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## *ETSU Remembers . . .*

*“Over the past year, all of us have come to a deeper appreciation of human relationships. When I spoke during this faculty conference one year ago, none of us, of course, could have imagined*



Photo by Chris Sharp, East Tennessean

*what would transpire 20 days later. September 11 brought warlike conditions to our own country and into our homes, schools, offices, and places of work. Our campus reacted with shock, grief, courage, and resolve. Students, faculty, and staff joined hands in prayer for the victims, their families, and the future of the world. They wrote expressions of sorrow and love on banners. They built replicas of the World Trade Center’s twin towers using canned food, which was lovingly donated to the Second Harvest Food Bank. They decorated rooms and offices*

*in red, white, and blue out of respect for America.*

*“Returning to our studies, our routines, was difficult. For a few days, we could focus on little else besides our TVs as this horrible story unfolded. The ETSU family was directly affected. Former Student Government Association President Jason Berry barely escaped the burning Pentagon building. Green Beret Jefferson Donald Davis, a former ETSU nursing student, was one of the very earliest casualties in the Afghan War.*

*“Love of country has never been in short supply on this campus. Thirteen ETSU alumni have attained the rank of general or admiral in the United States armed forces, and this year, we celebrate the 50th anniversary of Army ROTC, a program begun here by our third president, World War I veteran Burgin E. Dossett.”*

— ETSU President Dr. Paul E. Stanton Jr.  
State of the University Address  
Aug. 21, 2002



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# Important Information on the Online Calendar System

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East Tennessee State University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Ga., telephone number 404-679-4501) to award certificate, associate, bachelor's, master's, educational specialist, doctor of education, Ph.D. and M.D. degrees.

*East Tennessee State University is fully in accord with the belief that educational and employment opportunities should be available to all eligible persons without regard to age, gender, color, race, religion, national origin, disability, veteran status or sexual orientation.*

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Enjoy the last days of summer!  
Sit in the shade of a tree  
and read a book.

Need to publicize an event? Looking for weekend entertainment? Wonder when the next Basler Chairholder lecture will be?

Check out ETSU's new interactive online calendar! From the main ETSU home page ([www.etsu.edu](http://www.etsu.edu)), click "Calendars" to find master and categorical lists of upcoming events. Also, when you visit "Faculty and Staff," "Colleges and Schools," "Current Students" and other second-level pages, you'll see several of those same items, carefully selected for the appropriate audiences, listed on the right-hand side of the pages.

## How to Place Your Event on the Calendar

If your office, department or organization is sponsoring an upcoming event that would be of interest to the campus community and the public, you'll want to publicize that event as early as possible through the online calendar.

Items on this calendar are entered by selected individuals – "authorized users" – representing 41 campus divisions, using information provided to them by the faculty, staff and students they represent.

To have an item placed on the calendar, please visit the **Calendar Information page** posted by the office of university relations at <http://www.etsu.edu/univrel/calendar.htm>. First, please read the "**Calendar Tips from University Relations**" handout, which was initially written for authorized users but will also help you as an event planner to become familiar with the types of information needed and the style used. It will guide you through other aspects of the publicity needs of your planning process, because your calendar item may be used by the university relations office for a news release to be sent to area media, and it might also show up here in *Accent*!

Then print and completely fill out the **Online Calendar Event Information Form** and turn it in to the authorized user for your area, who will enter the information into the calendar system for you. To find the **authorized user** for your area, please visit [http://www.etsu.edu/univrel/authorized\\_users.asp](http://www.etsu.edu/univrel/authorized_users.asp).

If you have any questions, please contact the authorized user for your area or Jennifer Hill in university relations at [hill@mail.etsu.edu](mailto:hill@mail.etsu.edu).

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## *Distinguished Faculty Awards*

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ETSU bestowed its highest honor upon three professors during the recent Faculty Recognition Dinner with the presentation of the 2002 Distinguished Faculty Awards for Teaching, Research, and Service.

The winners were nominated and selected by their peers, and each received a medallion, a plaque and a \$5,000 check from the ETSU Foundation.

**Dr. Clifton Mitchell**, an associate professor of counseling in the ETSU College of Education's department of human development and learning, received the **Distinguished Faculty Award in Teaching**.

"Students think of him as demanding, but fair, and they feel comfortable to challenge and question him on any class topic," his nomination states. "Also, the program's counseling practicum requires a close relationship (between) clients, counseling students and their supervisor. In this very sensitive situation, counseling students report that Dr. Mitchell is insightful, knowledgeable and sensitive, and they – the students – fear no reprisal if they choose to challenge his perception of a counseling situation.

"He is a direct and forthright person who can be warm and sensitive to a student's personal issues, yet demanding of his or her performance. He is a diligent and bright individual whose professional dedication, commitment, maturity and work habits are outstanding."

Mitchell's nomination also points out that he has become recognized as an authority in his field through publications in nationally refereed journals, as well as through workshops and training institutes on such topics as hypnosis, resistance, legal and ethical issues, motivation, group facilitation, worry and career choices.

One colleague describes Mitchell as "a concrete thinker and doer in a profession that has many shades of gray," and another points out that students "consistently comment on his accessibility and caring, his fairness, his entertaining style of teaching, and how helpful and valuable" his courses are.

Current and former students praise Mitchell for the many roles he plays in their lives, not only as a professor, but also as a mentor, adviser and friend.

"In his classes, I always knew exactly



**Hoover, Mitchell and Mehta**

what was expected of me and when, I could follow his lectures step by step, I was treated fairly, and most of all, I was respected as someone whose opinion he valued," one student wrote. "I was learning *with* Dr. Mitchell, not just sitting in an audience fielding facts. It makes all the difference in the world when a teacher believes in you and takes the time to help you find your own unique path."

"I have continuously seen him reach for a book from his personal library to loan to a student wanting to learn more," wrote another. "I have sat down with him to role-play a 'stuck' situation with a client, even when he was not responsible for my supervision."

Before joining the ETSU faculty in 1992, Mitchell was a stress management consultant for Union Hospital, Terre Haute, Ind., and held fellowships as a statistics instructor, techniques lab instructor and career and life planning instructor at Indiana State University, where he earned his Ph.D. in counseling psychology. He also holds an M.A. in clinical psychology from Western Kentucky University, where he taught psychology, and a B.A. in psychology from Virginia Tech.

The ETSU **Distinguished Faculty Award in Research** was presented to **Dr. Donald Hoover**, professor of pharmacology at the James H. Quillen College of Medicine.

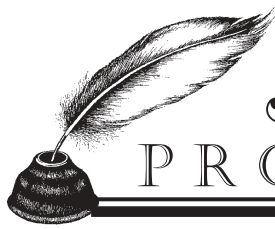
Hoover earned his B.S. degree from Grove City College and his Ph.D. from West Virginia University, followed by a post-doctoral fellowship with the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

Since joining the ETSU faculty in 1978, he has received ongoing funding from NIH as a principal investigator or co-investigator on 18 competitive grants. Currently, he is studying the intrinsic cardiac nervous system – a "mini-brain" located within the heart – and how this system controls heart function.

"Dr. Hoover's success in obtaining external support for his research is not due only to his superb 'grantsmanship,' . . . it is because during the past 22 years he has developed a research program that has produced significant advances in our understanding of the neural control of circulation. His work in the role of nonclassical neurotransmitters contained within the intrinsic cardiac ganglia of the heart is groundbreaking and has been recognized as such by his peers," wrote one nominator who has worked with Hoover for more than two decades.

"Further, Dr. Hoover has been actively engaged in mentoring students at all levels of experience. On one end of the continuum, he has mentored two postdoctoral fellows and on the other end has had three undergraduate students from ETSU work closely with him. He has also served as major pro-

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## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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### Sponsored Programs Report:

The following project proposals and contracts by ETSU personnel were selected for funding in March and April:

♦ “NSF/CBMS Regional Conference in the Mathematical Sciences” by **Drs. Debra Knisley** and **Anant Godbole**, chair, mathematics, for \$27,500 from the National Science Foundation.

♦ “Hot Gas, Star Formation and Nuclear Activity in the Radio Galaxy NGC4410A” by **Dr. Beverly Smith**, physics and astronomy, for \$49,697 from NASA.

♦ “Seeing the Universe Through Different Eyes: A Hands-On Introduction to Multi-Wavelength Astronomy” by **Smith** for \$9,965 from NASA.

♦ “International Quality Network-German/American Cooperative” by **Dr. Jon Smith**, Bureau of Business and Economic Research, for \$6,000 from the Hochschule Bremen/Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst (DAAD), the German Academic Exchange Service.

♦ “Support of a Professional Development School Partnership with a Tennessee Public School” by **Dr. Martha Collins**, dean, College of Education, for \$2,500 from the Tennessee Department of Education.

♦ “Antibiotic Inhibition of Bacterial Ribosome Formation” by **Dr. Scott Champney**, biochemistry, for \$60,884 from the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

♦ “Molecular Signals Against Beta-AR-Stimulated Apoptosis” by **Dr. Krishna Singh**, physiology, for \$241,811 from the NIH/NHLBI.

♦ “Castle Web Modification” by **Micheale Duncan**, computer and information sciences, for \$1,270 from Castle Real Estate.

♦ “CASA (Court-Appointed Special Advocates) of Northeast Tennessee” by **Dr. Judith Hammond** and **Ann Periconi**, sociology/anthropology, for \$5,000 from the Mary G.K. Fox Foundation.

♦ “Banking Alliance for Underprivileged Youth” by **Dr. Steven Dennis**, director, Center for Banking, for \$17,392 from the Alliance for Business and Training.

♦ “Tennessee Small Business Development Center” by **Robert Justice**, director,

TSBDC, for \$130,082 from the Small Business Administration.

♦ “To Provide Technical Laboratory Services” by **Greg Wilgocki**, dean’s office, College of Medicine, for \$3,000 from the Medical Education Assistance Corp. (MEAC).

♦ “To Amend Financial Commitment for a Physician” by **Dr. Jim Wilson**, chair, family medicine, for \$67,900 from MEAC.

♦ “Rural Bioethics Project” by **Dr. Thomas Townsend**, family medicine, for \$9,000 from The Greenwall Foundation/University of Montana-Missoula.

♦ “Johnson City Downtown Clinic for Homeless and Indigent to Washington County (Continuation)” by **Susan Reed**, practice and research, College of Nursing, for \$15,000 from the Washington County Commission.

♦ “Hancock County School-Based Health Center” by **Dr. Joellen Edwards**, dean, College of Nursing, for \$173,529 from the Hancock County Board of Education.

♦ “Scottish Rite Clinic Program” by **Teresa Boggs**, communicative disorders, for \$9,200 from Scottish Rite.

**Drs. Beverly J. Smith** and **Donald Luttermoser**, physics and astronomy, along with **Dr. David Leisawitz**, Goddard Space Flight Center, and former ETSU physics and astronomer **Dr. Michael Castelaz**, currently with the Pisgah Observatory, had a paper, “Infrared Light Curves of Mira Variable Stars from COBE DIRBE Data,” published in the *Astronomical Journal*.

**Dr. Stephanie C. Leeper**, associate dean, student affairs, College of Medicine, has been elected a fellow of the American College of Physicians-American Society of Internal Medicine (ACP-ASIM), the society of internist physicians. This distinction recognizes her achievements in internal medicine. **Leeper** was elected upon the recommendation of peers and the review of ACP-ASIM’s credentials subcommittee.

**Charles Moore**, Center for Appalachian Studies and Services, presented a paper entitled “Spanish/Hispanic/Latino Appalachia:

Who, Where, and How Many” at the Appalachian Studies Conference in Helen, Ga. The presentation included a compilation of census data for Appalachian region counties showing Spanish, Hispanic and Latino populations.

**Dr. Richard M. Kostrzewa**, pharmacology, was awarded a visiting professorship at the Medical University of Silesia in Katowice, Poland, by **Rector Prof. Dr. Tadeusz Wilczok**. As part of his visit, **Kostrzewa** delivered a lecture, “Treatment of Parkinson’s Disease,” to Polish medical students. He also continued his research collaborative project with **Dr. Ryszard Brus**, chair, pharmacology, Silesian Medical University, Zabrze, Poland. He presented the results of some of their studies in his lecture, “Serotonin and Parkinson’s Disease,” during the 11th annual Neuropsychopharmacological Days in Ustrón, Jaszowiec, Poland.

**Darcy Martin**, academic affairs, College of Medicine/Women’s Studies, had an article, “Aunt Molly Jackson: The Perfect Miner’s Voice,” accepted for publication by the *Journal of American Culture*.

**Dr. Ting-Heng Chu**, economics, finance and urban studies, and **Dr. Steve Swidler**, Auburn University, had an article, “Forecasting Emerging Market Exchange Rates from Foreign Equity Options,” published in *The Journal of Financial Research*.

“Art Education and the Aging Society” is the title of a presentation given during the National Art Education Association annual meeting by **Caroline D. Jackson**, University Advisement Center, and **Heather Gliserman**, counseling graduate student. **Jackson** is a team member of and **Gliserman** a graduate assistant for Project Senior Art, a component of the Expanding Community Partnerships program funded by the third grant awarded to ETSU from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation.

In their presentation, **Jackson** and **Gliserman** discussed a course developed

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through Project Senior Art that provides art education majors the expertise needed to tutor the growing senior citizen population.

Five ETSU administrators served on a planning committee charged with developing and presenting an adult leadership program for the Bristol Chamber of Commerce: **Dr. Wayne Andrews**, vice president for administration; **Dr. Nancy Dishner**, educational leadership and policy analysis/director, Roan Scholars Leadership Program; **Dr. Deborah White**, assistant vice president for student life and leadership; **Dr. Norma MacRae**, vice provost for public service/dean of continuing studies; and **Dr. Sue Fulmer**, director, ETSU at Bristol. During the program, 26 participants learned about diversity and entrepreneurship and took part in a community mapping exercise before discussing what they had observed and learned during the sessions. As part of the day's activities, **Dr. Robin Feierabend**, family medicine/program director, Bristol Family Practice Center, and **Dr. Jo Lobertini**, director, professional development, shared information on their programs.

**Dr. Maria A. Niederberger**, music, published the score of her "Piano Quintet" in

the SCI (Society of Composers Inc.) *Journal of Music Scores*, circulated by the European American Music Distributors Corp. Scores are selected by jury.

The CD recording of her "Piano Quintet," performed by the Empyrean Ensemble and recorded by Transparent Recordings of San Francisco, was released on the Capstone Records Label. The CD, entitled "Milestones," features seven works by contemporary American composers.

**Niederberger's** composition "Vernissage" for solo piano was performed in July in London, England, at Wigmore Hall, one of Europe's most important concert halls. The concert also featured works by Diethelm, Fischer, Rosenberg, Skrjabin and Rachmaninoff. The featured pianist was **Patrizio Mazzola**, a professor at the Bern Music Conservatory.

**Carol LeBaron**, art and design, was awarded a grant from the ETSU Research and Development Committee for her project, "Experimental Methods in Wool Felting and Dyeing Procedures." In addition, she received a Merit Award for her piece, "Edges," at the Best of Tennessee Crafts Biennial Exhibition at the Hunter Museum in Chattanooga.

**Dr. Peter C. Panus**, physical therapy, along with **Carter R. Anderson**, **Steve D. Boah** and **Drs. Russell L. Morris** and **Walter L. Sembrowich**, all of Birch Point Medical, Oakdale, Minn., published two abstracts, "Intracutaneous and Transcutaneous Drug Penetration Following High and Low Current Iontophoresis" and "Quantification of Total Dexamethasone-Phosphate Delivery by Iontophoresis," on the *Journal of the American Physical Therapy Association* Web site ([www.ptjournal.org/info/AbstractIntro.cfm](http://www.ptjournal.org/info/AbstractIntro.cfm)). **Sembrowich** and **Anderson** gave presentations of the two abstracts during the APTA annual conference.

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In your items, please give full names with complete departmental/institutional affiliations of all persons named in the items, indicating whether they hold doctoral degrees. Also, fully spell out the names of journals and organizations.

## TBR grants tenure and promotion to ETSU faculty

Thirty-seven faculty at ETSU were recently promoted and 18 were granted tenure by the university's governing body, the Tennessee Board of Regents.

The following five faculty were promoted to the rank of assistant professor: **Dr. Barbara T. Beauchamp**, human development and learning; **Dr. David Champouillon**, music; **Kathleen Grover**, English; and **Jamie McGill** and **Patricia Stafford**, developmental studies.

Associate professor status was bestowed on 19 faculty: **Robert C. Barnhart**, physical therapy; **Dr. Sally Blowers**, adult nursing; **Dr. Greg Clarity**, family medicine; **Dr. Marian M. Clark**, geography, geology and geomatics; **Dr. Marc A. Fagelson**, communicative disorders; **Dr. James E. Florence**,

public health; **Mary Hurd**, English; **Dr. John King**, communication; **Dr. Marjorie King**, professional roles/mental health nursing; **Drs. Jeff Knisley** and **Robert M. Price**, mathematics; **Dr. Koyamangalath Krishnan**, internal medicine; **Dr. Chuanfu Li**, surgery; **Carolyn Merriman**, nursing; **Dr. Barney Miller**, psychiatry; **Dr. Darrell Moore**, biological sciences; **Dr. Larry J. Prather**, economics, finance and urban studies; and **Allen Rushing** and **Dr. Elwood Watson**, history.

And 13 faculty attained the rank of full professor: **Dr. Henry J. Antkiewicz**, history; **Drs. John Auerbach** and **Ramsey McGowen**, psychiatry; **Dr. James Boland**, mathematics; **Dr. Jon B. Ellis**, psychology; **Drs. Jim Kelley** and **Ahmad Wattad**, pedi-

atrics; **Drs. Kenneth Olive** and **Mark Young**, internal medicine; **Dr. Martin Olsen**, obstetrics/gynecology; **Dr. Leslie A. Perry**, curriculum and instruction; **Dr. Isabel B. Stanley**, English; and **Dr. Gail Stenstad**, philosophy and humanities.

The following 11 faculty were granted tenure in addition to their promotions: **Barnhart**, **Blowers**, **Fagelson**, **J. King**, **Krishnan**, **Li**, **Merriman**, **Miller**, **Prather**, **Price** and **Watson**.

Another seven faculty were also granted tenure: **Drs. N. Judaun Alison**, **Tony Katras**, **D. Glenn Pennington** and **Daniel Rush**, surgery; **Marie F. Jones**, University Library; and **Mary C. Myron** and **Sandra A. Weniger**, University School.



# Campus News Briefs

## **TSBDC relocates**

The Tennessee Small Business Development Center, formerly headquartered in Sam Wilson Hall, has moved. The center now occupies space in the new ETSU Innovation Laboratory, in the former Marine Corps building at 2109 West Market St. in Johnson City. The center can be reached by phone at 439-8505.

## **CME accreditation continues**

The Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) has awarded accreditation to the continuing medical education program at ETSU's James H. Quillen College of Medicine. The new term will continue through July 2006.

ETSU serves approximately 6,000 physicians and allied health professionals through its CME programs and has brought several nationally noted speakers to the region as presenters. Recent major conferences have included programs on women's health, HIV/AIDS, pediatrics, genetics, cardiology, pain management, and men's health.

For more information, contact Barbara Sucher, assistant dean for CME, at 439-8024.

## **At the Reece Museum**

Two exhibits, "**Single-Handed: General Practitioners in Remote and Rural Areas of Scotland**" and "**Donald Luttrell, Scrimshander: A Retrospective in Scrimshaw**," continue at the Reece Museum through Sept. 29.

"Single-Handed," a photography exhibit, was developed from a 2001 book of the same title by photographer Rosie Donovan and physician John Bain. It depicts single-handed (or solo) general practitioners (GPs) in rural Scotland. Based on a series of consultations with GPs working in isolated communities, the exhibit shows 47 of around 200 single-handed doctors in Scotland and provides an insight into their unique contributions to health care. Donovan is a Scottish-born photographer who has lived in Canada since 1972, and Bain is a professor of general practice at the University of Dundee in

Scotland.

"Donald Luttrell, Scrimshander: A Retrospective in Scrimshaw" showcases the work produced in a basement workshop over the last 32 years by self-taught Johnson City artist Donald Luttrell. Scrimshaw is the painstaking etching of an image on ivory or bone. Creating his art from such materials as deer and elk antler, bone, ostrich eggs and an occasional Victorian ivory pool ball, Luttrell has generally produced work with historical themes, featuring many portraits of Native Americans and mountain men.

These exhibits are free and open to the public during the regular museum hours of 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.

In addition, **Artsploration** after-school art classes for children are starting up again for the 2002-03 academic year.

This weekly arts program for children, taught by Kathy Deakins, emphasizes creativity, exploration and enjoyment, with a different focus each month. Classes take place at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesdays for grades K-2, on Wednesdays for grades 3-5, and Thursdays for grades 6-8.

After a hiatus in December, the program will resume again in January. Space is limited to 12 students per class. The registration fee of \$35 per month includes all supplies and fees unless further notification is given.

For more information, contact Blair White at 439-4392 or [whiteb@mail.etsu.edu](mailto:whiteb@mail.etsu.edu).

## **Guest Artist Recitals**

The department of music is hosting two Guest Artist Recitals in September.

Pianist Michael Gurt is the featured artist in a recital on Thursday, Sept. 12, at 8 p.m. in 107 Mathes Hall. Gurt, a professor of piano at Louisiana State University, is a graduate of the University of Michigan and the Juilliard School. He has won the Gina Bachauer International Piano Competition and competitions in South Africa and Aus-

tralia.

This recital also serves as the Grand Re-opening of the Mathes Hall music hall following the installation of a new stage floor and aisle carpeting, as well as the kick-off of a campaign for funding to replace audience seating.

A second recital, to be held Sunday, Sept. 15, at 3 p.m. in 107 Mathes Hall, features Wayne Johnson, who is on the piano faculty of Seattle Pacific University. He will perform salon classics from the "Golden Age of Piano." Also during his visit, he will conduct a master class on "Practical Practice Procedures for Pianistic Progress" on Saturday, Sept. 14, from 10 a.m.-noon.

These recitals are free and open to the public.

For more information, call the department of music at 439-4270.

## **Wisdom from East and West Conference**

The events of Sept. 11, 2001, made it clear that the world is impermanent and that everyone is vulnerable to great mental stress and physical suffering.

A Wisdom from East and West Conference on "Religious Violence: Spiritual Perspectives" is being presented to help participants come to understand the neuropsychological basis for religious violence, how people can reintroduce harmony into their lives using meditative and other techniques, and the essential concept of "nonviolence" or "Ahimsa" as expounded by the late Mahatma Gandhi.

The conference takes place on four consecutive Thursdays, Sept. 12, 19 and 26 and Oct. 3, with each session beginning at 7 p.m. in the seventh floor auditorium at Johnson City Medical Center.

"**Religious Violence and the Broken Circle: Healing With the Mandala**" will be discussed by Judith Cornell on Sept. 12. In this talk, Cornell, the author of *Mandala: Luminous Symbols for Healing*, *AMMA: Healing the Heart of the World* and *Drawing the Light from Within*, shares her per-



spective on the mandala as “a cross-cultural phenomena used for thousands of years to focus and reflect the essential nature of our true Luminous Self – that which is real, whole, permanent and free from human mental suffering and conditioning.”

Earlier that day, Cornell will hold a book signing at Books-A-Million from 10-11 a.m., followed by a workshop combining meditation, chanting and visualizations with mandala drawing exercises using white pencil on black paper, which will be held at 2 p.m. at the Holston Valley Unitarian Universalist Church in Gray. Participants will learn how to draw luminous mandala symbols to “experience the true essence of radiant self-expression.”

On Sept. 19, Dr. Carl Gerber, director of the James H. Quillen Veterans Affairs Medical Center at Mountain Home, will speak on **“Is There a Neurophysiology of God?: Do Religious Ecstasy, Hostility and Sexuality All Reside in the Same Neuroanatomic Region of the Brain?”** Dr. Pramod Shah will discuss **“Ahimsa – Nonviolence and Jainism”** on Sept. 26, and on Oct. 3, a panel discussion, **“Struggle Around Religious Violence,”** will feature Drs. Jeffrey Gold, Hamant Dandekar, Taneem Azia and Carl Petering.

The \$35 registration fee includes all four evening sessions and light snacks. The cost of the afternoon mandala workshop with Judith Cornell is separate – a donation of \$20 (which covers materials) is suggested, and those who attend this workshop may attend her evening conference session free of charge.

This conference is sponsored by the Regional Indo-American Cultural Community Center and the Northeast Tennessee Chapter of the United Religions Initiative with support from organizational development at Johnson City Medical Center.

For more information or conference registration, call Dr. Aruna Panini at 854-9513 or Jan Tittle at 431-6696. To register for the mandala workshop, call Gabrielle Zeiger at 378-3623.

### Wesley Foundation Barbeque and Auction

The Wesley Foundation, the campus ministry of the United Methodist Church at ETSU, will hold its second annual Barbeque and Auction to benefit the Foundation’s student mission projects on Saturday, Sept. 14.

Tickets for this “all you can eat” event, which will be held from 12:30-5 p.m. at the Wesley Foundation, 1100 Seminole Drive, are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

John Abe Teague and the “Rock and Root Gang” will supply the barbeque with all the trimmings, and there will be live music throughout the day. The live auction, featuring beach vacations, a pool party, furniture, new automobile tires, a hayride and other bargains for bidding, begins at 3 p.m. A silent auction will also be held.

For tickets or more information, call the Wesley Foundation at 232-4920.

### Astronomy events

Two **Star Parties/Observatory Open Houses** are planned by the ETSU department of physics and astronomy in September.

In the first, on Saturday, Sept. 14, Dr. Gary Henson will discuss “Using a CCD for Astronomical Observations,” and in the second, on Saturday, Sept. 28, Dr. Donald Luttermoser will speak on “The Search for Extrasolar Planets.” Both Henson and Luttermoser are faculty members of the department of physics and astronomy.

During these free public events, which take place from 8-10 p.m. at the Harry Powell Observatory, telescopes will be used to observe celestial objects if weather permits; in the event of rain or cloud cover, the observatory will not be open. The observatory is located off College Heights and Narrow Lane above campus.

Two **Physics and Astronomy Seminars** are also planned. On Thursday, Sept. 19, at 4 p.m., Jerry Pass of Aerojet will speak on “Aerojet Ordnance Tennessee: Its Capabilities, Processes and Products,” and Elizabeth Warner of the University of Maryland will

speak on “Deep Impact and the Small Telescope Science Program” at 4:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27.

Both free public seminars will take place in 261 Brown Hall.

For more information, contact Dr. Beverly Smith at 439-8418 or *beverly@panda.etsu.edu*.

### Gerber Distinguished Lecture

“Liberal Arts Education vs. Science Education?” is the topic of an upcoming talk in the Carl J. Gerber Distinguished Lecture Series.

The lecture by Rev. Dr. Michael J. Himes will take place Monday, Sept. 16, in the Gerber Lecture Hall of the Carnegie Library on the campus of the James H. Quillen Veterans Affairs Medical Center. A reception with refreshments will take place from 4:30-5:30 p.m., followed by the lecture from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Himes is a professor of theology at Boston College, where he has been honored with the Phi Beta Kappa Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching. He was ordained into the priesthood for the Diocese of Brooklyn in 1972 and earned his Ph.D. in the history of Christianity from the University of Chicago.

An accomplished author, he has received Catholic Press Association Book Awards for *Fullness of Faith: The Public Significance of Theology*, which he co-authored with his brother, and *Ongoing Incarnation: Johann Adam Möhler and the Beginnings of Modern Ecclesiology*.

The Lecture Series is named in honor of Gerber as a tribute to his service to the ETSU Quillen College of Medicine, the university and the people of this region. Gerber is director of the VAMC and professor of both psychiatry and hospital administration for the College of Medicine.

This free program is presented by the office of continuing medical education, and CME credit is available. For more information, call Rita Hunter at 439-8795.

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**Dr. Rebecca Pyles** has been appointed interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at ETSU.

She succeeds Dr. Don Johnson, who led the college as both interim dean and dean since 1995 and has returned to teaching and research in the ETSU department of English.

Pyles, who came to ETSU in 1991 as a faculty member in the department of biological sciences, has served since



**Pyles**

1998 as director of the University Honors Programs, which, under her leadership, have grown from encompassing the flagship University Honors Scholars Program and honors programs in five disciplines in three colleges to including honors programs in 12 different disciplines representing six colleges at ETSU.

“Assisting this process and encouraging the development of honors experiences at ETSU has been satisfying, a lot of fun, and a great way to learn about some of our exceptional educational programs,” Pyles said. “It’s been a privilege and pleasure to assist over 140 honors scholars to find their way through their undergraduate education. Gaining their trust so that I could help them ‘over the rough spots’ is perhaps my most precious accomplishment.

“I have also focused on many areas that directly impact our honors students – things such as enhancing opportunities for scholars in undergraduate research, interdisciplinary studies and international programs; encouraging and supporting faculty as they seek innovative and creative approaches in teaching; travel support and recognition of the research accomplishments of honors scholars; and ensuring that our current scholars as well as our alumni scholars serve as active participants in the development of our honors programs.”

Pyles, who has been active in fund-raising activities to help meet the financial needs of the honors programs, says she is “grateful for the recognition of the importance of the honors experience by our administra-

tion,” citing the inclusion of the University Honors Programs among the campus areas to benefit from the new Leadership Initiative fund-raising effort recently announced to the ETSU Foundation by ETSU President Dr. Paul E. Stanton Jr. as an example of this support.

Pyles has served ETSU in many other capacities on the departmental, college and university levels, including membership on the Leadership Team of the university’s Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Re-accreditation Review Pilot Project, the Academic Advisement Advisory Committee, the Academic Council and the Assessment Liaison Committee.

In her new position, Pyles is responsible for the largest college among ETSU’s nine colleges and schools.

“My most important goal as interim dean is to strengthen the sense of community and shared purpose among the chairs, faculty and staff of the 17 academic areas represented in the College of Arts and Sciences,” she said. “Statewide budget problems have reduced our funding over the past few years, making it very difficult to support innovations in and enrichments to our educational programs. Part of my job will be to assist academic areas in supporting these proposed enhancements by developing partnerships, sponsorships, research and other funding opportunities. I also hope to encourage and support creative inter- and multidisciplinary enhancements to the educational and research opportunities for faculty and students at ETSU.

“My experiences at ETSU have provided me with a deep appreciation for the judgment and creativity of the faculty and leadership in the College of Arts and Sciences,” she continued. “It will be an honor to work with them, even for a short time, to help build the future of the College of Arts and Sciences at ETSU.”

Before coming to ETSU, Pyles taught biological sciences for three years at the University of Tulsa, Okla. She has served on the executive board of The Herpetologists’ League, an international scientific society, and has been a visiting research scholar at the School of Biological Sciences at the University of Sydney, Australia; a research

associate of the South Carolina State Museum of Science in Columbia; a member of the Southern Blue Ridge Ecoregion Conservation Technical Team; and an Appalachian region researcher for the Declining Amphibian Populations Task Force, Species Survival Commission of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources. In addition, she is a reviewer for the *Journal of Morphology*, *Herpetologica*, *Copeia*, the *Journal of Herpetology* and *Herpetological Natural History*.

She earned her B.S. in biological sciences at the University of Missouri-Kansas City and her M.S., M.Ph. and Ph.D. in systematics and ecology from the University of Kansas, where she also taught.

**Dr. Colin F. Baxter** has been named chair of the ETSU department of history.

Baxter, an ETSU alumnus and professor of history who joined the department’s faculty in 1971, was named a full professor in 1993 and earned the university’s 1995 Distinguished Faculty Award in Research. In 1998, he was one of three individuals nationwide to receive the History Medal awarded by the Daughters of the American Revolution.



**Baxter**

“Since I believe very strongly that an understanding of history is vital to the health and well-being of our community and nation, my primary goal is to make history more attractive and exciting to students,” Baxter said, pointing to a U.S. Department of Education report issued in May “that declared most high school seniors have a poor grasp of American history” and a recent *USA Today* headline, “Kids get ‘abysmal’ grade in history,” as indicators of serious problems that must be addressed.

“For all too many students, history simply means names, dates and memorization,” he said. “We have to show them that history is a thrilling adventure into the past, a past that has made us who we are.

“The key to dealing with present prob-

lems is to understand their historical roots. The key to winning the war on terrorism is understanding the historical roots of terrorists. We can't understand Hitler without understanding Nazism. Why do we have a Congress with two houses and why do we believe that no person is above the law? What are the historical roots of our belief in freedom?

"My primary goal is to convince, entice and win over students not only to the idea that history is good for them, but that it is a subject full of insights and challenges," he continued.

Baxter says he specifically wishes to do more to entice students to study history through introductory courses, as well as offer more attractive upper-level courses. His many additional goals include plans to pursue greater grant funding for the department's teaching, research and service activities; working with area history teachers and historical associations, such as the Washington County Historical Association, of which he is a founding member and current president, in "encouraging the study of the rich trea-

sure trove that is East Tennessee history"; and establishing a study abroad program in London for graduate students.

Baxter teaches a variety of courses in British and United States history, as well as such topics as "War in the Modern World" and "Exploring Local History." He has served his department as director of the annual International Day for Area High School Students and Teachers for 10 years, as co-director of the Summer Study in England program for four years, as acting chair during the 1986-87 academic year, and as a member of the department's executive council and graduate and peer evaluation committees. He has also served the university as a member of the Faculty Senate and numerous committees. Before coming to ETSU, he taught at Furman University for five years.

Baxter is the author of *Field Marshal Bernard Law Montgomery, 1887-1976: A Selected Bibliography*; *The War in North Africa, 1940-1943: A Selected Bibliography*; and *The Normandy Campaign, 1944: A Selected Bibliography*, all published by Green-

wood Press, as well as numerous journal articles. He is also co-editor and co-author of *The American Military Tradition from Colonial Times to the Present*, which was published by Scholarly Resources Press, and author of a variety of scholarly essays, book reviews and encyclopedia entries, including "World War II: 'Life Would Never Be the Same Again'" and other items in the acclaimed *History of Washington County, Tennessee*, edited by Joyce and Eugene Cox and published in 2001 by Overmountain Press.

He is a former member of the Tipton-Haynes Historical Association board of trustees, a former president of both the Carolinas Symposium on British Studies and the ETSU chapter of the American Association of University Professors, and a founding member of the Tri-Cities Civil War Round Table.

The native of Harrow, England, earned his B.S. degree at ETSU in 1961 and his M.A. in 1963 and Ph.D. in 1965 at the University of Georgia.

## Stanton chosen vice chairman of SREB

Dr. Paul E. Stanton Jr., president of ETSU since 1997, was elected vice chairman of the Southern Regional Education Board at the group's annual meeting recently. Stanton was appointed to the SREB by Tennessee Gov. Don Sundquist five years ago.



Stanton

Also at the meeting, Mississippi Gov. Ronnie Musgrove was elected chairman of the SREB. Howard Lee, a North Carolina state senator, was re-elected treasurer of the board.

"Paul Stanton brings important experience and leadership to the Southern Regional Education Board," said SREB President Mark Musick. "We're looking forward to having him as vice chairman, the highest board office to which educators are elected. His knowledge and his skills will be of great

benefit to our organization."

Stanton outlined several priorities for his term. "I'm going to have a busy two years as vice chairman," Stanton said. "A governor is always selected as chair and an educator as vice chair. The vice chair is the person who oversees meetings and develops the agenda and programs. I want to look at new initiatives from pre-kindergarten through higher education, to make our graduates across the South better prepared for the workforce and the leadership arena. I hope to engage in some fundraising to help the SREB become even more effective in high-tech delivery, through the Internet and what it terms the 'electronic campus.'"

The SREB, America's first interstate compact for education, is headquartered in Atlanta. It has 16 member states: Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and West Vir-

### National Hispanic Heritage Month

National Hispanic Heritage Month is being observed this month at ETSU with free salsa dance lessons and Hispanic musical program sponsored by the office of multicultural affairs.

Salsa lessons will be given both Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 17-18, from 2-4 p.m. in the D.P. Culp Center ballroom. On Tuesday, Dr. Dale Royalty of the ETSU department of history and his wife, Deborah, will teach, with some of ETSU's Hispanic students teaching on Wednesday.

The Hispanic Program on Sept. 18 in the Culp Center atrium features musical entertainment from Hispanic and Latin culture by the Brin Leal Group. Participants are invited to meet others from many different cultures and dance to the music.

For more information, call 439-4210.



# Tales of the UNIVERSITY

*Dr. Charles C. Sherrod, ETSU's president from 1925 to 1949, led the institution during a time of dramatic growth. His son Howell, during an interview recorded on Oct. 22, 1999, provided insights into his personality, leadership abilities and dedication to the university. The interview also supplied many details of life around campus at the time. Some of the highlights follow.*

Papa was an unusual person – one of a kind – and I'm very proud of him. He did a lot for the community as well as the institution that became East Tennessee State University.

It was a two-year normal school when he was asked by the Tennessee Board of Education in Nashville to become its head. He agreed to come, provided they would make it a four-year college.

Also, he refused to come unless the board gave him full authority to hire and fire anybody on campus. They agreed to give him that power, something presidents no longer have.

In 1925, when he became president, there were 200 students on campus. When he retired in 1949, there had been an eight-fold increase to 1,600 students, along with a proportional increase in the faculty.

The number of volumes in the library went from 4,000 to 40,000. Now there are 8 million volumes in the new library, which bears his name.

Papa was a jack-of-all-trades. He designed the amphitheatre, and the WPA was commissioned to build it. He wanted an amphitheatre with grass on it, and a stage with grass, and a rock wall in the front.

I'll never forget seeing Papa grab a wheelbarrow that was being used to move dirt. A mule pulled a scoop that dumped dirt into the wheelbarrow, also pulled by a mule. Papa didn't think the guy was going fast enough.

"Let me have those reins," he said, "and I'll show you how to do it."

He took the scoop, and made three passes and scooped out three or four loads of raw dirt.

"Now, that's what I want you to do," he said.

Papa had more degrees than most college presidents.

First, he went to Maryville College. Next, he received two bachelor of science degrees from Tennessee Normal College in 1905 and 1907. Then he earned both the A.B. and L.L.B. degrees from Valparaiso University in 1909.

He also received an M.A. in 1921 and a Ph.D. in 1924 from George Peabody College. Emory and Henry College conferred an honorary L.L.D. degree in 1950.

Valparaiso had one of the outstanding law schools in the country in 1909.

Papa went to that school with no money. To pay for law school, he pressed students' clothes, charging 25 cents for a pair of pants. If they had a coat, too, he didn't charge anything extra.

He never did practice law. He didn't think he could defend a criminal he knew was guilty. He almost regretted he had the degree, but no doubt it was helpful in his administrative positions.



These photos show former ETSU President Dr. Charles C. Sherrod with his bride-to-be, Carrie Lee Hood, in 1910, and their sons, Howell and Charles.

When Papa became president, the family rode the streetcar from downtown to where the present Carroll Reece Museum is located, which was the end of the line.

Mr. D. Cash greeted us and took our bags off and gave them to a man named Sam, who carried the bags to the president's home, where the D.P. Culp Center is now.

Papa showed me which room I would have, and I shared it with my brother, Charles. We also shared one suit.

I was in the fourth grade, and so was Charles. They thought it would help if they put us together, so I skipped half a grade and Charles was held back half a grade so we

could graduate together.

We attended the Training School (now University School), a model school on Maple Street. There wasn't another place in the country where students went to a school where faculty members were teaching college students to become teachers.

The teachers taught elementary students four days a week while college students observed. On the fifth day of the week, they went into local schools and demonstrated good teaching practices and helped teachers improve their techniques.

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Charles and I trapped rabbits in the wooded area where The Cave, a room in the D.P. Culp University Center, is located now.

We had a trap and used carrots for bait. We had a trap door and slots, which would close when the rabbit took a bite of the carrot we had tied inside. We caught quite a few rabbits that way.

It was a real wilderness in that area at the time.

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In the 1930s, the state threatened to close down the college because there was not enough money to run it.

Papa got into the car with Mr. Prince, who was the bursar at the time, and left for Nashville at 5 in the morning. They drove all the way to Nashville and back that night in a car that averaged 20 to 25 miles an hour on roads far different from the interstate now.

They pleaded with the Board of Education not to close the school. Papa said, "If you let the school remain open, we will make do for two years with the \$110,000, which we have been allocated in the past for one year."

Papa didn't take a salary for two years.

"I have a car and a house, and I get my vegetables and milk from the farm the college owns," he said. "I don't need the money.



**ETSU's landmark amphitheatre was built under Sherrod's leadership.**



**The Sherrods celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1960.**

I'm going to give it to the faculty."

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There was a farm on the campus where the First District Health Center and Buccaneer Village now are located. A man was paid to do the work, and grow and harvest the vegetables. A dairy provided milk, which was pasteurized and served in the cafeteria.

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Papa's salary was \$4,200 a year when he came. He received a raise of \$100 after a few years and another \$100 after five more years.

Mr. Scott, who owned Scott's Grocery on the corner of Walnut and Tennessee, let any faculty member charge groceries and pay at the end of the month.

Our mother charged groceries there, too.

Scott's had a delivery service. Mr. Scott and his brother would take turns delivering groceries while the other one ran the store.

Papa met regularly with the faculty, but no one ever brought up the need for a larger salary.

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Papa believed that the library was the heart of the campus. Papa said to the architect, Don Beeson, "Get your notebook and pencil, I'm going to take you to the leading libraries in the United States. I'm going to drive my car; I can afford the gas.

"We're going to visit Columbia University in New York, Peabody College of Nashville and a great university in St. Louis, Mo. We'll pick out the things that we would like

to have and bring the ideas back to Johnson City."

Papa paid all the expenses. Mr. Beeson didn't pay for his hotel, or meals, or anything.

Then they built the original library in what is now the Reece Museum, all two floors of it. They had a few hundred books.

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Charles and I worked on the campus, but Papa paid what we received. We pushed lawn mowers to complete where the big gasoline mower had missed.

What were we paid per hour? Fifteen cents. I thought that was real money.

Papa didn't believe in nepotism. We got our money in cash from Mr. Prince, who kept it in his desk drawer.

Isalee, my sister, had a job, too, working in the library. She was paid 10 cents an hour. That experience led her to major in library science and have a career as a librarian.

*"Tales of the University" is a regular column provided by the ETSU Retirees Association about the university and the people associated with it through the decades. Faculty, staff, students and alumni are encouraged to share their memories of ETSU with the Retirees Association for consideration for future columns. Stories, comments and suggestions may be sent to Dr. Willene Paxton, chair of the Tales of the University committee, at 1203 Lester Harris Road, Johnson City, TN 37601, or willenepj@aol.com.*

## Manahan named to national education commission

Tennessee Gov. Don Sundquist has announced the appointment of Dr. Richard A. Manahan to the Education Commission of the States, a national education policy organization.



Manahan

Manahan is chair of the Johnson City School Board and serves as vice president for university advancement at ETSU. He is also executive vice president of the ETSU Foundation.

The commission seeks to help state leaders identify, develop and implement public policy for education that addresses current and future needs of a learning society. The non-profit, nationwide compact was formed in 1965. All 50 states and three territories are members.

The commission gathers, analyzes and disseminates information about current and emerging issues in education along with trends and innovations in state education policy. The idea to form such a commission originated with the late James Bryant Conant, president of Harvard University from 1933-53. Conant's idea was transformed into reality by the late Terry Sanford, after he left the governorship of North Carolina to become president of Duke University. Georgia Gov. Roy Barnes is the current chairman of the commission, which is headquartered in Denver.

"I am extremely honored by this appointment," Manahan said. "The opportunity to serve on a national commission that focuses on both pre-kindergarten through grade 12 and higher education is a dream come true. It is imperative that we make our schools the best they can be. I agree with Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives: our theme ought to be education, education, education."

Manahan, who came to ETSU in 1981, holds faculty appointments as a professor of accountancy in the College of Business and professor of educational leadership and policy analysis in the College of Education.

## TBR Online Degree Program honors Brown

The Tennessee Board of Regents initiated its Regents On-Line Degree Program (RODP) in the fall of 2001, enabling students to earn college degrees entirely on-line, and all 19 of the TBR system's two-year and four-year institutions offer degrees through the program.

Students and staff were invited to nominate outstanding RODP faculty members in the spring. Five nominees were chosen to receive Faculty Excellence awards on the basis of those recommendations. Dr. Paula Myrick Short, TBR's vice chancellor for academic affairs, announces that one of those so honored is Dr. Amelia Brown, associate dean of articulated programs at ETSU.

Brown teaches in the areas of food sci-



Brown

ence and corporate etiquette, and she developed and teaches a "Corporate Etiquette" class required by RODP. In 2001 she received ETSU's College of Applied Science and Technology Outstanding Teaching Award while an associate dean in that college, where she served for seven years.

Student nominations note that Brown is "patient and willing to help," "flexible and understanding," and the kind of teacher who would "go the extra mile to make sure that the concepts were understood by everyone."

In addition to teaching, Brown is visiting ETSU's community college partners, providing methods for a smooth transfer of students to ETSU. Recognized as a leader in family and consumer sciences, the former chair of the department of applied human sciences has served as national president of the Council of Administrators of Family and Consumer Sciences and as state president of the Tennessee Home Economics Association. She has been at ETSU since 1979.

## Edwards appointed to national committee

Tommy G. Thompson, secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, has appointed a senior academic official at ETSU to a national advisory panel.

Dr. Joellen Edwards, dean of the College of Nursing, has received a four-year appointment to serve on the National Advisory Committee on Rural Health for the Health Resources and Services Administration.

An ETSU faculty member since 1989, Edwards was named dean of nursing in 1994.



Edwards

She has been instrumental in the development of the Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.) program and, most recently, the Doctor of Science in Nursing (D.S.N.) program. Under her leadership, the college has maintained accreditation with the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) and has witnessed substantial growth in grant funding for research and sponsored programs activity. She also wrote the initial federal grant that helped establish the Mountain City Extended Hours Health Center in Johnson County 12 years ago.

An agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Health Resources and Services Administration has a mission to improve and expand access to quality health care for all people.

## Tri-Cities American Heart Walk planned for October

The Tri-Cities American Heart Walk is a non-competitive 3-mile event scheduled Saturday, Oct. 19, at Winged Deer Park in Johnson City.

The university is asked to participate in the Heart Walk before taking part in campus Homecoming activities. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., with the walk starting at 9:30.

The goal for this year's Tri-Cities event is \$95,000 and over 500 walkers. The dollars raised through the American Heart Walk

are used to fund valuable research and education programs on heart disease, the number one killer in the nation as well as in the Tri-Cities region.

ETSU walkers are asked to wear ETSU PRIDE shirts or other clothing items with the blue and gold school colors. University WOW participants may also earn points for taking part in the American Heart Walk.

To put together a team for the walk, or for more information, call 282-5388.

## John Shelton Reed explores, explains the South as Basler Chairholder

Dr. John Shelton Reed, the William Rand Kenan Jr. Professor Emeritus of Sociology at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and an authority on Southern life and humor, has been named to the Wayne G. Basler Chair of Excellence for the Integration of Arts, Rhetoric and Science for the fall semester at ETSU.

The Kingsport native has written or edited more than a dozen books, including the popular *1001 Things Everyone Should Know About the South*, co-authored with his wife, freelance writer and musician Dale Volberg Reed.

The book, humorous and informative, earned praise from a wide range of fans, including well-known humorist Roy Blount, who commented, "I've been telling people I wouldn't give a blurb to another book if my Mama wrote it. But if Mama had written this one, I'd have to rethink my policy. It's that good."

While serving as the Basler Chair this fall, Reed will offer a series of four lectures. His first lecture on Sept. 4 was "Elvis and the South," which addressed "how Elvis was shaped by the time and place that he grew up in: Mississippi and Memphis in the 1930s and 1940s."

"Everyone knows that Elvis was a 'Southern' boy," he said, "but I don't think many realize just how Southern he was. Certainly I didn't before I started looking into his ancestry and upbringing for a talk I gave at a conference on Elvis at the University of Mississippi a few years ago."

On Tuesday, Oct. 1, Reed and Asheville poet Michael McFee will talk about being

"Two Southern Writers." On Wednesday, Oct. 23, he will discuss a controversy over the Confederate flag in "Face-slapping in Mississippi," and his final presentation, Wednesday, Nov. 20, "The Mind of the South and Southern Distinctiveness," will treat the life and work of W.J. Cash, one of the most influential interpreters of the American South.

All the lectures, which are free and open to the public, will take place from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Martha Street Culp Auditorium of ETSU's D.P. Culp University Center.

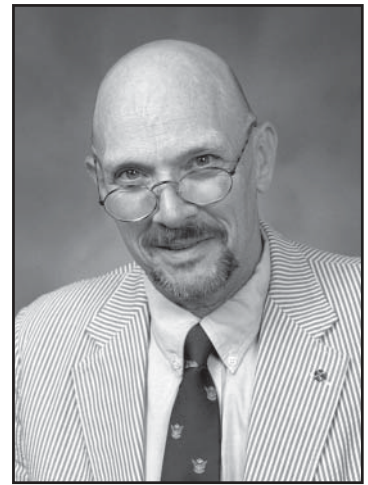
As chairholder, Reed is teaching "Sociology of the Modern South" for the department of sociology and anthropology this fall.

During his semester at ETSU, Reed says he hopes "to convince East Tennesseans that they really are Southerners. Or at least to explore the question of whether they really are. Or to ask in what respects they are and aren't. It's not an easy question."

Reed received his undergraduate degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and his Ph.D. from Columbia University in 1971. He has been associated with UNC-Chapel Hill since 1969, including 12 years as director of the Howard W. Odum Institute for Research in Social Science.

A founding co-editor of *Southern Cultures*, Reed has written numerous articles published in scholarly and popular magazines, including *Southern Living*, which named him "Outstanding Southerner" in 1998.

President Ronald Reagan appointed Reed to a term on the National Council on the Humanities. He was named a Guggenheim



Reed

Fellow in 1977, and he was elected to the Fellowship of Southern Writers in 2001.

In great demand as a lecturer, Reed has spoken at more than 200 colleges and universities, including the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Cambridge and Oxford universities in Great Britain and, as a Fulbright Distinguished Lecturer, many universities in India.

Thanks to his expertise on all things Southern, Reed has acted as a consultant for projects as diverse as Public Television specials, the Museum of the Confederacy, Turner South television network, and the musical comedy, "Kudzu."

For further information, call Dr. Martha Copp of the ETSU department of sociology and anthropology at 439-7056.

— Carol Fox, Coordinator  
University Relations

## Roberts named Adviser of the Month

Dr. Anna Roberts, a faculty member in the College of Applied Science and Technology's department of applied human sciences, was named Adviser of the Month for May. Roberts is described as having the reputation among both faculty and students of having high standards and being a dedicated and exceptional adviser. She willingly spends countless hours advising students and discussing career opportunities.



Roberts

Roberts teaches apparel and textiles courses and coordinates both the merchandising and family and consumer sciences education concentrations. She serves as adviser to the award-winning ETSU chapter of Kappa Omicron Nu honor society.

Roberts' recent honors include the Tennessee Association of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America Distinguished Service Certificate; the Tennessee Association of Family and Consumer Sciences District D Award; and the College of Applied Science and Technology Foundation Teaching Award. In 1996, she was one of only 25 designers from around the world invited to exhibit original apparel designs at the International Textiles and Apparel Association by-invitation-only juried design competition held in Lyons, France.

Roberts believes that students appreciate clarity and consistency in printed advisement materials. As coordinator of two academic programs, she makes every effort to keep these materials accurate and up-to-date, which allows for time to be spent on career discussions and personal interaction at the advisement appointment.

To nominate an adviser, call 439-8557.

### Arboretum activities

The ETSU Arboretum will hold several educational activities this fall.

The ETSU campus is a certified arboretum, a place where woody plants are cultivated for scientific and educational purposes.

The following programs are free unless otherwise noted:

♦ A seminar on “**Dogwoods for Tennessee Gardens**” will be led by Dr. Stephen Garton, a University of Tennessee Extension nursery specialist, and Dr. Mark Windham, a UT plant pathologist, on Thursday, Sept. 12, at 7 p.m. at the MeadowView Conference Center, Kingsport. The speakers will describe UT’s program to save our most noted eastern landscape tree and the use of alternative dogwoods.

♦ A **Road Trip to the North Carolina Arboretum and Mountain Horticultural Crops Research Center** in Asheville is planned for Sat. Sept. 14, with the group leaving from the Brown Hall courtyard at 8 a.m. Pre-registration is required, because only one 15-passenger van will be taken. Transportation and tour costs are \$5 per person. The group will stop for lunch at a local restaurant, but participants may bring their own lunch.

♦ Dr. Warren Hill, the former curator of the National Arboretum’s Bonsai collection, will lead two seminars in the Sycamore Shoals State Park Auditorium. He will discuss “**Bonsai: Artistic Expression Through Horticulture**” on Thursday, Sept. 26, at 7 p.m. and “**Creating a Hanoki Cypress For-**

est” on Saturday, Sept. 28, at 3 p.m.

♦ A **Unicoi County and Carter County Nurseries Tour** will take place Saturday, Oct. 19, from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. After leaving from the Brown Hall courtyard (travel by van is \$3 per person, and pre-registration is required), the group will tour the facilities and learn about the specialties of seven nurseries.

For registration or more information, contact Dr. Tim McDowell at 439-8635 or [mcdowell@etsu.edu](mailto:mcdowell@etsu.edu).

### Book Review Group

Participants in the Book Review Group of the ETSU Women’s Resource Center will meet to discuss *Miss Julia Speaks Her Mind: A Novel* by Ann B. Ross on Wednesday, Sept. 18.

New readers are welcome, and participants may bring their lunch. This free public event will be held at noon in the Women’s Resource Center, which is located in Panhellenic Hall, basement suite 2.

For more information, call 439-7847.

### Alumni Golf Classic

The 36th annual Alumni Golf Classic will be held Friday, Sept. 20, at Cattails at MeadowView in Kingsport.

This two-person select shot competition, sponsored by the ETSU National Alumni Association, begins with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. Trophies will be presented to each division’s winning team; divisions include Gold Level (0-15 handicap), Blue Level (16+ handicap), Student, Women’s, and Faculty/Staff. Hole-in-one prizes include a new car, two trips and special golf items.

All ETSU alumni, friends, employees, students and regional golfers are welcome to participate. The cost is \$55 for students and \$75 for alumni, friends and all others. To learn more, visit the tournament Web site at [www.etsu.edu/alumni/golf.htm](http://www.etsu.edu/alumni/golf.htm).

For registration or more information, contact the alumni office at 439-4628 or [alumni@etsu.edu](mailto:alumni@etsu.edu).

### ‘Walk With Nursing’

“Walk With Nursing,” a fund-raising event sponsored by the Epsilon Sigma Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau nursing honor society at ETSU, is planned for Saturday, Sept. 28, from 5-9 p.m. at the Center for Physical Activity.

The event, designed to increase awareness of the many roles that nurses play in

health care, allows participants to walk in honor or memory of a nurse who has been important in their own health care or that of a loved one. These nurses will have their names placed on an Honorary Wall commemorating the event.

Registration is \$10; contact Suzanne Boswell at 239-3622 or [rboswell@chartertn.net](mailto:rboswell@chartertn.net) to request a registration form. Proceeds will provide funding for nursing research related to local health issues and scholarly programs.

### Professional development opportunities

Upcoming learning opportunities offered by the office of professional development include:

#### ♦ Institute for Continued Learning

Fall classes in the Institute for Continued Learning (ICL) will be held from Sept. 24-Oct. 31 in the Carnegie Library, Bldg. 17 on the James H. Quillen Veterans Affairs Medical Center campus.

Southern Appalachian wildflowers, the Gray fossil site, “Biology of Belief,” the history of Roan Mountain, osteoporosis and osteoarthritis, “Teaching Doctors Bedside Manners” and more will be covered in this fall’s schedule. The ICL, a “learning-in-retirement” organization, is open to any interested person, and there are no prerequisites, no examinations and no grades. The full program membership for the fall semester is \$25, which entitles members to attend any or all sessions offered.

#### ♦ “See What’s Cooking!” Series

“Developing New Tastes and Recipes,” the second session in the ongoing “See What’s Cooking!” series, will take place Tuesday, Sept. 17, at 7 p.m. in the Carnegie Hotel’s Wilder Room.

Jonathan Pratt, the chef at Pratt’s Barbeque and a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America in New York, will deliver this presentation on discovering new tastes and using traditional recipes in original ways. Iced tea, coffee, samples of Pratt’s recipes and items from Galloway’s Restaurant will be served. Registration is \$30.

#### ♦ Art Classes

Fall art classes in portraiture, watercolor, figure drawing, cartooning and photography are being offered in partnership with Nelson Fine Art Center, 324 E. Main Street. Call for a schedule and registration information.

For registration for any of these activities or for more information, call 439-8083.

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Gaelic Storm, which gained international acclaim in the movie “Titanic,” gives a performance blending thundering rhythms, mesmerizing melodies and whimsical wit that leaves audiences on their feet, calling for more!

## 'Ideas and Issues' begins eighth year with focus on important books

This September, "Ideas and Issues" begins its eighth year on WETS-FM (89.5), ETSU's public radio station, with a new format focusing on award-winning and other important books.

ETSU philosopher Dr. Hugh LaFollette, host of the show, which airs each Sunday at 11:30 a.m., will select 13 significant books and arrange three shows discussing each. In the first, he will interview the book's author; in the next two shows, he will interview guests who will discuss and elaborate on important themes in the selected book. Where feasible, these guests will relate the book's themes to their own work.

The books chosen will be award-winners,

well-reviewed recent books, or, in some cases, just- (or soon-to-be-) published books that LaFollette judges will be significant. Copies of all books will be available near air time at the ETSU University Bookstore ([www.bkstore.com/etsu](http://www.bkstore.com/etsu)).

Of the nine books currently selected, three won the Pulitzer Prize, two were selected as the best book of 2001 in their respective academic disciplines, and another was chosen by the Los Angeles Times as the best book of 2001.

The series began Sept. 1 and continued Sept. 8 with *Guns, Germs, and Steel: The Fates of Human Societies*, Dr. Jared Diamond's Pulitzer Prize-winning book.

The third show in the series, which airs Sept. 15 and features Dr. James Odom, a Latin American specialist in the history department at ETSU, concludes the discussion on *Guns, Germs, and Steel*.

Later books include two other Pulitzer Prize winners: *The Metaphysical Club: the Story of Ideas in America* by Lewis Menand and *Empire Falls*, Richard Russo's fifth novel.

For information on other upcoming shows, visit the show's Web site ([www.etsu.edu/philos/wets.htm](http://www.etsu.edu/philos/wets.htm)) and select "Current Shows." The Web site also lists all previous guests and has links to RealAudio copies of more than 75 previous shows.

## Distinguished Faculty Awards

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fessor for two doctoral students and one student who received her master's degree from ETSU."

While at ETSU, Hoover has authored three book chapters and published 54 papers in such journals as *Journal of Comparative Neurology*, *American Journal of Physiology*, *Journal of Molecular and Cellular Cardiology*, and *Journal of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics*. In addition, he has published 73 abstracts – 30 within the past five years – and serves as an *ad hoc* reviewer for 20 prestigious journals.

Hoover has built partnerships with researchers at ETSU representing various disciplines, including pathology, pediatrics, pharmacology, physiology, anatomy, microbiology and psychology.

His collaborative relationships extend beyond the campus and include scientists across the United States and Canada. In 1998, he was instrumental in organizing an international neurocardiology meeting locally at Buffalo Mountain that brought noted researchers from around the world to the region.

"Unquestionably," another nominator wrote, "Don has elevated the national and international standing of ETSU in neurocardiology research to an enviable level."

**Dr. Jay Mehta**, professor/associate chair of internal medicine at the College of Medicine, claimed the **Distinguished Faculty Award for Service**.

Mehta earned his M.D. from the Government Medical College in Baroda, India,

and did his residency at Jinja Government Hospital in Uganda. He was the chief resident of internal medicine at the VA hospital in Northport, N.Y., and continued his training through a pulmonary medicine fellowship and tuberculosis and chest fellowship.

He holds board certification from the American Board of Internal Medicine and the American Board of Pulmonary Medicine.

The ETSU service award gave special recognition of Mehta's efforts in providing care to the region's tuberculosis population. Currently, he is a tuberculosis physician for the Northeast Tennessee Regional Health Office and is director of pulmonary teaching service for Johnson City Medical Center, where he is an active member of the attending medical staff. He is also affiliated with ETSU Physicians and Associates and Pulmonary Associates of East Tennessee, P.C.

"Dr. Mehta has been continually involved in the public health programs and endeavors of the Tennessee Department of Health since his arrival in Johnson City in 1977," wrote a public health official. "Most notable has been his valuable service as physician pulmonologist with our tuberculosis program for the northeast region. His expertise in that role is recognized by our staff and our patients under his care, as well. His compassionate support and care are consistently observed."

Another nominator noted that the tuberculosis rate in Northeast Tennessee has decreased from 20 cases per 100,000 in 1977 to eight per 100,000 in 2001, and "undoubt-

edly much of this decrease reflects his efforts." The World Health Organization has selected the tuberculosis program established by Mehta as one of its few training sites.

In support of Mehta's nomination, a local doctor wrote, "In many ways he (Mehta) has helped to solidify a working relationship between the physicians of East Tennessee State University with those in private practice in this community. Dr. Mehta is a friend to his patients and a friend of all of his peer group of physicians."

Mehta is a past recipient of the Distinguished Physician Service Award from the Tennessee Medical Association; the Outstanding Community Service Award from the Regional Indo-American Community Center; Outstanding Volunteer Service Award from the American Lung Association; Outstanding Service Award from the Rural Health Services Consortium; and the Distinguished Service Award from the Tennessee Department of Health. He currently serves as president of the Washington-Unicoi-Johnson County Medical Society.

Other professional affiliations include Sigma Xi Research Society, Tennessee Thoracic Society, American Thoracic Society, American College of Chest Physicians and Tri-County Medical Society.

Both Mehta and Hoover are members of the original faculty at the Quillen College of Medicine.

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## *‘United We Stand’ Memorial Ceremony highlights National Civic Participation Week observance*

A “United We Stand” Memorial Ceremony to reflect upon Sept. 11 began the first observance of National Civic Participation Week at ETSU.

National Civic Participation Week (Sept. 11-17) was created by the U.S. Senate to showcase American democracy and civic participation, honor the courageous spirit of the American people and pay tribute to those who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001. The week is coordinated on the national level by the Participate America Foundation ([www.participateamerica.org](http://www.participateamerica.org)), which assists businesses, nonprofit and charitable organizations, governments, schools, colleges, universities, media organizations and churches of all faiths on the local level in organizing activities.

The “United We Stand” Memorial Ceremony was held Wednesday, Sept. 11, in the amphitheatre to give the campus community an opportunity to reflect upon last Sept. 11

and to discuss the local impact of the terrorist attacks and their aftermath.

ETSU President Dr. Paul E. Stanton Jr. spoke during the ceremony, as did Student Government Association President Jennifer Berry, whose brother, Jason, himself a former SGA president at ETSU, barely escaped the attack on the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. Music was performed by members of Phi Mu Alpha and the ETSU Gospel Ensemble.

In addition to the ceremony, a “United We Stand” flag display is set up at the amphitheatre through Sept. 12, dedicated in remembrance of those who died.

Other National Civic Participation Week events scheduled at ETSU include:

- ♦ A **“SCOOP on Service”** on Thursday, Sept. 12, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on the pedestrian mall between the Culp Center and the old Sherrod Library. Volunteer ETSU, in a continuing effort to connect students with

numerous opportunities to serve in the area, will bring more than 20 non-profit agencies to campus to share their missions and purposes and to encourage students to volunteer in their agencies. This event, which features free ice cream and a variety of activities, will help students gain a better understanding of the critical needs that exist in area communities.

- ♦ An **“Into the Streets”** day of service on Saturday, Sept. 14, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. “Into the Streets” is a national initiative that introduces students to community service and challenges them to volunteer on a regular basis. It brings diverse students together to address community problems and the issues affecting diverse populations.

For more information, call Joy Fulkerson, ETSU volunteer services coordinator, at 439-5675.