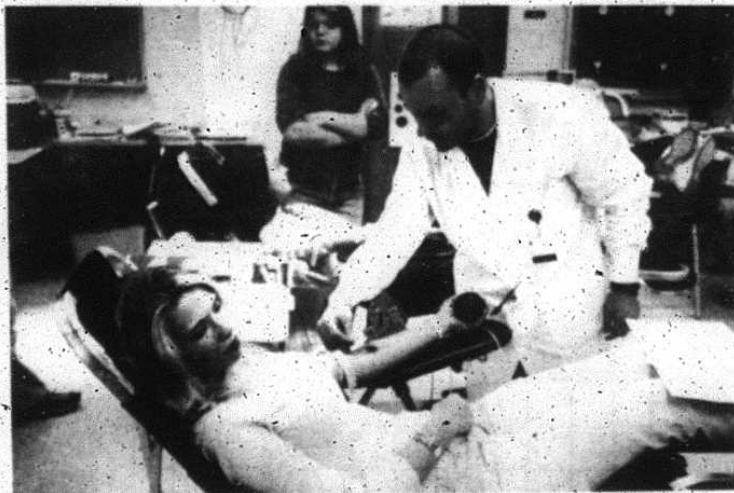


Giving the gift of life



Key Club held its annual blood drive for the Central Kentucky Blood Center Wednesday, February 6. CKBC received 55 units of blood, surpassing the club goal of 50. Above, seniors Kristy Chisum (front) and Jessica Hoover donate. Also shown is senior Bridgette VanWinkle, standing. (photo by Tim Tyler)



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Cassie Smith.

Senior Ricky Barrett brought recognition to the school when he was selected for All-State Band, the first band member from Rockcastle in the past 15 years.

"It's something I've been wanting for 7 years now. It's been my dream," said Barrett.

Band director Greg Daugherty says that Barrett's accomplishment has raised the bar for band members.

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nine week period in a class to work further on academic writing for college, while giving a far more limited focus on the portfolio.

"As a teacher, I'm concerned because my spring semester students don't have half the time to develop their portfolios as my fall semester students," said English teacher Susan Norton.

Council member Connie Riddle, who questioned the proposal, said that any new program designed to raise reading or writing test scores should be implemented more around the sophomore grade level.

"The sophomores are being tested in this area also," said Riddle.

Sophomores are tested in read-

ing; seniors are assessed in writing.

If the proposal were to be approved, it would involve many possible changes. Another English teacher could be added to the faculty.

Students could also expect common final exams across some classes. According to a proposal presented by Curriculum and Instruction Committee member Glenna Carter, teachers of classes that have more than one section would be required to give not just similar exams, but the same.

This, among many other topics discussed at the meeting, have yet to be decided upon, but will be presented again at the next SBDM Council meeting on February 27.

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However, these particular classes are still very crowded. There have been as many as 37 students in Mr. Riddle's class and the capacity of students is only 31.

There is always the concern about students not receiving enough individual attention from their teachers in large classrooms.

"I can see in some of the required classes that need individual attention, overpopulation may be a problem. But my class works on personal projects, and that makes everything work out," Riddle says.

It can be difficult for students to function with so many students and so little attention from the teacher.

"Larger classes make it more difficult to conference with students on their writing, and give them the individualized attention that they need," says English teacher Jennifer Mattingly.

Obviously, more is not always better. It has caused many disruptive changes in the system that have frustrated teachers and students alike. Hopefully, over the next few years, everything will be at a steady pace and problems will be less likely to occur. Until then RCHS will simply have to deal with the hustle and bustle of overpopulated classes.

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credit semester," said Collins.

Some seniors that had lesser expectations for this year have met them.

"I expected to pick on freshmen and that's what I do," said Nick Rodriguez.

Josh Hale has also met his se-

nior expectation of making Tanner Abney's life miserable.

All in all senior year is just like any other year here at the Rock with homework and difficult classes. But when it's over, seniors won't be back.

Senior Deadline

Photos for the graduation slideshow **MUST** be submitted to Mr. Pat Greene no later than **May 1**. Students are encouraged to bring photos as early as possible.

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