

Public relations, business office, lose high ranking staff members

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Angie Jowers, director of public relations, and Danny Gibbs, assistant vice president for business and finance, left Vol State Sept. 30 to pursue other career opportunities.

According to Jowers, she is moving out of state to start her own consulting business.

Eric Melcher, public relations coordinator, said the Jowers is moving to Kentucky to start her own business. He said he thinks that she will do really well.

According to Jowers, she had been at Vol State for two-and-a-half years. She said she will miss being at Vol State.

Gibbs said that he had been at Vol State for 22 years, and that he had served in "various" positions. He said that he started out as an accountant in the business office.

Gibbs said that he moved on to become the business manger and then the assistant vice president for business and finance.

According to Beverly Houser, administrative assistant for business and finance, she has known Gibbs for 11 years and worked for him two different times. She said that he was a "fantastic person to work for and a great friend."

Gibbs said he is leaving to become the vice president for financial services at Roane State Community College.

"I am sad to leave, yet still excited about a new opportunity," said Gibbs.



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Danny Gibbs, right, receives a farewell handshake from Athletic Director Bobby Hudson at his reception Aug. 29.

Jowers said that she had the opportunity to work with some of the most talented and dedicated people she has ever met. She said that she had a couple of people offer to be a reference for her.

"It just feels good to know that I have been able to have a positive impact," said Jowers.

According to Melcher, Jowers has taken the public relations office "many

steps forward within the last year." He said that they worked on a lot of public relations projects within the last year.

Melcher said that Jowers is responsible for reviving the public relations office. He said that they all hope they can keep the "train moving in the future and keep coming up with ideas."

Houser said that Gibbs treated her with respect and kindness. She said that Gibbs has a way to make people want to work hard for him.

"He is going to be impossible to replace because he had so much knowledge and a knack for looking at things from both sides, and determining what works best," said Houser.

Gibbs said that he would like to wish Vol State well, and that they have a lot of good things going on.

"I am sure they will do well in the future," said Gibbs.

Melcher said that he is going to miss Jowers terribly and that she has been a wonderful person to work with.

"It has been fantastic working with her and we are wishing the best for her," said Melcher.

Jowers said that she did not want to have a going away party because she would "rather ride off into the sunset, like a cowboy movie."



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Angie Jowers, left, enjoys the festivities while chatting with Sandy Forrest. Jowers plans to start a buisness.