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WVCP DJ Jeremy Neighbours will be able to make his voice heard as the radio station returns to live broadcasts.

## Live radio returns

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Live broadcasts will air once again. WVCP is Volunteer State Community College's student FM radio station.

It broadcasts at 88.5 on the FM dial, providing the community with news, sports, public service announcements, and entertainment programming.

Since the April 7 tornado, WVCP has not been on air with live broadcasts due to damage received to the studio area located within the Noble C. Caudill Hall.

Instead, on April 13 at noon, WVCP returned on air via computer from the station's tower site at Cumberland Electric Corporation.

"We programmed a computer with songs, jingles and service announcements and took the computer transmitter to the CEMC tower in

north Gallatin. It might have been unconventional, but in terms, it was the quickest way to get this station back on air," said Associate Professor of Communication and General Manager of WVCP 88.5 FM, Howard E. Espravnik.

Espravnik said that Caudill Hall took it hard, but that it was the building that protected the equipment for the radio station, thus allowing for a quick rebound to getting back on air.

Still, the idea for everything to return to normal has been anticipated.

In the media services suite located within the Hal Reed Ramer Administration Building, current plans have been underway in the construction of a contemporary control room. In about two weeks, live broadcasting should resume.

"We're looking forward to being back in a position where our students can do live shows," said Espravnik.

"I'm excited about getting live shows back on the air," added Holly Nimmo, operations supervisor of WVCP-FM.

Espravnik said that a lot of students signed up for the communication practicum: radio (COM 291P) course in the fall but were unable to take it, so he is glad that they can get them back on air before they graduate.

A sophomore majoring in radio/TV production, Derrick White, is among those graduating in May.

"It's great that the station is up and running again. The experience that will be gained will be a tremendous help for the future," said White.

White is scheduled to be on air Monday through Wednesday from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Also looking forward to the return of live broadcasts is Leah

## Blocked door blamed for decrease in cafeteria sales

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As Volunteer State Community College continues to recover from the tornado that damaged several buildings on campus last spring, the Randy and Lois Wood Campus Center is receiving repairs. Consequently, the construction is causing problems for the cafeteria, which is located inside the Campus Center.

The main entryway into the cafeteria has been blocked, which leaves only one smaller and less accessible entrance. The cafeteria has experienced a loss in customers and revenue.

Caroline York, director of food services, stated, "We've already seen a decline from last semester of 70 customers per day and profits have dropped 10 to 20 percent." A steady decline in profits, which were up last semester by 40 percent from the previous school year, could lead to a cut in cafeteria staff or the inability to provide specialties such as the deli station.

The cafeteria usually encounters a slight decline in business during the first week of classes, however, as York commented, "[This semester's] decrease has been solely caused by the blocked doorway."

In the past, the main entryway was utilized by 90 percent of the customers, but due to the blocked entrance, many people don't realize the cafeteria is still open. Returning Vol State student, Stephanie Graves, said, "I just saw the plywood over the door and thought the café was closed."

If all goes as planned, the main entryway to the cafeteria will be ready to use by April 15, as York has been

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