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Providing financial assistance to highly qualified students has long been a distinguishing characteristic of Roane State Community College. Throughout much of our history, the college has “invested” significant state dollars toward scholarship initiatives while deliberately developing, through our Roane State Foundation, a sound financial structure for directing significant private dollars to dedicated deserving students. The combined effort of these funding sources has positively impacted the lives of thousands of students attending Roane State. Given the recent reduction in state appropriations over the past few years coupled with the uncertainty of future state support, the institution may be forced to reduce the amount of institutional dollars going into scholarship accounts.



As evidenced by our cover story in this edition, a great deal of interest has been generated in our state through the creation of the Tennessee Lottery. While we are excited about the enhanced opportunities for financial assistance for a number of our students, significant is the fact that many of our current and future students, primarily our adult students, will not qualify for lottery scholarships. And, before you incorrectly attribute this omission to an inferior grade point average or quality issue, let me hasten to point out that it is the language of the lottery bill that is responsible for this dilemma. Stated another way, many of our most deserving students will not be eligible for state lottery scholarship dollars.

Given the reality of the lottery regulations coupled with reduced state dollars, the only avenue available for the deserving adult students will be the funds available from private sources. In the near future, you will be receiving information about the college’s major fund raising initiative, appropriately named “Invest in the Vision”. A major component of this campaign is an appeal to extend pathways to learning through scholarships. As you consider this initiative, please take time to reflect upon your time at Roane State and how the college influenced and/or impacted your life. Your support could assist another student to gain the same life-changing experiences that you encountered during your time at Roane State Community College.

Therefore, my appeal to each of you is simply this. Consider a gift that would permit you to “Invest in the Vision” campaign. All gifts, whether large or small, will make a significant impact. While the Tennessee Lottery is a game of chance, we feel we can ill afford to take a chance with the lives and future careers of our students.

Wade B. McCamey

Caps and Gowns | commencement

Join us for graduation 2004 . . .

Roane State to Hold Two Graduation Ceremonies



Have you been to a RSCC graduation lately? Because of overcrowding in the gymnasium, recent graduations have often been uncomfortable and unpleasant for our graduates and their families and friends. To alleviate these problems and to enhance the joyous experience of seeing a loved one walk across the stage to receive a degree, Roane State will host two graduation ceremonies this spring.

- **Friday, May 7 at 7 p.m. (eastern) for certificate and Associate of Applied Science degree recipients**
- **Saturday, May 8 at 9 a.m. (eastern) for Associate of Arts and Associate of Science degree recipients**

The two ceremonies will be equal in presentation with academic deans and executive staff attending both ceremonies. Faculty will attend the ceremony most associated with their primary academic field. We hope you can join us as we celebrate the accomplishments of our students.

Roane State alumnus Dr. Ron D. Ford will be the keynote speaker at both graduation ceremonies. Dr. Ford is president of Wells DC, a real estate holding company, and chief financial strategist of Wells Real Estate Funds, one of the world's largest owners of office buildings.

Originally from Lenoir City, Dr. Ford received his associate's degree from Roane State in 1981, his undergraduate degree in Business Administration from the University of Tennessee and his MBA from Vanderbilt University. He also earned a doctorate in Executive Management from the Weatherhead School of Management at Case Western Reserve University. He serves as national president of the alumni association for Vanderbilt University and is on the boards of Young Presidents' Organization, Holy Innocents' Episcopal School and St. Joseph's Hospital in Atlanta.

Roane State Presents |
performing and visual arts

"School House Rock—Live"

Engage in nostalgia as the Roane State Playmakers and Concert Choir present this high-energy musical, based on the classic children's show "School House Rock," which first aired 30 years ago. Remember those animated shorts with songs about grammar, math and science that were tucked strategically between Saturday morning cartoons? This stage version features the best numbers from the series, such as "Conjunction Junction (What's Your Fun tion?)," "Interplanet Janet (She's a Galaxy Girl!)," and "I Am A Bill (Waiting Here on Capitol Hill)." The play begins at 8 p.m. eastern each evening in the theatre on the Roane County Campus. Tickets are \$7; RSCC Playmakers & RSCC Music Department, April 15-17 & 22-24. (865) 882-4589.



Vistas | of Roane State

Campbell County Campus

The Greatest Gift

Lillian Michaelis was a champion of education. Her legacy will live on through her \$1 million gift to Roane State in Campbell County.

Mrs. Michaelis and her husband lived in Campbell County for many years. She believed that higher education is essential to improving the quality of life in a community. She passed away in 2003, leaving generous gifts to various charities and organizations, including Roane State. "This was her way of giving back to the community she had loved so long," said Melinda Hillman, Roane State dean of Institutional Advancement.

Mrs. Michaelis' gift will help to build a permanent Campbell County Higher Education Center. Roane State will break ground on the 23,000-square-foot facility this spring. The first classes should be held at the new campus in fall 2005.

To be constructed on nine acres donated by Ed Wheeler, the campus will include classrooms, a multi-purpose science lab, computer labs, a community room and library, and a student lounge.



(Top) Foundation Executive Director Melinda Hillman with a \$1 million check from Lillian Michaelis' estate; (directly beneath) an artist's rendering of the new campus; (3 bottom pictures clockwise from top left) students walking to class at the current campus; Campbell County Campus Director Cindy Gardipe; the current campus located in Woodson's Mall.

Roane County Campus

Since 1999, Roane State has celebrated a Multicultural Day. The festivities—which included food, fun and learning—have turned into a highly popular annual event for students, faculty and staff. In 2003, these countries, regions and cultures were spotlighted at the Roane County Campus event: United States, Peru, Appalachia, Botswana, Asia, England, Mexico, Iran, China, Cajun, and New Orleans.

“Multicultural Day is an official recognition of the business of the college,” said Beverly Bonner, dean of Student Services and Multicultural Affairs. “Diversity programming occurs throughout the year, in the classroom and via student activities outside the classroom.”

“M-C Day,” as it’s called, will be fondly remembered by many alumni as a quintessential college experience. “The day has developed into a wonderful experience, and each year we so look forward to the next celebration,” Bonner said.



Oak Ridge Campus

In conjunction with the Coffey Library, the recently expanded Learning Center (which houses the Rush Learning Center) provides a variety of free resources for students, instructors and community members, including tutoring in numerous subjects, the use of computers and audiovisual equipment, word processing and e-mail instruction, group meeting rooms and quiet study areas.

Students can get assistance with writing assignments, as well as help with mathematics, science and social science. The Learning Center is open until 6 p.m. on weeknights, and even has Saturday hours. It is located in the Coffey Library. Call 481-2026 for more information.



Cumberland County Campus

Andrew Authier of Crossville is one of the many Roane State students on academic service scholarship granted to those who graduate in the top 10 percent of their high school class.

Of Roane State’s Cumberland County Campus, Andrew said, “I love it! The class sizes are perfect.” He noted that his business calculus class has just 10 students in it, meaning lots of individualized attention from his professor. Andrew said all the instructors at the Cumberland campus are outstanding. “My composition class has been really great, and I also love my biology course.”

A business management major, Andrew plans to transfer to the University of Northern Iowa for bachelor’s degree. His career goal is to be an insurance claims adjuster, but he said a business degree opens up plenty of other career possibilities if he opts for another path.



Knox County Campus

Students from all over the world have completed Roane State’s Wilderness First Responder course since its inception in 1996. The class meets in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park for 78 hours of intense training. Students practice advanced rescue skills in the great outdoors. They learn to deal with fractured bones, hypothermia, snake bites, lightning strikes and other trauma that might occur in places far from the reach of ambulances. Typical students include park rangers, professional guides, Peace Corps volunteers, medical missionaries, and adventurers from all walks of life.

According to instructor Fred Baty, graduates of the program have traveled to every continent—including Antarctica, where a graduate recently accompanied a heart attack victim to a treatment center. Says Baty, “It’s actually the alumni who make this course so interesting, because every year many come back to help train the next generation of wilderness medics.”



Loudon County Campus

The Campus Activities Board remains one of the most active student organizations at this campus. In observance of the Sept. 11 anniversary, the group organized a food drive to benefit a local charity. CAB also oversaw the campus Multicultural Day festivities and provided Halloween treats for students.

The group conducted a drive for “Coats for the Cold” and ssembled a float for the local Christmas parade. And in December, CAB provided snacks for students during the hectic final-exam time.



Scott County Campus

The Howard Baker, Jr. Library at the campus will soon grow by 1,530 square feet, thanks to a fund drive spearheaded by benefactor Bill Swain, who has always been willing to invest in the Scott County Campus. The library addition will house an extensive collection of law books donated by U.S. District Court Judge Tom Phillips.

“For many of our students, as well as our staff, the library is already a favorite place because of its rich beauty and warm atmosphere,” said Tracy Powers, campus director. “It’s overwhelming to think that all of that will be enhanced with this expansion. Once again, we are extremely grateful for the generosity and support of our community, who make all of this possible.”





Filling out the FAFSA: Joy Goldberg helps student Kiril Galloway, a pre-engineering major from Kingston, fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or "FAFSA." Students must complete this federal form to apply for Tennessee Lottery scholarships. As an '03 high school graduate, Kiril is eligible to apply for the lottery money for his sophomore year. (Above and bottom opposite)

Against All Odds

By Tammy Stanford
Alumni Publications Editor

The Tennessee Lottery is projected to produce a mixed bag of results. Many younger Tennesseans will hit the scholarship jackpot. But the system still leaves most adult students scratching for dollars to pay for higher education.

As currently designed, the Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship System will fund five types of scholarship programs. The qualifications for each can be convoluted and complicated.

"One thing is clear," said Joy Goldberg, Roane State director of Financial Aid. "It's the first comprehensive program that the state has come up with to promote higher education. I think everybody should look at it as an exciting proposition. It's going to be an interesting year."

The various lottery scholarship programs will favor 2003 and 2004 high school graduates. Other citizens may qualify for some funding to attend one of Tennessee's Technology Centers, and exceptions will also be made for recent high school graduates who go immediately into the active-duty military. But that's about it for the older student, Goldberg noted. "I wish the adult population would have more choices when it comes to lottery funds," she said.

The lottery system—however successful in boosting access to higher education—will not fix the state's ongoing financial crisis. All of the proceeds are earmarked for Tennessee students.

Goldberg and her counterparts across the state are watching and wondering what the lottery will mean to their institutions. Goldberg—who travels to area high schools to speak to parents and students about financial aid—says she's being asked to do such presentations earlier and more often and with larger crowds attending.

Another immediate effect: Roane State will hire an additional staff member to handle the lottery scholarship business. "As far as workload for my office, this has huge implications," Goldberg said. "And we're anticipating a massive increase in financial aid applications at all 5 financial aid offices across the state." After the lottery scholarship sys-

tem gets going, there'll be more paperwork to push around. "The Tennessee Higher Education Commission and other researchers are going to want to know who got the scholarships, what they scored on the ACT, their GPAs, who made the grades to keep the scholarships, who didn't," Goldberg said.

Among the intricacies of lottery scholarship rules is a provision that certificate study programs at community colleges do not qualify. For example, a Roane State student in the EMT/paramedic program would not be eligible for the awards.

The scholarship is "portable" and can be taken from community college to university or vice versa. But a student who uses lottery scholarship money to study at a community college—then decides to enroll at a Tennessee Technology Center instead—won't be eligible for the scholarship at the tech center.

The state projects that 65,200 students will receive scholarships and grants totaling \$176.5 million in the coming school year, with the number of first-time freshmen expected to rise 9 percent.

Does Goldberg think that cash for college will draw a good number of those students to Roane State? Maybe. "If (Tennessee) universities cap their enrollment, if the technology centers max out on space, I think they'll come to us. What's going to happen? I don't know. We wish we had a crystal ball."

For more information on the lottery scholarships, call the Tennessee Student Assistance Corp. at (800) 342-1663 or visit the TSAC Web site at www.state.tn.us/tsac.



Who's Eligible for Lottery Scholarships?

- I am a 40-year old single parent with 3 children. I worked for 20 years for the State of Tennessee, but now plan on starting college fall 2004. I graduated from high school with high honors. Will I be eligible for lottery funds?
No. Even though you will be more likely to purchase lottery tickets, you will not be eligible to reap the benefits. Only your children will be eligible.
- I am a recent high school graduate (2002) and have been attending RSCC. I had a 4.0 high school GPA and have a 3.89 GPA at RSCC and am on an academic scholarship. Will I be eligible for lottery funds?
No. Only students graduating in either 2003 or 2004 will be eligible.
- I will graduate in May 2004. I scored a 17 on the ACT and have a 3.5 high school GPA. Will I be eligible for lottery funds?
Yes, as long as the college core courses were completed.
- I graduated from high school in May 2003. I scored a 25 on the ACT and had a 2.99 high school GPA. I have been working for a year and am ready to start college. Will I be eligible for lottery funds?
No. Lottery funds must be used right out of high school.
- I am 25 years old and did not finish high school. I just recently passed the GED with a 520 and have taken the ACT and scored a 20. Will I be eligible for lottery funds?
No. You must have a 525 on the GED and a 19 on the ACT.
- My mother home-schooled me, and I am now ready to attend the University of Tennessee in the fall. I have taken the ACT and scored a 25. Will I be eligible for lottery funds?
Yes. You are eligible for the TN HOPE Scholarship.
- I want to attend the Tennessee Technology Center at Harriman. I am 30 years old and want to get my LPN license. I did graduate from high school in Kentucky but my school no longer exists. Will I be eligible for lottery funds?
Yes. Any student attending a TTC will be eligible for the Wilder-Naifeh Technical Skills Grant.
- I've always wanted to attend Duke University and I've been accepted! After I graduate in May 2004, I will be heading that way. Will I be eligible for lottery funds?
No. Tennessee lottery funds must stay within the state. However, if you transfer back to a school in Tennessee and meet all eligibility requirements, you would then qualify.
- I will graduate in May 2004 and will be entering the U.S. Marine Corps immediately. When I finish my tour, will I be eligible for lottery funds?
Yes. You can remain in the military for up to 7 years, but you must receive an honorable discharge and apply for the scholarship within 1 year after leaving the service.
- While I was in high school I thought I didn't want to go to college, so I took the technical path courses. Now as I near graduation in May 2004, I have changed my mind. I scored a 19 on the ACT and my GPA is 2.5. Will I be eligible for lottery funds?
Yes. You will be eligible since you scored a 19 on the ACT.
- I will be starting TTU in the fall 2004. I was not a really strong student in high school but had a 2.75 GPA and scored an 18 on the ACT. My parents don't have a lot of money to help me, so will I be eligible for lottery funds?
Yes. As long as your parents' adjusted gross income is less than \$36,000 and you have completed the college core courses while in high school, you will be eligible of the TN HOPE Access Grant for 1 year. Then if you complete 24 college hours with a 2.75 GPA, you will be eligible for the TN HOPE Scholarship.

HOPE for the future

HOPE Scholarship

**\$1,500 for two-year institutions;
\$3,000 for four-year schools**

Who's eligible: 2003 and 2004 high school graduates with 3.0 high school overall GPA, and a 3.0 high school GPA in college core courses or a 19 on the ACT.

*** Renewable for up to five years for studies for a bachelor's degree, but recipients must maintain a 2.75 college GPA to remain eligible.**

General Assembly Merit Scholarship

\$1,000 supplement to HOPE Scholarship

Who's eligible: 2003 and 2004 high school graduates with a 3.75 high school overall GPA, and a 3.75 high school GPA in college core courses and a 29 on the ACT.

Need-Based Supplemental Award

\$1,000 supplement to HOPE Scholarship

Who's eligible: 2003 and 2004 high school graduates who meet HOPE Scholarship requirements and whose parents have adjusted gross income of \$36,000 or less.

HOPE Access Grant

**\$1,250 for two-year institutions,
\$2,000 for four-year schools**

Who's eligible: 2004 high school graduates with a 2.75 high school overall GPA, and a 2.75 high school GPA in college core courses and an 18 on the ACT. Also parents must have adjusted gross income of \$36,000 or less.

*** Grant is non-renewable and good for only one year. Recipients who meet HOPE Scholarship requirements after one year of college will move to that program.**

Wilder-Naifeh Technical Skills Grant

\$1,250

Who's Eligible: Tennessee citizens enrolling at a Tennessee Technology Center.

*** Cannot be prior recipient of HOPE Scholarship.**



2004-2005 FAFSA on the Web Pre-Application Worksheet

Complete this worksheet only if you plan to use *FAFSA on the Web* to apply for financial aid. Please **DO NOT** mail in this worksheet.

Instructions:

- Use this worksheet to collect your (and your parents') information before beginning your 2004-2005 online Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The worksheet does not include all questions asked on the online FAFSA, just the ones that you might not readily know.
- Questions on this worksheet are in the same order as they appear on the online FAFSA; however, because the online FAFSA allows you to skip some questions based on your answers to earlier questions, you may not have to answer all of the questions on this worksheet.
- The numbers in parentheses to the right of each question correspond to the question numbers on the paper FAFSA.
- In addition to completing the Pre-Application worksheet, you might want to complete the student (and parent) Worksheets A, B, and C before beginning your online FAFSA. To print Worksheets A, B, and C, go to www.fafsa.ed.gov/worksheet.htm.
- Do not use this worksheet if you plan to fill out a paper FAFSA.

Before filing your FAFSA on the Web application we recommend that you (and one of your parents) apply for a PIN at www.pin.ed.gov. There are advantages to applying for a PIN prior to filing your application. With a PIN, you are able to:

- Electronically sign your application
- Make corrections to your submitted application
- Review your processed application data on Student Access on the Web

All of the gray shaded questions refer to parent's information. Please read "Who is a Parent" in the middle of page 3 to determine if the shaded questions should be completed.

Question	Answer
Student's Last Name (1)	
State of legal residence? (18)	
Number (8)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I am a U.S. citizen <input type="checkbox"/> No, but I am an eligible non-citizen
	<input type="checkbox"/> No, I am not a U.S. citizen <input type="checkbox"/> No, I am not an eligible non-citizen



Up Close |



two
plus
two

equals dreams come true

By Karen Brunner, Director of Institutional Effectiveness and Research



According to the Tennessee Department of Education, student enrollments in grades K-12 will continue to grow and so will the need for new teachers. That's good news for Roane State's current (and future) education students. Even better news is that now Roane State elementary education graduates can complete their bachelor's degree from Tennessee Technological University at one of two Roane State campuses.

Called a 2+2 program, the partnership between Roane State and Tennessee Tech enables students who have completed their coursework at Roane State and been accepted to the Tennessee Tech teacher education program to take their junior and senior level classes at Roane State's Oak Ridge Campus or at the Cumberland County Campus in Crossville.

Dr. James “Buddy” Martin, formerly director of Roane State’s TECTA (Tennessee Early Childhood Training Alliance) and now one of the TTU faculty members in the new program, praises the long-standing working relationship between the two institutions. “Our articulation agreements have always been strong,” he points out, “but now students literally don’t have to leave the building! This program is ideal for RSCC students.”

Students accepted into this new program are in every way Tennessee Tech students. They learn the same curriculum, they study with Tennessee Tech faculty, and they consult with Tennessee Tech advisors. The only thing they don’t have is the long commute to Cookeville, and for many of the 50+ students pioneering this new program, that has made all the difference.

As Roane State Professor of Education Dr. Janet Byrne explains, “Almost all of the students in the program are trying to manage costs and are still working at least part-time. In fact, distance and expense were such obstacles for some RSCC education graduates that they were not able to continue their education after graduating from Roane State. This program has enabled them to come back to school and work toward fulfilling their dream of becoming a teacher.” Dr. Byrne also points out that many Roane State graduates are first generation college students, and continuing their coursework at a familiar campus is less intimidating than making the switch to a big university.

Debbie Thurman, regional coordinator for TTU’s School of Interdisciplinary Studies and Extended Education (the division that coordinates logistical support for the program), agrees and further notes that the program is a great boon to students juggling school and family commitments. “For a parent to travel an hour each way is two hours they would not be able to spend with their children.”

Students are accepted into the Tennessee Tech portion of the 2+2 program as a cohort, meaning that students start together as a class and go through the final four semesters together. Dr. Lana Clauss, one of the TTU faculty members in the program, explains the positive impact of the cohort system. “The amazing part is to see the relationships built among the students supporting each other. They really build a unit and help each other learn. There is a lot of teaming for challenging projects. Students have to seek out resources for teaching different subjects, reflect on which would best deliver the competencies, and determine problem-solving activities for teaching the skills. The teaming and grouping that they do in the college classroom is modeling for the kinds of learning they will then foster in the classroom setting as teachers.”

The curriculum is challenging, but the TTU instructors and administrators have found Roane State graduates up to the task. Dr. Byrne in Roane County and Associate Professor Sharon Cordell in Oak Ridge work closely with RSCC education majors throughout their first two years to prepare them for the rigorous admissions requirements of the program. Debbie Thurman has nothing but praise for the preparation that Roane State graduates receive. “It is no accident that Roane State students are successful,” she notes.

So who are these hard-working pioneers in the first cohort? There is no “typical” student. Several are mothers. One is a gentleman in his 40’s who wasn’t fulfilled in his career as an electrical technician.

One is Josh Duncan, a youth pastor at Middle Creek Baptist Church in Oliver Springs, who appreciates the opportunity this program has afforded him to keep his job (which he loves) to fulfill his passion to become a teacher. According to Josh, his Roane State classes gave him “a good solid foundation” and the 2+2 program has been a lifesaver! “I would have had to quit my job at church and move to Cookeville. This has made my life a lot easier.” What does Josh think will be the most rewarding thing about being a classroom teacher? “Seeing change happen,” he says without hesitation. “Watching young people learn is an awesome feeling!”



Students in the RSCC and TTU programs get to experience the joys and challenges of teaching even as they are learning themselves. The curriculum is divided between course content blocks and practice teaching blocks. Every semester students get a chance to use the strategies and techniques they learn by working with children in area elementary schools.

Letchia Goldberg is just beginning the educational journey toward her teaching degree, but she is already spending practicum hours at Ridgeview Elementary School in Rockwood. When asked what part of her educational experience so far she thinks has given her the best preparation for a teaching career, she quickly points to the field experience. “This will show me whether or not this is really what I want to do.” And, so far so good. Letchia, who changed her major from business to education, explains that she really always wanted to be a teacher. “This is where my heart is.”

With talented and enthusiastic students like these and a group of dedicated faculty and advisors to guide them, the Roane State/Tennessee Tech 2+2 elementary education program is poised to make a positive difference—“not only on the students themselves,” Janet Byrne explains, “but on their families and the communities where they will eventually become classroom teachers.” Perhaps Dr. Lana Clauss summed it up best when she observed, “Education is the winner!”

Clockwise from top left: Letchia Goldberg prepares for her practicum experience at Ridgeview Elementary; Goldberg leads the class in an exercise; Josh Duncan (center) confers with Dr. Janet Byrne of Roane State and Dr. Shannon Collins of Tennessee Tech about his class schedule.

You Must Remember This

days of crowns and roses

There she is. .

The annual Miss Roane State pageant awarded scholarships and celebrity to young coeds, then sent them to represent the college in the Miss Tennessee pageant.

A future issue of "Roane State Today" will include a full feature on the history of the Miss Roane State pageant. Until then, here's a sampling of what former wearers of the crown remember from their time on the runway.



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angela

Theresa Anise (Jones) Thorpe, Miss Roane State 1978

Today, Thorpe and husband Charles E. Thorpe III live in Kissimmee, Fla., with children Jacquelin, 12; and Elliott, 9. Thorpe is a sales manager for LB International, a privately owned conveyor systems company.

On signing up for the pageant: "The second week that I was at school I had heard a man named (former RSCC Professor) Bill Yates was looking for me. I didn't understand why. I didn't know who he was. Well, when he found me he just told me that I was going to be in the Miss RSCC pageant. Bill was very direct, but a sweetheart. I didn't have a chance to say no."

On taking the title: "I was truly surprised that I had won. I'm just a little country girl from Harriman, Tennessee who started out singing in church. And with the help of God, my parents, Clyde and Jessie Jones, my sisters, Portia and Chrystal Jones, and my extended family, they kept me going and told me to never give up and to always to my best. That is what I have always done. The Miss Tennessee Pageant was a great experience. I met a lot of interesting young women and a came away with a lot of new friends."

Lea (Christian) Scheuren, Miss Roane State 1986

Scheuren now lives in Brentwood with husband John and 22-month-old son Christian. Scheuren is a senior manager in field training for Dollar General Corp. in Goodlettsville.

On Roane State's place in her heart: "I was very proud to represent Roane State because I grew up there; my parents (Drs. Floyd and Aleeta Christian) had taught at RSCC since I was four, and I grew up running the halls, visiting with faculty, attending sporting and cultural events, etc. I still feel that way about Roane State. There are supportive friends there that I continue to keep in touch with, and because I grew up in the community I very much feel like Roane State is a part of me."

What she took away from the pageant: "Participating in the Miss Roane State pageant and subsequently in Miss Tennessee taught me how to interview and how to project confidence in what I do. I use those skills every day. That is probably the single most important life skill that, at that point in my life, I had no idea would be so beneficial. It has made a huge difference in my career and in my relationships with others."

Ramona Coleman, Miss Roane State 1984

Today, Coleman is a graduate instructor in Ethnic Studies at Bowling Green State University, where she is in her third year of a Ph.D. program in American Culture Studies. She teaches several courses, including Women of Color; and Race, Representation and Culture.

On the joy of winning: "What I treasure most about winning is the time I spent getting to know those who helped me prepare for the Miss Tennessee Pageant and those who supported me. Of course my family has always supported my endeavors and has always maintained an environment that nurtures optimism, instills confidence, and stays hopeful through prayer. This kind of socialization has prepared me for many things."

On unexpected benefits of the crown: "In an American society where dominant culture beauty standards mean white, blonde, and anorexia thin, I was very proud to represent those female bodies that are not white, not blonde, and far from anorexic thin. The fact that Roane State chose me also illustrated a progressive move towards cultural pluralism where women and people of color represent beauty, and intelligence and are definitely positive role models for all of America. Roane State certainly sent a message to the rest of Tennessee, a message that signified that as a community, a state, as a country we must embrace differences, come together through humanity and not remain divisive in our schools, our churches, our neighborhoods on the basis of race, a social construct."

Angela (Crass) Kreis, Miss Roane State 1980

Kreis and husband Wade live in Harriman. Son Adam is a senior at Harriman High; daughter Erin is a junior at Middle Tennessee State University. Kreis is a legal assistant at Pitts & Brittan law firm in Knoxville. She is the daughter of Tom and Edna Mae Crass of Harriman.

On why she entered: "A good friend encouraged me to participate in the pageant just for the fun of the experience. My sister, Donna, had won the pageant a couple of years before, but I never truly thought I could win, too."

On winning the crown: "Winning the pageant was a highlight of the time I spent at RSCC. I definitely learned how to have more self-confidence."



Reflections |

go west

Since 1977, Roane State students and professors have traveled to the “Four Corners Area”—Utah, Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico—on the annual Southwest Field Trip. The students learn about the ancient peoples of the Colorado Plateau. They earn six hours of college credit for the three-week trip. And they make memories and friendships that last a lifetime.

Visitor Center



“Seeing the landscape as we drove—the mesas of New Mexico, the Painted Desert, Ship Rock, the New Mexico National Forest—everything was so different compared to the Southeast. It was my first taste of seeing the country and it started a love of travel.”

“My favorite memory of the trip? Camping on the edge of the Grand Canyon and learning to 2-step from a genuine cowboy.”

Pamela (Witcher) May owns Tennessee Crafting Company in downtown Rockwood.



“The times at RSCC and the trip to the Southwest were some of the most enjoyable and memorable experiences of my life. The trip was all a new experience, adventure and quest. I had traveled outside Tennessee only once, and never to the West.”

“In 1980, we traveled in two vans and pulled a U-Haul trailer. We packed the U-Haul full of tents, camping gear and food.”

Ron Woody is a county government consultant with the County Technical Assistance Service at the University of Tennessee. He lives in Kingston with wife Becky and nine-year-old daughter Madison.



“It was a very eye-opening trip, learning about the ancient Native Americans—their culture and technology and the use of astronomy in their daily life. I still enjoy looking at my photos and reflecting back on those 21 days.”

Preston Woody (Ron Woody's brother) is a U.S. Army captain with the 101st Airborne Division. He is currently deployed to northern Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The Southwest Field Trip is a time for cultural education and camaraderie. For some, it's also been about romance. Through the years, several students have met their future mates on the field trip. Here's what two couples had to say about love under the western skies.

Dan and Debbie (Beasley) Hyder took the annual trek in 1981. Debbie was a nursing student, while Dan—who worked at the Roane County Health Department at the time—was invited along as an environmental expert. Today, Debbie is parish nurse at Bethel Presbyterian Church in Kingston. Dan heads up Roane State's Environmental Health Technology program. They have a son and a daughter—Bram, 17, and Kerry, 12.



On the first days of a long trip with strangers: “When you first start out, everyone's sitting quietly, not talking,” Dan said. “And you see people at their worst—tired, cranky, hungry. But it makes for great friendships.”

On that first meeting: “Dan seemed friendly. He and another guy were talking about contact lenses vs. glasses. Danny said I butted in to the conversation,” Debbie said with a laugh.

On the drama of young love: “Once on the trip, I got stuck in quicksand up to my knees,” Dan recalled. “I saved him,” Debbie said. “I threw my canteen strap to him and helped pull him out.”

John and Cherie (Speer) Presswood met on the trip in 1991. Cherie teaches occupational health and safety classes at the National Hazmat Program in Oak Ridge, while John is a sample technician for Gemtron Corp. John and Cherie live in Paint Rock in Roane County with their children, Ainsley, 11 and Mac, 10.

How they met: “(Professors) Bruce (Fisher) and Gary (Heidinger) made us change seats in West Tennessee to keep people from ‘cliquing’ up,” said Cherie. “I ended up next to John.”

On other good parts of the trip: “All the hiking and all the wonderful places we visited—the Grand Canyon, Chaco Canyon, Mesa Verde, Durango,” John said. “I remember warm days and cold nights. One night, it got down to 19 degrees.”



“I have good memories of beautiful and special places,” Cherie said. “I also have memories of developing a fear of heights, and of climbing back out of the Grand Canyon.”

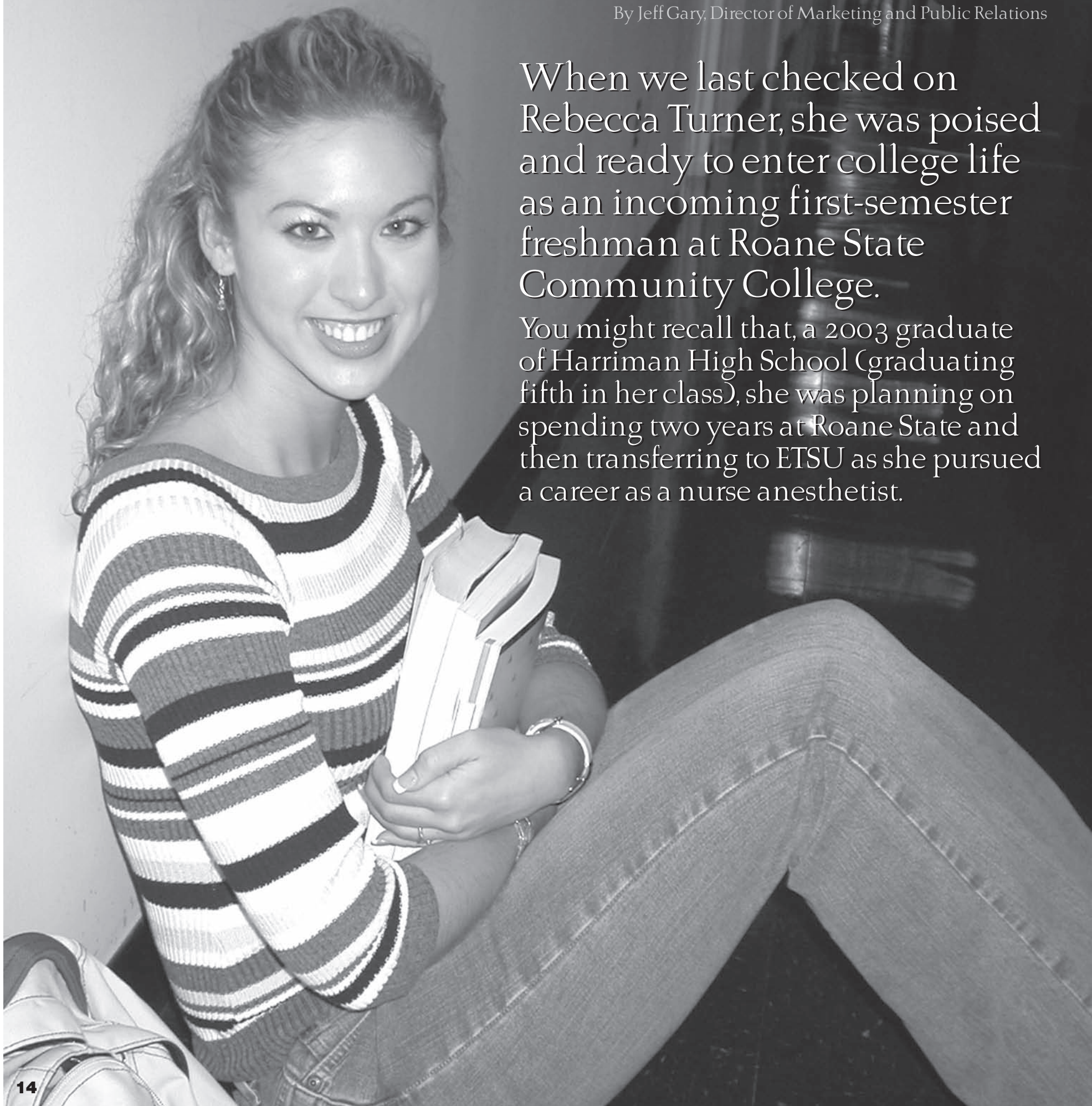
The Freshman Experience

after one semester, rebecca is ready for the next step

By Jeff Gary, Director of Marketing and Public Relations

When we last checked on Rebecca Turner, she was poised and ready to enter college life as an incoming first-semester freshman at Roane State Community College.

You might recall that, a 2003 graduate of Harriman High School (graduating fifth in her class), she was planning on spending two years at Roane State and then transferring to ETSU as she pursued a career as a nurse anesthetist.



Confident as she began her college career, Turner, a lifelong dancer, commented: "I am a hard worker, I'm very structured and I am very disciplined. Dance has taught me that. It's a real gift. I feel very blessed."

By enrolling at Roane State, Turner is following a family tradition. Her parents, Wendell and Susan Turner of Harriman, are alumni of the college. Her dad graduated in 1979 with a degree in Industrial Management and Supervision, while mom Susan is a 1984 graduate with a degree in Engineering Technology.

So now, looking back at her first semester in college, the key question is: How did it go? "It was great. I loved it," Turner remarked, as she began spring semester. "I was more relaxed than I thought I would be. And, I have never done more writing than I did 5th semester!"

Some of her first semester impressions reflect the predictable evaluations of a first-timer: "You have to be more responsible. There's no one telling you to go to class. In college, the teachers aren't chasing after you for assignments."

Some of her first semester impressions reveal her unique combination of poise and maturity: "I look at the world differently now. I met a lot of new people. We exchanged ideas. I think college is more fun because you have that opportunity."

Class Schedule

Turner certainly had plenty of opportunities for intellectual exchange. She took a very full load—five classes, all challenging. Her fall schedule: Anatomy and Physiology I, Statistics, Computer Concepts, English Comp and History.

"I really enjoyed anatomy. I did well in that class and it confirmed that I am on the right path," she recalls. "My favorite instructor was John Thomas. I learned a tremendous amount of history. That was a great class."

Said Thomas, associate professor of history, "Rebecca Turner is and will be a fine student, for she is both perceptive and diligent. She is constant proof of what a lethal combination these skills are in the hands of someone who also has written communication skills. It requires no effort to teach the likes of Rebecca; the pleasure is watching the process evolve."

Juggling Act

One element of her new college life was making sure everything fit in her schedule. In addition to her classes and associated study time, Rebecca needed to schedule time for work as a dancer and dance instructor as well as her time as a work study student.

"I had to study so much more than in high school," she says. "Time management skills were essential. It was a challenge to make sure I had time to get it all in."

"I really enjoyed my time as a work study working for Tamsin (interim alumni relations director Tamsin Miller) in the alumni office. I made really good friends in that office and I really looked forward to work each day."

Future Plans

Heading into spring semester, the game plan has changed slightly. Turner will be transferring to ETSU early—she's going next year instead of waiting a year. In the meantime, she is enrolled in the following courses: Anatomy and Physiology II, Comp II, Psychology, Sociology and, of course, the second semester of U.S. History.

"I have mixed emotions about going to ETSU next fall. I have a lot of friends up there, so I am looking forward to that and I'm looking forward to jumping out there into the real world. But, I'm glad I made the transition here first. Now, I feel I have gotten used to college and to know what to expect as I take the next step."



Top to bottom: Turner (standing, center) hangs out with friends on campus; teaches a class at Arts in Motion; completes a work-study shift in the Alumni Relations office; meets with Dr. John Thomas, history professor.

Spirit | the national championship anniversary

Top of the world

They were underdogs. Turns out they were underrated too. Cheered on by an army of student and community fans known as the “bleacher creatures,” the Roane State Raiderettes won the National Junior College Athletic Association title in 1984.

Throughout the season, Coach Jim Davis—now coach of the Clemson University women’s team—stressed teamwork and defense. The lessons took.

Although they swept through the NJCAA Eastern conference—losing only two games all season—the Raiderettes were expected to fall to Connors State out of Oklahoma in the semi-finals of the national tournament in Senatobia, Miss. But Roane State sent the Cowgirls packing, then went on to whip Northwest Mississippi Junior College for the national championship.

It shouldn’t have come as such a surprise. Roane State’s conference foes knew the Raiderettes were world-class competitors. A Roane County News reporter wrote this about the red team from Harriman: “The Raiderettes have terrorized opponents with their battalion-like defense and 75-points-per-game offense.”

And on March 24, 1984, the rest of the nation found out just how good the Raiderettes were ...



RSCC Gems get their gems

Jim's Gems now have their gems. The Roane State women's basketball team received its final reward for winning the National Junior College Athletic Association Championship when Booster Club President Bob Creswell presented the players with diamond dinner rings, commemorating the Raiderettes' national championship. Roane State won the crown in Senatobia, Mississippi, in the spring after blasting host Northwest Mississippi Junior College in the title tilt. In a surprise to the school's chief administrator, Roane State President Dr. Cuyler Dunbar also received a ring. Team members also received copies of the resolutions passed by the Tennessee House of Representatives and the Senate which congratulated Roane State on its achievement. The informal ceremony took place at the home of Buddy and Carolyn Koon and was preceded by a poolside cookout.

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JIM'S GEMS, the Roane State Raiderettes, received their national championship rings recently. Above, sophomores on the team who get rings were, from left, Macy Hixon, Teresa Sherill, Wendy Johnson, Angela Fletcher, Michelle Holloway, Kim Bush, Geneva Crockett and Sue Roberts. (Photos submitted)

“I think it’s something that a bunch of snotty-nosed kids from the hills of East Tennessee can win a national championship.”

Coach Jim Davis commenting after the Roane State Raiderettes beat Northwest Mississippi Junior College 69-53 for the national title on Northwest’s home floor.

The championship team gathered recently at Roane State for a 20-year reunion. Here's what they had to say about those glory days:



"My most vivid memory is of arriving in Senitobia (for the national tourney) and all those players from Connors State were standing there. They were so big! My worst memory of the season? After we lost to Walters State, thinking about what practice was going to be like the next day."



#12 Sandy Martin teaches first grade. She lives in Friendswood, Texas, with husband David and daughter Amanda, 14.



"The locals in Senitobia always seemed amused that we were still playing—especially the morning before we played Connors State. (The local crew) asked us if we had our bags packed because we would be leaving. After we upset Connors that night, they didn't bother to show up for breakfast the next morning."

Chris Creswell, long-time Roane State employee and Raiderette cheerleading sponsor during that time, remembered gathering each morning of the national tournament at a Mississippi restaurant with locals who didn't expect too much out of the team from East Tennessee.

"When we came home after the championship, the sign at the Western Sizzlin' Steakhouse (on Highway 27) said, 'well done.'"

"I remember that the community support was great. They put up signs all along the interstate as we came home from the national championship."

#32 Sue (Roberts) Kennedy is the daughter of Shirley Roberts. Kennedy lives in Lake City and works at Napa Auto Parts. She has two sons, Caleb, 11, and Keegan, 8.



"They (the 1983-84 Raiderettes) are the best friends I've ever had."

#20 Connye (Crockett) Rowland is a K-5 physical education teacher in Decatur. She also is an assistant basketball coach. She and husband Monty are parents to 11-year-old Jake.

"I remember a really good team spirit. We had confidence that we were going to go all the way."

#14 Macy (Hitson) Foster is an optometrist in Sweetwater. She and husband Tom have one son, Jed, 8.

Coach Jim Davis

"I've never seen a team with such heart and determination. We just wouldn't be denied."

Tracy (Whittenbarger) Strader (team manager) and husband John live in Midtown with 5-year-old daughter Jamie. Strader is an industrial hygienist at UT-Battelle.



"Coach Davis—he didn't forget us managers. When we won it all, he told us to come up there and get a part of the net."

Wendy Johnson (team manager) teaches history, economics and psychology at Roane County High School.



THE BLEACHER CREATURES from Roane State give Senitobia. Creatures are, from left, Ray Ross.

the national championship anniversary (continued)



“Chris (Creswell) and the cheerleaders brought party horns and noisemakers for the championship game. The announcer on the PA system would say something like, ‘Noisemakers are not allowed in the arena.’ He wouldn’t have finished his sentence before the Roane State delegation would in unison blow our noisemakers.”



Susan Garner was one of the fans who followed their Raiderettes to Mississippi. She teaches health and physical education at Roane State.



“Being at the national championship was scary at first. We didn’t expect to win; we were such a small team.”

#42 Kim (Bush) Ivery lives in Chattanooga with son Darryl, 17, and daughter, Nikesha, 9. She’s an inspector at Roper Corp. in LaFayette, Ga.

“The toughest game of the season? Connors State. They were huge. I jumped center with one of them.” Did Fletcher win the tip? “Coach Davis said I did,” Fletcher recalled with a laugh.

#30 Angela Fletcher is a corrections officer with the U.S. Navy in Milwaukee, Wis. She has a special niece, Erika, who is 9.

“The magnitude (of winning the title) didn’t sink in until a few days afterwards. The win is something we can take with us always.”

#44 Michelle Holloway is a physical therapist in Crab Orchard.

“We weren’t supposed to win (the title game). We were playing the defending national champions on their home floor.”

#22 Joni (Skiles) Keith lives in Coalfield and is a self-employed statistician. She is the daughter of Curtis and Millie Skiles.

“The season was hard work but lots of fun. Roane State was a great school to start out with.”

#10 Marlisa (Parkes) Newman lives in Murfreesboro with husband Stephen and sons David, 13, and Ian, 4. She is a business process analyst.

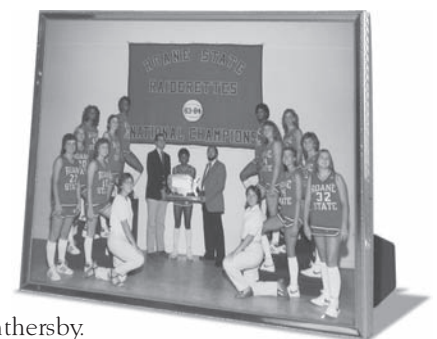
“I remember all the hard practices, with lots of running. And I remember the closeness of the team.”

#52 Cathy (Collier) Johnson, of Midtown, works in mental health care. She and husband Patrick have four children—Kimberly, 14, Whitley, 10, and 5-year-old twins John and Jada.



“(At the reunion), I discovered that no matter how much time passes between seeing each other, the feeling of family still exists among the team. We had unending loyalty to one another, to our leader and to our goal regardless of our differences. With this loyalty, we were able to succeed.”

#50 Teresa (Sherrill) Duncan is director of Roane State’s Centers for Training and Development. She and husband Jerry live in Harriman with children Madison, 5, and Eli, 3. Duncan also has a 15-year-old stepson, Matthew.



News Notes |

from the headlines

Students now must complete only **60 hours for an associate's degree and 120 hours for a bachelor's degree**, according to changes approved by the Tennessee Board of Regents. TBR also established a common calendar—meaning public colleges and universities across the state will operate on the same timetable. And TBR approved a policy to raise university admission standards and channel more beginning students to community colleges.

More than 2,000 students from dozens of East Tennessee high schools will converge on the Roane County Campus this spring for the annual two-day **Academic Festival**. They'll compete in categories such as mathematics, music, history and creative writing. The festival is scheduled for March 31 and April 1.

"Of Mice and Men," the Roane State Playmakers' fall production, drew rave reviews. The troupe, which draws talent from both the college and the community at large, stages an eclectic mix of drama in its choice of plays.

For an unprecedented second straight year, **Roane State earned a perfect score** on an evaluation by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission. The 100 points on THEC's performance funding program in 2003 recognizes Roane State's overall excellence.

David and Pat Coffey of Oak Ridge have received a state award for their gifts to the college. The Coffeys were cited with the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Philanthropy, given by the leader of the Tennessee Board of Regents. The Coffeys have been instrumental in the success and growth of the Oak Ridge Campus.

Hundreds of area residents will attend the 19th annual **Time Out for Health Fair** at the Roane County Campus on March 26. The fair, which features health information and various screenings free of charge, is especially popular with senior citizens.

"Pack it light; wear it light." That was the motto at a "backpack awareness" day sponsored by students in Roane State's Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) program. The students weighed other students and their backpacks and offered advice to those wearing overweight bags. "Many people really do suffer long-term back and neck pain and problems due to overweight backpacks," said OTA student **Andrea Albright** of Loudon.

Roane State's student music groups have performed in New York City's Carnegie Hall, at Disney World, and in Mexico on a cruise ship jubilee during recent spring tours. In 2004, the groups—under the direction of **Cindy Claborn**—will make their third trip to New York to present portions of Handel's "Messiah" in Carnegie Hall.



Clockwise from left: Celebration singers; Of Mice and Men actors; Students Ashley Kirby of Knoxville, Samantha Hardie of Oakdale, Andrea Albright of Loudon and Lenna King of Oak Ridge, at backpack awareness day; Buddy Bowers; member of the Tennessee Board of Regents, Pat Coffey, David Coffey, and Keith McCord, TBR member; students performing at Academic Festival.

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.

'78

Boyd C. Jenkins (A.S.-Mechanical Engineering Technology) retired from TVA as a mechanical designer. He and wife Shirley Bray Jenkins have two adult children.

Kim (Kittrel) Ogilvie (A.S.-Pre-Nursing) is a top real estate sales associate in Sarasota, Fla., selling primarily upper-end waterfront properties. Ogilvie graduated from the University of Tennessee in 1980. She is married to Michael Ogilvie.

'82

Noroma (Walker) Shannon (A.A.S.-Dietetic Technology) lives in Alpharetta, Ga. She is a retired dietitian. Shannon also holds a bachelor's degree in Art History from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

'84

Brenda S. Taylor (A.A.S.-Nursing) is an adult nurse practitioner (ANP) at Emergency Coverage Corp. After graduating from Roane State, where she was vice president of the nursing class of '84, Brenda received her bachelor's degree from Tennessee Tech and her master's degree and ANP from Syracuse. She lives in Jamestown and has two adult sons, John K. Taylor and James C. Taylor.

'85

Vonda L. (Howard) Hutson (A.A.S.-Office Administration) lives in Helenwood with husband Lee and young daughters Emily and Grace. Hutson is a billing clerk with Highland Telephone Cooperative.

'86

Janet Elaine (McDaniel) Keener (A.S.-Computer Science) is manager of User Services, Office of Information Technology, at East Tennessee State University. At Roane State, Janet was in student government and helped form a chapter of BACCHUS (Boost Alcohol Consciousness Concerning the Health of University Students). She also was winner of the college's prestigious President's Award and was named Outstanding Student Government Senator and Outstanding Computer Science Student. She

is currently working on her doctorate degree at ETSU. Janet was married to the late L. David Keener.

'87

Myron E. Bagwell (A.S.-Electronics Engineering) is a senior partner at CTO. He and wife Jane live in Dallas.

'88

Rebecca R. McCallister (A.A.S.-Nursing) lives in Cookeville and is a charge nurse at Cookeville Regional Hospital. She served in the armed forces in Desert Storm in 1990-91. McCallister is currently in the Tennessee Medical Command, promotable to major in the Army Nurse Corp in the next year.

'89

Margarita Z. Sargent (A.S.-General Studies) lives in Norcross, Ga., and is an infection control nurse epidemiologist at Grady Health System in Atlanta. She holds a master's degree in nursing from Emory University.

'92

Samuel M. Harvey (A.A.S.-Police Science) lives in Harriman and is a deputy with the Roane County Sheriff's Department. He and wife Beverly have two children—Jessica, 7 and Samantha, 2.

Matthew C. Tuxbury (A.S.-General and Secretarial Science Certificate '97) is an accounts payable clerk at Blevins, Inc. in Nashville. He lives in Mt. Juliet with wife Laurie, staff interpreter at League for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in Nashville. Matthew—who was an SGA senator at Roane State's Oak Ridge Campus in '90 and '91—now is an adjunct faculty member in sign language at Volunteer State Community College.

'96

Brian D. Clough (A.A.S.-Police Science) is a staffing specialist with Manpower International, Inc. He and wife Amanda live in Johnson City. Brian graduated from ETSU in May '00 with a bachelor's degree, with a concentration in human resources. He was co-founder of the Wesley Foundation Alumni Association at ETSU in 2003.

'97

Myma Cox Osborne (A.A.S.-Physical Therapist Assistant) lives in Harriman. She earned a master's degree from UT-Chattanooga and is a physical therapist with Housecall Homehealth Services.

'98

Cherie E. Doss (A.S.-Elementary Education) is a sixth and seventh grade science teacher at Cherokee Middle School. She and husband James make their home in Kingston and have three children—Natasha, 15; Dillon, 10; and Alexis, 9. At Roane State, Cherie was an Academic All-American.

'00

Elayne (Daniels) Blansit (A.A.S.-Opticianry) is a licensed optician at Wal-Mart in Hixson. She has three children—Marissa, 7; Reece, 5 and Vivian, 2.

'01

Kimberly Blair Sutton (A.A.S.-Opticianry) and Scott Sutton welcomed son Ethan Scott into the world on May 13, 2003.

Robert Eric Heidel (A.S.-Social Science) lives in Oak Ridge and is a case manager at Ridgeview Psychiatric Hospital. He plans to enter graduate school this fall.

'02

Melody Lynn Channell (A.A.S.-General Technology) lives in Kingston and is an environmental/safety/health specialist for Duratek Federal Services. She has two grown children, Arthur Lee Channell and Marth Jean Channell.

'03

Bobby Ray Goney (A.A.S.-Business Administration) is a Tennessee Tech University student, majoring in Finance. At Roane State, Goney was on the Dean's List and was a Collegiate All-American Scholar. He lives in Crossville.

For Class Notes information on members of the 1983-84 Roane State Raiderettes, see the Spirit feature on pages 16-18.



Outstanding Alumnus Sought

This year, Roane State will award its first Outstanding Alumnus Award in recognition of outstanding service to his or her profession, to RSCC and to his or her community. The recipient will be honored at a reception immediately before graduation ceremonies on the Roane County Campus.

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 their 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, 2004

Contact Alumni Relations to request an application, or you may print the Nominee Information Form directly from the web at:
www.roanestate.edu keyword: alumni

Submit all nominations and materials to:

Office of Alumni Relations
Roane State Community College
276 Patton Lane
Harriman, TN 37748
(865) 882-4503



ALUMNI TRAVEL

Colonial Williamsburg

Ready to travel?

How about a trip to Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia, where history lives?

Meet the people, see the places and experience the life that shaped our history.

Roane State Alumni Relations is taking reservations for its first alumni trip October 7-11, 2004.

We will visit Colonial Williamsburg, including the Governor's Mansion, Jamestown, Yorktown, Busch Gardens and Carter's Grove Plantation.

The trip includes round-trip motorcoach transportation from the Roane County Campus, 3 nights lodging, 6 meals and admission to the above sites with historical interpreters.

Price per person:

4 to a room	\$486
3 to a room	\$511
2 to a room	\$560
private room	\$707

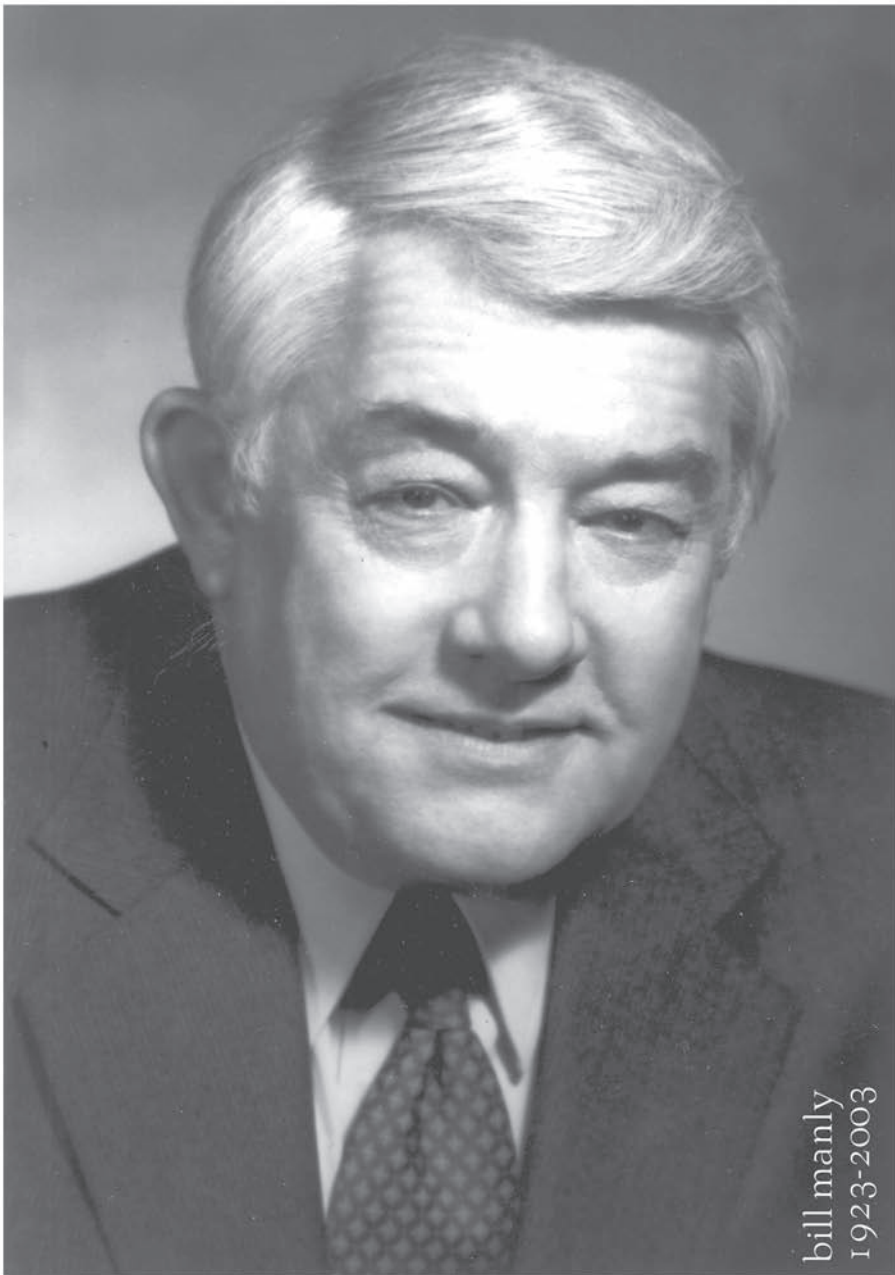
A \$100 non-refundable deposit is due by June 15 with balance due Sept. 1.

For application and itinerary,
call Alumni Relations
at (865) 882-4503
or e-mail us at alumni@roanestate.edu.

Visit our web site at
www.roanestate.edu/alumni.

Roane State Foundation |

a friend remembered



In November 2003, Roane State lost a very good friend—Bill Manly. Bill and his wife, Jane, became involved with the college in 1990. Bill decided to honor Jane by establishing a scholarship endowment to benefit an adult woman (a mother, to be more specific) who wanted to attend Roane State. You see, Jane returned to college at the age of 58 to earn her bachelor's degree. That was after she and Bill had raised their four children.

The Manly's giving didn't stop there. A few years later, Bill established the Manly Endowment for Faculty Development. This endowment provides faculty with the opportunity to improve the classroom experience by integrating technology into the learning environment. Each year, Bill looked forward to hearing about the innovative ideas that Roane State faculty were able to implement in their classrooms to make learning come alive as a result of this endowment.

After Jane's death in 1999, Bill decided to "downsize" and move from their home in Roane County to a smaller place in Oak Ridge. During that move, he gave more than 400 pieces of Asian art to Roane State. Today, both students and the community can enjoy this wonderful collection on display at the Oak Ridge Campus. To memorialize Jane's love of flowers, Bill created a beautiful garden filled with Jane's perennials and flowering bushes at the student entrance of the Oak Ridge Campus.

For many years, Bill sponsored theatre performances at the main campus, underwrote the cost of the honors program at Roane State and the list goes on and on. Bill Manly was a generous man who wanted others to benefit from his good fortune.

Bill's generosity did not stop even with his death. Recently, the Roane State Foundation was notified that Bill had remembered the college in his will. The good work that Bill and Jane Manly began during their lives will continue for many generations to come.

Melinda Hillman, Dean of Institutional Advancement

Calendar | coming up at your community college

March

- March 13-14 ■ Professional Rodeo at Expo Center
- March 19 ▲ Baseball Raiders vs. Vol State
- March 19-21 ■ Celebration Circuit Quarter Horse Show at Expo Center
- March 20 ▲ Baseball Raiders vs. Vol State
- March 23 ▲ Softball Lady Raiders vs. Lindsay-Wilson College
- March 25 ▲ Softball Lady Raiders vs. Chattanooga State
- March 26 Time Out for Health Fair (865) 882-4607
- March 27 ■ National Barrel Racers Association at Expo Center
- March 27-28 ■ Tennessee Valley Kennel Club at Expo Center
- March 28 ● "Celebration of the Arts" Roane Choral Society, 3 p.m.
- March 30 ▲ Softball Lady Raiders vs. Cleveland State
- March 31 Academic Festival for area high school students
- March 31 ▲ Baseball Raiders vs. Blue Ridge

April

- April 1 Academic Festival
- April 2 ▲ Baseball Raiders vs. Chattanooga State
- April 2-4 ■ East Tennessee Cutting Horse Association at Expo Center
- April 3 ▲ Baseball Raiders vs. Chattanooga State
- April 3 ■ Tennessee Paint Horse Club at Expo Center
- April 7 ▲ Baseball Raiders vs. Walters State
- April 8 Annual Awards Night for RSCC students
- April 9-10 ■ Smoky Mountain Classic Horse Sale at Expo Center
- April 13 ▲ Softball Lady Raiders vs. Walters State
- April 15-17, 22-24 ● "School House Rock" by Roane State Playmakers and Concert Choir (865) 882-4589
- April 16 ▲ Softball Lady Raiders vs. Columbia State
- April 16-17 ▲ Baseball Raiders vs. Columbia State
- April 16-18 ■ Circuit by the River Quarter Horse Show at Expo Center
- April 18 ● "Listen to the Children" by Roane Choral Society, 3 p.m.
- April 24 ■ East Tennessee Buckskin Assoc. Open Show at Expo Center
- April 24 ■ National Barrel Horse Association at Expo Center
- April 29-30 ▲ Baseball Raiders vs. Hiwassee
- April 30 ● Arts in Motion, Spring Dance Concert

May

- May 1 ■ National Barrel Horse Association at Expo Center
- May 1-2 ■ East Tennessee Cutting Horse Association at Expo Center
- May 1-2 ● Arts in Motion, Spring Dance Concert
- May 7 Graduation for certificate and associate of applied science recipients, 7 p.m.
- May 8 Graduation for associate of arts and associate of science recipients, 9 a.m.
- May 8 ■ Roane County 4-H Horse Show at Expo Center
- May 8 ■ Ron McLoughlin Horse Handling School at Expo Center
- May 14-15 ■ Smoky Mountain Walking Horse Association at Expo Center
- May 22-23 ■ Oak Ridge Kennel Club at Expo Center
- May 29-30 ■ Tennessee Quarter Horse Association at Expo Center

June

- June 1 First term and full-term summer classes begin
- June 4-6 ■ Hillbilly Classic Quarter Horse Show at Expo Center
- June 11-12 ■ Smoky Mountain District 4-H Show at Expo Center
- June 16-20 ■ Dogwood Classic Quarter Horse Show at Expo Center
- June 25-27 ■ Fortune 5 Barrel Race at Expo Center
- June 29 Second-term summer classes begin

- 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 for details.
- ▲ 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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