



ETSU President Dr. Paul E. Stanton Jr. explains the funding crisis and the context of his decision regarding the Buccaneer football program.

Foundation members hear about achievements, challenges at annual meeting

"In these challenging financial times, we are heartened and elated with the private support of our alumni and friends," ETSU President Dr. Paul E. Stanton Jr. shared with ETSU Foundation members at the annual business meeting on Thursday, May 8, in the Centre at Millennium Park.

During this meeting, Stanton officially announced the elimination of ETSU's Buccaneer football program after the upcoming season due to the severe budget crisis.

In a presentation entitled "Meeting the Challenges of the Times," he outlined the extent of the budget shortfall – ETSU must reduce the university's budget by \$7.48 million, or nine percent, during the 2003-04 fiscal year – and the effects this will have as the university makes these cuts "while preserving, to the fullest extent possible, our core business: teaching and learning."

These cuts include merging the College of Applied Science and Technology with the College of Business; eliminating the Department of Geography, Geology and Geomatics, with its component areas being moved to other departments; eliminating the offices of Developmental Studies and International Programs; reducing the frequency of class

section availability and dependence on part-time and temporary faculty; eliminating the administrative presence at ETSU at Greeneville while still offering classes; reducing non-credit public service activity producing insufficient revenue; the elimination of 101 positions through freezes, terminations and contract modifications; reducing or eliminating the cost of publications; taking over administration of Information Technology and not renewing the contract with Collegis; eliminating the campus bus system; closing the university craft shop; adjusting building temperatures and reducing lighting; reducing custodial staff and moving most of day shift to second shift; reducing trash pickup and grounds maintenance; canceling various off-campus alumni events and the Distinguished President's Trust dinner; reducing supply and travel budgets; and more.

Stanton explained that it was with great regret that he made the decision to eliminate the football program after lengthy consideration of these university-wide reductions, on top of such factors as the phasing out of state funding for athletics, low private giving to the football program, the program's annual

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Stone to participate in discussion on education schools with Cheney

The topic "Can Education Schools Be Saved?" will be addressed by ETSU's Dr. John E. Stone in an upcoming panel discussion being moderated by Lynne V. Cheney of the American Enterprise Institute think tank, and wife of United States Vice President Dick Cheney.

The June 9 program's description states: "For years, colleges of education have been criticized for failing to prepare teachers adequately. Are the criticisms justified? Can education schools be reformed? Should we

find alternatives? Lynne Cheney will moderate a discussion of teacher preparation and what role colleges of education should play." Stone notes that AEI forums, especially those headed by Cheney, are closely followed by national and state policymakers.

He is an educational psychologist who specializes in learning and classroom behavior management. The ETSU College of Education professor has witnessed teacher education from "the front lines" for 30 years, and due to his own experiences as a parent,

he founded a "Consumers Union" for consumers of public education in 1995. The "clients" of his Education Consumers Clearinghouse are parents, policymakers, employers, journalists and others who "seek education facts and advice" from a consumer perspective.

Stone's principal research interest is teacher effectiveness. He has written for Education Week, and authored a recent study that found "only average achievement gains"

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Remember! Staff Picnic

Friday, May 30
2-4:30 p.m.

Center for Physical Activity

Tickets are \$2.50 if purchased by May 23
or \$3 after that date. Available at
ID Center Office, D.P. Culp Center

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ETSU makes available to prospective students and employees the ETSU Security Information Report. This annual report includes campus crime statistics for the three most recent calendar years and various campus policies concerning law enforcement, the reporting of criminal activity, and crime prevention programs. The ETSU Security Information Report is available upon request from ETSU, Department of Public Safety, Box 70646, Johnson City, TN 37614-1702. The report can be accessed on the Internet at: http://www.etsu.edu/dps/security_report.htm.

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Stone to participate in panel discussion

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for students taught by National Board for Professional Teaching Standards-certified teachers in Tennessee. His essays are included in *Educating Teachers: The Best Minds Speak Out* (American Council of Trustees and Alumni, 2002) and *Teacher Quality* (Hoover Institution Press, 2002).

Stone says the study of National Board certified teachers "stirred quite a controversy." It presented "objective evidence that NBPTS teachers are of average effectiveness, not exceptional as advertised."

Other panelists joining Stone are Lisa Graham Keegan, head of the Education Leaders Council, possibly the "single most influential policy group" in the Bush administration's education reform efforts. Her predecessor, Gene Hickok, is the Undersecretary and Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education. Pan-

elist David Imig is president and CEO of the American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education, of which ETSU is a member. And, panel member Dr. George Cunningham of the University of Louisville is affiliated with the Education Consumers Consultants Network, an organization founded and headed by Stone, which has been partially supported by released time from ETSU. The ECCN "renders second opinions" on matters of education policy and practice and publishes monthly policymaker briefings.

Pre-registration is required by noon on June 6. Register online at www.aei.org/event316. For program information, contact Elisabeth Irwin at (202) 862-5918.

— Kristn Clark Fry, Director
News and Information Services

ETSU ensemble to perform in Renaissance Faire

An adaptation of "Romeo and Juliet" will be performed by the ETSU Shakespeare Ensemble during the fourth annual Shakespeare and Friends Renaissance Faire, which will be held Saturday and Sunday, June 7-8, in Downtown Historic Rogersville's Crockett Spring Park.

Sponsored by the Rogersville-Hawkins County Council for the Arts, Shakespeare and Friends is a festival recreating the early 1600s. Hours are 9 a.m.-6 p.m. both days, and admission is \$8 for adults, \$6 for students, and free for children age 12 and under when accompanied by an adult.

"A Pirate Looks at Romeo and Juliet" is the title of the adaptation written and directed by Bobby Funk, director of the ETSU Division of Theatre. Performance times will be announced at a later date.

In addition to Funk, members of this year's ETSU Shakespeare Ensemble include Caitlin Davis ("The Country Wife," "Comedy of Errors," "Final Placement"); Erin Estep ("Comedy of Errors," "The Laramie Project"); and Everett Tarleton ("Spoon

River Anthology," area dance performances). Members of the Ensemble will also be street performers throughout both days.

Other entertainment during the Renaissance Faire includes a Human Chess Match and the play, "Royal Flush," by the Known World Players, as well as storytelling, puppetry, belly dancing, magic, juggling, pirate mischief, fairy mischief, swordsmanship, fire-breathers, chess tournaments, courtly dance and manners, children's activities, period games, a maypole, a marketplace and home-life demonstrations.

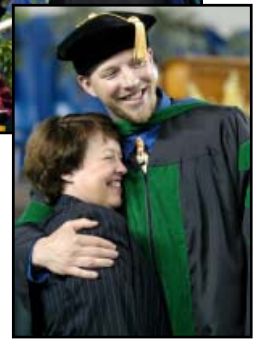
The Shakespeare and Friends Renaissance Faire is made possible by grants from the Tennessee Arts Commission, the East Tennessee Foundation, the Tennessee Department of Tourism and the Town of Rogersville.

For more information on the Renaissance Faire, call (423) 272-3879 or visit www.shakespeareandfriends.org on the Web. For more information on the ETSU Shakespeare Ensemble performances, call the Division of Theatre at 439-7576.

Hear 'ETSU Voices' every Monday on WJCW

Tune in to "ETSU Voices" each Monday on WJCW-AM 910. The 25-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.

Graduation Scenes



Clockwise from top left: Excited graduates wind their way through campus toward Memorial Center; Tennessee Gov. Phil Bredesen delivers the commencement address to 1,044 graduates; Dr. Ryan Stanton receives congratulations from his proud parents, ETSU President Dr. and Mrs. Paul E. Stanton Jr., upon receiving his M.D. degree; R.N. to B.S.N. nursing student Lynda Williams gives a “thumbs up”; new members of the Golden Fifties Club occupy the front row during the ceremony; and a young man triumphantly lifts his diploma for all to see.



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loss of \$1.1 million, the pending need for a new AstroTurf for Memorial Center, and others. He said that dropping the football program would allow the university to pursue its goal of premier status for men's and women's basketball and to reallocate scholarship money to the remaining 16 sports "to create opportunities for championships for every team we field at ETSU."

The PowerPoint display of Stanton's presentation is available online at www.etsu.edu/calendars/calendars_news.asp?EventID=2019.

Also during the annual meeting, the Foundation learned that as of May 1, the university had received \$12.9 million in private annual giving from individuals, businesses and organizations, including \$7.9 million raised by the ETSU Foundation, of which \$1.9 million is in planned and deferred gifts, and \$5 million from private gifts and contracts. These figures reflect continued growth in line with the annual support outside of the capital campaign years.

The Foundation continues to emphasize how dollars can improve scholarships, teaching, research and service for students, fac-



Leslie Parks Pope is congratulated by Dr. Richard Manahan and President Stanton after receiving the Margin of Excellence Award.

**The Spring Piano Recital by
George Kehler II**
in memory of his father,
Dr. George Kehler,
features a program of music by Liszt

**Sunday, May 25
3 p.m.**

**D.P. Culp University Center
Martha Street Culp Auditorium**

ulty and the region. A prime example of this is the ETSU Leadership Initiative. This is comprised of the Roan Scholars Leadership Program, which now has a full four-year complement of 15 students enrolled for this fall, the long-standing and evolving University Honors Program, with approximately 80 students, the recently developed Student Leadership House, along with components for a Residence Hall Life Program, establishing the Forum for Leadership and Citizenship, and the development of the ETSU Innovation Laboratory for entrepreneurial leadership.

Almost \$662,000 in scholarship support was awarded by the Foundation in 2002-03, with scholarships going to 630 students this past year alone.

In addition, one-fourth of ETSU's faculty and staff made a gift this year to the Foundation, and their combined efforts surpassed \$230,000. This unified commitment to the betterment of the university will enable ETSU to more fully achieve its mission.

The value of the university's and Foundation's 300 endowments, including the state Chairs of Excellence, exceeded \$34.2 million as of May 1, which brought the total fund balance to more than \$38 million.

ETSU was ranked 63 out of the 556 institutions reporting on return on investments in the 2002 endowment study published by the National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO). The Endowment Study, prepared by TIAA-CREF, is widely recognized as the industry standard for compiling and reporting the performance and management of college and university endowments. Charles Steagall, Foundation treasurer, reported the Foundation has received unqualified audit reports without any findings or recommendations for the last 16 years.

"During this period of economic uncertainty, we are truly thankful for the continued dedication and financial forethought of our Foundation members, which will give assurance to ETSU students that they continue to receive the financial support that is essential for their success," Stanton said.

As further incentive for excellence in the classroom and the workplace, the Foundation provided more than \$38,000 for Distinguished Faculty and Staff Awards during the year.



Foundation member Vance Cheek Jr., an ETSU alumnus, attorney and former Johnson City mayor, praised Stanton for his leadership during these difficult times.

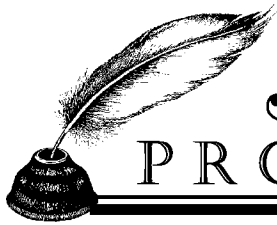
ETSU continues to lead all of the Tennessee Board of Regents four-year universities in private giving, for the eighth consecutive year. ETSU's five-year average for private giving is now \$19 million, which accounts for 38 percent of the total for all six universities in the system.

In other business presented to the membership, two new \$10,000 Honors Scholarship Endowments were recently established for Foundation member Kathryn P. Jones, who recently passed away, and in honor of Dennis Powell's service as president of the Foundation for the past three years.

The membership was informed that during this past fall's Homecoming activities the ETSU Alumni Association unveiled a new recognition wall honoring the university's 66 Outstanding Alumni. Located in the D.P. Culp University Center, the Outstanding Alumni Wall of Honor was made possible by private donations, including a significant in-kind gift from General Shale Products Corp. This project is the first phase of a major commitment by the ETSU Foundation and the Alumni Association to permanently recognize outstanding alumni and supporters of the university.

According to Dr. Richard A. Manahan, vice president for University Advancement and executive vice president of the ETSU Foundation, "Our Foundation's conservative investment and management philosophy is a stable, guiding principle that allows us to provide the 'margin of excellence' in good times and in bad. I am confident that this philosophy, along with the Foundation's leadership and support, will see us through today's uncertain times to better times tomorrow."

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PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Dr. Dorothy Dobbins, associate vice president for cultural diversity, Division of Health Sciences, has been honored by the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) for her contributions to minorities in medical education. During the association's recent annual meeting, she received the AAMC Group on Student Affairs-Minority Affairs Section Service Award. She had previously served as national chair of the Minority Affairs Section for two years.

Dr. Andy Czuchry, holder of the AFG Industries Chair of Excellence in Business and Technology, and **William Barrett**, ETSU senior and president of the student Entrepreneur's Club, represented ETSU at the Collegiate Entrepreneurs Organization (CEO) Conference in Washington, D.C.

"It was great to be in an environment with so many enthusiastic people, all of whom saw developing and running businesses as a tremendous opportunity," **Barrett** notes.

Barrett, winner of past CEO regional awards, served as moderator at one lecture and presented a workshop on his current business, Waterwood Wonders, marketing custom-designed furniture he creates from driftwood recycled from TVA lakes.

He recently took first place in the 2003 Mid-Mississippi Student EntrepreneurSM Awards for Barrett Investment Group, and he was honored with the \$2,000 prize at the Small Business Week Luncheon Salute to Young Entrepreneurs at St. Louis University earlier this month. In November, he will attend the CEO in Chicago to compete with other regional winners for a \$10,000 award and the title of 2003 Global Student EntrepreneurSM.

Department of English News:

Dr. Don Johnson published "'Staring At the Wind: A Conversation With Rita Quillen" in *Her Words: Diverse Voices in Contemporary Appalachian Women's Poetry*, edited by **Felicia Mitchell** and published by the University of Tennessee Press, and "Heaney at Play" in *The Southern Review*.

Dr. Anne Sherrill completed a three-year

project for the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE), in which she edited over 200 new books for middle school readers reviewed by three University School English teachers. Her work and that of the others will appear in a forthcoming publication, *Your Reading*, published by the NCTE.

Dr. Robert Sawyer chaired a special session, "Transforming Titus Andronicus: Past, Present, and Future," at the South Atlantic Modern Language Association (MLA) in Baltimore. He also read a paper on "Titus Andronicus and the Victorian Authorship Controversy." His essay, "He Do Redemption in Different Voices: Charles Dickens and the Failure of Atonement," was selected for publication in the *South Atlantic Review*. His book, *Victorian Appropriations of Shakespeare*, is forthcoming this year by the Fairleigh Dickinson Press. Most recently, he received a Presidential Grant-in-Aid to travel to Great Britain this summer to serve as a reader at The Parker Library at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge University, and at the Shakespeare Institute Library in Stratford-upon-Avon.

Dr. Michael Cody published "Sleepwalking into the Nineteenth Century: Charles Brockden Brown's 'Somnambulism'" in the *Journal of the Short Story in English: Les Cahiers de la Nouvelle*. He was elected for a two-year term on the advisory board of the Charles Brockden Brown Society, and he gave the following presentations: "Charles Brockden Brown and the Pioneering of Literary Journalism in America" at the South Atlantic MLA Conference in Baltimore; "Controlling the Echoes of Empire in Charles Brockden Brown's Review Article 'An Account of Parkinson's Tour in America'" at the New Frontiers in Early American Literature conference in Charlottesville, Va.; "Reintroducing Samuel Joseph Smith, a Forgotten Poet of the Early American Republic" at a meeting of the Tennessee Philological Association in Nashville; and "Fidelia's Tale and the (Un)Worthy Friend in William Hill Brown's The Power of Sympathy" at the 29th annual conference of the Southeastern American Society of Eighteenth Century Studies in Columbia,

S.C., where he also chaired a session on "Slave Trade and Religious Ideology."

Dr. Natalia Trogen, Economics, Finance and Urban Studies, and **Dr. Ugur Yavas**, Management and Marketing, published an article, "Non-profit multi-hospital organizations: challenges and prospects," in the *Journal of Management in Medicine*.

Dr. Peter C. Panus, Physical Therapy, had two articles published: "Effect of Iontophoresis Current Magnitude and Duration on Dexamethasone Deposition and Localized Drug Retention" in *Physical Therapy*, and "Quantification of Total Dexamethasone Phosphate Delivery by Iontophoresis" in the *International Journal of Pharmaceutical Compounding*. Both articles were co-authored by officers of Birch Point Medical, Oakdale, Minn., including **Carter R. Anderson**, president and chief technology officer; **Stephen D. Boeh**, vice president for clinical and regulatory affairs; **Dr. Russell L. Morris**, vice president for operations; and **Dr. Walter L. Sembrowich**, chairman and CEO.

Jimmie E. Self, music, was a guest performing artist at the Southeast Regional Tuba/Euphonium Conference at the University of Alabama (UA). He performed Georg Philipp Telemann's "Fantasy III in c minor" and the "Sonata for Euphonium" by Alec Wilder to a gathering of other professional tuba and euphonium performers, college instructors and students. The conference was a three-day event sponsored by the International Tuba/Euphonium Association, the UA School of Music and the Tuscaloosa Arts Council.

Anne Koehler and **Daryl Stephens**, Developmental Studies, gave a presentation, "Adapting Developmental Course Content to Align with Changing Realities," along with four faculty members from the University of Memphis at the National Association for Developmental Education conference. **Koehler** also presented "Web-Enhancement:

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Supplementing Study Skills and Writing with Blackboard Sites.” **Stephens** was elected chair of the association’s Mathematics SPIN (Special Professional Interest Network).

Dr. Joe Sherlin, assistant dean of students in the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, was honored recently as author of the Dissertation of the Year by the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) for his dissertation, “Understanding the System Persistence of First-generation Students Through Path Modeling.” **Sherlin** was recognized for his work at the NASPA national convention in St. Louis.

In his study, **Sherlin** found that academic factors, followed by financial issues, had the

greatest influence on whether first-generation students returned to the system of higher education for a second year. Students who achieved higher grades in the first year of college, and who were more involved with faculty and other class-related activities, were more likely to return, he discovered. Further, with first-generation students much more likely to come from low-income families, those students who faced greater unmet financial need or who took out a higher percentage of loans in the first year were less likely to return for a second year.

Dr. Frederick H. Kasten, Anatomy and Cell Biology, had a chapter, “Introduction to Dyes and Stains,” included in the 10th edition of *Conn’s Biological Stains: A Handbook of Dyes, Stains and Fluorochromes for*

Use in Biology and Medicine, published by BIOS Scientific Publishers, Oxford. **Kasten** is a past president of the Biological Stain Commission.

He is also a member of the editorial board of *Biotechnic and Histochemistry* and was recently asked to contribute a regular section to the journal on pioneers in biological staining and their accomplishments. The first article in the series is “Ralph D. Lillie: Eminent Histochemist and Pathologist.”

Kasten was the opening speaker in the 2003 series of presentations to the Washington County Historical Association. He spoke in Jonesborough on “The Clinchfield Railway and the Development of the Appalachian Chemical and Dye Industry.”

ETSU Foundation elects 2003-2004 officers, welcomes new members

Officers, board members and new members were elected during the ETSU Foundation annual board and membership meeting on Thursday, May 8.

The membership of the Foundation consists of 300 individuals who devote their time and financial resources to the continuous improvement of educational opportunities at ETSU.

The Foundation elected officers to serve from July 1, 2003, through June 30, 2004. **Tim P. Jones**, former general manager and vice president of Press Inc., Johnson City, was elected president, and **Leslie Parks Pope**, chair, The Parks Group, LLC, Johnson City, was elected vice president and continues as Tennessee Board of Regents representative. Secretary is **M. Thomas Krieger**, retired business executive, Jonesborough. **Dr. Steve Conerly** of Management Services/Strategic Planning, Johnson City, and 2003 Honorary Alumnus of ETSU, is treasurer. Immediate past president is **Dennis T. Powell**, owner of Dennis Powell Body Shop, Johnson City.

Donald R. Raber, president, Aldebaran Financial Inc., Kingsport, and 2003 ETSU Honorary Alumnus, continues as chair of the Investment Committee for the Foundation,

and **Wayne G. Basler**, former director, AFG Industries Inc., Kingsport, is representative of past presidents.

The following were elected to serve a first three-year term on the board of directors ending June 30, 2006: **Dr. James W. Gibson**, physician and senior director, Mountain Empire Radiology, PC, Johnson City; **Richard L. Green**, president and CEO, General Shale Products Corp., Johnson City; **Dr. Barbara Kimbrough** of Johnson City, ophthalmologist, professor of surgery and director of ophthalmology at ETSU’s James H. Quillen College of Medicine and 2003 Honorary Alumna of ETSU; and **Howard W. Roddy**, vice president, Healthy Community Initiative, Memorial Health Care System, Chattanooga.

The following were elected to serve a second three-year term on the board ending June 30, 2006: **Frederick “Pal” Barger**, businessman and entrepreneur, Kingsport; **John Poteat**, founding director, Bank of Tennessee, Kingsport/Johnson City; **Stan Puckett**, chairman, president and CEO, Greene County Bank, Greeneville; **K. Newton Raff**, regional president, First Tennessee Bank, Johnson City; and **Herbert R. Silvers**, attorney, Johnson City.

Also elected to fill an unexpired term to June 30, 2004, was **Eleanor E. Yoakum**, chairman of the board, 1st Century Bank, Powell, and member of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission.

The Foundation welcomed five new members. Those from Johnson City include **Dr. Tony Katras**, surgeon; **Theresa K. Lee**, senior vice president, general counsel and corporate secretary, Eastman Chemical Co.; **Charles Pope**, attorney; and **Sam Preston**, vice president, Preston McNeas Specialty Woodworking. Also elected to Foundation membership was **Dr. J. Allen Burleson**, dentist, Jonesborough.

In addition, 17 individuals renewed their membership in the Foundation through June 30, 2011: **Judge H. Theodore Milburn**, Chattanooga; **James Holmes**, Elizabethton; **Don Crowe**, Gray; **Lynn Brannon**, **Bill Breeding**, **Reno Burleson**, **Lawrence F. Counts**, **Stephen Gross** and **Frank Wood**, Johnson City; **Janey Diehl**, Jonesborough; **Wallace Alley** and **Brenda White Wright**, Kingsport; **Linda Good**, Knoxville; **Susan Gentry Williams**, Nashville; **W. Cal McGraw**, Atlanta; **Dr. Clyde Farnsworth Jr.**, Southport, N.C.; and **Oliver Burgan Revell**, Rowlett, Texas.

ETSU, Sodexho terminate Centre at Millennium Park agreement

ETSU and Sodexho mutually decided to terminate their agreement regarding the Centre at Millennium Park on April 30, rather than the original contract termination date of Aug. 31, when the contract could have been considered for renewal. ETSU proposed terminating the agreement to reduce administrative costs in response to a nine percent budget cut mandated by the state of Tennessee for 2003-2004.

The original contract called for ETSU to provide administrative personnel to assist in developing, offering, managing and marketing of continuing education programs and education-based programs at the Centre, in addition to coordinating other ETSU events

at the facility. ETSU has had three staff members stationed at the Centre — a director, an executive aide, and a market research assistant — developing continuing education programming, including conferences hosted by the ETSU James H. Quillen College of Medicine, Mountain States Health Alliance and Frontier Health.

ETSU Provost Dr. Bert C. Bach explains, “ETSU has benefited from our association with the Centre at Millennium Park, and we regret that the university’s financial situation for the foreseeable future requires us to remove our administrative personnel from the Centre. ETSU has other units that develop various types of continuing education pro-

gramming, and the university will still use the Centre as a venue for continuing education, professional development, and other types of events. Continuing education and the Centre at Millennium Park are definitely a part of ETSU’s ongoing service mission.”

Tim Seeberg, Sodexho’s general manager for the facility, said he values the Centre’s association with ETSU and plans to work closely with ETSU in the future. “The Centre at Millennium Park and ETSU are both important parts of our region’s economic, cultural, and social capital; we will continue to build our communities.”

— Carol Fox, Coordinator
University Relations

Cheekwood Museum’s exhibition of Tennessee painters on display

A unique exhibition of Tennessee painters, recently shown at Cheekwood Museum of Art in Nashville, is on display at the Reece Museum.

“A Century of Progress: 20th Century Painting in Tennessee,” two years in the making and chronicling over 100 years of Tennessee paintings, opened at the Reece on May 15. Included in the show are 67 works by 50 artists. The exhibit was compiled by Cheekwood senior curator Celia Walker. The show runs through July 20.

According to Cheekwood Director Jack Becker, “This is clearly one of the finest gatherings of 20th century Tennessee paintings ever assembled. Celia Walker has traveled throughout Tennessee in researching the evolution of painting in ‘the Volunteer State’ and has brought us some remarkable pieces with the stories behind them.”

The full story of Walker’s two years of research, along with input by other curators from across the state, is chronicled in the Summer 2002 issue of *Tennessee Historical Quarterly*, published by the Tennessee Historical Society.

Exhibition highlights include romantic genre scenes from turn-of-the-century artists, idyllic landscapes from Depression-era painters, and contemporary canvases from today’s well-respected masters. A special focus is given to the importance of the role of women in the establishment of art societies, clubs, schools and museums in Tennessee. The show begins with paintings from the end of the 19th century by such artists as Lloyd Branson and Mary Solari, who trained the first generation of the century’s painters.

Wall text includes historical photographs to take visitors through the Tennessee Centennial of 1897 and the Appalachian Exposition of 1910, where academic and Barbizon genre subjects were joined by some of the state’s earliest examples of Impressionism.

The South becomes the subject as paintings by Fritz Brod and Burton Callicott lead viewers through the Depression and the Roosevelt-era Works Progress Administration, the WPA. As the century progressed, art publications, exhibitions and university programs brought modern work and new ideas to Tennessee. In the last quarter century, contemporary artists have explored new media that “stretch the traditional definition of painting.”

“While much has been written about comparable painters working in Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and New York, little has

been published about Tennessee artists. It is important to place Tennessee’s painters within the context of our nation’s art history,” said Walker. “We hope this exhibit will inspire writers in the region to explore the resources of our state’s archives, museums and galleries to expand upon this largely unwritten story.”

The exhibit is being funded by Baker, Donelson, Bearman & Caldwell, Attorneys-at-Law, and the ETSU Friends of the Reece Museum. For more information, visit the Reece Museum’s Web site at <http://cass.etsu.edu/museum>, or call 439-4392. Reece exhibition hours are Monday through Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Thursday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; and Saturday and Sunday, 1-4 p.m.

— Blair White, Director/Curator
Reece Museum

Asthma and Allergy Conference scheduled

“Asthma and Allergy: A Hands-on Conference” will be held Thursday, May 29, at the Centre at Millennium Park and will provide an interactive discussion on the latest approaches for treating asthma and allergies.

The one-day program is hosted by ETSU’s James H. Quillen College of Medicine.

A series of morning seminars will be followed by an open discussion led by conference faculty. Clinicians and other health care providers are encouraged to discuss difficult cases at this session.

During lunch, various pharmaceutical representatives will be available to provide

hands-on demonstrations on new allergy testing and inhalation devices.

Dr. Betty Lew from the University of Tennessee Health Sciences Center in Memphis will present the keynote lecture on “The Evaluation and Management of Anaphylactic Allergic Reactions.”

The conference is open to all health care professionals, medical and health-related students, and resident physicians. Continuing nursing education credit will also be available.

For registration or more information, call the Office of Continuing Medical Education at 439-8081.

National Alumni Association Awards

The ETSU National Alumni Association (NAA) announced the 2003 recipients of the Distinguished Alumni Awards during the NAA Awards Banquet and Annual Meeting on Friday, May 2.



Outstanding Alumni Donna Netherland and Dr. Dorman Stout Jr.

Outstanding Alumni

The 2003 **Outstanding Alumna** is **Donna P. Netherland**, who earned her teaching certificate in 1923 from the East Tennessee State Normal School and her bachelor's degree in English from East Tennessee State College (ETSC) in 1949. At age 18, the Elizabethton native began her teaching career at a small, rural school in Montezuma, N.C., and later married Houston Netherland, who was working for the Clinchfield Railroad. They met in Johnson City, married in New York City while she was attending a summer study program at Columbia University, and celebrated 47 anniversaries before his death in 1976. She retired in 1970 after teaching for 46 years, most of which were spent at Elizabethton's West Side School where three generations of children benefited from her love and knowledge. She has traveled the world, visiting Russia, the Scandinavian countries, England, Greece, Egypt, the Holy Land, and the former Yugoslavia. In fact, she made her first trip to Europe by ship in 1927, the same year Lindbergh flew across the Atlantic. In 1998, Netherland, a charter member of ETSU's Institute for Continued Learning, was named the university's Adult Learner of the Year and was chosen as the keynote speaker for ETSU's fall commencement ceremony. She is an active member of Elizabethton's First Presbyterian Church, the Elizabethton Book Club and the Franklin Garden Club.

The 2003 **Outstanding Alumnus** is **Dr. Dorman G. Stout Jr.**, a 1952 graduate of ETSC and U.S. Navy veteran who also holds a master's degree in student personnel administration from the Teachers College of Columbia University and a doctorate from Florida State University, where he served on the staff of the dean of students. He was later named dean of men at Furman University and returned to Johnson City in 1966 when he became a faculty mem-

ber, director of financial aid and assistant dean of students at ETSU. He was promoted to dean of students two years later and held that title until 1984, when the position was changed to vice president for student affairs. While teaching, advising and counseling thousands, Stout established a reputation as a chief advocate for students and became one of the university's most beloved figures. Since his retirement after 30 years of service, he remains active at the university and in the community. Among his other endeavors, he is on the Johnson City Schools Foundation, the Tipton-Haynes Historical Foundation, a trustee for Holston Presbytery, and an active member of First Presbyterian Church. He is a former president of the NAA, which presented him an Award of Honor in 1996, and immediate past president of the ETSU Retirees Association. He and his wife, Betty, are in the process of establishing the Dorman G. Stout Jr. Student Leadership Scholarship.

Awards of Honor

The 2003 **Awards of Honor** were presented to **Rebecca J. Marshall**, **Darlene Thompson** and **A. Richard Wilson**.

Marshall, who received an associate's degree in law enforcement in 1975 and bachelor's and master's degrees in criminal justice in 1977 and 1994 respectively, is known for breaking down barriers and stereotypes of women in the field of law enforcement. She became the first woman employed by the Johnson City Police Department, and later attended the Tennessee Valley Authority Academy, where she received the top firearms award as well as the class top award, called "Mr. Attitude," because no woman had ever won it before. She was the first female to fire a perfect score in the National Rifle Association Academy course, and was the number one student at the Federal Law Enforcement Center where she was also honored with the "Top Gun Award." Along her career path, she joined the U.S. Marshals Service, earning more firearms awards, as well as numerous accolades for her special operations efforts throughout the U.S. and Europe, on the way to attaining her current position as acting chief inspector in the Judicial Security Division. She represents the 6th, 7th and 8th Judicial Circuits in the eastern



**Award of Honor recipient
A. Richard Wilson**



**Award of Honor recipient
Darlene Thompson**

United States region, where she plans and supervises protective missions for the federal judiciary and members of the U.S. Supreme Court, and is also assigned ongoing operations centered in New York and Virginia.

Thompson graduated from ETSU in 1978 and moved to Asheville, N.C., to serve as a Salvation Army social worker. The next year she was named director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons Community Corrections Program, which enables inmates to re-enter the community successfully. As a member of the American Correctional Association, she has represented the Salvation Army across the country, and has also worked with flood and hurricane disasters in West Virginia and South Carolina. In addition, Thompson is a free-lance writer and photographer whose works have appeared in *Trips and Journeys*, *American Correctional Magazine* and *Chief of Police Magazine*. Her community activities include the American Red Cross, the Elisha Mitchel Audubon Society, Habitat for Humanity, March of Dimes and Samaritan's Purse. She remains active with her alma mater as a supporter of the ETSU Wesley Foundation and the Pirate Club, and is an avid Buccaneer sports fan. During the successful ETSU Tomorrow Capital Campaign, Thompson established the Andrea Wells Scholarship in honor of a close friend's child who was tragically killed at age 7 but had always dreamed of going to college.

Wilson graduated in 1963 after establishing himself as a student leader. He served as president of his freshman class, and later vice president and president of the Student Government Association, and as chairman of the University Status Committee, a milestone designation granted to ETSU the year he graduated. He was on the baseball team for two years, received the Wall Street Journal Economics Award, and was in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps. He served in the U.S. Army as captain and OIC of the state of Mississippi from 1964-66. He then earned his M.B.A. from the Harvard Business School, where he was president of the Real Estate Society. After a move to Memphis, Wilson was a corporation vice president, establishing a joint venture division and managing the development of major condominium and commercial complexes in California, Florida and Chicago. He also co-founded and served as president and CEO of a venture capital firm, and was chief election inspector for Memphis/Shelby County. He moved to Houston to become vice president of a private real estate development and investment firm, a senior investment broker with the Horne Co., and creator of the Property Group, a real estate investment and development firm which he still serves as president and CEO. The 1996 campaign coordinator for Tennessee's First District Congressman Bill Jenkins became a member of the ETSU Foundation that same year.

Honorary Alumni

Five individuals were named **Honorary Alumni** for their friendship and dedication to the university: **Dr. Steve Conerly**, **Betty DeVinney**, **Drs. Barbara and Stephen Kimbrough**, and **Donald R. Raber**.



Honorary Alumni Donald R. Raber, Dr. Steve Conerly, and Drs. Barbara and Stephen Kimbrough.

Conerly, who grew up on a dairy farm in Spring Creek, La., earned bachelor's and master's degrees in agricultural economics at Louisiana State University, as well as a doctorate in that field from Virginia Tech. After a distinguished career, he retired from the U.S. Air Force with the rank of lieutenant colonel. He was chairman of the Milk Industry Foundation, secretary of the International Association of Ice Cream Manufacturers, assistant agricultural economist and dairy marketing specialist of the Virginia Tech Agricultural Economics Department, and administrator and chairman of the Virginia State Milk Commission. He again retired, after serving as president and CEO of such companies as Land-O-Sun Dairies Inc., Flav-O-Rich Dairy and Silver Creek Technologies Inc., and currently runs Consultant Management Services and Strategic Planning, where he is a consultant to many milk marketing dairy farmer cooperatives, as well as food distribution, transportation and vegetable processing companies. Conerly has a strong commitment to the university, is currently treasurer of the ETSU Foundation, and is a member of the ETSU College of Business Advisory Council.

DeVinney is another who supports the university as a Foundation and College of Business Advisory Council member. She was inducted into the College of Business Hall of Fame last year and has acted as a recruiter for the university, which she serves as a frequent guest speaker. DeVinney, who began her career as an English teacher, plans to retire in June as senior vice president for human resources and communications and public affairs for Eastman Chemical Co., where she has worked since 1973. In that position, she has been instrumental in securing financial support for such endeavors at ETSU as the establishment of the Eastman Chemical Co. Distinguished Chair of Business Leadership, which allows students the opportunity to build business and leadership skills by learning from nationally and internationally recognized business leaders. DeVinney holds a B.S. degree from the University of Southern Mississippi, where she currently serves on the board of advisers for

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Staff Senate expresses support and appreciation for Stanton

The ETSU Staff Senate recently presented a resolution of support and appreciation for Dr. Paul E. Stanton Jr., president of the university, and vowed to conserve funds while keeping the well-being of students and employees “first and foremost in all decisions in this time of crisis.”

The resolution was in keeping with the Staff Senate’s long tradition of offering support to the university and greater community. The Staff Senate’s annual food drive supplied 109 Thanksgiving baskets last year. The project combined the efforts of donors such as Winn-Dixie of Elizabethton and Inland Paperboard & Packaging Inc. through gifts of discounts on turkeys and the boxes used for delivery of the food to the donated talents of staff members across the campus,

including physical plant employee Terry Nelson, who single-handedly brought in all donated goods from collection points. In addition to food items, \$1,743 was collected on campus. The holiday dinner ingredients were given to retired and current staff members facing difficulties, but the bulk of the gifts were sent to area schools, hospices and charitable organizations.

Another on-going project involves setting up blood drives on campus for the American Red Cross. Staff, faculty and students are encouraged to participate in this quick and easy method of providing blood supplies for the community.

One focus of the organization during the past year has been concern over emergency preparedness. In response to national disas-

ters in New York and Oklahoma City, the Staff Senate has helped educate and organize university employees to deal with many types of possible crises.

An additional annual event is the Staff Awards Picnic, designed to provide recognition to outstanding staff members and to give employees and their families an opportunity to meet outside the workplace setting.

The Staff Senate of ETSU is comprised of 30 non-faculty employees elected to three-year terms of office. At their monthly meetings, members dedicate themselves to facilitating communication among the staff and addressing problems, situations and opportunities relating to their constituents.

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the College of Business Administration, and completed the Executive Development Program at the University of Tennessee in 1993. She holds numerous leadership positions in civic and professional organizations across the region.



Honorary Alumna Betty DeVinney

After completing their medical training, **Drs. Barbara** and **Stephen Kimbrough** heard about Johnson City and the new medical school at ETSU. Barbara found the opportunity to help shape a new school and establish a division of ophthalmology intriguing, so they moved here in 1980. Now, 23 years later, she is a professor of surgery, associate chair of the Department of Surgery, and director of the Division of Ophthalmology at ETSU’s James H. Quillen College of Medicine, where she has been recognized

for excellence in teaching many times. She is a former chief of surgery and chief of staff at Johnson City Medical Center (JCMC). She holds a B.S. in psychology with minors in chemistry and zoology from Iowa State University, and, along with her husband, was a member of the charter class of the Mayo Medical School.

Stephen Kimbrough, a neurologist, established a private practice when he and his wife moved here, and he immediately became involved in clinical teaching at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center and JCMC. He is a clinical professor in Psychiatry and Internal Medicine and chief of the Division of Neurology in the Quillen College of Medicine, and has been involved in developing a new neurosciences course for the revamped curriculum for the medical school, where he has received numerous teaching awards. He has served as chief of staff at JCMC, president of the Washington-Unicoi County Medical Society, and chairman of the hospital’s Department of Medicine. He maintains his private practice with Tri-State Mountain Neurology Associates, and his special interests include multiple sclerosis, movement disorders, stroke, peripheral nerve disorders and teaching. He earned his bachelor’s degree in biomedical engineering from Northwestern University before attending the Mayo Medical School.

Raber, a U.S. Navy veteran, earned his B.B.A. at Hofstra University, Hempstead, N.Y., and his M.B.A. from Marshall Univer-

sity. He also graduated from the American Bankers-National Graduate Trust School at Northwestern and completed the Executive Development Program at the University of Tennessee. A native of Baldwin, N.Y., Raber started his career as a management trainee for the Jamaica Savings Bank and soon joined an options trading firm on Wall Street, before moving on to another company where he continued to learn the securities business. After moving to Charleston, W.Va., as a stockbroker, he returned to banking and became a senior trust officer. He came to the Tri-Cities after being recruited to head the trust area of the National Bank of Sullivan County, and has since served as a senior officer of First American Bank (now AmSouth) and Home Federal Savings Bank (now First Tennessee National). In 1991, he formed Aldebaran Financial Inc., a registered investment advisory firm that he now heads. He has taught economics, accounting and finance at ETSU and other regional institutions. Raber has worked with the investment area of the ETSU Foundation and the university since the mid-1980s. He currently serves on the executive board of the Foundation and chairs the Investment Committee. The Raber family established the Olive Jane Raber Scholarship at ETSU in honor of his mother, and they have also established scholarships at other area colleges.

— LeeAnn Willis, Coordinator
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