



In Touch . . .

A newsletter from President Frank Pogue, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania

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More MSA Accolades

I reported previously that Edinboro University's institutional accreditation by the Commission on Higher Education Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools was re-affirmed with commendation in July. I also shared the news that the Commission requested permission to use our self-study design and document as models during the training of evaluation team chairs and team members, as well as for those institutions that are preparing to participate in the reaccreditation process.

To add to these testimonies, we recently responded to another request to make use of our self-study as a model. The Commission will display our self-study at the MSA Annual Conference December 8-9. The Commission has also asked that we make our self-study available for posting online.

Our success in this process and the subsequent accolades reflect our campus community's commitment to excellence. Also reflective of this commitment is the number of administrators and faculty who have been asked by MSA to serve on evaluation teams, some at major research universities. Most recently, Dr. Donald Dilmore, Associate Vice President for University Libraries, was asked to serve on the evaluation team at SUNY-Stony Brook and Dr. Naomi Johnson, Vice President for Student Affairs and Student Success, will be serving on the evaluation team for American University.

I will take this opportunity to, once again, commend the campus community and those directly involved in the Middle States Association reaccreditation process. Your efforts continue to garner compliments and esteem.

Parking Advisory Committee Appointed

As a means of gathering data, ideas and recommendations, I commissioned a special study group last year to review the issue of parking on our campus with the goal of determining the congruence of our policies, procedures and regulations with our University-wide commitment to fairness and civility. That committee made recommendations that have been shared with the campus community and are being implemented or planned for implementation as possible. Among the recommendations of the study group was the creation of an ongoing parking committee. I have accepted this recommendation and have created the Parking Advisory Committee.

The Parking Advisory Committee has been asked to build upon the work of the study group by continuing to consider the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and needs related to the University's parking facilities, policies, procedures and regulations. The committee may make recommendations to me for changes and enhancements to our current conditions. I have asked that all deliberations be conducted in consideration of the best interest of the University and its primary constituents – students – as well as the many other constituent groups who make use of our parking services and resources. In doing so, the Committee must remain cognizant of the University-wide strategic planning process, including our Facilities Master Plan.

I have invited the following members of the Edinboro Family to serve on the Parking Advisory Committee:

- Mr. William Coleman, Associate Vice President for Facilities - *Chairperson*
- Mr. Paul Benetti, Deputy Chief, University Police
- Ms. Dorothy Body, Associate Vice President for Student Financial Support and Services
- Ms. Jean Cardot, Bursar
- Ms. Elaine Hanks, Housekeeping
- Mr. David Johnson, Telecommunications Operations Manager
- Ms. Erinn Lake, Director of Planning and Continuous Improvement
- Dr. Henry Lawrence, Geosciences Department
- Ms. Erica Lemmon, Student
- Mr. Calvin Mealey, Maintenance Department
- Dr. Caroline Nobile, English and Theatre Arts Department
- Mr. Daryl Parker, Assistant Director of Residence Life and Housing
- Mr. James Roberts, Health and Physical Education Department
- Mr. Tony Timbers, Student
- Ms. Mary Anne Weiner, Coordinator of Non-Traditional Student Services
- Ms. Maria Wiczorek, Office of Graduate Studies and Research
- Ms. Lisa Zausen, Student

Making the Move to Webscheduler

As of December 31, 2003, the University's VAX calendar system will be decommissioned. As an alternative, we are providing Webscheduler for use by University faculty and staff. It is, therefore, necessary for those who rely on electronic calendars to begin making the transition to Webscheduler. The following question and answer guide has been created by

Technology and Communications to assist in the transition process.

What is Webscheduler? Webscheduler is a software product that provides calendar functions. It is a component of Webmail. While they can be used independently of each other, they share the same address book. As the name implies, Webscheduler, like Webmail, is web-based.

Why are we adopting Webscheduler as the campus standard for calendars? For many years, the electronic calendar used by offices has been "CM," a text-only application with limited features. Since it is not web-based, it is not accessible except through terminal emulation. The web browser, such as Internet Explorer, has become the universal client for accessing software anywhere you have access to the World Wide Web.

What are its main features? In addition to its advantage as a web application, Webscheduler has a multitude of features. Some highlights are:

- ✓ a variety of views - day, week, month, list
- ✓ sharing personal calendars and overlay calendars in one view
- ✓ ability to have room or facility calendars
- ✓ scheduling meetings through the calendar and finding open meeting times
- ✓ synchronization with "palms" and pocket PCs.

How can Webscheduler improve operations? Currently, much time and labor is expended through the scheduling of meetings. There are those that may prefer the traditional method of using a phone call or an email to request available times, back and forth to narrow down choices, etc. However, those offices that choose to adopt Webscheduler's meeting schedule feature will improve their efficiency and will also increase effectiveness as this method is less prone to error.

It is recommended that you begin using this feature among your office members. Once everyone in your office becomes familiar with Webscheduler, approach offices with whom you tend to establish frequent meetings and agree to utilize this tool for arranging meetings with each other. This method will work very effectively as long as department members are sensitive to the parameters established by the offices that have agreed to work with each others' sets of calendars. There is no need to trade passwords and calendar names to share entire calendars for only meeting scheduling. However, you may determine that you would like to have calendars shared for facilities such as conference rooms, and publish those calendars for read access. A limited number of department calendars are available and arrangements for these specialized versions can be made by contacting Jon Blaine at ext. 1028 or (jblaine@edinboro.edu).

How do I learn more about Webscheduler? Webscheduler is accessed by entering Webmail and selecting the "Schedule" button. If you would prefer that your calendar be displayed upon login to Webmail (bypassing Webmail but allowing you to access it), select the Options feature. Information about all the features of web scheduler is available by selecting the "Help" icon in Webscheduler. Orientation classes have been established and are available to schedule by accessing:
<http://dsltweb.tac.edinboro.edu/webapps/training/intropage>

[/trainingpages.htm](#) or selecting the "Training" link on the Technology and Communications web page. If you are having trouble logging in, try putting "eup\" before your username. If you still have difficulty after that, please contact the Help Desk.

If you have any additional questions about Webscheduler, please contact the Help Desk at 732-2111 or via the Technology and Communications website.



Edinboro University's Veteran's Day Reception was held on Tuesday, November 11, in the Reeder Hall lobby. I extend my thanks to those in attendance and was grateful for the opportunity to recognize our Edinboro Family veterans (some of whom are pictured at right). It is a true honor to be able to acknowledge our Family members who have demonstrated their commitment to civic responsibility and the preservation of the democratic process through military service to our country. I also offer thanks to the University's ROTC program for its staging of the Veteran's Day Retreat Ceremony which followed the reception on the Miller Research Learning Center lawn. Pictured below is Colonel John Walker, U.S. Army Retired, a 30-year veteran who saw action in WW II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. Colonel Walker delivered the message at the Ceremony.



UPIRCI Data Update

The 2003-2004 Common Data Set and the Fact Book have been updated on the University Planning, Institutional Research and Continuous Improvement web site. These pages can be accessed by going to the following URL:
<http://www.edinboro.edu/cwis/admin/upirci/finalweb/IR.htm>.

These documents include information regarding enrollment, first-time freshmen, transfers, admissions, academic offerings and policies, student life, tuition and financial aid, faculty and

degrees awarded. If you have any questions, please call the UPIRCI office at 732-2656.

Scholarship Disbursements Announced

Following consideration of endowment growth and potential, as well as annually funded awards, the Alumni Association Board of Directors and Foundation Board of Directors have announced 2004-05 disbursements from the scholarship endowments for which they are responsible. Scholarship awards for Edinboro students will again exceed \$450,000 next year.

This figure represents more than 200 different scholarship endowments or awards that go to students according to individual award criteria. These scholarships are critical to our recruitment and retention success, and I express appreciation to all of our scholarship sponsors and contributors. Clearly, assisting students in accessing higher education opportunities is central to the mission of Edinboro University of Pennsylvania.

ACCOLADES

- ❖ Biology student **Jafa Armagost** and **Dr. William Mackay**, *Biology and Health Services*, attended the Undergraduate Research Conference (School of Medicine and Dentistry) at the University of Rochester on November 8. At this meeting, Jafa presented the results of her research project, "Detecting Virulent Yersinia enterocolitica in Processed Pork using PCR."
- ❖ **Rod Boykin**, *Assistant Football Coach*, was selected to attend the 2004 NCAA Coaches Academy Advanced Coaching Program. Rod was selected as one of 20 coaches in all divisions to attend the program.
- ❖ **Dr. Kevin Courtright**, *Political Science and Criminal Justice*, had his abstract, "The impact of video in an online course environment: A presentation on the use of digital video in online and web-based courses," accepted for presentation at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences annual meeting scheduled for March 9-13, in Las Vegas.
- ❖ **Drs. John**, *Elementary Education*, and **Susan Criswell**, *Special Education and School Psychology*, presented at the 32nd Annual PAC-TE conference in Grantville, Pa. PAC-TE is the state affiliate of the Association of Teacher Educators (ATE) and American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE).
- ❖ **Dr. Janusz Czejdo**, *Foreign Languages*, presented two papers at the 15th International Conference on Systems Research, Informatics and Cybernetics, held in August 2003 in Baden-Baden, Germany. Dr. George Lasker from University of Windsor, Canada, judged Dr. Czejdo's article, "Teaching foreign languages using UML diagrams and interactive whiteboards" as one of the best at the conference. This paper was accepted for publication in the conference proceedings. The second article co-authored by Dr. Czejdo, "Graphical queries for XML documents and

their applications for accessing knowledge in UML diagrams" presented in Germany has been already published by the Scientific Publishers.

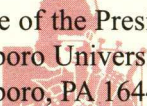
- ❖ **Barbara A. Grippe**, *Retired*, reports that she has been busy editing a collection of her poetry and prose which is now in the process of being printed.
- ❖ **Carla J. Higham**, *UPIRCI*, was appointed to the State System Data Submission Task Force. This group is in the process of designing data submissions for the collection of course and faculty productivity information.
- ❖ **LTC Fredrick J. Johns**, *Military Science*, reports that Edinboro University's performance ranking among the nation's 271 ROTC programs has increased by 43% over the past year. I offer my congratulations on this outstanding accomplishment.
- ❖ A short film directed by **John Lyons** and written by **William Vitanyi**, *Technology and Communications*, was accepted by the Motion Picture Commission of Pittsburgh's Film Fest. "Shakespeare's Dilemma" will be televised on Wednesday, November 19, on channel WGBN in Pittsburgh.
- ❖ **Dr. William Weber**, *Elementary Education*, was re-elected to the General McLane School Board. He has served on the Board for four years and as treasurer for the past three years. In addition, Dr. Weber presented "Reading and differentiated instruction" at the Keystone State Reading Conference on October 28.
- ❖ Congratulations to **Coach Lou Pepper** and the **Football Team** for clinching a tie for the PSAC West title with their win against Lock Haven.
- ❖ Congratulations to **Coach Lynn Theehs** and the **Volleyball Team** for capturing the PSAC West title.



Edinboro student Jennifer A. Maxwell was recently awarded the 2003 American Institute of Graphic Arts (AIGA) Cleveland Bert Benkendorf Scholarship. One of Maxwell's art professors, Shelle Barron, said, "This is a very substantial honor for Jen and for our department since she triumphed over entrants from Kent State, the Cleveland Art Institute, the University of Dayton, the University of Akron, and others." A resident of Meadville, Maxwell is studying graphic design at Edinboro.

Selections are based on the quality of portfolios and letters of recommendation. This prize of \$1,000 is awarded to the student who best fits the criteria and is sent to his/her educational institution to cover tuition expenses.

The Bert Benkendorf Scholarship was named after AIGA Fellow Bert Benkendorf who founded the Cleveland chapter of AIGA.



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

December 4 and 11 – Celebrate the holiday season with the sound of Mannheim Steamroller set to laser light under the dome at Edinboro's Planetarium. Laser Christmas will be held at 7:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. and is appropriate for all ages.

December 5 and 6 – Edinboro will host a conference on the Detection and Treatment of Child Sex Abuse at the University Center. This interdisciplinary conference is intended to facilitate dialogue and share information and expertise regarding the issue of child sexual abuse. Friday's events include general presentations by experts in the field. Saturday's workshops will focus on particular sub-populations and issues and problems. The conference fee is \$40 and CEUs will be offered. For additional information, call Dr. Joseph Laythe at 814-732-2916.

The Performing Arts Series Presents . . .

Wednesday, December 3 – THE SCHOLARS OF LONDON
This dazzling foursome takes audiences on a tour of Christmas songs spanning five centuries and many traditions.

Thursday, December 4 – ANIMA

Celebrating the roots and diversity of Brazil's rich musical culture with a unique fusion of African, indigenous Indian, and early European music.

*Both performances start at 8:00 p.m. at the Louis C. Cole
ditorium - Memorial Hall. Call 732-2518 for tickets.*

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS 2004 Educator, Advisor, Researcher and Staff Member of the Year

Nomination criteria and information for
each award is available at:
<http://iis1.edinboro.edu/pubrel/president/nominate.html>

Deadline for submission of nominations:
February 20, 2004

Awards will be presented at the
2004 Spring Convocation on April 2

Questions? Contact Emily Sinsabaugh at
esinsabaugh@edinboro.edu or 732-1387