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Buccaneer families,

My name is Doretha Benn, and I currently serve as the 2014–2015 Student Body President. I would first like to thank all of you for everything that you do to aid in your student’s success here. Whether we like to admit it or not, encouragement from back home means the world to us.

Currently, I am majoring in Communication Studies and minoring in Political Science. Other than the Student Government Association, I am involved in the Diversity Educators program, chair our Relay for Life event, and I am also a Preview and Orientation leader. Getting involved on campus has opened so many doors for me and shown me the true beauty of college. ETSU has allowed me the opportunity to meet people from numerous walks of life. The faculty and staff here at ETSU have been nothing short of amazing. They go out of their ways to help us find jobs, internships, help us with our homework, or just take a moment to listen to us. Your students are in good hands here. ETSU has become my home away from home. I have and will continue to find myself here. With the return of football and the opening of the parking garage, ETSU is experiencing some major changes. These changes are setting us up for a future that our campus is excited to experience. I invite you all to join us as we create new traditions and embark on these new journeys. Without you all, we would never be where we are.

My journey here only has a few more semesters left. Your students may have more or less than that. I encourage you all to help your students make the most of this experience. Remember that you are vital part of the Buccaneer Family and we appreciate everything that you do for the students and the ETSU community as a whole. Hope to see you all at the Family Weekend events in October!

GO BUCS!

Doretha Benn
A longtime administrator and adviser to Student Government Association at ETSU will retire in November, concluding a 35-year career at the university.

“It will definitely be a huge change,” SGA President Doretha Benn said. “Dr. Lee knows SGA better than anyone here, and her wealth of knowledge will be greatly missed.” Many SGA members said Lee developed close relationships with them, as she led them through elections, legislation, constitutional amendments and much more.

“She really is like a mother to us,” Benn said. “She’s always looking out for us, helping us research, telling us what works and what doesn’t, and letting us vent about our crazy personal lives.”

SGA members also said Lee has maintained a very active and hands-on role as adviser with the organization.

“I’ve loved working with SGA over the years, and I’ve grown very close to its members,” Lee said. “I like to tell it like I see it, so maybe I am like a mother.”

Lee has come to represent much more than someone who fulfills the advisory role of overseeing meetings and committees; she has become a personal mentor and source of support for many members.

“Over my past three to four years in SGA, she has become such an inspiration,” SGA Vice President Zack Sholes said. “Dr. Lee’s retirement is something I am deeply saddened about.”

As SGA’s adviser, many SGA members said Lee has not only succeeded in advising them in their organizational roles but also in their personal lives.

“Out of all the administration at our university, I would say that Dr. Lee is someone I personally go to for advice,” Sholes said. “I know that she will give me her honest and genuine opinion, which has consistently been right.”

Although SGA members expressed that Lee will be missed, the members, as well as Lee herself, are confident that the new adviser, Jeff Howard, will be a proper fit as the new adviser. “Jeff was in SGA before, and then, he has been with student affairs for the past five years,” Lee said. “He is very familiar with the organization’s proceedings, and I am sure that SGA will be just fine.”

Report by: East Tennessean Newspaper
New Dean of Students

The Division of Student Affairs at East Tennessee State University has named Dr. Jeff Howard as dean of students effective Nov. 1.

Currently the associate dean of students, Howard will become ETSU’s sixth dean of students since the position was first held by Dr. C.T. Sharpton in 1958.

Howard’s areas of responsibility will include overseeing Adult, Commuter and Transfer Services; New Student and Family Programs; Student Conduct; and Student Publications. He will serve as the team leader for two university collaborative areas: the Advisement Resources Career Center (ARC), a partnership between Academic Affairs and Student Affairs, and the Student Organization Resource Center (SORC), the hub for student programming and clubs. He will also serve as the adviser to the Student Government Association.

Howard holds an undergraduate degree in history and political science, a graduate degree in history and a doctoral degree in educational leadership from ETSU. Before returning to his alma mater in 2007, he held student affairs positions at Carson-Newman University and The University of Virginia’s College at Wise.

Howard is a member of numerous honor societies, including Phi Kappa Phi, Omicron Delta Kappa and Kappa Delta Pi. His personal memberships include First Families of Franklin, First Families of Tennessee, the Tennessee Society/Kings Mountain Chapter of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution, the Tennessee Society of the General Society Sons of the Revolution, and Kappa Delta Rho Fraternity, in which he served on the national board of directors and was elected to two terms as the national vice president for education.

He received Adviser of the Year awards from both the Tennessee Association of College and University Residence Halls (2002) and the Virginia Association of College and University Residence Halls (2005). In 2011, he was recognized by ETSU with the Centennial Student Choice Award and the inaugural University Stewardship Award.
October 31 - November 2, 2014

East Tennessee State University’s Office of New Student & Family Programs (NSFP) will host Family Weekend events in conjunction with ETSU’s 2014 Homecoming celebration. Heather Levesque, NSFP Director said “this is an opportunity for parents and family members to connect with and share in your student’s ETSU experience and to celebrate all that makes East Tennessee State University such a special place”. Family Weekend kicks off with a Friday dessert reception, includes athletic events on Saturday and the Luncheon Under the Tent at the Football Tailgate. A special brunch with First Lady Donna Noland will close out the weekend’s events on Sunday morning.

Visit http://www.etsu.edu/students/nsfp/family/familyweekend.aspx to register (click on box in center of page). Registration is required and is available online through October 24. Inaugural members of the new Buccaneer Family Association (BFA) received special invitations and discounts as part of their membership. The BFA was launched in 2014 as an additional means of communication and support for parents and family members of ETSU students.

Family weekend participants will receive t-shirts, nametags, welcome bags, as well as tickets to the selected events or meals for which they register. You can register for just one event or for the entire weekend.

** If you need more information, contact the New Student and Family Programs office at family@etsu.edu
ETSU students save money and energy at Sherrod Library

Thanks to a grant from the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation and East Tennessee State University students’ “green fees,” old 48-inch fluorescent tube lighting is being exchanged for 900 LED tubes this year, and an additional 900 tubes will be installed next year in the top two floors of the Charles C. Sherrod Library. The new lighting will conserve energy and lower lighting costs. Graduate students recently installed the first 700 tubes on the library’s fourth floor.

An original Freedom Rider to speak at ETSU on Civil Rights Movement

Hank Thomas was one of the original 13 Freedom Riders who left Washington, D.C., via bus on May 4, 1961, to travel to Louisiana for the purpose of desegregating interstate transportation. He will tell his story at East Tennessee State University in “The Freedom Ride of 1961: A Personal Experience and an Evaluation of the Civil Rights Movement.”

The Greyhound bus that Thomas and his fellow Freedom Riders occupied was bombed outside Anniston, Ala., on May 14, 1961. He almost died from smoke inhalation, and mob threats greeted him and his companions as they descended from the smoke-filled bus.

After the bombing, Thomas recovered and continued the Freedom Ride on May 24. He and others traveled from Montgomery, Ala., to Jackson, Miss., where they were placed in overflowing jails after they attempted to desegregate bus terminal bathrooms and water fountains. Thomas and others were placed in the Mississippi State Penitentiary, widely known as Parchman Farm, which was considered one of the worst jails in the country at that time. After enduring humiliation and physical pain, he was released on bail.

However, imprisonment in Mississippi did not stop Thomas. He continued to test court rulings in support of desegregating interstate transportation by participating in a July 1961 test ride from New Jersey to Arkansas.

After his participation in the Freedom Rides, Thomas continued to serve his country. He fought in the Vietnam War. In 1966, he was wounded in combat and later received the Purple Heart. Although he grew up in a low-income family, Thomas is now a successful businessman in Atlanta, where he has owned and operated numerous hotels and fast food franchises for several decades. His talk is part of the fall lecture series sponsored by the African and African American (AFAM) Studies Program in ETSU’s Department of History.
ETSU ON THE RUN

Zombie Survival 5K to take place Oct. 26th

The East Tennessee State University Department of Physical Therapy will host a Zombie Survival 5K run on Saturday, Oct. 26, at 3 p.m. Registration for runners is $25, or $35 on the day of the race. Those wishing to pose as zombies for the event can do so for $15. Spots are limited for the number of zombies.

Each runner will be given two flags to wear during the race. Zombies will be hidden throughout the course and will try to steal runners’ flags. Those making it to the finish line with one or both flags is considered a survivor. The race will begin at the Tri Hall Field behind Centennial and Governors halls and in front of Davis Hall. Approximately half of the course is located on the trail in the ETSU woods.

In addition to the race, prizes will be awarded for the best costumes and the best selfie with a zombie. All proceeds go to the non-profit Miami-Marquette Challenge, an annual grassroots fundraising effort coordinated and carried out by physical therapist and physical therapist assistant students across the country to support the Foundation for Physical Therapy. To register for the race or for more information, visit www.bit.do/etsu-dpt-zr5k.

Child Study Center Family Fun Walk/Run Nov. 8th

East Tennessee State University’s Child Study Center will host a Family Fun Walk/Run on Saturday, Nov. 8, with all proceeds benefitting the center. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m., followed at 10:15 by a warm-up session with Synergy X Fitness, a local business dedicated to creating a healthier Northeast Tennessee. The run begins at 10:30 a.m. and will be followed by children’s activities, including a paintbrush relay race.

The first 50 participants to register will receive a free T-shirt. Pre-registration costs are $12 for ETSU students, $20 for individuals, $35 for a family of up to four members and $50 for a team of up to 7 members. Prices increase by $5 in each category for race-day registration. Registration on race day will be in the parking lot outside the new parking garage, at the area near the back door of Warf-Pickel Hall.

Since this is a fun run and not a sanctioned race, the course is under three miles. It will wind past the intramural and soccer fields to the walking trail, around the dorms to the D.P. Culp University Center and then to the Quad outside Sam Wilson Hall, where children’s activities will be held. To register, or for more information, go to www.etsu.edu/coe/child/.
Degree Works is an academic advising and degree audit tool that helps advisors and students track their degree progress in real-time!

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"What If..." scenarios, allow students to experiment with changing majors or degree plans.

Benefits and Features

- Provides real-time degree audit, history and information and allows for improved course and degree planning
- Provides planning scenarios if you change majors, concentrations or plans
- Improves Advisor communication for courses and requirements
- GPA calculator - See how final grades may affect the overall GPA
- Still Need Courses- Hyperlinks to information about the course, proficiency intensives etc.

15 To Finish Initiative.... Plan to earn your Degree Now, Not Later

15 to Finish Initiative encourages students to take 15 credits per semester. The initiative is geared towards helping students graduate within a reasonable time. Use the plan function in Degree Works to see how 15 credits per semester will affect your graduation date. Watch the video below for more information on 15 to Finish.

120 credits/15 credits per semester = 8 semesters.
This translates to 4 years for a freshman to earn a degree.

PLAN for 15 to finish with Degree Works

**ENCOURAGE YOUR STUDENT TO STAY ON TRACK**

Visit http://www.etsu.edu/reg/degeworks/ for all information & resources!
Torbush fosters renewal of football program at ETSU

Report by Connor Drossman, The Daily Orange (10/16/14)

Carl Torbush had no intention of ever coaching football again after 39 years on the job. He had retired on Douglas Lake in Eastern Tennessee and was content with life in his lake house.

But a call from former national champion coach and longtime friend Phillip Fulmer revived his career. Fulmer was initially the primary coaching candidate to resurrect the East Tennessee State University football program. But he thought Torbush, who grew up in Knoxville, Tennessee, would jump at the chance to take charge of a program in his home state.

“Two or three of our final candidates told us, ‘Well if I get the job, the first thing I’m going to do is hire Carl Torbush to be my defensive coordinator,’” Director of Intercollegiate Athletics Richard Sander said. That made the choice obvious for Sander.

The 2014 season will conclude with a Homecoming Scrimmage on Saturday November, 1st at 3:00 pm.

ETSU Men Officially Open Preseason Practice

High hopes abound as Bucs begin preparations for season

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn. (Oct. 4, 2014) – With both an early morning and afternoon practice scheduled, the ETSU men’s basketball team officially began preseason workouts inside the Gordon Ball Court practice facility Saturday at the ETSU/MSHA Athletic Center. The Buccaneers will enter the 2014-15 season with high hopes, as the squad returns several key contributors to a team that won 19 games and advanced to postseason play last season. The ETSU men’s basketball program enjoyed a solid campaign in 2013-14, winning 19 games on the year and earning a berth into the CollegeInsider.com Tournament ... The trip to the CIT marked the sixth postseason trip for the Bucs in head coach Murry Bartow’s 11 seasons at ETSU (three NCAAs, one NIT and two CIT trips).

The key to success for the Bucs in 2013-14 was the play of an impressive backcourt and that group will return this year led by rising seniors Rashawn Rembert (Tampa) and Jalen Riley (Racine, Wis.), along with rising junior Lester Wilson (Knoxville) ... That trio accounted for over 50 percent of the team’s offensive production a year ago, with Rembert and Riley leading the team with 16.8 and 13.4 points per game, respectively. The team is loaded with solid mid-major opponents such as Valparaiso (Nov. 14), Winthrop (Nov. 24), Eastern Kentucky (Dec. 16) and Tennessee Tech (Feb. 16), along with trips to programs such as VCU (Dec. 22) and Tennessee (Dec. 31). In addition, the team will make a highly-anticipated return to Southern Conference action and begin series once again with teams like Chattanooga, Western Carolina, UNC Greensboro, and former Atlantic Sun Conference rival Mercer.
Cross country primed for Catamount Classic

In its final tune up before the Southern Conference Championships on Halloween, the ETSU cross country program will be back in action on Friday at the Catamount Classic on Western Carolina University’s campus.

The competition will kickoff at 3:30 p.m. with the women running first in a 5K, while the men will follow with a 4:15 p.m. start time in an 8K.

This upcoming appearance at the Catamount Classic will be the first time ETSU has competed in Cullowhee since 2001.

Following a few weeks off from competition, the Bucs are ready to hit their stride leading up to the SoCon Championships. The Blue & Gold certainly have some momentum established after sweeping the top spots in both the men’s and women’s races at the UNC Greensboro Spartan Invitational on Sept. 26.

In Greensboro, the Buccaneer men occupied five of the top-10 finish placements in the 8K and were led by sophomore Simeon Roberts (Greeneville, Tenn.) placing second overall – behind only an unattached runner in first place – with a time of 25:22.53. Meanwhile, the women placed four in the top five – including the top three times – and were paced by junior Katie Hirko (Oley, Pa.) who took the top spot with a personal-record 17:30.73 time in the 5K.

Stay tuned to ETSUBucs.com on Friday evening for a recap and results from the Catamount Classic.
The ETSU app delivers content, services, and features in a mobile friendly format for your iPhone or Android mobile device. On the spring board, you will find modules that with a click help you find your way around campus, link to mobile friendly ETSU services such as library catalogs, D2L and ETSU Live! It can also be utilized to keep you informed about campus events and more! The following is a list of current modules in the ETSU App:

**Athletics**
Stay up to date on all the ETSU Bucs sports teams' schedules, scores, and news!

**BucShot**
If you're having trouble navigating campus ride the buc-shot. This module gives you times, routes and more.

**Courses**
Use this module to look up and access important contact information for your classes!

**D2L**
Interact with your classes on the go, check grades, due dates, and more!

**Directory**
Search by name, e-mail address, or phone number to find contact information for faculty, staff, and students.

**Emergency**
Now includes ETSU's latest campus security report.

**ETSU Live**
This module will give you quick access to any general audience live video stream events on campus. When no live streams are in progress click this module to live stream ETSU's radio station The EDGE and see a list of upcoming events. (iOS only)

**Events**
Browse events and see what is going on around campus.

**Images**
Browse ETSU image galleries such as Athletic events, Archives of Appalachia, Campus Scenes and more.

**iTunesU**
This module button takes you to ETSU’s mobile friendly iTunesU library where you can find videos and lectures produced by ETSU’s world class faculty and staff!

**Library**
The library mobile web has been completely updated to highlight ETSU's libraries. Find out how many computers are currently available in real time!

**Maps**
This module will help you find your way around campus, or locate that building you've never heard of. If you're using an Android device this module will give you access to Places and Tours as well.

**News**
Stay up on all ETSU’s breaking news.

**Parking**
Find student parking locations and availability before you leave the house with this module.

**Social**
This module now includes a link to ETSU's Instagram account.

**Videos**
Click this module button to get quick access to ETSU's YouTube channel.