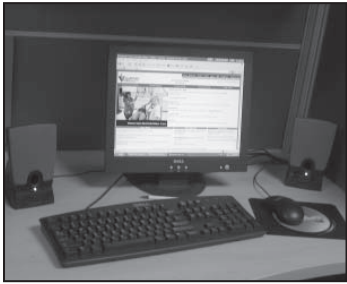


Vol State excels in technology



Technology is quickly evolving and Vol State is at the head of the line.

Kayla Deerman
Staff Reporter

Technology at Vol State has changed dramatically over the past few years. The college can not grow and enrollment can not expand without online capabilities.

Vol State is one of the state's leading colleges in online classes.

"Technology enhances student's learning abilities," according to Bob Berry, associate professor of computer information systems and interim director of academic computing,

At Vol State the computer labs are updated every three years.

Vol State has 14 "smart" classrooms that are equipped with the latest cutting edge technology. There are 48 master classrooms that are not quite as enhanced as the "smart" classrooms.

They have their share of equipment and features. There are also three ITV, Interactive Television classrooms, two on campus and one at Livingston.

These classrooms allow for one class to have students here at Gallatin and also have students at Livingston and be able to communicate in the classroom setting.

Other technology offered here at Vol State is for students with disabilities.

The college provides the student with a wireless notebook and with the help of a note taker, their classroom experience is enhanced.

Another availability on campus is access the Vol State website. Here, students can even do homework anywhere on campus from a wireless computer.

If a student brings a wireless computer to Berry, he can install a wireless card that will allow access at Vol State.

Vol State is also one of the pilot schools for the new banner system that will help to create a more easily used records system.

In the future Berry would love to see computer kiosks in all the buildings on campus. Also, he'd like to see an increase in the number of computer labs.

To learn more about the technology of the "smart" classrooms, you can visit www2.volstate.edu/smart.

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Toll Bridge continued

according to a Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) conducted study in 1997. According to TDOT spokesperson Kim Keelor, that price would be dramatically increased due to today's high steel prices.

To pay for the bridge, officials have proposed imposing a toll for those crossing it, making it the only toll road in Tennessee.

Rep. Lynn says it is a way to pay for the cost of the bridge once it has been constructed, without costing those motorists who choose not to use the bridge and not affect the other road construction priorities.

However, some officials are

opposed to the idea of charging a toll.

"I support a bridge which will connect that part of Davidson County and Hendersonville and Sumner County. But I am opposed to a toll bridge," says Hendersonville Ward 3 Alderman Mark Skidmore.

"We the people of Hendersonville and Sumner County over the years have already paid enough in taxes for that bridge," continues Skidmore.

However, after the bridge is paid for, the tolls will come down says Sen. Black.

Some disagree to imposing any toll on motorists, they believe that motorists already pay for the construction of roads with the gas tax.

"I do not support toll roads because it's double taxation," says Rep. Mike McDonald.

Stressed? Need a vacation? How does Costa Rica sound?



Tamela Harris
Assistant Editor

A vacation filled with adventure, spider monkeys, and tropical rainforests?

It's not impossible. In fact, it's reality at Volunteer State Community College.

"This trip was planned by Michelle Vandiver and Bob Effland," said Michelle Vandiver, instructor of language in the humanities division.

"Anyone can go including community members, students, faculty, and staff," explained Vandiver, "There are no class requirements to go on the trip. Although, two hours of credit may be gained by those who register for the trip."

The Costa Rica trip is scheduled for May 21-29 and will cost \$1600 for each individual.

"Participants must pay their own way, no scholarships are currently available," said Vandiver.

The flyer states that the \$1600 will include 4 breakfasts and 4 lunches, all the tours and activities, transportation and taxes and a hotel room.

According to the flyer there will be many opportunities to experience the culture of Costa Rica.

This will include viewing the wildlife at Manuel Antonio, horseback riding, white water rafting and relaxing at Tabacon Resort.

Since the activities and places are multiple, the days are planned out.

Here are a couple of examples of what is in store.

"Day 5: Travel to the Arenal area. The Arenal Volcano is the world's third most active volcano erupting up to 90 times per day," states the Costa Rica itinerary.

"Day 7: Travel to Manuel Antonio Park to explore the trails and see exotic birds, monkeys and more," continues the itinerary.

"So, get a passport, pack your bags, and let us take care of the rest!" states the flyer.



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