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This is a still shot from Professor Anne Powers' 3-D animation work in progress. The imagined world in the animation is an art "theme park" in which the characters explore art processes and concepts.
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“Songwriter Guy Clark says ‘spread your arms, hold your breath and always trust your cape.’ That’s exactly what we are doing in the new Alumni Relations office. We have begun an adventure that is sure to take us down many new paths and open untold doors of opportunity.”

Melinda Hillman, dean of Institutional Advancement, heads the Alumni Relations Office. She and husband, Ron, love to roam the world in their spare time.

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The first voice you hear when reconnecting with your community college may be that of Carol Foltz. You may remember Carol as your Raider Corps adviser, or the lady who helped you apply for a scholarship.

Today, Carol is the “frontline face” of the new Alumni Relations office. She and husband, Richard, share their Crossville home with dogs Magic and Ranger and cats Tigger and Tommy Lee Jones.

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“The alumni magazine is the most exciting and challenging project I’ve worked on in my 12 years in graphic design. I want it to illustrate just how dynamic our college really is.”

Sandi Roberts serves as coordinator of Graphic Arts for the college. She, husband Phil, and 18-month old Abbey Kate reside in Rockwood.

“There is much to be said for living where Domino’s doesn’t deliver—like night skies crowded with stars, or the smell of a woodfire held close to the ground by a November fog.”

Tammy Stanford lives in Pine Orchard in Morgan County. “Thanks to Roane State, the opportunity for a college education in our rural communities always lies just down the road. I’m thrilled to edit and write for a magazine that celebrates our alumni.”

Gail Russell, an employee of 18 years, has experienced change and growth at Roane State. She is currently handling the database development and technical aspects of the newly formed Alumni Relations Department. “Looking back over my years at Roane State, it appears that the knowledge I’ve acquired is proving to be extremely valuable in my current job responsibilities. I credit my years in the Admissions and Records Office with learning how all the pieces fit and getting the big picture.”

Pecola Ewing has worked in several departments at Roane State, and is now a member of the Alumni Relations technical support team. Pecola is known across campus as an outstanding cook—the lines form deep and fast at her tasting table during the college’s annual Multicultural Day celebration. She is also a volunteer cook at an area homeless shelter. Pecola has one adult son and an 18-year-old grandson. She and husband, Howard, make their home in the Emory Gap community.

Jeremy-Chad Pulcifer, a human of 21 years, doodles for Alumni Relations while juggling too much other work for RSCC. Between doodling for money, doodling for jollies, and trying to get a few books read, JCP collects enough toys to rival Toys-R-U’s yearly stock. He enjoys group activities such as hiking, biking, video-gaming and general disturbance of the peace. In between such, there’s sleep, but he’s too busy for that.
Dear Roane State Alumni:

Welcome to our first edition of Roane State Today. In fact, this publication is a part of many “firsts” for our institution. For the first time in many years we are organizing an alumni association. We have established the first alumni office—located in the O’Brien Building on the Roane County campus. And, our alumni initiative is in concert with the first state incorporation of the Tennessee Board of Regents Federation of Alumni Associations.

Through this issue as well as future issues, we hope to better communicate with our 10,000-plus graduates spread across the country. Several times each year, you will receive communications from the college. We invite you to visit us anytime on the Internet at www.roanestate.edu. Here, you will find all the latest college news, course offerings and special campus events. Be sure to visit the alumni web page to learn how you can become involved with your alma mater.

To coordinate the Roane State alumni initiative, we have assembled a highly qualified staff that you can meet on page 4. While we have a broad vision of what the Alumni Relations office will bring to Roane State alums, we look forward to your input on what YOU want from YOUR alumni association.

One of our immediate goals includes establishing alumni chapters to bring former students together with others who attended Roane State and studied in similar areas. While we encourage all graduates to become involved with the alumni association through alumni chapters, we want to especially encourage those individuals who are willing to serve in a leadership capacity on a local, regional or national level. From this leadership pool, we hope to identify our chapter leaders.

The college takes pride in your achievements and the contributions you make to your communities. I would like to personally invite you to share with us ideas you might have concerning higher education in general and Roane State in particular. We eagerly anticipate reestablishing old friendships, making new ones and enjoying the fun and fellowship that the new Roane State Community College Alumni Association is positioned to bring. Welcome back to the Roane State family.

Wade B. McClung
Roane County
The newest Big Man on Campus is Dr. Wade McCamey, appointed Roane State’s third president in fall 2001. A lifelong educator, Dr. McCamey came to Roane State from Walters State Community College, where he last served as vice president for Academic Affairs. He holds a bachelor’s degree in geography and biology, and master’s and doctoral degrees in education administration—all from East Tennessee State University. Dr. McCamey replaced Dr. Sherry Hoppe at the Roane State helm after Hoppe was named president of Austin Peay State University.

The Roane County campus—the college’s original and oldest location—got a facelift recently, with new sidewalks, pavement and infrastructure. Roane County campus buildings now include the Cuyler Dunbar Building, the Technology Building, the Library, the O’Brien Humanities Building and Theatre, and the Henry/Stafford Agricultural Exposition Center.

The campus is located at 276 Patton Lane, between Rockwood and Harriman. Call (865) 354-3000 for information about events and programs.

Oak Ridge
After decades in rented and leased facilities, the Oak Ridge Branch Campus moved into a custom-designed building in August 1999. The full-service campus houses a comprehensive academic curriculum, including many of the college’s health-science programs.

Loretta Friend is the dean of the Oak Ridge Branch Campus. Her assistant is Pam Shannon. You’re invited to drop by the campus at 701 Briarcliff Avenue, or call (865) 481-2000.

Campbell County
College and community leaders are raising funds to build a permanent Campbell County campus to replace leased facilities in LaFollette.

Cindy Gardipe, center director, and staff members Sharon (Wright) Baird and Vannessa Overton serve students and the community at the current campus inside Woodson’s Mall. You may reach them at (423) 562-7021.

Cumberland County
Thanks to the generosity of the Cumberland County community, a permanent campus opened in Crossville in 1998. Some 125 classes are offered each semester.

Muffin Liskovec, director of the center since its beginning, is assisted by staff members Myra Holloway, Sandra Fuller, Shirley Hudson and Peggy Miller. You’ll find the Cumberland campus at 2567 Cook Road. The phone number is (931) 456-9880.
Knox County
This campus at 132 Hayfield Road in West Knoxville houses classes for students in a variety of health science programs.

The Respiratory Therapy Technology program recently moved to the Knox center to better serve students. The Polysomnography (sleep disorders) program has been on hiatus, but is to be revived this year.

Center director Anne Allen is assisted by Kay DeVore. The center phone number is (865) 539-6904.

Loudon County
In August 2001, this campus moved into a new facility in downtown Lenoir City. The college shares the building with the Lenoir City Public Library and the Loudon County Career Center.

The new state-of-the-art campus, located at 100 W. Broadway Suite 131, is a full-service facility for students. Susan (Bowers) Williams is center director; her assistant is Yvonne Toon. You may reach them at (865) 986-1525.

Scott County
This attractive campus in Huntsville is considered a showpiece for Tennessee college branch locations.

The community has been extremely supportive of the campus. Thanks to that support, a “wet” laboratory recently opened there—meaning local students now do not have to drive to Oak Ridge or Harriman to complete science courses.

Tracy Powers is center director. Her assistants are Rena Adkins and Charlotte Shelton. The campus is at 410 W.H. Swain Boulevard; the phone number is (423) 663-3878.
Reflections

During Roane State’s recent 30th anniversary celebration, these voices paused to remember.

Dr. Paul Goldberg, one of “The Dirty Dozen,” is currently Roane State’s dean of Continuing Education and Workforce Development.

“In those first years of the college, if 15 people wanted to be taught in a meat locker, one of us would probably put on a coat and go teach them.”

Sammie Mowery was a member of Roane State’s first graduating class. She’s now Student Activities coordinator at the college. Mowery recalled that before the permanent campus was constructed, Roane State classes met at various locations in Roane County, including the old Fairmount Elementary in Harriman.

“Fairmount was an elementary school for sure. It was the ’70s, and in the ’70s we wore our skirts a whole lot shorter than we should have. They hadn’t retrofitted any of the fixtures, and so the school was still (designed) for small children. All the water fountains were (low to the ground), so when you wore your miniskirt you didn’t get a drink of water all day.”

With the college since its beginning, Mowery has seen changes due to growth, but knows that some things never change.

“Roane State’s changed a lot. The students are the same. The students are here to learn; the students are here to have fun.”

Dr. Larry Bouldin is a professor of mathematics, hired in Roane State’s early days. He recalled another constant through the years.

“I think that when you get down to finally analyzing what goes on at the college, it’s that faculty member working with that student individually, that had continued to make a difference.”

Kinch York recently retired as director of Capital Projects and Planning at Roane State. He was originally hired in 1972 as physical plant and safety director.

“One day in 1973, we had a whole (student) lounge full of folks. I was back in my office, and one of our custodians came running and said, ‘Mr. York, come quick! There’s a naked man in the lounge.’ Sure enough, here was a long-legged basketball player, naked as a jaybird except for a big old towel wrapped around his head. He jumped over the (outside) rail and I sailed over right behind him. Unbeknownst to me, he had four girlfriends in the parking lot with the doors open, ready to roll. That little Chevrolet out-ran me just as I got near the car.”

Becky Brunton is director of Library Services at Roane State. She recalled her student days in the college’s beginning, buzzing from temporary location to temporary location.

“You could almost say Roane State has always been in the business of having multiple ‘campuses,’ because that’s how we started out, and that’s how we are now.”

The Dirty Dozen

Move to Appalachia and stake your career on a fuzzily defined, underfunded outfit operating out of cast-off government housing. That was the “opportunity” offered and accepted by “The Dirty Dozen,” the original Roane State faculty and staff members.

These educators started a college from scratch in 1971, working out of a World War II Oak Ridge “flat-top” while the campus was constructed.

In a time when many young people in Roane State’s service area had to go north for decent jobs that paid a living wage, the idea of a community college right here in East Tennessee was revolutionary.

On second thought, perhaps a better nickname for those original 12 might be “The Believers.”

A 1979 special section of The Roane County News listed the 12 and their original roles with Roane State as:

- Phillip Allen, director of the Governor’s Youth program
- Dr. Cuyler Dunbar, president
- Dr. Nancy Fisher, chairman of the humanities division
- Dr. Paul Goldberg, geography instructor
- Dr. C.P. Keim, director of field services
- James Kring, biology instructor
- Carroll Marsalis, chairman of the occupational careers and social science divisions
- Dr. Anne Minter, chemistry and biology instructor
- John Needham, librarian
- Louise Greene, admissions and records officer
- Linda Simmons, history instructor
- Dr. Harold Underwood, chairman of the math/science and education divisions
Debbie Long, emergency services dispatcher and emergency medical technician (EMT).

Long raised a family and worked at various jobs before studying to become one of the voices that those in trouble hear when they call 911. She has since earned her EMT credentials and works mainly in that area, though she occasionally fills in as a dispatcher.

On talking to people in emergency situations: “When we have an hysterical caller, we deliberately speak slower and clearer to try to calm them down. You deal with all different kinds of people–most of whom are scared–and you just have to overlook any rudeness and go on. A lot of what we tell callers is common-sense stuff they might forget in their excitement. You really learn to think fast on your feet in this job.”

On dealing with real-life drama and trauma: “The real emergency calls are the ones that really get to you, especially when I know someone might not make it and we’ve got to get (help) there fast. But, as strange as it seems, it’s at times like these when I feel like I do the most good. Some people won’t understand this attitude, but my feeling is, ‘If it’s gotta happen, I hope it happens while I’m on duty so I can do something about it.”

Rhondia (Burress) Cannon, medical transcriptionist.

After putting her college career on hold to raise a family, Cannon wanted to complete a program quickly and get into the work force. She graduated from the one-year Medical Transcription program in 2002 and now works from an office in her Clinton home for Fort Sanders Regional Medical Center/Patricia Neal Rehabilitation Center.

On the painstaking task of transcribing physicians notes: “My job is to type only what I hear; the only thing I ever change is poor grammar. I’m not allowed to ‘guess’ what the doctor meant to say because accuracy is very important in the job. If the doctor prescribes .1 mg of medicine but I type ‘1 mg,” the result could be the death of the patient.”

Bart Smith, certified occupational therapy assistant.

Smith has a degree in English and spent a decade working in theater before changing careers. He graduated from Roane State’s Occupational Therapy Assistant program in 1998, and now works at Associated Therapeutics in Knoxville.

On the difference between physical therapy and occupational therapy: “Both deal with helping patients regain use of parts of their body that have been injured or damaged. However, occupational therapy assistants deal with both physical dysfunction rehabilitation as well as psychosocial rehabilitation. In other words, OTAs treat both the mind and the body.”

On the intangible rewards of the job: “I remember one patient who had a high-level spinal cord injury and a tracheostomy so he couldn’t write or speak. We rigged up a communication board and a wrist splint for him to use, and he was able to spell out ‘you have been good to me.’”

Gary L. Davis, paramedic.

Davis is the deputy chief of Emergency Medical Services in Anderson County. He lives in Oak Ridge.

On dealing with emotion while doing your job: “I’ve had to come to terms with death and dying. I have to keep reminding myself that I didn’t cause (a fatal auto) accident; I’m only there to help. There is a lot of emotional stress on this job. This profession used to have a high suicide rate, lots of drug abuse and lots of failed marriages. That taught us that we have to pay close attention to our emotions. The biggest change is that the guys have learned to talk about it when they’re upset.”

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On the “simple” task of transporting the injured and infirm: “When we pull up at a scene, I immediately start figuring out how we will get the patient out of the area. If houses were designed by EMTs and paramedics, they sure would look different. Most people never give any thought to how difficult it is to maneuver a gurney in and out of rooms.”

Claire Crotser, diagnosis and procedural coder.

Crotser is a same-day-surgery and observation coder at Blount Memorial Hospital. A resident of Maryville, Crotser attended Roane State in 2000 and 2001. On what her job demands: “My job is to paint a picture—in numeric code—of what happens to a patient from the time they arrive in the hospital until the time they leave.”

On the rewards of the job: “There’s such a demand for experienced coders that I could work in any state. The coder who knows how to code so that a facility is reimbursed (by insurance companies) to the maximum amount they are legally entitled to, is worth his or her weight in gold.”
Barbara Glumac, licensed massage therapist.
As a speech pathologist with overwhelming daily stress, Glumac decided to change careers. Now, massage therapy lets her manage her own stress while helping others. In 1998, she was a member of Roane State's first graduating class in somatic (massage) therapy. She works at Touch of Grace Massage Therapy in Knoxville and Oak Ridge.

"You would be surprised how many people are searching for answers to solve their health issues without prescription drugs."

On myths about her profession: "(One misconception) is that massage has a sexual connotation. (Another) is that massage is a luxury. As a result of professional licensure, research and public education, these misconceptions are fading and being replaced with the understanding that massage offers people a new choice in the management of stress, tension, pain, anxiety, etc. You would be surprised how many people are searching for answers to solve their health issues without prescription drugs."

Michelle Ballinger, registered polysomnographic technologist.
Ballinger notes that those trained in polysomnography—the study of sleep disorders—are in high demand in the health-care field. She works in the Sleep Center at UT Medical Center. She graduated from Roane State's Polysomnography program in 2000.

On the upside to staying up late: "You definitely need to be a 'night person,' because you have to be able to sit for long periods of time and still be alert and focused. The most rewarding part of working in sleep disorders medicine is that you are able to see lives changed for the better almost immediately. In my opinion, there's nothing more gratifying than that."

Brent Hannah, registered respiratory therapist.
Hannah's childhood asthma and a presentation by respiratory therapists at an Explorer Scouts meeting during high school steered him toward his profession. He graduated from Roane State's program in 1998, and today works at UT Medical Center. He makes his home in Clinton.

On his profession's unsung allure: "I think respiratory therapy is the best-kept medical career secret. If you want a job with a good salary and good job security, this is it. It's also a very rewarding and fulfilling career."

Molly Johnson, registered technologist in radiography.
Johnson lives in Kingston and works at Roane Medical Center. She graduated from Roane State's Radiologic Technology program in 2001.

On urban legends about her profession: "You don't glow after an x-ray! I'd be rich if I had a nickel for every joke I've heard about how radiation will make you light up. Most people don't realize that they are bombarded with radiation every day. You get more radiation from flying in a jet or lying in a tanning bed than you do from any single x-ray exam we give."

Jamie Ramsey, emergency medical technician / IV technician.
Ramsey originally planned to become a nurse, but caught the emergency medicine "fever." She attended Roane State in the late 1990s and now works at Anderson County EMS.

"The good I do is not necessarily with just the patient; sometimes my job is to help the family and be a support to them as well."

On her most memorable patient: "I remember a man who had cancer that we had transported back and forth to the hospital for several months—during the times when he was feeling fairly well (and was happy to see it was me and my partner transporting him) and the times when he was so sick he didn't recognize us. His wife told us many times that she was relieved when my partner and I would arrive, because she knew her husband was more comfortable with us than anyone else. I felt like we were a real part of their family during that time. I met the family members and knew their stories as well as his. The good I do is not necessarily with just the patient; sometimes my job is to help the family and be a support to them as well."

The Alumni Relations website allows you to e-mail the Alumni Relations staff and other alumni. The site also has a digital copy of this magazine, including forms that you can send online instead of mailing.
http://www.roanestate.edu/alumni
It’s retro time at Roane State. Today’s coed favors the fashions that her mom might have sported on campus during the “Me Decade.” What’s next—a Pinto in every driveway?

“Many of our younger RSCC students today are dressing in peasant blouses and bell-bottom pants—just like I did on campus. It’s a daily flashback.”

Professor Pat Bailey

Lindsay Crawford (right) and India Anderson show off their everyday retro style in the student lounge. Anderson, the Student Government Association president, is wearing corduroy hip huggers, Birkenstock clogs and her mother’s turquoise pendant. SGA Senator Crawford is wearing her father’s shirt from the ’70s—complete with a leather lace—and chukka boots.
Clockwise from upper left:  Adam Hunley, Darryl Meadows, Rhonda Longmire, Jeana and Wanda King, Staci Jackson, Dr. Tersa Lively, and Kathy Knight
Alumni sang the college’s praises from center stage last summer for Roane State’s 2002 television commercial campaign. They were featured in television commercials, newspaper advertisements and news articles.

Here’s a sampling of what they said about their alma mater.

darryl meadows
Darryl Meadows is vice president of First Central Bank in Kingston. He attended Roane State from 1981-83 and went on to earn his bachelor’s degree from the University of Tennessee.

“Roane State means a lot to me. The experience gave me the confidence to believe that I could graduate from a four-year institution.

“The college has raised the education level of the entire community, and has made a college degree available for most anyone who wants it.”

rhonda longmire
Now an executive vice president at First Volunteer Bank in Jacksboro, Rhonda Longmire attended Roane State part-time for several years before graduating in 1988. She also holds a bachelor’s degree from the University of Tennessee, and is a certified public accountant.

“When I started (college), I had people question me and say, ‘Well, you’re a full-time mom, Why would you want to go back to school?’ And I said, ‘Because it will make a difference for me and it will make a difference for my kids.”
kathy knight
A 2000 graduate in business management and geographic information systems, Kathy (Brewster) Knight also attended Roane State in the 1980s. She's the assistant director of the Loudon County Economic Development Agency.

"Attending Roane State gave me the skills to know how to function in the business community, and it gave me the skills to help me communicate what we have to offer to businesses looking to locate in Loudon County."

jeana and wanda king
Jeana King earned a chemistry degree from Roane State in the mid-1990s and is currently a certified nurse assistant, phlebotomist and EKG technician at Methodist Medical Center in Oak Ridge. She also is studying to become a registered nurse, and will graduate from Roane State with a nursing degree this spring.

Jeana's mother, Wanda King, attended Roane State first in the early 1970s, then in the mid-'80s—graduating in 1985. She went on to earn a bachelor's degree from Tusculum College and a master's in business administration from Bristol University. She is an entrepreneur. Her antique store in Rockwood was destroyed by fire last fall. She plans to open another small business in the near future.

Jeana: "My mother went to Roane State when it first opened in 1971. I would go to class with her and sit at a desk, so it was just inevitable that I was going to follow that good example."

Wanda: "I feel that Roane State was there for me at a time that was really dear and precious in my life."

staci jackson
A registered respiratory therapist at UT Medical Center, Staci Jackson graduated from Roane State in 1990. She lives in Knoxville, and plans to begin work soon on her bachelor's degree from the University of Tennessee.

"I made several friends at Roane State. We carpooled back and forth to campus. It was great because we had the opportunity to study and talk on the way there and back."

adam hunley
Hunley lives in Pioneer in Scott County. He's currently a junior at the University of Tennessee, studying psychology. He plans to become a psychologist.

"If I could do it all over again, I would definitely go to Roane State. I wouldn't be the student I am today if it weren't for the time that I had there."

dr. teresa lively
Teresa (Jenkins) Lively attended Roane State classes both before and after she graduated from Rockwood High School in 1985. She went on to earn her medical degree and today practices medicine in Crab Orchard in Cumberland County. She is a U.S. Army veteran of the Gulf War.

"My getting into medical school stemmed from going to Roane State. As far as school is concerned, those were the two years I enjoyed most."
Anne Powers could have clicked her heels together and left Roane State a long time ago. But for this nationally known artist, the college and its community have always been home.
Anne Powers has that greatest of teacher gifts—the ability to inspire students to push themselves, not just posture for a grade.

Standing in front of students, she’s personable and full of positive feedback. Outside the classroom, she’s dreaming up… well, here’s a list of projects for a recent Visions seminar:

During the course of the semester, students were required to graphically depict the essence of these concepts:

- Old-school cartoons in a new era
- Board games
- Make your own religion
- Split personality
- Traps
- Childhood nightmares
- Body adornment
- Modern mythology
- The end of time
- Modern problems
- Hospitals late at night

At a recent session of the class, students critiqued and commented on each other’s work. One student focused on the “modern problem" of family desolation. She cut her divorce papers into small pieces and mixed them in a montage surrounding a photo of her child—the one most devastated by the break-up. The piece was in the frame that originally held the student’s wedding photo.

Another student’s “modern problem" illustration was a 3-D model of a fast-food drive-through depicting a man being hauled to the window on a boat trailer, because he was too huge to fit in the car. The student said it showed America’s tendency toward “too much food and too much indulgence."

And what does “the end of time" look like? One student sat quietly through the class before stepping forward to dump a full-size bag of household trash onto the floor. A small sphere—representing the earth—dribbled out, engulfed in garbage.

Powers and Roane State alumnus Stephen Brown check out Powers’ latest computer project in this mid-’90s photo.

Powers first a watercolor artist, then a computer-art pioneer, always a teacher—is retiring from Roane State at the end of spring semester’03. She looks forward to focusing on the medium for which she is lately celebrated.

“I’ll do a video project in 3-D animation that will encompass everything,” Powers said. “I’ll write music, choreograph motion, paint surfaces. It’ll be the ultimate creative trip.”

That’s Powers—forever challenging herself via an artistic center unchanged since her childhood, when teachers chastised her for sketching instead of studying.

Though Powers is stepping down as director of the college’s Computer Art and Design program, she’ll continue to teach a few classes each year. “I probably always will,” she said. “I would be very sad if I thought I would never be in the classroom again.”

In 1971, Powers was hired not as a teacher, but as Roane State’s first graphic designer. She slowly was drawn toward the classroom. “I didn’t expect to be a teacher,” she recalled. “But I enjoyed the ambience of the art department. I enjoyed watching the students learn.”

So Powers took the advice that she’s since given hundreds of students. “I tell them over and over—if you try a lot of things, eventually you’re going to hit something sweet.”

While Powers was becoming an exceptional teacher, she also was winning state and national awards for her painting. “But I burnt out with watercolor,” she says with a sigh. “About that time, the computer came along.”

Talk about hitting something sweet. “At first,” Powers said, “the computer was very awkward to use. But I think I could see the possibilities even then.”

Today, Roane State’s Computer Art and Design program is considered the best in the state and one of the finest in the nation. Powers is known across the country as a computer art and animation guru. She’s won “Best of Show" at the Macxibition contest in New York City. Last summer, she taught at Stanford University’s Academy for New Media.

Powers doesn’t categorize her own creativity or that of the students who enroll in her classes. “The whole study program allows and fosters a cyclical relationship between fine and computer arts,” she says.

An anecdote about the Stanford job proves that while Powers is an elite artist, there’s nothing elitist about her. “The e-mail sat in my garbage for two weeks because I thought it was an advertisement,” Powers said of the invitation to teach at Stanford. “I finally opened it.”

Powers’ Roane State office is a jumble of cultural icons and odd artifacts that screams cutting edge. But to hear her accent (she pronounces “humble” with a silent “H,” just like your grandma), you know she’s true Tennessee.

When asked about her reputation as a photographer, Powers again goes modest. “I’m afraid my early photos were just like design exercises. I was never formally trained, but had to learn the technical aspects in order to teach it with some degree of credibility.

“I rather enjoy the challenge of trying to
make engaging images using pieced-together equipment like aluminum foil and duct tape. It’s not so much about how expensive your equipment is, but more about your understanding of how communication, design, and lighting can come together in a magic moment.”

All of Powers’ work—whatever the medium—is provocative, sophisticated and approachable. That’s an apt description of the artist herself. At times, Powers seems like an edgier version of your mother. She can make a mean batch of fried green tomatoes. And patrons from New York City to Los Angeles rave over her art work.

With all this talent, what is Powers still doing in Rockwood, the place where she was born and raised? “My family is part of the reason I’ve stayed here,” Powers said. “But beyond that, I just like it here.”

Then there are the young artists. Powers says her Roane State students—most of whom are from Tennessee—are as bright as those she taught at Stanford. “Our students are so sharp and so with it,” she said.

Powers feeds off that energy. “Being in the classroom keeps you on the edge, makes you keep up with technology. In my mind, I’m 18, because that’s who I’m around.”

Finally, Powers cites the support at Roane State. As an example, she gleefully cites another story from her days at Stanford that spotlights the skills of Tom Krewson, a Roane State computer lab technician.

One of Powers’ students at Stanford created an animation project that was projected to take nine hours to “render” on Stanford’s computer system. Powers suggested that he send it instead to Roane State. Thanks to a computer network that Krewson set up, the rendering took 28 minutes. “That was a great community-college moment!” says Powers.

In the classroom, Powers demonstrates that art is no more a “crib” course than chemistry is. Her courses are notoriously challenging. “Art is like any other academic discipline,” Powers said. “You have fundamentals, you have academic guidelines—traditional time-tested guidelines that you must learn before you break the rules, because you have to know what rules you’re breaking.”

Outside the classroom, she enjoys music, hiking and activities with her church, First Christian in Rockwood. And there’s plenty of family time with her Roane State relatives and her three children. Charlene, a nurse practitioner on Long Island, N.Y., Patrick, a Knoxville businessman, and Maggie, a senior at Harriman High School. Powers is grandmother to Katie, 10, twins John and Dan, 5, and Carson, 3.

Powers learned early about the rigors and joys of “doing art.” Her mother is an award-winning pottery artist. Aunt Fran Henley is a noted watercolorist.

Powers’ high-school art teacher—Elsie Burkett, fostered Powers’ creative gifts. Powers’ parents—Hershel and Peggy Scandlyn—encouraged their daughter, too. Powers tears up when recalling that “I was very blessed to have parents who supported me.”

Technology—the tool Powers has used to earn her recent accolades—has made it easier for her to stay close to that family and still be a bigtime player living in a small town. “Yesterday, I worked in ‘California’ all day, sitting in my kitchen in Rockwood,” Powers said.

There’s no place like home.

“With a variety of computer tools and programs, Powers brings together photography, film, painting, music, folk art, poetry and sculpture and found objects ranging from religious icons to snippets of overheard conversation.”

Chris Barrett, Metro Pulse newspaper, Dec. 14, 1995

“I was aware of Anne long before coming to RSCC. She had quite a reputation as a watercolor painter. Anne—I call her ‘Artwoman’—has more passion about her work than anyone I know. She’s always so excited. She’s like a magician, captivating her students. She was able to awaken creativity that was locked up in me that I never thought I had. She is also the most talented artist that I’ve ever met, proficient in all media—from traditional to digital.”

Eric McNew (Roane State class of ’93) Senior designer/web developer, W.R. Case & Sons Cutlery Co. of Knoxville
Roane State offers four intercollegiate sports and competes in the TJCCAA (Tennessee Junior and Community College Athletic Association). The men’s and women’s basketball, baseball, and softball teams are Division I programs of the NJCAA (National Junior College Athletic Association).

Basketball

2002-03 Raiderettes
Mia Burris   Clover, South Carolina
Jacque Cantrell  Sparta
Crystal Davis   Crossville
Jessica Doughty  Rockwood
Danielle Dyer   Sunbright
Mind Evans      Watertown
Jenny Hinds     Rockwood
Brooke Irwin    Norris
Jada Jackson    Coalfield
Courtney Knight Knoxville
Sigita Maleraite Kaunas, Lithuania
Laura Merritt   Louisville
Sherrie Nelson  Georgetown, South Carolina
Krystal Ridge   Sunbright
Jacinda Susak   Lancing
Britany Walker  Celina
Head Coach Johnny Jones
Assistant Coaches Misty Griffin and Loretta Marlow

2002-03 Raiders
Ronald Bowers  Nashville
Eric Coggins   Hartford
Pat Cureton    Greenville, South Carolina
James Hatfield Knoxville
Adrian Hathaway Jamestown
Anthony Jones  Knoxville
Colt Narramore Kingston
Ivan Skara     Skrbnje, Croatia
Darris Waters  Oak Ridge
Tray Watkins   Knoxville
Ryan Whitlock  Knoxville
Paul Wright   Greenville, South Carolina
Head Coach Randy Nesbit
Assistant Coach Jason Taylor

For info on game schedules, call (865) 882-4581 or toll-free (866) GO2-RSCC, Ext. 4581.

Softball and Baseball

2002-03 Lady Raiders
Kasey Carson   LaFollette
Andrea Daniel  Spring City
Monica Foley   Oakdale
Meredith Graham Knoxville
Amy Herrmann   Knoxville
Natausah Hill  Rockwood
Candi Hutchinson Knoxville
Jeannie Jones  Knoxville
Victoria Jones Oliver Springs
Samantha Lawson Rockwood
Misty Laxon  Harriman
Courtney Lindsay Knoxville
Sabrina Massenzo Morristown
Becky Medlen    McMinnville
Rebecca Mongar LaFollette
Tavia Parton    Oliver Springs
Sarah Swanson  Spring City
Candice Terry Sweetwater
Coach Katrina Goldston

2002-03 Raiders
Jeremy Beckham DuQuoin, Illinois
Adam Brown   Oliver Springs
Andrew Coffey Crossville
Dan Cole      Doyle
Doug Cole     Doyle
Aaron Cremins Afton
Cris Crider   Oak Ridge
Austin Dill   Huntsville, Alabama
Ron Dove      Kingsport
Brian Ford    Lake City
Antwon Goff   Gate City, Virginia
Josh Gott      Kingsport
Nick Grubb    Knoxville
Jamaal Howard Hazard, Kentucky
Zach Jackson  Huntsville, Alabama
Cal Lambert   Knoxville
Scott McLean  Mt. Sidney, Virginia
R.J. Michaels Knoxville
Alan Miller    Mt. Juliet
Isaac Nunn   New Tazewell
Roberto Parrilla Knoxville
Ken Poore      Allardt
Dustin Scroggins Jamestown
Ryan Spriggs   Crossville
Sam Wright Knoxville
Coach Larry Works

Glory Days
Roane State Raiderettes Angela Fletcher (left) and Teresa (Sherrill) Duncan accept all-tournament awards from tourney officials early in the 1983-84 season. “The year we captured the national championship, we knew we were going to win that year, and we knew we were going to win it all. The whole atmosphere at Roane State was supportive. It was a great time,” Teresa Duncan was a member of the RSCC women’s basketball team that won the national title in 1984. She’s now director of the college’s Centers for Training and Development.
Two newly minted alumni won the prestigious President’s Award for 2002. **Charles Ryan Hay** of Harriman and **Taska Randolph** of Crossville were co-winners of the college’s highest student citation. A pre-engineering major at Roane State, Hay is now studying mechanical engineering at Tennessee Tech University. He is the son of Patricia Parks. Randolph—a pre-med major—has transferred to ETSU to continue her education. She has a sister, Linda Randolph, and a brother, Jeffery Randolph, both of Crossville.

**Cindy Claborn** won the 2002 Sarah Ellen Benroth Teacher of the Year award, while **Beverly Bonner** was named top administrator of the year and **Gloria Marine** garnered the top support staff citation. Claborn directs Roane State’s student music ensembles and teaches music appreciation and music literature courses. Bonner is dean of Student Services and Multicultural Affairs. Marine, an admissions officer, is also a Roane State alumna (’98, office administration).

Roane State lost one of its most famous and beloved citizens in 2000 when **Bill Yates**, long-time professor, passed away. Yates was nicknamed “The Candy Man” because he always had goodies to hand out to students, faculty and staff. He was also one of the founding fathers of Roane State’s theatre program.

On the first anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, Roane State memorialized those we lost, reached out to help local communities, and honored the spirit of America. Each campus held ceremonies that drew student and community participation. Many students, faculty and staff spent the afternoon of Sept. 11, 2002, volunteering with community service agencies.

**Dr. Adolf King** was recently named interim vice president of Academic Affairs. Before his promotion, Dr. King was a chemistry professor and dean of the college’s math/science division. He holds a doctorate degree in analytical chemistry from London University. He replaces Dr. Pat Land, who accepted a position at a college in Florida.
“My days at RSCC as a student were by far some of the best times of my life. Hearing music from that time—Elton John, America, Chicago—is always a very pleasant, nostalgic experience for me.”
Dr. Pat Bailey (class of ’75) is a professor of mathematics at the college.

“When I enrolled at RSCC in 1987, Tiffany and Debbie Gibson ruled the airwaves. Note that I did not say that everyone was happy about that! On a 1988 trip to New York City with the Art Department and sponsor Anne Powers, ‘Phantom of the Opera’ had just won several Tony awards, and everyone was singing ‘Music of the Night.’ That year at RSCC was special to me, because I met my future wife, Cindy. We both remember RSCC dances where the DJ played George Michael’s ‘Kissing a Fool.’”
Chris Whaley (class of ’89) is an attorney and dean of Roane State’s Social and Behavioral Sciences Division.

“Two songs from opposite ends of the spectrum come to mind when I think of music during my time at Roane State. The first is ‘Young’ by Kenny Chesney. I relate to this song because it has that small-town feel to it. The lyrics remind me of experiences I’ve had in good ol’ Harriman. The second song is ‘What I Am’ by Eminem. Our basketball team ran out to this song at home games during my sophomore year. It has a great beat and somehow puts you in a great mindset for competition!”
Monica Ashburn (class of ’01) starred on the Roane State women’s basketball team and was also an Academic All-American. She’s now a student and varsity basketball player at Carson-Newman College.
Class Notes

The following notes spotlight some of the Roane State alumni who now work for the college. See page 23 for details on how you may submit class notes information to update fellow alumni on what’s going on in your life.

Sammie (Reed) Mowery (’73, A.S.-Secondary Education) was a member of Roane State’s first graduating class. Today she’s coordinator of Student Activities and Organizations. She lives in Harriman.

Barbara (Patterson) Jeffers (’80, A.S.-Secretarial Science) is a secretary in the Health Science and Nursing division. She lives in Harriman with her husband, Steve.

Carol Smith (’81, A.S.-Office Administration) lives in Rockwood with husband, Michael. Carol is the executive secretary for the vice president for Financial Services.

Connie Lynette (Houston) McCullough (’82, A.S.-Business Management) has a nine-year-old son, James. Connie, who lives in Harriman, is an accountant in Fiscal and Auxiliary Services.

Teresa (Sherrill) Duncan (’84, A.S.-Business Administration) is director of the Centers for Training and Development. She and husband, Jerry, live in Harriman and have two children—Madison, 4, and Eli, who will turn 3 this summer.

James Humphreys (’86, A.S.-Computer Science) is a program/analyst for Computer Services. James and his wife, Janise, live in Oakdale.

Tina (Jenkins) Long (’87, A.S.-General) is assistant director of Financial Aid. She and husband, Steve Long, are residents of Rockwood.

Robin (Runyon) Townsend (’89, A.S.-Business Management Technology) lives in Loudon with husband, Clay Townsend. Robin is a certified professional secretary and a financial aid technician.

Shelia (Potter) Eason (’90, A.S.-General Education) is a technical clerk in Records and Registration at the Oak Ridge Branch Campus. She and husband, Mark, live in Oak Ridge.

Michelle Grudup (’93, A.A.S.-Management and Supervision) has gone on to earn her bachelor’s in organizational management from Tusculum College. A resident of Rockwood, she’s a technical clerk in the Health Science and Nursing division.

Pam (VanWitzenburg) Shannon (’94, Certificate in Secretarial Science) is an administrative secretary at the Oak Ridge Branch Campus. She’s also grandmother to Kyle Matthew, 5, and Isaac Davis, who will turn 1 year old this summer. Pam lives in Oliver Springs.

Sharon (Wright) Baird (’97, A.S.-General) is a technical clerk at the Campbell County campus. She and her husband, Carl Steve Baird, live in Lafollette. Sharon is a member of the 2002-03 Leadership Campbell County class.

Amy M. Blair (’99, A.A.S.-General Business) lives in Rockwood with her husband, Wendell. She is an account clerk in the Payroll Office.

Kristi L Townsend (’98, A.A.S.-Business Management Technology) is secretary in the Centers for Training and Development. She lives in Ten Mile.

Tina (Jenkins) Long (’87, A.S.-General) recently completed her bachelor’s degree at Tusculum College. Tina is secretary at the Campbell County campus. She lives in Jacksboro with her husband, Carl Overton.

Wendy (Aytes) McElhaney (A.A.S.-General Technology) is a technical clerk for Community Services. She has two children, ages 15 and 8, and makes her home in Rockwood.

Cathy Lynn Martin (’02, A.A.S.-General Technology) recently completed her associate’s degree in Business. She lives with her husband, Jim, in Rockwood.

Mildred R. Millican (’98, A.S.-General Technology) is also a certified professional secretary. She supervises the Payroll office. She and husband, Charles E. Millican, live in Harriman.

Trina (Jenkins) Long (’87, A.S.-General) recently completed her bachelor’s degree at Tusculum College. Tina is secretary at the Campbell County campus. She lives in Jacksboro with her husband, Carl Overton.

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Cathy Lynn Martin (’02, A.A.S.-General Technology) lives with husband, Jim, in Rockwood. She’s the administrative secretary for the Business and Technology division.
Welcome!

On behalf of the Roane State Foundation, I want to take this opportunity to encourage you to become involved as a Roane State alumnus. It will be a wonderful opportunity to reestablish relationships with faculty members and fellow students who played significant roles in shaping your future.

The Roane State Foundation is committed to making Roane State Community College the most accessible college in Tennessee. For the past several years, our efforts have been focused on building off-campus centers to provide convenient locations for students to attend classes in Roane, Anderson, Scott, Loudon, Campbell, Knox and Cumberland counties. Roane State now has permanent facilities in each of these counties with the exception of Campbell County, where we hope to break ground in the very near future.

The Foundation will soon turn its efforts toward raising funds for scholarships and faculty development. Our dream is to be able to offer scholarships to every deserving student and provide faculty with the tools and training they need to provide a world-class learning environment. To do this, we will need your help.

As alumni, you know first-hand how a college education can transform a life. In the coming months, we will be sending you information about how you can help us realize the dream of a scholarship for every deserving student and adequate opportunities to provide faculty with the tools necessary to provide the highest quality classroom experience possible. Your leadership and support will be critical to our success. We encourage you to give of both your time and your money. Together, we can ensure a better quality of life in all of our communities.

Melinda Hillman
## Calendar

**coming up at your community college**

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**We’ve Missed You! Where Have You Been?**

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RSCC Degree(s) and/or Year(s) Attended ________________________________

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). ____________________________

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Harriman, TN 37748-5011
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www.roanestate.edu/alumni
Celebrate good times

Sammie (Reed) Mowery, a member of Roane State's first graduating class in 1973.

Remember your time at Roane State while celebrating the class of '03. Alumni are cordially invited to the 2003 commencement ceremony at 6:30 p.m. eastern on Friday, May 9 on the Roane County campus.

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