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About the cover: First graders in Michelle Morrow's class at Fairview Elementary in Scott County work together. From bottom are Shayla Lowe, Kenny West and Kayli Lowe.

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Background photo: The Roane State Playmakers in a barracks from the recent production of Neil Simon's "Biloxi Blues."

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Letter | from the President

2006 is Roane State Community College's 35th Anniversary year, and I hope you will help us celebrate. Throughout the year, the college will host a series of monthly events to honor our faculty, staff, students and alumni for their 35 years of academic excellence.

As the kick-off event to our celebration, Roane State celebrated Presidents' Day in honor of the three former college presidents (Dr. Dunbar, Dr. Hoppe, and Dr. McCamey). These former presidents established and maintained our standard of academic excellence, providing the direction for the college during the closing of the 20th century and setting the vision for the 21st century. The college and community celebrated their return to the campus at an all-day event that culminated in a community reception where the presidents and their friends got to relive old times and friendships.

Our first president, Dr. Cuyler Dunbar, had the challenge to create a college, hire faculty, enroll students and provide higher education to the citizens of eight counties (Roane, Campbell, Loudon, Scott, Morgan, Fentress, Cumberland, and Anderson). In 1973 our first graduation was held and 39 students walked across the stage and received their college degrees. The initial 12 faculty members hired by Dr. Dunbar were affectionately called the "dirty dozen" and they established a legacy of academic excellence based on student learning outcomes and competencies. The initial graduating class of 39 set the academic standard for all future Roane State graduates. Dr. Dunbar oversaw massive growth during his 18 years at RSCC. The college grew from 323 students to over 4,000.



Our second president, Dr. Sherry Hoppe, had the vision to expand open access to higher education and created campuses in Oak Ridge, Crossville, Lenoir City, LaFollette, Huntsville, and Knoxville. During her 12 years of leadership at RSCC, she introduced continuous quality improvement into the college culture and raised the bar for successful fund-raising. She also extended access and innovation through the creative use of information technology.

Our third president, Dr. Wade McCamey, continued the expansion of our campuses to Jamestown and oversaw the construction of a new campus in LaFollette during his almost four years at Roane State. He created a partnership for the expansion of our nursing program with PSTCC's Magnolia Avenue campus in east Knoxville. Dr. McCamey also developed the 2+2 Partnership for Elementary Education with Tennessee Technological University and the establishment of the Big South Fork P-16 Council.

As you look back on your time at Roane State, you can take great pride in being a part of this 35-year history of academic excellence. As we roll out our plans for a series of monthly celebrations, I hope you will be able to join us. We are very proud of you, our alumni. Our alumni are the best measure of how well we have done our job at Roane State, and you are our best spokespersons. Speak proudly about your Roane State education.

Gary Loff

Vistas | of Roane State

Roane County Campus

The Salvation Army recently recognized Roane State for five years of employee volunteerism. Faculty and staff members of the college “ring the bell” at businesses and organizations around Roane County during the Christmas season to assist with the Salvation Army’s annual fund drive. Ray Dalrymple, Salvation Army service extension director for the Kentucky and Tennessee division, recently was on campus to thank the college community for its continued efforts.



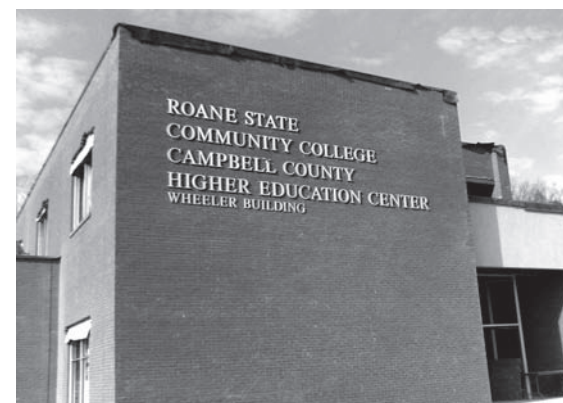
Oak Ridge Campus

Thanks to the generosity of Ross and Evelyn Matthews, this campus has what is believed to be the only pipe organ at a community college in the country. The Matthews family donated the practice pipe organ to the campus for the growing list of students who see the arts as the perfect way to round out their education. Among that group: Mikeong Kim, a pre-nursing major, who received the first Louis Hughes Memorial Organ Scholarship.



Campbell County Campus

The RSCC Campbell County Alumni Association is actively working to raise funds to furnish and equip the new Campbell County Campus scheduled for completion in June. A television auction is planned for May 20. If you would like to be a part of this event, call the Campbell County campus at (423) 562-7021.



Cumberland County Campus

Roane State’s Brad Fox is a driving force behind the Cumberland Business Incubator (CBI), a co-operative effort by seven regional agencies to help businesses begin and grow in the region. And in his “spare” time, the business professor develops and fine-tunes “alternative delivery systems” of instruction for the college’s busy students. Such alternatives will increasingly be in demand, Fox believes. “Our students love the convenience that online courses and hybrid courses provide. I expect that more and more of our courses will be offered in this format in the near future.”



Vistas **continued**

Fentress County Campus

Students, staff and the public are enjoying the use of new furniture and other furnishings paid for by Steve Rains and Progressive Savings Bank, Guy and Claudine Pinckley, and Kevin Hughes and First Volunteer Bank. The campus now has rolling chairs and tables, as well as framed pictures, in the community room. The student lounge, which students have decided to decorate in a theme that combines country-western with tropical, has a new couch and chairs, coffee table, entertainment center, and study tables.



Knox County Campus

The list of clinical sites for Health Information Technology students has expanded. Students are now gaining experience in medical records and coding at Thompson Cancer Survival Center, East Tennessee Children's Hospital and Fort Sanders Regional Medical Center. The HIT program is also bringing in health information professionals to talk with students about their experiences in the field."



Loudon County Campus

The bloodmobile often stops at this campus that is housed with the public library and the career center in the heart of downtown Lenoir City. That makes for lots of traffic for the Red Cross, and also lets area residents get an idea of what the local Roane State campus has to offer.



Morgan County Campus

A Roane State facility in Morgan County is a go! The Tennessee Board of Regents, the Tennessee Higher Education Commission and the Tennessee Building Commission have approved a new campus in Wartburg. The building could be completed in time for fall 2007 classes.



Scott County Campus

A 2,000-square-foot expansion will soon be under way at this campus. The addition will include a classroom, testing area, restrooms, and faculty offices. In addition, a 960-foot permanent storage building will be added. Private donors are funding the \$300,000 expansion project, which will bring the total Scott County Campus size to 22,705 square feet.



College . . . it's not just for high school graduates anymore.



Academically qualified juniors and seniors at high schools across the region do “double-time” in Roane State’s Dual Credit program. They complete both high school and college course requirements in the same class. Thanks to a recent extension of the state’s lottery scholarship program, many Dual Credit students enjoy financial aid to help pay for this “jump start.” (continued on page 8)

Roane State’s Dual Credit class at Rockwood High School. Front row from left: Sharon Latham, Miranda Smith, Jennifer Hill, Karly Martin, Krystal Moriarty. Middle row from left: Jeremy Broome, Jessica Evans, David Morgan, Andrea Bourne, Megan Couch, Amberly Goldberg, April Montgomery. Back row from left: Cory Turpin, Cameron Lawson, Jamie Hackler, Cody Aytes.



Dual Credit students go off to college with credits in English, psychology, calculus, biology, history and other subjects already on their transcripts. Though many opt to enroll at Roane State after high school, it's not a requirement for participation in the program.

"I essentially 'cut' a year out of my college by doing Dual Credit," said Bonnie Childers of Kingston, who also studied at Roane State after high school and is now a nursing student at Tennessee Wesleyan College. "It was absolutely wonderful. It's really a great way to go."

Said Yasmine Alotaibi, a Dual Credit English student at York Institute: "It's really convenient to have a college class at my high school.

"I know I'll be doing a lot of writing in college. This is a good way to prepare," said Alotaibi, who plans to attend Vanderbilt University.

Dual Credit classes can be located on high school campuses or at one of Roane State's locations. This spring, nearly 200 students are enrolled in Dual Credit from these high schools: Anderson County, Campbell, Clinton, Cumberland, Greenback, Jellico, Loudon, Oneida, Rockwood, Scott and York Institute.

Rockwood High School has the longest-running, continuous Dual Credit program in Roane State's region. Students there have been signing up for Dual Credit courses since 1975-76, according to Clarence Holloway, RHS guidance counselor.

"Dual Credit students, who must meet stringent standards to enroll, are something special," said Ted Stryk, a Roane State instructor who teaches Dual Credit English at Rockwood High.

"These aren't your average 17-year-olds," Stryk said. "They're extraordinarily motivated and always willing to learn. That makes it worth showing up (at RHS) at 7:30 every morning."

Roane State instructor Ted Stryk goes over homework with Dual Credit students at Rockwood High.



RHS Dual Credit students work on an assignment in the computer lab. From left: Jamie Hackler, Megan Couch, Jessica Evans, Brittany Cates, Mitchell Holcomb and Miranda Smith.

In addition to earning credits, Dual Credit students can adjust to college expectations in a familiar setting with familiar faces, noted Stryk, who also teaches Dual Credit at Scott High. For example, a lot of my students are reluctant to express an opinion in a theme paper. That's essential to college-level work. But they've often been told not to."

"And some aren't ready to work independently—another hallmark of college studies. But these (Dual Credit) students adjust quickly."

Jamie Hackler, one of Stryk's Dual Credit students, agreed. "I wasn't used to doing a lot of out-of-class work. But I adjusted, and it's really just like any other class."

Classmate Krystal Moriarty found the work "tough, but a lot easier than I thought it would be." She plans to enroll at Roane State after high school and major in elementary education.

Dual Credit greatly enriches the high school experience, said Guy Thompson, an English/journalism teacher at Rockwood High. He should know; he took Dual Credit English at Rockwood while a student there in the early 1980s. And his mother, Pat Thompson, taught Dual Credit at Rockwood High from 1976-2001.

"I remember that Dual Credit was a lot of work," Thompson said. "One of the terms, we wrote 10 papers in 10 weeks. We'd have class on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and study sessions on Tuesday and Thursday."

As Stryk noted, just like college.



Criteria for acceptance into Dual Credit for high school juniors and seniors:

- **3.2 grade point average on a 4.0 scale**
- **Permission of high school principal, counselor and parent**
- **ACT composite of 19 or higher**
- **ACT subscores in English, math and reading of 19 or higher**

Tennessee Lottery scholarships for Dual Credit classes:

- **Up to \$300 per semester and \$600 per academic year**
- **Students must maintain a 2.75 cumulative GPA in Dual Credit courses**



Above: Roane State alumni Bonnie Childers racked up lots of Dual Credit hours at the college.

Right: Ben Ellis and Yasmine Alotaibi, Dual Credit students at York Agricultural Institute in Jamestown, work on an assignment.

You Must Remember This |

35 years of academic excellence

Roane State welcomed the college's past presidents to campus for a February homecoming. The homecoming kicked off the observance of "35 Years of Academic Excellence." Check www.roanestate.edu for details on the yearlong celebration.

Guests of honor at the kickoff event were (left to right):

Dr. Wade McCamey

He was named president in 2001 and is now the president of Walters State Community College.

Bill Fuqua

When Dr. Hoppe was named interim president at Austin Peay in 2000, this longtime Roane State executive vice president was named interim president of Roane State.

Dr. Sherry Hoppe

This current president of Austin Peay State University was at the Roane State helm from 1988-2000.

Dr. Cuyler Dunbar

The "founding father" of Roane State, Dunbar was president from 1971-1988. He is now president of Catawba Community College.

Dr. Gary Goff

"Coming home" to East Tennessee from Florida, this current Roane State president was appointed in 2005.



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Up Close |

Renaissance Man

By Jeff Gary, Director of Marketing and Public Relations

Mike Smith teaches chemistry, biology, anatomy/physiology and physical science. He even teaches ecology. Before school and again after school, he even drives a school bus.

At Coalfield School, Mike Smith is a renaissance man. He IS the high school science teacher. And last October, the work he has done in his scientific research class and other teaching was rewarded with a \$25,000 Milken Family National Educator Award. The Roane State alumnus was one of two Tennessee teachers who received the award and is one of 2,100 educators to receive the award since its inception in 1987.

"You don't apply for the award," Smith explains. "You are nominated for it. (State Commissioner of Education) Lana Seivers got information together on the nominees and got it to Milken. And, then, they decide who will be receiving the award."

And his reaction? "Truly honored," he recalls. "I was floored."

Smith says his style of teaching follows a new trend called science inquiry. "We've had to shift to that gradually," he recalls. "The old method of setting up lab experiments was a cookbook style. Basically, you do step one, step two, step three. But, now we're trying a system of discovery. You help them learn how to figure things out."

But, to do that, you have to have the right kind of facility. So, in his six years at Coalfield, Smith has been involved in an ongoing scavenger hunt, of sorts, to build the type of lab he needs for science inquiry. A piece of equipment here, an innovation there. New microscopes. New lab tables. Step-by-step.

"When I first got here, our lab and classroom were one in the same. Now, we have a separate classroom and the 'lab' is the lab. When I first came in, the storage closet for the lab had a few chemicals and a lot of baseball equipment in it.

"But, what I am finding is that it takes a community to back a school. A lot of people have helped me acquire the tools we need to teach."

And, those things don't happen by accident.

"Successful teaching is not an 8:30 to 3:30 job," Smith says. "You have to be willing to go out into the community and make contacts. Networking is a huge part of it."

Growing up on a farm and being a member of his high school FFA didn't hurt, either. "It definitely helps to be a handyman."

Another tool has been Smith's participation in an Oak Ridge National Lab program, LSTPD (Laboratory Science Teacher Professional Development). In addition to receiving a stipend, a travel allowance and a modest equipment grant, Smith works side-by-side with ORNL scientists. This summer, Smith will complete his third and final ORNL stint.

"It has been a wonderful way for me to gain more hands-on knowledge and experience that I can put to work in my classroom."



Clockwise from top left: Smith with his prize money for the Milken Family National Educator Award; with a group of students; behind the wheel of his schoolbus; guiding a student through a lab exercise.

With Smith's passion for excellent teaching, it would be easy for one to imagine that it was a lifelong calling. But, in fact, that was not the case.

"I was going to Roane State. I was looking into various programs and I was sitting in the hallways one day waiting to go into Pam Galloway's (now Siergiej) cell biology class. Another student was having trouble understanding a particular concept and she came over to me and asked if I could help. We sat there, I explained it and she understood.

"When it was over, I had such a good feeling about what had happened. I thought how good it would be to do this for a living; to know that something you say, something you teach, can stay with someone for life."

And, he says, his Roane State experience was a very positive one. "I liked the smaller classes. You get to know your professors and you get to have one-on-one contact. I often tell my students that (Roane State) is a great place to start your college education."



Smith finished his degree and transferred to Tennessee Tech University, where he received his bachelor's and master's degrees in curriculum and instruction. He is currently working on a second master's degree in biology through an online program of the University of Nebraska.

Learning, like good teaching, is a lifelong pursuit. And good teaching, Smith notes, runs in the family. His wife, Leslie (a Roane State alumna) is an elementary school teacher at Oliver Springs Elementary. They have a daughter, Anna, 4.

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"The other thing that attracted me to teaching," Smith says, candidly, "is that it is a great lifestyle for raising a family. We're both teachers. We have the same schedule. It's wonderful."

And, the experience Smith is giving his students in the classroom is equally wonderful. He doesn't take that responsibility lightly.

"In this role, you are a mentor. You show your students that you respect them and you expect them to respect you. But, you also have to have some compassion, too. Being here, I get to know the students. I get to know their family situations. Driving a school bus, you get to see the situation they're from."

"At times, you pull them aside and ask 'What's going on? How may I help you?'"

"I'm probably more compassionate than I was when I came here six years ago. Education is not always their priority if they're hungry when they go to bed at night."

So what's next for Smith? He'll finish out this school year and continue to spark the intellectual curiosity of his students. And, this summer, he'll do his third year in the ORNL program. In between, he'll head to Washington, D.C. for the national ceremony honoring his Milken Award.

Oh, and there's the bus.

"Well, there's nothing magic about that. The hours don't conflict. It's a great part-time job for a teacher!"



Smooth Transition

By Tammy Stanford, Alumni Publications Editor

Breaking down barriers for students of all ages and at all levels—that's the mission of the Big South Fork P-16 Council.

Members of the Big South Fork P-16 Council gather at the Morgan County Schools central office recently. From row from left: Toni McGriff, director of Roane County Schools and co-chairwoman of P-16; Larry Bouldin, Roane State dean of math/science and P-16 facilitator; Adolf King, Roane State vice president for academic services; Judy Tyl, Roane State vice president for students and enrollment management; Sandra Cannon, Tech Prep coordinator; Kathy Rhodes, Roane State director of distance education and advising. Middle row from left: Henry Baggett, director of Oneida City Schools; Mike Smith, Coalfield High teacher; Judy Hurst, principal of Central Middle School in Wartburg; Pam May, coordinator for Roane State's Fentress campus; Patricia Justice, Central Middle School teacher; Suzanne Poole, principal of Petros-Joyner School in Morgan County. Back row from left: Dallas Davis, principal of Central High School in Wartburg; Gary Goff, Roane State president; Jason Davis, teacher at Central Middle School in Wartburg; Wanda Lane, assistant director of Morgan County Schools; Mike Davis, director of Morgan County Schools.



“P-16” stands for pre-school through college (“grade 16”). In the Big South Fork portion of the statewide consortium, leaders from all realms of life in Anderson, Campbell, Cumberland, Fentress, Loudon, Morgan, Roane and Scott counties strive to make education seamless.

“P-16 works to consolidate, unify and coordinate the activities, aspirations and plans of educational entities in the region,” said Dr. Larry Bouldin, director of the Big South Fork P-16 Council and Roane State’s dean of math/science.

“In short, we get to know one another and share ideas, goals and dreams to produce the desired result—a better quality of life for all our citizens.”

Examples of P-16 initiatives: Discussing with business leaders the types of skilled workers needed for the future; making it simpler for students to move from high school to a Tennessee technology center, community college or university; and sharing resources throughout the consortium.

P-16 is already producing results, Bouldin said. Thanks to the council’s efforts and the help of area state legislators, state lottery scholarships have been extended to area high school students in Dual Credit college classes (see related story p. 7). Roane State also has donated surplus computers to a local school system (see related story p. 16). And in early April, the community college welcomed K-12 teachers from throughout the region for the Symposium on Powerful Teaching.

Roane State President Dr. Gary Goff, also a P-16 member, underscored one of the ultimate goals – skilled workers. “The P-16 initiative and in particular the Big South Fork P-16 Council is designed to support a seamless transition through Tennessee’s secondary and higher education systems in order to provide a high-quality education for an individual to be competitive within the workforce,” Goff said.

Big South Fork P-16 has nine counterparts across the state. The P-16 network aims to build communication among educational and community agencies; share ideas, issues and “best practices;” and organize as a common voice.

Said Judy Tyl, Roane State vice president for students and enrollment management and a driving force behind the Big South Fork P-16’s establishment, “This group has been a wonderful platform for discussion of educational issues across the region and has given each of us insight into what is happening at the various levels – pre-school, elementary, high school and college. As a result, valuable contacts have been made which has led to more open communication between the levels. In addition to identifying key issues that need work, we have been fortunate to see some of the great things that are going on in the schools of our area.”

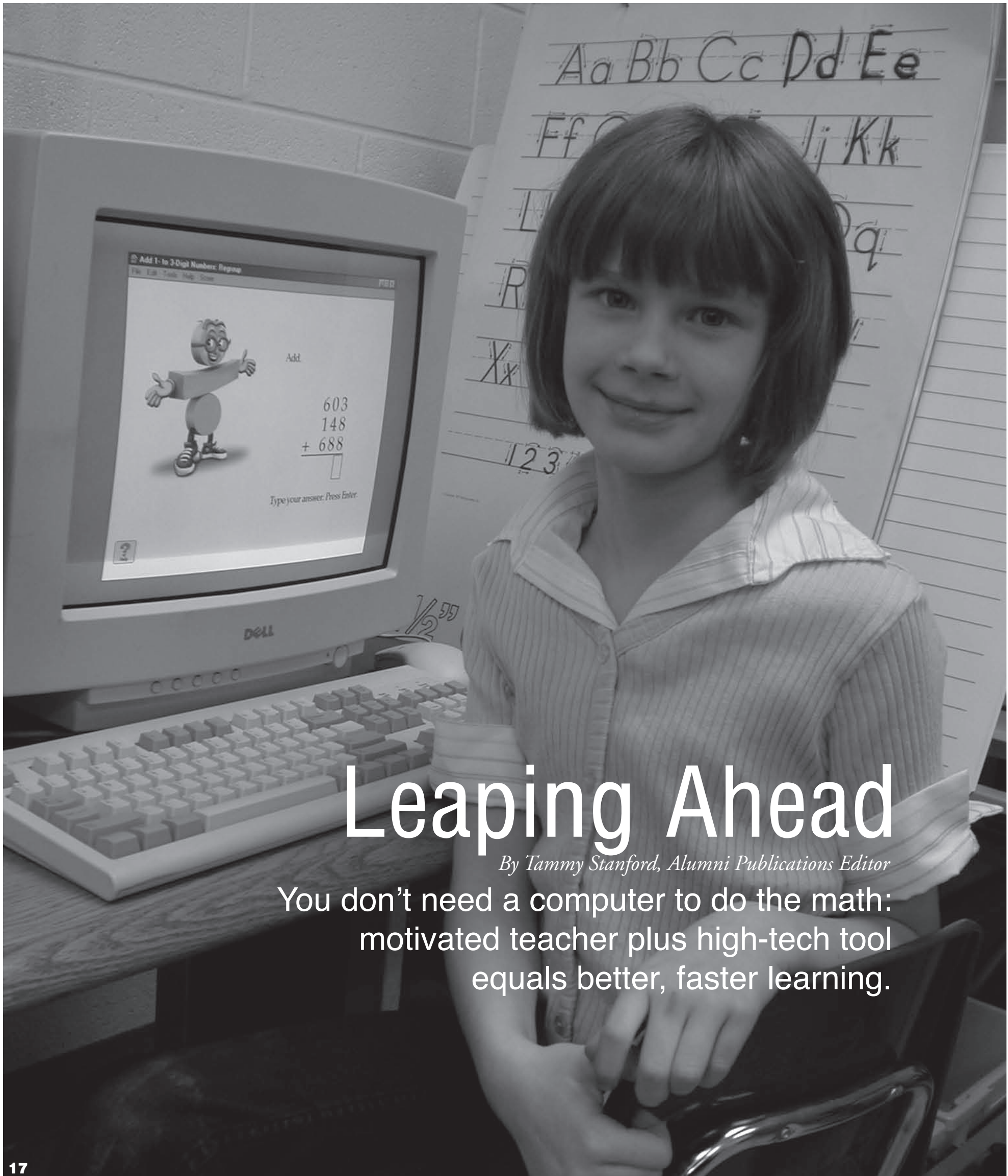
At a recent Big South Fork P-16 meeting, Morgan County educators described their school system’s participation in the international www.teacherweb.com, where parents, teachers and students can get essential information specific to their school.

For example, parents can download a syllabus or the classroom rules for their child’s instructor. Or if a child is sick and out of school, a parent can go online and find out about missed classwork and homework assignments. And students can schedule one-on-one counseling via teacherweb.com.

“It’s extremely easy for teachers to update the information. It just makes our job easier and is a great communication tool,” said Jason Davis, a language arts teacher at Wartburg Central Middle School who has worked extensively on the site.

Spotlighting and learning from Morgan County’s independent initiative on teacherweb.com, while carrying through projects such as the Scott County surplus computer gifts, is the perfect blend of what P-16 aspires to do, Bouldin said.

“The Scott County cooperative effort was a win-win situation for all involved. It’s a great example of institutions and groups working together to enhance lives. The P-16 Council hopes to have many more good things to flow from its efforts now and in the future.”



Leaping Ahead

By Tammy Stanford, Alumni Publications Editor

You don't need a computer to do the math:
motivated teacher plus high-tech tool
equals better, faster learning.

Roane State and the P-16 Council recently donated more than 130 surplus computers to the Scott County school system. Now, teachers like Michelle Morrow of Fairview Elementary can quickly figure out which first graders need help and where.

“Math, reading, vocabulary—I can evaluate each student and print a report on which skills they’ve mastered and which they have not,” Morrow said.

Thanks to the Roane State/P-16 gift, Morrow has a classroom computer fast enough to run “LeapTrack” software. “I’m able to assess and get results within 15 minutes on each child,” said Morrow. She then sends a self-contained learning tool called “LeapPad” home with each student to work on individualized exercises.

“Most of the computers donated by Roane State and P-16 are now in classrooms,” said Mike Lay, technology coordinator for Scott County Schools. When he heard of the gift of surplus computers, he was cautiously optimistic.

“When we first got (the computers), we were most excited about the monitors,” Lay recalled. “But we soon found that the computers themselves were well above the minimum specifications (set by tech coordinators across the state).”

Specifically, Lay and his department found that the computers were uniform and interchangeable. So if a computer in a lab goes down, for example, Lay can troubleshoot with few problems. “The standardization is a huge help with maintenance and repair,” he said.

Once Lay and crew evaluated the donations, they found that the machines “were so good that we decided to roll them out in the classroom. Now we’re taking out machines that are eight, nine years old and replacing them with machines that are five years old and in very good shape.”

Valerie Williams’ Fairview Elementary kindergartners visit a computer lab twice a week for 40-minute sessions. “Most of my students don’t have a computer at home,” Williams said. “In our lab, we have enough computers to accommodate the whole class. They play educational games, learning alphabet and letter sounds.”

Like her Fairview colleagues, Kate King of Burchfield Elementary was frustrated with the behind-the-times technology she had in her second-grade classroom. “Our old computers ‘froze up’ so much,” King said. Now the four computers in her classroom allow students to run LeapTrack as well as Compass Learning, another software package that covers all academic subjects.

“My students can access the computers on an individualized basis,” King said. “I’m very grateful.”

“Roane State is happy to help,” said Jack Walker, the community college’s director of purchasing. The surplus computers are “living” a second life in the Scott system, rather than gathering dust in a warehouse.

“This is a ‘win-win’ situation,” Walker said. “This frees up storage space for us and lets us avoid the time-consuming process of sending the equipment to surplus. It certainly makes more sense to put these machines to good use in our local school systems.”

It’s just not youngsters in primary grades who are benefiting. Barbara Shoemaker’s seventh-grade science students at Burchfield use the donated computers to write papers, put together PowerPoint presentations, and do research via the World Wide Web.

“This is real world,” Shoemaker said. “These kids are going to be competing with people from China and India for jobs. They have to be ready. I want them to see what’s out there.”

Meanwhile, Lay is planning to do more with the Roane State/P-16 gifts. “One of our goals is to replace all the Pentium I-level Windows 95 machines in the system.”

Shoemaker is dreaming even bigger. “If I could have a laptop computer on every student’s desk, I’d be happy,” she says with a laugh.



From top, left to right: Mike Lay and Barbara Shoemaker discuss computer resources in Shoemaker’s classroom; student Cody Baker completes a project; Morrow’s students—clockwise from top left MiKayla Phillips, Zachary Isabel, Darren Lawson and Brandon Morgan—concentrate on LeapTrack; Morrow works with Kenny West, Kayli Lowe and Shayla Lowe; Brooke Dunphy is “plugged in” to the wonders of web research; members of Shoemaker’s class work as teams on assignments.

Opposite: Shannon Burress, a Burchfield Elementary second grader, prepares to complete an exercise on the LeapTrack system.

Spirit |

the A team

Roane State's student-athletes compete in and out of the classroom. These primetime players have the top grade point averages in their respective sports:

Robert Gilmore



Team: Baseball Raiders

Hometown: Rockwood

Gilmore chose Roane State so he could get the education he wanted, play ball and stay close to his family.

Gilmore, who plans to transfer to Tennessee Tech University this fall to study engineering, makes bookwork a priority, and also studies when the Raiders are on the road. Gilmore likes the individualized attention he gets from Roane State's professors. "Teachers at a small college are great about working with you one on one," said the Raider pitcher. "My personal favorite is Peggy Hilliard, my English teacher."

Marnie Spurlock



Team: Softball Lady Raiders

Hometown: Baxter

Spurlock first came to Roane State simply as a student. The softball came later. Professor and former basketball coach Johnny Jones referred Spurlock to Softball Coach Sue Niemi, and Spurlock was soon suited up, playing third base.

Spurlock applies the lessons learned on the field in the classroom. "In sports you learn to manage your time so that you can play," said Spurlock, who is bound for Tennessee Tech University in the fall to major in elementary education. "You just know what it takes to get it done, and you do it."

Justin Sitzlar



Team: Basketball Raiders

Hometown: Kingston

Sitzlar was "red-shirted" this past season because of an injury. He'll get another year of playing time for Roane State in 2006-07 before transferring to either Tennessee Tech University or the University of Tennessee to study civil engineering.

"Roane State has great teachers, and I've made new friends here who have taught me a lot. As an athlete, you learn to work to get results on the court, but the same applies to the classroom. Athletes can make the jump from the court to the classroom."

Heather DeLorenzo



Team: Basketball Raiderettes

Hometown: Crossville

Lorenzo planned to enroll at Roane State since junior high, when she came to the college for basketball camp.

DeLorenzo, who will transfer to Tennessee Tech to major in education this fall, has sports and school in perspective. "Some people think athletes are 'dumb jocks,' but in reality we have a lot of pressure put upon us by our coaches to keep our grades up."

She looks forward to the future, but knows "I'll miss the sport. I love basketball."

News Notes |

from the headlines

Tracy Powers is the new director of the Campbell County Higher Education Center. Powers previously was director of the Scott County Higher Education Center, a position she held for more than eight years. In Campbell County, she replaces longtime director Cindy (Vinsant) Gardipe, who took a higher education job in Florida.

Sharon Baird, longtime technical clerk at the Campbell County campus, has been named interim director of the Scott County campus.

Roane State is now offering surplus equipment for sale to the public via **GovDeals**, a nationwide online auction service. Items for sale will be posted continuously and can be accessed via Roane State's home page at www.roanestate.edu or through www.govdeals.com. Bidders can register free of charge at the GovDeals site.

The college's **Center for Professional Development and Computer Training** has a new location – 105 Broadway Ave. in Oak Ridge, next to Big Ed's Pizza. The center offers computer training as well as other continuing education classes in business management, health science and other fields.

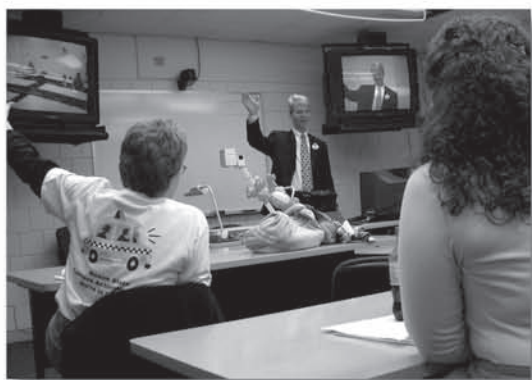
For an unprecedented fourth year in a row, **Roane State has earned a perfect score** on an evaluation by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC). Roane State is the only college in the state to receive 100 points in 2002, 2003 and 2004; and one of only three schools to achieve 100 in 2005 on THEC's Performance Funding.

Roane State honored those who have served in the nation's military at a **Veterans Day** observance. The event on the Roane County campus included a flag retirement ceremony and a POW/MIA remembrance service. Area veterans, including Roane State President Dr. Gary Goff and other Roane State faculty and staff members, served as an honor guard.

Longtime faculty member **Russ Schubert** has been named interim dean of the Oak Ridge campus and county satellite centers. Schubert also is continuing his service as dean of the Business Department at the college.

Lesha Hill is also doing "double-duty" for the college. The director of the Respiratory Therapy program is also dean of Health Sciences.

Three Roane State students are participating in **Disney World's paid internship program** this spring: Tanda Miller and Kelley Wilkerson from the Cumberland County campus, and Bethany Tate from the Fentress County campus are working this semester at the Florida resort. And in February, students from several Roane State campuses interviewed for the opportunity to participate in upcoming Disney World internships.



From left: Students listen to a presentation about Disney World internships, soldiers assist with the retirement of a United States flag at the Veterans Day ceremonies, Lesha Hill, Sharon Baird, Russ Schubert, and Tracy Powers.



Class Notes

Update fellow alumni about what's going on in your life. Fill out the coupon below and return to Alumni Relations.

'01

Carolyn D. Huntley (CAS-General Studies) works for Bechtel National, Inc. as a contract information specialist. She graduated from Tusculum University with a bachelor's degree in organizational management. Huntley lives in Oak Ridge and has three adult children, Todd, Sean and Eric; and one grandchild, Alexis Bridel Starkweather, born in October 2005.

Joanna C. (Emery) Williams (CAS-General Studies) is a customer service representative for Charter Communications. She lives in Crossville. Williams received her bachelor's from Tennessee Technological University in interdisciplinary studies, with an emphasis in elementary education and English, in 2003. She is the mother of four-year-old Mason Williams.

'04

Nicole (Phillips) Swint (CAS-Accounting) is currently attending UT for a bachelor's in accounting. She has a spring internship with Rodefor Moss and Co. in Knoxville. She married Justin Swint in July 2004.

In memoriam

Alumnus Glenn Stanley "Stan" Ballard ('86, A.S.-General) passed away Dec. 22, 2005.

Former student Julia Heath passed away March 11, 2006 (attended Roane State in the 1970s and '80s).

Student Zachary Lee Robinson passed away March 4, 2006.

Alumna Shelley (Summers) Schwartz ('84, A.A.S.-Respiratory Therapy) passed away March 13, 2006.

'85

Sharon L. (Blaylock) Smith (C.A.A.-Business) is vice president of human resources at Universal American Financial Corp. in Florida. She holds a master's degree in human resources management, a master's in human resources development and an MBA. While at Roane State, she was state vice president of Gamma Beta Phi. Smith has two adult children, Nikki Goethals and Khrys Ferguson.

'00

Lori Robbins Dailey (A.A.S.-Dental Hygiene) is a dental hygienist. She lives in Madisonville with her husband, Dennis, and their children Hank, 3, and Clara, 1.

Roane State Presents

performing and visual arts

Schedule of Events

April 13-15, 20-22 **"Broadway Review"**

The Roane State Music Department pays homage to an artistic form that stands the test of time—the musical. RSCC Theatre, 7 p.m. Tickets \$10 (\$5 for students) available at the door. Information: (865) 882-4589. See accompanying gallery exhibit by Tim VanBeke.

April 20-22, 27-29 **Meet-the-Artist Reception Art Exhibit. Artist Tim VanBeke creates conceptual abstractions of future technologies with social implications that are glamorous, sexually provocative and gender ambiguous. 6:30-7:45 p.m.**

April 28-30 **Spring Dance Concert**

Arts in Motion Dance Studio. Delightful concert for the entire family. RSCC Theatre, 7 p.m. Friday & Saturday; 2 p.m. Saturday & Sunday. Tickets are \$10/8 and available only in advance through Arts in Motion, Kingston Studio. Tickets and information: (865) 376-0295.



Check our Web site frequently for updates and additional performances at: www.roanestate.edu keyword: Roane State Presents

Photo: Abbey Roberts and Zoe Hill performed in the Spring 2005 Dance Concert.

We've Missed You! Where Have You Been?

Name _____
 (First) (Middle Initial or Maiden) (Last)

RSCC Degree(s) and/or Year(s) Attended/Graduated _____

Home Phone# _____ SS# _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail Address _____

Occupation/Title _____

Employer _____

Permission to add to online directory? Yes No

Spouse's Name _____

Names/Ages of Children _____

Other news (marriages, births, promotions, awards, major accomplishments, retirement, other items of interest). Send photos (digital preferred). _____

Activities while attending Roane State (Student Government, Sports, . . .) _____

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 e-mail: alumni@roanestate.edu
www.roanestate.edu/alumni**

Alumni

alumni chapter news

Environmental Health Alumni Association

In February the Environmental Health Alumni Association (EHAA) taught the Environmental Science Merit Badge at the 20th annual Merit Badge College for the Boy Scouts of America. Participating EHAA members were: John Tilley of BWXT, Brad Parish of Kelly Scientific Services, Rebecca Charles of Teledyne Brown Engineering, and Wayne Underwood of ORNL.



Laboratory experiments covered such topics as the effects of the environment on living organisms, environmental enhancements that reduce polluting effects of storm water runoff, contrasting observations of real-time local air collection data and decomposition of packing materials sent to the landfill. e-mail: ehalthalum@roanestate.edu

Campbell County Alumni Association

With the scheduled opening of the new campus soon, Campbell County alumni have embarked on an ambitious project to help raise money to furnish the new facility. If interested in contributing to the cause, contact the Office of Alumni Relations. e-mail: campcoalum@roanestate.edu

Three New Chapters Under Review for Chartering

The Office of Alumni Relations is exploring the possibility of three new chapters. If you are interested in participating, contact the Office of Alumni Relations.



- Fentress County Chapter
- Scott County Chapter
- Opticianry Chapter

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Check our Web site for updates on chapters and upcoming activities.

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Outstanding Alumnus Sought

We're seeking nominations for the 2006 Outstanding Alumni Awards to be given to an RSCC alumna and alumnus in recognition of outstanding service to their profession, to RSCC and to the community.

Nominations

Nominations can be made by anyone and must include:

1. the Nominee Information Form
2. a letter of recommendation
3. a resume of the candidate

Nominations should include the nominee's name, address, date of graduation and degree (to be verified by RSCC personnel) and information detailing how the nominee meets each of the three criteria.

Eligibility

Nominees must have attended Roane State Community College for at least 30 semester hours or 45 quarter hours to be considered for this award.

Criteria for Selection

1. Noteworthy professional contributions
 - a. To one's profession (beyond normal requirements and expectations)
 - b. Recognized via professional awards or recognition
2. Contributions to the spirit and values of Roane State Community College
3. Contributions to his or her community through community service or volunteer work

Selection Process

Selections will be made by the RSCC Alumni Recognition Committee.

Deadline for submission of nomination: May 31, 2006

For more information, call (865) 882-4503. Or you may e-mail a request for application or print the Nominee Information Form directly from the Web at: www.roanestate.edu keyword: alumni

Submit all nominations and materials to:

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Roane State Foundation | going the extra mile

What's the perfect way to remember a loved one or express your passion for higher education? For many, it's a scholarship endowment through the Roane State Foundation. Each year, Roane State students striving for a better life enjoy "the kindness of strangers" who have reached out to help those in their communities.

Here are a few of those beneficiaries:

Tiffany Selvidge, a first-year nursing student from Sweetwater, has received the Nancy Ann Garrison Memorial Scholarship. She says the award "has made it possible for me to continue my education and follow my dream of becoming a nurse. Without this scholarship, I would have to work more and have less time to spend on school. I'm very thankful for the foundation scholarship donors. Without them, many students would not be able to manage school."

Monica Burgess graduated from Rhea County High School in 2005. At Roane State, she is studying pre-pharmacy and has received the A.C. Mullins Achievement Scholarship. "Thanks to the Roane State Foundation, I'm able to further my education close to home. I hope the foundation can continue to help other students in the same way it has helped me."

A married father of two, **Christopher Chamblee** of Clinton is a nursing major and the recipient of the Linda Kent Memorial Nursing Scholarship. He plans to work in a cardiac speciality unit upon graduation, then pursue bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing. "I have learned in nursing school what true focus is and how to organize to achieve far more than what I previously thought possible," said Chamblee, of his successful balancing of work, college and family life. "I have also learned that I cannot do it alone."

Summer Hancock of Scott County has received the James L. Tarwater Scholarship, which helps her purchase textbooks. "I only received a partial Pell (federal) grant, so this scholarship was much needed." Hancock, who is married with four young children, faces a long road toward her ultimate goal of a doctorate in neural psychology. "Because of the many wonderful teachers and staff members who are willing to help in any way, my time at Roane State has been immensely enjoyable and educational at the same time."

Deborah Braeuner of Knoxville is majoring in radiologic technology. She's receiving the Kent Adult Learner Scholarship, which has made it possible for her to return to school. "(My husband) and I have three children in college, and we just couldn't imagine or afford one more tuition bill." Braeuner, who chose her major because she wants to help others, is thrilled with the training she's getting. "The (rad tech) program stresses excellent patient care. We are told to think of the patient as one of our family members, and to treat them the same way we would want our family member to be treated."



Clockwise from top left: Selvidge, Chamblee, Hancock, Burgess, and Braeuner.

Calendar

coming up at your community college

april

- April 13-15
20-22 ● Roane State Concert Choir in performance
- April 14-16 ■ Circuit by the River Quarter Horse Show
- April 17 ▲ Softball Lady Raiders vs. Vol State (2 p.m.)
- April 18 ▲ Softball Lady Raiders vs. Cleveland State (2 p.m.)
- April 20-22
27-29 ● Art gallery exhibit by Tim VanBeke
- April 21 ▲ Baseball Raiders vs. Cleveland State (2 p.m.)
- April 21 Groundbreaking for Scott County Campus addition (noon)
- April 21-23 ■ Tennessee Reining Horse Association
- April 22 ▲ Baseball Raiders vs. Cleveland State (noon)
- April 22 ▲ Softball Lady Raiders vs. St. Catharine (1 p.m.)
- April 23 ▲ Softball Lady Raiders vs. St. Catharine (11 a.m.)
- April 28-30 ● Spring Dance Concert by Arts in Motion Dance Studio
- April 29 ■ National Barrel Horse Association
- April 29 ■ Roane County 4-H

june

- June 1 First- and full-term summer term classes begin
- June 1-4 ■ Region III Hillbilly Classic Quarter Horse Show
- June 3 Public star gaze at observatory
- June 8-10 ■ Smoky Mountain District 4-H Show
- June 14-18 ■ Dogwood Classic Quarter Horse Show
- June 23-25 ■ Fortune 5 Barrel Show
- June 29 Second-term summer classes begin

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- May 5-6 Commencement ceremonies in Roane Campus gym
- May 5-7 ■ Ron McLoughlin Horse Handling School
- May 5-7 ■ East Tennessee Cutting Horse Association
- May 6 Public Star gaze at observatory
- May 13-14 ■ Tennessee Reining Horse Association
- May 19-20 ■ Smoky Mountain Walking Horse Association
- May 27-28 ■ Oak Ridge Kennel Club

july

- July 7-9 ■ Ron McLoughlin Horse Handling School
- July 8 ■ National Barrel Horse Association
- July 15 ■ Tennessee Paint Horse Club
- July 15-16 ■ Tennessee Reining Horse Association
- July 27 Last day of summer classes
- July 27-31 ■ Country Music Quarter Horse Show

■ Call the Henry/Stafford Agricultural Exposition Center at (865) 882-4590 for details.

● Roane State Presents: All events are in the theatre on the Roane County Campus. Call the numbers listed on page 5 for more information.

▲ Games listed are played on the Roane County Campus.

Roane State Pride.



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