



Faculty/Staff

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Sponsored Programs Report

The following proposals and contracts by ETSU personnel have been selected for funding:

- ♦ “Easing Access: Enhancing Prenatal Services in Upper East Tennessee” by **Dr. Mary Kay Anderson**, Family and Community Nursing, for \$18,721 from the March of Dimes.
- ♦ “Reaching Out to High-Risk Moms and Their Unborn Babies” by **Dr. Raymond Feierabend**, Family Medicine, for \$16,261 from the March of Dimes.
- ♦ “Services to be Provided as a Family Nurse Practitioner” by **Dr. Susan Grover**, Family and Community Nursing, for \$39,175 from the Medical Education Assistance Corp.
- ♦ “Workshop on Mathematical Tools and Statistical Techniques for Quantitative Medical Data Analysis” by **Dr. Don Hong**, Mathematics, for \$15,125 from the National Security Agency.
- ♦ “ETSU Arboretum Institutional Assessment” by **Dr. Tim McDowell**, Biological Sciences, for \$2,325 from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (see related article on page 8).
- ♦ “Infectious Diseases Nurse for Clients with HIV/AIDS” by **Dr. Felix Sarubbi**, Internal Medicine, for \$29,000 from the East Tennessee Ryan White Title II Consortium.
- ♦ “Let’s Just Play – Hancock County School Children” by **Dr. Jennifer Schaller-Ayers**, Practice and Research, College of Nursing, for \$10,000 from Nickelodeon Public Affairs.
- ♦ “Rapid Responses to Problem Drinking on College Campuses” by **Dr. Karen Schetzina**, Pediatrics, for \$106,057 from Wake Forest University and the National Institutes of Health (*related article appeared in the May 20 issue of ETSU Accent*).
- ♦ “Contract Between ETSU Research Foundation and ETSU for Basic Research Into Glucan/Receptor Interactions” by **Dr. David**

Williams, Surgery, for \$495,678 from the ETSURF.

Dr. Joseph Sobol, Curriculum and Instruction/director, Master’s Degree Program in Storytelling, will present one of 41 workshops during the National Storytelling Network Conference in Oklahoma City in July. The title of his workshop is “Skytellers: An Approach to Using Traditional Star Lore in Science Education.”

The four-day conference, a centennial event in the state of Oklahoma, will focus on the theme, “Movin’ On: Stories of Heart, Stories of Hope,” as the nation recognizes the 10th anniversary of the bombing of the Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City. A conspicuous feature of the conference will be interconnections with the conference programs, the city, and the events of 10 years ago. Participants will have a rare private tour of the Oklahoma City National Memorial and Museum, learn about the saving of artifacts left there, hear Murrah Building survivor stories, and write a story to accompany one of the stuffed animals left at the wall, which will be sent to another victim of violence. In addition, Bud Welch, who lost his daughter in the bombing, will share his story in an address to all participants, and another general session will deal with justice, revenge and forgiveness, asking as many questions as there will be answers.

Bobby Funk, Communication/director, Division of Theater, has been asked to direct a staged reading of the new play “Kentucky Wings” at Barter Theatre, Abingdon, Va. Written by Robert Leland Taylor, “Kentucky Wings” is one of six winners of the fifth annual Appalachian Festival of Plays and Playwrights. This festival, which celebrates new plays by Appalachian playwrights or about the region, will be held Aug. 1-14. (*For those interested in attend-*

ing, the performance will take place Tuesday, Aug. 9, at 1 p.m. in Barter’s small theater. Look for additional information in the next issue of ETSU Accent.)

Dr. Peter C. Panus, Physical Therapy, presented a two-day pre-conference “Advanced Clinical Practice” course for the American Physical Therapy Association national conference in Boston. The content of this “Pharmacology for Physical Therapists” course included basic pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics; selected topics in neuropharmacology; cardiovascular, endocrine and musculoskeletal pharmacology; and pharmacologic treatment of chronic pain.

At the same meeting, **Panus** chaired and spoke at a three-hour symposium, “Pharmacology Content in Entry-Level Physical Therapy Education in the U.S.” He was joined by three nationally known colleagues in this session: **Dr. Charles Ciccone**, Physical Therapy, Ithaca (N.Y.) College; **Dr. Laurie Hack**, Physical Therapy, Temple University, Philadelphia; and **Dr. Suzanne Tinsley**, Physical Therapy, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, Shreveport. This symposium included information on Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy guidelines, available teaching resources, comparison and contrast of pharmacology textbooks to those of other health professions, and more.

Dr. Ronnie Gross, director, TRIO Programs, is the 2005-2006 chair-elect of the Council for Opportunity in Education (COE) board of directors and will serve as chair in 2006-2007 and past chair in 2007-2008. The COE is a national organization that advocates for expanding educational opportunities to low-income, first-generation individuals. The board of directors is comprised of three representative members from each of 10 regional associations.