SETTLER: Did he know who you were?  
CASH: Yeah. He knew. And he sat down and he started drinking beer

with me. And we drank all afternoon and by the end of the afternoon he knew that I was going to own that house. And the next week I signed the papers on it. And that's how I came to settle in Sumner County.

SETTLER: When you're between tours what do you do for rest and relaxation?

CASH: I don't ride around in that Jeep anymore. That's the Jeep that John Carter had the accident in. I haven't buying it. That was seven years ago. Sometimes I do interviews. (Laughter) No, I go fishing a lot, and write a lot, and read a lot. I'm taking a college extension course in geology and I'm spending about two hours a day in my books. And, well, I write a lot of songs. And read.

SETTLER: Do you have any advice for any young people wishing to pursue a singing career?

CASH: Well, I don't know a vocation that is more rewarding. I think if that is what you want to do, pursue it. Never let up. It's worth it if you can make it. The odds of making it are pretty rough. It's a very competitive field, but as I say, it's very rewarding. The place to start is at the bottom.

## FINAL EXAMINATION SCHEDULE Fall Semester, 2005

Time and Date of Final Examination	Monday December 12	Tuesday December 13	Wednesday December 14	Thursday December 15
8:00-10:00 am	9:05 or 9:35 am MW or MF or MWF classes	8:00 am TR classes	8:00 am MW or MF or MWF classes	9:35 am TR classes
10:30-12:30 pm	11:10 or 11:15 am MWF or MTWRF classes	All ENGL 1010, 1020 & DSPW 0800 sections (Rooms assigned by instructor of course)	10:10 am MW or MWF classes	11:10 am TR classes
1:00-3:00 pm	1:25 or 1:30 pm MW or MF or MWF classes	12:45 or 1:00 pm TR classes	6:55 am OR 12:20 pm MW or MWF classes	2:00 or 2:20 pm TR classes
3:30-5:30 pm	2:35 or 3:05 pm MW or MWF classes	3:35 or 3:55 or 4:00 or 4:25 pm TR classes	3:40 or 4:25 pm MW or MWF classes	4:55 or 5:00 pm MW or MWF classes
6:00-8:00 pm	6:00 pm M or MW classes	6:00 pm T or TR classes	6:00 pm W classes	6:00 pm R classes

Friday evening classes will have Final Examinations on Friday December 16 at 6:00 pm.

Saturday classes will have Final Examinations on Saturday December 17.

College-At-Home classes will have Final Examinations on dates specified in the Course Syllabus.

Concentrated courses will have Final Examinations on dates specified in the Course Syllabus.