

Allen takes charge, for now

By **ROB SPIRES**
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The allied health program at Vol State has a new interim dean for the fall 2006 semester.

Jana Allen, who had previously served as the allied health special projects coordinator has been assigned with the position.

She said that Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Charles Lea, and former allied health dean, Ron Coleman, asked Allen to take the position.

"I had worked with Dr. Coleman for several years, so I knew a lot about the program," Allen stated.

Lea said he knew that Allen would be able to handle the requirements of the position.

"Jana has written proposals and grants, made site visits, and worked with advisory committees," he said. "She is a person of high integrity and ability," he continued.

Allen stated that the dean of allied health is responsible for assisting the program directors, management and administration.

Lea added that the dean is also responsible for making the class schedules, as well as coordinating and developing the program.

A permanent dean will be found by having a search committee review applications and conduct interviews.

"We hope to name a permanent replacement in December," Lea stated. "We already have a list (of applicants)" he continued.

Lea said that he hand picked who he wanted on the committee.

He stated that it is made up of faculty members as well as deans from other programs.

"After the committee reviews the applications, we will conduct phone



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Jana Allen replaced the retired Ron Coleman as dean of allied health.

interviews," Lea said. "If that goes well, we will invite the applicant to meet with us on campus."

Allen said she will be a part of that process. "I will meet with the candidates for interviews and give my feedback," she stated.

Once the committee has agreed on which applicant will be offered the position, the recommendation will then be sent to college President Dr. Warren Nichols, Lea said.

Lea stated that the committee wants to find the person best suited to filling

the position.

The search is not restricted to faculty members only. "It is wide open," he said. "The criteria have been established."

Allen, who was formerly the allied health special projects coordinator, said she will not be applying for the permanent position.

Instead, she said that she will go back to teaching medical terminology next semester.

"I love teaching," she said. "It's the biggest thing that I miss."

Health services to offer free screening to campus members

By **TRAVIS BATISTA**
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Vol State will be hosting a free health screening in the Rochelle Center on Thursday, from 7:30 to 10 a.m.

HCA hospitals will be performing the screening as a sign of gratitude for allowing their advertisements on campus, said Campus Nurse Betty Brown.

The results of the health screening will take about a month to receive.

Brown encouraged all those who are able to participate to take part; it is open to students, faculty and staff.

To take part, you must register with Brown or Vicki Stratton, secretary II for health services.

This screening can be very valuable to a student since it is free and convenient, said Brown.

One part to this health screening includes a lipid profile which is performed after blood is drawn.

This profile then reads the good and bad cholesterol in the blood.

"Most college students don't have a problem with bad cholesterol, but in some students, it can be irregular," said Brown.

Brown also said that if caught in time, it could completely alter a life.

The health screening will also assess blood pressure and body fat.

The body fat will be tested through a hand-held machine that calibrates while the participant is holding it, said Brown.

There is also the possibility of a thyroid screening and prostate screening for men.

However, these will not be free. The thyroid screening will be \$26, and the prostate will cost \$15.

For best results, it is important to not eat after midnight the evening before, said Brown.

UNIVERSITY REPS VISIT VOL STATE CAMPUS

These universities will be on campus to meet with students about transferring to their university after graduation. The reps will be located in the Advising Center, Suite 174, in the Ramer Administration Building on the following dates:

Austin Peay State University

Tuesday, November 28 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Middle Tennessee State University

Thursday, October 26 9:00 a.m. – noon
Thursday, November 9 9:00 a.m. – noon
Thursday, November 30 9:30 a.m. – noon

Tennessee State University

Wednesday, November 1 9:00 a.m. – noon
Wednesday, December 6 9:00 a.m. – noon

Tennessee Tech University

Wednesday, October 25 9:00 a.m. – noon
Wednesday, November 15 9:00 a.m. – noon