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Guests limited for grads

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For the first time, Volunteer State Community College will be limiting the number of guests allowed to attend graduation on May 5.

"The entrance was kind of bogged down, so we recognized potential problems with the violation of fire codes and other safety hazards. If a fire marshal would come in, he could shut down graduation," said Vice President of Student Services Patty Powell.

Powell said that Dr. Warren Nichols, president of Vol State, did not want to move graduation off of campus, for part of the fun is to have it at your school.

Although different ideas are being discussed in means of different methods to carry out graduation in the future, for this year limiting the number of attendees to five guests per graduate is already underway.

Each graduate will receive five guest tickets needed for admittance to commencement to give to family and friends.

Tickets will be handed out in the bookstore when graduates pick up their cap and gown. To help compensate for any inconveniences, the graduation committee is asking for any student who does not plan on using all five tickets to return any extra so that other graduates may have more than five if needed.

Extra tickets may be left in the bookstore or may be brought to Powell's office in the Wood Campus Center, Room 217.

If you are a graduate in need of an extra ticket, you may register a request online using the web address www.volstate.edu/commencement.

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Chris Crankshaw / Staff Photo

Chemistry professor Parris Powers assisted with the Math and Science Expo.

Coke firing exhibit to promote science

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Parris Powers, associate professor of chemistry, has been making preparations for the headlining event.

His chemistry 1110 classes have been working on it for the past couple weeks. And on March 29, it will be presented on the Volunteer State Community College campus. That will

be the day of the Math and Science Expo, which will be from 3-6 p.m.

Scientific events and demonstrations will take place in the Wallace Health Sciences Building, the Pickel Fieldhouse.

One of these events will be the Diet Coke-Mentos exhibit, which Powers calls the "marquee event" of the Math

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PRIDE Online to go offline

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Volunteer State Community College will soon replace PRIDE Online with the Banner system.

Banner will serve a similar function to that of PRIDE as this is how students will register for classes.

Jan Roark, director of records, stated that registration for the summer semester will still be done on PRIDE but that registration for the fall semester will be done on Banner.

Roark explained that the change to Banner is a system-wide decision for all Tennessee Board of Regents schools. She said that having a common database such as Banner would be beneficial as information about a student would only have to be entered once instead of possibly multiple times.

She added that there will be two links on the Vol State's webpage for registration, one for summer registration and the other for fall registration.

The summer link will then take students into PRIDE, while the fall link will be to Banner.

Roark does not think that this change affect students.

"I feel that it will have little affect on students. Its self-service is very much like PRIDE. I don't see that it will negatively affect students in any way," Roark stated. "It will basically look the same for students and faculty."

"There's not much change in how it works, just different terminology," said Roark.

The course reference number is an example of the terminology change. It will be entered like the course call number is in PRIDE.

Roark added that students will

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