

The Communicator

Monday, Nov. 16, 2009

FYIs

Human Resources

Happy Birthday greetings to the following:

Nov. 17 Sue Seaton and Shaun Simpson

Nov. 18 Patricia Jenkins, Diana Scarborough and Malinda Yager

Nov. 19 William West

Nov. 20 Robert Brown

Was your birthday left off this week's birthday list? E-mail driskillo@roanestate.edu, and we will include it in the next Communicator.

Cumberland Campus Will Host Small Business Celebration

The celebration will be held Nov. 17 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Central in conjunction with Global Entrepreneurship Week. The event will be held in the Community Room at the campus, 2567 Cook Road in Crossville, and is free and open to the public. This event is sponsored by the Cumberland Business Incubator, Roane State, Tennessee Technological University and the Crossville-Cumberland County Chamber of Commerce. Special recognition is focused on the entrepreneurial success stories of TAP Publishing and MasterCorp—local start-ups that have had global success. Come learn their inspiring stories! For more information, please contact the Cumberland County campus at (931) 456-9880.

International Students To Hold Fundraiser for CASA, Nov. 23, Oak Ridge Campus

Roane State's international students will host a fundraiser for CASA on Nov. 23 at the Oak Ridge campus from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. in the atrium. The students will have free coffee and Egyptian desserts for sale. CASA stands for "Court-Appointed Special Advocates." According to the national organization's Web site, "CASA volunteers are appointed by judges to watch over and advocate for abused and neglected children, to make sure they don't get lost in the overburdened legal and social service system or languish in an inappropriate group or foster home." CASA programs provide services in several Tennessee counties. For more information about the fundraiser, contact Will Lavender at lavenderw@roanestate.edu.

Please Share This Opportunity with Students

The Danish Rotary District 1470 has created an essay competition "My life and My World in 2050" concerning the climate and the author's vision of life on earth in the year 2050. The first prize is 8,000 EURO and a trip to Copenhagen, the second prize is 3,000 EURO, and the third prize is 1,000 EURO. Please note that the submission deadline is Nov. 25. Details are available at <http://www.rotary4environment.com>

Free Workshop for Small Business Owners

Roane State's Tennessee Small Business Development Center, with the Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce, will offer a free workshop for small business owners and entrepreneurs who want a better understanding of starting a new business.

The workshop will be from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 17 at the Oak Ridge Chamber, 1400 Oak Ridge Turnpike. Jutta Bangs, business specialist of the local TSBDC office, will lead the workshop. To sign up, call (865) 483-2668 or e-mail jbangs@tsbdc.org.

Support Staff Council to Hold Annual Silent Auction Dec. 1-3

The Support Staff Council will hold its Annual Silent Auction beginning at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec, 1 and ending at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 3. If you have items to donate for the auction, please contact one of the following people:

Heather Taylor
(865) 481-2034
Oak Ridge Campus

Jeana Bradley
(865) 882-4507
Harriman Campus

Vanessa Overton
(423) 562-7021
Campbell Co. Campus

Sandra Fuller
(931) 456-9880
Cumberland Co. Campus

Cathi Jolly
(931) 752-8320 ext 4625
Fentress Co. Campus

Margaret Hagwood
(865) 329-3165
Knox Campus

Yvonne Toon
(865) 986-1525
Loudon Co. Campus

Rena Adkins
(423) 663-3878
Scott Co. Campus

Diana Scarbrough
(423) 346-8700
Morgan Co. Campus

All proceeds from the auction benefit the Gayle Mullins Memorial Support Staff Fund for book scholarships for students and retreats for Support Staff (both of which are possible through fundraisers such as this). Watch the Roane State Web site for updates on the auction and other upcoming Support Staff events.

Host Families/Mentor Families Needed for International Students

Host families provide a bed, meals and a place to study. The families do not have to provide transportation or buy any personal items for the students. Occasionally, host families may be asked to volunteer as drivers for field trips, but participation is optional. Roane State's international students range in age from 18-22 and speak English, although skill levels vary. A support system composed of college staff members and other host families will provide assistance, and host families receive a monthly stipend to help offset expenses. Mentor families are also needed. Mentor families do not house the students; instead, they mentor the students by providing encouragement and support. For more information or to volunteer, contact Melissa Rahmanian at (865) 242-1189 or rahmanianml@roanestate.edu.

So, What's Up with Those... "So, you want to be a..." Recruitment Cards?

Q. Where do I hand in my completed recruitment cards? At Campbell, Cumberland, Fentress, Knox, Loudon, Morgan and Scott campuses, take the bottom half of card to your campus secretary. At Oak Ridge and Roane County campuses, take the bottom half of card to your campus receptionist.



New Feature Allows Students, Employees To Chat Online with RSCC Librarians

Roane State Community College Library is now offering research assistance online through its Ask Us Now chat service. The chat service allows Roane State students and employees to ask real-time questions and get real-time answers from professional librarians. To use the service, go to <http://www.roanestate.edu/library/ask.htm> and find the RSCC Libraries chat box. If the green light is on, then a librarian is ready to help. Type a question in the chat box, and a librarian will respond. If a librarian is not available, you can leave a message or contact the library through any of the other contact options listed.

Audiovisual

AV has received the DVD collection of 50 international titles from Janus Films, and the collection is available for checkout. Included are films from directors such as Bergman, Fellini, Godard, Kurosawa, Turell Truffaut, Clouzot and Mizoguchi.

Titles from the collection include:

- Alexander Nevsky (Eisenstein, 1938)
- Ikuru (Kurosawa, 1952)
- Beauty and the Beast (Cocteau, 1946)
- The Lady Vanishes (Hitchcock, 1938)
- Viridiana (Bunuel, 1961)
- Knife in the Water (Polanski, 1962)
- Grand Illusion (Renoir, 1937)
- Umberto D. (Sica, 1952)

E-mail Pat Pate, patejp@roanestate.edu, if you would like a complete list of the 50 titles.

The following Spanish foreign film titles were donated by a community member:

“The Grandfather”

“Like Water for Chocolate”

“The Official Story”

For more information, contact Pat Pate, patejp@roanestate.edu.

Stargaze' at Observatory

Enjoy the evening skies at the Tamke-Allan Observatory on the first and third Saturdays of each month. The stargazes at the observatory on Watts Bar Lake are free and open to the public. The stargazes begin at dusk. If skies are cloudy, observatory staff will present a program. For directions to the observatory, call 882-4591; or go to the Web site:

<http://www.roanestate.edu/obs/>.

Deferred Compensation Program

Employees of the State of Tennessee are eligible to participate in two optional tax-deferred retirement savings plans operated by the state: a 457 plan and a 401(k) plan. Contributions to these plans are made through regular payroll deductions. Salary set aside through these plans cannot be withdrawn before separation from service except under a few limited circumstances. Participants in either plan are permitted to direct their contributions among a variety of investment options. For additional information, please go to our Human Resources Web page and click on the appropriate links, www.roanestate.edu/humanresources.

Diversity Corner

Taken from Chase's Calendar of Events

National AIDS Awareness Month – To educate consumers, patients, students and professionals on the prevention of AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases.

Roane State Presents

Upcoming events at the Roane State Theatre.

Death of a Salesman by Arthur Miller

Powerful story which addresses the painful conflicts within one family, but also tackles larger issues regarding American national values. The play examines the cost of blind faith in the American Dream. In this respect, it offers a postwar American reading of personal tragedy in the tradition of Sophocles' Oedipus Cycle. Miller charges America with selling a false myth constructed around a capitalist materialism nurtured by the postwar economy, a materialism that obscured the personal truth and moral vision of the original American Dream described by the country's founders. November 20-22 at 7 p.m. and November 22 at 2 p.m., \$10 general, \$7 student.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Roane State Women's and Men's Basketball Schedule

Date	Team	Opponent	Site	Time
Nov. 17	W	Univ. of Cumberlands JV	Home	5:30 p.m.
Nov. 17	M	Lee University JV	Home	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 20	W/M	Dyersburg State	Home	6 p.m., 8 p.m.
Nov. 21	W/M	Southwest Tennessee	Home	2 p.m., 4 p.m.

Expo Center

For more information, go to www.roanestate.edu/expocenter.

Nov. 17 Open ride (every Tuesday), 5-10 p.m.
Both arenas. \$5 per rider, \$5 per horse
(865) 882-4590

Nov. 21-22 Volunteer Riding Association
David and Melissa Stooksbury
www.threeandhome@yahoo.com

If you encounter any telephone problems, please e-mail Allen Brunton with the following information so the problem can be fixed: (a) date and time the problem occurred, (b) campus site and extension number that had the problem, (c) if making a call, the number calling and what happened, (d) if receiving a call, what happened, and (e) any other information that might help solve these issues.

Please submit items for upcoming editions of The Communicator by e-mailing the information to Owen Driskill, Coordinator of News at driskillo@roanestate.edu, by 2 p.m. Thursday.

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