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Student video contest winners announced

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Staff Writer

Reece Walter won the Student Video Contest Monday in the cafeteria for his video called "Where's the Pioneer?" with help from Tyler Scalf.

There were four videos entered into the contest with a 30 gigabyte iPod going to the winner.

Walter entered a video that pointed out the student body's lack of knowledge of the school's mascot.

He highlighted the fact that Volunteer State Community College needs a physical mascot.

"We were sitting around one day and no one knew what our mascot was, so we decided that we would make a video to see how many people actually knew," said Walter. "We want the school to get a physical mascot dressed up as a pioneer."

The school is actually working on getting a physical mascot for the basketball games.

Walter's goal was to "boost school spirit by having someone dressed up as a pioneer."

Walter was voted first based on

his creativity and how interesting his video was.

Eric Melcher, media relations coordinator, was running the show by introducing the videos.

"There was a panel of judges from the faculty judging on four different criteria," Melcher said.

Claire Hampton, Sue Mulcahy, Dr. Monique Robinson-Wright, and Heather Harper were the judges who voted Walter first.

They also voted for the second and third place videos in the contest.

Paul Sweatt won second place and received an iPod shuffle, while Jacob Coleman won third place and got a \$50 gift certificate to the Vol State bookstore.

Sweatt and Coleman both did videos on dual enrollment at Vol State and both are in high school at Greenbrier.

Melcher said he wants to start getting word out for the next student video contest coming up in the fall semester. He said the deadline will be sometime in November.

Melcher said that he hopes to increase publicity so that future contests will have more entries.



Chris Crankshaw / Staff Photo

Reece Walter and Tyler Scalf were the winners of the student video contest.

Spring fling will be in courtyard

By **LAUREN DAY**
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Volunteer State Community College students will have a chance to kick back and relax on Wednesday, April 25 at Vol State's annual Spring Fling.

The event, which is sponsored by Vol State's Student Government Association and ACE, will be located in The Commons and The Duffer Plaza.

Spring Fling will be from 10 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. and all events associated with Spring Fling are free to students, faculty and staff.

According to Dominique Evans, president of Association of Campus Events, Spring Fling is a time for students, faculty and staff to relax and have fun before exam week.

Noted attractions for this year's Spring Fling include an inflatable 30-foot-tall super slide, a dodge ball arena, and a 40-foot-long obstacle course, added Evans.

There will also be a silhouette artist.

"I first saw this lady at a conference and she is amazing. All she does is look at you and she cuts (out your silhouette). She can do it in about 85 to 90 seconds," stated Evans.

Free food will also be available.

"I am not sure what food we are having. I do believe it is hot dogs, chips and drinks," said Evans.

Another feature of Spring Fling includes an opportunity to "see all the clubs and what they have done throughout the year," said Evans.

"All the clubs are welcome to have a table set up in the courtyard. Each club does their own thing. Some tables have food, while other tables have candy. Also, some clubs will have free giveaways," added Evans.

Vol State sophomore Mark Cline is looking forward the event.

"I am so excited for Spring Fling. I can't wait," said Cline.

Mason: "I'm an artsy person"

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In January 2006, Mason signed with agent Chris "Zondaflex" Tyler, a rapper and choreographer in Nashville, after being referred by choreographer Shane Sparks at "So You Think You Can Dance?"

Mason's first call was at a BET Showcase, and since then she has been taking stepping-stones to get her to what she sees herself doing in the future.

"I want to produce, I want to sing, I want to dance, and I want to act. It's just me, I'm a artsy person," said Mason.

Although she seems to have her foot well in the door, Mason has decided to also continue her education. This is Mason's first year at Vol State in which she is studying Recording Industry Management.

"I want to learn certain things before I actually get hands-on with people. I want to be producing. I want to write the songs, I want to make the music, and I want to sale the music, so I figured why not go to school? School's important to me," said Mason.

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