

THE GRADUATE

LETTER FROM THE DEANS

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It is impossible to read a newspaper, watch TV, or engage in a casual conversation without encountering some reference to the Tennessee state budget. Frequently the talk turns to the devastating effect on academic programs when budgets are cut and state revenues decrease. In spite of these financial woes, ETSU is thriving, keeping up with our competitors academically and technologically. Testimony to our success is the recognition by the *Kaplan/Newsweek College Catalog 2002* as a top university in the category "Schools that offer the best value for your tuition dollar."

One factor in our success at the graduate level is the number of new and revamped graduate programs. The Doctor of Science in Nursing is approved and will begin admitting students in the fall of 2002. The proposed Doctor of Audiology and Master of Social Work have been evaluated by site teams, whose reports are now being reviewed at the state level. If approved, these programs will begin admitting students in 2002 and 2003, respectively. During the last twelve months, many graduate programs have undergone major curriculum revisions—Early Childhood, Computer and Information Sciences, Public Management, Technology—assuring that their curricula are consistent with current research, knowledge, and market needs. In short, ETSU is fulfilling its new designation as a Doctoral/Research University—Intensive.

On a more practical level, the Office of Graduate Studies is making significant progress in using technology to lessen bureaucracy and increase efficiency. The electronic thesis and dissertation process, which became mandatory in January 2001, is highly successful, making ETSU a national leader in this arena. Students are pleased with the ability to submit documents from remote sites; the University is proud to have graduate students' research and scholarship made available to a worldwide readership. Additionally, the in-house electronic referral system for application materials is being successfully piloted in the College of Education. The entire application package is scanned and referred to the department electronically for an admission decision.

Two of the more exciting projects in the Graduate Office are being developed by graduate assistants. Raj Arjunan is designing a digital media project for the Graduate Web page, which will offer prospective students an animated "virtual tour" of the application process. (We envision animated folders knocking on doors of Graduate Coordinators!) Manjusha Verma is developing a computer program that will allow us to extract names, majors and addresses of students who report their GRE scores to ETSU so that departments can contact them immediately. And finally, ETSU is in the last stages of developing a recruitment CD that contains the graduate application, catalog, and all materials necessary to research and apply to a program.

The State of Tennessee may have financial woes, but the energy and inventiveness of graduate students, graduate coordinators, faculty, and staff continue to make ETSU a leader in the region and the nation.

Wesley Brown, Ph. D.
Dean

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Associate Dean

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope the Spring 2002 semester is going well for each of you and that you are finding success in your selected fields. We are very excited to be planning some special events for this Spring, primarily GPSA Appreciation Week. GPSA Appreciation Week is proclaimed by the Governor and is a time for East Tennessee State University (ETSU) to showcase graduate students and the contribution they make to this university. Throughout the semester, we will have meetings for the organization. During these meetings, graduate students can have input on issues of concern, help plan GPSA week, and become more involved in their total educational experience at ETSU.

How does one join GPSA? To join, simply fill out an application at one of our meetings or download an application here. No dues are charged to members, but it allows for benefits, such as travel funding and recognition. In order to become an active member, attend GPSA meetings and activities.

As always, we're trying to be an organization that works

for you, the graduate students. So, if you have an idea, suggestion, comment, etc. please let us hear from you so that we can help make your Graduate School experience the most positive experience that we can.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Thompson
President, Graduate and Professional Student Association

The Graduate

The Graduate is the official newsletter of the Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA) in conjunction with the School of Graduate Studies. It will be published by the ETSU Graduate Studies Office periodically for all graduate students and alumni.

FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Once again Spring semester has come to East Tennessee State University, and along with it, exciting events of the Graduate Professional and Student Association. I hope everyone is having a great semester. I would like to take a moment to introduce myself. My name is Mary Beth Gooley and I am currently in the Master of Arts in Teaching program. I plan to be a Secondary English teacher. It is my pleasure to serve as GPSA Vice President this year and I encourage everyone to be actively

involved in our graduate association. Keep an eye out for our upcoming events. Thank you in advance for your involvement and effort to better our association.

Mary Beth Gooley
Vice President GPSA

MEET THE TREASURY/SECRETARY

Hi, I'm the Treasury/Secretary for GPSA. I am enrolled in the MBA Program with anticipated graduation date of May 2003. You may also find me every other weekend at the IUC of JCMC as a Registered Nurse. I hope to see none of you there, but would encourage you to attend our Spring Meeting and GPSA week festivities the 1st week of April. I look forward to meeting all of you and building a strong GPSA.

Jared D. Bement
Treasury/Secretary GPSA

The 2002 GPSA Officers:

Kimberly Norris Thompson- President

Mary Beth Gooley- Vice President

Jared D. Bement- Treasurer/Secretary

Linda Wyatt- Staff Advisor

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Schedule of Events

- April 1st- 5th-** GPSA Appreciation Week. 12:00-1:00 Forum Room, D. P. Culp Center, Join us in a week long celebration recognizing graduate and professional students at ETSU.
- April 3rd-** 12:00-1:00 GPSA Travel Award Presentations. Forum Room, D.P. Culp Center. Students who have received support money from GPSA to present research at regional and national conferences, share their research with ETSU faculty, students, and staff.

MEET YOUR GRADUATE STUDENT SGA REPRESENTATIVE

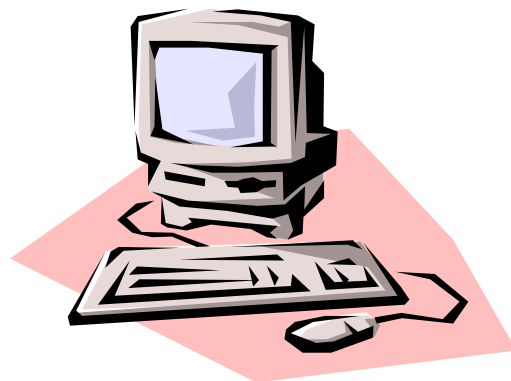
I am a student in the Master of Public Management program at ETSU. I am currently serving as the Graduate School Representative to the Student Government Association (SGA) Senate. This is my third term as a Senator and first term representing the School of Graduate Studies. I hold the position of Parliamentarian of the Senate as well as Chairman of the Senate Review Committee. My primary responsibilities include making decisions on questions of parliamentary procedure and to correct any illegal or inappropriate behavior by members of the SGA, through the Senate Review Committee.

All Senators have the responsibility to voice the concerns of the Student Body by making laws concerning the students and student organizations, to express the will of the student body through resolutions, and to allocate student funds under their purview in a manner believed to be in the best interest of the student body. Each College and School has their own Senators to ensure that a balanced view is given.

This year has seen many accomplishments come to fruition, from the creation of a Veterans' Affairs Committee,

as suggested by the SGA, to report and make recommendations on matters concerning veterans, to major changes in the operation of the SGA that will hopefully continue to improve the way SGA serves the students.

David Michael Lane



Check out our website at www.etsu.edu/gradstud/gpsa.htm

TRAVEL AWARD RECIPIENTS

Any graduate or professional student at East Tennessee State University who has a completed membership form on file and is actively involved in Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA) can apply for use of GPSA travel funds. If you are receiving any 606 funding from the Student Government Association (SGA), you are ineligible for GPSA travel grants. Because the funds are limited, the following priorities will be followed in the allocations:

1. First priority will be given to applicants who are requesting funds for presenting research/ scholarly presentation in which the applicant is sole or co-author.
2. Second priority will be given to applicants who are requesting funds to attend a conference or professional development workshop that can be shown to be linked to their program of graduate study at ETSU.
3. Other proposals will be considered if applicants can demonstrate that the proposed activity will enhance their graduate education, program of study and/or scholarship.

GPSA TRAVEL AWARDS 2001-2002

Valarie Holzwarth (Psychology) - attended the 6th International Conference on Family Violence on 9/8/01-9/12/01 in San Diego, California presenting her thesis research "Empathy in Children."

Staci Lewis (English) - presented her research paper at the New Voices 2001 annual graduate conference held at Georgia State University on 9/20/01-9/22/01 in Atlanta, Georgia.

Trent LeCoulre (Environmental Health) - presented his research at the 22nd Annual SETAC Meeting in Baltimore, Maryland on 11/10/01-11/15/01.

Linda Wyatt (Liberal Studies) - presented her thesis research on "Adult Learners in the 21st Century" at the 2001 Annual Conference of Women in Higher Education in Tennessee on October 5, 2001 at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee.

Jiansheng Cao (Mathematics) - attended and presented his research paper at the 970th Southeastern Section of the American Mathematical Society conference at the University of Tennessee - Chattanooga on 10/4/01-10/6/01.

Samuel Obaki (Educational Leadership & Policy Analysis) - presented his research paper at the SRCEA conference in Jacksonville, Florida on 11/1/01-11/4/01.

John, Quindry (Physiology) - presented his dissertation data on "The effects of acute exercise on neutrophil-induced oxidative

stress" at the SEACSM in Atlanta, Georgia on 1/31/02-2/2/02.

Staci Lewis (English) - will present her research at the Annual Conference of the Tennessee Philological Association at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, Tennessee on 2/21/02-2/23/02.

Catherine Strain (English) - will present her research at the TPA Conference in Murfreesboro, Tennessee on 2/21/02-2/23/02.

Misty Powers (English) - will present her paper at the TPA Conference in Murfreesboro, Tennessee on 2/21/02-2/23/02.

Eugenie Jackson (Mathematics) - will be presenting research at the 33rd Southeastern Combinatorics, Graph theory, and Computing Conference in Boca Raton, Florida on 3/2/02-3/7/02.

Juhong Liu (Education) - will be presenting research at the ASCD conference on 3/8/02-3/11/02 in San Antonio, Texas. She will be delivering sessions on "Innovative Learning: Using Web Quest."

Hilary Hester (English) - will be presenting research at the Appalachian Studies Conference in Helen, Georgia on 3/14/02-3/17/02.

Terri Simerly (English) - will be presenting her research findings at the ASA Conference in Helen, Georgia on 3/14/02-3/17/02.

Edward Milhorn (English) - will be presenting a section of his research "Lexical Variation Among East Tennessee High School Students" at the 25th Annual ASA Conference in Helen, Georgia on 3/14/02-3/17/02.

Kalina Saraiva De Lima (English) - will be presenting her research pertaining to dialect variation at the ASA Conference in Helen, Georgia on 3/14/02-3/17/02.

Valarie Holzwarth (Psychology) - will be presenting her research project at the Southeastern Psychological Association annual conference in Orlando, Florida on 3/19/02-3/24/02.

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES TRAVEL AWARDS 2002

Thomas Creson (Biomedical Sciences) - will present research at the meeting of the International Behavioral Neuroscience Society in Capri, Italy on 6/17/02-6/24/02.

HOW MAY WE IMPROVE?

The School of Graduate Studies and the Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA) would like to receive your feedback on our performance. The successful graduate student experience is our main priority and we consider your feedback very important. We constantly strive to improve. We invite your suggestions for improvement.

Please use the space provided below for your comments. Please tear out and fold as shown on the reverse of this page and mail to the School of Graduate Studies.

Thank you for taking the time to share your comments on how the School of Graduate Studies and the Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA) can improve the graduate student experience.

Optional: If you would like to include contact information in order that we may acknowledge your comments:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____



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Additionally, the GPSA has established a voting presence many committees of the ETSU campus. These committee/advisory council positions allow the GPSA to better represent the graduate/professional student population by allowing specific issues and concerns to be directly presented to its member.

Current graduate students serving on 2001/2002 committees include the following:

Technology Access Fee Committee-

Nia Zalamea

Race Relations Committee-

Chad Nixon

Graduate Council Committee-

Kimberly Norris-Thompson and

David Michael Lane

University Libraries Advisory Committee -

Sandra Lee Henson

Teacher Education Council Advisory Committee-

Jarad Day

Disability Issues Standing Committee -

Chad Nixon

General Education Advisory Council-

David Michael Lane

International Program Advisory Committee-

Viktoria Tordai

Student Health Services Advisory Committee-

Suman Sharma

University Wellness Committee-

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