

RCHS named ACT testing center

BY JACOB HELTON

On October 27, Rockcastle County High School students may not have to drive to Richmond or Berea to take the ACT.

RCHS is now an official ACT testing site.

"Students will not have to get up as early to come here and for students involved in Friday night games, this should be a big help to them," said Trina Bustle, Academic Specialist and Coordinator for the 21st Century Community Learning Center.

The 21st CCLC and central office staff felt that Berea, Richmond, or any other testing center was too far for RCHS students and parents to travel. They also felt that the students would improve their scores by taking the ACT at RCHS.

According to Mrs. Bustle, testing will take place in the art hallway unless there is a large group testing, and then it will move to the cafeteria.

Students can prepare for the ACT by attending ACT prep sessions offered by the 21st CCLC on Mondays and Thursdays from 5-7 P.M. in Room 122.

"These are free prep sessions and students planning on going to college should take the advantage of them!" said Mrs. Bustle.

The test dates for this school year are Oct. 27, Dec. 8, Feb. 9, April 6, and June 8.

Need help pulling that up that ACT score? Try these tips October 27

BY TARA THOMPSON

Life, as hard as it is with its daily frustrations of homework, boyfriend/girlfriends, and just school in general, sometimes leaves you standing agape with the confusion of what to do next. For most college-bound students, what to do next is not even the essence of the thought. They're too busy preparing for the ACT, a five hour test that measures skills in English, mathematics, reading, and science reasoning.

Now before you totally decide to flip out, don't. I have some FYI that can help you make the best of those five hours.

The most general advice that can be given to you, is to take, and do well in, all of your required classes. Don't slack, and do your homework!

"Taking the correct courses over a period of time will always raise your test scores significantly," said guidance counselor Mr. Dale Whitaker.

According to the practice ACT booklet, as with any test, pace yourself, and answer all the questions you can. Skip the hard ones, an-

The best advice on how to prepare for the ACT is simple...do your homework!

swer the easy ones, and come back to the ones you skipped later. The ACT is scored by how many questions you answered right, so guessing is considered your best friend.

Read the directions and each question carefully, and use logic on the more difficult questions. Eliminate the answers that you feel may not fit with the question.

Most importantly, answer every question. You get five hours, so use every second. You're going to need it. Review your work and do your best.

The 21st Century Community Learning Center holds free ACT Prep classes on Mondays and Thursdays. English teacher Mrs. Nancy Bussell conducts the read-

ing and English practice sections of the test, and Coach Chris Hendrickson, from the middle school, conducts the math and science practice sections.

"More people need to take advantage of the Monday and Thursday night classes," Ms. Bussell commented.

The ACT Prep courses from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. in Rm. 122, here at the high school.

A program entitled KAPLAN was also introduced this year to help students improve their ACT scores. This was an eight week class that offered more strategies. Participants also are able to practice using old ACT tests. For this class, they had to pay a fee at the beginning of the school year of \$175.00, which is a bargain compared to the usual price of \$600.00 anywhere else.

So with this said, "Good luck, and happy test taking!"

Take advantage of the programs that your high school has to offer. They may benefit you more than you'll ever know.

Mr. Dale Whitaker's Official ACT Tips

1. Familiarize yourself with the content of the ACT Test. Review the information about the contents of the test that is provided in the ACT Assessment booklets. These can be found downstairs in the counselors' office.

2. Refresh your knowledge and skills in the content area. This means if you had Algebra I your sophomore year, and you're taking the ACT, as a senior, you might want to stay for a couple of tutoring classes in that content area. We're not elephants; we can't remember everything.

3. Identify the content areas you have NOT studied. If there are content areas that you're unfamiliar with, consider tutoring as your first option. Aim high to improve your knowledge in these areas.

Spencerian College deserves a second look

BY NATALEE TAYLOR

A look at Spencerian College's web site (www.spencerian.edu) impressed me enough to encourage anyone interested in a business or technical school to give it a second look.

Spencerian College, originally located in Louisville, opened its Lexington campus in 1997, and that's just one of the reasons I would like to recommend it for all students who are interested in attending a business college.

Spencerian also interested me because its job placement percentage was so high--93.7% according to the Spencerian College website.

Spencerian College offers its students the opportunity to achieve their career goals in less than four years. Spencerian also offers the flexibility to work while studying, according to

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the website.

Spencerian specializes in business and medical areas at the lead Louisville campus, and focus on technical programs at the Lexington branch.

However, flexible hours and a good chance of being placed in a job don't come cheap.

The 2001-2002 estimated in-state costs for independent and dependent students are as follows:

• Tuition and Fees: (I) \$10,385 (D) \$10,385

• Room and Board: (I) \$4,185 (D) \$5,607

• Books and Supplies: (I) \$750 (D) \$885

• Personal: (I) \$1,715 (D) \$5,607

• Transportation: (I) \$1,015 (D) \$5,607

In order to be accepted for admission to the college, students must be a high school graduate or have their GED (General Educational Diploma) certificate.

For more information visit their website or, for admissions, contact Michael Johnson at (502)-447-1000, or (800)-264-1799, or contact him by e-mail: mjohnson@spencerian.edu.

I hope that this review will help you on your quest to find the perfect college.

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