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She's here!



A special exhibit featuring a life-sized cast model of one of the largest and most complete fossilized skeletons of a *Tyrannosaurus rex* ever found opens this Saturday at the ETSU and General Shale Brick Natural History Museum and Visitor Center at the Gray Fossil Site. For more, see page 3.

## Stanton receives support for more years as campus leader

As 2007 drew to a close, ETSU President Dr. Paul E. Stanton Jr. was presented four resolutions encouraging him to stay at the helm of the institution well beyond his original intent envisioned when he became president on Jan. 1, 1997.

These resolutions came from the ETSU Faculty Senate, the ETSU Foundation, the Executive Committee of the ETSU Alumni Association Board of Directors, and the ETSU Staff Senate. Each resolution is accessible at <http://photolab.etsu.edu/images/StantonResolutions>.

In stating his appreciation, Stanton indicated that these expressions of support would play a role in his decision-making process regarding his future at ETSU.

## Chamber of Commerce inducts Stanton into Hall of Fame through 'power of caring'

*Fred Sauceman, ETSU executive assistant to the president for Public Affairs, introduced Dr. Paul E. Stanton Jr. as this year's inductee into the Johnson City-Jonesborough-Washington County Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame on Jan. 11. Sauceman said:*

"To attain excellence, you must care more than others think is wise, risk more than others think is safe, dream more than others think is practical." This is the credo of our honoree. It is a philosophy that has driven a journey from faculty member to department chair to dean to vice president to president.

Our honoree is consistently listed, by *Business Tennessee* magazine, as one of our state's most powerful people. But there's an irony about that listing. His is not the power of the back room or the strong arm. His is the power of caring, the power of kindness,

the power of compassion.

Our honoree is indeed driven, but a relentlessly busy schedule and a dizzying array of projects have never diverted him from his commitment to the individual person, whether that person be a student, a professor, a custodian, a political leader, a family member asking for advice, or a newborn granddaughter in desperate need of a grandfatherly hug.

Yes, this powerful person is quiet and kind. He prunes roses. He tends a pot of boiling peanuts for 16 hours to please his grandson Matthew. He is fascinated by model trains.

He lives by another creed, too—one he shares with every graduating class at East Tennessee State University. The words of

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Dr. Paul E. Stanton Jr. receives hearty congratulations from Gary Mabrey, president and CEO of the Johnson City-Jonesborough-Washington County Chamber of Commerce, and Melissa Steagall-Jones, 2008 Chamber chair.

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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](http://www.etsu.edu/dps/security_report.asp).*

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## Hall of Fame

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the late John Wesley form a guiding principal in the life of our honoree:

Do all the good you can  
By all the means you can  
In all the ways you can  
To all the people you can  
As long as ever you can.

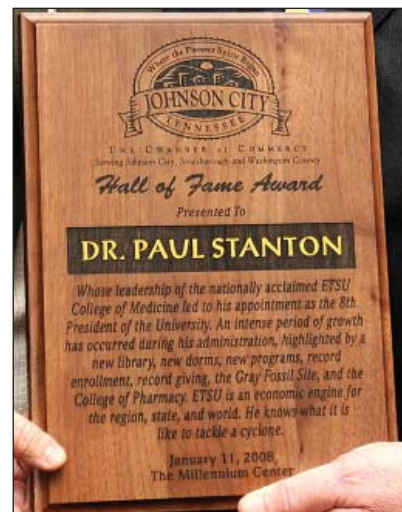
Our honoree understands that institutions are only as strong as the individuals who comprise them. In a low-key, convivial, Southern style, he has encouraged and shepherded this university community toward his goal of making ETSU the best regional university in the country.

ETSU's first Honors College; a new College of Pharmacy; a host of new doctoral programs; and recognition as one of the nation's preeminent universities in the field of rural health are among his accomplishments.

Under his leadership, ETSU took the initiative to form the first research foundation of any school in the Board of Regents and the University of Tennessee systems. Through his direct involvement, the university has experienced record-setting years in fund-raising, often topping all Board of Regents institutions. It has constructed a physical activity center for the health and well-being of its students and employees. It has recently erected the largest residence hall ever built on the campus.

ETSU has been praised by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools as a national model for performance excellence in higher education. Because of his leadership, ETSU is a vibrant, energetic, progressive university.

Our honoree is frequently called upon for advice and counsel by political leaders and higher education officials in Nashville, by the Southern Regional Education Board in



Atlanta, and by other university presidents across America.

Our honoree understands that all the achievements, all the building projects, the accreditations, all the degree programs—begin with people. When you meet with him in his office, he asks about your family. And he means it. He meets a freshman student at orientation and remembers him four years later at graduation. He puts on his cap and gown and stages a special commencement ceremony in his conference room for graduating members of the baseball and basketball teams, who were playing out of town on the real graduation day.

One can easily understand why he succeeded as a medical doctor. He listens. He cares. He puts the needs and concerns of others above his own. Being a university president is one of the most difficult and demanding professions imaginable. To perform the job well requires calmness amid complexity, patience in the face of great pressure.

And above all, the wisdom to see the human side of every decision, every policy. Our honoree is living proof that there's still a valued place in this world for goodness, decency, and compassion.



## A T. rex Named Sue opens Saturday at Natural History Museum

Excitement is building as staff and volunteers at the ETSU and General Shale Brick Natural History Museum and Visitor Center at the Gray Fossil Site begin the countdown to "SUE DAY" this Saturday (Jan. 19), when A T. rex Named Sue opens as the inaugural traveling exhibit in the spacious Scott M. Niswonger Exhibit Hall.



This is the first visit to Tennessee for the popular educational exhibit created by The Field Museum, Chicago, and made possible through the generosity of McDonald's Corp. Sponsors for the ETSU showing include Louis and Lucy Gump, Tom and Betsy Weems family, Eastman Chemical Co., Wallace Imports and Keller Glasco Inc.

After a busy holiday season, museum staffers made final preparations to the exhibit hall by putting on a fresh coat of paint and sealing the floor to give Sue the temporary Tennessee home that she truly deserves as dinosaur royalty. Volunteers have been

trained in Sue tours, the gift shop stocked with Sue merchandise, and a new sign placed near the museum's entrance to announce the impending arrival of one of the largest flesh eaters to have ever inhabited the Earth some 67 million years ago.

The centerpiece of the fascinating exhibit is a fully articulated cast skeleton of Sue surrounded by 10 interactive stations that allow visitors to look through the eyes of a *Tyrannosaurus rex* and a *Triceratops*, test a model of Sue's massive jaws to discover how they slammed shut on prey, and find out how Sue's small forearms worked.

The large display will be open to the public Jan. 19-April 27 during regular museum hours from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. seven days a week, with the exception of Tuesdays during Sue's stay, when the doors will remain open until 7 p.m.

Admission charges for the Sue exhibit plus a tour of the Fossil Site are \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors 65 and up, and \$7 for children ages 5-12. Entry is half price for those with museum memberships and for students with current ETSU ID. Admission to the Wayne G. Basler Exhibit Hall with the interactive ETSU Gray Fossil Site displays is by donation.

For more information, call toll-free 1-866-202-6223 or visit [www.grayfossil-museum.org](http://www.grayfossil-museum.org).



Clockwise from top left: A forklift maneuvers Sue's heavy head to the top of her skeleton; paleontologist Dr. Steve Wallace studies the cast of Sue's pelvis; Sue appears caught in mid-stride; William Rollins of The Field Museum, Chicago, is neatly framed by Sue's gaping mouth and large teeth; Rollins and The Field Museum's Michael Paha attach Sue's massive head; and ETSU staff are dwarfed by the gigantic dinosaur cast.

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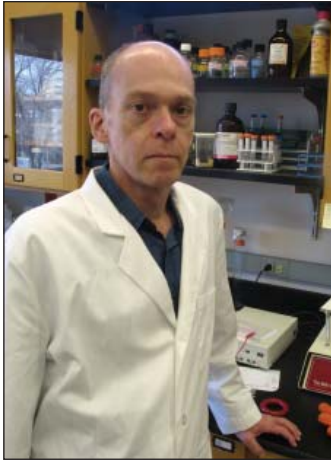

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## Grant funds study of gene involved in retinal detachments

A gene potentially linked to normal retinal development is the focus of a new three-year study at ETSU's James H. Quillen College of Medicine funded through a \$200,000 grant from the National Institutes of Health.



Defoe

"We know that this gene, called p27(Kip1), is involved in cell division which establishes tissue organization and supports the initial attachment of the retina," said Dr. Dennis Defoe, an associate professor of Anatomy and Cell Biology. "But it may also be critical for cell structure by helping the cells to attach to each other."

Retinal detachments occur when the retina's sensory and pigment layers separate. They are most common among middle-aged adults and the elderly, and are often the result of trauma, but can be caused by other factors.

In laboratory studies, Defoe said that retinal detachments occurred when p27(Kip1) was removed from animal models.

"One theory is the absence of p27(Kip1) causes excess cell division and the detachment, but we are especially interested in how the loss of the gene affects cell structure. Without the right 'geometry,' the retina may break loose."

Defoe said the answer to this question may open the door for future studies examining how cells fit or "stick" together.

## ETSU child care programs earn 3-Star ratings

The ETSU Child Study Center and the Little Buccaneers Student Child Care Center were recently awarded a 3-Star rating from the Tennessee Department of Human Services.

The facilities achieved the top 3-Star designation when the rating system was implemented in 2001 and have maintained that status every year since.

Both programs are part of the ETSU Center of Excellence in Early Childhood Learning and Development. The Child Study Center provides full-time, full-year child care services to 121 children of the university's faculty, staff and students, as well as the community. Each semester, Little Bucs provides part-time child care services to approximately 100 children of ETSU students who are attending classes or working on campus.

The ETSU facilities provide quality child care while acting as a laboratory and clinical training site for university students fulfilling class requirements, observations and research. The centers benefit from the participation each semester of some 300 ETSU students studying early childhood education, special education, communicative disorders, motor development, speech

and language, dental hygiene, nursing, photography, physical therapy, and pediatrics. In addition to ETSU, students from such institutions as Milligan College, Walters State Community College, Northeast State Technical Community College, and Mountain Empire Community College (Big Stone Gap, Va.) contribute their time while completing class requirements.

The Star-Quality Child Care Program is part of Tennessee's comprehensive plan to provide more information to parents and to improve child care across the state. The system is voluntary and offers recognition for high-performance centers.

Program evaluators rate child care programs in the categories of Professional Staff Development, Compliance History, Parent/Family Involvement, Ratio/Group Size, Staff Compensation, and Program Assessment as determined by nationally recognized environmental rating scales. Each area is rated with one, two or three stars, and the total is averaged to give an overall Star-Quality Rating.

The ETSU programs are also accredited by a professional early childhood organization — the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

## ETSU to host one-day SANKOFA African American Museum exhibit

The Office of Multicultural Affairs will host an exhibit from the SANKOFA African American Museum on Wednesday, Jan. 23.

From 10 a.m.-5 p.m. in the D.P. Culp Center ballroom, visitors can view artifacts and displays dating from 1860 to the present in this "museum on wheels" that is considered "one of the foremost collections of African American history readily available in this country today."

SANKOFA was developed by curator and South Carolinian Angela Jennings upon the realization that her honor-student nephew knew little about the history of African Americans. She traveled throughout the United States, the U.S. Virgin Islands, West Africa and Europe to amass a collection of art and memorabilia that rivals many

traditional museums. The exhibit is "a testament to the vast contributions that African Americans have made to this country and to the world."

SANKOFA, which derives its name from an African term meaning to use the wisdom of the past to build the future, "takes audiences on a journey through slavery, the era of King Cotton, and the uplifting days of Emancipation." The special exhibit also tells the stories of such notables as Ida B. Wells, the Negro Baseball League, the Tuskegee Airmen, and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and includes displays of inventions and books by African Americans.

This exhibit is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Multicultural Affairs at 439-6635 or [mcstaff@etsu.edu](mailto:mcstaff@etsu.edu).

"Success has nothing to do with what you gain in life or accomplish for yourself. It's what you do for others."

— Danny Thomas

# ETSU to hold kick-off celebration for new College of Public Health

A Kick-Off Celebration for ETSU's new College of Public Health will be held on Thursday, Jan. 24, at 6:30 p.m. in the Grand Soldiers Ballroom at the Carnegie Hotel.



Spencer

Dr. Harrison Spencer, president/CEO of the Association of Schools of Public Health (ASPH), will give the keynote address. The evening will include a reception, giveaways and the unveiling of the

"Milestones in Public Health" exhibit currently traveling around the country.

In 2000, Spencer became the first full-time president and CEO of ASPH, a national organization representing deans, faculty and students of the graduate schools of public health in the United States, Mexico and Puerto Rico. He has held the deanships of the Tulane School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

While employed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Spencer served as chief of the Parasitic Disease Branch and was founder and director of the CDC research station in Nairobi, Kenya. In addition, he was a senior medical officer with the Malaria Action Program of the World Health Organization in Geneva.

In 2007, the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) granted ETSU approval to divide its College of Public and Allied Health into two separate colleges: the College of Public Health and the College of Clinical and Rehabilitative Health Sciences.

The university's College of Public Health is the first of its kind in Tennessee and the only one in Central Appalachia. Nationally, there are only 46 schools of public health that are full or associate members of ASPH. ETSU currently has a graduate program in public health that is accredited by CEPH, and Dr. Randy Wykoff, dean of Public Health, and the faculty and staff, working with community representatives, will spend the next two years making preparations for

accreditation of the entire college.

"Public health is the science of using community-based approaches to improving health," Wykoff said. "It is being increasingly recognized that strengthening public health is absolutely essential to improving personal health. In many situations, focusing on the advancement public health has been shown to have a greater impact on the health of a population than any other intervention.

"Public health is essential, and having this new college at ETSU is a very important opportunity to address some of the leading

health problems facing the state of Tennessee and the people of Appalachia."

With an accredited College of Public Health, ETSU can compete for major grants and extramural dollars to support research in the field. A recent economic impact study found that the ETSU College of Public Health would be a major economic thrust in the region and state, producing nearly \$41.5 million annually for Tennessee by the end of its first decade, and creating as many as 377 new jobs that would generate \$16.1 million in household income. For more information, call 439-4243.

## Nominations sought for proposed namings

ETSU is seeking nominations for the possible naming of two entities: the College of Pharmacy and the Forensic Center.

Tennessee Board of Regents policy on namings reads, in part: "The naming of buildings, facilities, grounds, and organizational units of institutions for individuals or groups who have made significant contributions to society is an honored tradition of higher education. . . . In general, individuals and groups for whom buildings are named must have made a significant contribution to the field of education, government, science, or human betterment. To preserve the integrity of all buildings named in the System, this honor must be reserved for individuals of recognized accomplishment and character; no building may bear the name of an individual convicted of a felony. With respect to the naming of buildings on

a particular campus, special consideration shall be given to:

- ♦ The historical significance of the contribution of the individual or group to the institution or area school;
- ♦ The association of the individual or group with the building to be named;
- ♦ Any financial contribution of the individual or group to the institution or area school; and
- ♦ State, regional, national, or international recognition of the individual's or group's contributions and achievements."

Signed letters of nomination, including detailed justification, must be received no later than Jan. 31. Send letters of nomination to Fred Sauceman, who is chairing both committees. The address is ETSU Box 70630.

## Updated Speakers Bureau now online

A number of ETSU faculty and staff members have expressed willingness to speak to community organizations on topics related to their specializations or individual interests. These personnel are featured within the online ETSU Speakers Bureau, a listing maintained by the Office of University Relations. The recently updated Speakers Bureau directory may be found at [www.etsu.edu/univrel/SpeakersBureau.html](http://www.etsu.edu/univrel/SpeakersBureau.html).

Speakers address such diverse subjects as

the Gray Fossil Site, country music, Appalachian literature, the new ETSU College of Public Health, the Civil War in films, Eastern philosophies, and international foods.

Community organizations are invited to consult the list and use information from the Web site to contact these speakers directly.

For more information or to become a member of the Speakers Bureau, contact Carol Fox at 439-4317 or [foxc@etsu.edu](mailto:foxc@etsu.edu).

## Math writer Ivars Peterson named Basler Chairholder this spring

Award-winning mathematics writer Ivars Peterson is ETSU's spring 2008 chairholder of the Wayne G. Basler Chair of Excellence for the Integration of the Arts, Rhetoric and Science.

Peterson is teaching a special course on "Communicating Mathematics," designed to introduce students majoring in mathematics, computer science, journalism and related fields to methods used by professional science writers when communicating technical subjects to the public.

Students are honing writing skills with weekly assignments and gaining exposure, through guest speakers, to varied careers combining knowledge of mathematics or science with the ability to communicate technical material to nonscientists, scientists in other fields, and colleagues. Students are learning how news media cover mathematics and science and how they – as future mathematicians, scientists, engineers and educators – can contribute to the public's understanding of mathematics and science.

In addition, Peterson will deliver four free public lectures this semester: "The Jungles of Randomness" (Jan. 24, *see sidebar*), "By the Numbers" (Feb. 20) and "Chaos in the Solar System" (March 17) in the Brown Hall auditorium, and "Geometreks" (April 14) in the D.P. Culp University Center ballroom. All lectures begin at 7 p.m.

Peterson, who resides in Washington,



Peterson

D.C., is director of publications for Journals and Communications at the Mathematical Association of America. He worked at *Science News* for more than 25 years and served as editor of *Science News Online* and *Science News for Kids*. His books include *The Mathematical Tourist*, *Islands of Truth*, *Newton's Clock*, *Fatal Defect: Chasing Killer Computer Bugs*, and *Fragments of Infinity: A Kaleidoscope of Math and Art*. He and his wife, Nancy Henderson, have collaborated on two books for middle school-age children entitled *Math Trek: Adventures in the MathZone* and *Math Trek 2: A Mathematical Space Odyssey*. He also writes for the children's magazine *Muse*.

In 1991, Peterson received the Joint Policy Board for Mathematics Communications Award in recognition of his "exceptional ability and sustained effort in communicating mathematics to a general audience."

Peterson attended the University of Toronto, Canada, where he earned a bachelor of science degree in physics and chemistry,

as well as a bachelor of education degree, which qualified him to teach physics, chemistry, science and mathematics in Ontario schools. He taught high school science and math for eight years before leaving his teaching position in 1980 to pursue a master's degree in journalism from the University of Missouri in Columbia.

Created in 1994, the Basler Chair is named in honor of a longtime member of the ETSU Foundation who is a strong advocate of professional academic programs at the university. Basler has a deep commitment to the liberal arts, which was instilled in him by his mother, who taught music, and his father, who taught industrial arts. The state Chair of Excellence brings a variety of scholars to the community to broaden opportunities for students and the general public in the arts, humanities and science. The Basler Chair is intended to show the unity of knowledge by bridging gaps among disciplines, and to help individuals to move beyond the narrow focus of a single discipline or vision.

### Exploring 'The Jungles of Randomness'

"The Jungles of Randomness" is the topic of math writer Ivars Peterson's first public lecture as ETSU's 2008 Basler Chairholder, which will be given Thursday, Jan. 24.

In his free 7 p.m. talk in the Brown Hall auditorium, Peterson will describe how chance and chaos are a part of everyday life, from slot machines and amusement park rides to tossed dice and shuffled cards.

Sorting through the various meanings of randomness and distinguishing between what we can and cannot know with certainty, he says, proves to be no simple matter. He will illustrate how tricky randomness can be by giving "inside information" on how slot machines work, the perils of believing random number generators, and the questionable fairness of dice, tossed coins and shuffled cards.

Call 439-5671 or 439-4349 for more information.

## Olson co-edits new work about Appalachian writer James Still

Dr. Ted Olson has co-edited a book of essays, *James Still: Critical Essays on the Dean of Appalachian Literature*, published recently by McFarland & Co.

The volume is a compilation of 27 scholarly essays—some previously unpublished and some reprinted from hard-to-find sources—exploring Still's literary legacy. The first published book-length scholarly study to explore the writings of Still, whom author Hal Crowther called "the last—and least known—of America's 'Greatest Generation' of writers," the work features contributions from leading scholars and writers, including Wendell Berry, Fred Chappell, James Wayne

Miller, Jeff Daniel Marion, Diane Fisher, Dean Cadle, Jane Mayhall and Crowther.

The book explores the full range of Still's literary interests, with chapters devoted to his acclaimed novel, *River of Earth*, as well as his short stories, poetry, folkloric works, and literature for children.

While Olson was a graduate student at the University of Kentucky, he met Still at the 50th anniversary of the publication of *River of Earth*. A few years later, Still discussed his work for Olson's students, and mentioned that his poetry had never been fully compiled. Olson decided to undertake that task, with Still's encouragement. The

resulting work, Still's final book, *From the Mountain, From the Valley: New and Collected Poems*, received the Appalachian Book of the Year Award from the Appalachian Writers Association in 2002.

Olson, an associate professor in the ETSU Center for Appalachian Studies and Services, received a Fulbright Senior Scholar grant to lecture and conduct research at the University of Barcelona and the Autonomous University of Barcelona in Spain this semester.

Co-editor Kathy Olson teaches American literature and writing at Appalachian State University, Boone, N.C.



# Campus News Briefs

## Wireless service expanded

ETSU students, faculty, and staff now have an expanded and improved wireless network available for their use.

ETSU has deployed 40 outdoor wireless fidelity (Wi-Fi) mesh access points to provide out-of-doors use of the university's network and the Internet for the entire 350-plus acres of the main campus and the ETSU area on the James H. Quillen Veterans Affairs Medical Center campus. The outdoor access points are installed on campus buildings and streetlights to augment the existing indoor wireless network and provide high-speed wireless service to the entire campus.

This installation is the first phase of a planned three-year project that will eventually provide secure wireless service to all areas of the university — outdoor and indoor. The second phase, now in progress, includes the conversion of all existing internal wireless access points to Wi-Fi mesh units and the installation of additional access points, where necessary, to improve coverage. This conversion allows a more seamless, roaming environment for wireless users because authentication does not need to be re-established when a user moves from outdoors to indoors or from building to building.

The project's final phase will include several hundred additional indoor wireless mesh access points in buildings that currently have little or no internal wireless coverage.

For more information, contact Information Technology at 439-4648 or [oithelp@etsu.edu](mailto:oithelp@etsu.edu).

## Planetarium Show

"Space nuts" are invited to climb aboard "A Spaceship Called Earth" tomorrow (Jan. 17). The launch pad is the Hutcheson Hall Planetarium, and take-off is at 7 p.m.

During their "flight," passengers will learn about the location and motions of the planet Earth in space from our solar system to the Milky Way galaxy to the universe beyond.

This free public planetarium show is sponsored by the Department of Physics, Astronomy, and Geology. For more informa-

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

## Blood Drive

An American Red Cross Blood Drive will be sponsored by ETSU's ROTC Program on Tuesday, Jan. 22, from noon-4:30 p.m. in the D.P. Culp Center ballroom.

Appointments are encouraged. For appointments or more information, call 439-4269.

## Mountaintop removal talk

The Mountaintop Removal Road Show will be presented by Kentucky activist Dave Cooper on Thursday, Jan 24, from 7:15-8:15 p.m. in the Ball Hall auditorium.

In this slide presentation, Cooper will discuss the ongoing destruction of the Appalachian mountains through a coal mining method called "radical strip mining" or "mountaintop removal." Additional information on Cooper and the Road Show is available at [www.mountainroadshow.com](http://www.mountainroadshow.com).

This free public event is sponsored by the Environmental Studies Minor, the Center for Appalachian Studies and Services and the Initiative for Clean Energy, an ETSU student group.

For more information, contact Dr. Kevin O'Donnell at 439-6679 or [odonnell@etsu.edu](mailto:odonnell@etsu.edu).

## Faculty recital

Bassoonist Keith McClelland will present a Faculty Recital on Sunday, Jan. 27, at 3 p.m. in Mathes Hall.

The free public program includes Handel's "Sonata in F Major," Copland's "Duo," Baermann's "Adagio" and Bonneau's "Two Caprices in the form of a Waltz."

A native of upstate New York, McClelland earned a bachelor of music in music education from the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, N.Y., and completed an M.A. in music education at Columbia University Teachers College. He also studied bassoon as a member of the U.S. Military Academy Band at West Point.

McClelland has been the bassoon professor at the University of Tennessee and principal bassoonist of the Knoxville Symphony for 35 years. He has also held summer faculty positions at various summer music festivals and schools. He has been an adjunct bassoon professor at ETSU since 2005.

For more information, call 439-4276.

## Fiber art display

A display of fiber art by the Fibers Program in ETSU's Department of Art and Design will be on display from Jan. 28-Feb. 8 at the Tipton Street Gallery, also known as Slocumb Galleries at Tipton Street.

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### **IMPORTANT REMINDER REGARDING PUBLICITY**

**According to standard university policy and procedures, all publicity material for news media or any other venues – news releases, print and broadcast advertisements, news conferences or news media events, public service announcements and other materials concerning ETSU programs, people, events, courses, etc. – must be reviewed and approved by the Office of University Relations. That office is the official public liaison point of contact for the university. For more information, contact Kristin Clark Fry, ETSU director of News & Information Services, at 439-4317 or via [fryk@etsu.edu](mailto:fryk@etsu.edu).**

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A reception will be held Feb. 1 from 7-9 p.m. in conjunction with Downtown Johnson City's regular First Friday celebration.

Tipton Place Gallery, located on the corner of Tipton and Spring streets, is free and open to the public. Hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 4-6 p.m. and Saturday from 1-5 p.m.

For more information, contact Karlotra Contreras-Koterbay at 439-4291 or [contrera@etsu.edu](mailto:contrera@etsu.edu).

### 'Visual Journaling' workshop

Local artist and art instructor Pam Murray will conduct a two-part workshop on "Visual Journaling" Jan. 29 and Feb. 5 at noon in the Women's Resource Center, Panhellenic Hall.

This series will assist participants in personal growth, soul-searching and self-expression by helping them to go beyond words to see what their thoughts, imaginations and feelings might look like in colors, shapes and imagery. Using both writing and visual expressions – from doodles and scribbles to drawings, from poems and quotations to letters and maps, and from colors and abstracts to collages and realistic portrayals – attendees will not just create works of art but explore themselves.

Participation is free, but reservations are required. For reservations or more information, call the WRC at 439-7847.

### Reading list

Readings for the February meetings of two active reading groups on campus have been announced for those who would like to read ahead.

*Bridge on the Drina* by Ivo Andric is the work selected for the ETSU Library Associates Book Discussion Group's meeting on Monday, Feb. 11, at 5:30 p.m. in the Quillen Conference Room on the fourth floor of the Sherrod Library. Call 439-5620 for more information.

The Book Review Group sponsored by the Women's Resource Center will discuss *The Magician's Assistant* by Ann Patchett on

Wednesday, Feb. 20, at noon in the WRC, located in basement suite 2, Panhellenic Hall. Call 439-7847 for more information.

New members are always welcome in both groups.

### Grad student art display

"Marks: A Graduate Student Exhibit" will be on display at the Reece Museum from Jan. 22-Feb. 14.

This exhibit will feature works in a variety of media by current master of fine arts degree candidates in the ETSU College of Arts and Sciences' Department of Art and Design. A reception with the artists will be held Thursday, Jan. 24, from 5-7 p.m.

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

For more information, contact the museum at 439-4392 or [reecemus@etsu.edu](mailto:reecemus@etsu.edu).

### Head 2 Toe apparel drop-off points

Donations of prom attire for the Head 2 Toe program may be dropped off from

now until Jan. 31 at the Women's Resource Center (WRC), located in Panhellenic Hall, or through Feb. 15 at the Sears package pick-up area in The Mall at Johnson City.

Head 2 Toe, now in its fifth year, strives to enhance the overall self-image of teen girls by providing prom attire, personalized service, and a shopping experience in a retail setting. On Feb. 23, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., teens are invited to visit Girls Inc., 227 Library Lane (off E. Market Street, behind Munsey Memorial United Methodist Church).

Girls who might otherwise find attending the prom beyond their reach can purchase a formal dress for \$25, and shoes and accessories for \$5 or less. The proceeds of the sale benefit Girls Incorporated of Johnson City/Washington County.

Head 2 Toe is sponsored by the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences and the WRC.

For more information, contact the WRC at 439-7847 or [head2toehg@gmail.com](mailto:head2toehg@gmail.com).

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

### **Dr. Edwin T. Greninger,**

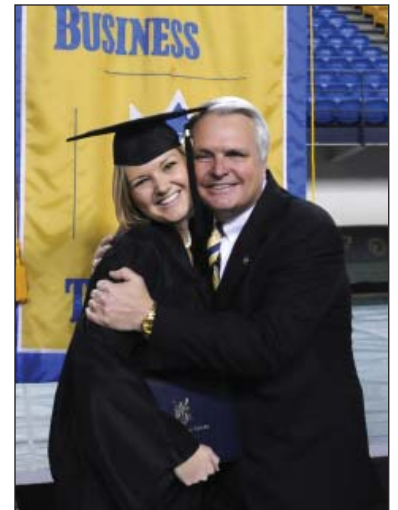
*who died at his home on Dec. 21, 2007, at the age of 89. He taught in ETSU's Department of History from 1958 until his retirement in 1986. Faculty, staff and administrators who knew Greninger remember him for his cheerfulness, kindness and colorful wardrobe. The Montoursville, Pa., native was a U.S. Army veteran and served his country in World War II. He was the author of several books, including Fifteen Days in Russia, as well as an annual travelogue on his many travels around the world. He was a member of Our Saviour Lutheran Church, Johnson City.*

### **Florence Elizabeth Pickle,**

*who died Jan. 13, 2008, at Johnson City Medical Center at the age of 87. Pickle was retired from ETSU's James H. Quillen College of Medicine, where she was a laboratory director. She was a native of Washington County and a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church.*

# Congratulations, Graduates!

December 15, 2007



From left, ETSU President Dr. Paul E. Stanton Jr. presents diplomas to graduates; the banner for the new College of Pharmacy was introduced; a jubilant graduate waves to his family; and Tennessee Lt. Gov. Ron Ramsey, an ETSU alumnus who delivered the December commencement address, hugs his youngest daughter, Madison, who earned her degree in business.

## ETSU chapter of Kappa Delta Pi earns prestigious award

ETSU's Zeta Iota Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society in Education received the organization's top chapter honors during the 46th biennial convocation in Louisville, Ky.

Not only did the chapter earn its fourth consecutive "Achieving Chapter Excellence (ACE)" Award, it earned its first "Ace of the ACE" Award, which was created to identify one chapter in the Kappa Delta Pi network that truly exemplifies the ideals of the society. ETSU was one of 22 ACE Award-winning chapters, each of which was considered for the "Ace of the ACE," which singles out an ACE-winning chapter that has been outstanding over the past biennium and has achieved over and above the ACE criteria.

"Within the past several years, (the ETSU) chapter has grown and increased activity each year, as (it has) empowered strong educational leaders," noted Karen Sprunger, KDP chapter services coordinator. "The programming (it) completes is comprehensive and . . . it is evident that this chapter showcased exceptional use of not only (its own), but campus-wide and community involvement.

"Chapter members believe that repeating the KDP ideals every chance they get is vitally important and reminds members of the reasons that KDP exists. The commitment of the chapter is evident by its member involvement, from picnics to the 'Do You Want to Be a Teacher?' sessions. Their responsiveness to Headquarters is outstanding. Anytime suggestions or input is needed, they are there to serve."

In addition, Sprunger noted that Zeta Iota completed an important fundraising milestone by procuring over \$2,500 in scholarship funds.

"To receive the 'Ace of the ACE' was totally unexpected and thrilling," said Christine H. Loveday, chapter counselor. "In working toward the ACE Award, we have created a more involved, collaborative chapter that provides a myriad of opportunities for our members at East Tennessee State University. We are very appreciative, humbled and grateful to be awarded the distinguished 'Ace of the ACE' Award."



The ETSU delegation with the "Ace of the ACE."

Loveday expressed appreciation for the support of several key university leaders in the chapter's quest for the ACE Award, including Dr. Hal Knight, dean of ETSU's Claudius G. Clemmer College of Education; Dr. Rhona Hurwitz, chair of the college's Department of Curriculum and Instruction; and ETSU President Dr. Paul E. Stanton Jr. She also thanked the Kappa Delta Pi International Headquarters staff for their encouragement and guidance.

Besides the ACE and "Ace of the ACE" awards, Zeta Iota Chapter Historian Linda Wyatt received a \$1,500 Henry H. Hill Laureate Doctoral Scholarship and spoke at the Scholarship and Donor Luncheon during the convocation. Wyatt, a project manager in the ETSU Honors College, is currently pursuing her Ed.D. in the Claudius G. Clemmer College of Education.

Among the ETSU delegation was Dr. Keith Turkett, professor emeritus of Curriculum and Instruction. He was national president of the society from 1974-76 and served as Zeta Iota counselor before his retirement. He serves as chapter representative to the Kappa Delta Pi Foundation and is a member of the Foundation's board of directors.

## Alumna named Alaska Environmental Health Professional of the Year

Jennifer Dobson, a 2004 ETSU graduate, was recently named the 2007 Alaska Environmental Health Professional of the Year by the Alaska Environmental Health Association (AEHA).

Dobson is a native of Kingsport and holds a bachelor of science in environmental health (B.S.E.H.) from ETSU. She is a field environmental health specialist with the Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corp. (YKHC) in Bethel. In this capacity, she provides comprehensive environmental health ser-

vices for 12 Alaska Native villages in rural southwestern Alaska, an area of approximately 75,000 square miles.

She is responsible for community drinking water safety, wastewater and solid waste systems, rabies prevention, child care health and safety, food safety, outbreak investigation, injury prevention, and institutional environmental health.

In addition to her regular job duties, Dobson supervises the YKHC Remote Maintenance Worker Program, which provides

training and technical assistance to rural utility operators. Dobson is an active member of the Rural Alaska Sanitation Coalition and has participated in avian influenza sampling in the Yukon Kuskokwim Delta.

According to AEHA, the award recognizes Dobson's dedication to the association and the field of environmental health. Dobson has been actively involved with the AEHA. She has served as newsletter editor and publications committee chair, and was recently elected vice president.

## Animal Care and Use Program AAALAC accreditation renewed

The Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care International (AAALAC) has granted full accreditation to ETSU's animal care and use program.

This accrediting organization enhances the quality of research, teaching and testing by promoting humane, responsible animal care and use. It provides advice and independent assessments to participating institutions and accredits those that meet or exceed

applicable standards. The university has been continuously accredited by AAALAC since 1986.

"This recognition by AAALAC affirms ETSU's commitment to the humane use of animals in research," said Dr. Greg Hanley, university veterinarian and director of the animal care facility. "Earning AAALAC accreditation requires institutions to maintain high quality standards. The evaluation

process is very intense, and every aspect of our program is carefully reviewed.

"AAALAC accreditation is a voluntary procedure, and it demonstrates our willingness to go above and beyond the minimums required by law. It tells the public that ETSU is committed to the responsible care and use of animals in science."

Hanley said the accrediting body had no recommendations for improvement.

## Lewis plays leading role in educating Tennessee FCS teachers

Dr. Angela Radford Lewis, chair of Family and Consumer Sciences, has received a \$6,327 Vocational Education Basic Grant from the Tennessee Department of Education, Division of Career and Technical Education, to institute and provide activities for curriculum and professional development programs aimed at secondary family and consumer sciences teachers.

Lewis serves as a consultant with other teacher educators across the state; is a contributing author to the Web-based Educator Resource; and provides information about integrating reading into the family and consumer sciences curriculum.

In addition, Lewis develops and conducts two one-day training sessions for the area's beginning, returning, and other selected teachers in the field. She also visits and advises new teachers in Northeast Tennessee to foster improved teacher performance and implementation of successful family and consumer sciences programs.



## Remembering World War II

Four World War II combat veterans discussed their life-and-death experiences in war during a recent forum sponsored by the Department of History, making a deep impression on young and old alike. George Salaita, a History graduate student who arranged and moderated the program, noted in his introduction that 1,000 WWII veterans die each day, and a recent Ken Burns television series on "The War" focused attention on these survivors of what former NBC News anchor Tom Brokaw called "The Greatest Generation."

Pictured above (left-right) are Salaita; George Hatcher, one of the "Erwin Nine"; Warren Smith, U.S. Marine Corps; Lyle Smith, 8th Air Force; Walter Goforth, U.S. Army Parachute Corps; and Dr. Colin Baxter, departmental chair.