

Bluegrass Pride Band performs at NATO Headquarters in Belgium

The ETSU Bluegrass Pride Band spent much of this week performing in Brussels, Belgium, at the invitation of the United States Military Delegation to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

The occasion is an official open house, sponsored by the U.S. Military Representative to NATO, on behalf of the United States for the greater community at NATO Headquarters. The theme is "A Holiday in the South," and more than 1,000 guests ranging from the ambassadors of NATO countries to military personnel are invited.

Although many European members of the NATO Alliance bring performing groups to events at headquarters, the United States seldom has the opportunity. The ETSU Bluegrass Pride Band is one of several organizations across the South participating this time. The band includes students Daniel Boner of Bridgeton, N.J., on guitar; J.P. Mathes of Elizabethton on banjo; Aaron Jackson of Quitman, Texas, on mandolin; bassist Darrin Beaton of St. Catherine's, Ontario, Canada; and visiting bluegrass scholar Takeharu Kunimoto of Tokyo, Japan, on shamisen (traditional Japanese banjo), along with band director Raymond

McLain, fiddle. The group departed on Saturday, Dec. 5, and returns this week.

"This is a great opportunity for our students to share their music and the culture of the Appalachian region with our European

friends and allies," remarks Jack Tottle, director of ETSU's Bluegrass, Old-Time and Country Music Program. "It is quite fitting that the band itself includes musicians from

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Members of the ETSU Bluegrass Pride Band are (L-R): front row — J.P. Mathes, Raymond McLain and Darrin Beaton, and back row — Daniel Boner, Aaron Jackson and Takeharu Kunimoto.

ETSU, Milligan receive federal grants to improve teacher quality

Over \$250,000 in federal funding is coming to ETSU and Milligan College as part of the 2003-04 Improving Teacher Quality Grant Program Awards, the largest federal initiative for using professional development to enhance teaching and learning.

The program provides grants to public and private higher education institutions as well as non-profit organizations and is administered in this state by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC). The federal legislative program operates under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

Of 79 proposals submitted statewide, 21 were selected to receive almost \$1.3 million, with \$250,884 of that amount benefiting this region through three grants developed by the four-year public university and one by the private Christian college. The ETSU projects are extensions of THEC grants awarded last year.

The grants run from this December through September 2004 and are designed to provide sustained teacher training and professional development activities in core academic subjects for K-12 teachers, para-

professionals and principals. Subject areas eligible for funding include science, English/language arts, mathematics, social studies, foreign languages, including English as a second language, and related arts.

The first ETSU grant, for \$32,618, funds a seminar — "Linguistics for Teachers" — by the College of Education's Dr. Rosalind R. Gann. The project continues into the new year for teachers in the Hamblen County School System. With a goal of reading improvement and language diversity, the pro-

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**Happy
Holidays!**

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Freshmen and new students may be eligible for Tennessee Lottery Scholarships

ETSU students will soon have the opportunity to receive much-needed financial assistance with their college educational costs when the Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship (TELS) bill is enacted.

Although the final version of the bill is still pending in the legislature, ETSU officials are already making preparations to serve the students who are eligible for the landmark scholarship opportunity.

Currently enrolled high school seniors who will graduate from a Tennessee high school in 2004 may be eligible for the **Tennessee Hope Scholarship** worth up to \$3,000 per academic year. Eligible students must have a composite score of 19 on the ACT exam or an unweighted high school grade point average of 3.0 and a college core unweighted GPA of 3.0. In addition, they must have completed all college core and university track courses.

Tennesseans who are homeschooled may also be eligible for this scholarship, depending upon their academic credentials.

ETSU's currently enrolled freshmen who graduated from a Tennessee high school in 2003 may be eligible for the Tennessee Hope Scholarship if they meet the same high school requirements as the 2004 graduates and have completed 24 semester hours in their first year of college with a minimum 2.75 GPA. At this time, there are no provisions in the bill for currently enrolled sophomores or higher-level college students.

And, entering ETSU freshmen who have a composite score of 29 on the ACT, an unweighted 3.75 GPA and a college core unweighted GPA of 3.75 may be eligible for an additional \$1,000 per academic year from the **General Assembly Merit Scholarship**.

These students also must have completed all college core and university track courses.

Dependent students whose parents' adjusted gross income on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is \$36,000 or less, and independent students whose adjusted gross income (including spouse's income) on the FAFSA is \$36,000 or less, may be eligible for the **Need Based Supplemental Award** worth an additional \$1,000 per academic year. Students who qualify may receive either a General Assembly Merit Scholarship or a Need Based Supplemental Award in addition to the Tennessee Hope Scholarship.

Students who do not qualify for the Tennessee Hope Scholarship, but who have a composite score of 18 on the ACT and at least an unweighted 2.75 GPA and a college core unweighted 2.75 GPA may qualify for the **Tennessee Hope Access Grants**. To be eligible, students must have completed all required college core courses and must demonstrate the same financial need requirements as those students receiving the Need Based Supplemental Award. The Hope Access Grant award will be \$2,000 at ETSU.

All eligible students who wish to apply for the Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship must complete the 2004-05 FAFSA or the renewal 2004-05 FAFSA starting Jan. 1, 2004. Students may apply online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. The application priority date for these scholarships is May 1, and applications received after this date will be considered in the order received to the extent that funding is still available.

For more information, contact Kathy Feagins in the ETSU Scholarship Office at 439-7094 or feaginsk@etsu.edu by e-mail.

Education in Tennessee

- ◆ 19.6 percent of Tennessee adults over 25 have a bachelor's degree or higher.
- ◆ 24.4 percent of U.S. adults over 25 have a bachelor's degree or higher.
- ◆ Tennessee ranks 41st in the nation in adults with a bachelor's degree or higher.
- ◆ Only 14 out of 100 Tennessee 9th graders go on to receive a college degree or certificate.
- ◆ Tennessee's per capita income is \$19,393 per year (35th in nation).
- ◆ The U.S. per capita income is \$21,587 per year.
- ◆ A person with a bachelor's degree earns about \$1 million more in a lifetime than a person with only a high school degree.

— *Quick Facts from the Tennessee Board of Regents*

2003 Service Awards

The annual ETSU Service Awards Breakfast held in November honored 278 individual faculty and staff members for providing 3,295 years of service to Tennessee, representing 1,202,675 days of work, 9,020,062.5 hours of work produced, 43,500 holidays, and \$356,500 in longevity pay.

According to emcee Patsy Leach, ETSU director of personnel, the breakfast is one way to acknowledge the outstanding work ethic and loyalty of ETSU employees. "We recognize the tremendous efforts put forth by our faculty and staff to provide the best education possible for our students."

All 5-, 10- and 15-year employees were awarded silver pins denoting their years of service, plus certificates of appreciation signed by ETSU President Dr. Paul E. Stanton Jr.

Nineteen ETSU employees with 20 years of service were given pins set with a ruby, as well as certificates of appreciation. And 43 employees recognized for 25 years of service were awarded gold pins set with a sapphire, and were also given certificates of appreciation. Plaques, plus either a gold locket or a gold lapel pin set with an emerald, were presented to 10 employees with 30 years of service to the state.

Dr. Ronnie M. Day was recognized for 35 years of service with a plaque and a gold lapel pin set with a diamond. Conley Stevens Jr. received a plaque and a gold pin set with two diamonds for 40 years of service to ETSU and the state.

Forty Year Award

Conley Stevens Jr.

Thirty-five Year Award

Ronnie Morris Day

Thirty Year Awards

Christopher A. Ayres
Delores R. Barnes
Roger C. Bailey
Susan P. Burkey
Carolyn Y. Fletcher
James Gordon Frierson
Robert Garrard Leger
Judy B. Oaks
Jackie Stephen Rhea
Ronald B. Wickman

Twenty-five Year Awards

Aldridge, Brenda R.
Ronald H. Baisden
Wilsie S. Bishop
Dabney Eliz Bowman
Louis A. Cancellaro
Joyce Kathleen Church
David M. Close
Philip S. Coogan
Alma Shirlene Davis
Sharon S. Elliott
Mary L. Ernst-Fonberg
Donald A. Ferguson Jr.
Kaethe Post Ferguson
Charles A. Forrester
Jeffrey Bruce Gold
Hersell G. Holloway
Donald B. Hoover

L. Dianne Jackson
David A. Johnson
George B. Kalin
Jerry L. Keplinger
William G. Kirkwood
Richard M. Kostrzewa
Sally Lee
Patricia F. Maupin
William R. Mayberry
Michael D. Miyamoto
Paul J. Monaco
Charles D. Mullins Jr.
Ellen M. Rasch
Richard Mike Rhea
Pamela M. Robinson
Johnny Alan Smith
Larry Dale Smith
Cynthia Nave Taylor
Deborah Carol Teague
Brunhilde Tober-Meyer
William F. Toohey III
Frederick Oswin Waage
Gary Ford White
Billy Ray Williams
Wayne Winkler
Robert Wondergem

Twenty Year Awards

Peggy J. Cantrell
Mary Rose Christensen
Nancy Lewis Dishner
M. Wayne Dyer
Rhesa J. Dykes
Kathryn L. Feagins
Ronald Kelley Giles
Harold Kenton Hall
Brenda W. Hamilton
Allen Lee Haney

Chu-Ngi Ho
Lois A. Hyder
Dan W. Jenkins
Sheba Y. Keaton
John Daniel Morefield
Isabel Bonny Stanley
Robert A. Strickland
Sandra Woods White
Wesley M. Williams

Fifteen Year Awards

Linda Gail Adams
Constance Marie Alexander
Henry J. Antkiewicz
Paul A. Armentrout
Sherry Lynn Armitage
Michael D. Bales
Zelda Louise Bartee
Amy M. Bower
Leola A. Brown

Cathy A. Butler
Anthony P. Cavender
Mark Edward Ellis
Lon S. Felker
Teresa Foulke
Glenda O. Fulbright
Robert McDonald Graham
Georgia Mae Greer
Mark A. Hamby
Travis W. Harvey
Teresa Haynes
Mary V. Jordan
John H. Kalbfleisch
Terri C. Knight
Susan V. Knoche
Carol Lee Logan
William H. Messerschmidt
Hugh Andrew Miller III
Patricia T. Minor
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Employees recognized for at least 30 years of service, shown with ETSU President Dr. Paul E. Stanton Jr., include (L-R): front — Judy Oaks, Delores Barnes, Carolyn Fletcher and Conley Stevens Jr.; and back — Ron Wickman, Roger Bailey, Susan Burkey and Christopher Ayres.

2003 Service Awards

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David A. Morrison
Donna M. Murphy
Nancy Gruel Nehring
Rebecca Lou Nunley
Martha Ellen Pointer
Jack Myers Rary
Pamela P. White
Lottie Louise Winters
Mahmoud M. Yasin

Ten Year Awards

John F. Allen
Nancy Louise Archer
Michelle L. Arwood
Robert Edwin Baxley
Gwendolyn Joy Bays
Patricia Avery Bellamy
Bedford W. Bonta
Tommy Edward Boyd
Janice Howell Brigman
Elvin A. Browne
Paula Kay Browning
Marilyn E. Buchanan
Kathy Ann Carder
Martha D. Collins
Rebecca Jean Copeland
Martha A. Copp
Mary Elizabeth Cradic
William David Currie
Walter C. Fleenor
James E. Florence
Teresa Lynn Ford
Robert B. Gardner
Michelle Anne Goodman
Amy D. Goodson
Ronald E. Hale

Patricia A. Hamer
Marty Dean Harvey
Donald R. Harvill
Jennifer L. Hill
Ronald W. Hill
Jerri Carolyn Hinch
Larry B. Hudgins
Keith V. Johnson
Katherine M. Kelley
Janice Robin King
Marjorie S. King
P. Lucy Kumar
Mary R. Langenbrunner
Phyllis A. Livesay
Carolyn A. Livingston
Susan Kim Lorencen
Louise L. MacKay
Lori J. Marks
Cecilia A. McIntosh
Annalisa Mills
Jayne Leach Morrell
Kevin E. O'Donnell
Alan N. Peiris
Jennifer S. Phillips
Jeffrey P. Powers-Beck
Elisa J. Pritchard
Elizabeth Welch Ralston
Jean Rhea
Regina Marie Rose
Donald B. Sanderson
Uta Schambra
Rosalee J. Seymour
Donald J. Shemwell
Lynn Cornell Shurtleff
Vincent A. Sikora III
Jamie Elaine Simmons

Joseph P. Sims
Penny Little Smith
Wayne E. Speer
Janice E. Spurgeon
Kimberly Ann Storey
Michael Olen Talley
Kathy O. Thacker
Diana Sue Toler
Terrence A. Tollefson
John W. Tottle III
Sharon G. Trumbley
Dorothy L. Warren
Ray E. Webb
Jack R. Woodside Jr.

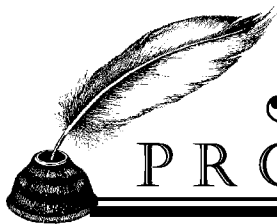
Five Year Awards

Donna Marie Parker Addington
Ruth A. Angle
Jeffrey L. Ardell
Michelle D. Ardell
Sandra K. Benincasa
Beverly Ann Bennett
William A. Block Jr.
Teresa Lynn Boggs
Ralph C. Bowling III
Hollie B. Bowman Jr.
Angela M. Brewer
Teresa J. Britt
Vicki Wininger Carter
Matthew May Church
Tina F. Church
Thomas E. Coates
Anita Diane Cobble
Robert D. Collette
Amy T. Collins
Tammy A. Davidson
Alison P. Deadman
Susan E. Derks
Michaela Claudia Driver
Lance E. Dugger
Janne Dunham-Taylor
Nickie Ann Dunker
Julie Ann Dunn
Yousif A. Elhindi
Richard J. Felts
Joanne Walker Flowers
Allan D. Forsman
Robert D. Funk
Kathryn R. Gemmer
Nancy J. Greenlee
Steven B. Greenwell
Dennis G. Hamm Jr.
Dorothy L. Harville
Christy M. Hoffman

Tunisia M. Holley
Kyle E. Jackson
Sonja R. Jackson
Scott M. Koterbay
Koyamangalath Krishnan
Bert C. Lampson
Helen Lane
Kathi Anne Lecroy-Smith
Janet L. Lingerfelt
Kurt H. Loess
Elizabeth Fenn Lowe
Cynthia D. Lybrand
Sandra R. Marion
Melissa Lynn Markland
Leona M. McAllister
Lori Ann McCarroll
Timothy D. McDowell
Angela D. Metcalf
Patricia A. Miller
Sanders Lee Miller
Jimmy D. Moffett
Dolores A. Moore
Dewey W. Mullikin
Stephanie H. Nave
Robert W. Nelson
Kathleen F. Ormsbee
Nelda J. Oxendine
Gary L. Petiprin
Calvin Bird Purvis
William B. Rasnick Jr.
Catherine P. Salyer
Mary C. Santos
Clara A. Santucci
Connie E. Scott
Edith Seier
Joseph E. Smith
Steven M. Smith
Elizabeth M. Southerland
Erik J. Stiegler
James Michael Stoots
Larry R. Stout
Melissa A. Sutherland
Shirley S. Thomas
Tonya Shane Thomason
Tara Lynn Thompson
Billy T. Townsend
Lisa K. Trout
Ruth D. Verhegge
Elizabeth Virost
Gary J. Williams
Marjorie Williams
Nancy Lynn Williams
Katherine M. Willock
Pamela Wilson



ETSU President Dr. Paul E. Stanton Jr. congratulates Conley Stevens Jr., left, on 40 years and Dr. Ronnie M. Day, right, on 35 years of employment with the university and the state of Tennessee.



Faculty/Staff

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Five Internal Medicine residents gave presentations at the 2003 Scientific Meeting of the Tennessee Chapter of the American College of Physicians in Chattanooga: **Dr. Said Iskandar**, "Hepatitis C and Dilated Cardiomyopathy" and "Plasmapheresis as an adjuvant therapy for hypertriglyceridemia induced pancreatitis"; **Dr. Kim Duttus**, "Chest Wall Mass in a Patient With a Distant History of TB"; **Dr. Vipul Brahmhatt**, "Metastatic Thyroid Cancer in a Histologically Normal Thyroid"; **Dr. Anuradha Tunuguntla**, "Prediction of response to black strap molasses in IBD associated anemia"; and **Dr. Omar Aljitawi**, "Eisenmenger's Syndrome with elevated cardiac enzymes: An unusual presentation of ASD."

Dr. Peter Panus, physical therapy, gave the following presentations for the American Physical Therapy Association's "Preview 2020" in Las Vegas: "Pharmacology: What Every PT Needs to Know," "Pharmacology: Musculoskeletal Therapeutics," "Pharmacology: Neurologic Therapeutics" and "Pharmacology: Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Therapeutics." He also gave the "What Every PT Needs to Know," "Cardiovascular Therapeutics" and "Musculoskeletal Therapeutics" presentations at the Texas Physical Therapy Association's annual conference in Austin.

Several ETSU faculty, staff and students presented "Implementing a University-Wide Diversity Training Program: Practical Considerations and Lessons Learned" at the 16th National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in American Higher Education in San Francisco. They were **Dr. Barbara Beauchamp**, **Dr. Patricia Robertson** and graduate student **Kim Odom**, Human Development and Learning; **Kim Bushore-Maki** and **Dr. Gary Petiprin**, Counseling Center; and **Mary Jordan**, assistant to the president for cultural diversity and affirmative action officer.

The presentation outlined the process of preparing for implementation of a six-hour diversity training module for every faculty

and staff member on campus, including 22-hour diversity educator training. Audience feedback included high ratings and comments like "most courageous presentation that I saw during the entire conference" and "unusual level of commitment in this team."

The group's "Diversity Dialogue" training program began this fall for all ETSU faculty and staff.

Sponsored Programs Report:

The following project proposals and contracts by ETSU personnel were selected for funding during October:

- ♦ "Health Education and PANTS Training Institute" by **Chris Ayres**, Physical Education, Exercise and Sport Sciences, for \$9,700 from the Tennessee Department of Education (TDOE).
- ♦ "Children's Oncology Group" by **Dr. Sharon Castellino**, Pediatrics, for \$4,000 by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).
- ♦ "O VI Absorbers in Spiral-Rich Groups of Galaxies" by **Dr. Mark Giroux**, Physics, Astronomy and Geology, for \$8,600 from NASA.
- ♦ "Coordinated School Health Evaluation Program" by **Dr. Bruce Goodrow**, Public Health, for \$73,076 from TDOE.
- ♦ "Business and Industrial Assistance Program" by **Dr. James Hales**, director, Innovation Laboratory, for \$15,000 from the University of Tennessee.
- ♦ "Tennessee Early Childhood Education Pilot Program" by **Dr. Rebecca Isbell**, director, Center for Early Childhood Learning and Development, for \$65,000 from TDOE.
- ♦ "Cherokee Park Youth Center" by **Carol Lee Logan**, Practice and Research, College of Nursing, from the Cherokee Park Youth Center.
- ♦ "ETSU Summer Migrant Education Program" by **Dr. Ardis Nelson**, Foreign Languages, for \$43,592 from TDOE.
- ♦ "Law Enforcement Liaison/Click It or Ticket Program" by **Dr. Betsy Preston**, Child Passenger Safety Center/Research and Sponsored Programs Administration, for

\$148,409 from the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT).

- ♦ "Tennessee Child Passenger Safety Center" by **Preston** for \$291,826 from TDOT.
- ♦ "Infectious Disease Nurse for Clients with HIV/AIDS" by **Dr. Felix Sarubbi**, Internal Medicine, for \$29,000 from the East Tennessee Ryan White Title II Consortium.
- ♦ "Nurse Faculty Loan Program" by **Dr. Patricia Smith**, interim dean, College of Nursing, for \$61,517 from HHS.
- ♦ "Advanced Education Nursing Traineeship 2003-2004" by **Smith** for \$56,950 from the Health Resources and Services Administration.
- ♦ "Inflammatory Amplification of Mustard Gas Toxicity" by **Dr. William Stone**, Pediatrics, for \$295,000 from the U.S. Department of Defense/University of Michigan.

ETSU at Bristol hosted the 2003 LEAD Bristol class of the Bristol Chamber of Commerce in a one-day segment of their year-long monthly adult leadership program. **Drs. Norma Macrae** and **Sue Fulmer** focused on the topic of diversity, and, emphasizing the challenges of working in a group, they assisted the participants in conducting a community mapping exercise in the Bristol community.

The 35 participants represented a cross-section of Bristol businesses and non-profit organizations.

Fulmer said that this exercise helps participants "see the community from a new perspective and learn to work together quickly and efficiently as a group to accomplish a task and present their findings to their peers. They will take a new awareness back to their businesses, and may bring insights into community problem-solving as a result of what they have learned."

"Presenting diversity as a much broader and more encompassing term than they were used to and encouraging the participants to seek out varied examples of it during their exercise added dimension to this class and made it meaningful to the members," said **Macrae**.

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Dr. Richard M. Kostrzewa, Pharmacology, presented a lecture, “L-DOPA treatment reduces hydroxyl radical levels in tissue and in vivo microdialysates of dopamine-denervated rat striatum,” in a symposium on “Metabolic Insults During Development and Aging” at the 8th International Congress on Amino Acids and Proteins in Rome, Italy. The lecture and accompanying paper were co-authored by medical student **John P. Kostrzewa**; **Roseanna Kostrzewa**, an undergraduate at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville; and **Drs. Przemyslaw Nowak** and **Ryszard Brus**, Pharmacology, Medical University of Silesia, Zabrze, Poland.

He presented the lecture, “Dopamine D2 Agonist Priming in Intact and Dopamine-Lesioned Rats: Implications for Motor

Dyskinesias,” at the Fundación Cerebro y Mente International Meeting on Genes and Environment Interplay in Neuropsychiatric Disorders in Mojácar, Spain. The lecture and accompanying paper were co-authored by **J.P. Kostrzewa**, **R. Kostrzewa**, **Nowak** and **Brus**. The book edition deriving from the meeting, *Neurodevelopmental Liabilities in Brain Disease States*, was co-authored by **R.M. Kostrzewa**; **Dr. Tomás Palomo**, Servicio de Psiquiatria, Hospital University 12 de Octubre, Madrid, Spain; **Dr. Trevor Archer**, Psychology, University of Goteborg, Sweden; and **Dr. Richard J. Beninger**, Psychology and Psychiatry, Queen’s University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada.

R.M. Kostrzewa served as one of six members of an International Advisory Board for the Instituto de Ciencias Biomedicas, Facultad de Medicina, Universidad de Chile, Santiago, Chile. This institute hosts more than 100 scientists in Chile, grouped into nine biomedical programs. The purpose of the visit was to advise on strategies that foster the Institute in becoming a Center of Excellence in research and teaching.

Dr. Leslie Anne Perry, Curriculum and Instruction, presented a session entitled “Mathematics: How Sweet It Is!” at the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Southern Regional Conference in Charleston, S.C. The session featured 18 math-related children’s books about candy.

Poinsettia Tree, TACA exhibits on display at Reece Museum

The annual Poinsettia Memory Tree and Tennessee Association of Craft Artists (TACA) exhibits are on display at ETSU’s Reece Museum through Sunday, Dec. 21.

A holiday tradition, the Poinsettia Memory Tree is comprised of over 150 live poinsettia plants purchased by individuals as tributes or memorials to friends, colleagues and loved ones. The names of contributors and those of the persons memorialized or honored are displayed in the gallery with the “tree.” At the conclusion of the exhibit, the plants will be distributed to Veterans Affairs Medical Center residents and others.

The TACA exhibit features work by members of the State of Franklin Chapter of TACA. The organization has a 37-year history of encouraging, developing and promoting crafts and craftspeople in Tennessee by connecting crafts with people through edu-

cation, marketing and networking. TACA also sponsors artists-in-schools programs. The only statewide arts organization in Tennessee, TACA is the 1994 recipient of the

Governor’s Award in the Arts. Membership is open to anyone interested in crafts, from beginners to experts.

For more information, call 439-4392.

Bluegrass Band travels to Belgium

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widely-separated parts of the United States, and from Canada and Japan, as well. Each of them was drawn to ETSU to learn more about our region’s bluegrass music, and now they’re sharing what they’ve learned with folks on the other side of the ocean.”

In addition to performing at NATO Headquarters, the Bluegrass Pride Band conducted workshops at the Brussels American School, which provides elementary through high school education for the children of Department of Defense and State Department members living and working in Brussels.

The ETSU students also had a rare educational opportunity of their own. Navy Cmdr. Jeffrey Hunt, JAGC, of the U. S. Military Delegation in Brussels, organized a “roundtable” event to introduce band members to the history, organization and functions of NATO.

According to Hunt, band members were scheduled to meet with State Department and military action officers who work daily within the Alliance on a myriad of pressing international issues including U.S. efforts in Afghanistan and Iraq, NATO engagement in the International Stabilization Force Afghanistan, Balkans peacekeeping, and strategic engagement in Eastern Europe.”

McLain, who also serves as assistant director of the Bluegrass, Old-Time and Country Music Program, part of ETSU’s Center for Appalachian Studies and Services, said the band truly looked forward to the tour of Belgium.

“We’re very grateful to the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC), which suggested us to NATO, and the numerous people at ETSU and at NATO Headquarters who have worked hard to make the necessary arrangements on very short notice,” he said.

ETSU has received glowing reports of the Bluegrass Pride Band’s performance in Belgium, which is detailed in the adjacent article. More to follow in the January 19 issue of Accent!

Blood Drive

The ETSU ROTC program will host an American Red Cross blood drive on Tuesday, Jan. 20, from noon until 4:30 p.m. in the ballroom of the D.P. Culp Center. Anyone wishing to participate is welcome.

For more information, contact Darlene Cole of the Military Science Department at 439-4269 or coled@etsu.edu.

Lunch Break Seminar

“Biological Superiority of Natural Vitamin E” is the topic of a Women’s Health Series Lunch Break Seminar to be held Tuesday, Jan. 27, at noon in the D.P. Culp Center forum.

Almost on a daily basis, there are reminders for consumers to protect themselves from oxidant free-radical damage throughout life. Vitamin E is often seen as playing a significant role in that protection. Over the last two decades, vitamin E has received a great deal of research attention, resulting in the implication that it may reduce the risk of cancer, cardiovascular disease and the onset of cataracts, as well as slow the aging process.

In this Lunch Break Seminar, Dr. Robert V. Acuff of the Eastman Center for Nutrition Research, will provide more insight on the current research on vitamin E, particularly findings from his own research surrounding synthetic and natural forms of the vitamin. Over the past several years, the Center for Nutrition Research has collaborated with other groups in the U.S. and Canada in exploring the differences between natural and synthetic vitamin E.

This free public event is sponsored by the Women’s Resource Center. Participants are welcome to bring their lunch.

For more information, call 439-7847.

Clarinet Congress

The ETSU Department of Music will host “East Meets West: West Coast Clarinet Congress” Jan. 9-11 in Mathes Hall.

This weekend of master classes, recitals and lectures/demonstrations will draw clarinet

professionals from as far away as California and Mexico. Clarinet choir sessions will be a part of the event.

The West Coast Clarinet Congress Concert is planned for Friday, Jan. 9, at 7 p.m. in Mathes Hall.

For more information, contact Dr. Alison Deadman at 439-6432 or deadmana@etsu.edu.

Book Review Group

The Book Review Group sponsored by the Women’s Resource Center (WRC) will meet Wednesday, Jan. 21, to discuss *Five Quarters of the Orange* by Joanne Harris.

New members are always welcome, and participants are invited to bring their lunch. The meeting begins at noon in the WRC, basement suite 2, Panhellenic Hall.

For more information, call 439-7847.

Astronomy Events

The Department of Physics, Astronomy and Geology will host the following free public events:

- ◆ **Star Party/Observatory Open House**, Saturday, Jan. 24, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Harry Powell Observatory. ETSU astronomer Dr. Beverly Smith will discuss “Very Dusty Variable Stars,” and participants will have an opportunity to view various celestial objects through the observatory’s telescopes. In the event of inclement weather or cloud cover, the open house will be cancelled.
- ◆ **Two Planetarium Shows**, 7-8 p.m., Hutcheson Hall planetarium. “*Winter Lights: Omens in the Sky*” (Thursday, Dec. 18) provides a description of unique celestial events and the presentation of possible astronomical “lights” as explanations for the biblical Star of Bethlehem. “*A Spaceship Called Earth*” (Thursday, Jan. 16) describes the locations and motions of Earth in space from our solar system to the Milky Way galaxy to the universe beyond.

For more information, call Smith at 439-8418 or Dr. Gary Henson at 439-6906.

Thanksgiving Food Drive



Thanks to the generosity of ETSU employees, the Faculty and Staff Senates were able to provide food boxes to approximately 100 families through the Washington County School System, through ETSU Families First and the Tennessee Early Intervention program, and to specific university employees.



2004 Holiday Schedule

Holidays for 2004, including Tennessee Board of Regents holidays and administrative closing days, are:

- ◆ New Year’s Day – Jan. 1
- ◆ Martin Luther King Day – Jan. 19
- ◆ Good Friday – April 9
- ◆ Memorial Day – May 31
- ◆ Independence Day – July 5
- ◆ Labor Day – Sept. 6
- ◆ Thanksgiving – Nov. 25-26
- ◆ Winter Holidays – Dec. 24-31*

*Because Jan. 1, 2005, falls on a Saturday, New Year’s Day will be observed on Friday, Dec. 31, 2004.

Be a Designated Driver!

Olson makes ghostly appearance at Lincoln Memorial University

Abraham Lincoln himself appeared recently at Lincoln Memorial University in Harrogate, and he saw a ghost—that of ETSU’s Dr. Ted Olson.

The occasion was the annual re-enactment of the Gettysburg Address, an outstanding event since it marked the 140th anniversary of President Lincoln’s famous oration. The program was offered by the Abraham Lincoln Library and Museum, without admission fee, to school children of the community.

In the program, Lincoln, played by Nashville’s professional actor Dennis Boggs, did not appear alone. Legend says Abraham Lincoln had psychic abilities, and had seen a ghost or two in his day. He certainly saw an unusual one during the November 19 re-enactment, that of a peach-eating, banjo-playing spirit of a Union sergeant killed at Gettysburg, sensitively interpreted by Olson.

Peach brought something both new and old to the occasion, for he represented the Appalachian and Cumberland culture in its loyalty to Lincoln and the Union.

“Few national scholars emphasize the

contribution of the loyal mountain people, who risked reprisal from Confederates and made many sacrifices,” Olson said, “but Lincoln did not make that mistake. He wanted to reward the mountain people’s bravery, and arranged with General O.O. Howard to assist them after the war.”

Olson pointed out that this blend of Civil War interest and mountain culture has recently prompted acting museum director Steven Wilson to create a moving educational exhibit, “In the Shadow of the Pine-nacle.”

Olson struck a new note in the traditional presentation by bringing in authentic Civil War and Appalachian music. He is well qualified. He teaches Appalachian Studies and English courses at ETSU, where he is director of the Appalachian, Scottish, and Irish Studies Program and interim director of the Center for Appalachian Studies and Services. Olson is also the author of several scholarly books on folk life and the Appalachian region and the editor of *Crossroads: A Southern Cultural Annual* and the Music Section of *The Encyclopedia of Appalachia*.

Olson’s dramatic ability and songs brought a fresh look at the time-honored moment of the Gettysburg Address, according to Dr. Chloe Nichols, education coordinator of the Abraham Lincoln Library and Museum.

“He played a comic, battered and loyal old man,” she said, “who was not afraid of the great Lincoln, yet stayed on earth until he could learn whether he had saved a young soldier with his dying efforts. Peach, who died at the Peach Orchard, is the best and most enduring of Southern men, mountain men. His songs, especially his ‘Tenting Tonight,’ struck a poignant note of loss for all these men sacrificed, giving themselves without rancor or bitterness.”

Olson also entertained local students with songs from their Appalachian heritage which were devised in and for the Civil War.

Altogether, the program was a lively production of costume and setting, memorializing Lincoln’s vision and the fighting men who served it.

— Courtesy of Lincoln Memorial University

Public Safety Department, Chief Cotrel, and Officer Hughes honored

The Governor’s Highway Safety Office honored the ETSU Public Safety Department, Chief Jack Cotrel and Public Safety Officer Jerald Hughes in a recent ceremony.

Donald Moody, Tennessee Law Enforcement Liaison, presented a plaque and certificate of appreciation recognizing the department’s support of safety programs.

PSO Hughes coordinates the efforts of 18 law enforcement agencies in East Tennessee and is responsible for communication with business and community leaders. Hughes has been a leader in the “Click It or Ticket” campaign, encouraging the use of seat belts. As a result of the project, Moody says that “when surveyed, this region’s seat

belt usage rate is higher than many other areas of the state and is rising.”

The Northeast Tennessee Traffic Safety Network, coordinated by Hughes, participated in an enforcement campaign from mid-May through mid-July. Preliminary reports show that 3,000 seat belt citations were issued, along with 749 DUI arrests; 55 fugitive arrests; 28 stolen vehicles recovered; 2,224 arrests on other charges; and 43,976 other traffic citations written.

Moody notes, “Without the dedication of individuals such as Chief Cotrel and Officer Hughes or departments such as the ETSU Public Safety Department, our highways would no doubt be a much more dangerous place. Because of the guidance provided by such participants, this region has become renowned for its leadership, innovation, and genuine care for the community.”

Moody, Hughes, and local law enforcement branches are now preparing for a holiday “Booze It and Lose It” campaign, from Dec. 21 through Jan. 2, that will focus on keeping impaired drivers off the roads of East Tennessee.

— Carol Fox, Coordinator
University Relations



ETSU President Dr. Paul E. Stanton Jr. and Vice President for Administration Wayne Andrews receive certificates of appreciation for the level of participation they allowed the Department of Public Safety to have in the “Click It or Ticket” campaign. Also shown (L-R) are PSO Jerald Hughes, Chief Jack Cotrel, Maj. Terry Story and Don Moody.

ETSU, Milligan receive federal grant

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gram is designed to foster communication with students whose first language is not English or whose first dialect is not “standard” English.

Dr. Brenda Dean, assistant director of Hamblen County schools, reported that the school system has the seventh largest Spanish-speaking population in the state of Tennessee with 496 students. This number is up 16 percent from last year and is projected to keep rising. She said, “No Child Left Behind mandates make programs such as ‘Linguistics for Teachers’ imperative. We had good results from the program last year with 30 teachers being trained; however, this is only a small number compared to the 600 other teachers who still need the training.” She added that there is a true necessity for the ETSU partnership due to the few resources available to teachers in this area.

“Improving Middle and High School Science Teaching Quality” is Dr. Jack Rhoton’s grant project in the ETSU College of Education that will receive \$72,840. His program is designed to train secondary science teachers in four rural school districts within the Upper East Tennessee Educational Cooperative. This past summer, Rhoton had 20 teachers participate in the 10-day, 50-hours-of-instruction leadership institute at ETSU. The teachers are trained to employ relevant classroom technology while they learn advanced science content, standards-based instructional strategies, and how to engage students in standards-based learning, which translates into improved student test scores.

ETSU’s third grant, for \$72,515, is led by Dr. Clarissa Willis, associate director of the Center for Early Childhood Learning and Development, a Tennessee Center of Excellence. Her program entitled “East Tennessee Autism Training Project (ETATP)” is geared toward speech pathologists, special education teachers and regular education teachers who teach children with autism. She is working with special education directors from school systems in Washington County, Carter County, Sullivan County, Elizabethton and Johnson City.

Milligan College’s grant of \$72,911 for its education department will benefit children in Carter County schools in a collabo-

orative project providing professional development activities for approximately 30 teachers and staff from several elementary schools including Little Milligan, Range and Valley Forge.

Teachers will attend one to two instructional workshops per month in science, mathematics and reading/language arts – subjects in which the schools had average or below-average performance results according to the *2003 Tennessee No Child Left Behind At-A-Glance Report*. The goal is to strengthen instruction while helping teachers develop their schools’ improvement plans.

“Teacher training for those teachers working with low-income students, ‘at risk’ students and children with low achievement levels is extremely important to improving the level of performance in our schools,” said Daniel Holder, Carter County School Board chair. He notes the county has 17 schools serving grades K-12, and 76 percent of them are accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. In addition, almost 70 percent of the children served are eligible for free or reduced-price lunches.

Milligan College’s teacher education faculty will provide technical expertise and consultants throughout the project. Principals and school support staff will assist Dr. Beverly Schmalzried, chair of Milligan’s

education area and coordinator of the grant project, in developing plans for each workshop and reviewing pre-test and observation session results. Schmalzried said Milligan’s Teacher Education Curriculum Library will also be available to the consultants and participants.

Previously, Schmalzried served as a family policy administrator for the U.S. Air Force, where she helped transform its early childhood education program while earning Congressional accolades.

She said, “We are very pleased to be involved with Carter County schools in this project. Our students and the children and teachers in the county will all benefit from our working together.”

“Research-based, intensive and sustained professional development activities will enable our teachers to increase gains in student achievement,” added Dr. Shirley Ellis, director of federal projects/testing for the school system. “The work Milligan is doing for the Carter County schools is wonderful, needed and greatly appreciated.”

For more information about Milligan’s project or teacher education program, call 461-8940.

For details on the three ETSU projects and for other information, call the College of Education at 439-7626.

Many Lands, Many Styles



A Multicultural Fashion Show held recently at ETSU featured students from different nations modeling clothing from their native lands. Shown here is senior biology major Neem Bhatt.



Tales of the UNIVERSITY

The University's Underground Publications

Part 2 of 2

Edited by a student and a faculty member, *The Frigate* called itself “an unofficial-independent-free student-faculty” publication. Typical of underground publications that were thriving around the nation at the time, it specialized in the outrageous, holding virtually nothing sacred.

Among targets of its attacks were living conditions in Carter Hall, dismissals of two sociology professors, mandatory ROTC, food prices and quality in The Grill, the university's core curriculum and the John Birch Society. Sure to upset lots of people was the sexual humor that made its way into print.

Although radical in many ways, *The Frigate* was somewhat unpredictable. For example, its April 30, 1969, issue was highly critical of the “capture” by members of Students for a Democratic Society of the administration building at American University in Washington.

“These students are not interested in education,” the publication said. “They are not even interested in a democratic society; all their energy is being channeled into disruption for disruption's sake.

“Administrators . . . can get away with such assinine [sic] decisions as our administration has in the past . . . (but) we have no need for SDS on this campus. We do have a need for more concern for students than the present administration exhibits.”

The Frigate had its share of detractors. A one-shot publication named *The Forget It*, distributed in 1969, poked fun at what it called “The Free Goat Press,” calling it in-

sipidly boring.

A deadly serious opponent of *The Frigate*, named the *Rattlesnake*, dedicated itself to “the principles that guided Americans in their war of Independence in 1776.”

In the first issue, the editors wrote: “It will be the aim and duty of this publication to present the FACTS of current campus and national issues. It will not abuse the right of freedom of speech and press by the use of inflammatory [sic], accusatory [sic] or foul language . . .”

The first issue congratulated the Johnson City police department for its efforts to maintain law and order, criticized “socialist propaganda” posted in the sociology department, and urged readers to write letters commending ETSU President Dr. D.P. Culp for “his vow to run this University in the best interest of higher education and the students as a majority.” It said, “Let's not allow a few militants to control our minds and form our opinions.”

In the fall of 1969, the first issue of the *SMC Newsletter*, published by the Student Mobilization Committee, was distributed. The newsletter, previously known as *The Student Voice*, has been described as the most radical of the era's publications on campus.

The newsletter described the SMC as “a national organization, dedicated to ending the war in Vietnam and giving American GI's the right of free speech.” It added that the SMC had been organized at ETSU to “give the students a voice in campus affairs.”

Debuting at ETSU on May 11, 1970 — only a week after four students had been shot to death at Kent State University by members of the Ohio Army National Guard —

was a publication called the *Blue Button*. It stood for “peace, order, and a return to education on campus.”

In his history of ETSU, Dr. Frank Williams writes: “The unofficial campus publications had minimal influence. The editors and their helpers generally presented points of view that appealed only to a minority of students and faculty.”

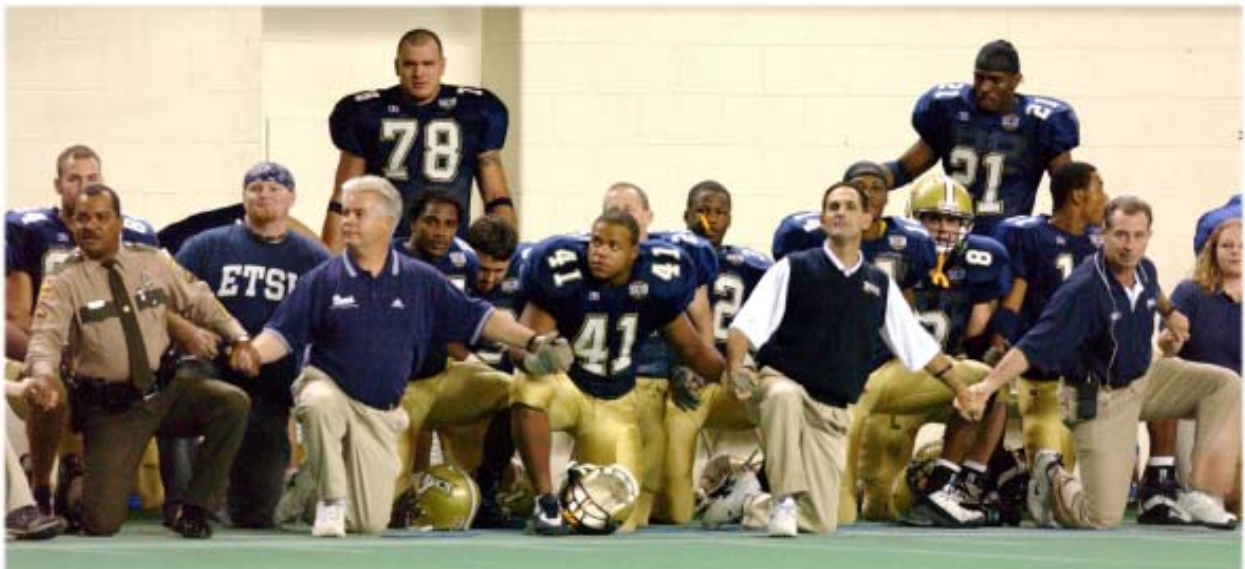
According to Williams: “The youthful editors' complaints about restrictions on freedom of speech were refuted by the fact that after 1968 the administration made no effort to silence them. Their brief existence reflects lack of support, not censorship. Much of what they complained about, the administration already had begun to change.”

(This article was written by Dr. Jerry Hilliard of the Communication faculty, who is a member of the committee that edits “Tales of the University” for the East Tennessee State University Retirees Association.)

“*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@charter.net.



*Thank you,
Buccaneers,
for the
wonderful
memories!*



ETSU part of research team developing antidote for mustard gas

An antidote for mustard gas toxicity is being developed by a team of researchers at AMAOX Limited, a biotechnology company, and four medical schools in the United States, including ETSU's James H. Quillen College of Medicine.

The University of Michigan is leading the consortium, along with Harvard University, Meharry Medical College and ETSU. Their work is funded through a grant from the U.S. Department of Defense.

"Our consortium has been working together for several years, and we have already identified a few formulations that are effective for preventing mustard gas toxicity," said Dr. William Stone, professor of Pediatrics and director of pediatric research at ETSU. "With this new grant, we can further develop, refine, and optimize the antidote and hopefully make plans for large scale production."

Stone says the researchers are testing the proposed antidote with analogues, which are chemicals similar to the real toxin but mimic the properties of mustard gas. The antidote is being refined by testing in a cell model. The goal is to develop treatments that increase the percentage of cells that survive exposure to the mustard gas analogue.

"In our work, we are using the latest technology available – called antioxidant liposomes – which has been developed and patented by AMAOX Limited," he said. "The antioxidant liposomes are like small syringes that can inject water-soluble drugs into cells. But they are unique in that the tiny syringes are also made of lipids in which fat-soluble drugs can be solublized and directly incorporated into the cell's membranes."

ETSU's specific role in the consortium will be to look at the cell biology and determine the molecular mechanisms of mustard

gas and its toxic effect.

Stone added, "The mechanism for mustard gas toxicity involves oxidative stress, and this is why the antioxidant liposomes are an effective antidote."

The medical school will also develop a manufacturing prototype to be used for large-scale production.

"The same technology we are using may be applicable to other weapons of mass destruction, particularly biological agents. And, antioxidant liposomes may also be very useful in treating other diseases in which oxidative stress plays a role," said Stone, who acknowledged the efforts of U.S. Senator Bill Frist and Congressman Bill Jenkins in helping to secure funding for the grant.

For more information, contact Stone at 439-8762.

— Joe Smith, Coordinator
University Relations

One of those days

The staff at the coffee shop was having "one of those days." The espresso machine was malfunctioning; the bakery had not delivered the bagels and sweet rolls; someone from the morning shift called in sick; and the crew from the previous evening failed to restock the cabinets with supplies. There were several people waiting to get their first cup of coffee for the day.

A woman at the back of the line began to complain loudly. "What is taking so long? Are you growing the beans back there or what? I don't have all day!"

"Yes, we are running on empty this morning," the manager said with a pleasant smile. He motioned for the woman to come forward. "What can I get for you?"

"I want a large coffee with steamed milk – to go," barked the woman.

"No problem," said the manager. He looked past the woman to the other customers waiting in line and offered them a reassuring wink. In a matter of moments he had made the woman's coffee, took her money, and sent her on her way with a "Have a nice day."

The other customers stood silently with confused looks on their faces.

The manager said, "Folks, I'm really sorry for the inconvenience this morning. Because you have been so patient, your coffee is on the house."

— From Bits & Pieces, Editor Apryl King

In Memory

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

Dr. George Dove

Dr. Dove, who passed away at the end of October, was a former dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and chair of the Department of English. Following his retirement, he pursued writing, with an interest in detective mystery novels, and was nominated twice for the Edgar Award.

"The important thing is to not stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existing. One cannot help but be in awe when he contemplates the mysteries of eternity, of life, of the marvelous structure of reality. It is enough if one tries merely to comprehend a little of this mystery every day. Never lose a holy curiosity."

— Albert Einstein, physicist