

## Tennessee Governor Phil Bredesen to speak at ETSU commencement

The Honorable Phil Bredesen, the 48th governor of Tennessee, will be the spring commencement speaker at ETSU on Saturday, May 3. Graduation exercises begin at 10 a.m. in Memorial Center.

Bredesen, who was inaugurated in January, has built a reputation for effective leadership in business and government. He campaigned for the governorship in 2002 on a platform to better manage state government, improve Tennessee's schools, and fix TennCare.

As Nashville's mayor from 1991 to 1999, Bredesen is credited with restoring confidence in city government and charting a course that made Music City one of the best places in America to live, work, and raise a family. Among numerous accomplishments, he brought the Tennessee Titans to the state, built a new local library system, and drove down the city's crime rate.

Bredesen's "proudest accomplishment as mayor" was to infuse nearly one-half billion

new dollars into the local education system—adding more than 440 new teachers, building 32 new schools, and renovating 43 others. He also implemented a back-to-basics curriculum to teach students what they need to know.

Nashville saw record economic growth during Bredesen's tenure and recruited high-quality jobs with major corporations such as Dell Computer Corp. and HCA Inc. He oversaw the renewal of Nashville's downtown entertainment district, and he spearheaded public-private partnerships that led to development of the new Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum and the Frist Center for the Visual Arts.

The 59-year-old governor grew up in Shortsville, a rural farming community in upstate New York, and earned a bachelor's degree in physics from Harvard University. He and his wife, Andrea Conte, moved to Nashville in 1975. Researching at the public library, he drafted a business plan in the



Gov. Phil Bredesen

couple's small apartment that led to the creation of HealthAmerica Corp., a healthcare management company that eventually grew to more than 6,000 employees and traded

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## U.S. News & World Report ranks ETSU among nation's best for rural medicine, primary care and family medicine

ETSU's James H. Quillen College of Medicine is ranked number three in the nation for excellence in rural medicine education, according to the 2004 "Best Graduate Schools" issue of *U.S. News & World Report*.

In addition, the College of Medicine took 17th place for primary care out of 117 medical schools that were ranked, tying with Harvard University and the University of California-Davis. Last year, ETSU was ranked 27th in this category.

The Quillen College also captured the 16th spot for family medicine training. In this category, ETSU tied with Dartmouth Medical School, Michigan State University,

University of Kentucky, University of Minnesota-Duluth, University of Rochester, and Wright State University.

"We are extremely delighted and honored to receive this national acknowledgement from *U.S. News & World Report* that clearly underscores our mission to train primary care physicians and help alleviate the critical shortage of providers serving in rural, underserved communities," said Dr. Ronald D. Franks, ETSU dean of medicine and vice president for health affairs.

*U.S. News* calculates the primary care rankings based on quality assessment, faculty resources, primary care graduation rate,

and student selectivity, which measures MCAT scores, undergraduate grade point averages, and proportion of applicants accepted.

ETSU's third place in rural medicine and 16th place in family medicine were determined by ratings assigned by deans and senior faculty at peer institutions. Since 1998, the Quillen College of Medicine has consistently been listed among the top 10 schools for rural medicine. Last year, the school was ranked sixth.

— Joe Smith, Coordinator  
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on the New York Stock Exchange. Bredesen sold the company in 1986.

Community involvement has been a central part of the governor's life. He is a founding member of Nashville's Table, a nonprofit group that collects overstocked and discarded food from local restaurants for the city's homeless population, and served on the Frist Center's board. He also founded the Land Trust for Tennessee, a non-profit organization that works to preserve open space and traditional family farms.

The governor and his wife have one son, Ben.

During the ceremony, the Distinguished Faculty Marshals will be **Dr. Donald Hoover**, recipient of the 2002 Distinguished

Faculty Award in Research, and **Dr. Karen S. Reesman**, assistant professor of family/community nursing. The Mace Bearer will be **Dr. James W. Boland**, director of the University Honors Programs and recipient of the 1996 Distinguished Faculty Award in Teaching.

Banner carriers will be **Dr. John S. Vaglia**, Applied Science and Technology; **Christa I. Hungate**, Arts and Sciences; **Dr. Michael M. McKinney**, Business; **Dr. T. Jason Davis**, Education; **Dr. Race L. Kao**, Medicine; **Dr. Masoud Ghaffari**, Nursing; **Dr. A. Lynn Williams**, Public and Allied Health; **Joyce D. Duncan**, Continuing Studies; **Dr. Patricia L. Smith**, Graduate Studies; **Stephen A. Patrick**, University Libraries; and **Dr. Dorman G. Stout Jr.**, Alumni.

## *Inaugural Phi Kappa Phi lectureship to take place this fall at ETSU*

Mark your calendars now for the evening of November 13, when we inaugurate the annual Phi Kappa Phi Distinguished Lectureship in Southern Studies.

Our first speaker will be Dr. Charles Reagan Wilson, director of the Center for the Study of Southern Culture at the University of Mississippi. Wilson holds a Ph.D. in history from the University of Texas in Austin and is the author of *Judgment and Grace in Dixie: Southern Faiths from Faulkner to Elvis* (1995) and *Baptized in Blood: The Religion of the Lost Cause, 1868-1920* (1980).

In addition, he edited *The New Regionalism* (1997) and *Religion in the South* (1985), and co-edited *The Encyclopedia of Southern Culture* (1989) and *Religion and the American Civil War* (1998).

His free public lecture will be held in the Martha Street Culp Auditorium at 7 p.m. Please bring your classes.

The officers of the ETSU chapter of Phi Kappa Phi are: Fred Sauceman, president; Dr. Peggy Cantrell, vice president; Dr. Susan Epps, secretary; Tim Dills, public relations officer; Dr. Bonnie Burchett, treasurer; and Dr. John Taylor, past president.

## Hear 'ETSU Voices' every Monday on WJCW

Tune in to "ETSU Voices" each Monday on WJCW-AM 910. The 30-minute show, featuring university people and programs, airs at 9:35 a.m. and is hosted by Fred Sauceman, executive assistant to the president for University Relations.

## ETSU to host local debut of film depicting plight of Kurdish people

On March 16, 1988, 5,000 Kurdish people were killed and thousands more maimed when the town of Halabja fell victim to a biological and chemical weapons attack by Saddam Hussein's air force.

The story of those who survived is told in the internationally acclaimed film "Jiyan," which will make its debut in Johnson City on Wednesday, April 30, at 5 p.m. in the Palma L. Robinson Clinical Education Center's Votaw Auditorium, ETSU Physicians and Associates, 325 N. State of

Franklin Road.

Jano Rosebiani, the film's director, will be present to introduce the film. The program is sponsored by the Office of Rural and Community Health and Community Partnerships as part of the Kurdish Lecture Series.

A grant from the U.S Department of State is funding the new partnership program between ETSU and the Kurdish government.

"Jiyan," which means "life," focuses on the story of a Kurdish-American named Diyari who returns to Halabja to build an

orphanage five years after the attack by Hussein. Rosebiani used testimonial accounts of the survivors, some of whom had lost their family members to the chemical attack, to help tell the story of "Jiyan."

The film has gained praise by critics around the world. To learn more about the movie, visit its Web site at <http://medyaarts.com/jiyan.htm>.

Reservations are requested, and refreshments will be served. For reservations or more information, call 439-7806.

## ETSU's Alumni Weekend promises lots of activities

The Spring Commencement Weekend at ETSU is also the weekend for special activities for alumni, including the newest inductees into the Golden Fifties Club, and reunion classes of 1953 and 1958.

The weekend starts Friday, May 2, with brunch from 9:30-11 a.m. in Dining Rooms 1, 2 and 3 of the D.P. Culp Center. Class group photographs will be taken at this time.

A campus and Johnson City tour is sched-

uled from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., followed by a reception and ice cream social at the Reece Museum and tours of the Sherrod Library.

The day wraps with the 6:30 p.m. National Alumni Association Awards Banquet and Annual Meeting, in the Culp Center ballroom, which recognizes outstanding graduates and friends of the university, honors reunion classes and retiring faculty and staff, and inaugurates new alumni leaders. Ban-

quet tickets are \$18 per person and are available through the Alumni Office, 439-4218.

Commencement Saturday begins with the 8 a.m. graduation breakfast in the Culp ballroom.

The new members of the Golden Fifties will be transported to Memorial Center at 9:15, where they will don gold caps and gowns and lead the way for the newest university graduates in the 10 a.m. ceremony.

## 'Summit' awards focus on students' extracurricular success

In the past, the superior achievements of ETSU students in their non-academic endeavors have been celebrated with several independent ceremonies, but not this year.

For the first time, the Division of Student Affairs, the Center for Student Life and Leadership, Volunteer ETSU and the Office of Greek Life, with sponsorship from ArtCarved, collaborated on one ceremony

highlighting "the peak of our students' successes outside the classroom."

Billed as "The Summit: A Celebration of Distinguished Student Leaders and Programs," the awards event recognized student organization presidents and advisers, community service efforts, campus programs, Greek Life, and outstanding student leaders at ETSU, including *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges* recipients.

The speaker was Jeff Anderson, ETSU

associate vice president for University Advancement and planned giving and "a third generation ETSU graduate," two-time ETSU Student Government Association president, former student regent to ETSU's governing body, the Tennessee Board of Regents, and former Johnson City mayor. He is also former Washington, D.C., chief-of-staff for First District Congressman Bill Jenkins.

The name, "The Summit," was selected by a committee of students, faculty and staff and refers to the attainment of the highest possible level of achievement.

"The Summit" logo, designed by Jeanette Henry of the University Press, was adapted from the ETSU PRIDE logo and "accentuates the highest peak."



## Kehler dedicates spring recital to his father

The upcoming Spring Piano Recital of George Kehler II on Sunday, May 25, will be held at 3 p.m. in the D.P. Culp Center's Martha Street Culp Auditorium.

This free public special event is dedicated in memory of Dr. George Kehler, concert pianist, ETSU professor emeritus, and father of the performer. Kehler II has selected an all Liszt program as his father was a Hungarian



George Kehler II

native and graduated from the Franz Liszt Academy in Budapest.

The performer and his father, his only teacher, presented yearly spring recitals together for over 10 years. The younger Kehler graduated from ETSU where he was awarded a Floyd Cramer Music Scholarship.

He notes that this concert "celebrates the musical heritage" left by the elder Kehler who was a Steinway Artist and performed yearly recitals in New York City from 1961-1989. He promises that this spring recital will contain a surprise grand finale.

The concert is sponsored by the ETSU Office of the President. For more information, call University Relations at 439-4317.

## Extensive collection of bluegrass and country music recordings dedicated

A collection of roughly 200,000 bluegrass and country music songs on nearly 17,000 albums, amassed by the late Dr. Kenneth Smith, an Anderson, S.C., dermatologist, has been donated to ETSU's Archives of Appalachia.

The Kenneth Smith Collection was dedicated in a ceremony Friday, April 4, in the Archives of Appalachia on the fourth floor of ETSU's Charles C. Sherrod Library. After the ceremony, those in attendance moved to the main hall on the library's first floor, beside the bluegrass and country music mural, "ALL in the Family II," for a performance of music by two of ETSU's seven bluegrass groups, the String Explosion Band and the Bluegrass Pride Band.

"This collection will be a tremendous resource for students, faculty, outside researchers and the public," said Norma Myers, director of the Archives of Appalachia.

Myers explained that Smith's avocation was collecting vinyl albums of bluegrass and

country music from the 1950s through the 1980s. After his death in November 1999, his wife, Kelly, "decided that she wanted to share the fruits of her husband's labor of love."

"Not long ago," Myers continued, "bluegrass recording artist Mac Wiseman, a friend of the Smith family, described the collection to Jack Tottle, director of ETSU's Bluegrass, Old-Time and Country Music Program. Jack and I visited the Smiths' home and were tremendously impressed, not only with the enormous size and scope of the collection, but also by the great care with which it had been maintained.

"After a visit to our archives, Mrs. Smith decided that ETSU would be the ideal home for the Kenneth Smith Collection. An additional donation by Mrs. Smith will allow us to process, protect and house the collection with the care it deserves."

Myers also expressed appreciation to Bill Graham, Kwick Way Transportation Co.,  
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Norma Myers of the Archives and Jack Tottle and Raymond McLain of the Bluegrass, Old-Time and Country Music Program look over a few of the albums in the Kenneth Smith Collection.

## CASS featured in MTSU's *Tennessee's Business* magazine

The Center for Appalachian Studies and Services (CASS) at ETSU was featured, along with six other Centers of Excellence from across Tennessee, in the most recent issue of *Tennessee's Business*.

This periodical is published by the Business and Economic Research Center (BERC) at Middle Tennessee State University's Jennings A. Jones College of Business.

Dr. Ted Olson, interim director of CASS, expressed his appreciation for the article on CASS by saying, "Anyone wondering what the Centers of Excellence program is about, and why it should be supported with public funds, may read this issue of *Tennessee's Business* to see that the Centers of Excellence do really important

## *Southern Living* highlights ETSU's Bluegrass, Old-Time and Country Music Program

ETSU's acclaimed Bluegrass, Old-Time and Country Music Program is featured in the March issue of *Southern Living* magazine.

"Where Bluegrass Goes to College," the article by Joe Rada with photos by Blake Sims in the national edition of the magazine, describes the purpose and the academic performance aspects of the program, which is part of ETSU's Center for Appalachian Studies and Services.

The article points to the success of the film, "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" and its soundtrack as a contributing factor to the recent sharp increase in the growth of the program, which was created by director Jack Tottle more than 20 years ago.

*Southern Living* is available on newsstands and in libraries.

and interesting work. These Centers make invaluable contributions to education, research and business in Tennessee. We at CASS appreciate being selected for inclusion in this issue."

Horace E. Johns, executive editor of *Tennessee's Business*, asserted in the editor's note that Centers of Excellence expand the state's research base and enhance the stature of Tennessee's state-supported universities.

The article on CASS describes the Center's main endeavors: the Archives of Appalachia; Carroll Reece Museum; Bluegrass, Old-Time and Country Music Program; *Now & Then* magazine; Appalachian, Scottish and Irish Studies Program; and *Encyclopedia of Appalachia*. It highlights the various programs' unique contribution to the blend that is Appalachia and ETSU.

Olson added his perspective on the importance of CASS, saying, "Appalachian studies is a fascinating, truly interdisciplinary field that for more than 30 years has attracted worldwide attention, becoming in the process a model for how best to study and serve a specific region. Two-and-a-half million Tennesseans – and approximately 18 million other people in the upland sections of 12 other states – reside today within the region called Appalachia. The field of Appalachian studies continues to represent these people and to interpret their culture and history, and the Center for Appalachian Studies and Services at ETSU is proud to have played a vital role in that endeavor for the past 20 years."

For more information about CASS or to become a Center member, call 439-7865 or visit <http://cass.etsu.edu>. For more information on *Tennessee's Business* magazine, visit the BERC Web site at <http://www.mtsu.edu/~berc/>.

— Charles Moore, Administrative Coordinator  
Center for Appalachian Studies and Services

## Blaustein authors book examining links between Appalachia, Scotland

*The Thistle and the Brier: Historical Links and Cultural Parallels Between Scotland and Appalachia* is the latest book by Dr. Richard Blaustein, professor of sociology and anthropology at ETSU.

Blaustein, who has taught at ETSU since 1970, spent nine years as director of the Center for Appalachian Studies and Services, which conducts an annual exchange program with Scotland's University of Edinburgh.

Many inhabitants of Appalachia claim Scottish ancestry, and the Scottish connection has been a central theme of American thinking and writing about Appalachia.

"This book explores connections and similarities between Scotland and Appalachia, focusing on revivals of folk culture and the incorporation of folk speech into poetry and other forms of creative expression," Blaustein writes. "The suppression of folk speech in culturally depriving schools has been part of the common experience of Scottish and Appalachian schoolchildren within living memory.

"Like their counterparts in Scotland, many leading figures in the Appalachian studies movement encountered colonialistic schoolteachers intent upon rooting out native voices and imposing alien linguistic standards."

Blaustein points out that much of the creative activity in Scotland and Appalachia today can be interpreted as cultural therapy, bolstering the self-esteem of national and regional minorities by transforming "prickly badges of shame into emblems of blossoming pride."

The book features interviews with three cultural activists, Flora MacDonald Gammon of Waynesville, N.C., and Joy Hendry and the late Hamish Henderson of Edinburgh, Scotland, along with numerous photographs. Blaustein himself created the cover art.

Gammon, whose family played a central role in establishing the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, recalls her lifelong involvement with Scottish heritage activities

and Appalachian folk revivalism.

Henderson, a poet, folklorist, songwriter and leader of the post-World War II folk music revival in Scotland, provides personal insights into the interplay of poetry, folk revivalism and identity politics, as does Hendry, editor and publisher of *Chapman*, a major Scottish literary magazine. Hendry's comments about poetry as a model for all forms of creative expression highlight the central concern of the book: how national and regional minorities like Scots and Appalachians seek to recover their native voices and define themselves in their own terms.

"This book concludes with reflections on the re-establishment of the Scottish Parliament on July 1, 1999, and a call for expanding trans-Atlantic dialogue about connections and parallels between Scotland and Appalachia."

The 182-page, softcover book is published by McFarland and Co. of Jefferson, N.C., and is available at area bookstores.

## Book introduces new approach for child, adolescent psychiatry

Treating troubled youth in isolated doctor/patient rooms is no longer the preferred approach for child and adolescent psychiatrists.

That's the case being built in a "ground-breaking, comprehensive handbook" co-ed-



**Pumariega**

ited by a child psychiatrist at ETSU's James H. Quillen College of Medicine.

Instead, the contributors of *The Handbook of Child and Adolescent Systems of Care*, published by Jossey-Bass, stress the need

for community-based systems of care that incorporate an interagency integration of services.

The book was co-edited by Dr. Andres Pumariega, professor and director of child and adolescent psychiatry at ETSU, and Dr. Nancy C. Winters, assistant professor of psychiatry and director of child psychiatry residency training at Oregon Health and Science University.

"In recent years, there has been a movement at the national level to modify our approach to treating kids," Pumariega said.

"Child and adolescent psychiatrists have witnessed first hand the increased need for better integration with other systems and agencies that serve children with serious emotional disturbance and their families.

"The absence of this integration impeded the care of children – many of whom could have fallen 'between the cracks' – and kept certain services from being available."

The American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry sought to change that and define this new system that would eventually be called community child psychiatry. Pumariega was the founding chair of the Work Group on Community-Based Systems of Care; Winters is a founding member and current co-chair.

"Our mission was both to integrate child and adolescent psychiatrists into the philosophy and programs of systems of care, and to promote this to our colleagues to broaden the scope of their clinical and professional roles and perspectives," he said.

The Work Group has produced a number of products guiding the field toward this important model, including guidelines for setting standards for managed Medicaid children's mental health services (for which Pumariega was awarded the HCFA Beneficiary Services Certificate of Merit in 1998),

for evaluating Medicaid-funded systems of care, for training child and adolescent psychiatrists in the systems of care model, and, more recently (in collaboration with the American Association of Community Psychiatry), developing an evidence-based level of care determination instrument, the CALOCUS, which is used increasingly nationwide by state mental health and social agencies.

The handbook is the latest and most comprehensive of the committee's efforts and represents more than three years of preparation, Pumariega said. Individual chapters written by several nationally noted experts include developmental and cognitive psychology in Systems of Care (SOC); neurobiology and prevention in SOC; family and community-based interventions; working with culturally diverse populations; youth in juvenile justice, and child welfare; school-based services; partnerships among parents, consumers and clinicians; outcomes in SOC; and other major issues.

The book is a resource to a wide range of professionals, including psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, counselors, pediatricians, nurses, educators, lawyers, judges, politicians and child advocates, as

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# What To Do This Weekend

## 'Festival of One-Act Plays: Celebrating Women Playwrights'

A "Festival of One-Act Plays: Celebrating Women Playwrights" will feature six award-winning plays presented by the ETSU Division of Theatre and Women's Studies Program.

These plays, directed by students in ETSU's "Advanced Directing" class, will take place in Memorial Theatre, Building 35 on the campus of the James H. Quillen Veterans Affairs Medical Center at Mountain Home. Admission is \$6 for the general public and \$3 for students with valid I.D.

"Graceland," "Asleep on the Wind" and "Final Placement" are scheduled this Saturday, April 26, at 7:30 p.m. "Ballerinas Choose Your Weapons," "The Kentucky Marriage Proposal" and "The Individuality of Streetlamps" will be presented Friday, April 25, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, April 27, at 2 p.m.

Ellen Byron's "Graceland" depicts two women vying to be the first to enter Elvis Presley's Memphis mansion when the estate is opened to the public. Bev, a brassy, down-home, middle-aged woman, has "worshipped" Elvis most of her adult life and has dedicated her life to preserving his memory, even to the point of creating a shrine to him in her home. Rootie, a shy young woman,

wants to be the first through the gates in her effort to use Elvis' ghost to communicate with her late brother.

Another play by Byron, "Asleep on the Wind," tells of the bond between a young Cajun man, Beau, and his timid little sister, Rootie. Growing up in Louisiana, the siblings frequently meet at a private, "special place" to talk and escape their other family members and the pressures of the outside world. Beau knows Rootie will be devastated when he enlists in the Army and requests service in Vietnam, so he meets with her one last time at their special place to persuade her to go on with her life and reach beyond him for companionship.

"Final Placement," a drama by Ara Watson, is set in a child welfare office in Tulsa, Okla. Luellen James, a woman guilty of child abuse, is intent on regaining custody of her son, even though he has been put up for adoption by the courts. She encounters Mary Hanson, a hard-working social worker assigned to the case, and the confrontation ensues.

"Ballerinas Choose Your Weapons," an award-winning play by Georgianna Hatcher, is a fast-paced comedy about Sasha, a supermodel at the end of her career, whose

personal demon pushes her to suicide by overdose. She wakes up to find herself in purgatory, where she meets three very unlikely ballerinas who have exactly 24 hours to get Sasha to heaven, or she will be sent to hell and they will be "recycled into tooth fairies."

Anna K. Gorisch's award-winning play, "The Individuality of Streetlamps," is about a young girl who learns to deal with her emotion after her boyfriend marries someone else. The show demonstrates how easy it is for someone to fall into the same routine time after time, before they realize something in their life needs to change.

"The Kentucky Marriage Proposal," written by Alice H. Houstle in 1974, is an adaptation of a 19th century play by Anton Chekov. In the play, which has been moved from rural Russia to rural Kentucky around the year 1900, John comes to the Chambers farmhouse to ask the widowed Ma for her daughter Natalie's hand in marriage. In his nervousness, John creates a misunderstanding about some pastureland. After that is resolved, additional differences of opinion arise over the physical attributes of their respective hound dogs.

For reservations, call 439-7576.

## Little Chicago Blues Festival

In 1991, the first Little Chicago Blues Festival was held at the Down Home in Johnson City. Presented by the Down Home as a benefit performance for ETSU's public radio station WETS-FM, the festival featured six acts playing on the last Friday and Saturday night in April.

Running through Saturday, April 26, the 13th annual Little Chicago Blues Festival is featuring 12 acts. The performers still play for free, and the proceeds still benefit WETS-FM (89.5).

"Every year we have more acts that want to play than we have time available," said Wayne Winkler, director of WETS-FM and coordinator of the Little Chicago Blues Festival. "These musicians are very supportive of public radio."

While it's true that Johnson City may not be a blues center on par with Chicago, the town that was once known as "Little Chicago" (for its bootlegging activity) has become the traditional destination for regional blues fans on the last weekend in April.

Wayne Winkler, WETS station director and host of the "Blue Monday" program, says, "This area is not well-known for its blues tradition, but there were actually several prominent blues and R&B performers who were born and raised within 100 miles of Johnson City, including Brownie McGhee; Roy Hall, composer of 'Whole Lotta Shakin''; Wallace Coleman, and Clifford Curry."

The performers who play at the Little Chicago Blues Festival give up potentially lucrative weekend jobs to support WETS-

FM. "We're the only station in the area that programs a significant amount of real blues," says Winkler. "It's really gratifying to me to know that these musicians support what we're doing and are willing to help."

On Friday, April 25, the show opens with Ghost Mountain Rhythm & Blues, followed by the Bobby Knight Band, Blue Mother Tupelo, and Jimmie D. and B-Movie Blues.

Saturday, April 26, begins with the acoustic Piedmont-style blues of Buck Hoffmann, followed by Little Chicago perennial Lightnin' Charlie. The Cheryl Renee Band follows, and closing the Festival will be the Billy Crawford Band.

Tickets are \$14 per night, and are available at the Down Home, 300 W. Main Street, Johnson City. For tickets or more information, call 929-9822.



# Campus News Briefs

## Residency match

The Class of 2003 at ETSU's James H. Quillen College of Medicine recently learned the results of the National Resident Matching Program (NRMP). One hundred percent of the 47 students participating in the match at ETSU received a residency assignment.

Each year, the NRMP pairs graduating medical students with residency programs throughout the country.

From the Class of 2003, four students received positions with the military, and two received early match notification in the highly competitive fields of otolaryngology and ophthalmology. Nine students – a record number – selected psychiatry as their residency choice.

More than half of the Quillen graduating class will train in primary care. This includes seven students who had previously selected ETSU's accelerated residency training programs in family medicine and internal medicine.

Seventeen students will continue training at the Quillen College of Medicine, and six others will remain in Tennessee.

In addition to ETSU, selected institutions that accepted Quillen graduates include Emory University School of Medicine, the Mayo Graduate School of Medicine, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, Wake Forest/Baptist Medical Center, University of Tennessee and University Health Systems East Carolina.

The Quillen College of Medicine was successful in recruiting students from across the country through the match, filling 67 percent of the positions in its 12 residency programs. Four ETSU residency programs filled at 100 percent.

Nearly 24,000 medical students nationwide participated in this year's match.

## Girls science/technology camp

Girls in Science and Technology (GIST) is offering a free summer camp to encourage girls ages 10-13 to consider a career choice which will allow them to enjoy "skilled, high-paying jobs, and have the opportunity to develop technology and appli-

cations that will benefit women worldwide."

The first camp session, for girls ages 10-11, will meet June 2-6, and the second session, for 12-13 year olds, will be held June 9-13. Campers will gather in room 102 of Wilson Wallis Hall on the campus of ETSU at 9 a.m. each day and enjoy outdoor group adventure games, guest speakers, fun with web pages and other software, scavenger hunts, e-mail and chat sessions until the day ends at 2:30 p.m. All activities will be conducted under adult supervision. Each camper is responsible for bringing a daily sack lunch.

The camp is free, but interested girls must submit by April 30 a one-page, typed essay describing their reasons for wishing to attend, accompanied by an application form. Each session is limited to 30 participants, who will be chosen on the basis of the essays.

Rebecca Loyd, coordinator and adviser in the ETSU Department of Computer and Information Sciences, is enthusiastic about the camping opportunity. She points out, "Women are a minority in computer science and other technological fields. Our goal is to target young females and offer them knowledge about these careers while supporting those interested in science and technology through contact with women already working within the profession."

GIST camp is sponsored by Mentoring Women in Computer Science, an organization within the ETSU Department of Computer and Information Sciences.

For further details or registration information, call 439-7413 or 439-6952.

## 'Green Values and Ethics'

ETSU Campus Greens will host a workshop, "Green Values and Ethics," on Sunday, May 4, from 1-2:30 p.m. in the Johnson City Public Library's Carl A. and Kathryn P. Jones Meeting Center.

The workshop features short presentations by ETSU student, faculty and community activists on "The Ten Key Values and the Vision of the Green Party of Tennessee," "The Tools of Democracy: Grass Roots Democracy, Ballot Access, Proportional Rep-

resentation and Instant Runoff Voting," "A Sustainable Future – Green Energy," "Reparations for Slavery," "Echo-architecture" and "Lessons from the 2002 Elections."

Attendance at this free public workshop is limited to the first 40 individuals who register.

For registration or more information, contact Dr. Bill Stone, ETSU professor of pediatrics and Campus Greens faculty adviser, at 439-8762 or [stone@mail.etsu.edu](mailto:stone@mail.etsu.edu), or Joshua Gambrel, Campus Greens chair, at [rocketman\\_at99@hotmail.com](mailto:rocketman_at99@hotmail.com).

## Mockingbird winners announced

*Mockingbird 2003*, a collaborative literary/arts project developed by the ETSU departments of English and Art and Design, is now available from both departments and area bookstores.

*Mockingbird* features student work in graphic arts, fiction, poetry and nonfiction prose. Co-editors of this year's edition are English student Shanda Miller and art student Carrie Dyer.

All ETSU students are eligible to submit their work for consideration, and the top works in each category win cash prizes. Winners of this year's literature and art competitions were presented during the magazine's premier reception earlier this month.

The following won prizes in the art category: Kimberly Million Hodge, first place for "Longing"; Heather Faust, second place for an untitled photograph; Gale Stryker, third place for "Unlidded Jar"; and Robert Helmadollar, fourth place for "Portrait of My Father from a Blurred Photograph."

Fiction awards went to Megan Jewell Kerns, first place for "Insomnia Rides a Dark Horse"; Scout Taylor, second place for "Surfacing"; and Christina Reiswig, third place for "Fox in a Blue Suit."

Melissa Greenwood's "No Intent" won first place in the poetry competition, with Kevin Kaiser's "Color of a Green Orange" in second place and Diane Cleghorn's "Graceland Tour '83" in third place.

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Karen Heaton's "Bad Blood and Make-up" earned the first place award in non-fiction, followed by Kari Hancock's "King of the Wild Frontier" and Heather Gilreath's "Brief Candle" in second and third places, respectively.

The ETSU Student Activities Allocation Committee funds the publication of *Mockingbird*. Copies are available for \$4 each.

For more information, contact Dr. Thomas Holmes at 439-4339.

### 'Seize the Clay' exhibit

Going once... going twice... sold to the highest bidder at ETSU's Student Ceramics Association silent auction.

The auction will accompany the opening of the student ceramic exhibition "Seize the Clay," on Friday, May 2, at the Dick Nelson Fine Art Center, 324 E. Main St., from 7-9 p.m.

"Seize the Clay," a free public event, will feature ceramics made by advanced and graduate level students of ETSU's Depart-

ment of Art and Design.

A variety of arts and craft pieces made by local artists and students will be up for bids. The auction will raise funds for the Lynn Whitehead Scholarship Endowment, which is given annually to an art student working in ceramics.

The scholarship was created in memory of the late Lynn Whitehead Lehnert. She first came to ETSU in 1979 and began earning her master of fine arts degree. She became the only graduate of the department assigned to a full-time faculty position in over 20 years. Throughout her tenure, she provided faculty leadership for her students and was instrumental in the operation of the Student Ceramics Association.

For more information, call Don Davis at 439-7864.

### Summer courses available

If you've not yet signed up for summer classes, that's okay, according to ETSU Vice Provost for Academic Affairs Dr. Linda

Doran, who says, "We still have more time than you may think."

Summer classes at ETSU come in three sections: pre-session, which begins Monday, May 12; Session I, which starts June 2; and Session 2, beginning July 7. Students can still register for any classes through the start-date of the particular course. Fees are due by the Friday before each session begins.

Current students can register as usual through *GoldLink Online* or in the Registrar's Office, 102 Burgin Dossett Hall. New students need to fill out admissions forms, found in 106 Dossett Hall or online, while transfer or temporary students wanting a quick summer class must fill out an application.

For information, call 439-4213. For a complete list of courses, see a 2003 Summer Schedule of Classes, which is available online through *GoldLink* and in the Registrar's Office. Students may register online 24 hours a day on *Goldlink*.

## Pumariega co-edits handbook

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well as to parents and families.

"Key to this new approach is the role of the patient and the family," Pumariega said. "They have a voice and in many cases help call the shots."

Pumariega is already putting this new

system to work. In addition to his faculty appointment, he is also director of the ETSU Center of Excellence for Children in State Custody, which is funded by the Bureau of TennCare. Headquartered at the medical school, the center coordinates medical and behavioral health care for children in state custody as well as those at risk for entering the system. Its primary role is to function as a resource for professionals who serve children in state custody.

All referrals to the center are coordinated with the state Department of Children's Services (DCS). ETSU offers triage and phone consultation services to DCS staff and providers addressing a variety of issues, including the development and review of treatment plans, as well as advisement on medication and behavioral management.

Each week, case conferences are held to bring to the table all providers for a specific child, including physicians, teachers, social workers and the foster and natural parents,

to discuss problems and develop appropriate treatment plans.

Pumariega joined the College of Medicine faculty in 1996. He currently serves as chair of the AACAP's Community Psychiatry Committee and on the Board of Directors of the American Association of Community Psychiatrists (representing the southern United States).

He has also co-edited with Dr. Hubert Vance, associate professor of psychiatry at ETSU, another significant text in child mental health, *Clinical Assessment of Child and Adolescent Behavior* (John Wiley Press). He is board-certified in general and child and adolescent psychiatry (and a board examiner) by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology.

*The Handbook of Child and Adolescent Systems of Care* is available through [www.josseybass.com](http://www.josseybass.com).

— Joe Smith, Coordinator  
University Relations

### Life and learning

**"You must learn day by day, year by year, to broaden your horizon. The more things you love, the more you are interested in, the more you enjoy, the more you are indignant about, the more you have left when anything happens."**

— Ethel Barrymore

## ETSU joins major prevention study of breast cancer

Women across the Tri-Cities region are being recruited for a major prevention study of breast cancer to be conducted by the ETSU Cancer Center and the Quillen VA Medical Center.

The project, called STAR (The Study of Tamoxifen and Raloxifene), will determine the effectiveness of two drugs, tamoxifen (Nolvadex) and raloxifene (Evista), in the prevention of breast cancer.

Tamoxifen has been approved by the Food and Drug Administration for the prevention and treatment of the disease. Raloxifene is FDA-approved for osteoporosis but will be considered investigational in this project because it is being tested against breast cancer.

"Tamoxifen has been studied for over 20 years and has been shown to reduce the incidence of invasive breast cancer in women at high risk for the disease," said Dr. Anand Karnad, chief of hematology and oncology at ETSU's James H. Quillen College of Medicine and the VA. "Raloxifene helps

promote good bone health in postmenopausal women.

"There are suggestions that raloxifene is similar to tamoxifen and that it may have the same ability to lower a woman's risk for breast cancer."

That's the question, Karnad said, researchers in the STAR project hope to answer.

Postmenopausal women age 35 or older who are considered at increased risk for breast cancer may be eligible to participate. Subjects will be randomly assigned to take a daily dose of either tamoxifen or raloxifene.

Women will be in the study for five years and will be required to visit the ETSU Cancer Center or VA Medical Center once per year for an evaluation. All study-related medications will be provided at no charge.

Karnad said a woman's risk for breast cancer depends on a combination of lifestyle issues and risk factors. Among those factors most strongly related to the disease are a family history of breast cancer, particularly

involving a mother, sister, or daughter; a history of benign breast disease that required biopsies; and other breast conditions.

In addition, women never having borne a child or those who did so after the age of 30 are also considered at risk.

"Age is a major concern as well," Karnad said. "The older women get, the more likely the odds they may develop breast cancer. And, those who experienced their first menstrual period at an early age are also considered to be at higher risk."

The ETSU Cancer Center is one of more than 400 centers in the United States, Canada, and Puerto Rico who will be enrolling women in STAR. The project is being conducted by the National Surgical Adjuvant Breast and Bowel Project and is supported by the National Cancer Institute (NCI).

Interested women seeking more information should call (423) 433-6210.

— *Joe Smith, Coordinator  
University Relations*

## Tennessee's economy faces serious 'skills gap,' study shows

Dr. Karen Tarnoff, assistant professor of management in ETSU's College of Business, has spent more than a year researching a "skills gap" between the workforce needs of area business and industry and the facilities training potential employees.

The first phase of this study, analyzing national and state data, as well as surveys completed by employers, is now complete, and the implications for the region and state are startling.

Tarnoff's investigation shows that by 2006, nearly half of the workforce will be employed in industries involving information technology, but Tennessee is particularly ill-equipped to meet those needs for existing employers or to attract new industries to the state. Those possible employers surely note that Tennessee ranks 16th in the nation for individuals on welfare, 10th for households using food stamps, and 12th in residents living below the poverty level.

In education, Tennessee ranks 44th in the nation, placing 50th for public school expenditures per person. Although the fastest growing occupations require a college degree, Tennessee is 43rd in the number of citizens with at least a bachelor's degree.

The U.S. Department of Labor reports that by 2004, almost one-half of workers will

be employed by companies that are users or producers of information technology. Students in Tennessee, however, will have difficulty entering that segment of the workforce, since the state ranks near the bottom of all states for student access to computers and availability of internet use.

In the Southeast between 1995 and 2000, Georgia led other states by increasing state appropriations for education more than \$1,000 per student. Tennessee fared worst, decreasing per student expenditures by nearly \$1,500. Although between 20 and 39 percent of its citizens are functionally illiterate, Tennessee is the only state lacking a state-funded reading initiative.

Results of the survey of employers in Carter, Greene, Johnson, Sullivan, Unicoi and Washington counties revealed further distressing news. While a scant 55 percent of respondents see the current workforce as having the work ethic to meet the organization's needs, and nearly 70 percent feel employees have the necessary basic skills, about 45 percent are uncertain that workers have required technical skills, with close to 60 percent feeling less than enthusiastic about the adequacy of conceptual skills among those currently working.

Of the organizations responding, more

than a third perceives the employee skills gap as an urgent problem.

Tarnoff notes, "We started out asking 'Is there a problem?' and 'How did the problem become so great?' After realizing the enormity of the difficulties facing our economic future, the next question must be 'How do we solve the problem?' There is no simple answer to that question."

Tarnoff is speaking to civic and business groups, presenting the alarming picture the research displays. Turning current trends around will take a concerted effort with business, industry, education and government all working toward sensible goals and contributing parts of the solution to workforce improvement.

The ongoing workforce study is sponsored by the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) in the Tri-Cities Tennessee/Virginia region. The federally-funded organization is comprised of representatives from both the public and private sectors. Clark Phipps and Kathy Pierce of WIB are working closely with Tarnoff, as is the ETSU Bureau of Business and Economic Research and its director, Dr. Jon Smith.

— *Carol Fox, Coordinator  
University Relations*

# GOING PLACES



**Murry Bartow** is joining the Buccaneer family as head coach of the men's basketball program.

Bartow, who will become the 15th head coach in the program's 81-year history, was most recently head coach at the University of Alabama-Birmingham from 1996-2002. During that time, his teams won 103 games and made appearances in three postseason tournaments, including the NCAA Tournament in 1999.



**Bartow**

"We are very pleased that Murry has decided to become our new men's basketball coach," ETSU President Dr. Paul E. Stanton Jr. said. "While we interviewed three very talented and capable coaches, it is my belief that the search committee made the right choice. We were very pleased with our team's Southern Conference Championship and trip to the NCAA Tournament last season, and we know Coach Bartow will do all he can to take our program to an even higher level."

Athletic Director Dave Mullins, who sifted through over 50 resumes during the search process, said he was pleased to hire a head coach that had been successful at the highest levels of Division I basketball.

"The amount of national interest in our head coaching position has been phenomenal," Mullins said. "I'm convinced that we have found the very best person capable of leading our team at this time. Coach Bartow's experience, success and respect among the coaching fraternity convinced our committee that he can take the talent that we have, add to it with his strong recruiting contacts, and make us the premier program in the Southern Conference. I look forward to working with Coach Bartow to identify areas that need to be improved to accomplish that goal."

"One of the most important aspects of our program is continuing to add to our

strong community support. I believe Coach Bartow can strengthen those ties."

Bartow inherits a team that is stocked with talent and potential. After enjoying a 2002-03 season that resulted in a 20-11 record, a Southern Conference Tournament championship, and a trip to the NCAA Tournament, the Bucs will return all five starters and eight of their top nine players from last season.

That group included two-time All-Southern Conference selection Zakee Wadood in the post and SoCon Freshman of the Year Tim Smith at the point guard position.

"I'm very excited about this opportunity," said Bartow, who is the son of former UCLA head coach Gene Bartow. "Ed (DeChellis) did a tremendous job here in building a solid base of players and they have accomplished a great deal. There's a tremendous amount of momentum in the program right now and I simply want that to continue. East Tennessee State is a great place and I've been very impressed with Dave Mullins, Dr. Stanton, Dr. (Wayne) Andrews, and everyone I've met on the campus."

"Community is also important to me and my family, and this seemed like the right fit for (us). We are very happy to be here and look forward to being a part of the ETSU family."

In his time at UAB, Bartow proved to be a winner, leading his squads to a 103-83 overall record that included 48 Conference USA victories (second only to Cincinnati's Bob Huggins in that same time span). The Blazers, who enjoyed 20-win seasons twice under Bartow, also made three postseason appearances during this time, getting invitations to the NIT in 1997 and 1998 and a trip to the NCAA Tournament in 1999.

Even more impressive, Bartow's 103 wins during this span were more than other Southern programs, including Florida State, South Florida, Southern Mississippi and Georgia Tech. And in his time with the Blazers, the team beat nationally-recognized programs such as Auburn, Florida, Marquette, Missouri, Charlotte, UNLV, Tulsa, Fresno State, Memphis and Louisville.

In 22 years as a player, assistant coach and head coach, Bartow has been to 15 post-

season tournaments (10 NCAA and 5 NITs). Furthermore, his name ranks among some of the most recognizable in all of college coaching when it comes to wins in their first six seasons of play, as he's had more victories (100) than coaches such as Seth Greenberg (87), Mike Krzyzewski (90) and Dean Smith (92) in that same time span. A 1985 graduate of UAB who earned his master's degree from Indiana University in 1987, Bartow worked as an assistant under Coach Bob Knight at Indiana from 1985-87. He spent last season on television as an analyst for ESPN and CSS, while also scouting for the Memphis Grizzlies.

Bartow and his wife, Tammy, have three sons, Murry, Stephen and Connor.

**Dave Mullins** was recently named ETSU's new Director of Intercollegiate Athletics.

Mullins said he is humbled by his new role and excited to lead the Buccaneer program into the future.

"I feel very fortunate to be offered the opportunity as Director of Athletics at East Tennessee State," said Mullins, who has spent the last 16 years at the university as a teacher, coach and administrator.



**Mullins**

"The confidence of ETSU President Dr. Paul E. Stanton Jr., my coaching colleagues, the department staff, my former players and many friends in the community means the world to me."

Mullins took on the duties of athletic director on an interim basis after **Todd Stansbury** left the university on Jan. 10 to accept a position at Oregon State University. The role was a new one for Mullins, but it came after a career spent working at ETSU, where he has developed the men's tennis program into one of the Southern Conference's most successful squads.

After spending his time as both the

women's and men's tennis coach prior to 1996, Mullins began focusing his attention solely on the men's program. In all, he has coached 28 All-Southern Conference players and numerous ITA nationally and regionally ranked players, and he guided the Bucs to back-to-back Southern Conference tennis titles three times (1991-92, 1995-96 and 1999-2000).

In 1999 and 2002, Mullins' Buccaneer teams not only won the SoCon title and played in the NCAA Championships, but they also earned All-America Academic honors. Building on that success, Mullins' 2002-03 team completed their fall semester class work with an impressive 3.9 grade point average. Beyond his work with student-athletes, Mullins also began the Little Caesar's and Snow Volleys tennis tournaments to help raise funds for the ETSU tennis program.

According to Mullins, the last several months have been challenging, but he is excited about the opportunity to continue the work already underway in the department.

"All that has happened, both in our department and in the university the last few months, has run the spectrum," said Mullins, who graduated magna cum laude with a B.S. in English from Samford University in 1968 and his master's degree in education from the University of Tennessee in 1974. "From the highs of the SoCon Championship and NCAAs, to the lows of dealing with significant reductions in operating dollars and the disappointment in losing a great coach and colleague, we have all been challenged.

"My intent is to use the positives from our success to help us overcome our challenges. Our goals have not changed: to become the best athletic department in the Southern Conference and take all our programs to another level of success. I'm passionate about what we can achieve in ETSU athletics as our coaches, administrative staff, and players work together to win championships, graduate student-athletes and produce leaders for our community."

Three faculty members in the James H. Quillen College of Medicine's Department of Family Medicine have been selected for a new research appointment that will pro-

vide more in-depth opportunities for scholarly work in primary care. To accommodate this new role, all three have been granted a portion of released time from other teaching and patient care responsibilities.

A grant from the Bureau of Health Professions of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) will be used to fund the released time.

"While the Quillen College of Medicine has gained national recognition for its success in primary care delivery and training, we are also engaged in an aggressive effort to enhance our research activities in this field," said Dr. Jim Wilson, chair and professor of Family Medicine.

"Many of our faculty are participating in ongoing research in primary care, but because of other academic and clinical obligations, they are not able to devote as much attention as they would like. Over the next two-and-a-half years, this grant from HRSA will allow three of our promising researchers to devote more time to projects aimed at improving the delivery of primary care."

**Dr. Burt Banks**, an assistant professor at ETSU Family Physicians of Bristol, will develop an instrument to measure empathy among physicians and medical students.

"Medical humanism has been recognized for its importance in contributing to quality medical care and patient satisfaction and compliance," said Banks. "A key factor in medical humanism is physician empathy, which gives patients a sense that the doctor understands their needs and situations. Empathy is considered a cornerstone for the development of patient-physician trust and enhances the likelihood of good clinical outcomes."

Many medical schools are already taking steps to improve physician empathy, Banks said, but there are not adequate measures for determining the effectiveness of these interventions. Those methods currently being used have limitations in that they rely on self-reporting or do not pertain specifically to physicians.

The model Banks is proposing eliminates the potential for bias or self-assessment and relies on literary vignettes or case scenarios to assess physician empathy. It will also

evaluate the empathy of medical students and residents at various stages of training.

**Dr. David Buyck**, a clinical psychologist and assistant professor with ETSU Family Physicians of Kingsport, will be leading two projects as part of his new appointment.

The first study will research the effectiveness of cognitive-behavioral group psychotherapy in helping people cope with chronic physical pain.

"Chronic pain often negatively influences most areas of an individual's life, including activity level, mood, family relationships, and career," Buyck said. "We will measure a variety of outcomes, including activity level, frequency of medical visits, and the severity of associated psychological problems, such as depression, anxiety and anger."

Buyck's second project will investigate methods that may be useful to primary care physicians and mental health professionals in accurately diagnosing psychological suffering in patients with such chronic medical conditions as AIDS, cancer or heart disease.

Also receiving a new research appointment is **Dr. Elizabeth McCord**, an associate professor with ETSU Family Medicine Associates in Johnson City.

Last year, she was appointed by U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft to the National Advisory Committee on Violence Against Women. She has been elected chair of the medical and mental health subcommittee for the group.

McCord will continue her research in the communication about, detection of, and intervention in intimate partner violence. She works with domestic violence victims but will also be furthering her study of men who themselves are batterers.

"To have a lasting impact on the health of the community as it relates to violence, one must also address the issue of violence with men," McCord said. "I will be working on communication with batterers in the health care setting, and also developing an understanding of the medical implications this act of violence has on the perpetrators."

Already, McCord has been conducting focus groups with batterers, and she indicates the feedback is "showing promise." Her goal

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# WETS-FM receiving pledges despite postponement of fund-raiser

Despite the fact that the WETS-FM on-air fund-raiser has been delayed because of the war in Iraq, listeners are contributing to the public radio station by phone, by mail and online. The station has already received more than \$38,535 in pledges toward the \$175,000 goal, along with comments of support for the station's decision to postpone the drive.

WETS-FM (89.5) is a non-commercial station operated by ETSU. Nearly half the operating budget comes from listener contributions pledged during the station's semi-annual fund-raising campaigns. The state budget crisis means that listener support is more vital than ever before, but the station postponed the fund-raiser to carry in-depth coverage of the conflict.

"We didn't feel it was appropriate to try to raise money during the early days of the war," said Winkler. "We didn't want to divert our energies or the focus of our programming at this time. There are lots of families in our region with men and women overseas right now, and that takes precedence."

The National Public Radio affiliate carried the region's only non-stop radio cover-

age during the opening days of the conflict, and still interrupts regular programming for special coverage as necessary.

While some listeners lamented the temporary loss of their favorite music programs, many others have expressed their support – with money as well as words.

"Checks and pledges have been coming in every day," says station manager Wayne Winkler. Some of that is the result of reminders mailed to regular contributors to the station, but others are responding to the station's in-depth coverage of the war in Iraq and the subsequent postponement of the on-air campaign.

A contributor from Rogersville wrote, "I greatly appreciate your postponement of the fund-raiser so that we can stay informed of the current situation in Iraq. I hope others will show their appreciation by pledging prior to the fund-raiser." A Kingsport man said, "Thanks for your balanced reporting on the war and your decision to postpone the pledge drive."

The most encouraging message came from M.J. Rinehart, a civilian pilot from Hot Springs, N.C., who flies troops overseas and

returns with wounded and ill soldiers. "Many of us either do not have, or do not choose, television coverage. NPR's factual and reasoned coverage is unmatched by any other source. You are the ONLY [radio] station in this region that has taken this responsibility and my gratitude will be reflected in the largest contribution I can afford."

WETS-FM has rescheduled the drive to begin on May 1.

"We will continue to interrupt the drive if events in Iraq or elsewhere warrant the kind of intense coverage we had at the beginning of the war," said Winkler, "but like all Americans, we hope the fighting will be over soon and our people will come home safely."

In the meantime, he urges listeners not to wait until the on-air drive begins to support WETS-FM.

Contributions can be mailed to: WETS-FM, East Tennessee State University, Box 70630, Johnson City, TN 37614. Pledges can also be made online at [www.wets.org](http://www.wets.org), or by phone at 439-6440 (Johnson City) or 1-888-895-9387 (WETS).

## Smith Collection

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Gray, for his company's volunteer assistance in safely packing and transporting the collection from Anderson to ETSU.

"This music is an important part of our American heritage, and we are happy to be able to share it with the public," said John Fleenor, Archives of Appalachia sound specialist.

Fleenor notes that those wishing to hear an album in the collection should give the Archives at least two days' notice. A CD copy will be made from the original and may be heard at one of the Archives' listening stations. Due to copyright restrictions, the CD may not be taken out of the Archives for listening purposes.

For more information, call the Archives of Appalachia at 439-4338.

## Going Places

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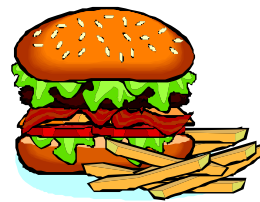
is to pursue additional grant funding to focus on communication for the prevention of domestic violence.

"The goal of my research is to identify reliable and effective measures for clinicians to detect violence and intervene before more serious harm is done."

In addition, McCord will continue her work in developing and evaluating Objective Structured Clinical Evaluations, which are used for evaluating skills in medical students and residents. Her research will concentrate on the reliability and validity of this method and the improved outcomes for both the learners and the patients.

## Staff Picnic

For the first time, the annual Staff Senate-sponsored picnic for staff and families will be held at the Center for Physical Activity on Friday, May 30, from 2-4:30 p.m. We'll have door prizes, a live DJ, and catered hamburgers and hotdogs with all the trimmings for \$2.50 (if tickets are purchased by May 23; \$3 after that). Buy tickets at the ID Center on the Culp Center's second level, or mail



checks (payable to ETSU) to Charlie Forrester, Box 70611, by May 23. Children 6 and younger eat free. Families will enjoy the swimming pool (bring a towel), volleyball or croquet, plus the adjacent Basler Challenge Course. The Distinguished Staff Awards will be presented at 3 p.m. There is plenty of parking, and the Center's indoor gym will be used in case of rain.

