

FYI

October 4--
students will be
dismissed at 2:30

October 5--
no school

October 13--
Berea College

October 13--
EKU

Spotlight Night

October 15--
9 weeks tests in 2nd
& 4th blocks

October 16--
9 weeks tests in 1st &
3rd blocks;

Juniors take PSAT
(voluntary);

Transylvania
University visits
during lunch

October 22--
Berea follow-up
session

October 27--
ACT Test Date

October 31--
Kentucky Ready-
Mixed Concrete
Scholarship deadline

Student council meets, makes plans for the year

BY MARIE COLLINS

Out with the old and in with the new...class officers for our student council that is. And with a new year, students may expect many changes.

Student council mem- bers hope to obtain a se- nior trip for 2002.

The new twelve member student council officially began their duties September 12 when they planned and organized football homecoming.

Floats and a homecoming frog were made a part of this year's festivities, which also included the traditional spirit week and pep rally.

"We wanted to try something new and get more people involved," said senior class president and council president Courtney

Alexander.

Council members met again September 24, when they made final preparations for the September 28 pep rally and parade.

Future plans for the council include, but are not limited to, planning a class trip for the class of 2002.

Alexander believes strongly in the plan for a trip.

"We deserve a trip and my goal is to get my class the first trip since 1971," she said.

Also planning for this is junior class president Travis Burton.

"We work hard and deserve credit for it," he said.

Freshman Tara Rowe is also hoping to get her class a senior trip.

"I like to plan ahead," she said.

According to RCHS Principal John Hale there is more to come.

"This is only a very small portion of what we plan to do this year," said Hale.



Senior exchange student Jens Strietzel was named Homecoming Frog and kissed by a "princess" at Friday's pep rally before the Knott County Central game. The pep rally was the culminating event of a weeklong period of festivities that featured several dress up days, as well as a parade of "floats" during the pep rally. (photo by Courtney Alexander)

Students face policy changes for new year

BY AUDREY BURKE

A new attendance policy is just one of the changes students face this year.

Previously students were allotted 3 absences with a parent's excuse before needing a doctor's excuse, per grading period. Now students are only allowed 2 parent excused absences before needing to be excused by a doctor.

Though some students, including sophomore Samantha Owens, believe the policy is unfair, RCHS Principal John Hale says the policy, which was approved by the SBDM Council, was changed in an attempt to raise student attendance.

According to Mr. Adam Coleman, teacher and SBDM Council Vice Chairperson, "Student attendance is important because when students miss they have more work to make up."

Mr. Coleman went on to explain that students also miss things like group activities and class discussions that sometimes contain information on a test, but students can't really make that up. It is also hard for teachers because they have to keep track of the made up work.

Many students weren't aware of the change though it was published in the RCHS Handbook.

Mrs. Connie Riddle, a teacher member of the SBDM Council, believes "It is the students' responsibility to read through their hand book to see if any changes have been made."

The number of college visits is another change to take place beginning with this year's seniors.

College visits were days set aside for seniors to visit a choice college on their own, without being counted absent. The change was made by the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) and affects schools all over the state.

According to Mr. Dale

Whitaker, Junior/Senior Counselor, the trips were ceased because they weren't perceived as beneficial. He says that he has spoken with some of the colleges in the area that RCHS student often go on to attend (Cumberland, Lindsey Wilson, Eastern, Somerset Community, and Georgetown) about organizing an official visit. The trips nor dates for them have been set.

However, seniors will attend a college fair November 1.

Mr. Whitaker suggests students attend spotlight days and speak with college representatives when they visit the school.

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