

## U.S. Congressman, ETSU grad Ric Keller is commencement speaker

The Honorable Ric Keller, the first graduate of ETSU to be elected to the United States Congress, will return to his alma mater to deliver the commencement address at the university's fall convocation on Saturday, Dec. 13.

Congressman Keller, who represents the 8th District of Florida, was born in Johnson City and grew up in Orlando, where he graduated from William R. Boone High School in 1982. He attended ETSU and graduated at the top of his class with a 4.0 grade point average in December 1986, receiving a bachelor of science degree in speech communication. He went on to study law, earning his doctor of jurisprudence at Vanderbilt University and becoming a partner in a large Orlando law firm.

In November 2000, Keller was an underdog Republican candidate who narrowly

won his election to Congress with 50.8 percent of the vote. Two years later, he was re-elected by a landslide, garnering 65 percent of the vote.

Keller represents the people of the Greater Orlando area and sits on the House Education and Judiciary committees. In addition, as chairman of the Congressional Pell Grant Caucus, he has fought to increase Pell Grants to help children from low-income families attend college. Since Keller's first election over three years ago, Pell Grant funding has increased 62 percent.

Keller has appeared on television programs such as NBC's *The Tonight Show Starring Jay Leno*, the Fox News Channel's "The O'Reilly Factor," "ABC World News Tonight with Peter Jennings" and "NBC Nightly News with Tom Brokaw."

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Keller

## COM among top schools for producing family medicine grads

The ETSU James H. Quillen College of Medicine is one of the top schools in the country for the percentage of graduates entering family practice residency training.

A recent report prepared by the American Academy of Family Physicians indicated that 24.3 percent of Quillen graduates in 2000, 2001 and 2002 went on to enter family practice residency. This was the highest average in the nation for the three-year period. ETSU earned the top spot along with the University of South Dakota.

The report also looked specifically at medical school graduates in the Class of 2002. For that year, ETSU witnessed 27.9 percent of its graduates enter family practice training. The only school in the nation with a higher average was the Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta, which reported 28.6 percent.

"Our position as one of the country's top schools for producing family medicine graduates is a clear indicator that the Quillen College of Medicine is succeeding in its mission to train physicians who will serve in primary care," said Dr. Jim Wilson, ETSU chair of Family Medicine. "We have a strong family medicine program that provides a diversity of learning experiences for our medical students and helps raise awareness of the importance of this field, particularly in the primary care delivery system."

ETSU recently earned a medal from the American Academy of Family Physicians for the high percentage of graduates entering the

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### *Veterans' Memorial Dedicated*



The crowd watches as the flags of each branch of the armed services — Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard — are installed at the monument. For more photos, please see page 9.

**“Kindness is never wasted. If it has no effect on the recipient, at least it benefits the bestower.”**

— *George Herbert, English poet, 1593-1633*

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*And the moral of the story is . . .*



Members of the Knoxville-based InterAct Children's Theatre for the Deaf acted out the story of "The Hare and the Tortoise" in a recent production of "Aesop's Fables" at ETSU. The theatre company performs in both spoken English and American Sign Language simultaneously. Their visit to campus was co-sponsored by the ETSU Silent Bucs, Alpha Psi Omega theatre honor fraternity and SGA 606 Funding.

## Commencement

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ETSU's commencement exercises will begin at 10 a.m. on Dec. 13 in Memorial Center (the Mini-Dome). During the ceremony, degrees will be awarded to the 2003 fall semester and summer term graduates.

During the ceremony, the Distinguished Faculty Marshals will be **Dr. Donald B. Hoover**, recipient of the 2002 Distinguished Faculty Award in Research, and **Dr. Priscilla W. Ramsey**, recipient of the 2003 Distinguished Faculty Award in Service. The mace bearer will be **Dr. Michael C. Braswell**, re-

ipient of the 2003 Distinguished Faculty Award in Teaching.

Banner carriers will be **TBA**, Arts and Sciences; **Jerry W. Nave**, Business and Technology; **Dr. Andrea D. Clements**, Education; **Dr. Richard G. Skalko**, Medicine; **Dr. Karen S. Reesman**, Nursing; **Dr. Kurt J. Maier**, Public and Allied Health; **Tamara A. Thompson**, Continuing Studies; **Dr. W. Fred Mackara**, Graduate Studies; **Stephen A. Patrick**, Library; and **Tracy L. Hoilman**, 2004 Tennessee Teacher of the Year and 2003 Milken Family Foundation Educator Award, Alumni.

**“On Thanksgiving Day all over America, families sit down to dinner at the same moment — halftime.”**

— *Unknown*

## Family physicians

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field. The medical school is currently ranked 16th in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report* for its family medicine programs.

ETSU's Family Medicine Associates, Family Physicians of Bristol and Family Physicians of Kingsport are managed under the auspices of the Department of Family Medicine.

— *Joe Smith, Coordinator University Relations*

## ‘Appalachian Digest’ features congressman, faculty and community

“Appalachian Digest,” a new television magazine series produced at ETSU, recently featured two panel discussions with First District U.S. Congressman William L. “Bill” Jenkins, ETSU faculty members and members of the community. The panels – one with ETSU faculty and one with community members – explored ETSU’s and the community’s involvement in the Veteran’s History Project (VHP).

Jenkins, who has conducted a number of veteran interviews through the VHP, noted that a primary benefit of the project is to preserve for future generations the experiences of men and women who have served in the Armed Forces.

“It sure gives you a better understanding that freedom isn’t free,” he said. “Somebody has had to pay a price for the great freedoms and opportunities that we have in this country. That has been true for 225-plus years. It is going to be true for the future.”

Ruth H. Gaines, a teacher at Unicoi County High School who participated in the “community” panel, agreed that the project is important, and said the students involved gain an appreciation of their freedoms and a general appreciation of American history, as well as skills useful for effective speaking and listening.

“The VHP makes history come alive for the students,” Gaines said. “It puts actual people in actual events. It offers more than numbers, names and dates in a history book.”

Kim Belcher, chair of the Sneedville/Hancock Community Partners Program, pointed out that another benefit for the participating high school students is their renewed sense of respect for their elderly relatives.

“It creates a bond that is not already there,” she said. “The students realize what older neighbors have done for their country. Before, there were few chances for younger and older people to talk about such things.”

The faculty panel studied how ETSU is coordinating the VHP and some of the benefits of the program for students. The panel included Dr. Ted Olson, interim director of the Center for Appalachian Studies and Services (CASS); Norma Myers, director, Archives of Appalachia; and Dr. Deborah Harley White, assistant vice president, Student Life and Leadership.

Myers said, “The VHP recordings are great for students and faculty members researching history and for family members of veterans, who might want to have the veterans’ stories on tape.” She added that the recordings are available to the public and will be housed for future generations at the Archives in ETSU’s Sherrod Library, as will the “Appalachian Digest” documentary productions themselves.

Olson said that recent publicity of the VHP has led to a number of veterans calling CASS to volunteer their time to speak with students.

“The veterans, when they call, always express their appreciation for the VHP for giving them a chance to share their perspectives and their stories,” he said.

The project has been sponsored by the

ETSU Kellogg Foundation Grant (Expanding Community Partnerships Program) and the Office of Rural and Community Health and Community Partnerships. The Division of Broadcasting in ETSU’s Department of Communication produced the taping. WCYB-TV’s new digital channel, WCYB/WB, is expected to air “The Appalachian Digest” in February 2004 (the exact date and time will be announced later).

The Division of Broadcasting is part of the ETSU inter-disciplinary team coordinating the Documentary Studies Concentration within the Appalachian Studies Minor, offered through CASS and the Department of Sociology and Anthropology.

For more information, call 439-5348 or visit <http://cass.etsu.edu>.

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## The mercury breaks top of thermometer in ETSU Employee Giving Campaign

ETSU employees will go a long way in 2004 in helping others throughout the region and state, as they went over the top in this fall’s Employee Giving Campaign!

As of Thursday, Nov. 20, university employees, retirees and friends had given \$82,008, or 109.34 percent, going over the \$75,000 goal by more than \$7,000! These gifts were designated by employees to benefit charitable organizations under the “umbrella” agencies of Community Shares, Community Health Charities and United Way.

Seventy-seven are Fair Share Givers, or those who gave one hour’s pay per month. In the Leadership Givers categories, newly established by the Tennessee Board of Regents, ETSU’s governing board, 148 are Iris Club (\$120-\$359) givers, 43 are Mockingbird Society (\$360-\$999) givers, and 18 are Volunteer Circle (\$1,000+) givers.



**Rick Holmes, Paint Shop leadworker, paints the signs indicating ETSU’s success in the Employee Giving Campaign.**

## 'Music of the Season' to be performed by ETSU Wind Ensemble

A concert of "Music of the Season" will be presented by the ETSU Wind Ensemble on Wednesday, Dec. 3, at 7:30 p.m. in the D.P. Culp Center's Martha Street Culp Auditorium.



The ETSU Wind Ensemble

Under the direction of Roxanne M. Haskill, ETSU director of bands, the Wind Ensemble will perform a variety of well-loved holiday tunes from throughout the world.

The concert begins with a performance of "Bells" by Ian McDougall. Although McDougall wrote this number for a friend's wedding, Haskill says it is a fanfare that provides an "exciting opener for a holiday con-

cert. It has a sparkly sound, and a lot of energy."

"Greensleeves," which the audience will recognize as the tune for the carol "What Child Is This?" is the "oldest piece of secu-

lar music that we know was played during the Christmas season," according to Haskill. "This is a lush-sounding, beautiful arrangement by Alfred Reed." Threads of another familiar carol, "O Come, O Come Emmanuel," may be heard throughout Robert E. Foster's "Emmanuel Variants."

"The Sussex Mummers' Christmas Carol," arranged by Larry Clark, was written by Percy Grainger, one of the best-known

and important writers/composers of band music. Haskill says this carol originated around the mid-1700s in Sussex, England, a town surrounded by rolling green hills. She explained that the mummers were a group of singers who dressed up in costumes and went caroling from village to village. This was an exciting diversion for the villagers, who treated the carolers to food and drink.

"The Eighth Candle: Prayer and Dance for Hanukkah" by Steve Reisteter begins with a "beautiful melody before moving into a Jewish celebration dance," Haskill said.

A highlight of the program will be "Russian Christmas Music" by Alfred Reed, a prolific current composer who visited Russia. While there, he visited a large Orthodox cathedral, where he heard men singing folk tunes, chants and other types of songs. He based this composition for band on this music from the Eastern Orthodox Church, which is usually only sung. "This is a very beautiful and powerful piece," said Haskill, who has included this frequently requested song in concerts each year throughout her career as a conductor. "It is striking. Audiences love it."

The final number on the program, "Stars and Stripes for Christmas" by John Philip Sousa and Robert E. Foster, is a novelty piece that weaves the well-known patriotic tune with numerous holiday favorites.

"As always, I program what I call 'tuneful music' that entertains the audience while serving the students in their musical growth," Haskill said. "I want to have the audience leave the hall whistling and humming music they hear during the concert."

Haskill recently retired from the Marine Corps after more than 24 years of service, during which she was a conductor and director of Marine Corps bands in the United States and in Japan. She was also the head of the Marine Corps Music Program from 1997-2000. She is a recipient of the John Philip Sousa Foundation's Col. George S. Howard Citation of Musical Excellence Award and is noted as a guest conductor and clinician both nationally and internationally.

This concert is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Haskill at 439-4296 or [haskill@etsu.edu](mailto:haskill@etsu.edu).

— Jennifer L. Hill, Coordinator  
University Relations

## ETSU Chorale to present Christmas Concert

Sacred masterworks and traditional carols of the season will be presented by the ETSU Chorale in its annual Christmas Concert on Friday, Dec. 5, at 8 p.m., at Munsey Memorial United Methodist Church, 201 E. Market Street.

The 75-voice Chorale will perform under the direction of Dr. Thomas Jenrette, a professor in the College of Arts and Sciences' Department of Music.

The men of the Chorale are one of 10 male glee clubs in the United States and the only male glee club from the South to be invited to perform for the national seminar of the Intercollegiate Men's Choruses at Harvard University in March 2004. In the first half of the concert, the men will sing a Renaissance motet by Victoria and a movement from a contemporary Mass by Swedish composer Kaj-Erik Gustafsson, which they are preparing for this prestigious event.

Following this, the entire Chorale will perform the motet "Lobet den Herrn" by J. S. Bach with harpsichord and several short contemporary works. The harpsichordist

will be Ann Jones, the staff accompanist for the department.

The ETSU Women's Ensemble will open the second half of the concert under the direction of Deena Moore, an adjunct faculty member in the department. The women will perform a selection of traditional Christmas songs and spirituals.

In closing, several favorite Christmas carols will be sung by the ETSU Chorale, including "The First Nowell" and "Angels We Have Heard on High."

For the opening and closing of the concert, the Chorale will be joined by an ensemble of brass, percussion and organ featuring Dr. David Champouillon on trumpet and organist Craig Campbell and an ensemble of instrumentalists from the department. As is traditional for this concert, the audience will be invited to join the Chorale and the instrumental ensemble in the performance of the evening's final Christmas carol.

This concert is free and open to the public. For more information, call 439-6949 or 439-4270.

## COM gets enrichment program funding for high school, college students

A grant totaling nearly \$1 million has been awarded to ETSU's James H. Quillen College of Medicine to initiate an enrichment program for high school and college students interested in health care.

The grant, which is funded by the Department of Health and Human Services, will be used to establish the Health Careers Opportunity Program (HCOP) at ETSU. This six-week summer program will provide interested students many types of learning experiences, including classroom lectures, field trips, and job shadowing exercises with local health care providers.

Participants will also live in the residence halls, giving high school students a glimpse of "college life."

"Our goal is to help nurture an interest among young men and women and educate them about the many rewarding opportunities the health care field presents, and to produce future providers of health services for the underserved areas of this region," said Dr. Stephanie C. Leeper, associate dean for Student Affairs at the College of Medicine. "This early awareness of their career goals is important as they can begin taking classes and looking for schools where they can pursue their training.

"And, we want these men and women to have the confidence they will be successful."

Leeper says HCOP will especially look for student participants considered economically or educationally disadvantaged.

"Often, these are the ones whose potential for a career in health care is overlooked, and they are not advised of the opportunities they have."

Participants will be recruited from Northeast Tennessee, Southwest Virginia, and Western North Carolina. Students will begin the program in the summer of 2004.

This is the first time the Quillen College of Medicine has hosted HCOP. The program was offered at ETSU in the past through the College of Public and Allied Health. It ended at the conclusion of the grant period.

For more information, call 439-2037 or e-mail [sacom@etsu.edu](mailto:sacom@etsu.edu).

— Joe Smith, Coordinator  
University Relations

## Professor authors text that introduces new approach in nursing education

A professor at ETSU has written a textbook that may change the way research is taught to undergraduate nursing students.

Dr. Carol Macnee, director of research and professor of family and community nursing in the ETSU College of Nursing, is the author of *Understanding Nursing Research: Reading and Using Research in Practice*. The book is published by Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, based in Philadelphia.

Research is a required course in all accredited nursing programs at colleges and universities, Macnee said.

"These classes traditionally focus on the 'how-to' of research, in which students learn the process of formulating a research question, designing and conducting a study, analyzing the results, and arriving at a conclusion," she said.

But Macnee takes a different slant in her new book. Instead, her approach is to teach nursing students the process of understanding research, rather than just conducting it.

And, more importantly, she discusses how to apply new research to clinical practice.

"Research findings are being introduced almost everyday that offer new insights in patient care," Macnee said. "It is important that nurses have the skills to read and critique research and be able to relate it to patient care."

In the book, students begin by looking at the conclusion of the study, and they will learn to ask questions. "What did the study conclude? What did it find? Who was in the study? Why was it done that way? What do we already know?"

Several research articles are included in the text that reflect a variety of practice settings and present clear applications of research concepts. It also has fictional studies that help students learn how to identify flaws and errors in science.

Macnee says the book also features a re-

source CD-ROM and a companion Web site that offer additional classroom activities and exercises for students.

For more information, contact Macnee at 439-4549.

— Joe Smith, Coordinator  
University Relations

### *Bassham Faculty Fellowship established*



Dr. Susan McCabe (center) of the ETSU Department of Professional Roles/Mental Health Nursing is presented a plaque honoring her as the first recipient of the Joyce R. Bassham College of Nursing Faculty Fellowship. Funding from the fellowship can be used to support conference attendance and travel, teaching and research, or the acquisition of publications, journals, and technology. Pictured with Dr. McCabe are Dr. Pat Smith, ETSU interim dean of Nursing, and Dr. Joyce Bassham, a former ETSU faculty member who created the fellowship.

## Department of Psychology developing new program

ETSU will soon offer a unique undergraduate program in psychology that is among the most innovative in the country.

“The major change with our new program is that it will allow our undergraduate students to receive specialized training in very specific sub-fields of psychology,” said Dr. Wallace Dixon, chair of the Department of Psychology, who, over the past year, has supervised a major revision of the entire psychology curriculum. “Very few colleges or universities offer this in-depth education at the bachelor’s degree level. Instead, most only offer a traditional psychology major.”

Students now studying psychology at ETSU will have the option of selecting one of five areas of concentration. These are child psychological science; clinical psychological science; cognitive science; behavioral neuroscience; and general psychology.

Options in the child and clinical areas will be especially popular, Dixon noted, since these are the concentrations most requested by prospective students.

In the new curriculum, several existing courses have been dropped or modified while other more interesting and contemporary ones have been added, according to Dixon. Students will also be taking classes in various academic departments, such as Communicative Disorders, Sociology, Philosophy, Biological Sciences, and Human Development and Learning, in which disciplines are well aligned with the new psychology degree concentrations.

“Because of psychology’s interdisciplinary nature, these specialty areas of study represent a model of liberal arts education,” Dixon said.

Another unique innovation of the new psychology curriculum is that for each concentration, a corresponding minor is already built into the program of study.

“Our students will be better prepared to pursue their career goals, whether it will be to enter the job market immediately or to go on to graduate school or medical school,” Dixon said.

ETSU is also making revisions to its master’s program in psychology.

“Psychologists in Tennessee must now hold a doctorate degree in order to practice,” Dixon said. “Therefore, our new master’s program will strengthen our students’ preparation for doctoral studies.”

Highlights of the new graduate curriculum include more courses in psychological assessment and research methodology. Dixon says these courses are more likely to transfer into a doctoral program.

The department has one of the largest enrollments in the College of Arts and Sciences, with approximately 300 students at the undergraduate level and 30 in the master’s program.

Revisions to both programs are set to become official next fall, although many students are already beginning to benefit from the curricular revisions, Dixon noted.

— Joe Smith, Coordinator  
*University Relations*

# OUR TOWN



ETSU’s Division of Theatre presented Thornton Wilder’s Pulitzer Prize-winning play, “Our Town,” last week. Above, a lighthearted moment around the kitchen table is shared by the Gibbs family — Rebecca (Chelsea Kinser), Mrs. and Dr. Gibbs (Allison Guinn, Matthew Weedman), and George (James Cronin). At left, the Stage Manager (Rick McVey) takes time out from his role as narrator to act as minister, joining the hands of high school sweethearts George Gibbs and Emily Webb (Lauren Vernon) in marriage.

# Campus News Briefs

## Diabetics sought for study

Men and women with Type 2 diabetes are being recruited for a research study at ETSU's James H. Quillen College of Medicine.

The study will look at the effects of diabetes on muscle, which plays an important role in glucose regulation, and how the frequently used drug Actos (pioglitazone) might alter these changes.

Patients recruited for the study will be given Actos or a placebo for eight weeks. They will also have a needle biopsy of the thigh muscle at the beginning and at the end of this study. These tiny pieces of muscle will be extensively studied in research labs at ETSU by techniques not available anywhere else.

Eligible men and women must be between the ages of 18 and 55 and have been diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes, which is the most common type. Patients will be closely supervised by a diabetes specialist throughout the course of the study.

Individuals who complete the project will receive \$500. The study is being led by Dr. Charles Stuart, an endocrinologist and chair of Internal Medicine at the Quillen College of Medicine.

For more information, call 439-6282.

## Student painting exhibition

"Burning Bright," a juried exhibition of art by ETSU students, is on display through Nov. 30 at the Nelson Fine Art Center, 324 E. Main Street.

The exhibit includes paintings in all media and styles by undergraduate and graduate students in the Department of Art and Design in ETSU's College of Arts and Sciences. Work ranges from figurative to abstraction to assemblage and collage.

Mira Gerard, ETSU assistant professor of painting, was the juror of the show.

For more information, call 439-4292 or 926-2931.

## Human Resources training

The Office of Human Resources Employee Development Center is offering the

following workshops in December:

- ♦ **"Effective Coaching and Counseling,"** Tuesday, Dec. 2, 1-2:30 p.m., D.P. Culp Center, meeting room 3. This workshop, co-sponsored by the Employee Assistance Program, helps managers and supervisors acknowledge and apply appropriate coaching and counseling techniques. Participants will be able to successfully identify and address coaching and counseling situations, maintain workplace relationships with subordinate staff, develop employees and improve productivity and trust.
- ♦ **"Grant Proposal Basics 101,"** Wednesday, Dec. 10, 9-11 a.m. or 1-3 p.m., D.P. Culp Center, meeting room 6. This class, co-sponsored by the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (ORSP), is designed for beginners who are interested in writing and submitting a grant proposal, or just want to learn more about what others do when they prepare a grant proposal.
- ♦ **"Developing a Grant Budget,"** Wednesday, Dec. 17, 9-11 a.m. or 1-3 p.m., D.P. Culp Center forum. This class, also co-sponsored by ORSP, is designed for novices and seasoned veterans. It covers elements common to most grant proposal budgets and how to develop a budget using the ETSU standardized rates.

For registration or more information, call 439-6130 or visit [www.etsu.edu/edc/Online\\_Registration\\_Form.asp](http://www.etsu.edu/edc/Online_Registration_Form.asp).

## Holiday art workshop for kids

A "Renaissance Child Holiday Art Workshop" will be offered during the holiday season by the Office of Professional Development.

Children ages 6-12 will enjoy music, "make-it-and-take-it" projects, storytelling, field trips to the Hands On! Regional Museum, Sycamore Shoals State Historic Area, ice-skating at Bristol Motor Speedway, and other fun activities from Friday-Tuesday, Dec. 19-23.

Patricia Williams will be the instructor during these sessions, which will be based in the Carnegie Library, Bldg. 17 on the

James H. Quillen Veterans Affairs Medical Center campus. Participants should dress in paint-friendly clothing.

Registration is \$75 per child.

For registration or more information, call 439-8083.

## SCA Craft Sale

The Student Ceramic Association's (SCA) annual Craft Sale will be held Dec. 5-6 in the Art Annex, Bldg. 48 on Seehorn Road.

This sale includes an array of functional and sculptural pottery, along with work in various other media by ETSU students. A percentage of the proceeds goes to the SCA to host workshops, bring in guest artists and purchase supplies for the ceramics division of the Department of Art and Design.

Sale hours are noon-8 p.m. Friday, with a reception at 6 p.m., and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 439-7864.

**Happy  
Thanksgiving!**



**ETSU will be closed Thursday  
and Friday, Nov. 27-28, in  
observance of Thanksgiving.**

## **‘Where on Earth are you?’ and where will you find a better career?**

Dr. Marian Clark, associate professor and coordinator for the ETSU Surveying and Mapping Science Program, likes to ask her students “Where on Earth are you?” to help

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***ETSU offers Tennessee’s only B.S. degree program in surveying and mapping science. That program serves as many as a dozen states in the southeast region through the Academic Common Market and is one of less than 20 programs accredited nationally by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET). Graduates of the program achieve excellent pass rates on the license exam while employment opportunities are outstanding with some 5 jobs available for each graduate.***

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them begin the process of locating their precise position on the face of the globe.

The ETSU program is one of very few in the nation, and the only one in an eight-state

area, capable of producing graduates who are ready to become licensed professional surveyors. There are only 47,000 such experts in the nation, with Tennessee claiming over 900. Just to maintain the current number, the Volunteer State needs 40 new professionals each year to replace those who retire. Other states are also searching for newcomers to the field, and Clark receives inquiries about her graduates from across the nation, with recent calls from Northern Virginia, Myrtle Beach, and Connecticut.

The program recently received a renewal of its national accreditation through the Applied Science Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology.

Clark sees a 100 percent placement rate for her graduates, and the future continues to look promising. “As long as the real estate and construction markets do well,” she notes, “so do surveyors.” In less populated areas, she reports, “there is often a wait of three to six months to get surveying done.”

Many graduates, around 30 percent, become entrepreneurs, a tempting path since a young surveyor can be fully licensed and self-employed within two years after obtaining a degree. Others prefer working with private firms or governmental agencies at the local, state, or federal levels. The many na-

tional organizations involved in mapping include the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Geologic Survey, and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

While jobs are readily available in Tennessee, opportunities abound elsewhere as well. One student recently spent time working for the U.S. Forest Service in Alaska on land that had never been mapped.

The typical annual salary for an entry-level position in the field is \$30,000-37,000. After 10-15 years of experience, this can increase by \$20,000-25,000.

Clark welcomes inquiries from potential students, especially those with a love of the outdoors who enjoy solving puzzles — puzzles with a geometric aspect in particular. Students can enter ETSU directly after high school or transfer from a community college after two years through the university’s many articulation agreements, recently expanded to include two additional Tennessee Board of Regents schools, Cleveland State Community College and Southwest Tennessee Community College.

“Where on Earth,” Clark wonders, “could you find a better career?”

— Carol Fox, Coordinator  
University Relations

## **Manahan recognized for efforts on Johnson City Board of Education**

Both state and national recognition have come to ETSU Vice President for University Advancement Dr. Richard A. Manahan for his efforts on behalf of the Johnson City Board of Education.

Manahan, who has served as chair of the local board since 2001, was elected to his second board term this past May.

The Tennessee School Boards Association awarded Manahan and fellow board member Tom Hager the designation of Level 5 “Master School Board Member,” which is the highest level of the organization’s Boardsmanship Program. This program recognizes school board members across the state for their volunteer spirit and for participation in board activities beyond the local level through workshops, conferences, meetings and training sessions. The award

honors quality and quantity of participation, and acknowledges that the individual has achieved “a level of personal and professional growth that sets an example for fellow board members.”

Manahan received the award during the TSBA 66th Annual Convention in Nashville where he and Johnson City Director of Schools Dr. Toni McGriff made a presentation, “Long-Range Growth Plans – Johnson City,” which focused on the board’s strategic approach to growth and capacity issues through the use of public forums and community involvement.

At the convention, Manahan was also presented a Certificate Award for Distinguished Service by the National School Boards Association “in recognition of an unparalleled commitment to America’s chil-

dren through school board leadership and service.”

Nominees for the national award are submitted by their state associations. The nominees must be certified by their associations as having met or exceeded eligibility, and “shall have made a significant contribution to the advancement of education as evidenced by their leadership at and beyond the local level.”

The National School Boards Association notes that each year more than 95,000 individuals donate their time to participate in “local school board governance of public education....direct expenditures of more than \$285 billion...oversee the work of 4.6 million individuals, and set the high standards necessary to prepare students for life in the 21st century.”

# Remembering ETSU's Veterans



Fifty years ago, the Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program was instituted at what is now ETSU. Between that beginning and the present, 10 ROTC graduates have died in combat. To honor those who perished and commemorate the golden anniversary of ROTC on campus, a memorial was dedicated on Veterans Day in the circle in front of Memorial Hall (Brooks Gym). The memorial, carved from a 6,000-pound mass of white Colorado marble, features the image of a flag draped over the top of the marble, upon which a Vietnam-era helmet rests. A plaque on one side displays the ROTC emblem, while another bears the names of the 10 men being honored.

Clockwise from top: ETSU President Dr. Paul E. Stanton Jr. and Veterans Affairs Standing Committee member Ruth Verhegge uncover the white marble monument sculpted by Catherine Murray, Art and Design; Lt. Col. Craig Terry, ETSU alumnus and chair, Military Science, hands over the flag that was flown over the Capitol and donated especially for the ceremony by First District Congressman Bill Jenkins; ROTC members salute the flag and honor ETSU veterans; the wreath honoring veterans is put in place; and special speaker and ROTC alumnus, retired Brig. Gen. Billy J. Stalcup, addresses the gathering.

*“Life, not death,  
liberty, not  
enslavement, the  
pursuit of happiness,  
not the pursuit of  
sorrow and misery,  
will keep democracy  
fighting until victory  
is assured.”*

— Quote by World War I hero Alvin York, engraved on a plaque on the new memorial bearing the names of 10 ETSU ROTC graduates who perished in the line of duty





# Tales of the UNIVERSITY

## The University's Underground Publications

### Part 1 of 2

In some parts of the United States during the late 1960s and early 1970s, all that an enterprising reporter needed to do to get a good story was to head for the local college campus. Something juicy was almost sure to happen.

At ETSU during the protest years, nobody was shot, no buildings were burned, and no mass demonstrations interrupted classes.

However, students with a variety of points of view weren't the least bit shy about cranking up mimeograph machines so they could share their wisdom with the world.

The first attempt at using this method of communication turned out to be less than successful. A publication called *Students Are People Too* circulated on campus near the end of the spring quarter of 1968.

Several key factual errors appeared in the first issue, which criticized such things as alleged attempts to censor the campus newspaper, women's dorm rules, the carrying of weapons by campus police, and the quality of food in the cafeteria.

Using an approach sure to raise the ire of many, the writers said that while students at other schools were battling for their rights, most of ETSU's "sat upon their rears and let the administration crap upon their heads."

After students involved in the publication were ordered to appear before the ETSU discipline committee, another issue of the



publication appeared in which the administration was accused of denying the right to distribute literature on campus.

Despite support by some students and faculty members, eight students were suspended from the university for distributing "inflammatory, seditious, and false material." The university's action eventually was upheld by the U.S. Court of Appeals, which ruled that literature designed to disrupt school activities and undermine the administration was not protected under constitutional guarantees of free speech.

The problems experienced by authors of *Students Are People Too* did not stifle the voices of dissent on campus. By fall quarter of the same year, *Our Ding-Dong School Paper* had appeared, followed shortly thereafter by probably the most memorable publication of its kind — *The Frigate*.

### To be continued

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