

Former Sen. Howard H. Baker Jr., Kenton Coe to speak at commencement

Former U.S. Sen. Howard H. Baker Jr. will be the keynote speaker at the first of ETSU's two spring commencement exercises on Saturday, May 5, at 10 a.m. in Memorial Center (the Mini-Dome). Acclaimed composer and Johnson City native Kenton Coe will deliver the address to graduates and their families at the 2 p.m. ceremony.

After a career as a United States senator, presidential adviser and ambassador, Baker is currently Senior Counsel to the Firm at Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC, founded by his grandfather in Huntsville, and where Baker formerly practiced with his own father, the late U.S. Rep. Howard H. Baker. Today, Baker focuses his practice on public policy and international matters within the law firm, which is listed as one of the 100 largest in the nation.

Prior to his return to law, Baker served as the 26th U.S. Ambassador to Japan, an appointment made by President George W. Bush in 2001.

Baker's public service career began in 1966, when he became the first Republican popularly elected to the U.S. Senate from Tennessee. He gained national recognition in 1973 as vice chairman of the Senate Watergate Committee. Three years later, he was keynote speaker at the Republican National Convention, and he was a 1980 candidate for the Republican presidential nomination. He concluded his Senate career in 1985 after two terms as majority leader, from 1981-85, and two terms as minority leader, between 1977 and 1981. From February 1987 until July 1988, he served as President Ronald Reagan's chief of staff.

Beginning as a delegate to the United Nations in 1976, Baker developed extensive



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Kenton Coe

foreign policy experience. He served on the President's Foreign Intelligence Board from 1985-87 and again from 1988-90. A member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the

Washington Institute of Foreign Affairs, he serves on the board of the Forum of International Policy and is an international

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To the Virginia Tech Family

The East Tennessee State University community is deeply saddened by the devastating events, pain, and terrible losses suffered Monday on the campus of Virginia Tech. Our hearts and our thoughts are with you and all of the people in your university community and its extended family during this tragic time.

*Dr. Paul E. Stanton, Jr.
President, East Tennessee State University*

This message was sent today on behalf of ETSU to Virginia Tech President Dr. Charles W. Steger for his university's community. In remembrance of the victims of Monday's tragedy on the Virginia Tech campus and to keep that university community in the thoughts of ETSU students, faculty and staff, ETSU will sound its carillon toll bell each day through Friday at 9:30 a.m.

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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.asp.

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counselor for the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

Baker is the recipient of the 1984 Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian award, and the 1982 Jefferson Award for Greatest Public Service Performed by an Elected or Appointed Official. In addition, he has received honorary degrees from such institutions as Yale, Georgetown, Bradley and Pepperdine universities and Dartmouth and Centre colleges.

Educated at the University of the South, Tulane University and the University of Tennessee Law College, Baker is the author of four books: *No Margin for Error* (1980), *Howard Baker's Washington* (1982), *Big South Fork Country* (1993), and *Scott's Gulf* (2000).

Kenton Coe began his musical training at the Cadek Conservatory in Chattanooga and continued his studies in Knoxville before attending Sewanee Academy. After studying at Hobart College in upstate New York, he graduated from Yale University with a degree in music history. He worked privately in France with Nadia Boulanger both at the Paris Conservatory and the American School at Fontainebleau, receiving two French government scholarships at her request.

Sponsored by noted composer Aaron Copland, Coe received two fellowships from the MacDowell Colony, where he began his first full-length opera, "South," which was premiered in 1965 by the Opera of Marseilles. Since then, he has composed numerous operas and musical plays, including the one-act comedy "Le Grand Siècle"; "Rachel," based on the tragic love story of Andrew and Rachel Jackson; "The White Devil," based on the Jacobean play by John Webster; "The River," about early Tennessee settlers; "The Morning Watch"; "The Legend of Candy's Creek"; and "Summer Gardens."

Coe has had choral, instrumental and orchestral works commissioned by various organizations and musicians, including organist Stephen Hamilton; the Episcopal Church, of which he is an active member; the Festival du Comminges in southern France; the Johnson City Symphony Orchestra; the Knoxville Ballet and Knoxville Youth Symphony; the Symphony of the Mountains in Kingsport; the East Tennessee Children's Choir; the Suzuki School; the Baton Rouge (La.) Symphony; the city of Westminster-London; the city of Johnson City; the state of West Virginia; and Delta Omicron music fraternity. The city of London commissioned "Purcellular," a suite for jazz trio and symphony orchestra, in commemoration of the 300th anniversary of the death of composer Henry Purcell.

Coe's compositions have been performed in such prestigious venues as the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C.; the Church of the Holy Trinity and Trinity Church-Wall Street in New York; and the international Spoleto Festival in Charleston, S.C.

In addition, Coe has composed musical scores for numerous films, including Universal's "Birds in Peru" and all of the documentaries by Johnson City native Ross Spears. Their first collaboration, "Agee," received an Academy Award nomination for best feature-length documentary and has had numerous international screenings, including a Kennedy Center premiere attended by former President Jimmy Carter.

The founding of a composition scholarship named in Kenton Coe's honor at ETSU was celebrated in a 2004 concert devoted to his music. This concert featured the premiere of Coe's "2nd Fantasy for Organ," performed by organist Dr. Richard Webb, a former chair of ETSU's Department of Music who is currently professor and dean of the College of Arts and Humanities at Southern University in Baton Rouge.

"When my cats aren't happy, I'm not happy. Not because I care about their mood but because I know they're just sitting there thinking up ways to get even."

— Penny Ward Moser

ETSU signs agreements with Royal Scottish Academy, University of Limerick

The beauty and history of Scotland and Ireland will now become even more evident to students at ETSU while their international counterparts experience similar revelations about the United States and ETSU.

ETSU has entered into formal agreements with the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama and with Ireland's University of Limerick, whereby ETSU students may study at these universities overseas, while paying their usual tuition at ETSU, with a similar number of students traveling from Scotland and Ireland to America to study at ETSU.

The Royal Scottish Academy in Glasgow traces its origins to the Glasgow Athenaeum, established in 1847, with Charles Dickens giving the inaugural address. The Prince of Wales, Prince Charles, serves as Patron of the Academy, continuing royal patronage of the institution begun over half a century ago.

Housed in a specially designed building, the facilities at the academy include the Alexander Gibson Opera School; New Athenaeum Theatre, the principal site for plays and opera, including a stage workshop; Chandler Studio Theatre for more intimate productions; Academy Concert Hall; the Guinness Room, a recital hall also used for workshops; and Groves Studio, offering a digital film and television studio with adjacent editing suites.

Glasgow, Scotland's largest city, provides an array of cultural experiences. The Glasgow Royal Concert Hall is a five-minute walk from the Royal Scottish Academy, while the Theatre Royal and an 18-screen multiplex cinema are across the road. The city is home to 12 other live-performance theatres, 35 museums and galleries, and Mitchell Library, the largest public reference library in Europe.

The University of Limerick was founded in 1972 as the National Institute for Higher Education and gained university status in 1989. Some 10,500 students attend the school, with nearly 1,000 of them coming as foreign exchange students from 71 countries. The university is comprised of colleges of business, engineering, education, humanities, informatics and electronics, and science. The campus also boasts the largest sports complex in the nation and a state-of-the-art concert hall.

The medieval city of Limerick sits where the River Shannon meets the Atlantic Ocean. Ireland's third largest city, it remains an active port, as well as a center for culture, dotted with 12th century churches and excellent museums, mixed among modern skyscrapers and neighborhood pubs.

For more information, contact Maria Costa, International Programs, at 439-7737 or costa@etsu.edu.

Physician spending week in Iraq training doctors on new medical advances

In the war-torn country of Iraq, physicians have become the targets of terrorist groups. Only half of the doctors have chosen to remain in Iraq, while the rest have fled.

"The United States has witnessed tremendous breakthroughs in medicine and patient care over the past decade, but sadly, because of the conflict there, those same advances have not reached Iraq," said Dr. Martin E. Olsen, chair of OB/GYN in the James H. Quillen College of Medicine.

This week, Olsen is in Iraq helping teach a series of continuing medical education classes for the physicians still practicing in that country. Health care providers across Iraq are traveling to Erbil to attend the conference, which is coordinated by the Medical Alliance of Iraq (MAI).

Olsen was asked by the MAI to participate in the conference in light of his previous work with the Kurdish people in Northern Iraq. Over the past few years, ETSU has been involved with various projects aimed at rebuilding Northern Iraq's health care infrastructure. Olsen, along with Bruce Behringer, ETSU assistant vice president for Health Affairs, and Suresh Ponnappa, associate dean for Learning Resources at the Quillen College of Medicine, have pre-

viously traveled there to support medical education development.

While in Erbil, Olsen will lead sessions on pediatric gynecology, pre-conception evaluation, ectopic pregnancy, and the use of simulators.

"Our work here at ETSU focuses on

training physicians to practice in rural underserved areas," he said. "I consider it an honor to carry that mission across the globe and help bring new advances in women's health to these dedicated medical professionals who, on a daily basis, are risking their own lives in order to save others."

Renovations begin on Pharmacy headquarters

It's an "extreme makeover" that has been long in the waiting for leaders of ETSU's College of Pharmacy as renovations at Building 7 on the Veterans Affairs Medical Center campus are now under way.

The new home of the pharmacy school has a projected completion date of summer 2008.

"We are preserving the historic nature of the building while also creating an innovative educational facility that provides state-of-the-art learning for our students," said Dr. Larry Calhoun, dean of Pharmacy.

In addition to classrooms, Building 7 will also house laboratories, academic departments, and faculty and administrative offices, as well as a designated study and lounge area for the students. Calhoun said this move will bring the majority of the pharmacy school's teaching and student services into one facility. Another plus, he added, is that it is conveniently adjacent to the ETSU Medical Library.

The price tag for the renovations is \$7.5 million, which ETSU is funding through tax-exempt bonds.

"Our ultimate fundraising goal is \$16 million, and this includes money that will be used to repay the tax-exempt bonds," Calhoun said.

BurWil Construction of Bristol is overseeing the project.

Study finds support for telemedicine among docs caring for rural patients

Overall, primary care physicians are satisfied with telemedicine and find it to be a good complement to standard patient care, particularly in managing men and women with diabetes living in remote rural areas, a researcher at the James H. Quillen College of Medicine has found.

The findings of his study are featured in the current issue of the *Journal of Rural Health*, which is published by the National Rural Health Association.

“When telemedicine was first conceived several decades ago, it was just that – a doctor advising a patient over the telephone,” said Dr. Fred Tudiver, professor of Family Medicine and director of primary care research. “But with so many recent advances in medicine and technology, that definition has moved to entirely new levels.

“There have been hundreds of papers

published measuring patient satisfaction with telemedicine, but our study was one of the first to present the same question to the physicians and nurse practitioners who are delivering the care.”

According to Tudiver, the project involved a series of telephone interviews with more than 100 primary care providers in upstate New York. All were participating in a telemedicine clinical trial study involving Medicare patients with diabetes in federally designated medically underserved areas, primarily those in rural small towns with limited access to primary care – a situation, Tudiver said, similar to that in Northeast Tennessee which is served by the Quillen College.

Patients were given a computer as well as home devices that measure blood pressure and blood sugar levels, and they immediately uploaded the data back to the State

University of New York Upstate Medical University in Syracuse, which hosted the study along with Columbia University.

The family physicians, internists and nurse practitioners who participated in the study communicated a positive experience regarding the use of telemedicine, Tudiver said. They found that it helped with the overall management of diabetes in such ways as improving compliance and increasing knowledge of the disease. It was also beneficial in assisting those patients who live in remote areas of the state.

“One of the greatest things we learned was that the providers did not see telemedicine as replacing care, but rather as complementing it,” Tudiver said. “The only negative comments related to a few concerns about ‘red tape’ and additional paperwork, but, overall, they were pleased.”

Komen grant allows ETSU nursing clinics to offer breast cancer screenings, case management

A grant from the Tri-Cities Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure Inc. awarded to the College of Nursing will provide breast cancer screenings to uninsured women who have no other means of affording care.

Nurse-managed clinics, such as the Johnson City Downtown Clinic and the Mountain City Extended Hours Health Center, which are operated under the auspices of the College of Nursing’s Faculty Practice Network, will be able to provide this service to its patients beginning July 1. The grant is for a term of one year.

“The message is clear that mammograms and other screenings are effective for the early detection of breast cancer, and that means we can save more lives,” said Debra Gott, business director for the ETSU College of Nursing Faculty Practice Network. “But the

fact remains that many women are hearing this message but cannot do anything about it because they do not have health insurance, and, even though there are other special assistance programs for some disadvantaged women, there is still a large number who will not qualify for those services.”

In addition to the Johnson City Downtown Clinic and the Mountain City Extended Hours Health Center, the Faculty Practice Network includes a number of school-based health centers within two rural school systems, as well as ETSU Student Health Services. The network has been recognized nationally as a successful model for integrating teaching, research and practice.

The grant was announced Thursday, April 12, during a news conference at Bristol Motor Speedway.

Award-winning film ‘Crash’ to be shown

The ETSU History Society will sponsor a screening of the film “Crash” today (Tuesday, April 17) at 7 p.m. in 102 Rogers-Stout Hall.

“Crash” won 2005 Academy Award honors for Best Picture, Outstanding Achievement in Editing and Best Original Screenplay. Multiple story lines follow interconnections between the characters’

lives during a two-day period in Los Angeles while exploring prejudices involving race, class and ethnicity.

A discussion of the film’s significance will be led by Dr. Elwood Watson, professor in the ETSU Department of History. Admission is \$1 and refreshments will be served.

For more information, contact Watson at 439-8575 or watsone@etsu.edu.

‘Collateral Damage’ to be screened

One of every six Tennesseans is uninsured, while nearly that many are underinsured and struggling to afford health insurance.

Concerned with this health care crisis, ETSU social work student Rebecca Gliserman initiated bringing to campus the documentary film, “Collateral Damage: Bad Medicine in Tennessee,” in conjunction with national Cover the Uninsured Week.

The free public screening will be held Thursday, April 26, at 6 p.m. in 102 Rogers-Stout Hall.

Susan McKay of the Tennessee Health Care Campaign (THCC) will give an overview of the state’s current health care situation and lead a discussion on the impact of a lack of insurance on the community and ways to advocate for change.

The event is sponsored by the THCC, the Northeast Tennessee Branch of the National Association of Social Workers, and the ETSU Department of Social Work.

For more information, call 439-6016.

Who uses a business incubator – and why? ETSU's Innovation Lab has the answers.

Owning a small business is the dream of many an aspiring entrepreneur, but getting a successful enterprise on its feet and operating smoothly is difficult.

To meet this need, ETSU created the Innovation Laboratory. The Lab is a full-service small business incubator that provides a nurturing and supportive environment for start-up companies during their critical first few years. In addition to offering office suites, wet and dry laboratory space, conference rooms, a training center, and other amenities, a monthly lease includes utilities, building maintenance and housekeeping, and security.

Beyond physical facilities, the Innovation Lab provides valuable support and counseling from the on-site Tennessee Small Business Development Center, ETSU students and faculty, and the Lab staff. Tenant companies also enjoy opportunities for networking and collaboration, contact with prospective employees who have specialized management and technical skills, and access to potential investors.

The Lab has operated at capacity since its inception and recently opened a new, \$2 million wing. Five current Innovation Lab businesses and two “graduates” have collectively created 61 jobs, with a \$42,500 average annual paycheck. The total annual payroll for these seven companies tops \$2.6 million, and the businesses represent \$10.5 million in capital invested.

Each tenant company in the Lab is unique and the fulfillment of someone's vision of a better product or service to fill an unmet need. The current clients include:

BancIntranets is a leading provider of enterprise-content management solutions developed by bankers with flexible applications designed for community financial institutions and credit unions. Their intranet software suites include BancWorks, an integrated Web-content management solution with powerful applications designed to cover an organization's needs for managed, organized and documented content while supporting regulatory compliance, and BancTrain, a training management system that allows employees and management to create, track and monitor training initiatives within a business.

Another software offering is BancWorks for the Web, comprised of Business Websites for customers, Extranets, for partners and shareholders, and Hot Sites, an application securely hosted out-of-state so employees can learn about bank operations, family members, and emergency information in case of a natural disaster, such as Hurricane Katrina.

Bioinventions is the outgrowth of three patents donated to the ETSU Research Foundation by Eastman Chemical Co. Two of those patents were developed by Eastman, while the third resulted from collaboration between Eastman and Dr. Bill Stone, professor of Pediatrics at ETSU's James H. Quillen College of Medicine. One patent uses vitamin E in a skin cream that may help prevent the effects of aging. A second uses a special form of vitamin E that can help control bleeding from wounds and reduce inflammation and swelling. The third patent uses a commercial food antioxidant known as TBHQ to lower plasma levels of cholesterol and triglycerides, both associated with an increased risk for heart disease when levels are elevated.

Eagles Landing Transcription Services (ELTS) began in 1999 in Atlanta as a medical documentation company and moved to the Innovation Lab in 2004. Through the use of current technology, employees have the option of working from home, while meeting high-quality standards and operating as part of the patient care team.

In response to a shortage of qualified medical transcriptionists, ELTS offers two educational programs to improve skill levels: Bridge-the-Gap, an internship joining education with on-the-job experience, and the SOAR Program of Transcription Instruction offering an American Association for Medical Transcription (AAMT)-based curriculum incorporating the national standard of transcription.

ProteoGenesis synthesizes and purifies proteins, making small research quantities of the engineered proteins to be used by researchers in biotech areas and in pharmaceutical firms. Scientists use the proteins to search for new ways to combat dreaded diseases such as AIDS, SARS, bird flu and cancer, while others use the proteins as a tool in their research.

The concept for ProteoGenesis originated with Douglas Corrigan and Brent Lockhart while they worked in labs as ETSU graduate students. Researchers have traditionally isolated research proteins on their own, but the process is time-consuming and difficult. Instead, many would prefer to obtain the proteins needed for their research from ProteoGenesis, whose distributors can ship any member of their product line within 24 hours.

Yasoo Health, established in 1998, is a health products company which includes international operations directed from its wholly owned subsidiary in Cyprus.

Yasoo seeks to develop proprietary, disease-specific products that will aid in the effective management of malabsorption of lipophilic compounds caused by chronic diseases such as cystic fibrosis, Crohn's disease, HIV/AIDS and diseases of the gallbladder or liver.

The first product, Aqua-E®, is a water-soluble form of vitamin E shown through clinical studies to offer patients an absorption rate two to four times greater than standard softgel capsules.

In addition, Yasoo markets nutritional supplements containing tocopherols and tocotrienols — up to eight different members of the vitamin E family, compared to a single element found in most commercial vitamins. The Yasoo line also includes an optimized general antioxidant, an omega-3 product derived from cold-water marine oils, as well as skin care items.

For more information, contact the director of the Innovation Laboratory, David Lawrence, at 439-8500 or lawrenced@etsu.edu.



Robbie Southern represents ETSU in Nashville for Graduate Education Week

When Tennessee Gov. Phil Bredesen issued a proclamation declaring April 2-6 as Graduate Education Week, the Tennessee Conference of Graduate Schools organized a special observance at Legislative Plaza in Nashville on April 4 to celebrate.

Each state institution of higher learning which offers graduate degrees was invited to send a student representative to the event. These students displayed posters and abstracts demonstrating the wide array of possibilities for intensive study across Tennessee.

WETS-FM on-air fundraiser successful

Early last Monday, unfamiliar cars joined staff vehicles to fill the parking lot at WETS-FM (89.5), ETSU's public radio station. As National Public Radio's "Morning Edition" played on the studio monitors, sleepy volunteers poured coffee and took seats beside telephones. Within minutes, they were answering calls from WETS listeners pledging financial support for the station.

The on-air portion of WETS-FM's spring fundraiser began Monday, April 9, after a period of several weeks during which pledges came in from station supporters who renewed memberships by mail or online.

"We always begin the on-air fundraiser with a significant percentage of the goal pledged to us already," says Wayne Winkler, station manager. "Some of these early pledges are used as on-air challenges to inspire listeners to make their own pledges."

By yesterday evening (Monday, April 16), the station exceeded its \$175,000 goal for this drive by \$550, with online pledges still coming in at www.wets.org. Continued on-air spots and a fiscal year-end mailing should net more funds by the last of June.

Listener support is vital to public radio stations, which do not carry advertising. Although WETS enjoys a high level of support from parent institution ETSU, it depends on listeners to cover the bulk of programming costs.

"Well over half our annual budget comes from listeners," according to Winkler. "Our support from ETSU has remained stable over the years, for which we are grateful; not many stations can say that. But in the past decade, funding from listeners has grown beyond the funding provided by the university. With programming costs going up by an average of eight to 10 percent

ETSU's School of Graduate Studies sponsored doctoral student Timothy "Robbie" Southern for the event. The native of Fletcher, N.C., will graduate in May with a Ph.D. in biomedical sciences. He presented his dissertation, "Examination of Microsporidia Spore Adherence and Host Cell Infection *In Vitro*." Southern was accompanied to Nashville by his adviser, Dr. J. Russell Hayman, an assistant professor in the ETSU James H. Quillen College of Medicine's Department of Microbiology.

every year, that growth is necessary just to maintain service at its present level."

The cost of public radio staples like "Morning Edition," "All Things Considered," "A Prairie Home Companion," "Car Talk," "Fresh Air" and others increased as much as 18 percent per program this fiscal year.

"The increase in the cost of news programming has been particularly high," Winkler says. "The cost of covering the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, combined with significant additional unexpected expenses connected with covering events like Hurricane Katrina and the tsunami in the Indian Ocean, are passed on to the member stations. In turn, we depend on our listeners to do their part in funding this service."

The station began asking listeners for contributions in 1979, five years after it first went on the air. With a broadcast radius of about 100 miles, listeners from North Carolina and Virginia join Tennesseans in funding WETS. Streaming audio on the Internet has generated e-mails and pledges from dozens of states, as well as France, India, Japan and elsewhere in the world.

"In addition to the nationally-distributed public radio favorites, WETS has a great variety of locally-produced programming, from classical to Americana to blues to Latino to Celtic," says Larry Mayer, program director. "These programs reflect the community and the culture of this region, and that has great appeal – not only here, but in other parts of the world, as well. We are an integral part of the community, and the community has supported WETS. One of the best things about the fundraisers is the opportunity for us to meet the volunteers and hear the comments of our listeners as they make their pledges."

ETSU recognizes top students at convocation

ETSU will recognize 511 students for superior achievement during today's annual Academic Excellence Convocation at 7:30 p.m. in the D.P. Culp Center's Martha Street Culp Auditorium.

The 32 Faculty Award winners, voted by the faculty in each college as the most outstanding students in their respective academic department, will be honored, along with all graduating students achieving cum laude, magna cum laude and summa cum laude academic standings. Three Roan Leadership Scholars will be recognized, along with 25 graduating students in the Honors Scholars Program and eight in the Midway Scholars Program.

The special speaker is Dr. Jack Rhoton, executive director of the new ETSU Center of Excellence in Mathematics and Science Education. Rhoton has dedicated 20 years at ETSU, building a nationally recognized professional development program for science education, K-16. Prior to joining ETSU in 1987, he had 15 years of experience in public school settings.

Known for his creative approaches to investigating science education issues, his work focuses on the preparation of pre-service and in-service training for teachers of science and mathematics. He has received nearly \$7 million in grant funding to support math and science education in Northeast Tennessee and thousands of students and educators have been positively affected as a result of his many endeavors.

Rhoton has served as president of the National Science Education Leadership Association, the Tennessee Academy of Science, and the Tennessee Science Teachers Association. In addition, he has received numerous national and state honors and awards, and was the recipient of the 1995 ETSU Distinguished Faculty Award.

The free public program will be followed by a reception in the Culp Center ballroom.

For more information, call the Honors College office at 439-6076.

International community benefits from ETSU's 'English Table'

Nearly 10 years ago, ETSU's Writing and Communication Center began holding a weekly informal meeting for international students, visiting scholars and their family members who wish to improve their spoken English and listening skills.

"The English Table," which meets on Tuesday afternoons, always has a weekly topic – for example, a recent subject was music. Previous meetings this term have focused on shopping and cooking, pronouncing American English, and holiday observances, with conversation ranging far and wide.

Students from China, India and Egypt come regularly, so there is a lot to talk about! This past fall semester the group even had an "English Table Thanksgiving," where students as well as community members brought their favorite dishes to share with one another.

Last semester, ETSU enrolled 385 "international" graduate and undergraduate students from 75 countries, representing a broad range of languages and cultures. They face some unique challenges, both linguistic and cultural, that can make it difficult for them to succeed here in the United States:

- ♦ **Teaching and Learning Styles** – Many of ETSU's international students come from countries where instruction is much less "student-centered" than in the U.S. In their countries, the instructor is the expert, and students must listen and take notes; in this model, asking questions can be seen as a sign of disrespect for the teacher's wisdom and authority. Students are expected to memorize information and respond to exams with answers that are taken verbatim from lectures and texts.
- ♦ **Academic Writing** – Students coming to ETSU from non-Western higher education backgrounds are much less likely to have extensive writing experience, even in their own languages. For instance, Chinese university students might be asked to write only one long paper (more than 10 pages) and three or four short reports during their entire university education.
- ♦ **Definitions of Academic Integrity** – Definitions of what constitutes plagiarism and other forms of "academic misconduct" are often very different in other cultures, especially those where ideas regarding

individual authorship and giving proper credit to sources are fairly new.

- ♦ **Speaking and Listening Skills** – Difficulties regarding oral communication are not restricted to speaking. International students, especially those who are non-native speakers of English, often have difficulty keeping up with lectures and understanding instructions. Even practical, day-to-day activities that native speakers take for granted, such as shopping, asking for directions or ordering food at a restaurant, can be incredibly frustrating for these students.

The English Table is only one small example of how ETSU is working to make our international students' academic and living experience more successful and enriching. The Office of International Programs, the student-run International Student Organization, and the Office of Multicultural Affairs are all engaged in a concerted effort to make ETSU not only the best regional university in the country, but also an institution with a special "international flavor."

Dr. Judith Schiebout of LSU's Museum of Natural Science to speak

"Miocene terrestrial vertebrates from Louisiana terrestrial and marine sites" will be the topic of a free public lecture by vertebrate paleontologist Dr. Judith A. Schiebout tomorrow (Wednesday, April 18).

Her talk will be held from 4:30-5:30 p.m.

in 304 Brown Hall. Refreshments will be served beginning at 4:15 p.m.

Schiebout, associate curator of the Museum of Natural Science at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, developed a love of ancient animals when she first read

of them as a child. As a high school student in central Texas, she hunted fossils with her father, an Air Force veteran and educator. In college, she began research on the Paleocene in Big Bend in west Texas.

After earning her Ph.D., Schiebout taught at the University of Northern Colorado, California State University-Sonoma and San Diego State University before joining LSU in 1976. Her many research interests include paleoecology and vertebrate paleontology, especially in southern North America and China in the Tertiary, and Louisiana fossil vertebrates, particularly in the Miocene. She especially hopes to locate more fossils in the heavily vegetated state of Louisiana, despite its lack of outcrops.

Schiebout's lecture is co-sponsored by ETSU's Department of Biological Sciences, the ETSU and General Shale Brick Natural History Museum and Visitor Center, Center of Excellence in Paleontology, and the Association for Women Geoscientists.

For more information, contact Dr. Michael Zavada, chair and professor of Biological Sciences, at 439-6919 or zavadam@etsu.edu.

In Memory

East Tennessee State University extends deepest sympathy to the family and friends of

Dr. Leo Harvill,

who died March 30 after a long battle with leukemia. The Nebraska native taught junior high mathematics and was on the faculty of the University of South Dakota before becoming a founding faculty member and administrator in the James H. Quillen College of Medicine at ETSU in 1977. He retired in 2003. Harvill was a member of the Johnson City Alliance Church and was active in the community with the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life and the Johnson City Civic Chorale. He was also an avid sports fan and shared a love of quilts with Joyce, his wife of 44 years. His son, Donald, is an ETSU employee in the Alumni Records office.

Dreams of summer include sun, relaxation and . . . research

While college students often look forward to a summer hiatus from classes, they do so for different reasons. For ETSU students who are interested in doing research and examining career possibilities, the Honors College will enter the second year of the Summer

zation and consequent dopamine release in the nucleus accumbens, a region of the brain that mediates primary drug reinforcement. Longacre's research is based on Brown's ongoing studies into the subject.

Originally intent on a medical career, Longacre was accepted into the Honors-In-Discipline program in psychology, but, as a result of his research interests, he now has as his goal a doctoral degree in behavioral neuroscience.

Lucinda Langston, a junior interested in the region's ancient pottery, also took advantage of the summer program, gaining a George Sells Fellowship based on her proposal, "Prehistoric Pottery Production and Culture Chronology in Upper East Tennessee."

Only two professional archaeological investigations have previously been conducted in this region, one in 1981 and the other in 1986. Langston, in collaboration with Dr. Jay Franklin, an associate professor in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, analyzed four pottery assemblages from four archaeological sites: the Eastman Rockshelter, the AFG Site, the Fudd Campbell Site on the Watauga River, and the Holston Defense Site on the Holston River.

Now that she has had a taste of archaeological research, Langston plans to move toward graduate work, perhaps to study classical archaeology.

The ETSU Honors College looks forward to engaging more undergraduates in scientific research next summer, perhaps setting students along career paths they had never before considered.



Lucinda Langston and Dr. Jay Franklin examine ancient pottery.

Undergraduate Research Fellowship program, offering opportunities not usually available to undergraduate students.

The program is designed to assist students who are making significant progress on specific research projects during the summer months by providing them scholarships and supplies or travel funds up to a maximum of \$2,500 each.

Ian Longacre, a native of Hixson and an ETSU senior majoring in psychology with a minor in biology, was among those selected to receive one of the 2006 awards based on his study entitled "The D2 reception mediation of nicotine sensitization in D2-primed adolescent rats."

Longacre hopes his work will lead to treatment methods for tobacco addiction in individuals suffering from schizophrenia. Some 80-90 percent of patients with schizophrenia smoke, typically using at least 30-40 percent more cigarettes than the general smoking population, since nicotine appears to alleviate some symptoms of the disorder. However, the effect of heavy smoking on the general health of the patients is a great concern.

In collaboration with Dr. Russ Brown, an associate professor in the Department of Psychology, Longacre uses a rodent model of schizophrenia to study the effects of nicotine on locomotor sensi-



Ian Longacre



The ETSU Division of Theatre and Dance presents

Little Shop of Horrors

April 19-21, 7:30 p.m. / April 22, 2 p.m.

Memorial Theatre, Veterans Affairs Medical Center

\$10 general, \$5 students with ID

Call 439-7576 or visit www.etsu.edu/theatre/tickets.htm to reserve tickets.

Med students form Relay for Life team in honor of classmate's child

Though graduation from medical school is still a few years away, students at the James H. Quillen College of Medicine have already demonstrated what it means to show compassion, concern, and, most importantly, to just “be there” for others in a time of need.

During the April 13-14 Relay for Life event at ETSU, the spirit of “Team Abel” stretched far beyond the highest point of the Mini-Dome. Organized by the medical students, “Team Abel” was coined in honor of 20-month-old Abel Tyson, who is the son of second-year medical student Adam Tyson.

This past winter, Abel was diagnosed with neuroblastoma, a form of cancer, and was immediately sent to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis where he continues to undergo treatment. During surgery to remove the tumor, Abel's heart arrested for about 20 minutes, and he suffered severe brain damage as a result. Adam has taken a leave of absence from his medical school studies.

“We were in a state of shock, and in a lot of ways we still are,” said Josh Combs, a classmate of Adam's at ETSU. “Because of our small class size, we are a very close-knit group, and this has hit everyone hard. Adam is a very strong person and is an important part of our Quillen family.”

During the early stages of Abel's ill-

ness, the Tyson family remained in Johnson City. Combs said the students organized a note-taking system and would record class lectures for Adam. In the evenings, the classmates would go to the hospital and study with him in order to help keep him current with the coursework.

The medical students also organized a work day at the Tyson home in order to make some modifications that would support Abel during his treatment.

“Because a person's immune system is so compromised during chemotherapy, we wanted to prevent any problems with moisture, dust, and mold. We helped remodel the basement and install insulation and make a few other repairs.”

In addition to a donation from Home Depot, the money for the renovations was raised by the students.

“I've never seen such an outpouring of love as that extended to the Tyson family,” said James Hula, a first-year student at the Quillen College. “As medical students, we do not have a lot of free time, especially during the first two years of school, and, for many of us, finances are tight. But everyone has been so generous and has continued to say ‘yes.’”

And that means a great deal to James. He and Adam became close friends while completing their pre-medicine studies at Middle Tennessee State University. Both were mak-

ing mid-career changes. James' background was in concrete work, and Adam had been a teacher. They studied together, and they and their wives began socializing.

Hula said Abel has been like a nephew to him.

“I'm a year behind Adam at Quillen, and many of my classmates do not know him, yet they have been there for the work days, they've given money, and they've been there for the other fundraising events.”

Since Abel's diagnosis, the students have organized a number of events, including a silent auction and a half-marathon, to raise money for the Tyson family.

This outpouring has extended far beyond the student body. Faculty and staff from Quillen and ETSU have rallied together to support the Tysons, and they have been joined by numerous local churches and businesses.

“The response from our faculty, staff, and students has been phenomenal,” said Dr. Tom Kwasigroch, associate dean for student affairs at Quillen. “We are one big extended family, and, when a member needs us, we are going to rally around them.”

Persons interested in supporting the Tysons can send contributions to: Friends of Abel Tyson, c/o State of Franklin Savings Bank, 612 West Walnut St., Johnson City, TN 37604.

Upcoming ‘Jack and the Youngest Daughter’ is a play for storytellers

On three different occasions in two separate venues next week, the public will be entertained by two of the most well-known folktale heroes in American literary history – Jack and his female counterpart the Youngest Daughter – when the ETSU Storytelling Program presents productions April 26-28.

Scheduled for April 26 and 28 in ETSU's Bud Frank Theatre in Gilbreath Hall, “Jack and the Youngest Daughter” will also be performed off-campus on April 27 in the Next Door space of the Acoustic Coffeehouse, 415 W. Walnut St. All shows are free and start at 7 p.m. Because the program contains adult themes, the performances may not be suitable for young children.

The production was conceived and is being directed by Dr. Joseph Sobol, ETSU Storytelling Program coordinator. Performers include graduate and undergraduate students from ETSU's storytelling and theatre programs, as well as special guests. The shows will be sign language interpreted.

As Sobol notes, “This production will delight the senses with storytelling, folk music, wild humor and imaginative story-theatre stagings. Our version of ‘Jack and the Youngest Daughter’ explores the intricate interconnections between the characters and themes of the Appalachian wonder tales, weaving them into a dazzling cycle of growth and adventure – an Appalachian ‘Hero with a Thousand Faces.’”

The ETSU Master of Arts in Storytelling is one of a select few fully accredited graduate programs in Professional and Applied Storytelling in the United States. Students come from around the globe to study the art and application of storytelling at ETSU. Sobol has created a special opportunity for students of the program, related disciplines, and guests to explore and present a selection of classic tales from The Jack Tales and Grandfather Tales woven into “a seamless magic carpet ride through a mythic Appalachia.”

For more information, call Sobol at 439-7863 or 439-7606 or the Acoustic Coffeehouse at 434-9872.

Kara Kahley, TJ Furchess receive state's Harold Love Awards

Kara Kahley and TJ Furchess, ETSU seniors who will graduate in May, are recipients of 2007 Harold Love Outstanding Community Involvement Awards, presented by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission.

Five students and five faculty or staff members are chosen annually from among the state's public and private colleges and universities for the \$1,000 awards, which recognize outstanding community service performed at the campus level. The two ETSU women will be honored at the THEC spring meeting in Nashville later this month.

In his letter of recommendation for Kahley, ETSU President Dr. Paul E. Stanton Jr. said, "Imagine spending your summer riding on a school bus two hours every morning and afternoon in the country roads of Greene County to pick up and return children of migrant workers; teach them math, reading, and writing; serve them meals; and chaperone field trips. That's how Kara chose to spend her summer in 2006."

Kahley's other service projects include working for two summers at Disney's Give

Kids the World, allowing terminally ill children and their families to experience Orlando, Fla., and teaching at the Boy Scouts Merit Badge University. As part of an independent study, she gathered information on the region's homeless population for the Appalachian Regional Commission. She also volunteered at assisted living facilities and helped organize a monthly game night for patients at the James H. Quillen Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

Kahley was selected for inclusion in *Who's Who Among American College and University Students* and the ETSU Student Hall of Fame. The Greeneville native is interested in quality management and international business consulting. Next fall, she will enter the M.B.A. program at ETSU.

"I am honored to receive this award," Kahley says, "and I hope more people, especially Tennesseans, will become involved in their communities and experience the joy such involvement brings."

Furchess is the "founding mother" of Head 2 Toe, a project that enhances the self-

image of teenage girls by establishing a retail store setting where girls, who otherwise may not be able to afford prom dresses, may select gowns and accessories. Proceeds from the sale of donated attire benefit Girls Inc. of Johnson City/Washington County. She was recently honored at a Girls Inc. regional conference with the Adult Program Volunteer Award.

"TJ is one of those students who has stepped beyond the role of answering multiple calls to service, and instead, stepped into the role of community problem solver and leader," said Stanton in his endorsement. "She has taken this program to the highest levels of our campus, community, and even the state government. Her passion is contagious, and her integrity without question."

Furchess, a Johnson City resident, is the single parent of two children, and she returned to school after a career in retail merchandising. She hopes to open her own formal wear business, since she believes "a person's clothing describes them as individuals, and assisting others in choosing the appropriate attire for a specific occasion is very rewarding."

'Crime Victims' Rights' ceremony, Johnia Berry Memorial Walk planned

On Saturday, April 28, ETSU will serve as host site for a ceremony announcing "Crime Victims' Rights Day" in Johnson City – as part of the observance of April 22-28 National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

The event begins at 9 a.m. at the Wayne G. Basler Center for Physical Activity. Mayor Steve Darden will read the city proclamation designating Crime Victims' Rights Day, prior to the start of the Johnia

Berry Memorial Walk.

The special day was organized at the request of Joan Berry, mother of Johnia Berry, the young ETSU alumna who was murdered in her Knoxville apartment in 2004, and whose killer has not yet been identified.

The public is invited to attend the ceremony and participate in the walk. In case of rain, both events will move inside the Basler CPA. All walkers are encouraged to wear comfortable shoes and attire. There is no cost involved, and registration is not required.

Students vote down football fee referendum

ETSU officials announced Wednesday, April 11, that students voted down a ballot referendum regarding an increase in student athletic fees that would have helped pay for a new football program.

"This was an opportunity for our students to be heard," said ETSU President Dr. Paul E. Stanton Jr. "This vote did not parallel the positive numbers seen in our previous survey of students last December. While that is surprising, our students have let us know where they stand on the return of a football program at ETSU."

The April 10-11 referendum called for a \$50 increase during the Fall 2007 and Spring 2008 semesters. Fees would increase by another \$50 per semester during the 2009-2010 school year. Along with the current \$75 athletic fee, students would be paying a total of \$350 a year in athletic fees beginning in 2009-2010. Plans were for the new football

team to play its first game in 2010.

With 3,229 ballots cast, 1,907 students were opposed to the fee, and 1,322 were in favor. Over 59 percent of the students who participated voted against the fee, with 27 percent of the student body participating in the vote. The ETSU Student Government Association certified the vote at approximately 6:45 p.m. Wednesday.

Student approval was the first of several steps needed for the return of football. Even with a vote in favor of the fee, ETSU would have still needed approval to proceed with the increase from the Tennessee Board of Regents during its June meeting, and funding for a new outdoor stadium would have needed to be in hand by the summer of 2008 to begin construction. An estimated \$15 million would need to be raised through private giving and sponsorships to begin the stadium project.

"Learn the art of patience. Apply discipline to your thoughts when they become anxious over the outcome of a goal. Impatience breeds anxiety, fear, discouragement and failure. Patience creates confidence, decisiveness, and a rational outlook, which eventually leads to success."

— Brian Adams, author



Campus News Briefs

‘Campus Solutions to Global Warming’

ETSU’s environmental studies minor will sponsor a free public simulcast of the National Wildlife Federation program, “Chill Out! Campus Solutions to Global Warming,” on Wednesday (April 18) at 3 p.m. in the D.P. Culp Center forum.

The simulcast features a message from former U.S. Vice President Al Gore; presentations from student-group contest winners from across the nation, as they describe their efforts on various campuses to address global warming issues; a student-moderated discussion, in real-time, with contest winners and global warming experts; and the premiere of winning YouTube video entries.

For more information, call Dr. Kevin O’Donnell at 439-6679.

Book Review Group

The Book Review Group sponsored by the Women’s Resource Center will meet Wednesday (April 18) to discuss *A Student of Living Things* by Susan Richards Shreve.

New members are always welcome, and participants are invited to bring their lunch; light snacks and drinks will be provided. The meeting begins at noon in the WRC, basement suite 2, Panhellenic Hall.

For more information, call 439-7847.

‘Gesture and Gestalt’

“Gesture and Gestalt,” the B.F.A. exhibition of drawings by Myra Brooks, is on display through Friday at Slocumb Galleries, Ball Hall. An artist’s reception will be held Thursday (April 19) from 5-7 p.m.

The collection showcases Brooks’ passion for figure and portrait drawing. The works, done in pastels and other dry media, are her personal interpretations of her subjects’ moods, which she evaluates through their body language and their surroundings.

Brooks is a graduate of Walters State Community College, Morristown, where she received the 2003 Outstanding Student Award for Visual Artist and a certificate of recognition in photography. Her work has

been published in *The Gallery* magazine. She exhibited two drawings in the Student Honors Show at ETSU in 2006.

Regular exhibition hours are 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call Slocumb Galleries at 439-4291.

Military Science Honors Day

The Department of Military Science will hold its annual Spring Honors Day on Thursday (April 19) at 2:30 p.m. in the Wayne G. Basler Center for Physical Activity multipurpose room.

A reception follows the program, which recognizes cadets who have distinguished themselves during the past year through outstanding leadership, academic and physical performance, patriotism and demonstrated mastery of military subjects.

For more information, contact Angela Haire at 439-4269 or hairea@etsu.edu.

Blood Drive

The ETSU Campus Ministries will sponsor a Blood Drive for the American Red Cross on Thursday (April 19) from 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Wesley Foundation, 1100 Seminole Drive.

Those wishing to donate blood are asked to call 929-2121 to schedule a time.

Earth Day

On Thursday (April 19), ETSU will celebrate Earth Day through a variety of activities from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in Borchuck Plaza outside the Charles C. Sherrod Library.

Representatives of many regional groups and organizations engaged in environmental issues will present displays. There will be a range of activities and performances, including music by students in the ETSU bluegrass program.

Established in America during 1970, Earth Day, which is officially recognized on April 22 this year, is an annual event promoting environmental education and awareness. Now observed in more than 100 countries, the celebration has been called “the largest secular holiday in the world.”

The event is sponsored by the ETSU environmental studies minor and the student

group Initiative for Clean Energy (ICE). In case of inclement weather, Earth Day activities will be held in Alumni Gallery, on the first floor of the D.P. Culp Center.

For more information, contact Elana Gulas, president of ICE, at 439-6679 or elanagulas@yahoo.com.

Phi Kappa Phi lunch lecture

Phi Kappa Phi national honor society is sponsoring one of the Lunch and Learn lecture series Friday (April 20) when Dr. Peggy Cantrell, a professor in the Department of Psychology, will present “Media Images of Women: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly.”

The free event begins at noon in dining room 1 on the third floor of the D.P. Culp Center. The public is invited to bring lunch and dine while enjoying the presentation.

Phi Kappa Phi, founded in 1897, is “the nation’s oldest, largest, and most selective honor society for all academic disciplines.” The chapter at ETSU is among some 300 located on campuses across the nation.

For more information, contact Dr. Susan Epps at 439-8275.

Appalachian Trail project

ETSU students will work with their over-the-mountains counterparts at Appalachian State University to maintain a section of the Appalachian Trail. Members of the public are invited to join in the project.

Participants will meet on Saturday, April 21, at 9 a.m. in the parking lot at the southeast corner of the University Parkway and South Roan Street intersection and then return following their day’s work at 3 p.m.

The project is coordinated by the Tennessee Eastman Hiking and Canoeing Club.

For more information, call Dr. Kevin O’Donnell at 439-6679.

Garry Renfro M.F.A. Exhibit

A Master of Fine Arts Exhibit of recent drawings, paintings and other works by Garry D. Renfro is on display at the Carroll Reece Museum through April 25.

Renfro uses the landscape of his home

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community in Greene County and the experience of growing up in a family farming enterprise in rural East Tennessee during the 1950s and 1960s “as a point of reference and departure for imagery” in his work. He uses landscape to “explore social, political and environmental concerns, as well as autobiographical introspections.” A common thread weaving throughout his work “is an emphatic acknowledgement of the physicality of the art object, the psychological component of the landscape experience, and the memory of being a living part of a living environment.”

Renfro received his B.F.A. in graphic design from ETSU in 1973 and has worked in numerous areas of design as a business owner and for American Greetings Corp. He has been an active volunteer, providing design services for such organizations as the Greeneville Chamber of Commerce, Greeneville High School, The Exchange Club, Tusculum Arts Outreach and Main Street, Greeneville. He is married to Kit Masters, and they have three children: Joshua, 27; Jessie, 24; and Marenah, 20.

The exhibit is free and open to the public. The Reece Museum is open from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, and from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Thursday.

For more information, call the museum at 439-4392.

University ring ceremony

The ETSU Alumni Association will host its annual ring ceremony on Wednesday, April 25, at 5 p.m. at the ETSU Foundation Carillon and Alumni Plaza.

ETSU President Dr. Paul E. Stanton Jr. and other university and alumni officials will be on hand to present rings to students participating in the campus tradition. The ETSU ring, which is one of the most unique in the country, serves as a common bond between those who have graduated and those who will graduate this year and in years to come.

“Our official ring at ETSU is a link with graduates and friends,” said Bob Plummer, executive director of the ETSU Alumni Association. “Times will change, but the ring will stay the same. This symbol serves as a reminder of the tradition of excellence this school and our graduates represent.”

Plummer notes that this tradition is a “significant event in the lives of the students who have earned the right to wear the rings.”

“It allows the university to recognize and celebrate the students’ accomplishments while welcoming them as part of the great, unbroken band of scholars,” he said.

The ring ceremony is for students who have attained junior or senior standing and completed at least 60 credit hours.

Balfour Jewelers representative Mike Merritt reflects on the achievement of receiving a ring: “Students have really grown to appreciate the tradition behind the ring, making it more than a piece of jewelry. They wear their rings with pride, not just for the academic achievement it represents, but for the lifelong connection they have with ETSU.”

For more information, call 439-4218.

Spring Alumni Weekend

Activities planned for the ETSU Alumni Association’s Spring Alumni Weekend will pay tribute to a variety of ETSU graduates and friends of the university.

The 2007 Awards Banquet and Annual Meeting will be held Friday, May 4, beginning with a buffet-style meal at 6:30 p.m. in the D.P. Culp University Center ballroom. ETSU President Dr. Paul E. Stanton Jr. will provide an update on the university, and Outstanding Alumni, Award of Honor recipients, Honorary Alumni, and Distinguished Alumni in Higher Education, as well as retiring faculty and staff, will be recognized.

The event also highlights the reunion classes of 1957 and 1962. Earlier that same day, these alumni will participate in a 9:30 a.m. brunch in the Culp Center, when members of the class of 1957 will be inducted into the Golden Fifties Club. Class photographs will also be taken.

Following the brunch, the reunion groups will take trolley tours of the campus and the Johnson City area to see some of the changes that have taken place since they graduated. The groups will then return to the B. Carroll Reece Museum for an ice cream social.

Tickets for the Awards Banquet and Annual Meeting are \$20 per person and may be reserved by calling 439-4218 and paying by Visa or MasterCard, or by printing the reservation form at www.etsu.edu/alumni/event_springweekend.asp and mailing the completed form with a check, made payable to the ETSU Alumni Association, to Box 70709.

For more information, call 439-4218.