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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

636 STUDENTS TO GRADUATE AT EDINBORO'S SPRING COMMENCEMENT

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania President Frank G. Pogue will confer degrees on 636 students at the Commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 9, at 1:00 p.m. in McComb Fieldhouse.

With a December 1997 graduating class of 684 students, Edinboro granted approximately 1,320 associate, bachelor's and master's degrees during the 1997-98 academic year.

Carrying the ceremonial mace and leading the academic procession as the Grand Marshal at the ceremony will be Richard Heasley, professor of sociology, anthropology, and social work. He has been a member of the Edinboro faculty for 32 years.

Professor Heasley is known by his students and colleagues as a dedicated, student-centered professional. He and his wife, Patricia, a 1962 Edinboro graduate and a member of the University's Council of Trustees, are the parents of two children, Richard II and Andrea Loeffler, both Edinboro graduates.

Serving as featured speaker and receiving an honorary doctorate will be Fred Rogers, the creator, writer, and host of *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood* on PBS. The 70-year old Rogers was born in Latrobe, Pa. After graduating from high school there, he attended Dartmouth College two years before going to Rollins College in Florida where he graduated in 1951 with a degree in music composition.

He went to New York and landed a job with NBC, and a year later he married Joanne Byrd, a talented concert pianist and fellow Rollins graduate. In 1953 he returned to Pittsburgh at the request of WQED to work as producer, musician and puppeteer. In February of 1968, *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood* aired nationally on PBS and is now the longest-running program on the network.

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Rogers has received virtually every major award in television and dozens of others from special-interest groups in education, communications and early childhood.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

AREA NURSES TO OBSERVE NURSES WEEK

Nurses from all over the Erie area will attend the first annual Nurses Week Recognition Ceremony, Thursday, May 7, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the Erie Insurance Exchange Amphitheater. Up to 25 registered nurses from all walks of the nursing profession will be honored in conjunction with the start of Nurses Week, May 6-13. The program is being organized by the Erie County Council of Nursing and the nursing department at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania and is co-sponsored by the Lake Area Health Education Center.

One part of nursing that goes largely unnoticed by the public is the collaborative effort involved in student nursing education institutions in the area. Edinboro nursing students can be found at such hospitals as Hamot Medical Center, Meadville Medical Center, Millcreek Community Hospital, Saint Vincent Health Center, Shriners, and the Veterans Administration Hospital. They are placed with community service organizations such as Stairways, Visiting Nurses Associations, and the Department of Public Health.

While a classroom education is essential to becoming a registered professional nurse, equally important is the hands-on clinical experience nursing students receive while working under the guidance and supervision of nursing faculty with support from practicing nurses in the field. "Nursing faculty couldn't do their job without the collaboration of the staff nurse," said Dr. Mary Lou Keller, chair of Edinboro's nursing department.

"They help create an optimum learning environment for us to do clinical teaching of students," added nursing professor Janet Newcamp. "The faculty of Edinboro's nursing department want to collectively thank all the nurses, nurse managers, and administrators with whom they come in contact on a daily basis."

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Philip Godak, a junior nursing major from the Scranton, Pa., area, and Mike Bonus, a junior nursing major from Washington, Pa., are currently doing clinical practice in the maternity department at Hamot Medical Center two days a week. They perform the same clinical activities that a professional nurse would do – administer medications, monitor vital signs, and chart a patient's progress – in addition to taking part in all the department's duties including labor and delivery and postpartum nursing care. Although nursing traditionally has been a profession almost exclusively dominated by women, broadening career opportunities and the growing use of advanced technology have made it more attractive as a professional career choice for men.

"I like the care-giving aspect," said Bonus, "as well as the technical aspect of nursing. It's the one-on-one care giving, counseling and teaching that I like the best."

Godak particularly likes the health teaching which involves showing patients how to care for themselves following childbirth. "People are amazed at the simplest things. They are always very open to learning," said Godak. Bonus hopes to eventually become a family nurse practitioner and Godak would like to teach nursing someday. Right now, they and their fellow nursing classmates are focused on the many clinical hours of hands-on experience.

Another nursing student is Denise N. Green of Cambridge Springs, who will be celebrating her 25th wedding anniversary this year. Her plans to become a nurse were put on hold while she raised her family. "I always wanted to become a nurse," explained Green of her decision to begin a career at mid-life. "Nursing is like a calling. It's something I was meant to do."

This semester Green is at Saint Vincent Health Center three days a week, where she has been doing clinical practice in the intensive care unit, critical care unit, and on the various medical and surgical floors throughout the hospital. She spends anywhere from two days to three weeks rotating on a particular unit. "I like it all," she said. "There's not really an area I don't like. There's something good about them all."

Green has four children ranging in age from 13 to 24. She started taking courses at Edinboro when her youngest child was in second grade and became a full-time student in 1993. Following graduation in May, Green will be ready to sit for the national licensing examination. "The goal of our instructors has been for us to be able to function independently," said Green. She will graduate *summa cum laude*.

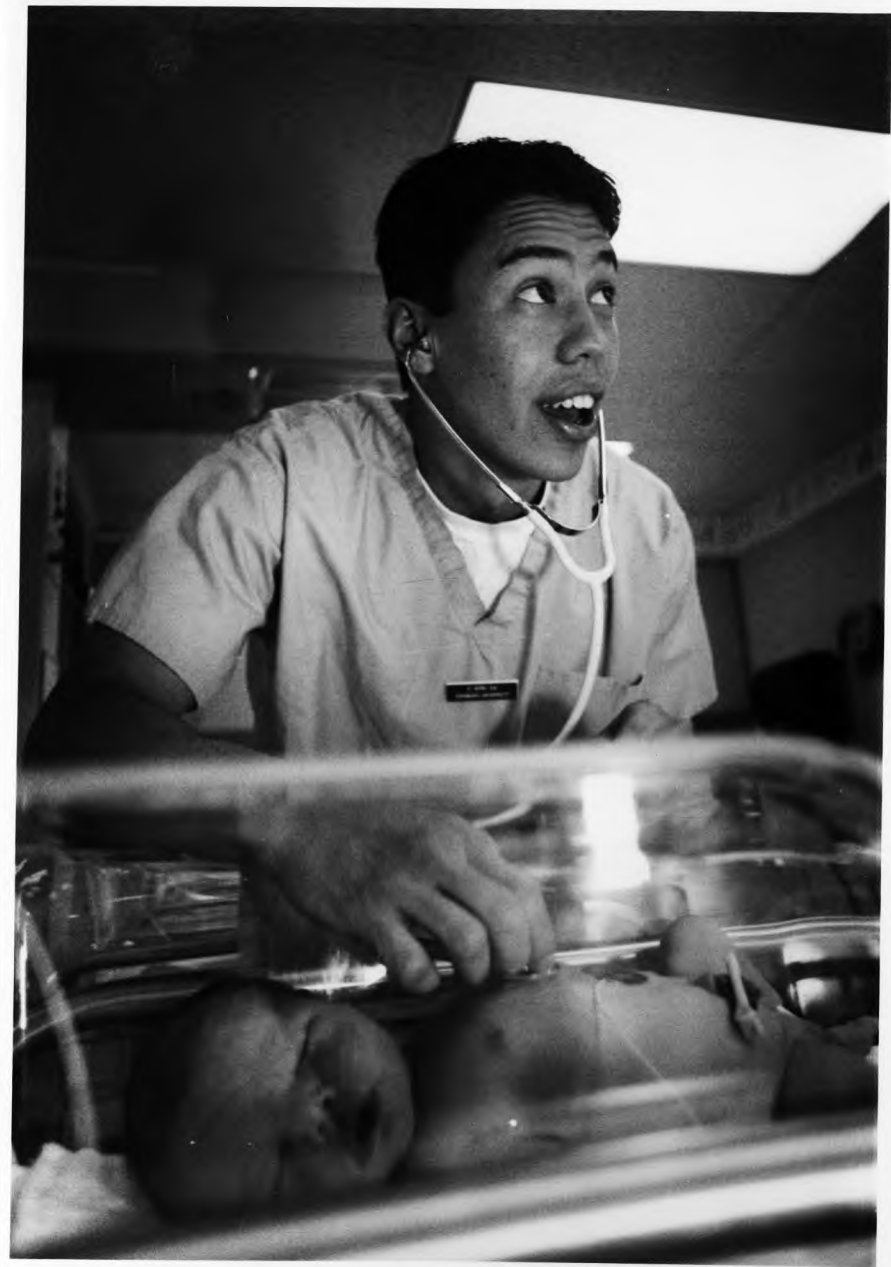
A typical day for Edinboro's nursing students begins at 8:00 a.m. when they go over reports from their professors and the primary nurse on duty that day regarding the status of the

patients they will be caring for. They check the vital signs, administer treatments, and perform other nursing duties under the guidance of the nursing professor. The student nurses remain at the hospital providing nursing care to their assigned patients until early afternoon when they return to the Edinboro campus to attend a three-hour class lecture. The educational preparation for the professional nurse of the 21st century encompasses classroom theory and many hours of clinical practice to develop and master the intricate skills necessary in delivering expert nursing care to patients and their families.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDINBORO PROFESSOR RECEIVES INTERNATIONAL TEACHING AWARD

Dr. William Hunter, assistant professor in the department of English and theatre arts, has received an award for Innovative Excellence in Teaching, Learning and Technology. The award was presented this month at the Ninth International Conference on College Teaching and Learning held in Jacksonville, Florida.

Hunter received the award for using problem-based learning – a concept that was developed in medical schools – in classes he teaches in literature. By having students raise questions of how issues in a novel apply to their own lives, Hunter is able to increase the level of discussion and, ultimately, learning in the classroom.

He was one of 48 people to receive an award at the conference, which was attended by an international audience of 1,100 people. He also presented a paper on problem-based learning at the conference.

Hunter received his B.A. from DePauw University and his master's and doctorate from Purdue University. He and his wife, Debbie, live in Edinboro with their two sons, Seth and Noah.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

LoPRESTO RECEIVES AWARD

The Spectroscopy Society of Pittsburgh has awarded \$1,185 to Dr. James LoPresto, astronomer and physics professor at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. The money will be used to purchase equipment for the University's telescope.

LoPresto was recently honored by the Pennsylvania House of Representatives with a citation for his role as director of scientific research and education for a total solar eclipse expedition. LoPresto and other distinguished scientists took part in a cruise which took them to the island of Guadeloupe where they viewed the eclipse in totality. The citation was sponsored by State Representative Tracy Seyfert (R-5th Dist.).

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDINBORO GRAD STUDENT IS CHAMPION WOMAN BOXER

Erie resident Liz McGonigal is a study in contrasts. The *magna cum laude* graduate of Edinboro University of Pennsylvania is getting A's in the University's demanding clinical psychology graduate program and impressing professors with her intelligence, her performance in class and her soft-spoken, respectful demeanor.

But her petite, 5 ft. 2 in.-frame and almost shy personality belie her status as a world-class athlete. No, not as a gymnast nor as one of Edinboro's cross-country All-Americans. McGonigal is the defending national champion in women's amateur boxing in the 112-lb. weight class.

So, what is a nice, intelligent and attractive young lady (no misshapen nose nor cauliflower ears mar her face) doing in what many consider the most brutal of sports?

By her own admittance, it is not because of some deep-seated hostility. "I am the most passive person," she explains. "I hate hurting people." That may be small comfort to McGonigal's unfortunate opponent in her first-ever boxing match at a Golden Gloves tournament in Erie in 1995. The fight ended with a TKO in the second round when McGonigal broke the woman's nose.

Her compassion for what she had done to her opponent's face did not diminish what she had done for herself or the physical experience itself. "It was the most fun I ever had. My lungs were burning, my heart was pounding. It was exhilarating!"

McGonigal said her reward in boxing lies in the competition. "I like it for the skill – being able to outbox somebody. It's more skill than force. I like to land a good combination. It's a great feeling – more psychological than physical. I'm not in it for the glory. I'm a very private person. I do it for me. I want to prove that I can do it – that women can do it – just as well as men."

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What prompted McGonigal to climb into the ring in the first place? Clearly she was influenced by her stepfather, Sam Patrei, who used to train fighters. Thus, she and her four older sisters grew up in a house watching the fights on television. And when sibling squabbles got out of hand, out came the boxing gloves.

The other factor was her experience in martial arts. She learned karate at age 16 and worked her way up to first degree black belt. But she eventually tired of facing the same competition and longed for something more stimulating than the tightly-controlled contact of karate. For McGonigal, the thrill of boxing is stepping into the ring knowing that your opponent is going to come after you with everything they've got.

Four years ago she took up boxing at Erie's lower east side sports center. Despite boxing coach Matt DeForce's misgivings, she soon proved her seriousness. Her second bout came just three months after the first, and the results were nearly identical – a TKO in the first round. In her brief career, McGonigal has faced only nine opponents and defeated them all – seven by TKO.

Because women opponents are so hard to find, most of her training and sparring has been against men. This has worked to her advantage because it forced her to concentrate on her skills – especially defensive ones – rather than trying to outslug someone. Most of her opponents have been bigger, and she has used her skills to outbox harder-hitting foes. When she faced a brawler in one match she didn't back down. "It came down to who had the heart to fight back," said McGonigal. "I kept telling myself 'You will not lose.'"

Her string of victories qualified her for the national championship held last August in Georgia. In the preliminary round she faced the toughest competition of her career against a skilled fighter from Brooklyn. The two battled evenly through most of the three-round match before McGonigal won by unanimous decision. The finals were easier where she defeated a woman from Boston with a TKO in the second round.

With this year's national championships coming up in late May in California, McGonigal has been training since the start of the semester. She usually works out six or seven days a week, sometimes four or more hours a day. Her routine includes up to 2 hours of weightlifting and another two hours of boxing. Four or five times a week she forces herself to endure her most dreaded training – running two miles. "I hate it," she explains matter-of-factly. But she actually enjoys pumping iron and can bench press her weight eight times in a row.

She admits it is difficult to train while going to school full time. Her education is her top priority. "Getting good grades is important to me," she said. "I take pride in my work."

One of her professors, Dr. Sharon Hamilton, raves about McGonigal's ability as a student and her focus and dedication to doing the best she can. "Her intelligence is apparent in the classroom," said Hamilton. "When she speaks, her comments are right on the money. She is very motivated and interested in what she is learning.

For her master's thesis McGonigal is studying the psychological responses of athletes to injury, something that she has not had to experience to any great degree.

While her focus is currently on training and her degree, her heart is elsewhere. "My dream is to go to the Olympics. If they have women's boxing in 2000 I'll be there."

But if boxing for women is not approved as an Olympic sport until the games in 2004, the 24-year-old McGonigal realizes she will be 30. And somewhere along the line she hopes to marry and have children.

Can a thirty-something mother climb into the ring and win a gold medal? If you don't think so, you don't know anything about Liz McGonigal.







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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDINBORO OFFERS ASTRONOMY COURSE ON THE WORLD WIDE WEB

Beginning this spring, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania will offer its popular Frontiers of Astronomy course over the World Wide Web. Designed for non-science majors, the three-credit course explains the new revolution in astronomy and the latest developments in space exploration based on discoveries from the space program.

Students from anywhere in the world will be able to take the entire course over the Web. Astronomy professor Dr. James LoPresto will assign readings, essays and quizzes from the textbook and provide each student with individualized attention through e-mail consultations.

The course will focus on star evolution and the life histories of the solar system, stars, galaxies, and the universe.

More information is available by contacting Sharon Pratt Miller at (814) 732-2555, or Dr. LoPresto at (814) 732-2469. The Web address for the course is www.edinboro.edu/cwis/physics/observ/home.html.

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EDINBORO PROFESSOR'S ESSAY TO APPEAR IN NEW BOOK

Dr. Jean Jones, a professor in the department of speech and communication studies at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, will have an essay published in a forthcoming book, *Higher Education: A Reader for College Lives*. Her essay, "Merging the Metaphors: Surviving and Thriving as New Academic," originally appeared in the fall, 1997 edition of *ADE Bulletin*. Jones said the essay is about the transition of a faculty member with a newly-acquired doctoral degree into academe.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL PUBLISHES EDINBORO PROFESSOR'S WORK

An international biology journal has published a paper by Edinboro geosciences professor Dr. Dale Tshudy. The *Proceedings of the Biological Society of Washington* published "Intraspecific variation in external morphology of the American lobster, *Homarus americanus*." Tshudy and co-author Gary A. Parsons, a lobsterman from Maine, collected and examined several hundred lobsters to determine which physical characteristics varied the least from lobster to lobster. Those characteristics would likely be the most reliable in understanding the evolutionary relationships among fossil and current species of lobsters.

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REVISED MEDIA ADVISORY:

**FRED ROGERS TO DELIVER KEYNOTE REMARKS AT EDINBORO
COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY**

Mr. Fred Rogers, creator of Mister Rogers' Neighborhood, will serve as the featured speaker for our 1998 Spring Commencement ceremony which will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 9, in the University's McComb Fieldhouse. Mr. Rogers will also be presented with the honorary degree Doctor of Public Service.

The previously scheduled media conference featuring Rogers, originally scheduled for 11:30 am, is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. Media coverage of the ceremony, however, is invited.

For the first time, graduating seniors, faculty, administration and visiting dignitaries will process from the University Center to McComb Fieldhouse just prior to the ceremony (weather permitting).

For additional information or clarification, call Ms. Patti Loomis, Director of Public Relations and Publications, at 814-732-2745.

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MEDIA ADVISORY:

Clarification to the Media Advisory of April 30, 1998:

Our April 30 release indicated that Mr. Fred Rogers would sit for media interviews on Saturday, May 9, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in Room 102, McComb Fieldhouse.

Several members of the media are interpreting this to mean that Mr. Rogers will offer separate, private interviews to those requesting them. This will not be the case. Mr. Rogers will take questions from the media in the setting of a standard news conference.

Also, the news conference may not last the entire hour from 11:30 to 12:30. The interview session will end when Mr. Rogers signals that it is over.

Your cooperation with these ground rules is appreciated. They represent the wishes of Mr. Rogers and his staff.

Thank you.

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MEDIA ADVISORY:

A news conference has been scheduled for print and broadcast media to interview Mr. Fred Rogers of public television's *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood* in conjunction with his visit to Edinboro University to accept an honorary Doctor of Public Service degree at the University's spring Commencement exercises, Saturday, May 9, 1998.

Mr. Rogers will sit for interviews from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in room 102, McComb Fieldhouse. Given his travel schedule to and from Pittsburgh, as well as his participation in the formal Commencement ceremony, he will only be available for interviews PRIOR TO the start of the Commencement procession, preparation for which will begin at 12:30 p.m. He is unavailable for interviews following Commencement.

It is requested that the media be in McComb Fieldhouse room 102 and have any necessary equipment set up and ready to go by no later than 11:25 a.m. on May 9. Please be on time.

Questions? Call Bill Reed or Patti Loomis, Edinboro University Public Relations, at 814-732-2745.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

SEAN BLILEY NAMED EDINBORO'S DIRECTOR OF BUDGET AND PAYROLL

Sean Bliley of Erie has been named director of budget and payroll at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. Prior to his appointment, Bliley was a financial analyst in the financial planning department at Hamot Medical Center. In his new position he will coordinate the University's annual operating budget and oversee the staff and student payrolls.

Bliley is a graduate of Fairview High School and received a B.S. degree in accounting from the Behrend campus of Penn State University in 1987.

He began his career at Hamot working weekends as an orderly while he was in college. In 1988 he was hired as the business manager for the Hamot Health Foundation's Center for Personal and Family Growth. In 1990 he became Hamot's financial analyst. He has been a member of the Pennsylvania Army National Guard since 1987 and is currently a captain serving as the battalion logistics officer.

Bliley and his wife, Kimberly, who is a nurse with the Erie School District, have three children, Racheal, Mitch and Matt.

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NEWS ADVISORY:

Due to the closing of I-90 and the subsequent rerouting of traffic through Edinboro on Route 6N, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania is recommending that anyone traveling to Edinboro today or tomorrow allow extra time to arrive. We anticipate a significant number of individuals will be coming to campus to attend tomorrow's graduation ceremony and to assist students leaving campus for the summer.

Additional time should be allowed even if travelers will not be using the I-90 corridor, because the rerouting of traffic may cause delays on other roads as well.

The Commencement ceremony will begin promptly at 1 p.m. and the University recommends that all attendees be in McComb Fieldhouse no later than 12:45 p.m.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDINBORO ROTC COMMISSIONS THREE OFFICERS

Three graduating seniors from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania's ROTC program were commissioned as second lieutenants in the U.S. Army in a commissioning ceremony held Saturday morning, May 9, at the University Center. The three students were then graduated from the University that afternoon in commencement ceremonies.

Kenneth S. McCrory of Kirtland, Ohio, graduated with a degree in criminal justice and will be assigned to active duty in the ordinance corps. Shawn M. Rosh of Athens, Pa., in Bradford County, graduated with a degree in art education and will be assigned to active duty in the quartermaster corps. Also graduating with a degree in criminal justice was Craig M. Wiley of Harrisburg who will be assigned to active duty in the chemical corps.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

MR. ROGERS ADDRESSES EDINBORO GRADUATING CLASS

"Everyone is special" was the message presented by Fred Rogers at the spring commencement ceremonies of Edinboro University of Pennsylvania on Saturday, May 9,

"If you saw our neighborhood on television when you were very young, you may have heard me say, 'I'm proud of you,'" he said. "Well, you can be sure that I am today. I'm proud of what has brought you to this special moment in your life – the choices that you have made that have allowed your commencement to be."

Stressing he is very interested in choices and what and who enable human beings to make choices all through their lives, Mr. Rogers challenged the graduates to examine the choices they make.

"What choices lead to ethnic cleansing? What choices lead to healing?" he asked. "What choices lead to destruction of the environment? Or teenagers shooting teachers? What choices allow heroism in the midst of chaos?"

For three decades, the 70-year-old Rogers has visited his young viewers through airwaves, assuring them with words and music that he likes them just the way they are. He shared the words of his familiar song, "It's You I Like," with the graduates.

Students from Edinboro's Miller School and Clark Elementary School led the audience in singing Mr. Rogers' theme song, "Won't You Be My Neighbor?" Rogers, the creator, writer and host of his own PBS series climbed down from the stage and knelt with the children as they sang.

Mr. Rogers addressed a capacity crowd of 4,000 in the University's McComb Fieldhouse, including the graduating class of 636 seniors. With a December 1997 class of 684 students, Edinboro granted 1,320 associate, bachelor's and master's degrees during the 1997-98 academic year.

In his welcoming remarks to the graduates, their families and the guests of the University, President Frank G. Pogue said, "I hope Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, one of 14 public universities in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education, has lived up to the public trust and

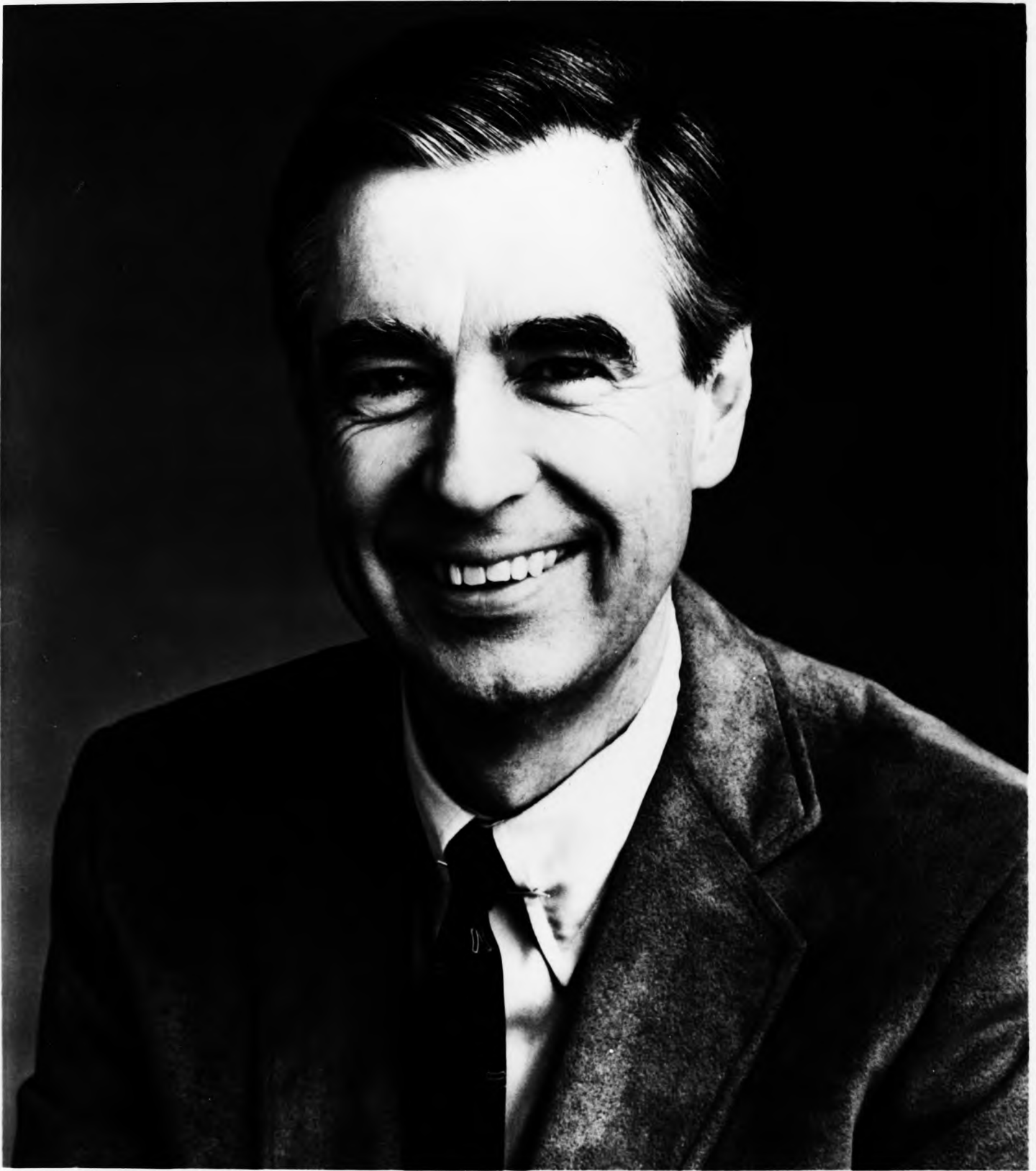
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that we have provided access to an exceptionally high-quality education at a reasonable cost; that our learning community has been student centered; that the experience has forged the internalization of the skills and high moral and ethical values as foundation for citizenship and a hunger for further education; that we have provided adequate opportunities for you, our students, to evaluate the effectiveness of our teaching, service and administration; that we have recognized and responded to the changing needs, in terms of technology, of the demographics of our student body; and that your university has connected with external communities to maximize and assure that you will be successful in securing a professional career or graduate opportunities commensurate with your aspirations. . . .”

“Let us continue to lead others by making the people we serve discover the good things about themselves that they didn’t know were there,” Pogue said. “Let’s spread our concept of community and family to the larger communities in our state, nation, and the world. By all means, let’s stay in touch.”

Carrying the ceremonial mace and leading the academic procession as the Grand Marshal was Richard Heasley, professor of sociology, anthropology, and social work. He has been a member of the Edinboro faculty for 32 years.

Professor Heasley is known by his students and colleagues as a dedicated, student-centered professional. He and his wife, Patricia, a 1962 Edinboro graduate and a member of the University’s Council of Trustees, are the parents of two children, Richard II and Andrea Loeffler, both Edinboro graduates.



**MISTER
ROGERS'
NEIGHBORHOOD**

FRED ROGERS



Launching his 30th season of **MISTER ROGERS' NEIGHBORHOOD** on PBS, **Fred Rogers** says, "Although children's outsides may have changed a lot over the years, their inner needs remain very much the same. No matter what lies ahead, children will always need to know that they are loved and capable of loving." Photo: James McGoan



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

JOSEPH GRISANTI APPOINTED EDINBORO'S DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

Joseph J. Grisanti of Fairview has been appointed director of development at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. Prior to his appointment Grisanti was vice president of fundraising for the United Way of Erie County.

Grisanti, a native of Erie, has a B.A. degree in journalism from Penn State University and a master's degree in communication studies from Edinboro.

Early in his career, Grisanti was a human services planner at the Greater Erie Community Action Committee. In 1986 he was hired by National Fuel to design and operate a specialized customer service program. He joined the company's corporate communications department in 1992 with responsibility for community relations and corporate contributions. He served briefly as director of marketing and development for ExpERIENCE Children's Museum in 1995 before joining the United Way as a campaign associate.

Grisanti said one of his most important roles is to find opportunities for people to become more involved in the University. "Our challenge is to offer increased access to the University and continue to grow the Edinboro family," he said.

Grisanti is engaged to Judy Graham of Fairview.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**EDINBORO UNIVERSITY AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP
TO TOP HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR**

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania has awarded an Alumni Association Admissions Grant Scholarship to Lisa M. Durfee of Springboro. Based on high school curriculum, grades, overall grade point average, class rank, college board scores, extra-curricular activities, and leadership qualities, the annual scholarship is renewable for up to four years.

A graduate of Conneaut Valley High School, Lisa participated in National Honor Society, student council and the JETS team. She is the daughter of Harold and Judith Durfee and plans to major in psychology at Edinboro.

The scholarship program was created by Edinboro University's Alumni Association Board of Directors as part of a plan to augment the student scholarship program. Funded with alumni gifts, the program is designed to attract the brightest high school students. Recipients must maintain a minimum 3.0 grade point average while enrolled at Edinboro to be eligible to have their scholarship renewed each year.

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SUBJECT: **Press Release - Spring 1998 Interns (BA Psychology)**

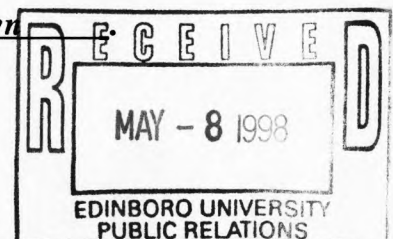
Please process press releases regarding the Spring 1998 (BA Psychology) Interns from the Psychology Department (see attached sheet for intern information). The following paragraphs are suggested for use in the press release:

The Department of Psychology at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania recently announced that name of intern has completed a 12 week internship at site name in the special unit (if applic.) under the direction of site supervisor(s) name(s) & position title.

Undergraduate internships in psychology are typically undertaken by students during the summer following their junior year. Occasionally, students will complete an internship during the Fall or Spring semesters. Internships provide students with an opportunity to obtain professional work experience in a variety of settings in the field of psychology.

if applicable, please add the following sentence as a new paragraph:

name of intern is the daughter/son of
name of parent(s) of name of parent's hometown





May 18, 1998

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDINBORO STUDENT COMPLETES INTERNSHIP

The Department of Psychology at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania recently announced that Courtney Lynn Kirkpatrick has completed a 12 week internship at Western Psychology in the adolescent program unit under the supervision of Dale Banks, intake worker.

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Courtney is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kirkpatrick of North Huntingdon.

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EDINBORO – As the official delegation from Lublin, Poland, looks on, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania president Dr. Frank G. Pogue signs the cooperative academic exchange agreement between Edinboro and Poland’s Maria Curie-Sklodowska University. Joining in the ceremonial signing is professor Zbigniew Krupa, prorector of Maria Curie-Sklodowska University. The agreement, which offers both institutions opportunities for student and faculty exchanges, complements the earlier “sister cities” relationship established between the cities of Erie and Lublin. During the delegation’s recent visit, an affiliation agreement was also formalized with the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (LECOM).

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RITA HAYES NAMED EDINBORO'S STAFF MEMBER OF THE YEAR

In ceremonies at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania's recent spring University-wide Convocation, president Frank G. Pogue presented the University's first Staff Member of the Year Award to Rita Young Hayes, R.N.C., nursing supervisor at the Ghering Health Center on the Edinboro campus.

In announcing the award in its first year, Pogue said that its purpose is to reinforce the concept of community through recognition of outstanding performance and service to students, the University and the community.

Hayes, an Edinboro employee for nearly 30 years, has seen the Ghering Health Center through many innovative changes since becoming supervising nurse, including inspiring the plan to remodel its outpatient facility to provide privacy for students and physicians.

Hayes is described as an advocate for the staff and students who is willing to listen to complaints and suggestions and then act on them. She has opened the Health Center for tours during the University's Family Weekend and has assisted her staff in extending the arm of health care and service to classrooms and residence halls, according to one nomination.

"Rita understands the 'nuts and bolts' of managing the Ghering Health Center and its overall relationship with Edinboro University as a whole," said another nominator.

Hayes is a graduate of the St. Vincent School of Nursing and has been at Edinboro University since 1969. The nursing supervisor at Ghering Health Center for the past 10 years, she has studied health care administration at St. Joseph's College and is a registered nurse certified in college health.

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The other four finalists for Staff Member of the Year were Dusty Barton, technology and communications; Dr. Donald Dilmore, associate vice president for University libraries and academic programs; Julia Fedders, University Center coordinator; and Kathleen Strosser, office for students with disabilities.

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EDINBORO UNIVERSITY NAMES EDUCATORS OF THE YEAR

At its recent spring University-wide Convocation, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania President Dr. Frank G. Pogue presented the University's first Educator of the Year awards to history professor and department chair Dr. Jerra Jenrette, and to business and economics professor Paul Lisowski. Jenrette and Lisowski were among five finalists nominated for recognition in the first year of the award program.

Jenrette, a member of the Edinboro faculty since 1992, is an educator who "strikes a chord somewhere deep within to give another individual the incentive to absorb what is being learned and then go out and learn even more," according to one nomination.

Jenrette recently coordinated "Take Your Daughter to Work Day" on the Edinboro campus, which involved 12 young women from the Erie School District spending the day at the University with faculty or staff mentors.

"She sets boundaries within the classroom, but at the same time, opens up the world to discussion," said another nominator, describing Jenrette as an organizer of events and trips to benefit students and extend their learning beyond the classroom.

A member of the Edinboro faculty since 1975, Lisowski received more than 15 nominations from colleagues, students and alumni, all with a similar theme of caring about his students.

Pogue described Lisowski as a professor who takes a personal interest in his students, ensuring that they attend class and fully understand the lectures and discussion topics, and making himself available to students at all hours outside of class as well.

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“As the adviser to the student Business and Accounting Club, Paul accompanies club members on educational field trips and tours, hosts social gatherings at his home, helps build homecoming floats, and ensures that other faculty members are involved in the programs and activities of the club,” said one of the nominators.

The co-recipients of Edinboro’s Educator of the Year Award, in addition to being recognized at the Convocation and having their names and photos placed on a perpetual plaque displayed on the campus, will be nominated by the University for national awards, Pogue said.

The other finalists for Educator of the Year were Mr. John Boylan, speech and communication studies; Dr. Baher Ghosheh, geosciences; and Dr. John Kebles, who was nominated posthumously.

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Edinboro resident Kimberly Knickerbocker, second from left, receives Phi Sigma Iota's student member award from Edinboro University professor Judith Gramley. Looking on are German professors Virginia Hajewski and Dr. Thomas Hajewski, and Dr. Janusz Czejdo, chairperson of the department of foreign languages.



Edinboro - Edinboro University of Pennsylvania was the host site and sponsor for a recent luncheon celebrating collaboration and education to benefit and serve northwestern Pennsylvania's Hispanic citizens. Pictured with Edinboro University President Dr. Frank G. Pogue (second from left) are (from left) Mr. Richard Hilinski, school board member representing the City of Erie School District; Ms. Maritza Robert, executive director of the Governor's Commission on Latino Affairs, who was the luncheon's keynote speaker; and Wilfredo Velez, president of the Hispanic Leadership Development Program. In his welcoming remarks, Pogue announced Edinboro's new "Latino Connection" project, an after-school tutoring and leadership development program for Latino youth in the greater Erie area designed to increase the numbers who pursue college degrees. The Latino Connection is funded by a grant from the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education.



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

WRITING SCHOLARSHIP ESTABLISHED AT EDINBORO

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania has announced the creation of the Pitzer/Rupnik Scholarship for students majoring in English, communication studies/media or theatre arts. The scholarship was established by the late Ruth S. Brink of Greenville in honor of her niece and nephew – Sara Rupnik of Conneaut Lake and Brian Pitzer of Edinboro.

The scholarship is intended to assist those students who wish to study writing in such fields as journalism, communications, public relations, creative writing or theater. To qualify for the award, students must maintain a 3.0 grade point average. Freshmen must have graduated in the top 40 percent of their high school class with a minimum grade point average of 2.5.

Financial need is not a factor, but the scholarship is restricted to students from the western Pennsylvania counties of Erie, Crawford, Warren, Mercer, Venango, Lawrence, Butler, Allegheny, Beaver, Washington, Greene, Fayette, Forest and McKean.

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ERIE CITY VO-TECH SENIOR WINS 1998 CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION

Michael Hanel, a senior from the Erie City Vo-Tech School, was recently named the grand prize winner in the 1998 Congressional Art Competition and Exhibition sponsored at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania by U.S. Rep. Phil English (R-21st).

"An Artistic Discovery 1998" was open to high school students in English's 21st Congressional District. The weeklong art exhibition and closing reception for the student artists, their families and their teachers was held on the Edinboro University campus. Edinboro has hosted the event for 15 of the last 16 years.

Hanel's winning entry, a tempera titled "Still Life," was judged best among 45 entries submitted by students from 16 schools in English's four-county district. The judges were Edinboro University art professors Suzanne Amendolara and Malcolm Christhilf. Hanel's artwork is now in Washington, D.C., where it will hang for a year in a corridor of the U.S. Capitol along with winning works from students in other Congressional Districts across the nation.

Second place went to Andy Maas of Harbor Creek High School and third place to Tim Skelly of Erie City Vo-Tech School.

The three prize winners were presented cash awards from Edinboro University.

Honorable mentions were awarded to Andrew Clark of Greenville High School, Hope Magee of Cochranon Jr./Sr. High School, Joshua J. Shaw of Erie City Vo-Tech School, Tiffany Sherwood of McDowell Senior High School, and Aaron Zalik of Cambridge Springs Jr./Sr. High School. All five also received cash awards from Edinboro University.

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Hanel, 18, is the son of Theresa Rittenhouse of Erie. Joe Krol, art teacher at Central High School's City Area Vo-Tech, accompanied Hanel and the school's other entrants to the reception.

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Michael Hanel (center) was the grand prize winner in “An Artistic discovery 1998,” the annual Congressional Art Competition and Exhibition sponsored by members of the U.S. Congress and hosted by Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. With him are Edinboro University President Dr. Frank G. Pogue (left) and Congressman Phil English.



Edinboro - A dedication ceremony was held recently to name the new flag complex in front of Edinboro University's Reeder Hall in honor of Mr. Richard Morley, Edinboro's retiring vice president for financial operations and administration, shown here with a drawing of the three-flag complex by local artist and Edinboro alumnus Buck Snodgrass. Morley supervised the design and construction of the complex, which displays our national colors, the flag of the Commonwealth and the new University flag. Morley will retire on June 30 after 14 years as Edinboro University's chief financial officer.



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Edinboro University President Frank G. Pogue presents Academic Sports League Scholarships to Kurt Nuber, left, of McDowell High School, Daniel Massing of Strong Vincent High School, and Emily Coleman of Villa Maria Academy. The scholarships were presented at the Fifth Annual Academic Sports League Celebration Luncheon held this month at McComb Fieldhouse. Each covers the cost of tuition for four years and is currently valued at \$3,468 per year.



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HIGHLAND AMBASSADORS APPOINTED AT EDINBORO

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania President Frank Pogue has announced the appointment of 11 new members to the Highland Ambassadors organization.

The Ambassadors are a student organization which was introduced to the campus to improve the University and local community through service projects as well as to enhance the educational and social experiences of its members. During the 1997-98 academic year the Ambassadors contributed nearly 1,700 hours of service.

The organization's mission is to promote Edinboro University and its interests and goals among future and current students, alumni, and friends, and to instill in them the value of a life-long relationship with the University. They are selected by a panel of faculty, staff and students who are looking for qualities that best represent the standards and character of model University citizens.

The following new members were announced at a reception held recently: Laurene Adams of Edinboro, Pa., Cynthia Borger of Orrtana, Pa., Karrie Bowen of Rome, Pa., Sarah Marie Conklin of Edinboro, Pa., Kimberly Ann Evan of Wattsburg, Pa., Beth Hardesty of Thompson, Oh., Jessica Leuschen of McKean, Pa., Lori Jane Mason of Clarrington, Pa., Dan Shumate of Albion, Pa., Matthew Stevens of Oil City, Pa., and Shannon Yohn of New Castle, Pa.

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**GREAT THINGS ARE HAPPENING AT
EDINBORO UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA**

While colleges and universities across the nation are struggling to counter escalating college costs, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania President Dr. Frank G. Pogue has announced a new plan to reduce tuition costs for New York and Ohio students to enhance overall enrollment at the University and make higher education more affordable for all Edinboro students and families.

Coupled with the announcement in March that Edinboro's Council of Trustees had voted unanimously to hold next year's costs for room, board and fees at this year's prices, as well as the most recent announcement that the State System of Higher Education's Board of Governors will not raise tuition for the 1998-99 academic year, Pogue said, "We view these as major steps to reverse the decline in enrollment – particularly out-of-state enrollment – we've experienced at Edinboro since the steep increase in out-of-state tuition in the early 1990s."

In January, the State System established a new policy which would allow System universities the flexibility to set, within certain guidelines, individual tuition rates for non-Pennsylvania students. Out-of-state tuition could be set, once the State System approved a university's plan, anywhere between 150 percent and 250 percent of the in-state rate.

The tuition for out-of-state students at Edinboro, \$8,824, is currently 254.5 percent of the in-state rate of \$3,468.

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Edinboro University enrolled 1,081 out-of-state students in 1990. During the past academic year, which began in the fall of 1997, the number had dropped to 382. At the same time, tuition for out-of-state students had climbed by more than 70 percent, essentially pricing Edinboro out of the out-of-state market.

Edinboro's plan to reduce tuition for students from the bordering states of New York and Ohio will be phased in over a two-year period, Pogue said. For the 1998-99 academic year, which will begin this fall, non-resident tuition will be 200 percent of that charged to Pennsylvania residents. The following school year, 1999-2000, tuition will be 150 percent of that charged to in-state students.

"Because of Edinboro University's location within a few miles of the Ohio and New York state borders, we have been pushing for flexibility in out-of-state tuition rates since my arrival here in 1996," Pogue said.

The University, which was operating at record enrollment levels at the time the out-of-state tuition increases began, is now more than 1,100 students below the 8,202 student body enrolled in 1992-93.

"It was very clear to me that our decline in out-of-state students was directly related to the cost of out-of-state tuition," said Pogue, "and that the consequences of continuing even incremental non-resident tuition increases could be devastating to Edinboro and several other System universities.

"I see the lowering of tuition for New York and Ohio students as a major, positive step to reach our goal of returning our enrollment to 8,000 students by the end of the century."

Pogue said also that the decline in the number of out-of-state students has had the effect of raising the average cost to educate each in-state student.

"This is due to the fact that the under utilization of our capacity has had the result of spreading overhead costs to a smaller number of students," Pogue explained. "This has raised the average cost of educating all Edinboro students, and we think that our plan will reverse this trend."

Under Edinboro's plan, fall 1998-99 annual tuition for New York and Ohio students will be \$6,972.