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ETSU VETERANS UPWARD BOUND

# Veterans Upward Bound Voice

## VUB Summer Semester: Information and Instructions

Congratulations are in order for our VUB participants and achievers who have completed the Spring Semester. You have worked hard and have been very successful. Thank you for allowing us to be part of your success.

After a short respite from your studies, we have another task for you: that is, continue on your journey in preparation for college entry or graduation. If you are in college already, keep us informed of your progress, call us if you need help, and let us know if you change your address or phone number.

If you are just starting in the

VUB program or if you are continuing please review page three of this newsletter which is our Summer Semester 2006 tentative class schedule. A few changes may be necessary in class dates, times, and locations but we will keep it to a minimum.

Follow the instructions at the bottom of page three to register for our pre-college classes. You may register by phone, by email, or you may remove the page, fold it so that the VUB address is on the outside, staple/tape it and mail it to us not later than May 10, 2006. If

you need help, call us.

Please note that if you register for Summer Semester classes you are invited to attend our orientation program which will be held on May 17, 2006 in the Culp Center Cave Coffee Shop. The orientation is an opportunity to learn more about the program, meet VUB staff and instructors, and to ask questions. Following orientation, a cookout will be held on the Upper Level Cave Patio at noon.

## VUB Achievers Give Back to Veterans

Three VUB graduates of ETSU, Jeanne G'Fellers, Jaime McManus, and Matthew Finch put their recently acquired training and knowledge to good use as instructors in our pre-college program during the Spring Semester 2006.

Needing an English instructor, we turned to Jeanne G'Fellers who joined VUB in July 1997. She came into the VUB program as a graduate of Science Hill High School, a veteran of the U.S. Navy, and approximately one year of college credit. She was in need of educational advising and some pre-college class work which she received while in VUB.

She enrolled at ETSU in the Spring of 2000 and graduated with a BA degree in English in May 2003. She was accepted as a graduate student and is scheduled to receive a Master of Arts Degree in teaching in May 2006.

Jeanne taught the VUB English classes during the Spring semester.

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Jaime McManus joined VUB in June 1999 as a high school graduate with some college credits, service in the U.S. Air Force as a medical technician, and having a need for VUB pre-college instruction. Her goal was to obtain a degree from ETSU.

Jaime entered ETSU in 2002 and received a Bachelor of Science Degree (Biology) in August of 2005. During her college tenure she volunteered as a tutor in the

Student Support Services Program in the TRiO Department. Because of her excellent math, science, and physics background and her experience as a tutor, she was hired as a VUB tutor in the Fall of 2005 and as an instructor of math and life science for the Spring of 2006.

Jaime has just been accepted by UT for study to become a pediatric dentist.

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Matthew Finch joined the VUB program in the Fall of 1998 as a GED graduate with some college credits, service in the U.S. Marine Corps, and having a need for academic advice, financial aid assistance, and a need for pre-college instruction in order to continue his post-secondary education.

Matt entered ETSU in the Spring Semester of 2001 and received a Bachelor of Science Degree (Criminal Justice & Criminology) in December 2004.

During college Matt was a work-study student for VUB and tutored in the Student Support Services Program. After he received his degree he was hired as a tutor and to instruct (Probability and Statistics) for VUB.

He is currently pursuing a Masters Degree with the goal of becoming a teacher and coach in the public school system.

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## Tennessee Association of Special Programs (TASP) Scholarship Winner

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Michael Krohn, a Southeast Asia Bronze Star recipient and an Army Non Commissioned Officer, is the winner of a \$400 scholarship to continue his academic goal of obtaining a degree in Medical Lab Technology. Mike is currently enrolled at Northeast State Technical Community College located in Blountville, Tennessee.

After serving his country, Mike served his community as a member of the Lions Club, collected toys for underprivileged children, and has been a volunteer at a retirement center. As a civilian, Mike was an over-the-road truck driver for several years, but found that trucking was not taking him toward his goals which are to work in a hospital lab.

Mike enrolled in the Veterans Upward Bound program in Kingsport to develop his math, English and other academic skills. He was placed in the pre-college preparation classes for two semesters and he not only earned an "A" in each class

completed, but he also raised his achieve-



ment and proficiency in these subjects to college level.

As a college student he has maintained an "A" average which earned him membership in Phi Theta Kappa, an academic honorary organization and he is a member of the President's Honor List at NSTCC.

In addition to earning the TASP Scholarship, Mike is in competition for another scholarship to be awarded by the National Association of Veterans Upward Bound Project Personnel (NAVUBPP). He was

nominated for this scholarship based on his outstanding achievement and perseverance, his potential for success and his enthusiasm.

Mike recognizes the significant impact the VUB Program had on his decision to resume his academic journey as well as the valuable service he continues to receive.

The staff of ETSU Veterans Upward Bound salutes your success, Mike. Good luck!

***"You always pass failure on your way to success."***

Mickey Rooney

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### VUB Summer Semester ~ May 22-June 30

Orientation ~ Wed., May 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. ~ ETSU Culp Center Cave    VUB Spring Fling Picnic ~ Wed., May 17<sup>th</sup> at Noon ~ Cave Patio

Memorial Day ~ May 29<sup>th</sup> (offices closed)

College Success/Financial Aid Workshops ~ Thu., June 22<sup>nd</sup> ~ ETSU Culp Center Meeting Room 4a at 2:00 p.m.

Independence Day ~ July 4<sup>th</sup> (offices closed)

College Success/Financial Workshops ~ Thu., Aug. 10<sup>th</sup> ~ ETSU Culp Center Meeting Room 4a at 3:00 p.m.

VUB Fall Semester Begins Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>

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## First GED Graduate of the Year

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Submitted by Carl Cole

We congratulate Dennis Dunford for becoming VUB's first GED Graduate of this year. Dennis came to VUB in June 2005 as a referral from the Mountain Home VAMC in Johnson City. He is originally from Bristol, Tennessee but is temporarily residing at the Mountain Home Domiciliary.

Dennis served in the U.S. Army from 1972 to 1976 and shared with me that after leaving the Army, he drifted from job to job and had little career direction in his life. Finally this past year, he came to realize that the only way he was going to better his life and his family's life was to

buckle down and go for his GED.

Dennis entered the Washington County Adult Education program through Science Hill High School in Johnson City. After just a short time of taking classes, he made his first attempt at the GED test and even though he was not successful in passing, he never gave up. Now more determined than ever, he retested and again fell just short of a passing score.

This might have been enough to make some people quit, but not Dennis. This motivated him even more. In January 2006 he tried again and this time reached his goal. He was so overjoyed that he called while I was in Washington, D.C. on

a VUB business trip to let me know that he had passed the test.

Now that Dennis has received his GED, doors are starting to open that were closed before. Immediately after receiving his test results, he was hired by a company in Johnson City and is now working toward that better life for himself and his family. Congratulations again Dennis for not giving up and accomplishing this historic milestone in your life. Way to go!!!

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**SUMMER 2006 TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF CLASSES (MAY 22—JUNE 30)**

**Wed., May 17<sup>th</sup> ~ Summer Orientation at 11:00 (D.P. Culp Cave) ~ Spring Fling Picnic at Noon (D.P. Culp Cave Patio)**

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3:00-4:30	<b>PROB/STATS</b> <b>Rogers-Stout 121</b> <i>Consists of normal distribution, correlation &amp; hypothesis testing</i>		<b>PROB/STATS</b> <b>Rogers-Stout 121</b>		<b>COMPUTER</b>  <b>LAB</b> <b>Brown 264</b>  <b>4:00 – 7:00</b>
3:45-5:15	<b>ADV COMP SKILLS</b> <b>Brown 264</b> <i>Consists of Adv. Word &amp; Excel: Approval of instructor required</i>	<b>BASIC COMP SKILLS</b> <b>Brown 264</b> <i>Consists of Windows 2000, MS Word, Internet &amp; E-mail required</i>	<b>ADV COMP SKILLS</b> <b>Brown 264</b>	<b>BASIC COMP SKILLS</b> <b>Brown 264</b>	
	<b>MATH (BASIC)</b> <b>Rogers-Stout 125</b> <i>Decimals, fractions, percent-ages &amp; problem solving</i>	<b>MATH (ALG/ADV)</b> <b>Rogers-Stout 125</b> <i>Factoring, rational numbers, inequalities &amp; polynomials, etc</i>	<b>MATH (BASIC)</b> <b>Rogers-Stout 125</b>	<b>MATH (ALG/ADV)</b> <b>Rogers-Stout 125</b>	
5:30-7:00	<b>STUDY SKILLS/LIT</b> <b>Rogers-Stout 124</b> <i>Includes time management, effective listening, note taking, exam preparation. Emphasis on reading</i>	<b>SCIENCE</b> <b>Brown 476</b> <i>Includes physics, chemistry &amp; earth science</i>	<b>STUDY SKILLS/LIT</b> <b>Rogers-Stout 124</b>	<b>SCIENCE</b> <b>Brown 476</b>	
	<b>ENGLISH I (COL PREP)</b> <b>Rogers-Stout 122</b> <i>Mechanics of English including grammar, punctuation, spelling, composition &amp; vocabulary</i>	<b>ENGLISH II (CLEP)</b> <b>Rogers-Stout 122</b> <i>Advanced English with emphasis on writing</i>	<b>ENGLISH I (COL PREP)</b> <b>Rogers-Stout 122</b>	<b>ENGLISH II (CLEP)</b> <b>Rogers-Stout 122</b>	

**OFF MAIN CAMPUS CLASSES**

*Dates/times may be adjusted to meet student needs*

	OFF MAIN CAMPUS SITE	DAY(S)	TIME(S)	ROOM	INSTRUCTOR
	<b>SUBJECT</b>				
	ETSU Bristol	Mon	5:00-8:00	103	TBA
	English/Math/Basic Computer Skills				
	ETSU NAVE Center (Eliz)	Tue/Thu	6:00-9:00	122	Keen
	English/Math/Computer Skills				
	Carter County Adult High School (Eliz)	Sat	9:00-Noon	101	Keen
	Spanish				
	ETSU Kingsport	Mon	5:00-7:00	216	Smith
	English/Math				
	Basic Computer Skills	Mon	7:00-9:00	216	TBA
	ETSU Economic Development Center (Mt. City)	Thu	8:00-11:00 a.m.	EDC	Shoun
	English/Math/Basic Computer Skills				

*Note to VUB participants: Use this form to register for the classes you wish to enroll in this semester by circling the scheduled classes listed above and complete the block below. Please consult a VUB staff member if you have any questions or need assistance.*

Please check at the left if you plan to attend the Spring Fling Picnic at noon on May 17<sup>th</sup> and print your name/phone # :

NAME (*Please Print*)

(PHONE NUMBER)

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Take advantage of the many benefits  
VUB has to offer.

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