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Roane State alumnus Carlos Clements supervises the loading of an Air Force plane. Staff Sgt. Bryan Carpentier shot this cover photo and several of the pictures on p. 16-17 at Clements' Air Force station in Great Britain.

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# Letter | from the President

Twentieth Century Italian poet Casare Pavese said, “We don’t remember days; we remember moments.” I believe this to be true and these moments usually change our perception of the world forever. For my generation, it was represented by the question “Where were you when Kennedy was assassinated?” for it symbolized a loss of innocence. For this generation, the question is “Do you remember where you were or what you doing when the World Trade Center was attacked?” The question is valid because it illustrates the fact that world events impact everyone, even small communities like Roane State Community College. It is that common thread that binds each of us to one another and extends our community beyond our borders.

On the morning of September 11, I was in discussion about coming to Roane State as the college’s new president. That night I stayed at the local Holiday Inn watching world events unfold on television. My tenure began here shortly after—on October 15—and my first impression of Roane State was how community oriented the college was. While many four-year colleges “lose” their talent after graduation, 80 percent of Roane State’s graduates have chosen to remain in the service area and a full 90 percent have remained in the state of Tennessee to give back to their “community.”



This issue focuses on the community of Roane State by shining the spotlight on several of our alumni who serve not only the college but also their respective communities. These individuals illustrate the diversity of our faculty and graduates. Each serves his or her community, but in totally different ways. They have learned the importance of service to their community and to humankind.

Where did they learn these values? At home most certainly, but they also learned the value of service and community from teachers like Joye Gowan, associate professor of mathematics. Using mathematical concepts and principles, her geometry classes design and create quilts which are in turn given to children living in a local shelter for battered women.

Next we introduce to you Carlos Clements, a Roane State graduate who serves his country in the United States Air Force as a loadmaster for the Air Force Special Operations Command. The planes he works with perform mid-air refueling for military helicopters, and Clements’ crew flies humanitarian missions all over the world. He believes our country’s diversity is our greatest strength.

Finally, there is Dr. E. Scott Sills, the first recipient of RSCC’s Outstanding Alumnus Award. His research in reproductive endocrinology has helped fulfill the dreams of many couples wanting to experience the joy of parenthood. For Dr. Sills, the biggest thrill from his work is to telephone a couple and tell them their pregnancy test was positive.

These former students illustrate what educators know so well: When a student digs in to transform himself, he does so much more. He transforms life for others. They are giving back to the community and you can too! Roane State Community College has embarked upon its most ambitious fund-raising effort ever. Community leaders are working together to provide private financial support for areas critical to the future of Roane State. If you would like more information about how you can be a part of “Invest in the Vision,” call the Roane State Foundation Office at (865) 882-4507.

*Wade B. McCamey*

# Roane State Presents |

## performing and visual arts

### *Schedule of Events*



december 3

#### **“A Festival of Lessons and Carols” with Roane Choral Society and RSCC Music Department**

What began as a simple holiday service in 1880 has become one of the most popular and renowned of musical traditions featuring scripture and music. Today area clergy and officials read the lessons of the season and the audience is invited to join in by singing familiar Christmas carols. South Harriman Baptist Church, 8 p.m., donations taken at the door. Information: (865) 354-3000, ext. 4236.

december 10 & 11

#### **Holiday Concert RSCC Music Department**

Get into the holiday spirit with a variety of works, including selections from Vivaldi’s “Gloria” and a Christmas carol sing-along. Join the Concert Choir, Celebration!, Jazz Band and faculty for this festive occasion! RSCC Theatre, 8 p.m., tickets \$5 and available at the door. Information: (865) 354-3000, ext. 4236.

february 3–5

#### **Black History Month Presentation**

Details not available at press time. Check our Web site for information as it becomes available at [www.roanestate.edu](http://www.roanestate.edu) keyword: Theatre

february 17–19,  
24–26

#### **“True West” by Sam Shepard RSCC Playmakers**

This compelling play centers around two brothers born total opposites. Lee is a drifter with a penchant for stealing toasters. Austin is a writer looking for inspiration. Their fates unravel in front of the audience as they lose their way and run into their greatest fear—each other. Due to the mature themes of this play, we do not recommend this play for anyone under 16 years of age. RSCC Theatre, 8 p.m., tickets \$5 and available at the door. Information: (865) 882-4589.

march 31,  
april 1–2

#### **Spring Concert RSCC Music Department**

Hear the Concert Choir perform “Gloria,” the most widely performed of Vivaldi’s sacred works, before they take it “on the road” to Houston, Texas. Celebration!, Jazz Band and music faculty join the Concert Choir for the final concert of the season. RSCC Theatre (Mar. 31 at 6 p.m., Apr. 1 at 2 p.m., Apr. 2 at 8 p.m.), tickets \$5 and available at the door. Information: (865) 354-3000, ext. 4236.

april 14–16,  
21–23

#### **“Play On” by Rick Abbott RSCC Playmakers**

This play within a play centers around a community theatre group staging a murder mystery penned by a local novice playwright, Phyllis Montague. The playwright continually brings in script changes even as the director and her cast are closing in on opening night. Join the madness and fun as the actors struggle, bumble and jumble this silly murder mystery. RSCC Theatre, 8 p.m., tickets \$5 and available at the door. Information: (865) 882-4589.



# Vistas | of Roane State



## Fentress County Campus

### New Campus on the Mountain

Somewhere Alvin C. York is smiling. Roane State has opened a higher education center in Fentress County on the York Agricultural Institute (YAI) campus.

The five portable units house live classes as well as courses delivered via Roane State's interactive mode. That technology allows professors on other campuses to teach, interact and respond to questions from students at various locations via live closed-circuit television.

Longtime Roane State staffer Pam May is serving as interim coordinator of the campus, located just south of the York football stadium.

While the world remembers Alvin C. York as America's greatest World War I hero, folks in Fentress note that he accomplished something else extraordinary. Through tireless effort in the years after the war, York brought about the establishment of a comprehensive high school in one of Tennessee's most rural, rugged and remote counties.

It's fitting that Roane State's new venture is located at York Institute, said Dr. Doug Young, YAI superintendent. Young noted, "Sgt. York once said of YAI, 'To the end that my people of Pall Mall and of Fentress County and the boys and girls of this mountainous section may enjoy the liberating influences and educational advantages which were denied me, I dedicate this institution and my life to its perpetuation.'"

The drive to establish a Roane State campus in Fentress County was a community effort. The Pinckley family contributed greatly, as did the Fentress County School Board and the County Commission. And the Pinckleys are funding scholarships for YAI juniors and seniors completing college course work at Roane State.

The new campus draws a variety of students, including: adult learners balancing work, family and school who are looking for the convenience of a campus close by; recent high school graduates happy to not have to drive to Crossville or Harriman for college courses; and York Institute students earning both high school and college credentials in the same class through Roane State's "Dual Credit" program.

Roane State is proud to extend services to Fentress County, and Fentress Director of Schools Lee Linder says the feeling is mutual. At the recent groundbreaking for the new campus, he commented, "this is some of the best news to happen on this mountain in many years."



*Clockwise from left: Roane State and Fentress County officials breaking ground for the new campus; a sign announcing the college's arrival; County Mayor John B. Mullinix (left) talking with Roane State's Dr. Adolf King (center) and Dr. Wade McCamey; John Robbins, staff member for U.S. Rep. Lincoln Davis, at the groundbreaking ceremony; Pam May, campus coordinator.*

## Roane County Campus

The college co-sponsored the Teacher Supply Closet to help educators in the Roane County school system offset out-of-pocket costs. Community members donated items such as pens, construction paper, staplers and poster board to the closet, and Roane County instructors came to the Roane State Campus in September to shop for an array of free items to round out their classroom needs. The college hopes to continue to stock the closet.



## Oak Ridge Campus

A campus beautification project was completed, supported and funded in large part by the community. The project provides a perfect place for students, faculty and staff to enjoy a picnic lunch or a quiet moment. The effort is adding these components to the Briarcliff Avenue campus: A “babbling” mountain stream, a stone walkway, picnic tables, trees, shrubbery, and eye-catching and unusual flowers.



## Campbell County Campus

The college broke ground November 19 on the new permanent center, to be located near the current campus. The 18,000-square-foot campus will include classrooms, computer labs, a community room and a student lounge. Ed Wheeler, who donated nine acres for the campus site, has been nationally honored for his contributions to education.



## Cumberland County Campus

The Cumberland Clinic Foundation Library on campus is adding children’s books, puppets and other holdings to its collection to accommodate the needs of students in a Roane State/Tennessee Tech University program. Students can use the materials for class projects as they work to earn a bachelor’s degree in elementary education from Tech through junior- and senior-level courses located at Roane State’s Cumberland Campus.



## Knox County Campus

The college has seen an increase in paramedic students because of recent changes by the state. A shortage of pre-hospital care providers continues, noted Maria Smith, Roane State EMT/paramedic program director. “We have had 100 percent (job) placement for our graduates for several years,” she said. Rural/Metro Corporation and other medical transportation services pay tuition for their EMTs to take paramedic courses.



## Loudon County Campus

“Spanish-The Beautiful Language,” a non-credit course, drew 19 students this fall. The class covers basic Spanish, said instructor Christy Wood. She reports that about half the class members are public school teachers with Spanish-speaking students in their classes, while others are community members who have varying degrees of association with area Spanish speakers.

## Scott County Campus

Students love the expansion of the Howard Baker Jr. Library, says campus director Tracy Powers. More books now are available for research. “The students will no longer have to look elsewhere for the information they need. It will be right here at their fingertips,” Powers said. The community at large also will benefit from the expansion. “Folks have many more choices of books, along with wireless computers to access information they need. We welcome the public to come use this beautiful new facility,” Powers said.



As director of  
oocyte donation  
at Georgia Reproductive  
Specialists in Atlanta,  
**Dr. E. Scott Sills**  
helps couples achieve their  
dream of becoming  
parents.

Dr. E. Scott Sills is  
**Delivering  
the News**

*by sandi roberts, alumni relations graphic designer*

Dr. E. Scott Sills found his passion for infertility medicine during his residency years at New York University Downtown Hospital in Manhattan. Infertility medicine was a very new area and he thought it seemed like a field where someone young could make a difference.

And oh, how he has.

**Dr. Sills admires the trophy he received recently as the first recipient of Roane State's Outstanding Alumnus Award.**



“Having a baby is something my clients may have been trying to accomplish for years, something that comes easy for others and is no big deal to them. But for my patients, the inability to have a baby represents a major personal defeat and brings deep emptiness. However, it is usually a happy occasion here and I get a lot of nice birth announcements in the mail.”

Sills' practice serves three main categories of patients: couples who have never been pregnant, those who suffer from recurrent miscarriage, and patients who have been referred to him by other doctors, who have no idea why pregnancy fails. About half of his work is with male factor cases, where the male has no sperm (or very few of them) due to history of chemotherapy, infection, trauma, non-reversible vasectomy, or genetic abnormality.

His team of experts published the world's first investigation of plasma homocysteine in women with polycystic ovary syndrome. They also mapped a previously unknown gene mutation for the human androgen receptor. “It is not common for a discovery like that to happen,” Sills explained, “but we have to keep alert for new breakthroughs every day. Our patients depend on it.”

In addition to his work at Georgia Reproductive Specialists, Sills is the director of the reproductive endocrinology and infertility division at Atlanta Medical Center and also serves as editor-in-chief of *The Journal of Experimental and Clinical Assisted Reproduction*.

Growing up in Roane County, Sills and his parents, Larry and Linda Sills, lived only five miles away from Roane State Community College. Upon graduation from Harriman High School, he wasn't sure he was ready to move away. He believes his two years spent at RSCC served him well after transferring to the much larger Vanderbilt University. “A big part of that was due to academic advisement at Roane State. The transfer process was seamless.”

Beginning college in his home county was very significant to his collegiate career. “As a physician I am a bit embarrassed to say in the fall of 1983, I flunked my first biology test at Roane State,” Sills said. “That was a major shock to me. Not a favorite memory, but an important one. The professor was

Dr. Mabel Gomez and she showed me how to rescue myself. I don't know what might have happened if I had been in a crowded class of 200 people, taught by a graduate student at some big university.”

After receiving his bachelor's degree from Vanderbilt, Sills earned his medical degree from the University of Tennessee at Memphis. During his residency, faculty members from Cornell and NYU encouraged him to apply for a post-doctoral fellowship in reproductive endocrinology. He was accepted and joined the medical school faculty at Cornell.

More than 20 years after entering his first college classroom, Sills is an internationally recognized expert in reproductive medicine in Atlanta, where he makes his home with wife Susann. Susann, who holds an MBA from the University of Miami, is taking a break from her professional career to help raise their six-month-old twins, Mary-Katherine and Eric Scott II. Sills is also father to Chas, 10, and Ann-Marie, 7.

As a father of four, he is reminded of the value of his work every day. What's the biggest thrill that he gets out of his work? His answer is immediate. “That's an easy one! Just today, I telephoned two couples to tell them their pregnancy test was positive. Lately I've been calling the husband first with the good news, so he can surprise his wife with the result.”

(At right, from top) Sills listens intently in class while at Roane State; a sign in the student lounge on the Roane County Campus touts Sills' successful run for student senate; microscopic image of human embryo (blastocyst) six days after fertilization, observed in cell culture moments before transfer into the mother's womb; Dr. Sills counsels a couple in his Atlanta office; Sills poses with parents, Larry and Linda Sills, wife Susann and children Eric and Mary-Katherine at Roane State recently; Roane State President Dr. Wade McCamey presents Sills with the Outstanding Alumnus Award. Below, a young Sills finds time for quiet reflection and study.



Up Close |

# They've Got It Covered

*By Tammy Stanford, Alumni Publications Editor*

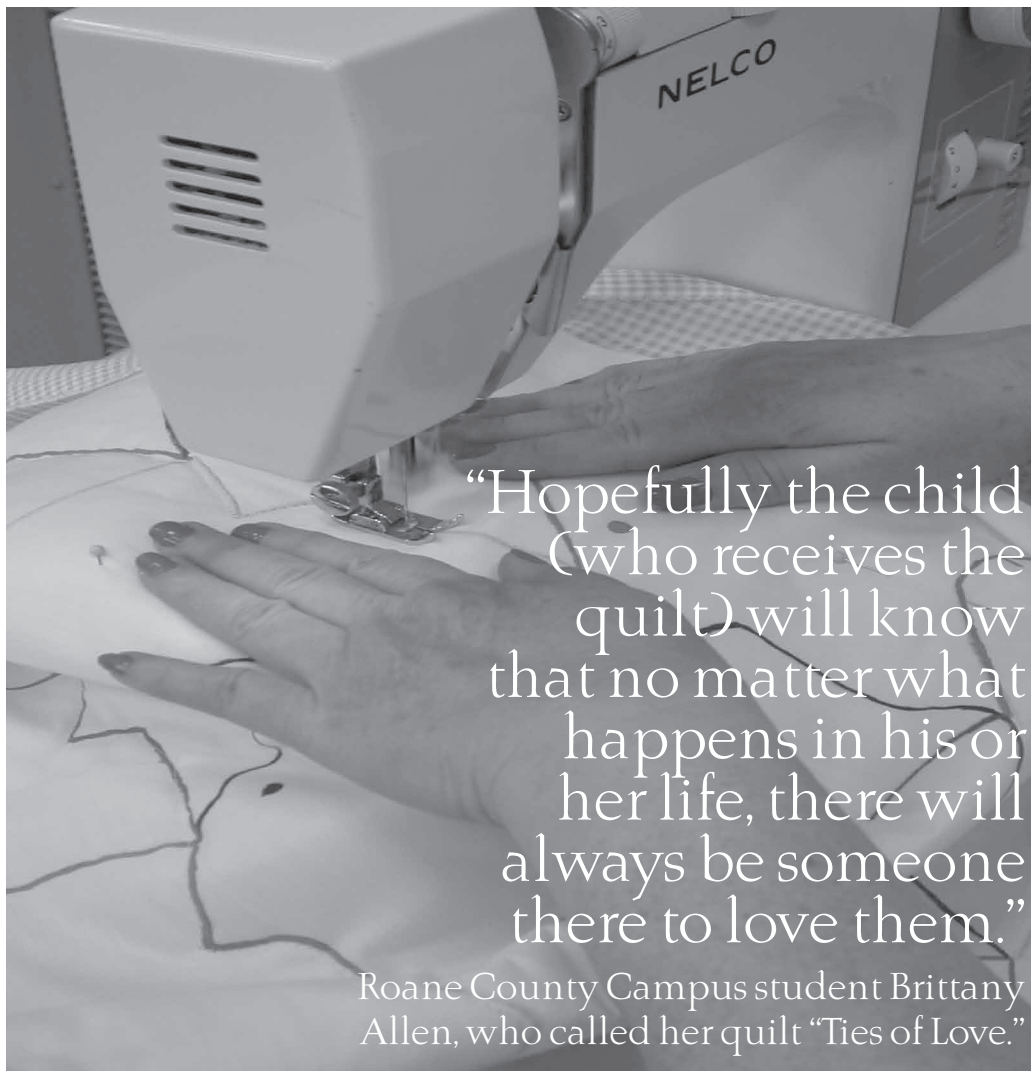


**Joye Gowan's math students can't say ...**

**"I'll never use this stuff in real life."**

They're learning the intricacies of geometry while making their community a better place. In Joye Gowan's Math 1420 classes, students design and create quilts that illustrate geometric principles. They then donate the quilts to area service organizations. This spring, Gowan's students at the Cumberland County Campus made quilts for children who live at a shelter for battered women. The B4Books program of Rural Cumberland Resources, which works to give young children an academic head start, benefited from the students' craft work during summer term. That math class included students from the Cumberland, Oak Ridge and Roane County campuses.

“The concept is simple,” Gowan says. “The students learn geometry in a non-traditional way by actually having to apply geometric concepts.”



“Hopefully the child (who receives the quilt) will know that no matter what happens in his or her life, there will always be someone there to love them.”

Roane County Campus student Brittany Allen, who called her quilt “Ties of Love.”

The creation of the quilts is not simple. Many people don’t think about how complicated quilts really are. But take a harder look at that covering on your bed. Your grandmother may have been both an artist and a mathematician.

The Math 1420 students—most of whom are elementary education majors—must create a quilt that incorporates a geometrical principle called “tessellation.”

The students readily took to the concept of helping others while learning, Gowan noted. “At least 50 percent chose patterns that they thought would appeal to kids,” she said of her spring students, the first to tackle the project. “Many students went above and beyond the assignment.”

“When my children were small and still liked to be rocked, I would sing ‘Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star’ to them. Each time I see the diamond shape, I think of this song and the times I spent singing it to my children.”

Jodi Fields attends classes at the Cumberland Campus. Her quilt was named “Diamonds in the Sky.”

“Before the projects were even due, I had students asking me, ‘When are they going to be ready, when can they be delivered (to the children)?’”

On her part, Gowan gets to see graphically how much the students grasp. “It lets me see their ‘geometry’ without them panicking.”

She got the idea for the “service quilts” during a Roane State

committee meeting. “We were talking about the importance of service projects,” Gowan recalled. “I had never thought much about service education until then.”

Gowan plans to continue the service quilt projects with future classes. Some possible places where the next quilts will go: sheriff’s departments (which deal with children pulled out of meth-lab homes), homeless shelters, and nursing homes.

And Gowan’s not giving up a class project that predates the service quilt. Students still will collaborate on a “diversity quilt,” which focuses on flags of countries throughout the world.

For photos and information on Gowan’s innovative classroom projects, go to [www.roanestate.edu](http://www.roanestate.edu) and type in the keyword “Gowan.”

# Déjà View |

play it again, sam\*

## Curtain calls



Remember when movie houses had names with personality?...

Or at least more personality than today's "Cinema 7" and "Multiplex 10?"

The place for a Saturday night date or a summer matinee might have been the ...

"Princess"  
theater (Harriman)

"Palace"  
theater (Crossville)

"Lyric"  
theater (Rockwood)

"Capitol"  
theater (Oneida)

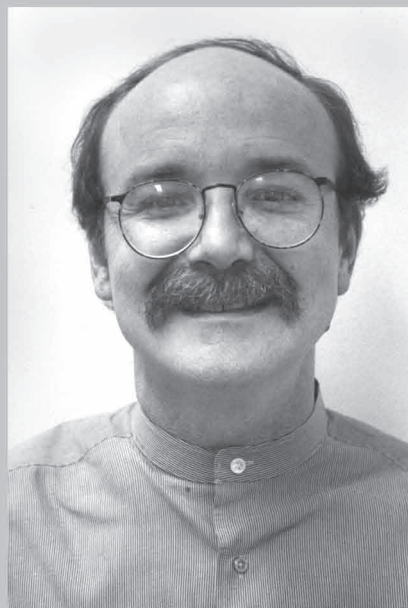
"Tennessee"  
theater (Knoxville)

"Pioneer"  
theater (Wartburg)

"Cherokee"  
theater (Lafollette)



The Mid-town Drive-In near the college's Roane County Campus is one of the few remaining drive-ins operating in the South.



### Thomas' Top 5

Many alumni recall the illustrative role cinema plays in Dr. John Thomas' American history classroom. Here are the top films Thomas uses in class and why:

#### *The Godfather Part II*

This sequel shows the great influx of early 20th century immigration and has a scene shot at the real Ellis Island.

#### *The Scarlet Letter*

"We see a Puritan preacher delivering 'City Upon A Hill,' the actual sermon that started the colony on its mission. The movie also mentions indentured servants, and we learn about the social roles prescribed to women."

#### *Far and Away*

The movie illustrates the "Boss System," the urban political machinery that helped immigrants adjust to America in the 1890s.

#### *Gangs of New York*

This film is about the conflict between American natives and Irish immigrants in the 1840s and culminates in the New York City draft riots in 1862. "You see the era of reform as the 'reformers' try to come into the inner city and help the poor."

#### *Glory*

This film chronicles the history of "the 54th," an all-black Civil War regiment. One scene focuses on the Enfield rifle, a new weapon that was easy to load and very accurate, which helps explain the large number of casualties during the war.

### year top-grossing movie

- 1971 **Billy Jack**
- 1972 **The Godfather**
- 1973 **The Exorcist**
- 1974 **Blazing Saddles**
- 1975 **Jaws**
- 1976 **Rocky**
- 1977 **Star Wars**
- 1978 **Grease**
- 1979 **Kramer vs. Kramer**
- 1980 **The Empire Strikes Back**
- 1981 **Raiders of the Lost Ark**
- 1982 **ET: The Extra-Terrestrial**
- 1983 **Return of the Jedi**
- 1984 **Ghostbusters**
- 1985 **Back to the Future**
- 1986 **Top Gun**
- 1987 **Three Men and a Cradle**
- 1988 **Rain Man**
- 1989 **Batman**
- 1990 **Home Alone**
- 1991 **Terminator 2: Judgment Day**
- 1992 **Aladdin**
- 1993 **Jurassic Park**
- 1994 **Forrest Gump**
- 1995 **Toy Story**
- 1996 **Independence Day**
- 1997 **Titanic**
- 1998 **Saving Private Ryan**
- 1999 **Star Wars: The Phantom Menace**
- 2000 **How the Grinch Stole Christmas**
- 2001 **Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone**
- 2002 **Spider-Man**
- 2003 **Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King**

\* We couldn't resist repeating the most misquoted line in cinematic history. The actual "Casablanca" dialogue by Rick (Humphrey Bogart) is "You played it for her, you can play it for me. If she can stand it, I can. Play it!"

# Reflections |

**in her day**

*mildred braden*



Mildred Braden was one of the first working mothers to enroll at Roane State, arriving in the summer of 1972 at the age of 46. She graduated two years later and went on to complete a degree in music education at Tennessee Tech University. Recently Mrs. Braden reflected on her years at Roane State . . .

#### **On how she came to sign up for classes**

“For over a year, we had heard of the community college in Harriman and how helpful the teachers were. Since grammar school, I have always enjoyed going to school. About six years before I enrolled, I began teaching a course in group-piano at Coalfield School. Instructing the children in the strange, new concepts of music was a struggle. The course had become very advanced. My family and I decided I should go to college.”

#### **What she found at Fairmont (see photos above), where the college was temporarily housed in its early years**

“The closeness and fellowship was great. Instructors were there to listen, help and laugh with you.”

#### **On the academic challenges of college**

“The 1973 accelerated courses were difficult, especially the math. A new concept was studied daily. Seven of us met daily at 6 a.m., trying to grasp this advanced math. One day I was late for class. Dr. (Harold) Underwood said, ‘Here’s Mildred. She’s been out in the hall praying before she takes this test.’ My reply was, ‘No, I prayed while you were making this test up.’”

#### **Remembering a resourceful professor**

“One day Instructor (Jim) Kring locked the door to our biology class. The late students were knocking on the windows and the door, trying to get us (the students who arrived on time) to unlock the door. The tardy ones were in the habit of bringing their books into the class, putting them on a desk, then going to the lounge or out in the hall. They would be 10 or 15 minutes late coming to class. Instructor Kring, impatient with this disturbance, was solving a problem.”

#### **On the sound of music**

“(Music Instructor) Harry Fritts loved music and was an excellent musician. Great times were had in the music classes taught by Instructor Fritts.”

#### **Pages of discovery**

“The English classes with Instructor Nancy Fisher were some of my favorites. Memories of this class are precious because I found I love to write.”

#### **Cozy classes with an eye for innovation**

“Most helpful were the psychology courses taught by Luther Kendall. Everything was different each day in class. Chairs would be in a circle, a rectangle, or a triangle, or we would carry blankets and sit on the floor. A friend of mine was taking the same course at a nearby university. As I started to class with a blanket one day, she commented about it. Her class met in an auditorium with about 300 students attending.”

#### **On taking the next step**

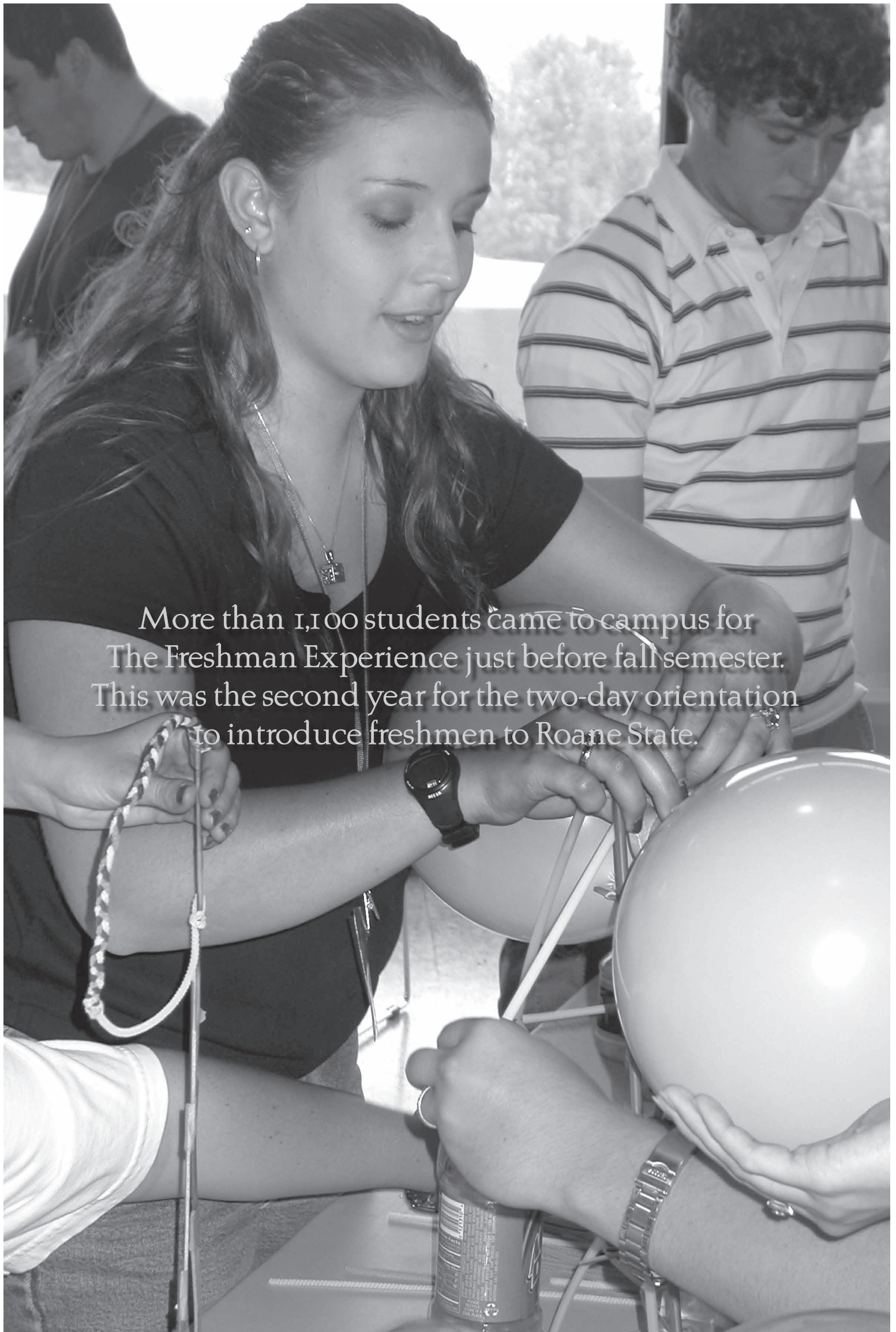
“The spring of 1973, I resigned my position at Coalfield School after 16 years. My family and I began making plans for me to attend Tennessee Tech University in the spring of 1974. Praying about this was important since a degree in music education would require my living on campus for two years. One of my petitions as I prayed would be that I would not study on Sunday. That would be a day for worship and my family.”

#### **Fond memories**

“Did attending RSCC change my life? If Roane State had not been there in 1972, I would not have a college degree.”

# The Freshman Experience

More than 1,100 students came to campus for The Freshman Experience just before fall semester. This was the second year for the two-day orientation to introduce freshmen to Roane State.

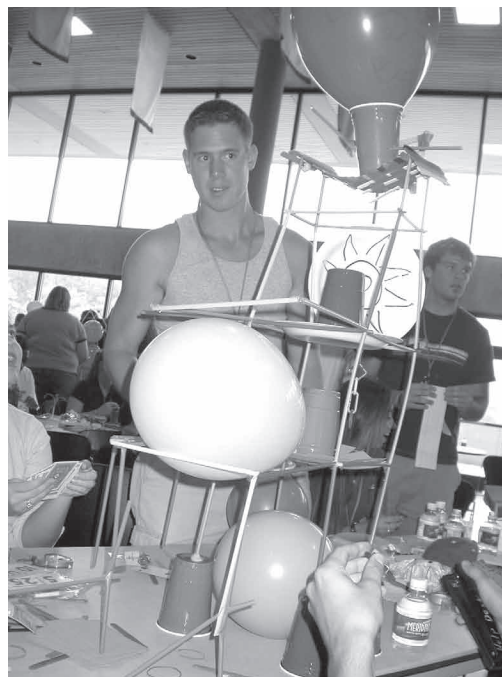


## Roll Call

Students assembled at the Roane County Campus on the first day and heard about financial aid, how the library works, methods for developing good study skills, and instructions on using the Web and the student e-mail system.

On the second day, freshmen went to the campus where they'll attend most of their classes. They met and mingled with other students, enjoyed an information fair, and got a free lunch.

Freshmen reported a few unpleasant parts to their "Experience." Several were surprised to find that the main campus gym—where students massed on the first morning—doesn't have air conditioning (some things never change!). And a few students lamented the less-than-ideal physical state of the current Campbell County Campus (help is on the way; see page 7).



### Here's how some attendees responded when asked to name the best part of The Freshman Experience ...

"Speaking to my advisor and learning about the classes I need to take to reach my goal."

"The man in the bookstore helped me find books."

"Being able to ask questions."

"Learning new things and meeting new people to possibly develop a study relationship with."

"Touring campuses, meeting teachers."

"Learning to not be stressed out."

"The information about getting involved in campus activities."

"The session about learning to like math."

"The team-building allowed me to meet new people."

"The willingness of staff to show me around."

"I loved it! I am more acclimated to college."

### First-time freshmen by the numbers

**Average age: 20.9**

**Most popular majors: Transfer; Nursing; Radiologic technology; Business management**

**Students attending**

**Part-time: 139**

**Full-time: 970**

**Most common counties of residence:**

<b>Roane</b>	<b>182</b>
<b>Anderson</b>	<b>161</b>
<b>Cumberland</b>	<b>142</b>
<b>Knox</b>	<b>124</b>
<b>Campbell</b>	<b>102</b>
<b>Scott</b>	<b>93</b>
<b>Loudon</b>	<b>79</b>
<b>Morgan</b>	<b>68</b>
<b>Fentress</b>	<b>42</b>



Carlos Clements is grounded.  
But only in the metaphorical sense.  
The Roane State alumnus is a high  
flier in America's War on Terror.



Clements (A.S.-1989) is a loadmaster on a MC-130P for the Air Force Special Operations Command. The plane performs mid-air refueling for military helicopters, and Clements' crew also flies humanitarian missions all over the world.

Clements has seen enough to know where he wants to make his last landing. "I have lived all over the world, but nothing compares to the people and the down-home feeling of Tennessee," said the staff sergeant. He's planning for small post-retirement vacation homes in South Africa and perhaps Spain. But he will build his dream home in

the Volunteer State after he leaves the Air Force.

Meanwhile, Clements is enjoying life with the world's most technologically advanced military. He's stationed in Great Britain and has also lived in Japan.

What drew him to the military? "I wanted to travel and be a part of

# Duty Bound

by Tammy Stanford, Alumni Publications Editor



something larger than myself," Clements said. "I needed stability and structure for what I wanted to do with the next few years of my life."

Clements is a specialist in weights and balances. He calculates how much cargo and fuel can safely be loaded onto a plane, and where that load should be placed on the aircraft. Sometimes the call to action comes without warning. "I've gone from watching a movie at home to being airborne in under two hours with a full rescue/search team," he said.

One of the "quiet professionals" that make up the ranks of America's elite special operations, Clements knows his job is not about making a lot of noise and gaining a lot of glory. He can't and won't talk specifically about his missions.

Clements will comment on the larger implications of America's current war. He says that while the country's diversity is "our greatest strength," it is also startling and disconcerting to many outside our borders. "Like it or not, the world has changed," Clements said. "September 11 was just a culmination of events."



One fact has not changed, he said. "Freedom is not free. It never has been and it never will be. It has been and continues to be fought and died for daily, by brave men and women in uniform and in civilian life around the world in many places people did not even know existed."

Whatever their political or philosophical bent, Americans should exercise their precious right to study and think about today's changing world, according to Clements. "If people want to be part of the solution—as we should be—we should become more educated and read the information out there. It's in the public sector and it is free. In many of the countries I have traveled to and lived in, this is not the case."

What does the future hold for Clements when he changes from Air Force blue to a suit and tie? "I would love to do librarian work. I love books and the great research that can come from a good library. I hope to work in the government sector, perhaps in law enforcement or for the Tennessee Bureau of Investigations." He is close to earning his bachelor's degree from Austin Peay State University, majoring in political science, with a minor in psychology.

Clements planned to enlist in the military right after high school. But Roane State offered him a scholarship to play basketball. So he visited the Roane County campus. "The moment I left the interstate and pulled onto the campus, I saw the school open up like a hidden Shangri-La. I truly

felt that Roane State could teach me something more than academics, and more about life and about myself."

He was right. "I have used what I learned at Roane State in my everyday life," Clements said. "I could not have come as far as I have if I didn't go to Roane State. Of that I am sure."



As a work-study student in Roane State's library, Clements renewed his "long-running" love affair with books. That passion will continue to drive his life, he said. "How many people are doing what they love? I know of only a very few, but they

are so happy and the people around them are better for it also."

He has this advice for young people searching for their direction: "Learn and grow. The world is a much smaller place than it was 20 years ago." Education isn't just found on campuses, Clements said. "Higher learning is all around you, if you're willing to listen and do the work. What you achieve will be honest, noble, real and completely yours."

# Spirit |

## same sideline, new seat

**Misty Griffin** is no stranger to the red and blue. She served as Raiderette assistant basketball coach for six years before accepting the head coaching job this summer.

A Roane State assistant professor of physical education, Griffin played varsity basketball at Snead State Community College in Alabama and Martin Methodist College in Pulaski, Tenn., where she was a member of a national championship team and was named MVP of the 1995 NSCAA national tournament.

### *On the challenges of the 2004-05 season*

“We will compete in one of the toughest regions in the nation, several teams will be nationally ranked. And we will be proud to follow in the footsteps of the storied past of the Raiderette program.”

### *Fire in the belly*

“There are a number of things that contribute to winning and losing. One of the most vital is intensity, which generates the ability to discipline the mind. We will have to work harder and smarter in order to develop this intensity and maintain it. We must constantly be pushed out of our comfort zones—both physically and mentally.”

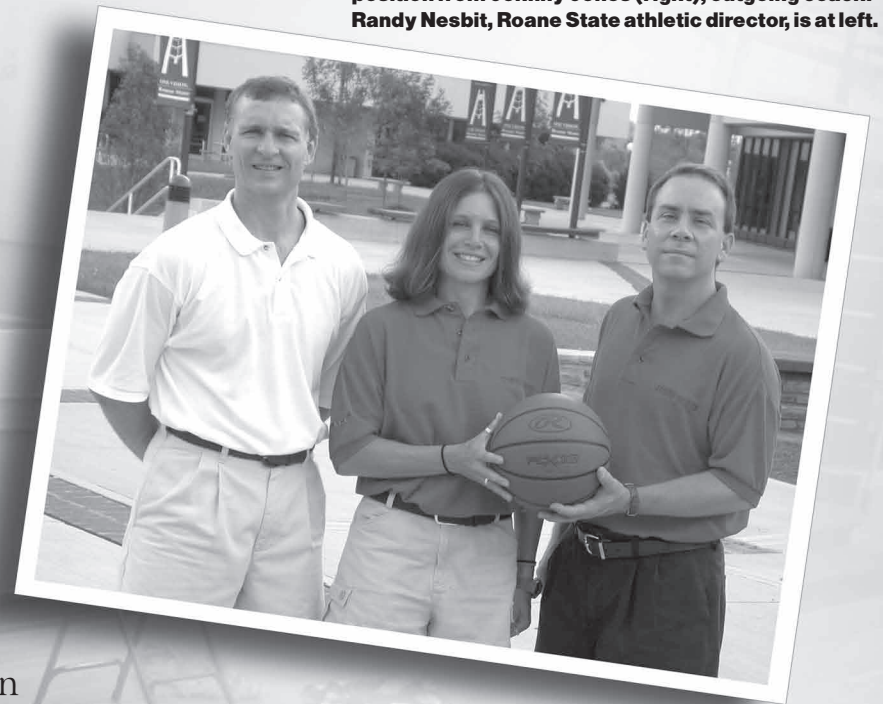
### *Hitting the road to fill the roster*

“Coaches from colleges inside and outside the state covet Tennessee recruits, making it a highly competitive market.”

### *The secret to success*

“(The experience of winning the national title) taught me that a group can reach the ultimate goal if they don’t care who gets the credit.”

**Misty Griffin symbolically accepts the head coaching position from Johnny Jones (right), outgoing coach. Randy Nesbit, Roane State athletic director, is at left.**



### **Former Raiderette head coaches and where they are now**

Larry Works (1973-75)	Roane State baseball coach
Andy Landers (1975-79)	University of Georgia head women's basketball coach
Jim Davis (1979-85)	Clemson University head women's basketball coach
Rita Wiggs (1985-86)	USA South Athletic Conference commissioner
Connie Guinn (1986-87)	Teacher and coach at Ridgeland High School in Georgia
Valerie Privett (1987-94)	Owner/agent of Privett Insurance Group of Knoxville
Charles Mancil (1992-95)	Teacher and coach at Coffee High School in Georgia
James Black (1995-96)	Augustana College (IL) head women's basketball coach
Johnny Jones (1996-04)	Roane State associate professor of physical education

## **March Madness Coming to RSCC!**

**The Roane County Campus will host the TJCAA Region 7 men's and women's basketball tournament March 8-13, 2005. The tourney involving 24 teams will determine which men's and women's squads advance to the NJCAA national tournament. The Raiderettes and Raiders are looking for strong seasons to gain favorable seeds. Region 7 tournament brackets will be available at [www.roanestate.edu/tournament](http://www.roanestate.edu/tournament) after the regular season ends.**

# News Notes |

## from the headlines

Roane State prescribes the new **Pharmacy Technician program** for those ready to break into a growing health-care field with just a year of training. Graduates of this certificate program will be ready for a national certification exam and may work at area pharmacies, hospitals, home health-care agencies, nursing homes, mental health institutions, or long-term care facilities. Marianna Mabry is the program's director.

Transfer students at Middle Tennessee State University and the University of Tennessee get more **"bang" for their buck**—financially and academically—by opting to begin their education at Roane State Community College. In fall semester 2003, Roane State alumni who had transferred to MTSU had a cumulative grade point average of 3.05. That compares to a 2.75 gpa for all Tennessee community college graduates at MTSU, and a 2.74 gpa for all other MTSU undergraduates. At UT, statistics show that Roane State transfer students' graduation rates are higher than the average of all transfer students at the university.

**Ed Wheeler** of Campbell County was recently honored as Tennessee's 2004 Benefactor of the Year by the Council for Resource Development. Wheeler, vice-chairman of American Trust Bank of East Tennessee, was nominated by Roane State because of his leadership as chairman of the Campaign for Campbell County and his drive to help the college achieve its dream of a new Campbell County Campus.

Beginning this fall, Roane State is offering **non-credit management seminars in Spanish**. The classes through the Centers for Training are ideal for Spanish-speaking managers who want to learn about effective supervision in the American workplace. The Oak Ridge and Loudon County campuses are hosting the classes.

Roane State's GIS (Geographic Information Systems) students continue to carry out class projects that are relevant and helpful for community organizations. **René Moskol**, for example, recently was commended for her work for Anderson County emergency agencies. Among other projects, Moskol created computer maps of fire hydrants to facilitate quick response by Marlow Volunteer Fire Department.

More than 700 Roane State students qualified for **Tennessee lottery scholarships** for fall semester. Many of the college's students, however, are not eligible since they are not recent high school graduates. Almost half of Roane State's students are over the age of 25.

Eight current and former members of the Raiderette basketball team have been recognized for outstanding achievement in the classroom. The players received All-Academic Awards from the Tennessee Junior and Community College Athletic Association (TJCCAA). **Deanna Donaldson**, daughter of Kevin and Jayne Donaldson of Celina; **April Hickok**, daughter of Jimmy and Wanda Maynard of Cookeville; **Jenny Hinds**, daughter of Jim and Ann Hinds of Rockwood; **Steffany Pugh**, daughter of Mike and Elaine Pugh of Kingston; **Britany Walker**, daughter of Tammy Walker of Celina; **Mallory Walker**, daughter of Randal Walker and Carol Walker of Celina; **Erica Whittenburg**, daughter of Ronnie and Sharon Whittenburg of Clarkrange; and **Cassie Woody**, daughter of Brice and Diane Woody of Midway.



Clockwise from top left: Raiderettes Hickok, B. Walker, Hinds, M. Walker, Donaldson, Whittenburg, Woody, and Pugh; GIS instructor Pat Wurth (standing) with students in the lab; Ed Wheeler (second from right) and wife Carol with Roane State President Dr. Wade McCamey (right) and James Chitwood, CRD president-elect; Kaybe Miller, pharmacy intern at Kroger in Harriman.

# Class Notes

**See page 23 for details on how you may submit class notes information to update fellow alumni about what's going on in your life.**

'75 Stella V.(McCabe) King (A.S.-Secondary Education) works as an information aide for Spring City Elementary School. She and husband Howard live in Spring City and have five adult children. Stella enjoys golf, tennis, swimming, bowling and folk dancing.

'80 John D. Thomas (attended 1978-1980) is a financial consultant and a first vice president at Smith Barney. He has two children—Cobey, 8, and Cooper, 6. John was a member of the Roane State golf team 1978-80. A resident of Knoxville, John is a board member for the East Tennessee chapter of the Autism Society of America, as well as chairman of the Autism Golf Tournament. He also is treasurer for the Roane State Foundation.

'87 Rhonda (Crabtree) Creselious (A.A.S.-Police Science) is a homemaker-or, as Rhonda puts it, an unpaid "domestic goddess." She and husband Richard live in Jamestown with son Ethan, 3. She has worked as a security guard and a 911 dispatcher for the Fentress County Sheriff's Department. At Roane State, Rhonda served on the traffic appeals committee.

'90 Rhonda (McNally) Freeman (A.S.-Secondary Education) is an assistant principal at Rhea Central Elementary School. She, husband Mike, and stepchildren, Kaitlynn and Christopher, live in Spring City. Freeman earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Tennessee Tech University, and a specialist in education degree from the University of Tennessee.

Jill Jiles-Everhart (A.S.- Business Administration) is a supervisor of Employment and Safety at Alba Health in Rockwood. Jill was a member of the Roane State Raiderette basketball squad in 1988. She is married to Eric Everhart. They, along with son Eli, 2, reside in Rockwood.

'95 Sherry Boettcher (A.A.S.- Occupational Therapy Assistant) is a fine artist. She and husband Andrew live in Knoxville. Says Sherry: "I have changed careers due to illness and enjoy doing fine art portraits and commissioned art pieces. I'm a member of the Fountain City Art Guild and was featured in Knoxville Garden & Home, March 2004."

Tonya (Dutton) Craig (A.S.-Pre-Nursing and '98 A.A.S.-Nursing) is a registered nurse at Methodist Medical Center in Oak Ridge. She and children Quentin, 5, and Olivia, 4, make their home in Oak Ridge.

Dorothy Watson (A.A.S.-Dental Hygiene) is a hygienist with Dr. Dennis K. Baird. She and husband Richard live in Oneida and have two children, Jessica, 18, and Preston, 13.

Eric L. McNew (A.A.-Computer Art and Design) has been promoted to creative director at Jessup & Associates/Case National Sales Office in Knoxville. Jessup & Associates represents the marketing efforts of WR. Case and Son Cutlery Co. In his new position, McNew will oversee the look and feel of all marketing materials and preserve the heritage of the brand while seeking new customers. McNew was senior graphic designer at the firm from 2004 through May of this year, and previously was web development director for Worldwide Interactive Network, a Kingston company lost in the dot-com bust. Eric and wife Gina live in Knoxville.

'96 Kemper Neil Begley (A.A.S.-Health Physics) is a radiological laboratory technician for Safety and Ecology Corp. He is married to Michael Ann (Finley) Begley (00-Special Education) and lives in Rockwood.

'97 P. Leann Mozingo (A.A.S.-Physical Therapist Assistant) lives in Jellico with husband Wayne and son Brent, 17. She is a physical therapist assistant at Baptist Regional Medical Center in Corbin, Ky. Leann reports that "I am in school again in pursuit of my master's degree in physical therapy. I hope someday to get my doctoral degree as well."

'98 Holly (Kelly) Miller (A.A.-English) is an administrative assistant for the Loudon County Economic Development Agency and is designing and writing for the organization's newsletter. She lives in Kingston with husband Bradly. Holly previously worked in graphics at the News-Herald. She holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga. At Roane State, she was a Raider Corps member and a housesitter for former RSCC President Dr. Sherry Hoppe.

'00 Michael Ann (Finley) Begley (A.S.-Special Education) teaches special education at Cherokee Middle School in Roane County. She and husband Kemper Neil Begley (96-Health Physics) live in Rockwood. Michael also holds bachelor's and master's degrees from UT-Knoxville.

#### **In memoriam**

2004, Mark Joseph Hutson of Harriman (1999, A.S.-General)

**Oops. In the Class Notes section of the spring 2004 magazine, we listed that alumna Vonda Hutson had two daughters. Actually, she has only one daughter, Emily Grace.**

# Alumni

## Two new alumni chapters formed

Two new alumni chapters are now up and running: the Environmental Health Alumni Association and the Campbell County Alumni Association.



The **Environmental Health Alumni Association** is comprised of graduates from a variety of environmental science programs: Agriculture, Environmental Health Technology, Forestry, Mining, Wildlife & Fisheries and Health Physics. Though still in its infancy, the group's primary focus is to promote networking of alumni and to foster mentoring and development of current and prospective

environmental health students. On November 11 they hosted a reunion dinner and attended a performance of "Brighton Beach Memoirs," performed by the RSCC Playmakers. If you are interested in becoming a member of this chapter, e-mail [ehalthalum@roanestate.edu](mailto:ehalthalum@roanestate.edu) or write or call the address below.

Local residents were the driving force behind the formation of the **Campbell County Alumni Association**. With a new campus in the works, these graduates wanted to become involved and help make the campus a reality. After a series of formation meetings, the first official meeting of the new chapter was October 14 at the current RSCC Campbell County Center. Groundbreaking for the new campus was held November 19. It is not too late to join this chapter. If interested e-mail [campcoalum@roanestate.edu](mailto:campcoalum@roanestate.edu) or write or call the address below.



**Pictured clockwise from top left: Sharon Baird, secretary; Rhonda Longmire, president; Glenn McGuire, president-elect; Vickie Spradin, treasurer; and Kim Perkins, promotions officer.**

### Interested in forming your own chapter?

Staying in touch with former classmates and your former college is a big part of the RSCC Alumni Relations Office. We want to help you sustain those friendships and build future relationships through your association with a chapter made up of former classmates who shared the same campus or the same program, or have some other campus affiliation such as athletics or music. Setting up a chapter is easy. Just give us a call and we will work with you to get your chapter going.

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e-mail: [alumni@roanestate.edu](mailto:alumni@roanestate.edu)**

Check our Web site for updates on chapters and upcoming activities.  
[www.roanestate.edu](http://www.roanestate.edu) keyword: alumni



## Outstanding Alumnus Sought

**Roane State Community College is seeking nominations for the 2005 Outstanding Alumnus Award in recognition of outstanding service to his or her 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: March 31, 2005**

Contact Alumni Relations to request an application, or you may print the Nominee Information Form directly from the Web at:  
[www.roanestate.edu](http://www.roanestate.edu) keyword: alumni

Submit all nominations and materials to:

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# Roane State Foundation |

## invest in the vision

On Sunday, October 24, 2004, the Roane State Foundation hosted a reception to bring scholarship donors and recipients together. What a joy to behold! Scholarships change lives and the recipients of these scholarships truly enjoyed the opportunity to meet and thank the individuals who made their education possible through scholarships.

Last year, Mary Cain, one of the recipients of a nursing scholarship, wrote:

“I am heading into my last semester of nursing school, and it has been quite an experience. It has been intense, and it has been non-stop. My children have sacrificed a lot, and they are looking forward to my graduation in May. My girls are aware of your generosity, and they too are grateful to you as well. They know that because of my education, we can live a better life. They also understand the importance of going to college. Knowledge is power, and I thank you again for giving me the financial support that I need to get through nursing school and become an active part of serving my community, doing what I love to do.”

As you can see, not only did Mary benefit from her scholarship, her daughters did as well. In our 21st century knowledge-and-technology driven economy, education is the new currency for success. The value of a community college education is more important than ever before. By the year 2008, some 29 percent of all jobs will call for post-secondary training of less than four years. Unfortunately, despite significant progress made during the past 10 years, the residents of Roane State’s service area remain behind the state and national average for educational attainment.

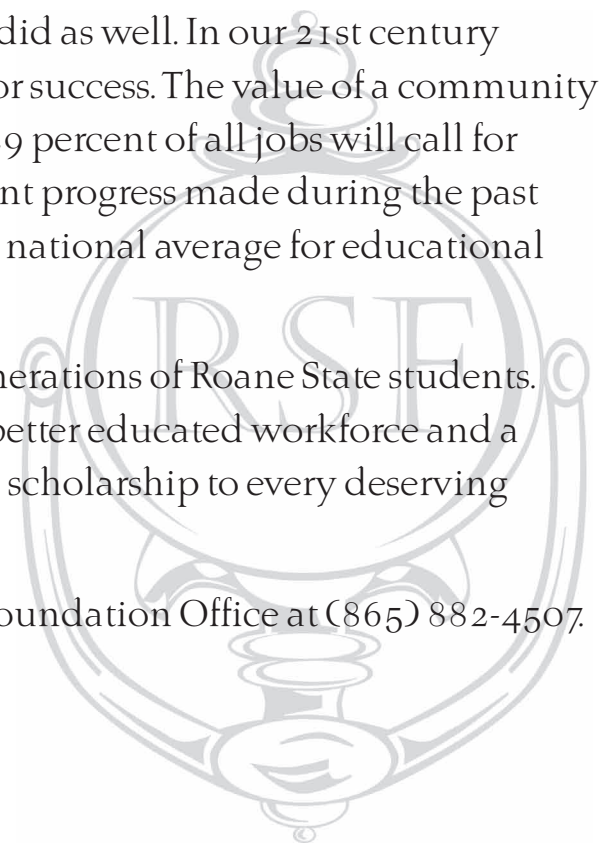
We need your help. Together, we can extend pathways of learning to future generations of Roane State students. Every dollar that you invest in scholarships provides your community with a better educated workforce and a better quality of life for everyone. Won’t you invest in our vision of providing a scholarship to every deserving student?

To find out more about establishing a scholarship, please call the Roane State Foundation Office at (865) 882-4507.

*Melinda Hillman, Dean of Institutional Advancement*



**Pictured above are Stuart and Elaine Kent with their scholarship recipients**



# Calendar

coming up at your community college

## november

- Nov. 18-20 ● Roane State Concert Choir in "Fall Concert"
- Nov. 19 ▲ Raiderettes and Raiders vs. Columbia State (6 & 8 p.m.)
- Nov. 20 Public star gaze at Tamke-Allan Observatory
- Nov. 20 ■ National Barrel Racers Association
- Nov. 20 ▲ Raiderettes and Raiders vs. Jackson State (2 & 4 p.m.)
- Nov. 22 ▲ Raiders vs. Wilkes (7 p.m.)

## february

- Feb. 4-6 ■ East Tennessee Cutting Horse Association
- Feb. 11-12 ● "Music for Lovers" by Roane Choral Society (865) 376-6710
- Feb. 12 ■ Cumberland NWTFF Calling Seminar
- Feb. 12 ■ Roping
- Feb. 16 ▲ Raiderettes and Raiders vs. Hiwassee (6 & 8 p.m.)
- Feb. 17-19, 24-26 ● Roane State Playmakers present "True West"
- Feb. 19 ■ National Barrel Horse Association
- Feb. 23 ▲ Raiderettes and Raiders vs. Walters State (6 & 8 p.m.)
- Feb. 25 ▲ RSCC Baseball vs. Jackson State (2 p.m.)
- Feb. 25-27 ■ Tennessee Reining Horse Association
- Feb. 26 ▲ Raiderettes and Raiders vs. Motlow (6 & 8 p.m.)
- Feb. 26 ▲ RSCC Baseball vs. Jackson State (2 p.m.)

## december

- Dec. 3 ● "Festival of Lessons and Carols" with Music Department and Roane Choral Society
- Dec. 4-5 ● "The Nutcracker" by Arts in Motion (865) 376-0295
- Dec. 4 Public star gaze at Tamke-Allan Observatory
- Dec. 4 ■ East Tennessee Barrel Racers Association at Expo Center
- Dec. 10-11 Public star gazing at Tamke-Allan Observatory
- Dec. 10-12 ■ Santa's Carousel Quarter Horse Show
- Dec. 11 ▲ Raiderettes and Raiders vs. Volunteer State (2 & 4 p.m.)
- Dec. 18 ▲ Raiderettes and Raiders vs. Spartanburg Methodist (6 & 8 p.m.)
- Dec. 31 ■ Oak Ridge Kennel Club

## march

- March 4-6 ■ East Tennessee Cutting Horse Association
- March 5 ■ East Tennessee Barrel Racers Association
- March 8-13 ▲ Basketball Region 7 basketball tournament, TBA
- March 11 ▲ RSCC Baseball vs. St. Clair, 1 pm
- March 11-13 ■ Celebration Circuit Quarter Horse Show
- March 12 ▲ RSCC Baseball vs. Lakeland, 1 pm
- March 13 ▲ RSCC Baseball vs. Lakeland, 12 pm
- March 15 ▲ RSCC Baseball vs. Wesleyan JV, 1 pm
- March 18 ▲ RSCC Baseball vs. Southwest, 2 pm
- March 18-19 ■ Sexton Dodge Rodeo
- March 18-20 ■ Ron McLoughlin Horse-Handling School
- March 19 ▲ RSCC Baseball vs. Southwest, 12 pm
- March 25-27 ■ Tennessee Valley Kennel Club Agility Trials
- March 26 ■ National Barrel Horse Association
- March 29 ▲ RSCC Baseball vs. Tusculum JV, 1 pm
- March 31 ● Roane State Concert Choir in performance

## january

- Jan. 1-2 ■ Oak Ridge Kennel Club
- Jan. 7-8 ■ J.R.'s Super Show Rodeo
- Jan. 14-16 ■ Hunter Jumper Show
- Jan. 15 ▲ Raiders vs. Mt. Olive (7 p.m.)
- Jan. 21-23 ■ Ron McLoughlin Horse-Handling School
- Jan. 26 ▲ Raiderettes and Raiders vs. Chattanooga State (6 & 8 p.m.)
- Jan. 29 ▲ Raiderettes and Raiders vs. Cleveland State (6 & 8 p.m.)

## april

- Apr 1 ▲ RSCC Baseball vs. Walters State, 2 pm
- Apr 2 ▲ RSCC Baseball vs. Walters State, 12 pm
- Apr 1-2 ● Roane State Concert Choir in performance
- Apr 1-3 ■ East Tennessee Cutting Horse Association
- Apr 2 ■ Tennessee Paint Horse Club Awards Night
- Apr 7 ■ Smoky Mountain Classic All-Breed Horse Sale
- Apr 10 ● "Broadway Bound" by Roane Choral Society
- Apr 12 ▲ RSCC Baseball vs. Blue Ridge, 1 pm
- Apr 14-16, 21-23 ● Roane State Playmakers Present "Play On"
- Apr 15 ▲ RSCC Baseball vs. Cleveland State, 2 pm
- Apr 16 ▲ RSCC Baseball vs. Cleveland State, 12 pm
- Apr 15-17 ■ Circuit by the River Quarter Horse Show
- Apr 22-24 ■ Tennessee Reining Horse Association
- Apr 29 ▲ RSCC Baseball vs. Dyersburg State, 2 pm
- Apr 29-30 ■ East Tennessee Cutting Horse Association
- Apr 30 ■ Roping
- Apr 30 ▲ RSCC Baseball vs. Dyersburg State, 12 pm
- Apr 29-30, ● Arts in Motion Spring Dance Concert

■ 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.

### 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). \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Small package, big reward.



Dear Dr. Sills,  
We have thanked God for you many times in our prayers. We appreciate the passion with which you work. Thank you so much for your part in giving us our "miracle baby."  
We never planned on sending out birth announcements because of our history of miscarriage and we were so happy to return to a normal life without doctors (no offense) that it has taken me this long to share a picture and tell you thank you. Again, God has given you such a great mind - Thank you for using it to touch people's hearts -  
All of our love; prayers to you; you staff

**A new mom expresses her thanks to Dr. E. Scott Sills, an infertility specialist who has helped hundreds of couples realize their dream of becoming parents. To read more about Sills, Roane State's 2004 Outstanding Alumnus, see p. 8.**



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