

ETSU presents 2004 Distinguished Staff Awards

The ETSU Distinguished Staff Award recipients are honored by their peers each year at the university's Staff Picnic sponsored by the Staff Senate.

Each winner receives a \$1,000 check, provided by the ETSU Foundation specifically for this recognition, and each receives a plaque acknowledging their achievement. The awards were presented by ETSU President Dr. Paul E. Stanton Jr. and Staff Senate President Kathy Smith.

Awards are made in non-faculty staff employment categories, with one at-large Career Award given as merited to a staff member in any category.

Nominees are selected based on one or more of these criteria: a staff employee whose performance of assigned tasks deserves recognition and inspires other employees, positive attitude in working with others, commitment to the university community, and exercise of extraordinary courage.

The winner of the **Distinguished Staff Award in Category 1 – Executive, Admin-**



ETSU President Dr. Paul E. Stanton Jr., center, congratulates Distinguished Staff Award recipients (l-r) Terry Nelson, Jerrell Byrd, JoAnne Boyd, Ted Mowery, Andrea "Ditty" Hagardorn Nicolaides and Paul Hayes.

istrative, Managerial – began his ETSU career in 1976 by assisting veterans with their benefits. Registrar **Paul Hayes** is a 1973 and 1978 ETSU graduate with B.S. and M.B.A. degrees.

His nominator describes him as "one of those people who does his job, does it extremely well, has the student's best interest at heart, and treats all faculty, staff and stu-

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Dr. Gordon Anderson named new dean of Arts and Sciences

Dr. Gordon K. Anderson has been appointed dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. Anderson replaces Dr. Rebecca A. Pyles, who has served in an interim capacity since 2002.

A native of Scotland, Anderson has taught chemistry at the University of Missouri-St. Louis for the past 23 years. Since 1998, he has chaired that university's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry.

Anderson earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry from the University of Glasgow in 1976 and his Ph.D. there in 1979. He served a postdoctoral fellowship from 1979-81 at the University of Guelph, Canada. His specialty is transition metal chemistry.

"Dr. Anderson has a strong vision of academic excellence, strong leadership experience in an institution with many similarities to ETSU, a commitment to the role of the liberal arts and sciences in the life of the university, and a reputation for working effectively with various constituencies in pursuing ambitious goals," said Dr. Bert C. Bach, ETSU's provost and vice president for Academic Affairs.

Among the many grants Anderson secured at the University of Missouri-St. Louis was \$100,000 from the National Science Foundation in 1995 to renovate the school's Chemistry Research Laboratories. That same year, he was awarded a \$225,000 re-

search grant from NSF.

"The University of Missouri is a four-campus system, and the St. Louis campus is roughly the same size as ETSU," Anderson said. "As is the case with ETSU, many of the students there work and have families."

Anderson said the Arts and Sciences deanship attracted him because of the diversity of disciplines within the ETSU college.

"Providing a broad, strong, general education is one of the real strengths of the American system," Anderson said. "In the United Kingdom, students tend to specialize more, even at the high school level.

"One of the functions of a College of Arts

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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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'Mountain Messages II' quilt display to be shown at Reece Museum

Works from "Mountain Messages II: Stories and Songs," a creative quilt exhibit will be on display at ETSU's Carroll Reece Museum from July 22-Sept. 12.

This year's judge, Becky Goldsmith, will present a gallery talk about the quilts that were submitted for the competition during the Opening Reception and Awards Ceremony, which will take place Thursday, July 22, from 5-7 p.m. at the museum.

Goldsmith, who has won many prestigious awards for her quilting and designs,

is co-owner of Piece O'Cake Designs, a company in Tulsa, Okla., which specializes in quilt books and patterns.

The competition and exhibit are sponsored in part by the Reece Museum and Tennessee Quilts, Jonesborough.

The exhibit and reception are free and open to the public. Museum hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Thursday, and 1-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

For more information, call 439-4392.

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and Sciences in America is to show students how the different disciplines integrate, how music and physics are interrelated, how the sciences and philosophy build on one another."

Anderson is a member of the American Chemical Society, the Royal Society of

Chemistry and the Council for Chemical Research. He and his wife, Jayne, have children ranging in ages from 21 to five.

With 16 departments and over 3,000 undergraduate majors, Arts and Sciences is ETSU's largest college. Anderson's appointment becomes effective Aug. 1.

Cates Memorial Fund

Corri Cates, a freshman from Greeneville, passed away unexpectedly on our campus on Tuesday, June 22. Her mother, Barbara Drury, is currently a student at ETSU. Those wishing to make a contribution in memory of Corri to the family to help offset funeral expenses may do so by making a check out to the Corri Cates Memorial Fund. Contributions may be made in person at the cashier's window of the Comptroller's Office or mailed to Comptroller's Office, Box 70732.

On having a sense of humor

One night while Honre de Balzac, the prolific French novelist, lay in his bed, he heard a thief break into his one-room apartment. He kept quiet and listened as the thief attempted to pick the lock of his desk. At that point, Balzac broke out into a hearty laugh.

Disturbed, the thief asked the writer why he laughed.

Balzac's answer: "I am laughing to think what risks you take to try to find money in a desk by night where the legal owner can never find any by day."

— adapted by First Draft from Bartlett's Book of Anecdotes

Constructive Learning

CMA members help others while honing professional skills

Members of the Construction Management Association at ETSU have been busy during recent months with a variety of projects designed to help others.

Some of the projects these students in Construction Technology have completed include installing an access ramp at the Erwin home of a disabled veteran with materials donated by Home Depot, constructing a “learning tree house” (which provides a reading loft, drawing area, study desk and more) in Terri Knight’s fifth grade classroom at University School, and building a sandlot for the Little Bucs Child Care Center on campus with materials purchased by Alpha Sigma Lambda, an organization for adult students.

In another project, they undertook major renovations to a trailer that had been flooded when a water heater malfunctioned. While the American Red Cross replaced the water heater and plumbing, the ETSU students gutted three rooms and replaced the floors, insulation and sheetrock.



ETSU students built an access ramp for Lloyd Vaughn of Erwin, paving the way for him to obtain a wheelchair from Veterans Affairs.

said. “Some new guys decided the club needed to function as one, and several energetic people wanted to make things happen.”

Indeed, they have. During the past year, the CMA won the Canned Food Creations contest during Homecoming week by build-

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CMA members construct a multipurpose “learning tree house” in a University School fifth grade classroom.

“Since these guys are in the construction field, we try to find stuff to give them experience,” said Jim Carlton, a student member of the CMA. “It will do these (students) good when they get out of school, to know what needs are out there. They’ll be able to identify and help where needed. They have a lot of fun getting involved.”

He explained that the members go out and look for projects, and the member who finds the project usually becomes its supervisor. The organization also tries to get students from the Surveying and Mapping program involved when possible.

Although the money required for materials is often hard to come by, he said, some area businesses and organizations have graciously pitched in with materials and funds.

All of these activities seem to be fueling the growth of the CMA, an organization that has grown from seven to 35 members over the past couple of years.

“I think the club hit an all-time low two years ago,” Carlton



The Little Bucs Child Care Center benefits from the efforts of CMA members, who created a sandlot using materials supplied by adult student organization Alpha Sigma Lambda.

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dents with an equal amount of dignity and respect...without fanfare or calling attention to himself or his success.”

Hayes’ nomination material also cites his additional responsibilities created by the new Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship Program and his close work with ETSU colleagues and Tennessee Board of Regents staff to ensure a smoother administration of the program.

The material notes that Hayes is well respected by colleagues in admissions and registrar offices across the state.

This year’s recipient of the **Distinguished Staff Award for Category 3 – Professional Non-Faculty** – began employment at ETSU in 1977. **Andrea “Ditty” Hagardorn Nicolaidis** was the first research associate hired in the Department of Pharmacology and is a charter staff member of ETSU’s James H. Quillen College of Medicine.

One of her nominators considers her “the most highly skilled professional on staff” and notes her contribution to, or coauthorship of, seven abstracts, 14 publications and a chapter in the *Encyclopedia of Analytical Chemistry*. A graduate student with whom she worked notes, “She has instructed me on the proficient use and application of several analytical techniques...vital to my development as a graduate student.” And, a colleague in another department states, “I have found her assistance invaluable in conducting my research.”

Another comments, “It is rare that such long-term dedication and capability can be found...We have been honored and fortunate to have known her all these years.”

In addition, Nicolaidis is commended for her personal efforts and major commitment to Mountain Movers Dance Co., a non-credit performing group based in the Department of Physical Education, Exercise and Sport Sciences from 1982-2001. “A fine dancer and choreographer,” and occasionally rehearsal mistress, she “played a major role” in the accomplishments of the troupe.

The winner of the **Distinguished Staff Award for Category 4 – Clerical and Secretarial** – is a valued team member who was

wholeheartedly nominated by her Department of Social Work chair. **JoAnne Boyd**, executive aide for the past three years, came into her staff role from the student ranks at ETSU where she completed her bachelor of social work degree and was active in the President’s Pride service honorary and other endeavors. She is currently pursuing a master’s degree.

Her nominating material is full of anecdotal evidence of her compassionate, caring, and generous nature ranging from her work with students, staff and faculty to the community assistance efforts she undertakes on behalf of less fortunate persons. One individual states, “Ask any student, faculty, or staff member on campus, and they will more than likely not only know who she is but also have a story to tell about the great things she does for the university and her community. She is the most caring and giving person I have ever met.”

Boyd is also commended for her work as executive secretary for Phi Alpha National Honor Society, the largest honor society for social work education in the country with chapters in every state, and its subsequent growth in membership during her tenure. She is credited with recruiting an additional 230 chapters.

The winner of the **Distinguished Staff Award for Category 6 – Skilled Crafts** – is “an individual who literally keeps ETSU rolling right along.” **Jerrell Byrd** from the Motor Pool in the Physical Plant has been employed at ETSU since 1982. And, as his nominating material notes, “You could say he does the work of three men, since the other two people in his department are currently serving our country through military deployment.”

A nominator states he has “willingly performed these duties and never complained about the additional responsibilities.” Another says he is the “man behind the scenes who repairs and services the vehicles on campus...With over 111 cars and trucks and other equipment, he has a huge job!” Yet another comments that he is “the friendly, smiling man who pumps the gas, checks the oil, and then sends you on your way with a smile and a wish for a good day.” He is also

the person who salts the roads and the parking lots during snowy weather, and is an individual “dedicated to his church, family, job, and fishing!”

This year’s winner of the **Distinguished Staff Award for Category 7 – Service/Maintenance** – is **Terry Nelson** who began working at ETSU in 1980. His material notes that Nelson has volunteered his time to many university activities, including committees associated with veterans’ issues, the Physical Plant Advisory Committee and the ETSU Staff Senate.

He assists in preparing Memorial Center for athletic events, commencement exercises and other functions, clears roads and sidewalks of snow, and “participates on emergency preparedness teams.”

A nominating professor says, “Terry’s ability to handle and drive heavy equipment is legendary by this time... I often see Terry on one of the university trucks carting furniture or other items from one place to another as he helps faculty and staff set up their offices and labs. I’ve never seen someone move so much stuff, with so many individuals in his charge, with such effectiveness and good humor... He responds quickly to requests, is bright, inventive, and does not hesitate to ‘go the extra mile.’”

Ted Mowery, associate registrar, is the winner of the overall **Career Award for 2004**. An ETSU employee since 1969, he is “held in great esteem for his years of selfless service” to the ETSU community. Mowery received his bachelor’s degree from ETSU in 1964.

His nominating material states, “He leads by showing the qualities of a leader – listening, promoting, handling difficult situations, growing with the changes, and providing support in the workplace environment.”

In his capacity at the university, he has participated in more than 90 graduation ceremonies over the years, directing each event’s “troupe of staff members and student workers.” Mowery is noted as “someone to admire and respect.” And, the nominating material adds, “He has given of himself, his money, his time, and his loyalty.”

— *Kristin Clark Fry, Director
News and Information Services*

Surgeon uses new graft to treat serious form of aneurysm

A new surgical device approved last year by the Food and Drug Administration for treating an abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA) has made its way to the Tri-Cities region.

Dr. Ulises Baltazar, a vascular surgeon with ETSU Physicians and Associates, inserted his first Zenith AAA Endovascular Graft at Johnson City Medical Center in an elderly patient with an aneurysm in March 2004. Use of the graft was approved by the FDA in May 2003.

“The idea of treating an abdominal aortic aneurysm is not new. What is new is that we can extend the site of fixation beyond the kidney vessels providing safer repair,” said Baltazar, an assistant professor of Surgery in the James H. Quillen College of Medicine. “Also, we can treat an aneurysm with a larger neck diameter, which used

to be a contraindication. As with the other endografts, there are not as many risks involved with this procedure, and there is less effect on organ system functions. In addition, patients tend to bleed less, recover more quickly, and report a reduced amount of discomfort.”

The aorta, which is the largest artery, carries oxygenated blood from the heart to the body. An aneurysm occurs when the wall of the aorta is weakened and begins to dilate or swell, creating a “ballooning” effect.

“This is a very serious situation since they have no warning symptoms. We must intervene as soon as possible in order to prevent rupturing,” Baltazar said.

Surgeons are able to insert the Zenith graft using a long flexible delivery tube. An incision is made in the groin area, and vascular surgeons thread the tube through a

blood vessel to the location of the aneurysm. The graft is attached to the wall of the aorta and prevents blood from flowing into the ballooned area.

This is one of the breakthroughs in the Tri-Cities area. Others, like the Cryoballoon or PolarCath™ to treat narrowing of the blood vessels, have been used since May 2004 at JCMC.

Baltazar is a graduate of the surgery residency program at Quillen College of Medicine and trained in vascular surgery at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

He noted that at least four local patients have received the Zenith graft and have all recuperated very well.

— Joe Smith, Coordinator
University Relations

ETSU becomes home to new International Center for Evidence-Based Medicine

A new **International Center for Evidence-Based Medicine** has been established and will be headquartered on the campus of ETSU’s James H. Quillen College of Medicine.

The center’s mission will be to train health care providers and educators in the skills of evidence-based practice, using interventions that improve the quality of health care and the provider-patient interaction. It has been designated as an affiliation of the ETSU Research Foundation.

“Evidence-based medicine involves three important components,” said Dr. Fred Tudiver, ETSU director of primary care research and head of the new center. “It is the integration of the best medical research evidence with the clinical expertise of the provider, while also taking into account the values and expectations of each individual patient.”

According to Tudiver, there has been an “explosion” of medical information regarding new procedures, therapy options and other data that has become available.

“Even though the information is there, the evidence-based model helps physicians learn how to navigate through this literature and identify what would be considered ‘strong evidence.’ At that point, it is up to the doctor to first decide if the information and results are applicable and then discuss

the options with the patient.

“It helps health care providers to continue being lifelong learners,” Tudiver said.

Part of the center’s mission will be to train medical educators on the skills of evidence-based medicine so they, in turn, can teach providers how to locate and integrate needed information into practice, and do so in a time-efficient manner.

In addition, the center will be engaging in several innovative clinical research studies and will also be doing consultation work in Egypt, the Philippines, Russia, India, Canada, the United Arab Emirates, Oman and the United States.

For some clients, ETSU will be contracted to do research on the current outcomes of a certain procedure or approach. In other cases, the center will be conducting clinical trials measuring the efficacy of new medical devices.

“We are talking with potential clients from all over the continent,” Tudiver added.

— Joe Smith, Coordinator
University Relations

“Faith that the thing can be done is essential to any great achievement.”

— Thomas N. Carruther



When the Division of Student Affairs held its annual Spring Social on May 20 in the Center for Physical Activity, in addition to enjoying good food and fellowship, several colleagues were presented with “Staff Recognition Awards” for their efforts this year.

In the “Graduate Assistant and Full-Time Temporary” category, **Eric Freeman** of Housing and Residence Life received the “Dedication to Students” award. **Deidre Norman** of Student Life and Leadership and **Doug Ritchie** of Housing and Residence Life tied for the “Dedication to the University/Department/Division” award.

In the “Full-Time Staff” category, **Rita Taylor** of Housing and Residence Life received the “Dedication to Students” award. **Steve Greenwell**, University Center, won the “Teamwork” award, the “Innovation” award was given to **Charles Forrester**, I.D. System, and **Renee Couch** of Housing and Residence Life was presented the “Dedication to the University/Department/Division” award.

Dr. Peter C. Panus, Physical Therapy, chaired a three-hour symposium on “Pharmacology for the Rehabilitation Specialist” at the National Physical Therapy Association in Chicago.

Master of Social Work program granted candidacy

The ETSU Department of Social Work's Master of Social Work (M.S.W.) program has been granted candidacy by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), the national accrediting body for social work education. Candidacy is the first and most important step in the regular process required by all programs to gain accreditation from CSWE.

The admission into candidacy status is the culmination of years of effort of individuals and organizations dedicated to the development of a graduate social work program at ETSU. Frontier Health and Mountain States Health Alliance each provided financial support to assist with the initial creation of the new M.S.W. program.

E. Douglas Varney, president and CEO of Frontier Health, the region's premier behavioral healthcare organization, comments, "We want to congratulate ETSU on reaching candidacy. The M.S.W. is the backbone of behavioral health care and we're glad we were able to help. ETSU's excellent faculty and facilities will help produce well-trained graduates who directly respond to the regional strategic initiative in workforce development."

Dennis Vonderfecht, CEO of Mountain States Health Alliance, adds, "We are pleased to see the progress that has been made with the Master of Social Work Pro-

gram at ETSU. This program is important with respect to producing enough well-trained social workers to meet the needs of the region."

ETSU President Paul E. Stanton Jr. welcomes the new program, and the financial support of the two organizations. "ETSU would not have this much-needed program without the assistance of Frontier Health and Mountain States Health Alliance," he notes. "Our students and the people of the region will benefit from their generosity for years to come."

Students, community professionals and university administrators consulted with the Social Work Department and were involved in meetings with CSWE. Local human services agencies have supported the new program and provided internship opportunities.

Dr. Paul Baggett, chair of the department, notes, "We thank all those involved in making the vision of a graduate social work program at ETSU become a reality. We have received support from all over the region. There is so much excitement about the potential to positively impact the lives of individuals and families in our communities."

The program will spend at least two years in candidacy before becoming eligible for initial accreditation. Students graduating from a program in candidacy are endorsed by CSWE and are fully accredited when the

program is granted accreditation.

The new graduate program prepares social workers with clinical skills to meet the needs of health care, mental health and children and family systems. A two-year track program offers a generalist foundation curriculum during the first year and a clinical concentration during the second year. A one-year track program is available to students who have graduated from an accredited bachelor of social work program within the past five years and meet advanced standing criteria. Both tracks offer full- and part-time enrollment.

M.S.W. Program Director Helene Halvorson looks forward to the future. "The program has proven very popular, with applications for admission far outdistancing the slots available for new students."

The employment picture for graduates looks promising. Many students inquiring about the M.S.W. program are already employed in the area and hope to advance in their occupation through the graduate degree, while others will meet a need existing in the community.

ETSU and the University of Tennessee are the only institutions in the state to offer an M.S.W. degree.

— Carol Fox, Coordinator
University Relations

Olson edits *Crossroads: A Southern Culture Annual*

Crossroads: A Southern Culture Annual is a new publication dedicated to the interdisciplinary study and artistic appreciation of the South and Southern culture.

Released this spring by Mercer University Press, the publication continues the editorial approach of *Crossroads: A Journal of Southern Culture*, a "semi-legendary" periodical originally published in the early



Olson

1990s by "a dedicated group of graduate students" affiliated with the University of Mississippi's Center for the Study of Southern Culture. This group included current *Crossroads* editor Dr. Ted Olson, director of ETSU's Appalachian, Scottish and Irish Studies Program.

The original *Crossroads* periodical featured previously unpublished material by many leading scholars and artists committed to interpreting and celebrating the South, including Mary Ulmer Chiltosky, James Dickey, Robert Drake, Alex Haley, Patricia Spears Jones, Jeff Daniel Marion, Robert Morgan, Marilyn Nance, John Shelton Reed and numerous others.

The first volume of *Crossroads: A Southern Culture Annual* features new work by such scholars and artists as ETSU's own Ruth Knight Bailey, Dr. Theresa Lloyd and Dr. Kevin E. O'Donnell.

The scholarly work in this volume of *Crossroads: A Southern Culture Annual* explores such topics as Southern language, literature, visual art, music and food, and examines Southern perspectives on religion, politics, race, ethnicity, gender and regional

identity. It also contains compelling creative work from a number of leading writers and visual artists from the South.

To order copies of *Crossroads: A Southern Culture Annual*, contact Mercer University Press at 800-637-2378, ext. 2880, or mupressorders@mercer.edu.

Crossroads: A Southern Culture Annual is currently seeking submissions for subsequent volumes, which can include – but are not limited to – analytical academic essays, oral histories, memoirs, profile essays, photo essays, creative writing and artwork. Submissions should be sent to: Ted Olson, Editor, *Crossroads*, East Tennessee State University, Box 70400, Johnson City, TN 37614. Olson notes that all submitted materials should – borrowing William Faulkner's famous phrase – "tell about the South," and should do so memorably.

Burton's book tells story of pastor convicted of attempted murder

The Serpent and the Spirit: Glenn Summerford's Story is the title of a new book published by Dr. Thomas Burton, ETSU professor emeritus of English, through the University of Tennessee Press.

This book tells the story of Summerford, who was the preacher at the Church of Jesus With Signs Following in Scottsboro, Ala. He was convicted in 1992 of the attempted murder of his wife and sentenced to 99 years in prison. Darlene Summerford testified that her husband had forced her to put her hand into a cage of agitated rattlesnakes, and she sustained two bites.

In *The Serpent and the Spirit*, Burton presents "a comprehensive, multilayered set of narratives of Glenn Summerford's fall



Burton

from grace – as told by its participants, through interviews, court documents, and other primary sources," according to the publisher. "(He) assembles a series of monologues that unfold like a classical tragedy: a flawed, influential man within his particular realm is caught in a web of outside forces, including the infidelity of his wife, the notoriety of his past, and the opposition of society to his circle. It is a web of forces from which he cannot untangle himself, and he is consequently undone.

"Free of either prejudice against or romanticizing about the snake-handling Holiness religion, this book presents an absorbing story of a fascinating group of people, while allowing the reader to draw his or her own conclusions about Summerford's guilt or innocence. *The Serpent and the Spirit* is a startling commentary on truth and its representation, religion and its expression, humanity and its flaws."

Burton, a noted researcher of various aspects of Appalachian folk culture, has produced three documentaries on serpent-handling: "They Shall Take Up Serpents," on which he collaborated with the late Jack Schrader of ETSU's Department of Art and Design, and "Carson Springs: A Decade Later" and "Following the Signs: A Way of Conflict" with Tom Headley of ETSU's Department of Communication. He is also the author of *Serpent-Handling Believers*.

In addition, Burton is author of *Some Ballad Folks*, editor of *Tom Ashley, Sam McGee, Bukka White: Tennessee Traditional Singers*, and a winner of the Appalachian Consortium Laurel Leaves Award. He founded ETSU's Appalachian, Scottish and Irish Studies Program within the Center for Appalachian Studies and Services and directed its activities until his 1995 retirement.

— Jennifer L. Hill, Coordinator
News and Information Services

Johnson publishes study of athletic poetry

The Sporting Muse: A Critical Study of Poetry about Athletes and Athletics, a book by Dr. Don Johnson of ETSU, has been published by McFarland & Co. Inc., Jefferson, N.C.

"This study analyzes contemporary American sports poetry, demonstrating that poems about sports express common attitudes and showing what the respective sports' poems say about American culture of the last fifty years," the publishing company says. "While placing particular emphasis on the hero in American sports poetry, the study proves that a considerable body of sports poetry exists in American culture and that it is worthy of serious analysis."



Johnson

2002. He earned the ETSU Foundation Research Award in 1991 for his work in sports literature and his poetry.

Before coming to ETSU in 1983, he was a professor of English at Bridgewater (Mass.) State College. He also taught at the University of Hawaii, the University of Wisconsin, the Iolani School in Honolulu and Southwood College, Salemburg, N.C.

Johnson's previously published work includes over 40 individual poems and two collections of poetry, *The Importance of Visible Scars* and *Watauga Drawdown*. He also edited *Hummers, Knucklers, and Slow Curves*, an anthology of contemporary American baseball poetry. He is a founder of the Sports Literature Association and edited several volumes of its journal, *Aethlon*.

— Jennifer L. Hill, Coordinator
News and Information Services

Organized thematically by sport – baseball, football, basketball, women's sports, golf, racquet sports and boxing – the book includes detailed readings of many poems, such as Thayer's "Casey at the Bat" and Gibb's "Listening to the Ballgame." It also features a chapter on poems about fans and spectators.

Johnson is a professor of English in the College of Arts and Sciences, which he served as interim dean and dean from 1995-

"My father used to play with my brother and me in the yard. Mother would come out and say, 'You're tearing out the grass.' 'We're not raising grass,' Dad would reply. 'We're raising boys.'"

— Harmon Killebrew, Major League Baseball Hall of Fame member

Kasten establishes library fund for specialized books, publications

Dr. Frederick Kasten, an adjunct professor in the Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology, has established a fund in the ETSU Foundation to support the Charles C. Sherrod Library's purchase of books and publications, especially those concerned with the Holocaust, Germany, World War I, and World War II.

Kasten's fund honors his late father, Isaac Kasten, a Jewish immigrant from Poland, and reflects his own research interests.

An internationally recognized cell biologist and author, Kasten retired after 27 years from Louisiana State University Medical Center, and became affiliated with ETSU while pursuing a second career in history. His research includes investigations into Nazi medical war crimes, and his world travels have included collecting information at Auschwitz, Dachau and Natzweiler concentration camps.

When he arrived at ETSU, Kasten
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'Gran Fiesta' to conclude Summer Migrant Education Program

It's time to celebrate! A "Gran Fiesta" at WETS-FM Radio Station (89.5) will conclude the Summer Migrant Education Program, according to Hillary Hester, program coordinator for Washington, Greene and Unicoi counties.

Hester said, "Parents, program participants, staff and community members are invited to hear children sing, view a dramatic performance of a very different 'Snow White,' enjoy a potluck dinner, see student

works, and dance to music broadcast live from WETS-FM."

The fun starts at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 1, from the ETSU Public Radio station's parking lot on Eighty-Nine Drive, and lasts until around 9 p.m. The station is located off Southwest Avenue and Village Lane.

In addition to program participants, individuals who have been working on the project will be on hand to talk with migrant students' parents and community members.

Certified teachers, volunteers, ETSU students, coordinators, educational assistants and a bilingual recruiter will share information about their experiences with the program.

The state lead recruiter, Juan Chiu, will also be available to discuss qualifying status for program participation and, along with WETS-FM disc jockey Tino Diaz, will lead the fiesta with his "signature selection of Latin rhythms."

For more information, call 439-8342.

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was pleasantly surprised by the "quality and depth" he found in the material at Sherrod Library. He explains, "A university library is a valuable resource for students, faculty and the community. Since funding for book purchases is now reduced, I would like to do my own small part in helping the library to keep up-to-date with good non-fiction books in this field. It is also a big help to me in my research and writing to continue using the library and interacting with Dean Rita Scher and her outstanding library staff."

Scher welcomes the addition to the library and Kasten's research, adding, "It has indeed been a privilege to work with a researcher of Dr. Kasten's caliber. His help in building the Sherrod Library's collection leaves a foundation for future scholarship."

For further information, contact the ETSU Office of Advancement at 439-4242. Tax-deductible gifts to support the Kasten fund or Sherrod Library may be sent to Advancement at ETSU Box 70721.

— Carol Fox, Coordinator
University Relations

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ing a pirate ship and attended the American General Contractors conference in Orlando, making ETSU better-represented than the host school with 18 members present.

In addition, the CMA received the Outstanding Student Organization Award from the College of Business and Technology and was named one of two "Most Improved" student organizations on campus during the annual Summit Awards.

— Jennifer L. Hill, Coordinator
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Renaissance Center to feature works by Nelson, Vachon

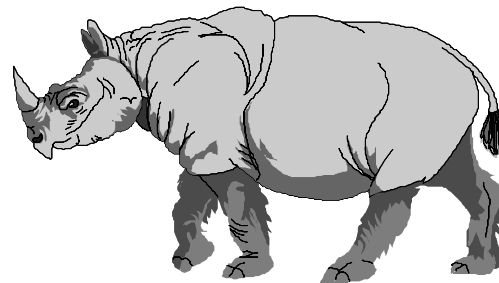
"From Both Sides of The Pond," a two-woman art show, will be on display at the Renaissance Center, 1200 E. Center St., Kingsport, from Aug. 1-26.

This show features paintings by Dr. Diane Nelson, ETSU professor emerita of Biological Sciences, and Ann Vachon of England.

An opening reception will be held Sunday, Aug. 1, from 2-4 p.m.



Vachon and Nelson



Rhino remains found at Gray Fossil Site

Two visiting scientists from the Florida Museum of Natural History were busy Wednesday, July 21, helping to unearth a jackpot at the Gray Fossil Site – the "rear remains of a rhino," according to Dr. Steven Wallace, East Tennessee State University paleontologist. The Miocene epoch site located off I-26 in Gray dates from 4.5 million to 7 million years ago.

At press time, Wallace said they had excavated a partial pelvis, a whole femur, some foot bones and some tail bones, and expected more to be revealed later in the day. He estimates that this new discovery will keep all busy "for at least the next couple of weeks."

The Florida scientists are Drs. Bruce McFadden and Richard Hulbert.