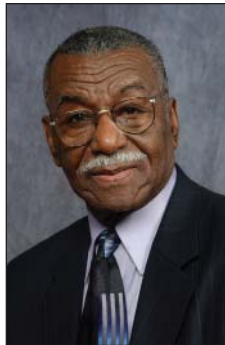


## Noted Civil Rights leader Shuttlesworth to speak at ETSU

“The Civil Rights Movement: The Struggle and Consequences” will be addressed by nationally known Civil Rights leader Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth at ETSU on Thursday, Feb. 22, at 6 p.m. in the Carroll Reece Museum.



Shuttlesworth

His free public appearance, held in conjunction with Black History Month (February), is part of ETSU’s African and African American Studies Lecture Series.

Shuttlesworth, who is considered one of the “big three” of the Civil Rights movement, along with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Rev. Ralph Abernathy, was born in 1922 in Birmingham, Ala. He graduated from Selma (Ala.) University in 1951 and Alabama State College in 1952, and became pastor of Birmingham’s Bethel Baptist Church in 1953.

In fighting for civil rights during the late 1950s and 1960s, Shuttlesworth co-founded the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, which he served as secretary for many years, and helped the Congress on Racial Equality organize its “freedom rides” campaign. As a result of his activities, he was arrested more than 35 times and was the target of numerous beatings and bombings,

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## Foundation honors Bill Gatton with ‘Margin of Excellence Award’ for his support

The ETSU Foundation and the university recognized C.M. “Bill” Gatton as an outstanding businessman and champion of higher education with the prestigious Margin of Excellence Award during the Distinguished President’s Trust annual dinner for the university’s top contributors held at MeadowView Conference Resort and Convention Center.

The Margin of Excellence Award was established to acknowledge individuals who go above and beyond the call of duty

in supporting ETSU and the Foundation, and Gatton epitomizes this sentiment. He is a true visionary, approaching life with concern for all people, and always striving to do more.

A native of Kentucky, Gatton possesses an entrepreneurial spirit and an eye for successful business ventures that began when he was only 8 – selling his acre of watermelons on the side of the road. He progressed up the ladder from there.

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Margin of Excellence Award-winner C.M. “Bill” Gatton, right, speaks with ETSU President Dr. Paul E. Stanton Jr. and Vice President for University Advancement Dr. Richard Manahan during the Distinguished President’s Trust dinner.

## Enrollment is highest spring tally ever

The enrollment this semester is the highest spring tally in the history of ETSU, said President Dr. Paul E. Stanton Jr. The overall headcount of 11,846 is up approximately 3.7 percent over last year’s 11,455.

“It is gratifying to see the continued growth in our academic program offerings, the quality of our graduates, and an increasingly large number of students who select

East Tennessee State University as their institution of choice,” Stanton said.

This record was aided by the spring opening of the new College of Pharmacy with 72 students in its inaugural class. The overall enrollment total for the university also includes 476 students and residents in the James H. Quillen College of Medicine.

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# Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth

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including a Christmas day bombing in 1956 that destroyed his home.

While continuing his activism in Birmingham, Shuttlesworth moved in 1961 to Cincinnati, where he became pastor of Revelation Baptist Church and where he also fought for civil rights.

King once described Shuttlesworth as “the most courageous civil rights fighter in the South.”

“Martin had tremendous respect for Fred,” Coretta Scott King, King’s widow, told the Cincinnati Enquirer in a 1997 interview. “He considered Fred a man of great courage, raw courage. Many people

were committed to the movement but lacked courage to suffer the consequences of their beliefs. The Rev. Shuttlesworth was prepared to give his life.”

Shuttlesworth, who is married to Sephira Bailey, is now pastor emeritus of the Greater New Light Baptist Church in Cincinnati, where he served for 40 years as senior pastor. He founded and remains active in the Shuttlesworth Housing Foundation, which has assisted hundreds of low-income families in purchasing their own homes, and speaks throughout the country on civil rights issues. In 2000, he was named a “Great Living Cincinnati” by the Greater Cincinnati

Area Chamber of Commerce, and he was awarded the President’s Citizen’s Medal by President Bill Clinton the following year. His statue greets visitors to the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, of which he is a founding member.

His biography by Andrew M. Manis, *A Fire You Can’t Put Out: The Civil Rights Life of Birmingham’s Reverend Fred Shuttlesworth*, was published in 1999 by the University of Alabama Press.

For more information, contact Dr. Dorothy Drinkard-Hawkshawe, professor of History and director of African and African American Studies, at 439-6688 or [drinkard@etsu.edu](mailto:drinkard@etsu.edu).

# Spring enrollment

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A notable trend at the undergraduate level is the larger number of sophomores and seniors enrolled for spring classes. Sophomore enrollment is up over 10 percent from last spring, and the number of seniors rose more than 3 percent.

“Student persistence to graduation is a primary focus of our current planning efforts at ETSU,” said Dr. Bert C. Bach, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs. “The fact that we are obviously succeeding with these endeavors is a positive reflection on the

commendable efforts of our faculty and staff and their concern for student success.”

The School of Graduate Studies also reports the highest spring enrollment in the history of the institution, attributable, in part, to an increase of over 4 percent in the number of students in master’s degree programs, and a rise of nearly 11 percent in doctoral programs. ETSU offers doctoral degrees in education, nursing, biomedical sciences, audiology and physical therapy, as well as three new doctoral programs in

clinical psychology, environmental health sciences and public health. The university also has professional doctoral degree programs in medicine and pharmacy.

“Graduate student enrollment continues to follow a pattern of growth at ETSU,” said Graduate School Dean Dr. Cecilia McIntosh. “ETSU has a reputation for quality graduate education and for offering a wide range of advanced degree programs to provide students with career preparation or career advancement opportunities.”

# Margin of Excellence

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After graduating as valedictorian of his high school class, he enrolled at the University of Kentucky (UK) to study business administration and economics, working part-time in automobile sales where his perseverance quickly resulted in success. And, following a stint as an officer in the U.S. Army, Gatton pursued an M.B.A. in finance and banking at the Wharton Graduate School, University of Pennsylvania.

From there, Gatton renewed his interest in automobile dealerships and in the banking industry, broadening his business investments along the way. Today, in addition to Tennessee, his business endeavors span several states, including Alabama, Kentucky and Texas.

He is a recognized philanthropist in higher education, borne out by the UK Carol Martin Gatton College of Business and Eco-

nomics that bears his name, and he says, “I truly believe education expands one’s vision and self-confidence.”

For ETSU, he has generously supported many academic and athletic opportunities over the years, most recently helping fund the new College of Pharmacy, which just admitted its first class of 72 students in January.

“Pharmacy is a great career opportunity for young people. Prospective students will be able to attend ETSU without going all the way to Memphis for their education. We have an aging population, and trained pharmacists are essential for the health care of our older citizens. Also, the new College of Pharmacy will be a great boost to the economy of this region,” Gatton said.

Gatton is also known for his numerous community and regional affiliations: the

Bristol Chamber of Commerce, Bristol Rotary Club, Salvation Army, Humane Society, and Bristol Boys and Girls Clubs, among many others, and he has garnered a number of awards and honors. He has also served nationally and regionally in leadership roles for many automobile-related organizations.

Previous recipients of the Margin of Excellence Award include Wayne G. Basler, the late Claudius G. Clemmer, Janey Diehl, Louis H. Gump, M. Thomas Krieger, Dr. Richard A. Manahan, Scott M. Niswonger, Leslie Parks Pope, John H. Poteat, Dennis T. Powell, the late Congressman James H. Quillen, Donald R. Raber, ETSU President Dr. Paul E. Stanton Jr., and Stuart G. Wood Jr.

*NOTE: For more on the Distinguished President’s Trust, see pages 5-6.*

# First Paxton Lectureship to feature author/activist Jonathan Kozol

Nationally known author and activist Jonathan Kozol will speak in the inaugural Dr. Willene Paxton Lectureship on Civic Engagement at ETSU on Monday, Feb. 19, at 7 p.m. in the D.P. Culp Center's Martha Street Culp Auditorium.

A reception and book-signing will follow the free public lecture.

Kozol is the award-winning author of numerous books that came from his own experiences and observations in the public schools and communities in some of the nation's largest cities. Hailed by *The Chicago Sun-Times* as "today's most eloquent spokesman for America's disenfranchised," he has devoted four decades of his life to issues of education and social justice in America.

Kozol's first book, *Death At an Early Age*, describes his first year as a teacher in 1964-65 in a poor, black section of Boston, when he was fired for reading a Langston Hughes poem to his fourth grade students. Published in 1967, this work earned him the 1968 National Book Award in Science, Philosophy and Religion and is now regarded as a classic by educators.

Kozol continued teaching and became an activist, tackling such issues as racism, illiteracy, homelessness and poverty.

In 1980, the Cleveland Public Library asked him to design a literacy plan for the nation's large cities. This plan became the model for a major effort sparked by the State Library of California. The book that followed, *Illiterate America*, was the center of a campaign to spur state, federal and private action on adult literacy.

Kozol's other books include *Rachel and Her Children: Homeless Families in America*, a narrative portrayal of the day-to-day life struggle of some of America's poorest people that came out of his experience at a New York homeless shelter; *Savage Inequalities: Children in America's Schools*, a New England Book Award-winner based on his visits to rich and poor schools in over 30 communities; the Anisfield Wolf Book Award-winning *Amazing Grace: The Lives of Children and the Conscience of a Nation*, which explores the lives of some black and Hispanic children in the South Bronx who, "although they live in one of the most violent, diseased communities in the developed world, retain a soaring spiritual transcendence"; *Ordinary Resurrections*, another work on South Bronx children that differs from *Amazing Grace* in that it shows life through the eyes of the children, "who are still unsoiled by the world and can view their place in it without cynicism or despair"; and *The Shame of a Nation*, in which he "takes a searing look at what he calls the 'cognitive decapitation' of black and Hispanic children in our nation's flagrantly unequal and rapidly resegregating public schools."

A *summa cum laude* graduate of Harvard and a Rhodes Scholar, Kozol lives in Massachusetts.

This lectureship is named in honor of Dr. Willene Paxton, a professional counselor and higher education administrator who has spent her life in service to others.

"It is fitting to partner with Dr. Paxton in this inaugural Lectureship on Civic Engagement," said Dr. Deborah K. Harley, assistant vice president for Community Engagement, Learning and Leadership in ETSU's Division of Student Affairs. "Our purpose is to motivate our students to become citizens of service and leadership. Dr. Paxton worked at ETSU to uphold these values, and is herself an admirable example of such a citizen."

Paxton came to ETSU in 1963 as dean of women after working as assistant dean of women for six years at the University of New



Jonathan Kozol



Dr. Willene Paxton

Mexico. Prior to that, she held positions at the State University of New York Teachers College in Fredonia, N.Y., and Texas Technological University. In 1978, she became director of the ETSU Counseling Center, which she led until her retirement in 1993. She remains involved with the university as a member of the ETSU Retirees Association.

Paxton has served in leadership roles on the local, regional and national levels in many professional education and counseling organizations, including the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International; Tennessee Association of Women Deans and Counselors; American Association of University Women; National Association of Women Deans, Administrators, and Counselors; Association of Counselor Educators and Supervisors; American Association of Higher Education; Southern Association of Counseling Center Personnel; Southern Association for Counselor Education and Supervision; and others.

She has been active as a member and leader in CONTACT Teleministries, Munsey Memorial United Methodist Church, and the Board of Directors and Policy Committee for the Asbury Retirement Centers in the Holston Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Paxton, who earned her doctorate in education at Indiana University and also holds degrees from Birmingham (Ala.) Southern College and Michigan State University, is listed in *Who's Who in America*, *Who's Who in the World*, *Who's Who of American Women*, *Who's Who in American Education*, *Two Thousand Women of Achievement*, *Dictionary of International Biography*, *The World's Who's Who of Women*, *International Who's Who in Community Service*, and more.

This lectureship in her honor is sponsored by ETSU's Office of Service-Learning in the Center for Community Engagement, Learning and Leadership (CELL) and the Office of Service Programs in the Student Organization Resource Center (SORC). Additional university sponsors include the Student Government Association B.U.C. Fund, the Claudius G. Clemmer College of Education, the departments of English and Sociology and Anthropology in the College of Arts and Sciences, the Division of Cross-Disciplinary Studies in the School of Continuing Studies, the America Reads Challenge, and Volunteer ETSU.

For more information, contact the CELL office at 439-5675 or [cellinfo@etsu.edu](mailto:cellinfo@etsu.edu) or SORC at 439-6633.

## U.S. Assistant Secretary of Commerce visits ETSU Innovation Lab

United States Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development Sandy K. Baruah visited the ETSU Innovation Laboratory on Friday, Feb. 2, to announce more than \$2 million in federal funding for two regional projects.

Surrounded by a roomful of higher education, government, business and economic development leaders, Baruah and 1st District Congressman David Davis awarded a \$1 million grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration, to Johnson City Power Board General Manager Homer G'Fellers for a new substation at the Washington County Industrial Park.

Baruah and Davis then presented Mountain City Mayor Harvey Burniston with a \$652,000 check from the EDA, as well as a \$500,000 check from the Appalachian Regional Commission. These



Holding the Johnson City Power Board's \$1 million check at the Innovation Lab are U.S. Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development Sandy K. Baruah, 1st District Congressman David Davis and First Tennessee Development District Executive Director Susan Reid. Also shown (L-R) are Robert White, JCPB; Washington County Commissioner Wendell Messimer; Mark Eades, JCPB; Jonesborough Mayor Tobie Bledsoe; JCPB General Manager Homer G'Fellers; state Sen. Rusty Crowe; Rodney Metcalf, JCPB; state Rep. Matthew Hill; Mountain City Mayor Harvey Burniston; Johnson City Mayor Steve Darden; and ETSU President Dr. Paul E. Stanton Jr.



U.S. Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development Sandy K. Baruah speaks as ETSU President Dr. Paul E. Stanton looks on.

funds will go toward filtration upgrades and local testing capabilities for the town's water treatment plant.

Baruah and other attendees toured the new wing of ETSU's Innovation Lab, located at 2109 W. Market St. The 10,000-square-foot addition, constructed, in part, through federal funding, houses wet labs, dry labs, offices and conference room space, allowing entrepreneurs an opportunity to launch fledgling businesses successfully. A grand opening with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and facility tours is scheduled Friday, Feb. 23, for the general public.

## HIV expert Dr. Renslow Sherer to deliver lecture Thursday

One of the world's leading HIV care physicians will visit ETSU to deliver a free public lecture sponsored by the Public Health Students Association.

Dr. Renslow Sherer is currently the director of HIV/AIDS/Sexually Transmitted Infections Programs for Project HOPE and has been a primary caregiver for persons living with HIV disease since 1982. His presentation, "An Overview of the Global AIDS Pandemic: Effective Interventions in China and Sub-Saharan Africa," will be delivered Thursday (Feb. 15) from noon-1 p.m. in the Carroll Reece Museum (Gallery B).

Sherer co-founded Chicago's first HIV/AIDS clinic and the AIDS Foundation of Chicago. He has been a member of the Health and Human Services' Guideline Panel on the Use of Antiretroviral Agents since its inception and has served as the principal investigator of the AIDS Education Training Center's National Resource Center, as well as chairman of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement Breakthrough Initiative on HIV/AIDS.

In 2003, Sherer joined Project HOPE, where he worked with Dr. Randy Wykoff, ETSU's dean of Public and Allied Health, on HIV/AIDS programs in 15 countries and tuberculosis programs in seven countries.

The International Association of Physicians in AIDS Care awarded honorary lifetime membership to 50 of its 12,800 members. Sherer is one of only 24 Americans to receive this recognition.

For more information, call 439-4332.

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## February is Financial Aid Awareness Month

February is Financial Aid Awareness Month at colleges and universities throughout the country, and ETSU faculty and staff are asked to encourage students planning to attend school during the 2007-2008 academic year to apply now for financial aid.

The process starts by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) using accurate 2006 income information. March 1 is the deadline in Tennessee for completing the FAFSA.

Students may learn more by calling the ETSU Financial Aid Office at 439-4300 or visiting [www.etsu.edu/finaid/](http://www.etsu.edu/finaid/).

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# TBR Chancellor's Award recognizes regional couple's generosity

Tennessee Board of Regents Chancellor Dr. Charles Manning bestowed the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Philanthropy on a special couple in the medical community for their selfless generosity as the ETSU Foundation and the university recognized top contributors during the Distinguished President's Trust dinner at MeadowView Conference Resort and Convention Center.

Manning presented the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Philanthropy to honor Johnson Citian Dr. May Louise Votaw and her late husband, Dr. Charles L. Votaw, who passed away on Jan. 5. The couple has been associated with the ETSU James H. Quillen College of Medicine since its earliest days.

The formal occasion offered an opportunity for Distinguished President's Trust members to learn more about the Votaws' decades of "tireless commitment, loyal service, and extraordinary philanthropy for medical students and others across the spectrum of the university."

Dr. Charles Votaw, the first associate dean for Clinical Affairs at ETSU's medical school, as well as a professor of Anatomy, moved to Johnson City from Michigan in 1978 prior to the arrival of the first class of medical students.

His professional endeavors at ETSU took many paths over the years, from teaching in various medical subjects, to the development of curriculum, to serving as interim chair for several departments until permanent chairs could be hired, to designing the "Pre-



**Dr. May Votaw and her husband, the late Dr. Charles Votaw.**



**Dr. May Votaw and former ETSU First Lady Martha Culp talk with Dr. Marc Aiken and Tim Jones, ETSU Foundation chairman (right).**

Medical Medical Program" in which ETSU undergraduates were admitted to medical school to integrate medical school courses with their undergraduate curricula. And, bolstering his belief that good physician-patient relationships directly affect the delivery of quality medical care, he added a requirement to the special pre-med program that students must major or minor in the humanities to instill the core value that "compassion is a heartfelt characteristic that each physician delivers" in the practice of medicine.

Dr. May Votaw had a father who was a missionary and a mother who was a physician, both posted to India. Her parents instilled in her a desire to serve the medical needs of the people by becoming a physician.

After she and her husband came from the University of Michigan to ETSU to join the medical school faculty, she also recognized the need for quality medical care for people in underserved areas in rural Appalachia.

The working mother of three children was a professor of Internal Medicine and served many years as chief of the Division of Hematology/Medical Oncology, as well as medical director of the Johnson City Medical Center's Hospice program from 1983-95. She also initiated the Office of Women in Medicine in the Quillen College.

Both May and Charles have provided steadfast support for numerous endeavors at ETSU, including establishing the Bertha B. Votaw Scholarship Endowment, named in honor of his late mother, for medical students needing financial assistance.

They desired to "perpetuate Bertha Votaw's legacy," with the endowed fund and wrote:

"She made it possible for us to attend medical school through her sacrifice. She worked at a foundry in World War II (like 'Rosie the Riveter') and continued to work after the war so that we could become physicians.

"She worked on the foundry floor, setting production schedules for the 'Perfect Circle Piston Rings.' ... We are thanking my mother and enabling her spirit of service and sacrifice to live forever through future physicians at the medical school. We remember well the early days of the College of Medicine, and the struggles we encountered. We need endowed scholarships to attract and help those students."

Over the years, the entire university has benefited greatly from the Votaws' strong support, including Friends of Music, Friends of Theatre, WETS-FM public radio, the Center for Appalachian Studies and Services, the Lee-Anne Brown and University Physicians Chair of Excellence, the Veterans Affairs Memorial Theatre Restoration, Women in Medicine, the College of Pharmacy and many others.

For this lifetime of giving in so many areas, the couple has been recognized in the ETSU Foundation's Gold Society level. In addition, the ETSU Alumni Association named them "Honorary Alumni" as a testament to the "gratitude, respect, appreciation and affection" of the entire university community.

Both the Chancellor's Award and the TBR Regents' Award recognize persons and organizations that have clearly demonstrated generosity of time and resources to TBR institutions, encouraged others, promoted higher education, and provided examples of ethical leadership, civic responsibility and integrity.

# Foundation honors top contributors in Distinguished President's Trust

Top donors from the private sector were honored by ETSU for generous contributions to the ETSU Foundation during the Distinguished President's Trust (DPT) dinner at MeadowView Conference Resort and Convention Center Friday, Feb. 9.

The Distinguished President's Trust consists of more than 920 contributors whose cumulative giving has surpassed the \$10,000 level to the ETSU Foundation. The DPT welcomed 49 new members at the dinner.

"I always enjoy and look forward each year to this occasion," ETSU President Dr. Paul E. Stanton Jr. told the gathering. "This evening allows the university to offer our thanks and gratitude to our leading supporters on behalf of our students, faculty and staff who reap the benefits from your generosity. The Distinguished President's Trust members enable ETSU to achieve even higher levels than we would be able to accomplish within the limits of state and federal dollars alone. They are the bedrock of our private support."

Many of the donors are permanently recognized on the President's Society Wall of Honor located on the main ETSU campus in Johnson City. The second floor of Burgin E. Dossett Hall features engraved portraits of President's Society members whose significant lifelong contributions to the ETSU Foundation exceed \$50,000. Stanton said this esteemed group and the DPT membership have cumulatively given more than \$156 million to the university, including planned gifts.

Noted Tim P. Jones, chairman of the board of the ETSU Foundation, "On behalf

of the members of the ETSU Foundation, it is truly an honor to recognize these donors on the Foundation's Wall of Honor for the President's Societies. These individuals, businesses and other organizations have generously invested in the people and programs of the university. They know the quality educational experience that ETSU provides in so many academic areas, and the many other cultural and economic benefits ETSU gives to our region and its people.

"These honorees are important to enable ETSU to be the best regional university in the nation. I am grateful to these and all donors, and encourage others to join the ETSU Foundation President's Society Wall of Honor in the days and years ahead to build together an even better university."

The **Platinum Society** honors donors whose cumulative contributions total \$1 million to \$5 million. The new Platinum II member, up from Platinum I, is Wayne G. Basler, Kingsport. New Platinum I members are C.M. "Bill" Gatton, Bristol, and Drs. Jack and Diane Nelson, Johnson City.

With cumulative contributions of \$500,000 to \$1 million, the new **Gold Society** member is General Shale Brick, Johnson City.

New **Silver Society** members, with cumulative contributions of \$100,000 to \$500,000, are Patricia M. Brown, Clyce Distributing Co. Inc., Health Alliance PHO Inc., Henry and Flora Joy, the Estate of Walter Carson Marshall, C.E. Parker and Family in memory of Dorothy K. Parker, and Dr. Michael and Judith Woodruff, Johnson City; Rab and Nita Summers and

Dr. Guy and Debra Wilson, Jonesborough; Newt and Carmen Raff, Piney Flats; Atmos Energy Corp., Dallas; Dr. Ronald E. and Edith J. Carrier, Harrisonburg, Va., and the Virginia Association of Surveyors Inc., Richmond, Va.

The **Bronze Society** recognizes donors with cumulative contributions of \$50,000 to \$100,000. New members are the Earl B. Bolling Scholarship Trust and Steve E. Grindstaff, Elizabethton; Citi Cards, Gray; Dr. and Mrs. Larry G. Graham, Dr. Robert D. Patton, Robert and Carol Plummer, and Ben and Helen Siler, Johnson City; Food City/K-VA-T Food Stores, Abingdon, Va.; the Appalachian Regional Commission, Washington, D.C.; and Margaret Estelle Vorous, Inwood, W.Va.

"This year's honorees for the ETSU Foundation Wall of Honor continue the outstanding legacy of leadership that provides the 'margin of excellence' for private support," said Dr. Richard A. Manahan, vice president for University Advancement and president of the ETSU Foundation. "Their continued support assures a promising future for quality education at ETSU. And, as the ultimate beneficiaries of this generosity, the university's students, faculty and staff are always grateful for this stellar record of giving.

"With \$17.8 million in current and planned gifts this past fiscal year, together with past years of generous support from ETSU's alumni and friends, these achievements will make the future even brighter for ETSU and for those we serve in our region and beyond."

## ETSU Distinguished President's Trust welcomes new members

Forty-nine new members of ETSU's Distinguished President's Trust were welcomed by ETSU President Dr. Paul E. Stanton Jr. during a formal dinner held at MeadowView Conference Resort and Convention Center Friday, Feb. 9.

Distinguished President's Trust (DPT) members consistently rank among the most loyal supporters of the university through the ETSU Foundation. The DPT point of entry for individuals, organizations and businesses is cumulative giving in excess of \$10,000, usually the result of annual giving or combinations of significant major or planned gifts.

Stanton noted that this special group of more than 920 contributors is the "backbone" of the university's scholarship and educational efforts.

The newest members include: Dr. Raymond and Margaret Feierabend, Bristol; the John and Julia Seward Family, Elizabethton; Dr. Randy and Janine Wykoff, Gray; Cindy and Charles Fisher and Dr. Timothy and Tisha Harrison, Greeneville; Jane and Will Gaby, Harriman; Dr. Phil and Heather Bagnell, Dr. and Mrs. Charles E. Barnes, Dr. Louis A. and Judy Cancellaro, Dr. Robert and Norma Clark, Dr. and Mrs. Richard Feit, Stephen and Stacie Fox, Gastrointes-

tinal Associates of Northeast Tennessee, Health Alliance PHO Inc., Martha Honaker in memory of Dr. L. Scott Honaker (dean emeritus of ETSU's Claudius G. Clemmer College of Education), Jim and Jane Myron (Jane's Lunch Box), Dr. T.T. Knight Jr., Dr. Richard and Vicki McGowan, Dr. Ralph Lee Mills, Suzan Mitchell in memory of Thomas E. and Thelma Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Mark D. Musick, the C.E. Parker Family in memory of Dorothy K. Parker, Ben and Helen Siler, Karen LeBlanc Sullivan, Dr. and Mrs. Clayton J. Vandiver, Dr. Jim and Marge Wilson, and Dr. and Mrs. Charles P.

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## Governor announces \$1.44 million grant for smoking intervention project

Quitting smoking is no easy task, even for women who are pregnant. And despite the many health warnings and potential harm smoking poses to their unborn children, many expectant mothers are unable to kick the habit.



Bailey

for Pregnancy Smoking (TIPS) project.

According to program director Dr. Beth Nordstrom Bailey, assistant professor of Family Medicine, rates of pregnancy smoking in

Tennessee Gov. Phil Bredesen wants to change that. Bredesen has announced a \$1.44 million grant being awarded to ETSU's James H. Quillen College of Medicine to launch the Tennessee Intervention

the Northeast Tennessee region are two to five times higher than the national average.

"Many of these women know they should quit, but the addiction is so strong they can't, or they lack the resources to help them stop," Bailey said. "There are even some women who are not aware of the dangers."

Those dangers include an increased risk for premature birth and low birth weight, which comes with a higher risk of various health problems, reduced growth, and learning disabilities. Pregnancy smoking is also linked to infant mortality.

The TIPS project will implement and evaluate a pregnancy smoking cessation program across six Northeast Tennessee counties. Bailey will train women's health care providers on an intervention program for pregnant women who smoke.

"The intervention is based on the five A's

— ask, advise, assess, assist, and arrange," she said. "Previous studies have proven this approach to be very effective, and it takes less than five minutes to do. It is easily incorporated into a clinical health care visit.

"Our goal is to provide support and referral assistance and help them overcome the challenges that interfere with quitting smoking."

Bailey will begin the four-year project by conducting intervention training with physicians and nurse practitioners in the region who provide prenatal care for TennCare patients. The grant will also support the hiring of case managers who will assist patients in dealing with the emotional and psychological stressors that influence smoking. Data will be collected in order to evaluate the effectiveness of the program. Information collected will also be used to modify the program for future use statewide.

## ETSU business students outperform Standard & Poor's 500 Index

Students in the College of Business and Technology, under the guidance of Dr. Joe Mason, associate professor of Finance, have accepted the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) Investment Challenge with enthusiasm for eight years.

The ETSU students had exceptional results in 2006, outperforming the Standard

& Poor's 500 Index with a showing of 17.96 percent compared to 15.79 percent for the index. The ETSU student-managed portfolio placed second among the 25 participating universities and was one of only four portfolios beating the S&P Index. In terms of monetary increase, the ETSU portfolio saw a market value increase of over \$108,000

for the calendar year.

In 1998, each of the original 19 participating universities commenced overseeing a \$100,000 portfolio, devising long-term strategies, managing funds and submitting performance reports to TVA. Due to the success of the program, TVA added six more participating universities in 2003 and provided an additional \$300,000 of funding to each school.

TVA is responsible for the national Nuclear Decommissioning Trust Fund designed to finance the decommissioning of nuclear units. The TVA Investment Challenge Program was established with \$1.9 million of the fund. The program allows diversification of the fund and offers unique training opportunities for future business leaders.

"This student-managed portfolio provides our finance students with a valuable real world application of the analyzing, managing and trading strategies needed for a successful journey into the financial world," says Mason. "TVA's involvement in this project shows their commitment to ETSU and our AACSB-accredited programs."

## Distinguished President's Trust new members

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Wofford, Johnson City; Robert and Vicky Van de Vuurst, Jonesborough; Robert and Nancy Hart, Limestone Masonry, Massey Electric, Joni Miller, and Dr. Barry Walton, Kingsport; Eleanor E. Yoakum, Knoxville; TAPS Ladies Auxiliary, Madison; Louise H. Nelson, Morristown; Clay Petrey, Nashville; First Community Bank and former First District Congressman William L. and Kathryn M. Jenkins, Rogersville; Pat and Rebecca Wolfe, Telford; Mr. and Mrs. Paul H. Mylander, Lewes, Del.; William P. Frank, Amelia Island, Fla.; Abbott Laboratories, Abbott Park, Ill.; EMPI Inc., Shoreview, Minn.; R. Wiley Bourne Jr., Spartanburg, S.C.; Food

City/K-VA-T Food Stores, Abingdon, Va.; Dr. Susan L. McLeod, Charlottesville, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Perkins III, Coveseville, Va.; James B. Richardson Jr., Harrisonburg, Va.; and Margaret E. Vorous, Inwood, W.Va.

"We are always very pleased and privileged to add these individuals and businesses to our Distinguished President's Trust membership," said Dr. Richard A. Manahan, vice president for University Advancement and president of the ETSU Foundation. "They will serve as strong examples for future donors to follow in annual giving and significant gift planning."

## Cherokee baskets featured in Reece Museum exhibit

Beauty melds with function and history in the exhibit of Cherokee basketry on display through March 29 in ETSU's Carroll Reece Museum.

Entitled "Transformations: Cherokee Baskets in the Twentieth Century," the exhibition of over 30 unique baskets was organized by the Asheville (N.C.) Art Museum with guest curator Sarah H. Hill, author of *Weaving New Worlds: Southeastern Cherokee Women and their Basketry*.



This maple planter (above) by Dinah George and the oak burden basket (above right) by Maidena Wildcatt are colored with walnut and bloodroot dyes and come from the collection of Joan and John Myers.

The exhibit features works by internationally recognized master artists such as Rowena Bradley, Lucille Lossiah, Eva Wolfe and many more. The show also provides information on early tourism from 1890-1940, the "early Qualla Cooperative" period from 1940 to the '60s, and expanding markets from that timeframe on, with changes in material, function, size, price, dyes, weavers and other variables.

Hill writes: "For centuries, women have walked the mountains, pulled vines, dug roots, collected hulls, barked trees, hewed wood, busted sticks, scraped splits, banked fires, stirred pots and sat for hours deep into the night to weave containers in order to provide for their families. . . . The amount of history, labor, time, and skill invested in one basket is incomprehensible to many people who visit the Cherokee reservation."

Although basket making is partially based on necessity – developing a reliable source of income – "Transformations" also examines the skill and creativity of Cherokee basket makers.

A reception will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday (Feb. 15), and will feature a basket weaving demonstration by Katrina Maney, who creates white oak baskets dyed with bloodroot and walnut. Her baskets take many forms, ranging from plant holders, fishing creels, purses and wall baskets to fruit baskets and even wastebaskets.

Maney was raised in the Birdtown community on the Qualla Boundary and



learned to weave baskets from her mother, the well-known Emma Taylor, at age 14. She graduated from Cherokee High School there and then demonstrated her art at Oconoluftee Indian Village for the next seven years. Following marriage and the birth of three children, Maney once again began creating baskets. And, although she makes a variety of basket forms, she continues to use her mother's patterns.

Regular museum hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m. every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, and 9 a.m.-7 p.m. on Thursdays. For more information, call 439-4392 or visit [www.etsu.edu/reece/](http://www.etsu.edu/reece/).

## Notable Women fifth anniversary honored Women in Medicine

The ETSU Women's Studies Program showcased excellence among women in medicine during the recent fifth anniversary ceremony. The honorees were Dr. Theresa Lura, assistant dean of Women in Medicine and clinical assistant professor of Pathology, and Dr. Mary Hooks, associate professor of Surgery.

"These are women who made their own paths when the ones they were asked to walk weren't going to take them where they knew they, and we, needed to go," said Dr. Amber Kinser, director of Women's Studies.

During the awards ceremony, each honoree reflected on the achievements that led her to being named a Notable Woman of ETSU.

"Instant Pattern Recognition: How an Art Major Became a Pathologist" traced Lura's

transformation from a student of the arts to an accomplished doctor of medicine.

"A direct relationship between art and medicine might not be obvious, but much of medicine is visual," Lura said. "Throughout anatomy, if I could draw what we were studying, I 'knew' it."

As an East Tennessean working in the Yale community, Lura learned how quickly patients could get an appointment with a medical specialist when one was needed. She then made it her goal to do whatever she could to provide the same quality and availability of health care for the people of this region.

After completing her medical studies in Pennsylvania, Hooks made her way to East Tennessee.

"ETSU offered a unique opportunity to



Hooks



Lura

care for a wide variety of oncology patients," she said. "I was also drawn to ETSU by the gracious nature of the people I met when I came here to interview."

In her presentation, "My Journey to East Tennessee and How I Became a Notable

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## Quillen professor co-edits new book on brain research

An overview of major research advances from the past decade involving the brain transmitter norepinephrine is the subject of a new book co-edited by a faculty member at ETSU's James H. Quillen College of Medicine.

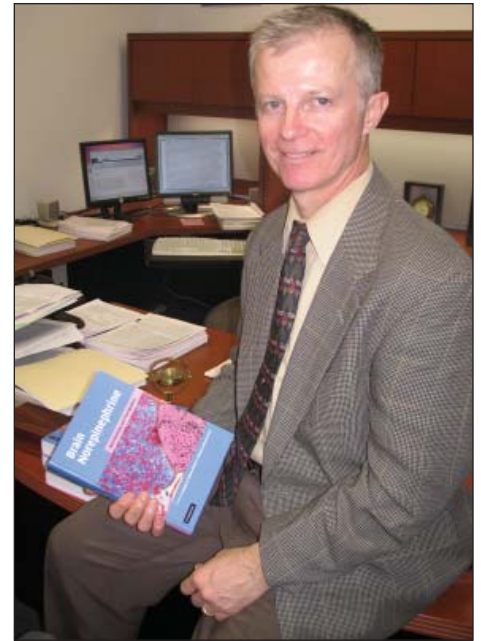
"Norepinephrine is a hugely important transmitter that is involved in controlling many brain and cardiovascular functions, and we have gained significant new knowledge over the past 10 years," said Dr. Greg Ordway, professor and chair of the Department of Pharmacology and co-editor of *Brain Norepinephrine*. "Many drugs prescribed for depression, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), anxiety and pain manipulate norepinephrine as a means of treatment. Additionally, pathologies of brain norepinephrine have been demonstrated in a number of illnesses, including depression, Parkinson's disease

and Alzheimer's disease.

"Even though it (norepinephrine) was discovered back in the 1940s, new information has continued to come forth."

Ordway, who has done extensive research on norepinephrine, says half of the book addresses the latest advances at the basic science level, while the remainder of the text deals with new clinical applications. Among those findings is a chapter that reviews major studies of atomoxetine, which is a selective norepinephrine transporter blocker, and its success in treating ADHD. These studies identified a direct role of norepinephrine in the pathophysiology of ADHD.

*Brain Norepinephrine* is published by Cambridge University Press with Dr. Michael Schwartz at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and Dr. Alan Frazer from The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio as co-editors.



Dr. Greg Ordway

## Breast cancer concerns still an issue for women despite genetic test findings

Women who have a family history of breast and ovarian cancer, but do not present with mutations of the *BRCA1* or *BRCA2* genes, are still choosing to enroll in aggressive breast cancer screening programs that

may require them to travel a significant distance and also undergo procedures that, at times, can be very uncomfortable.

Those are some of the findings from a study presented this month by Dr. Sadie Hutson, assistant professor of Family and Community Nursing in the ETSU College of Nursing, during the Oncology Nursing Society's Ninth National Conference on Cancer Nursing Research in Hollywood, Calif.

"Though the women we interviewed had a family history of breast or ovarian cancer, they had undergone genetic testing which revealed they did not inherit the *BRCA1* or *BRCA2* gene present in their family. A change, or mutation, indicates that the patient has a higher risk of developing cancer," Hutson said. "So, for the most part, women with a negative or normal test have a 'population risk' of cancer, which is expected among the majority of women."

The participants in Hutson's project were identified through a larger study being conducted at the National Cancer Institute's Clinical Genetics Branch. All had a negative test for the *BRCA* mutation, yet

they had elected to enroll in a new breast cancer surveillance protocol that involved several diagnostic procedures. In order to participate, the women traveled to the NCI headquarters in Bethesda, Md.

"From this, we realized that women who tested negative for the *BRCA* mutation still had concerns about breast cancer," Hutson said. "They were willing to travel to receive state-of-the-art care and undergo procedures that many find uncomfortable."

"What was especially troubling was that most women still expected to die of cancer. These women never considered the possibility that they would test negative for the *BRCA1/2* mutation."

Other co-authors of the poster are Dr. Alexis B. Bakos, Dr. Mark H. Greene, June Peters and Jennifer T. Loud (principal investigator) from the National Institutes of Health.

"Our initial findings indicate that mutation-negative women from hereditary breast/ovarian cancer families still have unmet psychosocial or clinical needs," Hutson said. "Hearing what would be considered reassuring news may not be enough."

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Woman," Hooks credited many of her successes to her upbringing. "Being born into a great, nurturing family set a standard of consistent hard work and going above and beyond expectations," she said.

What started as a simple presentation ceremony within the Women's Studies Program has developed into a recognized occasion for distinguished women of the ETSU community.

"This event has grown immensely over the past five years and has honored only a handful of the remarkable and accomplished women at ETSU," Kinser said.

In addition to honoring Lura and Hooks, Women's Studies recognized previous Notable Women of ETSU and presented them with plaques, and the first Barbara Murphy Brooks Women's Studies Scholarship recipients were introduced during the fifth anniversary celebration. A reception preceding the event featured visual tributes to the foremothers of the Women's Studies Program and to women "firsts" at ETSU.

**"One kind word can warm three winter months."**

— Japanese proverb



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**Dr. John H. Kalbfleisch**, Medical Education; **Dr. Kenneth E. Ferslew**, Pharmacology; **Dr. Peter C. Panus**, Physical Therapy; and **Dr. Thomas E. Yarrobino**, physical therapist, Smithtown, N.Y., had an article, "Lidocaine Iontophoresis Mediates Analgesia in Lateral Epicondylalgia Treatment," published in *Physiotherapy Research International*.

**Panus** presented a 15-hour course, "Pharmacology for Physical Therapists," as part of the American Physical Therapy Association's Advanced Clinical Practice Series for 2006 at the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, Hanover, N.H.

**Dr. Steve Cockerham**, Human Development and Learning, presented a workshop, "Stories and Metaphors: How to be Hypnotized in the Woods," at the annual conference of the National Association of Therapeutic Wilderness Camping held at Jekyll Island, Ga.

**Dr. Leslie A. MacAvoy**, Philosophy and Humanities, presented a paper, "On Sense and Sensibility," at the eighth annual meeting of the International Society for Phenomenological Studies in Pacific Grove, Calif.

**Dr. Leslie Anne Perry**, Curriculum and Instruction, and **Dr. Betty Long**, Mathematical Sciences, Appalachian State University, Boone, N.C., presented a program, "Umm ... Good! Teaching Math with Children's Literature About Breads and Spreads," at the North Carolina Council of Teachers of Mathematics Conference in Greensboro.

### Department of Kinesiology, Leisure and Sport Sciences News

**Dr. Linda Keeler** gave a presentation, "The validation of a brief assessment of recovery and stress (BARS)," at the American Psychological Association Conference in New Orleans with **Dr. Ed Etzel** and **Dotti Schmidt**, West Virginia University (WVU), and **Dr. Lindsey Blom**, Southern Mississippi University.

**Keeler** also gave the following presentations at the annual conference for the

Association for the Advancement of Applied Sport Psychology in Miami: "Stage of Change, decisional balance, and self-efficacy for psychological skills training: Differences among elite female athletes" with **Dr. Jack C. Watson II**, WVU; "Online marketing: How AAASP certified consultants are presenting their credentials" with **Etzel** and **Christiaan Abildso** and **Damien Clement**, WVU; and "College students' perceptions of high school athletic hazing, hazing policies and hazing consequences: Implications for sport psychology consultants" with **Clement**.

**Dr. Kevin L. Burke**, chair, co-authored an article, "Relaxation and guided imagery in the sport rehabilitation context: A qualitative and quantitative design," which was published in the *Journal of Excellence*. He was also an invited lecturer at the 2006 Gaston County Teaching and Learning Conference in Gastonia, N.C., where he presented "Sport Psychology: Fun-to-Mentals of Sports Performance."

**Dr. Forrest Lang**, Family Medicine, received the prestigious Gabriel Smilkstein Award in Chicago during the 27th Forum for Behavioral Science in Family Medicine, co-sponsored by the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine and the Medical College of Wisconsin. He was recognized for "having consistently and effectively promoted the ideals of humanistic medicine through example, clinical and scholarly achievement, and international leadership."

**Lang** is an internationally renowned expert in the study of doctor-patient communications. Other professional interests include medical education curricula, faculty development and rural programs, and he is active in state and national programs addressing these areas.

### Department of Foreign Languages News

**Dr. Kenneth Hall**, chair, had two articles published: "Blind Swordsman: Zatoichi by Kitano Takeshi: Not a Mere 'Entertainment'" in *Asian Cinema* and "Newspapermen in the Western" in *Studies in the Western*.

**Jerome Mwinyelle**, **Dr. Karen Harrington** and **Christa Hungate**, along with former Foreign Languages faculty member **Dr. Haakayoo Zoggyie**, attended the 2006 Language and Culture for International Business Workshop in Memphis to learn more about incorporating business courses into the curriculum.

**Mwinyelle** presented a paper, "The acquisition of pragmatic competence in a second language classroom: The case of advice in Spanish," at the 12th International Conference on Learning at the University of Granada, Spain, and another, "The discourse of advice giving in Spanish" at the 88th annual conference of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese at the University of Salamanca, Spain.

**Mwinyelle** attended the 29th annual meeting and exposition of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages in Baltimore, where he participated in the Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) Familiarization Workshop. He also attended the CIBER (Center for International Business Education and Research) Business Language Conference in Atlanta to explore culture, communication and commerce as they relate to teaching business courses in foreign languages.

**Dr. Ardis Nelson**, along with graduate students **Maria Pestalardo** and **Cassandra Neace**, gave an invited presentation on "ETSU's Language and Culture Resource Center: Reaching Out to the Latino Community in the Tri-Cities Area" at a conference, "The New Latino Immigration in Tennessee: Opportunities and Challenges," at the University of Tennessee.

**Nelson** co-edited a book, *Juan Felipe Toruño en dos mundos: Análisis crítico de sus obras*, with **Rhina Toruño-Haensly**, the Kathlyn Cospes Dunagan Professor in Humanities at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin, Odessa; it was published by Cambridge BrickHouse. **Nelson** also published "Lo histórico en *La mariposa negra*: Influencia del modernismo" in "Dossier: Juan Felipe Toruño, poeta, novelista nicaragüense," *Revista Iberoamericana*.

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**Nelson** became a certified Spanish Court Interpreter through the Tennessee Supreme Court Interpreter Credentialing Program and received the Certificate of Competency as a Medical Interpreter at the National Center for Interpretation: Testing, Research and Policy at the University of Arizona at Tucson.

**Dr. Sandra M. Palmer-Lopez**, who directed the department's Spanish Study Abroad Program in Madrid, was invited to participate at the international conference on "Women's Leadership" at The Oxford Round Table, St. Anthony's College in the University of Oxford, England, where she discussed "Predicting and Maximizing Leadership: The Salience of Gendered Perceptions and Communication." She also received the OASIS (Once Again Students in School) Above and Beyond Award at ETSU's The Summit awards ceremony and has been nominated twice by honors students for *Who's Who in Teaching*.

### Sponsored Programs Report

The following proposals and contracts by ETSU personnel have been selected for funding:

- ♦ "Bird Identification Workshops" by **Dr. Fred Alsop**, Biological Sciences, for \$3,466 from the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency.
- ♦ "Community Development Block Grant 2006-2007" by **Dr. Nancy Alley**, Practice and Research, College of Nursing, for \$19,500 from the Johnson City Community Development Department.
- ♦ "School Health Programs" by **Chris Ayres**, Kinesiology, Leisure and Sport Sciences, for \$6,500 from the Tennessee Department of Education (TDOE).
- ♦ "Amphetamine Sensitization in a Model of Schizophrenia" by **Dr. Russell Brown**, Psychology, for \$215,757 from the National Institutes of Health (NIH).
- ♦ "Blue Plum Animation Festival" by **Dr. Andrew Clark**, Technology and Geomatics, for \$23,500 from the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC).
- ♦ "Basic Dutch Oven Cooking" by **Dr. Tom Coates**, Kinesiology, Leisure and Sport Sci-

ences, for \$3,588 from the U.S. Department of Defense.

- ♦ "PASTA (Providing Area Schools with Technical Assistance) to Go" by **Dr. Terry Countermine**, chair, Computer and Information Sciences, for \$25,000 from the ARC.
- ♦ "Study of Health Effects and Associated Population Trends and Outcomes Impacted by Climate Change in Tennessee" by **Dr. Anthony DeLucia**, Surgery, for \$56,888 from the Bipartisan Policy Center.
- ♦ "Fit Kids-Carter/Unicoi County" by **Dusty Duncan**, Kinesiology, Leisure and Sport Sciences, for \$7,000 from Mountain States Health Alliance (MSHA).
- ♦ "Fit Kids-Washington County" by **Duncan** for \$2,500 from MSHA.
- ♦ "Fit Kids-Unicoi County" by **Duncan** for \$6,500 from MSHA.
- ♦ "Fit Kids-Carter County" by **Duncan** for \$7,000 from MSHA.
- ♦ "Trend Analysis of the Tennessee Youth Risk Behavior Survey" by **Dr. Michael Dunn**, Public Health, for \$24,998 from TDOE.
- ♦ "Safety Net Service Endowment Grant" by **Debra Gott**, Practice and Research, College of Nursing, for \$167,800 from the Tennessee Department of Health.
- ♦ "Fit Kids-Washington County Department of Education (WCDE)" by **Amy Greene**, Kinesiology, Leisure and Sport Sciences, for \$4,000 from the WCDE.
- ♦ "Educational Talent Search" by **Dr. Ronnie Gross**, director, TRIO Programs, for \$250,261 from the U.S. Department of Education.
- ♦ "An X-Ray Study of Hot Plasma in the Interacting Binary Beta Lyrae" by **Dr. Richard Ignace**, Physics, Astronomy, and Geology, for \$8,392 from NASA.
- ♦ "Holston Business Group (HBG) Incubator" by **Robert Justice**, Tennessee Small Business Development Center, for \$184,795 from the HBG.
- ♦ "SYMBIOSIS: An Introductory Integrated Mathematics and Biology Curriculum for the 21st Century" by **Dr. Istvan Karsai**, Biological Sciences, for \$1,700,000 from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute.

- ♦ "Vocational Education Basic Grant" by **Dr. Angela Lewis**, chair, Family and Consumer Sciences, for \$5,962 from TDOE.

- ♦ "Courage to Teach Program at David Crockett High School" by **Dr. Mary Ann Littleton**, Public Health, for \$88,922 from the John E. Fetzer Institute.

- ♦ "Physical Assessment Training" by **Dr. Joann Marrs**, Professional Roles/Mental Health Nursing, for \$47,500 from TDOH.

- ♦ "RUI (Research at Undergraduate Institutions): Flavonoid Glucosyltransferase Clones from Citrus Paradisi: Function, Metabolic Impact and Structural Characterization" by **Dr. Cecilia McIntosh**, dean, Graduate Studies/Biological Sciences, for \$119,995 from the National Science Foundation.

- ♦ "Time-Memory Control of Honey Bee Foraging Behavior" by **Dr. Darrell Moore**, Biological Sciences, for \$183,000 from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

- ♦ "TennCare Center of Excellence for Children in State Custody" by **Dr. Michele Moser**, Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, for \$1,256,700 from the Bureau of TennCare.

- ♦ "Vocational Education Basic Grant" by **Dr. Elizabeth Ralston**, Curriculum and Instruction, for \$8,668 from TDOE.

- ♦ "Genetic Screening, Testing, Counseling Education and Follow-Up" by **Dr. Jack Rary**, Pediatrics, for \$138,400 from TDOH.

- ♦ "PATH (Projects for Assistance with Transition from Homelessness) Grant 2006-2007" by **Dr. Judy Rice**, Family/Community Nursing, for \$133,975 from the Tennessee Department of Mental Health.

- ♦ "Late Pleistocene Vertebrates and Associates Climates of the Southern Appalachians" by **Dr. Blaine Schubert**, Physics, Astronomy, and Geology, for \$500 from the National Speleological Society.

- ♦ "Effect of FTIs (farnesyltransferase inhibitors) on the Structure and Activity of Progerin" by **Dr. Michael Sinensky**, chair, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, for \$30,000 from the Progeria Research Foundation.

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- ◆ “Evolution of Placental Calcium Transport in Reptiles” by **Dr. James Stewart**, Biological Sciences, and **Dr. Tom Ecay**, Physiology, for \$389,881 from NSF.
- ◆ “Extending a Consumer-Friendly Consults Network” by **Dr. John Stone**, Human Development and Learning, for \$78,335 from The Foundation Endowment.
- ◆ “The Role of CB2 Receptors in oxLDL-Induced Apoptosis and Atherogenesis” by **Dr. Douglas Thewke**, Biochemistry, for \$219,000 from NIH.
- ◆ “M.P.A. (Master of Public Administration) Program Internship” by **Dr. Paul Trogen**, Economics, Finance and Urban Studies, for \$1,500 from the City of Johnson City.
- ◆ “2006 Rural Health Association of Tennessee Meeting” by **Richard Wallace**, Learning Resources, for \$1,795 from the National Network of Libraries of Medicine.
- ◆ “Amelioration of Sepsis by Macrophage Activation” by **Dr. David Williams**, Surgery, for \$295,650 from NIH. (For more on his research, see article on page 11 of Jan. 29 issue of *ETSU Accent*.)
- ◆ “Tennessee Early Intervention System: Technical Assistance” by **Dr. Clarissa Willis**, Center for Early Childhood Learning and Development, for \$256,611 from TDOE.
- ◆ “Tennessee Early Intervention System: 1st District” by **Willis** for \$990,500 from TDOE.
- ◆ “Community Service Grant 2006-2008” by **Wayne Winkler**, station manager, WETS-FM, for \$123,815 from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

Items for “Faculty/Staff Professional Activities” are run in the order received and are currently backlogged. Please send items to Jennifer Hill, hill@etsu.edu.

**Happy Valentine’s Day!**

## Plotkin edits book on ridley sea turtles

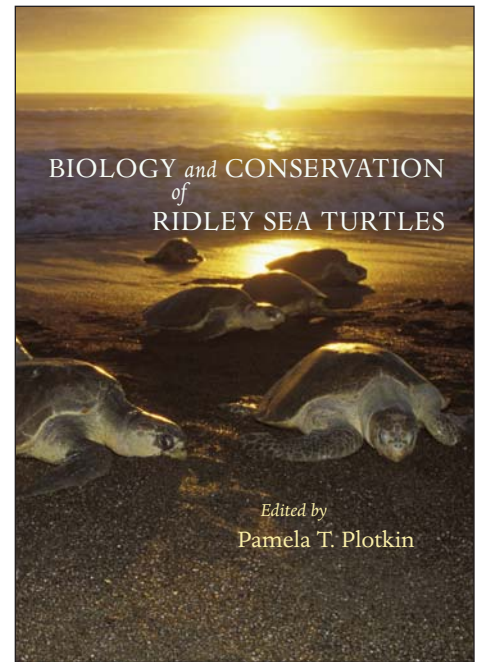
Dr. Pamela Plotkin, ETSU assistant vice president for Research, has released a new book, *Biology and Conservation of Ridley Sea Turtles*, published by Johns Hopkins University Press.

Ridley sea turtles have won the hearts and imaginations of countless fans around the world. The smallest sea turtles, olive and Kemp’s ridleys, are the only ocean-dwelling turtles to reproduce by synchronized mass nesting. This remarkable behavior, which occurs at only a few select beaches around the world, has been filmed in many natural history documentaries and is well known among non-scientists, yet is poorly understood.

Plotkin has compiled the first comprehensive, book-length examination of these creatures, editing a volume which brings together the world’s experts in the field — among them Peter C.H. Pritchard, Jack Frazier, Rene Marquez and Donna Shaver — with chapters focused on evolution, genetics, physiology, reproduction, migration, human use and conservation..

The book outlines the steps needed to ensure the survival of the turtles as they face an uncertain future. The olive ridley is the most abundant sea turtle in the world, with its eggs harvested for human use in some places. The Kemp’s ridley, critically endangered and once on the brink of extinction, was part of a very high-profile experimental program developed by the United States and Mexican governments to save it from extinction. Both olive ridleys and Kemp’s ridleys are threatened by accidental capture by commercial fisheries.

Plotkin is a leading researcher on olive



ridley turtles in the Pacific and serves on the sea turtle survival commission for the International Union for the Conservation of Nature.

Gaining a \$15,000 grant from The Leatherback Trust, Plotkin began a project to educate local people along the Pacific coast of Costa Rica about the rare creatures on their shores and to convince them to take specific steps to keep the beaches darker and safer for the turtles.

The project, entitled “Amigos de Las Baulas” (Spanish for “Friends of the Leatherback Turtles”), targets businesses, community members and tourists who live near and visit Las Baulas National Park, which contains turtle nesting areas.

Mark your calendars now for the

## 2007 Tri-Cities Jazz Fest

April 13-14, 7:30 p.m.

D.P. Culp Center, Martha Street Culp Auditorium

Featured Artists:

**Ed Shaughnessy and The Tonight Show All-Stars, Lenore Raphael, Al Hood, Jon Schwabe, Mark Maegdlin, Marvin Sparks, Dr. David Champouillon and Dr. Rande Sanderbeck**

Tickets go on sale March 1 in the Department of Music Office, 439-4270, and are \$10 for Friday night, \$25 for Saturday night, and \$50 for VIP tickets (includes priority seating for Saturday’s concert and reception with the guest artists).



# Campus News Briefs

## Wind Ensemble to perform Winter Concert Thursday

The ETSU Wind Ensemble will present its Winter Concert Thursday (Feb. 15) at 7:30 p.m. in the D.P. Culp Center's Martha Street Culp Auditorium.

The Wind Ensemble, the top concert band in the Department of Music, will perform "Esprit de Corps" by Robert Jager, who is now retired from Tennessee Tech after serving as a professor of Theory and Composition there for most of his career; the song is based on the "Marines' Hymn" and was written for the U.S. Marine Corps Band.

The "American Hymnsong Suite" is a collection of four hymns written for band, and the Wind Ensemble will play the first three: "Wondrous Love," "Balm in Gilead" and "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing." "Children's March ('Over the Hills and Far Away')," a classic piece for band written in 1919 by Australian composer Percy Grainger, will be followed by "Conversations with the Night," a ballad written by Andrew Boysen Jr. for a former high school band student from Texas "who was tragically lost before the prime of his life even began."

The Wind Ensemble's program will conclude with "Kirkpatrick Fanfare," another composition by Boysen, which is a rousing, three-minute piece with an Irish flavor based on "Danny Boy."

The concert is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Dr. Christian Zembower, ETSU director of bands, at 439-4296 or [zembower@etsu.edu](mailto:zembower@etsu.edu).

## Chamber Winds, Concert Band to perform Tuesday

The ETSU Chamber Winds and Concert Band will present a Winter Concert Tuesday, Feb. 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the D.P. Culp Center's Martha Street Culp Auditorium.

The Chamber Winds will open the concert with the first three movements of "The Good Soldier Schweik," a six-movement suite by Robert Kurka based on a true literary satire about a soldier who was drafted for World War I and his opposition to the war.

The Concert Band will open the second half of the program with a rousing, two-minute fanfare, "Cenotaph," by Jack Stamp. A "cenotaph" is a standing memorial to someone who is not buried at that location, such as the Lincoln Memorial or the Washington Monument in Washington, D.C.

"A Festival Prelude," Alfred Reed's classic work for band, written in 1957 for a music festival in Oklahoma, will be followed by "Elegy for a Young American," which was written by Ronald LoPresti in 1964 in memory of President John F. Kennedy, who had recently been assassinated.

The concert will conclude with "Niles-dance," a "rhythmic tour de force" composed in the 1980s by David Holsinger, director of bands at Lee University, Cleveland. One of three works written in honor of his children, this piece is a reflection of his son, Niles, who is "driving, playful and full of energy."

The concert is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Dr. Christian Zembower, ETSU director of bands, at 439-4296 or [zembower@etsu.edu](mailto:zembower@etsu.edu).

## Blood Drive

An American Red Cross Blood drive will be held Tuesday, Feb. 20, from noon-5 p.m. in the D.P. Culp Center ballroom. For more information, contact Volunteer ETSU at 439-8328 or [serve@etsu.edu](mailto:serve@etsu.edu).

## Day Without Dieting

Every bookstore has volumes available on the latest diets. Commercial weight loss centers may be found in nearly every "strip mall." Each month, at least one women's magazine lures shoppers stuck in long grocery store checkout lines with a huge headline reading, "Walk Off Pounds!"

Hard to imagine life without dieting, isn't it?

The ETSU Counseling Center offers a way for the campus community to do just that in a "Day Without Dieting."

This free public educational event, which will be held Tuesday, Feb. 21, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the D.P. Culp Center atrium, will provide eating disorder screenings and

information on healthy eating and appreciating one's own body.

For more information, contact the Counseling Center at 439-4841 or [CAASV@etsu.edu](mailto:CAASV@etsu.edu).

## Book Review Group

The Book Review Group sponsored by the Women's Resource Center will meet Wednesday, Feb. 21, to discuss *Gilead: A Novel* by Marilynne Robinson.

New members are always welcome, and participants are invited to bring their lunch. The meeting begins at noon in the WRC, basement suite 2, Panhellenic Hall.

For more information, call 439-7847.

## 'Managing Change and Transition'

Change is inevitable and more rapid now than at any other time in history. "Managing Change and Transition," a humorous video by Ben Bissell that addresses coping skills necessary to avoid burnout, acting out and serious illness, will be shown by the Office of Human Resources on Wednesday, Feb. 21.

The video gives practical steps in dealing with the anger, pressure and stress that change produces. Participants will discover methods that allow them to feel good about themselves and their jobs, and to cope in an ever-changing environment.

This presentation, which is applicable to LEAD certification, begins at 1:30 p.m. in room E205 of Memorial Center.

For registration or more information, contact Rich Ashley at 439-6130 or [ashleyrc@etsu.edu](mailto:ashleyrc@etsu.edu).

## First Book Information Meeting

An information meeting regarding First Book will be held Thursday, Feb. 22, at 5 p.m. in the Student Organization Resource Center's Suite B Lounge in the D.P. Culp Center.

First Book is a national, non-profit organization that provides books to children from low-income families. First Book ETSU makes books available to children in the local community.

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Participants are invited to join the First Book ETSU Campus Advisory Board, a volunteer chapter that provides brand new books to children enrolled in local literacy programs.

For more information, contact Volunteer ETSU at 439-8328 or [serve@etsu.edu](mailto:serve@etsu.edu).

### **Women's Health Seminar on HRT**

"Natural vs. Synthetic Hormone Replacement Therapy" is the topic of a Women's Health Seminar to be held at 5 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 22, in the Grand Hall of ETSU at Bristol, 1227 Volunteer Parkway.

Over the past few decades, menopausal women have been encouraged to use hormone replacement therapy (HRT) for its apparent health- and youth-preserving benefits. However, it is now known that while HRT reduces the risks of osteoporosis and colon cancer, it increases the risks of breast cancer, heart attack, stroke, blood clots and Alzheimer's disease, as well as other forms of dementia, in some women. And experts continue to disagree about using HRT as a first choice for menopausal symptoms and osteoporosis prevention after menopause.

What other treatment options exist? What does research reveal about natural and synthetic treatment options available to women today?

Women contemplating these questions are encouraged to attend this free public seminar sponsored by the ETSU Women's Resource Center. Maria Schell, laboratory director for the Department of Microbiology in ETSU's James H. Quillen College of Medicine, will discuss natural and synthetic HRT options and the importance of making wise health decisions based on one's personal health history.

For more information, call the Women's Resource Center at 439-7847 or ETSU at Bristol at (423) 844-6300.

### **Lunch Break: Caring for Alzheimer's patients**

"Alzheimer's Disease: Dealing with Unreality in a Positive and Supportive Environment" is the topic of a Women's Health Series Lunch Break Seminar at ETSU on Tuesday, Feb. 27.

Finding out that a loved one has Alzheimer's disease can be stressful, fright-

ening and overwhelming, and caring for the patient at home is a difficult task. Each day brings new challenges as the patient's abilities and behavior patterns change, and one of the biggest struggles caregivers face is dealing with the difficult behaviors of those they care for.

In this seminar, Mary Jo Davenport, an assistant professor in the ETSU Department of Physical Therapy, will discuss caregiver stress factors, escalating symptoms, and effective home management strategies. She will speak not only on the health-based specifics related to Alzheimer's disease, but will also provide some personal perspective – her mother-in-law was diagnosed with the condition in 1984.

This free public event, sponsored by the ETSU Women's Resource Center, begins at noon in the East Tennessee Room on the third level of the D.P. Culp Center. Participants are welcome to bring their lunch; drinks and dessert will be provided.

For more information, call the Women's Resource Center at 439-7847.

### **Positive/Negative 22**

"Positive/Negative 22," an annual juried art exhibition, is on display through March 2 at Slocumb Galleries in Ball Hall.

An awards ceremony and lecture by exhibit juror Toby Kamps, senior curator of the Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston, will be held Friday, Feb. 23, at 3 p.m. Regular gallery hours are 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

For more information, call 439-4291.

### **Grad student art exhibit**

"New Work: East Tennessee State University Department of Art and Design Graduate Students" is on display at the Carroll Reece Museum through Feb. 23.

Regular hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, and 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Thursday.

For more information, call 439-4392.

### **'ETSU in Scotland' deadline extended**

The deadline for registration for "ETSU in Scotland: The Adventure of a Lifetime" has been extended until Feb. 28.

This summer study abroad opportunity will take participants from Edinburgh and Glasgow to the Isle of Skye.

For complete details, visit the Appalachian, Scottish and Irish Studies Program (ASIS) Web site at [www.etsu.edu/cass/al-baeire](http://www.etsu.edu/cass/al-baeire), or contact ASIS at 439-7865 or [asis@etsu.edu](mailto:asis@etsu.edu).

### **Planetarium show**

"When Worlds Collide," a planetarium show presenting the truth and consequences of a comet or near-Earth asteroid colliding with our planet, will be held Thursday (Feb. 15).

The free public program, sponsored by the Department of Physics, Astronomy, and Geology, begins at 7 p.m. in the Hutcheson Hall planetarium.

For more information, contact Dr. Gary Henson at 439-6906 or [hensong@etsu.edu](mailto:hensong@etsu.edu).

### **Star Party**

"Origins of Planetary Nebulae" is the focus of a Star Party/Observatory Open House to be held Saturday, Feb. 24, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Harry Powell Observatory.

Following a brief discussion led by ETSU astronomer Dr. Gary Henson, participants may view celestial objects through the telescopes at the observatory, which is located above campus off Narrow Lane. Henson and fellow ETSU astronomer Dr. Yuriy Razskazovskiy will be on hand to assist visitors and answer questions.

This free public event is sponsored by the Department of Physics, Astronomy, and Geology. For more information, call 439-4231.

### **Subjects needed for exercise study**

Local men and women are needed for a new research study at the James H. Quillen College of Medicine that is examining possible new ways that exercise can benefit the heart.

The researchers will look at a group of cells called regulatory T cells, which are also known as suppressor T cells. These are a specialized subpopulation of T cells that act to suppress activation of the immune system and thereby maintain the system's balance.

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“We are interested in seeing what changes a brief session of exercise can bring about in regulatory T cell activity and determine what benefits this could have on cardiac function,” said Dr. Ehab Kasasbeh,

chief resident in the ETSU Department of Internal Medicine.

Kasasbeh said the study is particularly interested in recruiting individuals who do not exercise regularly. The researchers are also seeking men and women who are beginners at weightlifting and running as well as those who are advanced.

Those recruited will be asked to go to the ETSU Memorial Center (Mini-Dome) on one morning only during the week of Feb. 19–23. Participants will arrive at 6:30 a.m. and will complete a supervised exercise activity designed for their specific level of fitness experience. Three small blood draws will be taken before the activity, immediately afterward, and again two hours later.

Senior investigator in this project is Dr. Guha Krishnaswamy, chief of allergy at the Quillen College of Medicine and VA Medical Center. Other investigators are Dr. Mike Stone, director of the ETSU Human Performance Laboratory; Dr. David Chi, professor of Internal Medicine; and Dr. Uday Kumaraguru, assistant professor of Microbiology.

For more information, call 439-5796.

### ALC spring classes

ETSU’s Alliance for Continued Learning (ACL) will offer a wide range of seminars and activities during the spring session beginning Tuesday, March 6. The program was formerly known as the Institute for Continued Learning.

The spring offerings include marine biologist Dr. Diane Nelson and Dr. Jack Nelson presenting “Tropical Adventures: Above and

Below the Sea” and Dr. Phil Roe discussing “Adventure on Top of the World: Climbing Mount Rainier.” The lineup also features two Miami-Dade Police Department representatives: Detective Richard Hayward explaining “Domestic Extremism in America” and Detective Charles Holt addressing “Forensic Art.” Dave Lawrence, director of the ETSU Innovation Laboratory, will provide information about the ways budding entrepreneurs use the business incubator, and Dr. Andy Clark will give his thoughts on “Good Fats, Bad Fats, and Those Nasty Carbohydrates.”

Other sessions will cover retirement and estate planning, writing, gardening, pain management, Hindu theology, the rise of China, and Judaism, and all-day field trips are planned to the Netherland Inn and the Exchange Place Living History Farm in Kingsport, as well as the Gray Fossil Site and the ETSU visitors center and museum under construction there.

A get-acquainted coffee will be held March 6 from 9-10 a.m. in the Carnegie Library’s Gerber Lecture Hall on the campus of the James H. Quillen Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Building 17. Participants will be welcomed by Dr. Wilsie Bishop, ETSU vice president for Administration and chief operating officer.

The institute will be held every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from March 6-April 12, with sessions from 10 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. A \$30 fee allows participants to attend any or all sessions.

For more information or a schedule of classes, visit [www.etsu.edu/scs/pdprograms.asp](http://www.etsu.edu/scs/pdprograms.asp) or call 439-8298.

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The ETSU Division of Theatre presents

## *The Glass Menagerie*

Feb. 22-24, 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 25, 2 p.m.

Bud Frank Theatre, Gilbreath Hall

This performance of Tennessee Williams’ classic story of love found and lost is directed by Karen Sabo. Tickets are \$10 for general admission and \$5 for students with ID. Call 439-7576 to reserve tickets or order online at [www.etsu.edu/theatre/tickets](http://www.etsu.edu/theatre/tickets).

## **Dr. Wilsie Bishop elected to SACS Commission on Colleges**

Dr. Wilsie S. Bishop, ETSU vice president for Administration and chief operating officer, has been elected by the College Delegate Assembly to serve as a member of the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

Located in Decatur, Ga., the Commission on Colleges of SACS is the recognized regional accrediting body in the 11 U.S. Southern states — Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia — and in Latin America for those institutions of higher education that award associate, baccalaureate, master's or doctoral degrees. The Commission on Colleges, which is the representative body of the College Delegate Assembly, is charged with determining Commission policy, carrying out the accreditation process, and conducting the initial review for any proposed significant dues or fee changes or modifications to the standards of the Commission.

As a commissioner, Bishop has begun serving a three-year term in the 77-member body elected to represent some 790 institutions that hold membership within the Commission on Colleges.

Prior to assuming her current position with ETSU in 2005, Bishop served in other capacities, including dean and professor for the university's College of Public and Allied Health, associate vice president for Health Affairs, assistant vice president of Academic Affairs, and acting chairperson for the Department of Baccalaureate Degree Nursing.

A tenured professor at ETSU since 1983, Bishop currently serves in a graduate faculty appointment. She has also held adjunct faculty appointments in the university's Department of Political Science in the College of Arts and Sciences and in the Department of Professional Roles/Mental Health Nursing in the College of Nursing. Earlier in her career, she was an associate instructor of nursing at Western Kentucky University. She has also worked as a clinical and staff nurse with several medical facilities.

Widely involved in the community, Bishop has served the Tennessee Women's Economic Council in many significant roles, including her contributions through her appointment by former Tennessee Gov. Don Sundquist to represent the Tennessee Board of Regents, ETSU's governing body. She was also appointed by former Kingsport Mayor Ruth Montgomery to serve on the Gateway Planning Commission in that city.

Bishop is a member of the Society for Colleges and University Planning, the College and University Professional Association for Human Resources, the Social Analytic Learning Society and the American Association for Higher Education. From 2003-2005, she served as chair of the Southern Association of Allied Health Deans at Academic Health Centers.

In December 2005, Bishop received a James T. Rogers Meritorious Service Award from the Commission on Colleges for her valuable service to the Commission and her commitment and dedication to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. She received the award based on quality and length of service to SACS. In addition to serving as a visiting committee chair for the Commission on Colleges since 1995, she has also held membership on the organization's task force addressing compliance for accreditation review and served as a member of the review committee for development of the Commission's Resource Manual.

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## **Former CMT designer/ animator Woodall to discuss 'Outlaws Concert' campaign**

Traylor Woodall, owner of Five Stone Studios in Franklin and former senior designer and animator at Country Music Television (CMT), will speak at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 19, in the Brown Hall auditorium.

Woodall will discuss "CMT's 'Outlaws Concert' Promotional Campaign," an insider's view of a grueling six-week project that tested the skills of a team of animators,

required thousands of "render farm" hours, and involved a green screen film shoot plus custom script programming.

Woodall's free public talk is presented by the digital media program of the Department of Technology and Geomatics.

For more information, call Cher Cornett, director of the Niswonger Digital Media Center, at 979-3151.

## **'Analyzing the 2008 Presidential Election' subject of panel discussion/open forum**

"Who Will You Vote For? Analyzing the 2008 Presidential Election" is the topic to be discussed in an open forum at ETSU on Wednesday, Feb. 21.

Sponsored by the History Society, the panel discussion will offer individuals an opportunity to "say what you think" about various candidates, according to Dr. Elwood Watson of the Department of History, who serves as moderator for the 7 p.m. event in Room 102 of Rogers-Stout Hall.

Participants from ETSU include Drs. Andrew Battista and Joe Corso, Department

of Political Science; Dr. Fred Mackara, Department of Economics, Finance, Geography and Urban Studies; Dr. Amber Kinser, Department of Communication and Women's Studies Program; and Adam Dickson, African/African American Studies Program, College of Arts and Sciences. Robert Houk, Opinion Page editor for the Johnson City Press, will also participate on the panel.

Refreshments will be served after the program.

For more information, contact Watson at 439-8575 or [watsone@etsu.edu](mailto:watsone@etsu.edu).