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On Friday, November 6, a testing center accommodating as many as 1,600 to 2,400 student testings per week and operating on a continuous daily basis from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. opened at Hostos Community College.

The testing center was established to help implement the College's systems approach to education which permits students to work at their own pace and, consequently, to complete their units of instruction, called "milestones," at different times. Educators at the College agree that it is both educationally sound and desirable also to permit students to take their milestone tests when they are ready rather than on a prescheduled basis. A testing center where students can go at almost any time the school is open and take any test that is stocked in the center was seen as a practical way of meeting this problem.

The existence of the testing center imposes no requirement that instructors use it rather than schedule tests as part of classroom time. Papers, reports, speeches, and other projects may be substituted for milestone tests at the discretion of the instructor. Administrators at the College are awaiting new data before deciding whether to expand or constrict facilities. Present facilities have been established on the basis of estimates of student needs rather than on evidence provided by experience.

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